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BEGINNING AGAIN

"I will restore the years that the locust hath eaten" (Joel 2:25).

many of us have read concern- sin, the most terrible destroyer we know His promise is true and ing the Land of Reginning A- ever yet known to humanity. He will restore to us if we will ing the Land of Beginning A- ever yet known to humanity. gain. It is a delightful fantasy, There are few of us who have only let Him, the years that the as most children's stories are, not at some time voiced the de-locust hath eaten. He will do it, but at the heart of it there is a sire to begin again, to start life for one thing, by pouring into great truth. For the land that anew and correct the mistakes our lives His Spirit, by which most adults are searching for is and avoid the sins that have we may fill up our remaining that the Land of Parinning A manufacture of our remaining days with require for Him. He gain, the place where we may it is simply because of this de- will give to us the joy we have forget the things that are be- sire that the New Year comes missed, and the fruit that we hind and make a new start once with a heartening message, should have borne for Him. He more. The "slow, sad music of Rightly or wrongly it is thought will bury our sins in the ocean humanity" is largely composed of as another opportunity to of His forgetfulness and rememof the strain of regret for the start afresh. That is why New ber them no more. He will give that are gone for the one year possibilities. article. Everyone has heard of the last to disparage such de- God that it is possible to begin and no my manes sold impart the locust, and the desolation sires as these, but too often they again. Paul speaks of "the body Thy purfer consolation. That it leaves behind it. Grunt pass away by the second of Jan- of this death", no doubt refer by like he love supreme to Three-skeletons of trees, bare ground uary. Sin is not so easily con- ring to a terrible custom of To all men with sincerity: the passing of this devasting head again, and the weary tread-body. There are multitudes to-pest. But it is no literal locust mili is repeated.

that eats the years of a man's life, that leaves misery and sor- men and women can find the committed and the memory that row and remorse, that sears the locust-eaten past restored, and sears and burns the conscience. conscience and blights and de- that is at the Cross of Christ. God can release us from the stroys human happiness. There How does God do it? We cannot thraldom of the past. Let us ask is only one thing that can do tell. The years have gone with Him and trust Him to do so.

There is a children's story that, and that is the locust of their record of good or evil, but

just the Land of Beginning A- marked the passing of our years, days with service for Him. He gain, the place where we may It is simply because of this de- will give to us the joy we have days that are gone, for the op- Year resolutions are so often to us what we have never known, portunities mis-spent, for the made, though they form the butt the peace that passeth undersins done that can never be un- for many a joke. But the joke standing. These are some of the done. There is no promise of the cannot kide the ache that lies at ways that we may have the lo-Bible that shines more brightly the heart of men and women for cust-eaten past restored to us, at this season than the one we the place where they may make and the New Year comes to us a Lord in mercy stay my heart have placed at the top of this a new beginning. We would be with the heartening message of without one blade of grass mark quered, the old enemy raises his shackling a living man to a dead And at the last, when comes my end,

day who are shackled to the dead From Sanan's wiles my soul defend.

There is only one place where past, to the sins that have been

"Waste no tears Upon the blowed record of the lost years.

East turn the leaf, and smile, oh, smile 10 800

The fair white pages that remain for thee."

In Thee alone O Christ, my Lord, My hope on earth remaineth; know Thou will Thine aid afford, Enugla else my soul sustaineth. No strongth of man, no earthly stay

Can help us in the evil day: Thou saly Thou, caust aid supply, To Thee I cry.

On Thee I bid my heart rely.

On faith's most sure foundation,

Thy succest send.

torial

Happy will we be if the study of "my money," "my goods." But should they ever GOOD members elsewherewere actually his own, and that he has Cross of Christ? a right to do with them as he wills, he is venturing on dangerous ground, you to be a light.

Whatever entailments any of us have received from parents, and whatever we may have acquired through diligent, persevering efforts, it still remains true that, strictly speaking, we we have received.

paid up subscriptions from all the sub- been changed. scribers in Yakima. Now turn the picture upside down and see what that would now be valueless. Landmarks coming year. check did to the Editor's fare!



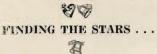
theran. The venture has been such a doubt. success that we are glad to renew this. The story not alone gives the picture will remain \$2.25, however. You may Forget the Jaroken landmarks! also subscribe directly thru the Book are gone never to be restored.

