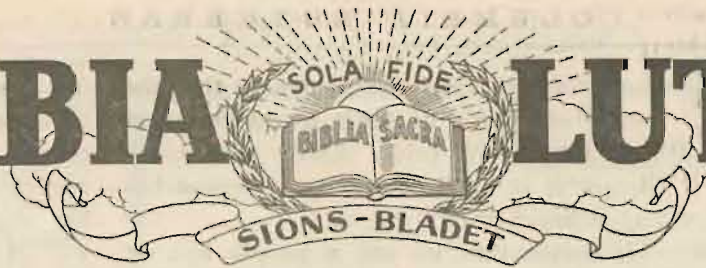


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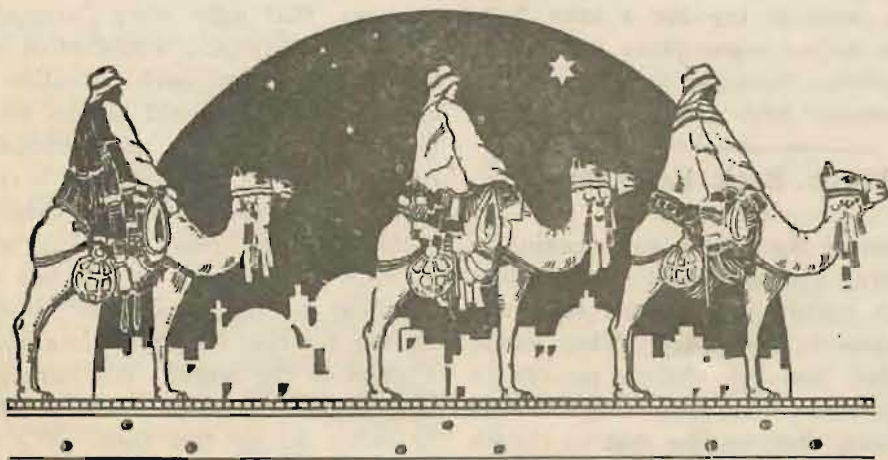


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Now, when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod, the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, Where is He that is born King of the Jews? for we saw His star in the east, and are come to worship Him.

Matt. 2: 1-2



And the Child grew, and waxed strong, filled with wisdom; and the Grace of God was upon Him.

Luke 2: 40

## "I Am Not Alone, Because the Father Is With Me"

John 16: 32

By REV. N. WILLIAM ANDERSON

A New Year is with us! The question presses itself upon us: "What will the New Year have in store for me?" Though we ask the question a thousand times, there comes no answer. Our days are in the hands of God. We make our plans earnestly and prayerfully. We may be hopeful and look for great things. Our dreams may come true, or we may receive an answer from God which seems to frustrate our hopes such as we had pictured them. Surely this is often man's experience. What then is more natural than to ask the question: "What will 1930 bring of joys and sorrows, of pleasures and heart aches, of success and failure?"

We often hear men say: "Men learn from experience." Yes, to be sure. We would indeed be indifferent to our experiences in life if this were not true. These experiences will help us to meet the New Year. We know that the New Year will have work in store for us. This is true whether we be laymen or pastors. This work will call for energy and will power. It may be the regular work we pursued the past year and years, and it may be that

new problems will press themselves upon us for solution. Then the Lord comes with the comforting words: "As thy day is, so shall thy strength be."

For some people there shall be days of suffering. Others will be blessed with the gift of health. Some will make losses and some will mourn. All of us will meet difficulties in one form or another, great and small. All of us will meet difficulties in one form or another, great and small. We will meet temptations, some will be conquered by the grace of God, and others will be too strong for us, and we will sin against God and men. One here and another there in our congregations will meet the angel of death somewhere during this New Year.

Knowing from past experiences that these things are realities on the journey through life; who dares to meet them alone? Are we not prompted to pray: "Dear Father, go with me every minute of the New Year. Lead me gently by the hand, till I shall reach my home above." While it is true that we shall have human friends round about us, who shall help to

make our days pleasant and happy, yet this will not satisfy our soul.

The greatest comfort and joy we can receive as we begin this New Year is, that wherever we may be, we need not be alone. Our Heavenly Father wants to be with us. He offers us His companionship. O how much this means to the trusting child of God. It makes him courageous and bold. Our Savior wants to assure us that He shall not fail us this year either, if we trust Him. He loves us as much now as He did when He died on Calvary's cross for our sins. He shall not ask any child of His to meet a single day without His grace and mercy. "Jehovah is the strength of my life: Of whom shall I be afraid." Ps. 27: 1.

Let us not forget, that if we want God to be with us, we must ask Him to go with us. We must open the door of our heart for Him, and He will take His abode with us. Then we shall be able to say: "I am not alone, because the Father is with me." Then we shall experience a Happy New Year, and its blessedness shall continue throughout eternity. Amen.

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## Editorial

### The New Year

It might be regarded a little late now  
to come with the familiar greeting: A  
Happy New Year! The Columbia Luther-  
an wishes, however, to come with a word  
of greeting to all its readers wishing each  
and every one of them the greatest  
possible measure of divine blessing, health,  
happiness and prosperity for the year we  
have just begun.

