

# LUTHERAN SPOKESMAN

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NO ONE COMES  
TO THE FATHER  
BUT BY ME



As it was in the beginning,



is now,



and ever shall be:

The Christ did not just burst upon the scene when He was born in Bethlehem. That moment was the fulfillment of age-old promises of God to His people. This explains the excitement and deep joy of the remnant that recognized and received Him. The shepherds left their flocks for Bethlehem because they had heard that a promise that touched them individually had been kept. "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will perform that good thing which I have promised," (33:14). Mary, Simeon, Hannah — all the faithful of that day experienced the deepest joy because they had been carrying in their hearts the certain hope that their God would do exactly as He had promised. We can learn from them. Our joy in the coming Christ will surely grow and deepen as we know and

## ADVENT PROMISES

### FROM JEREMIAH

**33:14-18**

understand the promises that have been made to us. They will certainly be "performed" by our faithful God.

#### Rejoice Then in the Promises

##### That Have Been Kept!

"In those days, and at that time, will I cause the Branch of righteousness to grow up unto David . . . In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely and this is the name wherewith she shall be called, The Lord our righteousness."

This was the promise that stirred the hearts of the faithful who rejoiced when Mary brought forth her Child. It is a promise that involves us today.

It didn't take long after the birth of the Savior for division to appear. Her-

od was certain the Child was born to create a powerful political kingdom that would threaten his reign. But Simeon was certain the Child he held in his arms ensured that now he could depart this life in peace.

There was no need for such confusion. The promise was clear. A Branch of righteousness would save Judah and Jerusalem. This would be a Savior that had to do with the righteousness required by God of man, a righteousness that would present God with men fit to be recognized by Him as His own. This would save Judah indeed. Not the old nation that was richly blessed and carefully preserved, not the rebellious nation always so ready to quarrel with God and His way, but a chosen generation, an holy nation as Peter writes in His letters.

And it was done as promised. The Child was born and suffered, He died and rose again. The Lord could declare it, "Be of good cheer, thy sins are forgiven thee!" Mary's joy could be full for she recognized her Child as "God my Savior." Simeon was indeed facing reality when his eyes fell on the Child and he declared he could depart and face the God of heaven and earth in peace.

Nor was it ever planned that this righteousness should be the precious

possession of a select few. To Abraham the promise had been given that through this Child all the nations of the earth should be blessed. It was then the natural order of things that this Child, before taking His rightful place at the right hand of the Father, should commission those who believed to declare this righteousness to all nations. There would be a new Jerusalem. Gathered from every corner men would be counted as the children of God by faith in this Child.

What was promised has been done. The Branch appeared and perfect righteousness has been offered to sinful man. The new Jerusalem has appeared and we count ourselves a part of this holy, Christian Church, this communion of saints, for the Lord our righteousness has done even as promised.

### **Rejoice Then in the Promises Being Kept even Today!**

"For thus saith the Lord; David shall never want (lack) a man to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel; neither shall the priests the Levites want (lack) a man before me to offer burnt offerings, and to kindle meat offerings, and to do sacrifice continually."

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Another glorious promise of our Lord — and this is in the process of being kept at the very present time. One of the deep concerns of the faithful in Israel of old was the nature of the kings and priests they and their children would have to depend upon. There were many times when they wanted, that is, were in need of, faithful kings and priests. We can well imagine how they longed for the day when this would no longer be a concern to them.

Let us understand that we live in the day in which this promise of God is being fulfilled. There is now no need for a man to sit upon the throne. There is no need for a man to offer burnt offerings before our God in our behalf. The Child who came in answer to the promise of the Branch of righteousness has ascended to the throne of heaven and rules forever over the people of God, the new Jerusalem.

It was to this day that God was looking with His promise, and we should enjoy to the full the blessings we have as this promise is being kept. Christ our King rules in glory and majesty. He musters all the weapons needed and draws on any power required to preserve and keep His Church as the powers of hell rage against it. He uses strange but effective means in the hearts of the individuals within this Church to comfort and keep them in His grace. For He comes to us even as He did to Bethlehem with His Word and Sacrament and reigns as King within our hearts.

There is now no need for another priest. This Child entered once into the holy presence of God with a sacri-

fice so perfect that the guilt of sin has been entirely removed. He sits at the right hand of His Father to show Him the marks of the nails and requires that our daily trespasses be forgiven. At this very moment this solemn promise of our God is being kept.

### **Rejoice Too in the Promise that Will be Kept!**

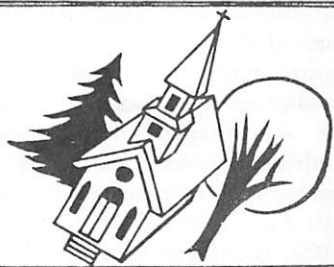
“I will cause the Branch of righteousness to grow up unto David; and he shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land.”