The church should be looked upon as How are you going to find the stars? the greatest thing in the community. ages. It still blesses men everywhere, the heavens. You must have your flock, over which the Holy Ghost bath an hour and place for a tryst with

His own blood." If Jesus Christ saw to you the conviction that the worth It to give His blood for the church, while things of life have not been dethe man or woman who subordinates stroyed. Such things are eternal. the church blasphemes the Christ.

stewardship will lead us to have trner in one community and have your memconceptions of the responsibilities and bership in another. The church in about the stars, opportunities of the stewards of God, your own community needs and should The office of a steward is an honorable have your support as a member. And one. It is one in which its holder is yet there are "pillars" from the contrusted with the goods and the man-gregations eastward who move out agement of the affairs of another. He west and refuse even to attend church. may have nothing that he can rightful- Some there are who will attend here ly call his own. The money which he and there, but choose to become employs in conducting business belongs "church-tramps" instead of members. to his employer. It is a mark of in- Such dereliets usually become the first terest in his work when he speaks of ones to critizice the church and the history. Our congregations have met Holt of Seattle will serve at the altar. his master's holdings as "my house," pastor and the question arises; were he begin to feel and act as if these or have they ever helped to carry the

Be a whole-hearted he-man where irrespective of the wish of the owner, you live. There is where God placed



can call nothing our own. Everything venturesome prospectors who were more and more we are nearing the the conclusion of this service the busiwe are and everything we call by our making their way across one of the climax of the Conference and Synodic-ness session will begin. In the afnames is a gift from God. Nor is it great deserts. They had never been at meetings of our church. We are at termoon at 2:30 Rev. Roger P. Oliver given to us in absolute, unrestricted that way before but in their notebooks this writing especially concerned and of Bethany, Scattle, addresses the Misconveyance. No matter how much the they had very minute notes which gave interested in the coming Conference scenary Society, which is also holding giver of all goods may place in our information about the way. Every meeting. hands, it is committed to us only in fandmark had been shown in detail. trust, and we shall be expected to One night they were forced by a storm render a strict and full account of all to seek refuge in a cave. They heard the wind howling but not until the The picture below represents the storm had wrought. Then when they facial expression of the Editor two looked out they found that trees had Mr. H. Fahl of Central, Yakima, with and even the course of streams had

> Both realized that their notebooks could not help them for they no longer existed. One of the men immediately went into a panic. He thought that all was lost and that they must die in the desert. The other kept cool and calm.

> As evening came the second man it to the sky. After a moment's study he turned to his companion and said: "Everything is all right; the stars are still there. They will show us the Way."

This story well symbolizes our moddestroyed. The guide posts which we Then came Kenneth Olson of Troy, were taught to respect-guideposts of Idaho, with a long string of subscrip- authority, dogma and belief seem to a tions to the Lutheran Companion and have perished from modern society. the Columbia Lutheran. Which re- We are puzzled pained and bewildered. minds us that those two papers may "Where shall we find something lastbe had for \$2.00 together if you send ing?" we wonder. Shall we perish in the subscription to the Columbia Lar the wilderness of uncertainty and it would breathe upon us and in His

offer for 1935. Renewals for both of confusion. It also gives the answer. to the heavens and find the stars. They are still there. They show the way out.

In the quietness of the night hours It has been a blessing to the world for the wise me a turn their telescopes to Jesus Christ gave His blood for the quiet moments, in home or other church. Paul says-"Take heed there- place, where you may look for the fore unto yourselves, and to all the guiding stars of life. You should have made you overseers, to feed the church God. Then in communion - in com-

of God, which He hath purchased with versation - with him there will come

It is a good thing that God, at times, Then again you have no right to live permits the landmarks to be destroyed. Otherwise we should never know

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A NEW YEAR BEGINS

REV. N. WM. ANDERSON Pres. Col. Conference

We now write "1935" and it reminds us that another year has passed into for their annual meetings and the reports made at that time are now a thing of the past. Our successes and Church of Rochester, Rev. Carl A. failures cannot be changed, but our mistakes can be rectified by a deter- Renhard, Aberdeen, speakers. Rev. J. iny year, if it is ours to live. The an-liturgist. nual District meetings will soon all be held when we come together for dis- be introduced at 9:15 by a brief devocussion of business that is of special tional led by Student Conrad Hoyer of interest to the local congregations First, Tacoma who will speak on the The story has been told of two within a particular section. Thus blessings of Christian stewardship, At

