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Field Gleanings

St. Louis, Mo., December, 1952. — Mission Festival was held November 30, with Rev. D. Thies as guest speaker. He gave us an encouraging message in church on Sunday morning, showing us how we must work to harvest souls for Jesus. In the afternoon he preached to St. Philip's. Then we all gathered for a potluck supper at St. Philip's. When we all had enough to eat, Rev. Thies gave us an interesting lecture on his life and the work in his field. To end the evening, Mr. Maack showed movies that he had taken of some of our meetings and also showed some cartoons for the children. We all agreed it was a wonderful mission festival.

The Light of the World Club has voted to give a \$10 Christmas gift to Radio Station KFUO and also a \$25 gift to Christ Church.

On December 3 the Light of the World Club elected its officers for 1953. The new officers are Mrs. Betty Hartmann, president; Miss Edna Schmidt, secretary; and Miss Joyce Langeneckert, treasurer. May the Lord bless their work in 1953.

A number of our members were on the sick list this month. Mrs. Doris Moore entered Missouri Baptist Hospital for an X ray to see if her hearing could be improved. Joe Basta entered St. Joseph's Hospital in St. Charles for treatment of a blood clot in his left leg. Mr. Christian Hirte had a bad spell and had been confined to his home. Mrs. Mary Aldrich broke her hip in a fall and was taken to City Hospital. Mrs. Pullen from St. Philip's still was confined to bed, resting from a heart attack. Mrs. Ellis, also of St. Philip's, was in Homer Phillips Hospital waiting for the arrival of a new baby. Let us remember all these members in our prayers, asking God to grant them all their health.

Butte, Mont. -2:00 A. M. was the hour at Butte for the Deaf Christmas service. Elmer Francisco had to be at work on the Montana Standard until after one o'clock, and Pastor A. L. Hauptman was due in Great Falls the next day. And we are told that there was a good attendance at this service.

Great Falls, Mont. — Various groups in Trinity, such as the Walther League, the BMZ's (Will someone please explain? — ED.), and others provided Christmas fellowship for the Deaf.

From the Montana Messenger (Continued on page 30)

Great Lakes Area Conference News

Plans are rapidly developing for the Great Lakes area regional conference to be held in the center of Hoosier hospitality, Indianapolis, on May 23 and 24, 1953.

A well-balanced program — inspirational educational, and recreational — is the aim of the planning committee.

Following is a general outline of the coming event:

Business sessions - 9:00 to 12:00 noon

Dinner — To be served by the ladies of Peace Congregation

Business sessions - 1:30 to 4:30 P.M.

Fellowship banquet - 6:30 to 8:30 P.M.

Sunday, May 24 ---

Church service with Trinity hearing congregation. Pastor E. J. Scheibert of Chicago, speaker.

Picnic dinner served on lawn of Peace Lutheran Church of the Deaf.

Afternoon - sightseeing trips, fellowship.

Easter Means Hope

Hope is a very important thing in our lives here on earth. To hope means to look to the future and anxiously wish and wait for good things to happen. Today I may have much trouble and sorrow, but maybe tomorrow it will be better. Today I may be out of work and in need, but maybe tomorrow I will get work again. Yes, hope helps us to stay cheerful when the future appears dark and gloomy.

How terrible it is when people give up hope and think that it is no use to wish and wait for a better day! We have seen people who were sick and thought they would never get well again. They gave up hope. They smiled no more. They became more and more gloomy. They worried and made themselves more and more sick.

But how much worse it is when people give up hope in spiritual things! In spiritual things we all have the same trouble — we all are sinners. We know and feel in our hearts that our sins deserve punishment forever in hell. Surely the future appears dark and terrible for us. But yet we hope that our sins can be washed away. We hope that when we die we shall not get that punishment in hell. We hope that we shall get everlasting life in heaven.

How very, very terrible it is when people give up the hope of getting heaven! Judas is an example of such a man. He thought he had sinned too badly for getting forgiveness. He thought there was no way to take his sin away. He gave up hope and killed himself, throwing himself into hell.