Israel of old longed for the day when the nations that oppressed her would finally be dealt with and their wickedness judged. We know a similar longing. We are outraged at the defiance with which men scorn our gracious Lord. We wish for the day when there will be none who dare to reject the Lord who has so wondrously redeemed them. We wait for this not only because we would see an end to the dishonor that is shown His person, but also because we grow weary with the business of turning aside the press of the evil influence of those who despise the Savior.

The promise is there and the day will certainly come. This Child of Bethlehem will appear in all His royal splendor, surrounded by His holy angels. He will come as prophecy declares to execute judgment and righteousness in the land. All that is evil will be swept aside before Him and we will stand in His presence to worship and serve Him perfectly. The circumstances in which we live lay heavy upon us now, but we have every right to rejoice in the certain hope that He will come again as promised.

**ROBERT REIM**

# CHURCH News



## FORBID THEM NOT!

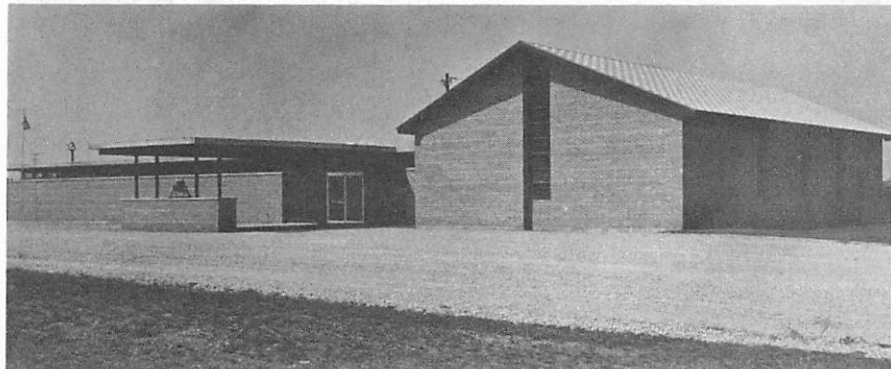
Markesan, Wisconsin — The story of Faith Lutheran Church in this rural community is an exciting story of uncommon devotion to the Christian day school.

More than two years of planning and cooperative effort reached their culmination on September 11 when this congregation dedicated their new church and school building. Professors Egbert Schaller and Roland Gurgel of Immanuel Lutheran College served as festival speakers.

The members of Faith congregation trace their history from the beginning of the school term in 1963. At that time, as members of St. Paul's Lutheran Churches of Manchester and Marquette, they began a Christian day

school in a frame school building purchased from the Markesan School District. This school was operated by a school association formed within the two congregations. During the next few months opposition to the day school developed and was reinforced by a movement within the congregations to return to the Wisconsin Synod. The effect of the opposition was realized in January, 1964, when a majority of both churches voted to sever their fellowship with the CLC, thus terminating their pastor's call. Faith Lutheran Church was organized by those who felt compelled to leave these churches.

Their school building provided a place of worship, but plans were made almost immediately for a new church

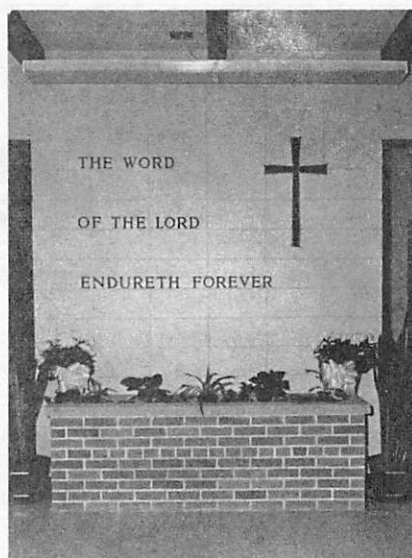


Faith Lutheran Church and School, Markesan, Wis.