The various news items in the daily  
press, relating to incidents that occurred  
as the new year was ushered in, make  
no doubt many of us sad at heart. Car-  
toonists and editorial writers have pictured  
the New Years celebrations of our land as  
having proven themselves at least as  
dangerous to life and limb as the old  
fashioned Fourth of July. The Morning  
Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, had this to  
say editorially, by way of comment:

"The casualties of present-day New  
Year's celebration in enlightened America  
are fully comparable in bloodshed and grief  
to the fine old-fashioned Fourth of July  
that was abandoned two or three decades  
ago. Indeed, were the dead and wounded  
of this festival, this time of mirth and  
jollity, submitted in a single roster some  
of our military expeditions against the  
Indians would pale to insignificance. There  
have been historic and rather important  
battles waged that exacted lesser tolls of  
the citizenry. From various parts of the  
country there come, with the glad New  
Year, extensive lists of the lost and the  
maimed, which there is little profit in re-  
capitulating. That which is known to us,

and it is grievously sufficient, is that the  
festive ebullience of spirit we have named  
whoopie has its price. Quite a dreadful  
picture it is, while certainly it reproaches  
our Americanism."

It seems that we are a people hilarity  
mad. this madness must seemingly find  
its superlative expression at New Year's  
time. We know that crime is flourishing  
at all times in fair America, and that its  
"wave" always throws its crest sky high  
at all occasions of national celebration. It  
took its heavy toll of life and property  
even during this latest festive season.  
Verily we need to cry for a sane New  
Year even as we some years ago heard  
the cry coming from far and near for a  
sane Fourth of July.

### Church Book Revision

This time of the year house cleaning is  
done in many a church book. Both pastors  
and church boards regret deeply that such  
a performance is necessary. They would  
much rather find the church records in  
such a condition, that they could be left  
wholly intact. But we fear that no church  
finds the records of its membership that  
ideal. On the contrary each church no  
doubt finds, that on her books are always  
those who have become sadly negligent  
regarding their duties toward the King-  
dom of God. Every year someone has  
to be stricken from the church records,  
because he or she has failed to show any  
interest in divine worship or in the work  
as such. Usually the rule is that if one  
does not give any financial support to the  
church for a period of two or three years  
and shows no interest even after having  
again been consulted on the question by a  
member of the board, the name of such  
a member is dropped from the church  
book. A tremendously large number is  
in that way lost to our synod each year.

The necessity of dropping members  
from the church records is always a  
source of grief and anxiety to the pastor  
and to conscientious board members. It  
speaks of that many souls lost to the  
Kingdom of God. It gives the loudest  
testimony of carelessness and indifference  
as regards the welfare of the church and  
of the soul. It speaks of a sad lack of  
desire to do the right thing by the church.  
The right thing would be to "square up"  
with the treasurer of the congregation,  
just as one "squares up" with any other  
creditor. Lack of means is no excuse.  
Not even poverty. We are sure that there  
is no church board that would demand  
anyone to pay to the treasury of the  
congregation more than he or she can  
afford. We are also sure that any church  
board would be glad totally to excuse  
anyone from paying to the church, who  
finds himself in need because of poverty.

Any church will be glad to keep on its  
books anyone who shows interest in its  
cause, no matter what the financial cir-  
cumstances might be. But anyone, who  
has any interest in the work whatsoever  
will at least be willing to come to the  
trustees and tell them that he cannot give  
any financial aid to the cause, should his  
economic misfortunes be too great to  
warrant such support. We have always  
found that that is all that is under such  
conditions necessary.

The writer would certainly deeply re-  
gret to have his name, perhaps for all time  
to come, that ugly word "dropped." His  
sense of self-respect would most violently  
rebel against any such situation. How  
embarrassing it would be to have ones  
name year after year, and perhaps several  
times each year, discussed at board meet-  
ings, where the reasoning usually runs  
something like this: "What shall we  
do with Mr. So and So? He has not paid  
anything to the church for three years.  
He has for that length of time showed no  
interest in the work. We have not seen  
him at services more than perhaps once  
or twice during this time. We have to  
pay to the conference and the synod in  
proportion to our membership. Can we  
then afford to keep on our records those  
of such standing, especially as it does  
them no good? For membership here  
does not help them, when they never  
show any interest in the cause of Christ  
and do not attend our worship. Hadn't  
we better drop this one from our church  
records? Why should we discuss that  
membership any longer?" Yes, my friends,  
that is the way the discussion generally  
runs. We certainly would do everything  
possible to avoid have our name handled  
that way. There is absolutely no need of  
anyone subjecting himself to any such  
discussion.

We hope that we may note this year  
a decided decrease in the number of  
dropped. By this we mean that we hope  
the cause for dropping members may dis-  
appear more and more. Let all of us attend  
to our duties to the church, just like we  
attend to all other duties as honest and  
upright people. Let our boards show  
patience with the negligent to the utter-  
most degree. Let us be patient most  
especially with those confirmed within our  
church. In many instances they are really  
not to blame, since often the parents have  
been such, that they have not in such  
matters gone before their children with a  
good example, and a pastor cannot in a  
period of nine months always overcome  
the result of the negligence of fourteen or  
fifteen years. Yes, let us practice patience  
especially with those confirmed in our  
respective local churches, and we shall  
ultimately find, that many of these shall  
be reclaimed for the Kingdom of Christ,

when passing years shall have brought them to greater maturity.

Let us also pray for a spiritual refreshing, yes, a revival in our church. Get the souls generally filled with the holy spirit, and bring sinners to the point where they cry, "what shall we do to be saved," and the present problems of indifference and lack of interest will largely disappear.

## Contributed

### Christmas at Ione, Colton, and Mist.

It was Christmas Day, December the twenty-second. It mattered little what the almanac said to the contrary. For on that day the little congregation gathered in its church to celebrate Christmas. The old familiar Christmas hymns were sung; the texts for Christmas Day were read; and the subject for the sermon was 'Immanuel.'

Heavy rains and some melting snow had made the roads over the canyon cut prairies difficult and dangerous for travel, but in spite of this handicap, three generations had gathered to hear the ever new Christmas message and to praise God for His Christmas Gift.