This meeting will be held at Hoquiam. Washington, Rev. C. J. Rea- the evening at 7:30 in both congregahard, pastor. The date is to be de-tions, C. Arthur Johnson of Yakima termined at the next Conference Board speaking in Olympia and Rev. Enoch morning did they see the havor the meeting. It is hoped that all our con-Sandeen of Bethel, Seattle, and Stugregations will send their delegates for dent Lawrence Holt speaking in Rothe purpose of getting together with chester. weeks ago. Then came a letter from been blown over, rocks had been eleft delegates from other parts of the Conference for deliberations and Spiri- Elmer M. Johnson, who during his tual upbuilding. May God bless our pastorate in Olympia has accom-Conference and Church during the plished a good work in the kingdom.

> carnestly requested to fill in their one of the leading churches in the city. pastoral reports without delay and send them to the undersigned. Remember that the most convenient time is NOW. If we preach against proerastionation, let us not be guilty of took his surveyor's transit and turned this sin in our own work. The secretary of the Conference, Rev. C. A. I might do it + I haven't the time=0. Bengison, will also want to have the I am not sure that I can+1 won't try statistics from each congregation as soon as possible. Let us remember that the Synodical statistician is press- 1 don't know how+1 cannot learu=0. ing him for his report. We can thereern life. Old landmarks have been fore be of service to him by filling in 1 wish 1 could+1 cannot=JUST A our reports right away.

> > new year of grace, let us all take a new hold on ourselves and our work for Christ, that His Kingdom in our Consecration+training=ABILITY. midst may go forward. Let us catch the inspiration which God's Holy Spirname go from victory to victory.

TACOMA DISTRICT TO MEET



Gloria Dei Lutheran Church of Olympia, Wash., will be the host Jan. 29-30 to the Tacoma District annual meeting and is anticipating a large attendance of pastors and delegates.

The meeting begins Tuesday evening, Jan, 29, with supper at the new parish building, continuing in the evening at 7:30 when Dr. C. R. Swanson of Seaftle. President of the District, opens the convention. Dr. Swanson will preach on the convention theme: "The Blessings of Church Membership." Roger P. Oliver and Student Lawrence The same evening a similar service will be held in the First Lutherau Bengtson, Seattle, and Rev. Carl J. mination to do better during the com- A. Truedson of Seattle will be the

> On Wednesday the meeting will its annual meeting at this time.

Holy Communion services are held in

The congregation is served by Rev. The church was recently removated The pastors of the congregations are and beautified and has now become

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Bethany, Seattle, has placed special Luther League conventions is 230. emphasis upon the young peoples work membership. Two weeks ago the work previous year's reports. was divided into the Junior and the Senior departments, the Junior to

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age and the Senior the older members. Same." A social hour followed and The Seniors had 50 members present refreshments were served. for the final organization.

League as follows:

January 1, 1933 the membership was ship was 1,364. 640 members are taking active part in our church work as day School teachers, etc.; 5 are studying for the ministry. 413 members are below the age of 18 years and 734 are above; 549 are men and 687 women.

The type of meetings held by the Leagues is a little hard to tell in numbers but on an average the Leagues have Bible study and some educational and entertainments, but Bible Study seems to lead the list. The majority of the Leagues meet semi-monthly, some have Bible study every Sunday evening. The average attendance of the League members at our Conference

This report is based on the 30 relately and as a result the Luther ports received and the work of the League has increased considerably in other 3 Leagues was based on their

CENTRAL, YAKIMA

also held their annual Christmas party the first member from Central. during the Christmas week. The program, arranged by Pearline Lundquist, consisted of each one reading a poem, Johnson spoke, using as his subject ganist.