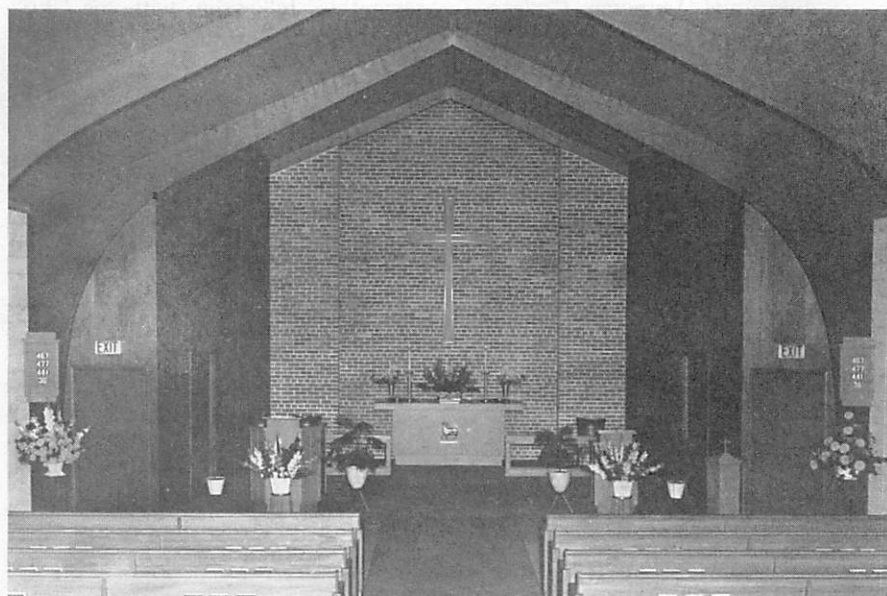
and school. The Lord moved the hearts of the people and within nine months, on October 4, 1964, a groundbreaking ceremony was held on a four acre site donated by congregation members. Concerted efforts by men, women, and children had the school section ready for the fall term.

After the classes began in the new school, work was concentrated in the church area. The finished project is an L shaped building which includes a sanctuary of contemporary design and furnishings and two 30x30 classrooms, besides a pastor's study, a kitchen, and the usual utility rooms. The focal wall of the entrance has a planter with a cross above it and the words of Isaiah 40:8.

Faith congregation has 160 members. The present school enrollment is 45, which represents 100% attendance on the part of the congregation.



Two members of the church, Mrs. Velma Kelm and Mrs. Lois Albrecht, teach the lower and upper grades respectively.



Interior of Faith Lutheran Church

## CLC SCHOOLS

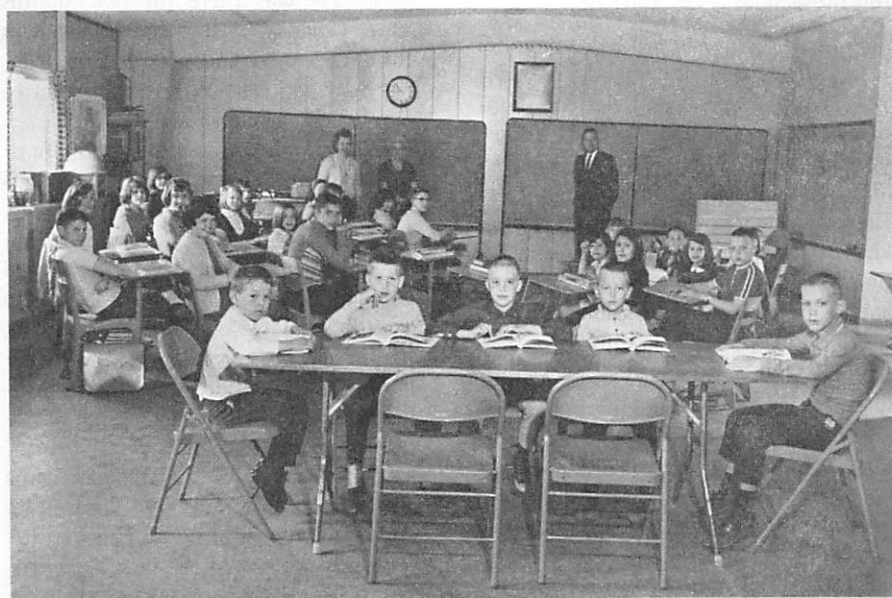
Within the CLC nine congregations now maintain a partial or complete program of Christian day school education on the elementary level. A survey of the principals of these schools yielded the following information.

*Cheyenne, Wyoming* — Pastor Dale Redlin of Redeemer Church and School reports an enrollment of 22 in grades kindergarten to six. The teacher is Miss Carla Thurow, a 1966 graduate of Immanuel College. Grades 7-8 are not being offered this year, due to a decision of the congregation that the pastor's time should be devoted to general pastoral work rather than to the classroom. The congregation is

seeking other solutions to the problem of supplying a teacher for these grades.

*Mankato, Minnesota* — Principal Robert Rehm of Immanuel says their faculty of five teachers is rather humbled by the knowledge their school has been permitted to operate for nearly a hundred years. They will observe the centennial in 1967. "Training young people to become Christian men and women by the Gospel and by conscientious work in all secular fields as well, is still the goal of the school in the space conscious age." Presently 94 children are enrolled.