Thus was Christmas celebrated by a faithful little group of our church people in eastern Oregon. Since 1884, and 200 miles removed from nearest sister congregation, these people, and their parents before them, have maintained the Valby congregation about 20 miles into the wheat country from the little town of Ione. This "Swede" church on the heights of the great prairies has all these years stood as a landmark and a guide for the traveler. May many souls also in the future here find their bearings for the journey to the eternal home!

Divine services early Christmas morning is a custom brought to this country by Swedish immigrants. It is one of those many individual contributions that different nationalities have made to the national life of this country. Such contributions have made the national life of America varied and rich. Any custom whereby God is honored and souls ennobled and refreshed is worth keeping alive. So the Carlsborg congregation of Colton arose early Christmas morning and gathered in the church at 5:30 for "julotta."

The very word "julotta," is a strange and wonderful word to some of us. As we hear its sound we see its picture instantly on memories' wall. It is a picture of "julotta" as we saw it in our childhood days in its native home, Sweden.

Lights are lit: numerous as the stars in the heavens they shine from every home. All are awake; vanished is the drowsiness and sleep of the night from every heart

## The Church of God

The church of God—she stands through all the ages  
On her foundation, which is Christ, the Lord.  
Her ramparts strong endure through every onslaught  
Of devil, unbelief, of fire and sword.  
She stands a fortress, Jesus here is dwelling  
With power eternal, our almighty King.  
All are secure who in Him find their refuge,  
And who to Him in woe and trials cling.

The church of God—divine is here her mission.  
Her ministration God Himself ordained.  
Here Jesus meets us with His own salvation,  
For us to save He is by love constrained.  
Here with His word He strength gives to the weary.  
Here hungry souls receive His manna sweet.  
Here He bids all to come for rest and comfort.  
Here He gives grace to those who Him entreat.

The church—to her alone the means were given  
Through which our God bestows His saving grace:  
The word, the sacraments. What precious tokens!  
For these we evermore our Lord shall praise.  
The church—she has alone the living fountain,  
Where flow the living streams from God's own throne.  
Here stands the mercy seat, which Christ established,  
As for our sins He did in love atone.

The church of God—Christ is her head so teaches  
The Bible. List! This Book us also tells  
That Jesus has this church as His own body  
In which God's Spirit with His power dwells.  
Here we are members, each with Him united,  
That, ruled and governed by His holy will,  
We may each other serve as He did serve us,  
And as in love He serves His followers still.

The church—she is bride of Christ, He loves her  
So dearly, no one e'er could love as He.  
For her He gave Himself a precious ransom,  
That she eternally His own might be.  
In solemn worship goes this bride to meet Him.  
In glowing love He does His bride receive,  
That to His mansions He might lastly bring her,  
Where all shall gather, who in Him believe.

The church of God—o may we ever love her,  
And may to her we ever faithful be.  
Help us, dear Lord, that we may ever serve her,  
Give us a true, a living faith in Thee.  
And when our worship here on earth is finished,  
May in the church triumphant then we sing  
Eternal praises to the Lamb, who bought us  
With His own blood, our Savoir, Lord and King.

—H. P. J.

and eye ere the arrival of the earliest dawn. There is music and holiday spirit in the air; there is holiday feeling in the heart. "It is Christmas morn," say the lights; "It is Christmas morn," re-echoes every heart.

A multitude is moving, riding and walking, wending their ways on snow-clad

paths to the house of God to hear once more the ever new story of eternal joy.

In the temple a worshipping throng listens to the wonderful story of the fulfillment of the greatest of promises given to man. Songs of thanks and praise to God fill His house with melodies sublime. And then—the picture fades slowly away

and the events of those days of yore are again enshrouded in the haze of oblivion.

Our "julotta" in Colton this year may also become such a lasting and beautiful picture on the memories' wall of the young souls, who with their parents and friends in the house of God that early hour lifted up their hearts and sang: "All hail to thee, O blessed morn!"

Deep in the Nehalem valley that cuts the mountains of the Coast Range lie two small communities, Mist and Birkenfeld. Also here is a little patch of the Vinyard called Bethlehem. And to Bethlehem, of course, we hasten in this holy season to worship the new-born King. To these few members of Bethlehem, Mist who are always so faithful and true we know that the Christmas blessings come always whether the Christmas service come early or late.

Ernst J. Sakrison.

### Portland District Luther League

At our last annual convention in Colton two resolutions of interest were passed. The first one was that the District Luther League sponsor a Young Peoples' Rally sometime in the spring of 1930. Plans for this Rally have now been completed. The Augustana Luther League of the Augustana church in Portland has invited the District League to hold this Rally in their church. The date has been set tentatively as the second Sunday in March, March 9. The Rev. Leonhard Ludwig, pastor of the Peninsula Peace Lutheran church in Portland, has promised to be present and deliver the address. Musical numbers will be asked for from the local Leagues as at the annual conventions. The collection at this Rally will go to the Bible Institute fund.

The second resolution was to the effect that each local League should sometime during the spring of 1930 sponsor a special program to create interest in the Bible Institute. We hope that the local Leagues will keep this in mind. The income from these programs will go to provide a fund for the advertising of the Bible Institute. The Dean will be glad to furnish information about the plans of the Institute for these special programs and also be present at the programs if the League so desires.—Eric H. Wahlstrom.

Pres. Distr. L. L.

