



NEWSLETTER

Containing NEWS of a general nature and interest from the District Board of Directors meeting

plus:

NEWS ITEMS received from here and there.

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HELLO AGAIN! We greet you again, this time on the eve of the first Monday in the ninth month of 1965, still trying to see thru these bi-focals and "I'm beat," as the shadows fall, bringing to a close this long weekend for some, and for others a longer end as we listen to news reports of more deaths upon our highways.

Why "beat"? Sometimes friends don't realize what they do to softies when they offer needed sod "just for coming after it."

It's cooling off here now, only 75 after a high of 85 in this northeastern corner, and on this 249th day of the new year, very late this time, only because some other things had to be done first by us, let's glean the items of interest for you from the August 23 Board meeting:

GENERAL ITEMS:

Stewardship committee reported that the Work Program conference was attended by 98 lay delegates (representing 72% of our congregations (138), 13 counselors, 20 members of the District board and staff and 37 "others.") The circuits estimated that they would seek to contribute \$795,325 to the proposed \$937,750 program for '66; the estimate is \$142,425 short of the proposed program; however, the estimate shows a 7.9% increase over pledges for '65. (by the time you receive this letter, you will have read all about the meeting in The Reporter, so we'll go no further with this report)...

Assignment and reassignments: New board member, Teacher Truman Leuthauser was assigned to the Parish Education Committee; Dr. George Iwen was reassigned to the Parish Ed. Comm. (he was formerly on Stewardship Comm. and Rev. Ronald Leach was reassigned to the Stewardship Comm. (He was formerly on Parish Ed. Comm.)

Business and Finance Committee reported that: to date only \$4,100 had been received from the congregations for the Special District Offering in July...the operating budget was forced to borrow \$40,000...as of August 15, receipts were 82.1% of seven-twelfths of the budget...a search is being made for an advance site in Bergen Park...A Dept. of Investment loan (Synod) was approved for Alamogordo.

Parish Education Committee reported that: this committee is gathering and developing materials suitable for training officers and leaders in the congregations. Mr. Alfred Renzelman of Haxtun, Colo., is available for help in this venture (and if they are able to get him, he's good. WE sat in on one of his classes recently)... "Hearts for Jesus" project for '66 is a chapel in Nigeria. This past season Lutheran Service Society received \$3,060 from this project...Contacts with the State of Colorado have been made with reference to Federal Aid to Education with no specific results. Mr. Mesch will serve as key man in this matter....a Youth Counselors' Conference was held at Albuquerque in June...in Colorado 49 were in attendance at the Peaceful Valley Lodge LSV Encounter and at Ruidoso, N. Mex., 47 were in attendance.

MR. WESCH was officially welcomed as the Assistant Executive Secretary. (His new address is 3400 Estes, Wheatridge.)

INSTALLATION of the Rev. Theodore Schabacker as District Institutional Chaplain is scheduled for Sunday, September 12, 7:30 P. M., at Redeemer, Denver. (He's living in his home in Boulder, 2800 Elm St. Home Phone, 444-3373; Office phone, 388-2940.)

Mission Committee reported: that Pastor Schabacker is making a survey of all institutions in the area and is checking how they are being served..it reaffirms its position that Gloria Christi, Greeley, and Faith, Johnstown, are to remain a dual parish...Pastor Naatz will survey the work of the Price, Utah, field before a pastor is called to serve, and he, with Pastor Meyer, will survey the area in Albuquerque, N. Mex. for which a new mission is proposed.

Pastor Naatz read a document entitled, "Subsidy Granting Policies (Introduction and Steps I and II)."

AND...NOW...The Board RESOLVED: That:

- ...the District pay the \$10 annual membership fee in The Society of American Archivists for the District Archivist, Mr. A. C. Thoms.
- ...the Work Program Conference in 1966 be incorporated in the District Convention; (two hours of the Convention program on Wednesday afternoon be devoted to the presentation of the Synod's and the District's proposed '67 programs and the adoption of the '67 program) ... in special meetings, shortly after the Convention, the District Stewardship Committee provide training to the Counselors and CSR's for conducting Fall Every Congregation Visits.
- ...the proposal of Anderson-Burgess Agency of Denver, representing the General Insurance Co. of America, for the District Blanket Insurance Policy be accepted. (Proposals were received from 4 agencies, representing 4 different companies.)
- ...October 10, 1965, be declared CHURCH EXTENSION FUND SUNDAY and that President Enge communicate this declaration to all pastors.
- ...the program committee for the fall Joint Pastor-Teacher Conference be asked to make arrangements for the installation of Assistant Executive Secretary Wesch during the conference service.
- ... since Dr. Mundinger has indicated that he has definitely accepted the appointment as Associate Dean of Men at The University of Colorado and
 - ...since Dr. Mundinger has formally submitted his request for a one-year leave of absence and,
 - ...since this situation has created a vacancy in which the peculiar circumstances are that a call to fill the vacancy must be qualified to a limitation of one year,
 - ...a call be extended for a missionary-at-large temporarily assigned to student work at C. U. and also assigned to make a survey of the campus work possibilities in the area of Denver and that Rev. James Groerich be called in the capacity as outlined.
- ...the document, "Subsidy Granting Policies (Introduction and Parts I and II)" as presented by Rev. Naatz be approved.