*Fond du Lac, Wisconsin* — Principal Gerhard Mueller of Luther Memorial



*Eau Claire, Wisconsin* — Miss Shirley Wendland, principal of Messiah Lutheran School, reports that the student body of 27 makes happy use of the new school wing, which was dedicated

last December. The wing was so designed that it can be made into a two room unit by means of folding doors. The other teacher is Mrs. Gilbert Radichel. Right: Pastor Gullerud.

writes of continuing efforts to upgrade the teaching equipment and text materials to keep pace with curriculum developments, especially in the field of contemporary math. The 97 pupils are taught by a faculty of three with the help of two mother assistants in one room with a large enrollment.

*Red Wing, Minnesota* — Principal Alvin Sieg teaches a multi-grade single room school of 19 pupils. The particular circumstances at Our Redeemer School encourage experimentation with a multi-level approach. The teacher reports exciting results from a technique of ability-grouping which takes the place of usual grade placement. There are 25 pupils expected for the school year 1967-68.

*Winter Haven, Florida* — Immanuel Lutheran school opened the current year with a special service on Sunday evening, August 29. The present enrollment is 30 in the kindergarten and 34 in grades one through six. Miss Kathy Grams is new to the staff as kindergarten teacher and is assisted by Mrs. M. Galstad. Mr. Henry Hasse is principal, and Miss Marion Fitschen teaches the primary grades.

All children of the congregation within reach of the school but two are enrolled. By far the largest number in the school are from non-member homes. Non-members pay \$15 per month tuition. Members provide \$5 per month tuition besides their regular support of church and school.

Future issues of the Spokesman will bring reports on Our Savior's Lutheran School of Jamestown, North Dakota, the new elementary school of Trinity in Denver, and the Luther-

an High School of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Mankato, Minnesota.

## PHOENIX REPORT

Holy Cross Lutheran Church of Phoenix, Arizona, hopes to welcome some *Spokesman* readers from among the thousands who leave the snows for the sun each winter. Let's not forget the CLC is at work in the center of Arizona's play country.

Early this year a three bedroom parsonage was purchased in order to accommodate Pastor Michael A. Sydow and his January bride, the former Kathryn Firlie of Brookfield, Wisconsin. Pastor Sydow has been serving the congregation since summer, 1965. He was there for two months as a vacancy pastor before he was formally called and installed on August 8 by the Rev. Winfred Schaller of Sepulveda, California.

Pastor Sydow is a 1965 graduate of the Seminary Department of Immanuel Lutheran College in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. He had graduated from the college department of that school in 1962 and also attended Mankato State College, Mankato, Minnesota, for three years. In 1959 he completed his secondary education at Northwestern Lutheran Academy, Moberg, South Dakota.

The newly purchased parsonage and the church are well located in one of the newer areas of Phoenix, the northwest corner of the city. A recently constructed junior college is likely to accelerate the building of tract homes in the area. Holy Cross Church and Pastor Sydow request your earnest petitions in behalf of the course of the Gospel in this place.



# HEAR IT SUNDAY

**December 4**

THE COMING REDEEMER

*Second Sunday in Advent*



Some priests we are! Turn the pages of The Lutheran Hymnal to 54-55. Three out of four Advent collects begin with the words, "Stir up." It doesn't take much proof to show that we should ask, as we do today, for stirring up to prepare for our Savior's second coming at the end of time. But look at the collects for Advent Sundays one and four. Who in the world among us sin-laden mortals has the unmitigated gall to ask the *Lord* to get busy "stirring up" His power? The answer is that if *we* don't ask, who can or will? Hasn't God called me a "royal priest" who is to bring all requests directly before the throne of grace? Has He not promised: "Ask, and it shall be given unto you?" Abraham believed God's invitations and pleaded most shamelessly with the Lord to save his few righteous relatives in Sodom. He got what he asked for. These words do not condemn as much as they invite: "Ye have not because ye ask not." Indeed, stir up Thy power, O Lord, and stir up our hearts to use Thy power waiting to be called forth. Let's call forth the power God invites us priests to use — for our faith, for missions, for our college, for our finances, and on and on. The opening sentence can have a pretty good ring to it.

**December 11**

OUR LORD'S FORERUNNER

*Third Sunday in Advent*



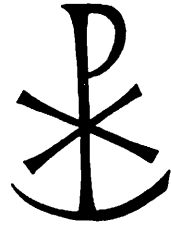
New slogan: "Let's Put John Back Into Christmas!" Most certainly you heard it; maybe you yourself thought it or even said it out loud: "It doesn't seem like Christmas is almost here." Isn't it ironic and appalling how Satan can get us, who are supposed to know better, so busy in preparing outwardly for this holiday that we can become secret "Scrooge" admirers? Play the music, get the candles, trim the tree, buy the presents, practice the service, prepare the food; how fitting is the traditional, "Bah, humbug," — without this Sunday's call to repentance. Luther was not thinking of music, beeswax, evergreens, gifts, recitations or food when he prayed to the Holy Child: "Make Thee a bed, soft, undefiled within my heart." He was heeding the message of John. He was repenting of sin to the Savior from sin. This Sunday learn the most effective pre-

paration for the most thrilling Christmas of your life: put John the Baptist back into it.