### To the Luther League of the Columbia Conference

During the month of December a questionnaire has been sent to the various local Leagues of the Columbia Conference. Most of these had to be sent to the pastors, since the president does not have the addresses of the officers of the local Leagues. In these certain questions, about

the work of the Luther League of the past year are asked. The answers to these questions will later be tabulated and the result reported to the Leagues in the Columbia Lutheran and in the report of the president at the next Convention. The idea is that the efforts and experiences of one League shall be made available to all the rest, and also that material for discussion may be furnished on those problems that confront the Luther League.

The success of such a questionnaire depends, of course, on the response it receives. Will not the secretaries of the local Leagues make a special effort to obtain the information asked for from the reports submitted to the League at its annual meeting now around New Year? If you have not already answered, do so at your earliest opportunity.

Plans are being laid now for a great convention of the Conference Luther League next Labor Day. Announcement about this will be made shortly. The Luther League is a vital part of the church. Keep it such. Be alive. Work.

Eric H. Wahlstrom  
Pres. Conf. L. L.

### Attention!

The Columbia Conference has received no official invitation as yet for its next annual convention. We would therefore call the attention of the congregations to this fact so that any congregation desirous to avail itself of the opportunity to become host to the Conference may take action at the pending annual congregational meeting.

May every congregation also endeavor to elect delegates to the coming Conference and Synodical conventions whose circumstances are such that they will be able to attend, especially remembering that the synodical delegates are responsible for their own expenses.

With best wishes for a blessed and prosperous new year.

Your humble servant in Christ

G. K. Andeen.

### Pacific Northwest Lutheran Students Conference

January 17—19, 1930.

University of Washington, Seattle.

#### PROGRAM

Friday, January 17:

Reception and registration of delegates and visitors.

7:30 p. m. Mixer for delegates and local students in Inkwell Club rooms.

Saturday, January 18:

8:30 a. m. Devotions.

Welcome and response.  
Greetings from groups represented.

9:00 a. m. Business session.

10:45 a. m. Open forum discussion led by Dr. C. P. Harry.

12:00 noon, Lunch.

1:00 p. m. Tour of University of Washington campus.

2:15 p. m. Discussion: The Contribution of the Augsburg Confession to Modern Life. Introduced and led by student from Oregon groups.

3:15 p. m. Discussion: What Should be the Objective or Central Purpose of Lutheran Student Activity. Introduced and led by student from W. S. C.

6:30 p. m. Banquet in the Seattle Chamber of Commerce, 3rd Ave. and Columbia St. All visiting delegates to the conference will be guests of the Lutheran Women's League of Seattle, who are sponsoring the banquet. Tickets will be sold to local students and Seattle people at \$1.25 each.

Program:

Speech by Dr. Harry.

Greetings from Dr. Wm. Schoeler, of Oregon, Mrs. Alfred Johnson, president of Lutheran Women's League of Seattle, Arthur Hillman, president of Inkwell club, and the students who are elected as officers of the Lutheran Students Association of the Pacific Northwest. Toastmaster—Rev. O. A. Bremer, student pastor, University of Washington. Music by Inkwell club orchestra, Inkwell girl's trio, and Inkwell male quartet.

Sunday January 19:

10:00 a. m. Special Sunday School class for University students taught by Dr. J. H. Groth, of U. of W.

11:00 a. m. Divine services. Sermon by Dr. Harry. Special music.

12:30 p. m. Dinner.

2:00—3:30 p. m. Tour of the city.

4:00 p. m. Fireside hour. Informal discussion. Refreshments.

All meetings not otherwise designated will be held in the University Lutheran Church, E. 50th and 16th Ave. N. E. For further information write to Arthur Hillman, 306 East 76th Street, Seattle—Kenwood 0709.

### Andrew Young of Astoria, Ore., Left Columbia Hospital a Legacy of \$10,000.00

The earthly career of Andrew Young, prominent pioneer of Astoria, Ore., and charter member of the First Lutheran church, came to a close on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28th. In his will filed for probate he had made provisions for a \$10,000 legacy to the Columbia Conference for the Columbia Hospital and \$2,000 for the First Lutheran Church. Andrew Young was born in Lomma parish near Malmö, Sweden, on the 13th

of January, 1850. He came to Astoria in 1872 where he engaged in the fishing industry. Shortly upon his arrival here he married Johanna Christina Fredriksen, native of Denmark. Mr. and Mrs. Young were among the first to receive and support our Augustana missionaries on the West coast, and when the First Lutheran church was organized in 1880 they entered as charter members. Mr. Young has been a loyal supporter of the church ever since and has served in various capacities as board member. He had also recently signed the charter of the newly organized Trinity Lutheran church, a union of the First and Memorial Lutheran churches of Astoria. Though confined to his home almost entirely for the last couple of years because of failing health he has been vitally interested in the local church and hospital, and to the latter he has given a couple of thousand dollars before in subscriptions.

The funeral service was held at the First Lutheran church on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 1, conducted by the local pastor, Rev. G. K. Andeen, who spoke on 2 Tim. 4, 6-8 choosing as his theme, "A Victorious Life." The remains were laid to rest at Greenwood cemetery where rest several of his family members who preceded him in death. Mr. Young is survived by three children, Daniel, Edwin and Agnes, and several grandchildren, who together with his many friends will long cherish the blessed memory of a kind Christian father and philanthropist.—A.

### To Pastors and Congregations

Please observe that at the late annual meeting of the Augustana Synod, held in Rockford, Ill., arrangements were made for the synod to meet in 1930 in such a manner that each pastor of the Augustana Synod be a delegate ex-officio and each congregation of the Augustana Synod be entitled to elect and send a delegate to said meeting. All the attending delegates will be held responsible for their own traveling expenses but will share proportionately to their outlays in the distribution of the sum of \$17,500, said amount having been appropriated by synod for the traveling expense fund of the delegation to synod in 1930.—G. A. Brandelle.