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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.

serve the confirmation and high school "The Seed and the Corn Are the

tion. The Juniors have not yet met church, Jan. 11. The following officers various offices: Deacons for a term and A. G. Peterson; trustees, C. Carl-LUTHER LEAGUE STATISTICS son and O. H. Gerth; clerk, George Lindquist; S. S. Supt., Mrs Fred Ray-Eleanor Anderson, Statistician of mond. Delegate to district meeting. E. Olson and Mr. Albin Ingman. S. S. the Col. Conf. Luther League, reports M. L. Prochnow, and to conference concerning the past activity of the meeting Elmer Johnson with Phil Samuelson as alternate; auditors: Miss Alpha Lund, Hayden Rissler and Ar-1.476, January 1, 1934 the member nold Reitz. The selection of organist was left to the church board. From the pastoral report it was learned that trustees, deacons, choir members. Sun- morning services are well attended and that a fine spirit has prevailed among the members. The Sunday School under the leadership of Elmer Johnson has grown to such extent that more Thirty-eight were received as comroom is needed properly to take care of the ever increasing membership. A committee was elected to investigate and make plans for enlargement of the church parlor. The congregation ing. has met all its obligations during the year in spite of the financial condition, among its members, which has not improved to any noticeable extent. The congregation also voted to suggest communicant.

a social hour at which Miss Margret Eleanor Anderson. Pearson was honored for her faithful service both in Sunday School and The Luther League at a recent meet Luther League work. Rev. Johnson ing elected as officers for 1935 George spoke on behalf of the leaguers Lindquist, pres.: Ella Gobernik, vice presenting Margret with a fountain pres.; Mrs. Alice, Dean secretary, and pen. Central wishes her success at Selma Kobernik, treasurer, The league Parkland Luth. College, where she is

BETHEL, SEATTLE

exchange of gifts and singing of The Annual meeting ushered in one Christmas carols. Early service was of the younger members into the Board held on Christmas morning at 6. The of Trustees, namely Stanley Thorson. church was decorated with evergreens who has previously received his trainand an abundance of living lights, ing in the service of the church as creating a warm and friendly atmos- President of the Luther League, Presi- 911 Stewart St. - Tel. MA. 2781 phere. The choir added greatly to the dent of the Loyal Workers and as service by singing the anthem "Heav- member of various committee. He is enly vision," Mrs. Walter Olofson play- also the Treasurer of the Tacomaing the violin obligato. The young Mount Baker Luther League district. ladies society presented the choir with Claude Johnson became financial sec. black robes, which were appreciated to succeed his son, Roy Johnson, who very much by the congregation. The until Stanley's election was the young-Sunday school held its annual program est member on the Board. John Abramthe following day, when the pageant, son succeeded Louis Petersen as treas-"The First Christmas in Bethlehem" urer and John E. Anderson was elected was presented. On Dec. 28 the Ladies secretary of the Board of Administra-Aid sponsored an illustrated lecture tion, while Madelaine Johnson serves in "Christmas in every land." At the the same capacity for the congregation, watch-night service New Year's eve., Claude Johnson is also the chairman of the various organizations of the church the board of Trustees. Evelyn Anderfurnished a part of the program. Rev. son was unanimously accepted as or-

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The Annual Meeting resulted in the at the first meeting of the organiza- The annual meeting was held in the election of the following members into were elected: Deacons, E. Ellingsberg of three years: Mr. A. L. Morland, Mr. Andrew Peterson and Mr. C. J. Osterdahl. Trustees for a term of three years: Mr. G. A. Froude, Mr. Alfred Superintendent: Mr. P. T. Beckman; Assist't, Mr. Albin Ingman. Organist and Choir Director: Mr. Stanley Clarum. Secretary of Congregation: Mr. C. H. Earl.

> The keynote for 1934 has been: Cooperation During the present year it will be: Consecration. The attendance at the evening service during the year averages 108. The monthly service in Swedish has been as low as 11%. nunicant members, leaving the present membership at 395. An informal vote showed the sentiment against "Julotta" at midnight instead of in the morn-

ZION, EVERETT ----

The annual meeting of the Everett the district that contributions to con- Luther League was held on December ference by congregations be at percent 21, 1934. The following officers were basis of current income instead of per elected: Pres., Russell Peterson; vice pres., Carl Norberg; Rec. Sec., Ruth At the close of evening service Sun- Carlson; Fin. Sec., Clifford Benson; day, January 13 the leaguers met for Cor. Sec., Gordis Hill; Asst. Cor. Sec.,