But, dear friend, whoever you are, don't ever give up hope of forgiveness, as Judas did, because there is hope for you and me and every sinner. Our hope is in Jesus, that Jesus who died in bitter pain and shame on Good Friday. The Bible tells us that He died that death for us - to save us from our sins and from the punishment of hell. See 1 Corinthians 15:3. Yes, friend, here is hope for us. Our hope in Christ is the only hope for us, and it is a sure hope. It is a sure hope because Christ, our Savior, rose again from death on Easter morning. He who was dead now lives again. That proves that Jesus fully did what He promised to do. He did take away all our sins. God the Father is satisfied with Jesus' suffering for us. Our sins are gone forever. Hell is closed forever. Heaven is forever open to us. Now we can say with a real smile on our face, "I hope I shall enter heaven when I die." Yes, we can say more. We can say, "I *know* I shall enter heaven when I die." Jesus' resurrection makes our hope so strong and sure.

And, friend, if your hope for heaven is so sure in Christ, don't you think that He will also be with you while you live here on earth and give you all you need for body and soul and lead you safely through this life? Surely He will. Therefore, no matter how dark the future may look, let us remember what Easter teaches: In Christ there is hope.

Baptisms

Mr. John Boyd, age 86, of Cambridge City, Ind., on January 12.

Mr. William H. DeCamp, age 76, of Vincennes, Ind., on January 18.

"Be baptized and wash away your sins," is the command and promise of our God. May these persons every day rejoice in their Baptism, which gives and seals forgiveness and salvation to them.

Deaths

Mr. Malin Collins, age 91, of Indianapolis, Ind., departed this life on November 23, 1952, and was buried November 26 in Crown Hill Cemetery, Pastor M. G. Kosche officiating. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

"It is impossible to enslave mentally or socially a Bible-reading people. The principles of the Bible are the groundwork of human freedom."—*Horace Greeley*.

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Bible Readings for April, 1953

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5 - Read Luke 14:7-11

The Son of God, Humbled and Raised Up

Jesus humbled Himself, became man, and was obedient to death, even death on the cross. Why? Peter writes: "He His own self bare (carried) our sins in His own body on the tree (cross)." Now we should let this mind be in us which was also in Christ Jesus. Let us humble ourselves because of our sins. They nailed the Son of God to the cross. Let us cry out to the crucified Savior: "Lord, have mercy upon us!" Do it; for he that humbles himself shall be exalted (lifted up).

If we look to Jesus upon the cross and see how He humbled Himself, we cannot be proud, but must be very humble and always take the lowest place. He shows us that people who always want the highest place must in shame go down to the lowest place. Therefore always take the lowest place at a dinner, and great honor will be yours when the man who gives the dinner says to you: "Friend, come up to the highest place." The Son of God humbled Himself, and the Father has lifted Him up and given Him a name which is above every name. So if we humble ourselves in our sin at His cross and walk humbly with God, then Jesus will honor us on the Last Day and say: "Come, ye blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world." And we shall go with Him into heaven for the heavenly marriage feast. The proud will find no place in heaven. "Whosoever exalts himself (walks in pride) shall be abased (made low)."

PRAYER: Thanks, wonderful, risen Lord and Savior, for humbling Thyself and coming into this world as man and laying down Thy life for us. We humble ourselves with our sins before Thee. Help us always to walk humbly with our God. Amen.

SUNDAY, APRIL 12 --- Read Luke 14:12-14

Bring Poor Sinners to the Cross

The Good Shepherd lays down His life for His sheep, gives unto them everlasting life, and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of His hand. A wonderful story of love and forgiveness! This story should fill us with love for one another. As Jesus showed great love to us poor sinners, so we should show love and kindness to the poor, the sick, and the blind. When we make a dinner, we should remember the poor, and not think only of our friends and relatives or rich neighbors. The poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind cannot invite us again and pay back. Nevertheless, we should not forget them. We shall receive a reward on the Last Day. He will say to us: "All that you have done to the poor, the crippled, and the blind, you have done to Me. Come, receive the kingdom prepared for you."

But there is another dinner to which we should invite the poor and humble. By His suffering and death on Good Friday Jesus earned forgiveness of sins, peace with God, and everlasting life for poor sinners. And He says to all: "Come unto Me; I will give you rest." Have you found this rest in Jesus? Then go and tell other poor sinners the wonderful story of Good Friday, tell them of the precious blood shed on the cross for them. Then also they will say: "Jesus Christ, the Son of God, loved me and gave Himself for me." God grant it for His name's sake!

PRAYER: Crucified and risen Lord Jesus, glory and honor and power be unto Thee, because Thou hast washed us from our sins in Thy blood. Help me to bring this story of Thy Cross to other poor sinners for their salvation. Amen.

SUNDAY, APRIL 19 — Read Luke 14:15-24

Christ is Risen! Salvation is Finished!