RAMBLINGS FROM HERE AND THERE:

Let's go back to the third paragraph on page one, men...and since this is an internal letter read usually only by your wives and you...please permit us to make some observations on the meeting. In our reporting we checked with many persons on the conference and, as by now you have already read, most persons were very complimentary and the proposal was adopted almost unanimously. We appreciated the comments from the floor by the leaders who had the inspiration, love and courage to speak their views. We appreciate the comments of one delegate, too, who had been instructed by his congregation to cut their pledge \$1,000 and who, in the

Circuit meeting stated that he would go back (without coercion) to his congregation, show the need and get the pledge back. We hope that you too have noted that when the roll was called, 40 were missing...

An Educational Fair is planned at St. John's, Ft. Collins on Sept. 12

\$7,275 from congregations, individuals and Synod's Board for World Relief assisted people stricken by the June floods.

And, back to school if you wish, by correspondence...Concordia, St. Louis, is again offering their correspondence courses...a new one has been added, "Parish Public Relations," which we hope to take, if they'll let us.

Mrs. Margaret Laird, a former missionary nurse in Africa, recently spoke to the Women's Guild at Christ, Denver.

The Colorado Unit of The Good Shepherd Auxiliary is again sponsoring a booth at Westland Shopping Fair, Denver, Sept. 16-18. Last year's profit was \$534.45.

According to the St. John's (Denver) Lutheran, Rev. Randall Tom, former assistant pastor, now pastor of Concordia, Dayton, Ohio, is hospitalized with a heart attack.

From Julesburg comes the news that Mr. Robert Dosien left to take up his duties at St. Paul, Minn., and that Mrs. Dosien left the hospital there on Wednesday, Sept. 8. (See page 8 of the last REPORTER for details.)

(Rev. W. E. Meyer)
YOU'RE INVITED to an open house at the new parsonage, 623 Valencia, N. E., in Albuquerque, New Mexico, on September 12...Here's an idea which some are already following but some might use, "All those who have transferred to our congregation within the past six months are invited to an orientation meeting. The purpose is to introduce you to some of our members and to acquaint you with our congregational program." ...one caution here, however, be sure some members of the congregation are present to greet the new ones.

The Good Shepherd Auxiliary in Utah recently raised \$50 catering a wedding reception; \$12.50 by having a special "fun" luncheon, and from what we read are operating a gift shop for the Home.

Two students, Ann Pofahl and Melvin Stueckler, from Zion, El Paso, are attending Valpo...Installation of Paul H. Kramer, new teacher at Zion, was on August 29, and new cushions are gracing the pews in the Southern city's first Lutheran Church.

Recruitment for Bethel Bible Series students is in full swing at Mt. Zion, Denver, and Hope, Aurora.

There is a possibility (and by now perhaps a reality) that one of our congregations in N. E. Colorado will be among the first to have their children two hours per week on a RELEASED TIME arrangement with the local school.

Calvary, Wray, Colo., is advertising for bids for construction of a new educational wing, the first step to completely new facilities; and Immanuel, Haxtun, is exploring the possibility of new facilities. We heard recently that Messiah, Longmont, is building.

And back again to Zion, El Paso...it appears from here that this is a new school opening, beginning with grades one and two.

Another invitation for you--this time for the 10th anniversary at Ascension, Littleton, on September 19.

We're proud of two 12-year-old ball players, members at St. John's, Ft. Collins. Sonny Jorgensen and Wayne Modellmog were members of the Little League team which won the Colorado championship and then went on to win the Colorado-Wyoming championship. After a trip by jet to Reno, Nevada, for a Western Division championship playoff, they lost there to the Nevada Championship team. Our "boys" however were heroes in the series when Wayne hit a homer in the 3rd game, and 1,000 tourney batting Sonny got his homer in the fourth game.

Lutheran Hour Broadcast changes: KDTA, Delta, began broadcasting the world-wide Gospel program on August 22, 1:35 P. M., and KZIX, Ft. Collins, Colorado, begins releasing it on September 19 at 12:35 P. M.; --KCOL, Ft. Collins, discontinues as of September 12.

We're happy to report that again this coming weekend facilities at Peaceful Valley will be full for the 14th Annual Family Retreat.