**December 18**

THE APPROACHING JOY

*Fourth Sunday in Advent*

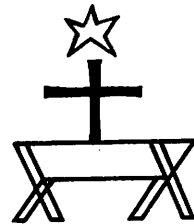


Fear rules our world. Great nations walk lightly and carefully around the red button that can send instant, mass destruction to every part of the globe in minutes. Articles, essays, and whole books are written about how an accident could trigger World War III. The great increase in crime nationally, especially among the youth, is blamed on the society which has by the bomb taken away any reasonably secure future. But you fortunate young people, and you most blessed children of any age: what security and what a future you have who look forward to the coming Redeemer! Please note the great fear which haunts you daily: the Savior is soon coming in His power and glory. Fear??? Hear Paul in today's Epistle: "Rejoice in the Lord always; and again I say rejoice."

**December 25**

THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD

*Christmas Day*



"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us" (John 1:14). Can you see John originally writing and speaking, in awe and believing wonder, these astounding words? "We actually had the eternal Christ, the Word in Person, living with us! And that's not all. This Word in person, Christ Jesus, was there with the Father and the Spirit when the world began." It is not sham or false enthusiasm when we look forward to singing the inspiring Christmas hymns and carols in praise to Him who planned our salvation from before the beginning of time. For in the God-child we see the Man and the cross and the resurrection and paradise. God loved me from the beginning! I can't understand the why of His love for me, but there it is: "The Word was made flesh." We otherwise, lost souls simply can't hear about or think of it enough.

B. NAUMANN

## OUR RETIRING

## PRESIDENT

## BEGINS NEW

## MINISTRY



MADISON, WISCONSIN — On the shores of Lake Mendota in Madison, Wisconsin, a handsome \$3,000,000 apartment-type building is nearing completion. Known as *The Commodore*, the structure is being fitted to serve as a retirement and nursing home, with special facilities for physically handicapped and mentally retarded people as well as the aged. There are already 200 residents at the Commodore, and the number is expected to grow to 600 by next summer.

It is to the Commodore that Pastor Paul G. Albrecht, President of the CLC, will be going after his retirement this month from the parish ministry, in which service he has been engaged for the last 42 years. He is not going to the Commodore to enjoy a well-earned rest, however, but to begin a new type of ministry — new for him and the first venture of its kind for the CLC. Public worship

services will be conducted by him in the furnished chapel on the ninth floor of the Commodore, and he will minister to individual residents who may desire his counsel.

Pastor Albrecht is enthusiastic about the opportunity for what he calls “real, honest mission work that expects nothing in return.” Although CLC students at the University of Wisconsin and other fellow Christians moving into the capitol city area will be glad for a place of worship, the primary purpose of our work there will be to bring the consolation of Christ’s Gospel to those of the Commodore who are not being served. Isolated from family life and in many cases suffering handicaps, these people become objects of special concern for the compassionate Christian.

### **The Discovery**

This opportunity for service came to us in a most unusual way. Mr. Martin Albrecht (by coincidence a son of

Pastor and Mrs. Paul Albrecht) had been looking for a place in which a CLC pastor might conduct worship services. He is, like others, a temporary resident of Madison doing graduate work at the University. One day a field trip took him to the Commodore to study the counseling aspects of this type of community. When he saw the chapel which is part of the establishment, he asked the administrator, Mr. W. A. Alwin, whether it could be used for CLC worship services. The answer was a cordial yes and with it came the invitation to make the institution itself a field of Mission activity.

The administration of the Commodore is fully aware of our convictions and our concern for confessional integrity. They are pleased to have this become available to the residents. The chapel now in use on the ninth floor of the building will only seat 50 worshipers, but plans are made for a new chapel on the ground floor to accommodate about 200. Pastor Albrecht has been asked to make suggestions for design and furnishings.

### Still to be President

President Albrecht's ministry began in 1924, when he moved to the Whiteriver Indian Reservation of Arizona to work among the Apaches. After three years there he was called to Bowdle, South Dakota, where he was a pastor for the last 39 years. His charge there since 1959 was Redeemer Lutheran Church, where he preached his farewell sermon on November 20.

Pastor Albrecht has had long experience as an administrator of church affairs. Before his withdrawal from the Wisconsin Synod he was president of the Dakota-Montana District of that body. Since the time of its organization in 1960 he has been the presiding officer of the Church of the Lutheran Confession. He will continue to function in this capacity after moving to Madison sometime early in December.