### Astoria, Oregon

The past Christmas season brought new experiences to the most of our Augustana folks in that the language of the land was the sole medium in our public worship. The early Christmas service was none the less joyous and inspiring, and many of the young folks who heretofore have stayed away or profited but little were now able to understand the Christmas message. The new governor of

the State of Oregon also found time to worship with us in spite of his manifold duties that were so unexpectedly heaped upon him but two or three days previous. This was his first public appearance and worship after his ascendancy to the governorship. A chorus of 30 voices caroled inspiringly both at the early service and at the Columbia Hospital. They also sang at the homes of three of our elderly members who were not able to attend church because of age or ill health.

The Sunday schools with an enrollment of over 100 presented a program on Second Day Christmas before an audience that taxed the First church to its limits. The program consisted chiefly of the beautiful and effective pageant entitled "The Christmas Story" composed by our own genial friend and Conference pastor, Rev. Enoch Sandeen.

The new congregation is progressing encouragingly with an adult membership of over 200 to date. With the promises of God before us and relying upon His abounding grace we are anticipating great blessings during the ensuing year. May His grace also abound toward all our fellow-laborers throughout the entire Conference.—G. K. Andeen.

## Items of Interest

Rev. Carl A. Bengtson, Marcus, Ia., has accepted a call to the Emmaus Lutheran church, Seattle, Wash. His new address is 165 W. 65th street.

The Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 911 Stewart Street, Seattle, Wash., will broadcast an especially arranged service in the Swedish language every Sunday afternoon at 3:45 (Pacific Time) over the K. J. R. radio station, Seattle. The choir, quartettes and soloists of the church will furnish the music and Dr. C. R. Swanson will deliver the sermons.

Rev. C. G. Bloomquist, who for a while had to take a rest because of ill health, writes that he now finds himself very much improved and that he again occupied his pulpit on Christmas morning.

The Emmanuel Hospital, Portland, issued a Christmas Greeting in pamphlet form edited by Rev. H. P. Johnson.

Attorney David E. Lofgren with Mrs. Lofgren and their son David spent Christmas with Mrs. Lofgren's parents in Eugene, Ore. On New Year's Day Mr. and Mrs. Lofgren held "Open House" to their many friends in Portland.

The Carlsborg Church, Colton, Ore., was left in darkness on Christmas morning, because of the heavy wind that swept

over that and other sections of Oregon a few hours earlier in the night. Somewhere the electric wire had been torn down by the storm. "Ottesång" had to be celebrated by candle and lamp light.

Mrs. H. P. Johnson arrived home Sunday morning, Dec. 15 from a trip to Minneapolis, St. Paul and Milbank, S. D. Mrs. Johnson was on Friday, Nov. 29 suddenly called to the bedside of her brother Joseph Erlandson, St. Paul, who was seriously ill and not expected to live. Mr. Erlandson died two days after Mrs. Johnson arrived. Burial took place in Milbank, S. D. A sister, Miss Ruth Erlandson, R. N., of Portland, accompanied Mrs. Johnson on her trip. They were both objects of much kindness in the Zion Congregation, Minneapolis, the former charge of Rev. and Mrs. Johnson.

The Spokane District Pastors conducted two series of special services during the first part of December. The first in the Salem church in Spokane and the second at Troy, Idaho. At both meetings the Word came with power and much spiritual good was derived.

Our Congregation at Troy, Idaho is planning on calling a pastor in January, in connection with its annual meeting. There is a large field for our church at Troy and it is hoped that this congregation will not need to be without a pastor very long. Rev. F. W. Hanson, the former pastor left Troy last July.

Evangelistic Services will be conducted by the Lutheran Churches in Spokane Feb. 9-22. A large auditorium has been engaged seating two thousand people. The speaker for the two weeks will be Rev. J. M. Halverson, evangelist in the Norwegian Luth. Church. Evangelistic meetings were held in Spokane in a like series each year for several years, and they proved in each instance a great blessing to all the participating churches.

Every Member Canvass. A contributor sent us the following encouraging news: "The First Lutheran Church at Moscow, and the Salem and Grace congregations in Spokane, have conducted every member canvasses during the month of November. This undertaking was very successful in all three congregations. A timid soul here and there will not "Pledge," but happily they are very few. Those in charge of the canvass in the respective congregations entered upon their task with enthusiasm and their efforts were crowned with success." We are happy to know that experiences here described were quite general in our conference.

The Lutheran Companion was this year attired in a beautiful holiday cover, as it came out in its Christmas number.

We feel the paper is worthy of a special mention because of this very pleasing innovation. The Merry Christmas picture on the first editorial page of the same issue was also very original, an editor-real of original type.

**The Messiah Chorus** of Lindsborg, Kansas gave the immortal oratorio Handel's Messiah in Convention Hall, Kansas City, Mo. on Sat. Dec. 14 and on Sunday afternoon Dec. 15. The chorus consisted of 500 voices. The first evening about 8000 were present. On Sunday 9,036 persons crowded the auditorium and about a thousand people had to be turned away. Among the singers was one, Mr. L. M. Nelson, 78 years old, who joined the chorus when it was first organized in 1881. Among the sopranos was also found Mrs. Alma Swensson, the widow after the late Dr. C. A. Swensson of Lindsborg and Bethany College fame. Mrs. Swensson was the first director of the chorus. The income for the two concerts was \$11,500. Of this the chorus netted about \$4000.00.