Hearing the words of Jesus at dinner, a man said unto Him: "Blessed is he that shall eat bread in the kingdom of heaven." Jesus then showed that only they who come to the Great Supper here shall eat in the kingdom of God there.

Jesus tells us about a man who made a great supper and invited many. This man is our heavenly Father. He has prepared a fine supper of salvation by promising a King and Savior in the Old Testament and then by letting His only Son come in the New Testament to suffer and die and to arise again the third day. Now He invites: "Come, for all things are ready." Yes, He is risen! Now there is forgiveness for all. Thanks be to God! But many will not come. Many have excuses for not coming, very poor excuses. For many the things of this world and the pleasures of this life are more important. The Father then sent His Servant Jesus Christ out into the streets and alleys to bring in the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And the Servant went out and brought in the publicans and harlots and other poor sinners among the Jews. And when He told His Father: "There is room for more," the Father told Him to go outside of the city. He should show the people who are not Jews that in the living Savior God forgives all sin to all people. Then He should invite and urge them to come.

And the house was filled! "He is risen!" Come, rejoice in this living Savior, and live with Him forever. They who will not come to this Great Supper of salvation here, cannot be with Him there. Oh, come; "He lives." Accept this salvation of the risen Lord!

PRAYER: Dear risen Lord and Savior, by Thy Holy Spirit let me rejoice in Thy victory and then on the Last Day also rise from the grave to be with Thee forever. Amen.

SUNDAY, APRIL 26 - Read Luke 14:25-27

Jesus First, Always

Are you a follower of Jesus Christ? Do you believe in Him and His Word for the forgiveness of all your sin? What does Jesus expect of His followers?

You perhaps will say: "Did Jesus really say the words of our lesson for today? Should we hate our parents and families?" Yes, these are His words, and He says them to those who follow Him. If father or mother, wife or child, brother or sister, keep us from loving Jesus, then we should hate them. Jesus first, always! He loved us and laid down His life for us on the cross. He has done more for us than anyone else. So we should love Him more than father or mother, wife or child, or any other relative or friend. Yes, we should hate our own life also. We should be ready to give up our life for Jesus as did Stephen, James, and Paul.

Furthermore He says to His followers: "Whosoever does not bear (carry) his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple." Jesus had to carry that shameful cross. So His followers have a cross to carry. The wicked world laughs and mocks and makes fun of us, because we believe in that Crucified One. But let us gladly suffer shame for Him, yes, willingly give up our life for Him. Then we shall also live and rule with Him forever in glory.

PRAYER: Wonderful Savior, thanks for Thy great love to me. Help me always to love Thee more than all others, because Thou hast first loved me. Amen. J. L. S.

Studies in Luther's Catechism

Morning and Evening Prayers

A Christian prays. Especially will he begin and close each day with prayer. Are you taking time for morning and evening prayers? In our Catechism we find two prayers, one for the morning and one for the evening.

Pray in the Name of the True God

Luther teaches us to say every morning and evening: "In the name of God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost." In the name of the true God we should begin and end each day. Then he tells us to repeat the Creed and the Lord's Prayer. We may use any other Christian prayer. Ask your pastor to get a book of prayers for you. Above all let us take our Bible every day and read a few verses or a chapter of God's holy Word prayerfully. What a blessed day if we begin and close it with prayer and the Word of God! Try it! And a blessed home it will be if, as our Catechism tells us, the head of the family calls his loved ones together for the study of God's Word and prayer. Spend a few minutes with God every morning and evening. You will be richly blessed.

The Morning and Evening Prayers

Both begin with these words: "I thank Thee, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son." Every morning and evening we have so many things for which we should thank God. In the morning we thank Him for graciously having kept us during the night from all harm and danger. In the evening we thank Him for having kept us during the day. So many terrible things happen every day in this world. Therefore thanks and praise be to our heavenly Father for His kind protection.

Then we pray God in the morning that He keep us during the day from all sin, so that all our life and doings may please Him. Surely, we want to please Him who gave His only Son into death for us. But we daily sin much, and therefore we pray Him in the evening to forgive us all our sins and wrongdoings for Jesus' sake, who paid for our sins with His blood. Then both morning and evening we give ourselves, our bodies and souls, and all things into our Father's hands. If our life and all things are in His hands, then we need not fear, neither by day nor by night. And at last we ask Him to let His holy angel be with us by day and night that the devil may not hurt us. Joyfully we then go to work in the morning and to sleep in the evening, knowing that the holy angels are round about us. Beautiful prayers, are they not? You find them in your Catechism. Use them!