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Tuesday 7:45 p. m.
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The new murses added to our staff Christian Homes For Aged Men and are Miss Carrie Mackie from Kelso, owner of the very brief case which he Women. Best and well prepared food. Washington, Miss Neale Bonney from had selected as the most proper. The Steam heated, modern, comfortable Salem, Ore., Miss Ruby Baldwin, Mrs. rooms. Beautifully located near Seat-Clara Little, Miss Agnes Gilbertson, tle two most beautiful parks, on direct Miss Ellen Risto who is an Astoria carlines to city center. Medical and girl, Miss Wilda Anderson and Miss nursing care with sympathy and un- Agnes Juve. All of these murses have derstanding. Regular religious serv been added to the staff, and all, with the exception of Miss Bonney, are Accommodation for only a few more, graduates of Emanuel Hospital in Portland, Ore.

> Two Doctors have been added to the Seattle, Wash, attending staff of the Hospital, Dr. William Cone and Dr. J. V. Straumfjord. The Hospital is fortunate in having on its regular staff men who rank first class in the medical profession, and who are familiar with the very latest in surgical and medical science.

The management has the following statistics to offer during the last 12 months-1,733 patients entered the Hospital for treatment, surgical and medical. During the same period 153 babies were born in the Hospital. The Hospital has extended free care during the year to the amount of \$2,000.47. and 2,500 partial free nursing days. The free care as well as the partial free care is considerably larger than the previous 12 months, due without was held Thursday, January 10. doubt to the continued scarcity of

The Columbia Hospital belongs to Muhr. the Columbia Conference. After all, it is an expression of the will to do and the will to service. Its presence in the community strenghtens the position of the conference in that locality as well as elsewhere. The members of the conference would therefore do well in remembering the rustitution when time comes for making donations, writing wills, or when occasion arises.

WESTDALA, TROY, IDAHO

The annual business meeting of the Westdala Luther League was held in December. The reports showed that the League had been very active during the year. Officers elected were: Pres. Marian Peterson; vice pres., Layton Kellberg; sec., Helen Bohman, treas., Kenneth Olson.

The annual business meeting of the congregation was held Jan. 14, with the following officers elected: Acting chairman, Alfred Ekholm; sec., Elmer J. Johnson; vice pastor, Rev. N. Wiu. Anderson; deacon, Alfred Sandell; trustee, Walter Olson; delegate to conference meeting. Elmer J. Johnson; alternate, Alfred Sandell; dist. delegate. Elmer J. Johnson: alternate, Axel Bohman; organist. Marian Peterson; Sunday School sup't., Elmer J. Johnson; assistant sup't., Alfred Sandell: caretaker of Westdala cemetery, Albin Swanson. The reports from the various organizations were encouraging. After the meeting the church beard organized. Alfred Ekholm was elected chairman. Alfred Sandell secretary, and Axel Bohman treasurer.

HOSPITAL SUPERINTENDENT PLEASANTLY SURPRISED

At the first Men's Fellowship Night at Augustana, Portland, Rev. A. M. Green was the object of a rather clever surprise. The day previous he had accompanied the pastor, Rev. Paul V. Randolph, downtown to help him select a brief case. At the meeting in the evening Rev. Green became the meeting was a huge success with sixty-five men present. As no women were allowed on the premises the cooking had to be done by the men, but so far no casualties have been reported. The object of the Fellewship nights is to help the men to get better acquainted with each other.

BETHANY, WARREN, OREGON

The Luther League sponsored the New Year's eve wake, to which many people gathered to ring out the old year 1934 and ring in the new year 1935. A splendid program was rendered, after which were served "hot dogs", cake and coffee. A short watch service was conducted by Rev. Pierce.

A program was given Sunday evening, January 6, under the auspices of the Woman's Missionary Society and prayer week was observed January 7-11. During the Luther League meeting at the home of Elmer Carlson Tuesday night au English prayer service was held.

The annual meeting of the church

Mrs, Lena Muhr and daughter Ella regular employment that is still pre-have left for Hilmar, California, to visit with Mrs. Muhr's son, Rev. Carl

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