**Dr. and Mrs. Gustav A. Andreen** have returned from their extended journey in Europe and in the Orient. They arrived in Rock Island Dec. 17. Their trip abroad included the Holy Land. The editor received from Dr. and Mrs. Andreen a card written and mailed in Paris. He is very thankful to them for this greeting. Upon their return they were met at the station in Rock Island by faculty members and students of Augustana College and Theological Seminary, the institution of which Dr. Andreen has been president for the past twenty-seven years. In the evening of the same day a reception was given Dr. and Mrs. Andreen by the faculty and administration of the institution. Words of welcome were then spoken by Prof. Jules Mauritzson in behalf of the faculty and by Rev. P. A. Johnson of Galesburg in behalf of the board of directors.

**Dr. Bertha Anderson**, medical missionary on the synod's field in Africa, recently arrived at Moline, Ill., on her furlough. After a short visit with her brother, Mr. Clark Anderson of Moline, she goes to Denver, Colo., where she will probably make her home with her sisters during the furlough.

**Rev. P. H. Nordlander**, while in Seattle assisting Rev. Bloomquist in conducting a week's Bible study some time ago, was advised over the telephone that his parsonage in Yakima had caught fire. The roof and the second story were destroyed but all the personal belongings of Rev. Nordlander and family were saved. The address of the new Yakima parsonage is 319 So. 14 Avenue.

**The Lutheran Bible Institute**, Minneapolis, had during the fall term a registration of 132 in the day school. A still larger attendance is expected during the winter term. The Monday evening Sunday school teachers' training class has a registration of 336. The Bible lecture course of the institute, conducted on Tuesday evening, has an attendance of around 300. The Bible Institute is housed in a beautiful and commodious building recently erected by the institute corporation.

**The Association of English Churches** within the Augustana Synod will hold its annual convention next October in Holy Trinity Church, Jamestown, N. Y., Rev. Roy Thelander, pastor. This will be the first time the association holds convention that far east. A transportation committee with Rev. C. M. Olander as chairman is already at work endeavoring as far as possible to reduce the prohibitive feature the long distance to travel will mean to many. A union service of all our churches in Jamestown has practically been assured, when offering will be lifted for the traveling fund. There are also several other sources of income, that will stand open to assist in the same cause, announces the transportation committee. The announcement of this is made now, says the committee, in order that all the congregations of the association might be assisted in seeing their way clear to elect delegates for this convention.

**A Banquet** will be given by the medical staff of the Emmanuel Hospital, Portland, at the hospital dining room on Tuesday, Jan. 14. Governor Nordblad has been invited to give the main address. A banquet at this time of the year is an annual event with the doctors at Emanuel. The administration of the institution, representatives from the nurses and the executive committee of the board are among those invited as guests.

**Rev. and Mrs. A. M. Green** and son have the pleasure of having as guests in their home the parents of Mrs. Green, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Peterson of Fulda, Minn., who arrived in Portland Friday, Jan. 3. Mrs. John Dolman, a sister of Mrs. Green, has made her home with the Green family since her husband died last July. Her daughter Genevieve is with her. The Dolman family formerly resided in Tacoma.

**Miss Ida Gustava Wanstrom**, well known among our church people of Portland, and a member of Immanuel church of that city since 1897, died Dec. 18 in Portland at the age of 66 years, 8 months and 19 days. She is survived by a brother, Mr. Peter Wanstrom of Birkenfeld, Ore., and by a sister, Mrs. Hilda Lundgren in Rock-

ford, Ill. Miss Wanstrom came to Rockford, Ill., from Sweden, 1867, only four years old. She grew up there in the First Lutheran Church under the influence of such men as Dr. Peters and Dr. L. A. Johnston. She was of a deeply religious nature, and is greatly missed in Immanuel. Funeral services were held in Immanuel, Portland, Dec. 21 in the morning, and in our church at Mist, Ore. in the afternoon the same day, where interment took place. Rev. H. P. Johnson officiating at both places.

**Mrs. Mathilda Christian Olson**, a member of the Immanuel Church, Portland, since 1889, passed away at Emanuel Hospital, Portland, Dec. 30, at the age of 67 years, 6 months and 1 day. She is survived by her husband, Mr. Herman Olson, a sister, Mrs. Emma Soderlind in Sweden, two brothers: Mr. Frank Harberg of Portland and Mr. Gustaf Harberg in Sweden. She had been faithful as a member of the church and was toward the last longing to be with the Lord. Funeral services were held in Immanuel Jan. 2.

**The Woman's Missionary Society** of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Portland, re-elected the following officers at its annual meeting held recently: President, Mrs. H. P. Johnson; vice president, Mrs. Aug. Elmquist; secretary, Mrs. Edw. Liedberg; treasurer, Mrs. Fred Olson; Mission Tidings secretary, Mrs. Clara Peterson; membership committee, Mrs. E. M. Erickson and Miss Emma Olson; organist, Mrs. A. V. Anderson; auditors, Miss Emma Olson and Mrs. A. V. Anderson. Delegates to District meeting, Mrs. A. V. Anderson, Mrs. D. E. Lofgren and Mrs. E. M. Erickson. Alternates, Mrs. C. F. Carlborg, Mrs. Rudeen and Mrs. Fred Olson. Delegates to Conference meeting, Mrs. H. P. Johnson, Mrs. A. V. Anderson and Mrs. Gust Johnson. Alternates, Mrs. C. J. Erickson, Mrs. Ida Swanson and Mrs. Axel Peterson.