The new address of the Albrechts appears among the notices on the last page.

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The Commodore, Madison, Wisconsin



## from the EDITOR

### ACTIVE THANKSGIVING

A columnist with tired ears believes Thanksgiving comes in November because everyone is thankful at this time that the elections are over. This strikes close to the truth. When the prevailing hot winds suddenly stop blowing, when the swirling political dust and dirt (and mud) settle, when superheated partisan emotions suddenly cool from exhaustion, the Christian can indeed be thankful. He can be thankful that in spite of the dire warnings hurled by all sides he still lives in a country over which Almighty God stretches a merciful and blessing hand. Though the country is more evil than good, more unjust than just, yet He showers us with rains of wealth and makes His sun shine with freedom and liberty for us all.

True thankfulness makes for action, never stops with words. Remember little Zaccheus. Thankfulness does not waste energy deploring how evil and godless the country is, how prayers are taken out of schools. When the days are evil thankfulness determines to redeem the time. Thankfulness for undeserved freedom and prosperity will happily increase its efforts to

make use of every day to the utmost.

Are the schools teaching nothing about God and much about evolution? Thankful Christians need not wring their hands helplessly. Freedom and prosperity make Christian schools possible. That's thankfulness in action.

Thankfulness will create family action. We can't change the sinful world, so let's not waste energy. Be thankful that in America you have ample opportunity and freedom to teach Christian values in the home. No policeman will knock at the door if you hang up Advent calendars, if you set up an Advent wreath on your table, and if you sing Christmas carols every evening in Advent.

Why lament endlessly the world's crass commercializing of Christmas and the substitution of Santa for the Child Jesus? Be thankful you live in a land where you do not have to conform. You are free to teach your children the truth that the Christchild brings them all their gifts. You are even free to remove Santa from the tree and place a manger beneath.

Be thankful. Act thankful.

## ALC CONVENTION

"What can then hinder the committee and the Church Council from bringing in a recommendation to the 1968 convention that we declare official altar and pulpit fellowship with the Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, the Synod of Evangelical Lutheran Churches (Slovak), and the Lutheran Church in America?" This rhetorical question was a part of his report to the opening session of the American Lutheran Church, meeting in Minneapolis last month, by Dr. Fredrik A. Schiotez, ALC president.

Dr. Schiotez reported that recent discussions with the Missouri Synod and the SELC have removed any fears that may have lingered. In regard to the LCA Dr. Schiotez noted that they have practiced de facto fellowship with them for many years.

In response to its president's report the ALC convention gave unanimous approval to the ultimate goal of closer relations not only with fellow Lutherans but also with other Protestants. The ALC's Standing Committee on Inter-Church Relations and its Church Council were authorized to explore the possibility of an official declaration of altar and pulpit fellowship with the three other Lutheran bodies in 1968.

More difficult to adopt was a statement entitled "War, Peace and Freedom," which was approved after several days of discussion. Students from nearby Lutheran colleges threatened

to demonstrate at the convention unless the statement included the possibility of "selective conscientious objection" for persons who might be opposed to a specific war. The demonstration was called off when Dr. Schiotez appointed representatives to meet with the students and discuss their objections. While the statement was under discussion at the convention, about 30 Lutheran students conducted a prayer vigil outside the church.

The ALC also adopted a statement on the Vietnam war, which in part approved U.S. policy, in part disapproved, and upheld the right of protest against the course of the war.

The ALC also:

Re-elected Dr. Schiotez, 65, to a six-year term as president. Due to mandatory retirement age of 70, he will serve four years to 1970.

Placed itself on record as favoring "open housing," the right of each individual to live where his economic means make it possible for him to live, without any restriction as to race, creed, color, or national origin.

Instructed the Church Council to study the advisability of membership in the National Council of Churches and to report to the 1968 convention.

Adopted a statement on "Sexual Integrity in Modern Society," endorsing birth control and therapeutic abortion, as the ALC's "expression of the views which should guide the teachings and practices of its people."

## A 50 CENT CHRISTMAS CARD

"What? Pay 50 cents for a Christmas Card? You must be joking. I'd go broke." If that is your reaction, you cannot be blamed too much.

But the words "expensive" and "inexpensive" are relative words. We have seen "expensive" Christmas cards which are not worth the energy it takes to address the envelope.

But we believe we have the most inexpensive and the best 50 cent Christmas Card offer available. From now until Christmas you can give a six month subscription of the Lutheran Spokesman to all your friends, relatives, and acquaintances for only 50 cents. Send the name and address (with Zip Code) along with 50 cents for each person you wish to receive the Spokesman to

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N.H.