One item we miss in many bulletins is the mention occasionally of the Church Extension Fund...and staying with C.E.F., we report that as of today, \$67,350 has flowed into C.E.F. via the Stamp Plan. With new activity beginning again, why not also start this other avenue to assist C. E. F.?

Here are some guidelines for THE REPORTER. As you know, we have reported that we are happy with the space our Colorado District is getting and has been getting from the outset. They continue asking for news of "wider than District" appeal, especially should anything of headline attraction affect our congregations. Their space limits use of "run of the mill" stories on dedications, obituaries and installations, and these items should be saved for our District EDITION edited by Rev. Juengel. Ordinarily, stories for the REPORTER should be submitted through an appointed reporter, if you know who he is, but in emergency the story may be sent directly--here however, we suggest that the regular news channels which we have should be informed of what has been done. In all cases, Rev. Juengel should get carbons of all stories submitted.

Grace, El Paso, dedicated a new educational wing and tower on July 25.

With interest we read the fourth paragraph in "End of the Line" on page 12 of the September 1 LUTHERAN LAYMAN captioned, "An Idea from Southern Illinois." Perhaps this should be incorporated within our District when it comes to Convention resolutions?

Recently Rev. Levine Hagen of Beautiful Savior, Broomfield, asked some of the Sunday School teachers, "Why do you teach Sunday School?" Mrs. Harriet Couillard wrote her answer, and with her permission we are sharing her thoughts with you:

"Sometimes this is hard to put into words, as what you feel inside is not always easy to put on paper. I keep teaching Sunday School because of many reasons. But one of the main reasons is that it is the only time in the week when I really completely forget everything else and concentrate on the little three- and four-year-olds that sit at the table with me. Their big innocent eyes look at you, and you know that what you tell them they will believe. When one looks around the world and sees the busy bustle and hurry everyone is in, and the way the world is becoming more worldly every day, you realize that every minute you have to teach these little children about their Savior is very precious and you must make the most of each opportunity.

"I keep teaching Sunday School because I know that it is not only one of the most important task at church, but that it is also very important to

each of these little children. Here is probably the only other place outside of their home where they can find out about the Savior and His love. Maybe what you tell these little ones on Sunday morning they will never forget, even when their faith will be put to the test in later years. First impressions are lasting ones, and even though they are very young and small, with the help of the Holy Spirit, they will come to know their Savior and His love and never forget Him."

COMING EVENTS:

SEPTEMBER:

- 10 - 12 14th Annual Family Retreat, Peaceful Valley
- 14 - 16 Evangelism Workshops for Pastors, Denver
- 17 - 19 " " for Teachers, Denver
- 19 Installation of Leonard Laubenstein as Principal, Redeemer, Denver
- 23 Eastern High Plains Zone, LWML Rally, Arriba
- 26 Utah Zone, LWML Rally
- 28 Northern Zone LWML Rally, St. John's, Ft. Collins
- 30 Northeastern Zone LWML Rally, Trinity, Sterling

OCTOBER:

- 1 - 3 Evangelism Workshop for Teachers, Salt Lake City
- 3 Rio Grande Zone LLL Rally, Zion, El Paso
- 5 - 7 Evangelism Workshop for Pastors, Albuquerque
- 6 Southern Zone LWML Rally, Monte Vista
- 7 Western Zone LWML Rally, Grand Junction
- 10 Reformation Rally, Salt Lake City
- 10 Denver Area Sunday School Teachers annual meeting
- 11 South Central Zone LWML Rally, Immanuel, Englewood
- 11 - 13 Evangelism Workshops for Pastors, Salt Lake City
- 19 Pecos Zone LWML Rally - Lovington, N. Mex.
- 21 Rio Grande Zone LWML Rally, El Paso, Tex., Ascension
- 22 North New Mexico Zone LWML Rally, Los Alamos, N. Mex.
- 25 North Central Zone LWML Rally, Our Saviours, Commerce City
- 26 - 28 District Pastors Conference, Colorado Springs
- 27 - 29 District Teachers Conference, Colorado Springs
(Mr. Wesch will be installed)
- 31 East Zone LLL Reformation and Fall Rally
- 31 Northeast Circuit Sunday School Conference, Akron

NOVEMBER:

- 7 Denver Area Reformation Rally with Dr. Hoffmann
- 8 Dr. Hoffmann on Campus, Colorado University

JANUARY, 1966

- 8 Evangelism Workshop for Laymen, Salt Lake City
- 15 " " " " Denver
- 23 Beginning of District Evangelism Month
- 29 Evangelism Workshop for Laymen, Albuquerque

APRIL 30 and MAY 1, 1966

LLL District Convention, El Paso

And so ...

...again from this Northeastern corner, we say, THAT'S IT and send

Greetings,

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