**A reception** was tendered Rev. and Mrs. P. H. Nordlander and family by the Central Lutheran Church, Yakima, Wash., on Friday evening, Nov. 29. It was the evening of regular choir rehearsal, and this was on invitation held in the parsonage. As the singers were busily engaged in preparing themselves creditably to occupy their places in the "choir loft" the following Sunday, there was suddenly an influx of a great host of folks. In a moment the house proved too small to hold all that came. Soon all retired to the church with the pastor and family escorted in the lead. A fine program was there rendered under the leadership of one of the deacons, Mr. Elmer Johnson. Words of appreciation of the wonderful work Rev. Nordlander has laid down in Yakima were spoken in be-

half of the congregation by Rev. C. E. Lindquist. Words in a like spirit and of similar contents were spoken by Mr. Wm. Olofson in behalf of the young people. Mrs. Walter Olofson rendered violin selections and the organist of the church, Mr. Kenneth Wahlstrom, gave two violin numbers. Little Ruth Ellingsberg presented Mrs. Nordlander with a bouquet of beautiful chrysanthemums and Rev. Nordlander received a purse of money. Both gifts were, of course, bestowed in behalf of the congregation. Delicious refreshments were served and a social hour enjoyed.

**An Announcement.** — The Annual Missionary Day of the Tacoma District Woman's Missionary Society will open with a business session held 9:00 a. m., Wednesday, January 29, 1930 at the Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Ninth and Stewart Streets, Seattle. Mrs. John W. Unis, president Tacoma District W. M. S.

**The Holiday Issue** of parish papers came to us from the following: Rev. Enoch Sandeen, Rev. A. G. Anderson and Rev. O. R. Karlstrom. The first two mentioned carried a wonderful holiday art design on front cover, both being named The Silent Messenger. Rev. Karlstrom's paper carries the name Församlings-Lotsen (Congregational Pilot). It carries a picture of the exterior of the church and another large one of the interior. It also carries the picture of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gustafson with their five children. Mr. and Mrs. Gustafson had in June celebrated their silver wedding. There appears also the picture of Rev. and Mrs. Karlstrom and their six children, a fine group indeed, as is also the first mentioned. There appears also the picture of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Johnson. They had celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of their wedding. One page is devoted to short biographies of men and women of the congregation, who saw the city of Vancouver, B. C. grow up from a small beginning. Those thus mentioned are Pit Larson, Emil Peterson, Mrs. Alma Peterson and Mrs. F. Peterson. There also appear biographies of those within the church who celebrated their fiftieth birthday during the year: Johan Albert Norman, Ernest Eklund, John E. Sultan, Solomon Bergman and Oscar T. Nelson.

**Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Fredrickson** of Everett, Wash., made a visit to Immanuel Church, Portland, Sunday evening, Jan. 5. Mr. Fredrickson was raised in the same congregation in northwestern Minnesota in which the editor grew up. The two attended the same Sunday school there and were confirmed before the same altar. The editor remembers the Fredrickson home as a place always pleasant to visit. Andrew's father is still living and

has his home in Everett. We are told that he is a subscriber to the Columbia Lutheran and reads it faithfully. Andrew's mother, whom we remember as a very devout Christian, died some years ago. Mr. Andrew Fredrickson is in the grocery business in Everett, and has now also started similar business at the new market in Portland.

**On the Catechism** was preached a series of twenty sermons during the past year, at Immanuel Church, Portland, by the pastor, Rev. H. P. Johnson, on the occasion of the Four Hundredth Anniversary of the editing of that little book by Dr. Martin Luther. The sermons were preached at evening services.

**Rev. J. A. Levin**, who for a number of years has resided in Portland, Oregon, passed to his eternal reward Sat., Dec. 28, at the age of 87 years, 2 months and 28 days. He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. L. A. Ferris, Ketchikan, Alaska. Rev. Levin was ordained to the holy ministry 1904 at Lindsborg, Kansas. He served different congregations on the coast. For many years he suffered from an incurable disease, but lived in spite of it to reach a very mature age, as shown above. The daughter and her husband came down from Alaska for the funeral, and have just arrived in Portland, as these lines are written. They set the funeral to be held on Thursday Jan. 9 at 2:00 o'clock in Immanuel Church. As this issue will be printed by that time, we cannot give any account of the funeral at this writing. Rev. Levin was born in Köpings, Kristiansands Province, Sweden and came to America in 1869.

**Mr. Carl Henry Gullans**, for many years a member of the Augustana Church, Portland, died Jan. 2 at Salem, Oregon, at the age of 75 years, 4 months and 8 days. He was born in Övermark, Finland and came to this country in 1880, when he settled in Escanaba, Mich. He came to Portland in 1910. Funeral services were held in Portland Sat. Jan. 4, Rev. Samuel E. Johnson officiating. Mr. Gullans is survived by a daughter and a son in Portland, and one son in Wallace, Idaho.

**The Luther House** in Monmouth, Ore., recently erected as a Lutheran place of worship for the students of our faith attending the state college of that place, will be dedicated on Sunday Feb. 9, at 10:30 a. m., when the speakers will be Rev. W. E. Brinkman of Portland, Rev. R. Bogstad and Dr. Wm. Schoeler. A program will be rendered in the afternoon, when Rev. Alfred M. Kraabel of Portland will speak. His choir will also be present to sing. Services will also be held in the evening. At this writing it is not fully

decided who will be the speaker at that worship. We hope to be able to give full details of the program in our next issue.

### Annual Meeting, Portland District

The annual meeting of the Portland District will be held in Immanuel Church, Portland, Jan. 21-22. The program will be as follows:

**Tuesday, Jan. 21, 7:45 P. M.**

Holy Communion with Full Service (English language.)

Communion sermon by Rev. G. K. Andeen. District sermon by Rev. Ernest J. Sakrisson, Dist. vice pres.