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## YOUR CHRISTMAS RECORDS

The following Christmas albums have been chosen from the usual avalanche. In both content and performance they will bring as much Christchild-joy to the believing heart twenty years from now as they do today. What's more, most of them can be enjoyed the year around; repeated hearings will only make them more precious. Because of the opposed choirs and interplay of instruments and voices, this kind of music benefits more than any other from stereo.

**A BAROQUE CHRISTMAS**, by Amor Artis Chorale of New York. *DECCA DL-9427* at \$4.79 or *DL-79427* for \$5.79. My favorite album of this new season. It includes settings of "In dulci jubilo" by Praetorius (what joy!) and Buxtehude (of irresistible loveliness — from his little cantata), and "From heaven above" by Schein. There is an exquisite "Magnificat" by C. T. Pachelbel, son of our well known Johann. He came to America around 1730, settled and composed music in Charleston, S.C., and died there. The brief oratorios by Charpentier, Hammer-schmidt, and Michael Haydn sing about the angel's announcement, the shepherds' joy and their running to find the Child. Delightful and expressive, they are quickly liked. *DECCA* can be proud of this album; it will stand the test of time.

**PRÆTORIUS CHRISTMAS MUSIC** (about 1600), sung by the Niedersaechischer Song-circle of Hannover. *NONESUCH H-1128* or stereo *H-71128*, \$2.50. Praetorius must have loved the Christchild most dearly; his settings for these five chorales reveal such tender care. The attractive combinations of instruments and voices will send tingles down any spine, appealing equally to adults and children. The same is true of the fetching instrumental secular music by Praetorius and Schein that fills out the rest of the record. Very good.

**RENAISSANCE CHORAL MUSIC FOR CHRISTMAS**, by Desprez, Gallus, A. and G. Gabrieli, Schuetz, Walter, Gesius, Praetorius, Vulpus, Scheidt; sung by three German choirs. *NONESUCH H-1095* or stereo *H-71095*, \$2.50. Side one has musical settings for prophecies of and for New Testament accounts of

Christ's birth; good. Side two has arrangements of favorite chorales. Total content and performance are excellent. In my copies, the stereo showed some distortion but the mono was good.

**ORATORIO DE NOEL**, by Marc-Antoine Charpentier (about 1700). *NONESUCH H-1082* or stereo *H-71082*, \$2.50. The French elegance glows brightly, yet words cannot convey the childlike simplicity and joy of both text and music in this oratorio. Somewhat in the manner of Schuetz and Buxtehude. If you already have Bach's, try this.

**MAGNIFICAT FOR SIX VOICES**, by Monteverdi (1600); **GERMAN MAGNIFICAT**, by Schuetz (1650); also **SAUL, SAUL, WHY PERSECUTEST THOU ME** and **PSALM 2**, by Schuetz. *NONESUCH H-1134* or stereo *H-71134*, \$2.50. *The Magnificat* is the "hymn of praise" Mary sings after she is told she will be the mother of the baby Jesus (Luke 1: 46-55). Many composers have set these words to music, Bach's version being the best known. Here are two highly regarded settings, very different from each other, yet each preaching this grand text with fitting musical colors. A joy; well recorded.

**FRENCH CHRISTMAS CAROLS FOR THE ORGAN**, by Daquin and Dandrieu (about 1725). *MHS-673*, \$2.50, mono or stereo. The stylish playing of Marie-Claire Alain finds lively expression on this silvery-toned old French organ in its large echo acoustics. Flawlessly captured on this record, far above anything else of its type listed in *SCHWANN*. Don't miss it. You *can* return it, but you won't.



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SIR CHRISTEMAS, by the Elizabethan Singers. *LONDON-ARGO RG-446* or stereo *ZRG-5446*, \$5.79. Those who have the *Sing Nowell* record of two years ago know the precise and silken singing of this small choir. Some of the carols are newly composed, most are old favorites with new harmony settings. Definitely modern, but in good taste; no jarring dissonances; beautiful. Reproduction is spacious and airy; listening is easy.

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CZECH AND POLISH SONGS OF CHRISTMAS, by the Children's Chorus of Radio Prague. *VANGUARD VRS-1144*, \$4.79; *VSD-71144*, \$5.79. A charming record that could easily be overlooked. The spontaneity of the folk carols and the joyous spirit of these young singers shine right through the language barrier. The Polish songs are closely related to the tunes we know; sometimes the same. The Czech tunes are short and full of zest. Colorful and tasty accompaniments by organ, bagpipe, harpsichord, triangles, glockenspiel, etc. Very, very appealing.

ON GOD AND NOT ON HUMAN TRUST, by Immanuel Lutheran College Chorus. Mono only, \$3.98. *RECORDS — ILC; Route 22, Grover Road; Eau Claire, Wis. 54701*. Put this album at the top of your list if you don't have it. Besides including a number of Christmas chorales, it covers the church year. This non-professional record stands up well against all others.