Liturgs: Rev. Samuel E. Johnson and Rev. Eric H. Wahlstrom.

**Wednesday, Jan. 22:**

9:00 a. m.—12:00 a. m. Business session.

2:30 p. m. Brief Sermons in Swedish on 1 Cor. 1:30.

1) "Kristus för oss till visdom," Rev. A. G. Anderson.

2) "Kristus för oss till rättfärdighet," Rev. A. M. Green.

3) "Kristus för oss till helgelse," Rev. B. S. Nystrom.

4) "Kristus för oss till förlossning," Rev. J. A. Edlund.

7:45 p. m. Closing service (English.)

Sermon: "Blessed with Every Spiritual Blessing in Heavenly Places in Christ" Eph. 1:3-10—Rev. Eric H. Wahlstrom.

Sermon: "The Entrance into the Eternal Kingdom of God Richly Supplied." 2 Pet. 1:10-11—Rev. Samuel E. Johnson.

The pastors with their families and the lay delegates are invited to take supper in the church parlors 5:30 p. m. on Tuesday, Jan. 21.

### Commission on Evangelization

According to the 1928 Statistical Abstract of the United States Census, we American Lutherans might pride ourselves on conducting efficient church organization as far as evangelizing souls is concerned, for our Lutheran increases led all other denominations, writes H. E. K. in the Lutheran Standard. However, Prof. G. A. Lundquist, Ph. D., writing on "Potential Lutherans in the United States," in The Friend, takes great pains to calculate just how remiss the American Lutherans have been in gathering into their communion the millions of immigrants from Lutheran lands in Europe as well as their descendants. Dr. Lundquist's figures are very comparatively compiled, and they deserve the serious attention of every seriousminded Christian evangelist.

According to the 1928 Statistical Abstract, Lutherans increased 1,498,487 from 1916 to 1926, while Baptists added 1,287,809, Methodists 903,734, and Presbyterians 369,568 souls during the same period of time. This represents a splendid achievement for the Lutherans—until you take pencil and paper in hand and do some figuring with immigrant influxes of the same time. Dr. Lundquist consults the above mentioned Abstract and estimates as follows:

In 1920 in the United States there were foreign born:

(The figures shows Population, Lutheran Ratio and "Potential Lutherans")			
Germans	1,686,108	1/3	562,036
Swedes	625,585	9/10	536,026
Norwegians	363,863	9/10	327,476
Danes	189,154	9/10	170,238
Finns	149,824	10/10	149,824

Total possible foreign-born Luth. 1,772,600

In 1920 in the United States there were descendants (first generation only) of foreign born:

Germans	8,164,111	1/3	2,721,370
Swedes	1,485,062	9/10	1,336,554
Norwegians	1,020,788	9/10	918,809
Danes	466,946	9/10	420,251
Finns	265,472	9/10	241,580

Total desc. foreign-born Luth. 5,638,564

In addition Dr. Lundquist considers the 8,344 souls, members of the Norwegian Synod of America, the 14,759 members of the Slovak Lutheran Church in America and the 2,186 members of the Icelandic Lutheran Church in America. Thus his total estimate of "Potential Lutherans" in the United States comes to 7,436,453.

However, the 1928 Statistical Abstract lists only 3,966,003 Lutherans in the United States. Thus it is quite evident that while our Church has enjoyed the best increase during 1916 to 1926, yet she has not nearly expanded as she might have had she retained a greater per cent of Lutheran immigrants and their descendants. Whereas she numbers nearly four million, she should number approximately eleven or twelve million. Here is food for thought and stimulation unto greater evangelistic activity.

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We need the word of God as a daily manna for our souls. We cannot spiritually live without it. "Man liveth not by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth from out of the mouth of the Lord."

With Christ new light came into the world. Let us all walk in that light. Let it shine forth from out of our lives. Jesus said to His disciples: "Ye are the light of the world."

### Age and Wisdom

Thomas A. Edison is far from young as years go, but the passing of time apparently has not dimmed the intellect or lessened the wisdom of the "electric wizard." On the question of retirement of men in industry at mid-age, Mr. Edison has said:

"The man who has reached the age of 36 is just about ready to discard the illusions built up on the false theories for which wrong instruction and youthful ignorance previously have made him an easy mark. He is just beginning to get down to business. If he is really worth while, he has passed through a series of hard knocks by that time. The useful man never leads the easy, sheltered, knockless, unshocked life. At 36 he ought to be prepared to meet with the realities, and after that period in his life, until he is 60, he should be able to handle them with a steadily increasing efficiency. Subsequently, if he has not injured his body by excess indulgence and if he has not eaten to excess, he very likely may continue to be increasingly efficient up to his 80th birthday, and in exceptional cases until 90."

In one thing we generally fail as Christians: we do not pray as much nor as often as we should. God promises great things to those who are constants in prayer.

In sacred history there were those who virtually lived for the church. We also read in church history of a great host of that kind of men and women. We thank God that many in our days are deeply devoted to the cause of Christ. Let all of us pray that we might all become more devoted to that cause.

We hear a lot of complaint in our day. Some have an abundance of criticism to offer regarding the church. But you will always find that those that have the most faults to find with the church are those who do the least for its maintenance and progress.

Stewardship is something exceedingly important in God's kingdom. God bestows upon us His good gifts every day. He also demands that we return a share thereof to Him. He tells us in His word that He expects us to be good and faithful stewards.

"Love one another," said Jesus. How often we fail in this. And yet, "Love is the fulfillment of the law."

Let us always deal in kindness with our fellow men. God always deals in kindness with us. He never deals with us in any other way. He is love itself.

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