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## *The Bread of Life*

### THE KINGDOM OF OUR LORD AND OF HIS CHRIST

A history of the Kingdom of God from Genesis to Revelation. This has been our purpose and theme in the past year of the Bread of Life. In this issue we depart slightly from our pattern and see this applied specifically to our Savior Jesus. For on Him, in Him, through Him, to Him, and by Him was it established and does it have all meaning. Let us see then how He began and continues to rule down to the last age.

Nov. 28—Gen. 2:1-7	He owns all who made all	80,1-2
Nov. 29—John 1:1-5	He makes and rules with a <i>Word</i>	80,3-5
Nov. 30—Gen. 3:1-7	The rebel against the ruler	369,1-3
Dec. 1—Gen. 3:8-14	The King who goes not on television but afoot	369,4-6
Dec. 2—Gen. 3:15	As the Seed of (wo)man	95,1-3
Dec. 3—Gen. 12:3	As the Seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob	95,4-5
Dec. 4—Num. 24:17	As a Star and Scepter	128,1 & 5
Dec. 5—Gen. 49:10	As Him to whom the ruler's staff belongs	95,6-7
Dec. 6—2 Sam. 7:11-14	As heir to the throne of David	59, 1&5-6
Dec. 7—Is. 7:14	As a pure Virgin-born one	108,1
Dec. 8—Is. 9:6	The almighty, everlasting Father-God rules in peace	106,4-7
Dec. 9—Micah 5:2	Not ashamed of a "hick town"	647
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Dec. 19—Deut. 18:15-19	As a Phophet — again the <i>Word</i>	153,1&3
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Dec. 21—1 Cor. 15:12-22, 55-58	But vindicated by Higher Power	206,9-10
Dec. 22—Ps. 68:18-26	Wondrous King, All-Glorious	218
Dec. 23—Lk. 1:1-38	The great day of proclamation	58,1-5
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Dec. 25—Lk. 2:1-20	He is here — Glory to God	85,1-8
Dec. 26—Lk. 1:46-55	My soul, magnify the Lord	275
Dec. 27—Lk. 1:67-79	Blessed be the Lord God	88

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N. HARMS

### CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION TREASURER'S REPORT

July 1, 1966 to November 1, 1966

RECEIPTS:	October	To Date
Offerings .....	\$ 7,796.84	\$26,172.10
Memorials .....	3,000.00	3,044.00
Revenues, tuition .....	873.00	6,773.00
Revenues, Board & Room .....	1,517.00	10,956.00
Revenues, Other College .....	45.00	405.00
Interest Earned, 1965-1966 .....	100.04	100.04
TOTAL RECEIPTS .....	\$13,331.88	\$47,450.14
DISBURSEMENTS:		
General Administration .....	\$ 154.86	\$ 1,079.52
Insurance (Refund) .....	(-78.00)	825.00
Capital Investments .....	633.00	2,753.48
Home Missions & Administration .....	3,992.32	14,459.31
Japan Mission .....	550.00	2,200.00
ILC Educational Budget .....	3,178.52	13,149.38
ILC Auxiliary Services Budget .....	4,097.28	8,800.01
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS .....	\$12,527.98	\$43,266.70
Cash Balance this Period .....	\$ 803.90	\$ 4,183.44
Cash Deficit July 1, 1966 .....		\$ 2,282.58
Cash Balance November 1, 1966 .....		\$ 1,900.86

Respectfully submitted,  
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### COMPARATIVE FIGURES

	October	4 Months
Budgetary Offerings Needed .....	\$ 8,349.82	\$33,399.30
Budgetary Offerings Received .....	\$ 7,796.84	\$26,172.10
Deficit .....	\$ 552.98	\$ 7,227.20
Budgetary Offerings '65-'66 .....	\$11,336.75	\$31,425.63
Decrease .....	\$ 3,539.91	\$ 5,253.53

### **Minnesota Pastor Conference**

Place: Grace Lutheran Parsonage, Sleepy Eye, Minn.

Time: Sunday, Nov. 20, 1966, 3:00 p.m.

Program: The Call to the Ministry by Carl Thurow.

Review of Jessica Mitford's "The American Way of Death," by Marvin Eibs.

Discussion of CLC participation in Lutheran Free Conferences led by Elton Hallauer.

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The Rev. Gordon Radtke has been released by Immanuel Lutheran Church of Mankato, Minnesota, to accept the call to teach in the seminary department of Immanuel Lutheran College, Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

The Rev. David Lau has been released by Messiah Lutheran Church of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to accept the call to serve as pastor of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Bowdle, South Dakota.

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