Ask, and It Shall Be Given You

Pray! Do it because your Savior tells you to do it. Pray! Do it trusting in His promises. Our God is a God that hears prayers. Psalm 65:2. J. L. S.

The Doctrine of Scripture

What the Lutheran Church Teaches About the Bible

By REV. THEO. DELANEY

III. What the Bible Demands of Us

A. We have seen what the Bible says about its writers. We have seen what the Bible says about whether the Book only contains God's Word or is all God's Word. Now we need to see what the Bible means for us of today. First we see that the Bible claims to have absolute authority from God. We must accept all of the statements in the Bible. We must never question or doubt them. There are no "ifs" in the Bible. Just as we read in Psalm 119:160: "Thy Word is true from the beginning; and every one of Thy righteous judgments endureth forever." We must agree with all of the Bible's teachings. Remember the account of Lazarus and the rich man, as told by Jesus Himself. Remember how the rich man, after he had died and gone to hell, pleaded with Abraham to send Lazarus to his father's home to teach his brothers about the things to happen if they didn't change from their life of sin. Abraham answered: "They have Moses and

the Prophets" (the Bible), "let them hear them. . . . If they hear not Moses and the Prophets, they will not be persuaded though one rose from the dead" (Luke 16:19-31). Remember how the two disciples went sorrowful from Jerusalem to Emmaus. They couldn't believe that Jesus rose from the grave. Then Jesus walked with them. He asked why they were sad. When they told Him, He said: "O fools and slow of heart to believe all that the Prophets have written! Ought not Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory? And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded" (explained) "unto them in all the Scriptures the things about Himself" (Luke 24:25-27). We must firmly cling to all the Bible's promises, "for all the promises of God in Him are yea and in Him Amen unto the glory of God by us" (2 Corinthians 1:20). We must willingly observe and obey all of its demands (Joshua 1:8; John 14: 15, 21, 23, 24). The Bible is the only Book without mistakes. The Bible is the only source and rule for doctrine (2 Timothy 3:15-17). St. Paul also professes: "Though we or an angel from heaven preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed!" (Galatians 1:8.) The people at Berea wanted to see if the things which St. Paul preached to them were true. They went to the only place where they could learn the absolute truth. "They received the Word with all readiness of mind and searched the Scriptures daily whether those things were so" (Acts 17:11). Finally, we must accept the Bible as the only rule for life, as we learn from Abraham when he told the rich man: "They have Moses and the Prophets, let them hear them. . . . Neither will they be persuaded though one rose from the dead" (Luke 16: 29, 31).

"So great is my veneration for the Bible that the earlier my children begin to read it, the more confident will be my hope that they will prove useful citizens of their country and respectable members of society. I have for many years made it a practice to read through the Bible once every year."

John Quincy Adams

Field Gleanings

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St. Louis, Mo., January, 1953. — The afternoon of December 14 the ladies gathered at the home of Mrs. Rossell for their monthly meeting. After an interesting discussion of the Seventh and Eighth Commandments the ladies had their business meeting, in which they elected the following officers: Mrs. Rossell, president; Mrs. Alexander, vice-president; Mrs. Hummelsheim, secretary; Mrs. Viets, treasurer. These officers began their duties at the January meeting, held at the home of Mrs. Elrod. Here the pastor led a lively discussion on sin in general. With other business at the meeting, the Ladies' Aid voted to lend \$100 to the Church Extension Fund of the English District.

Speaking of officers, the voters of Holy Cross Church met at the home of the pastor in December to elect officers for 1953. These were the results: Mr. Walter Maack, president; Mr. Walter Viets, secretary; Mr. William Lambur, treasurer; Mr. Keim, first trustee; Mr. Leo Muir, second trustee; Mr. Walter Maack, third trustee. These officers were installed on New Year's morning. May the heavenly Father bless their work. Mr. Otto Krumm was chosen usher, with Mr. Hubert Elrod as his assistant.

The Light of the World Club had its third annual Christmas party on December 17, and the air was filled with the fragrance of the cedar tree all trimmed in blue. We all enjoyed the movies about the birth of Jesus and then played some games for which prizes were given. Fruit cocktail, cookies, and hot chocolate were served on beautifully decorated tables, with the only light coming from the lit candles.

On December 21 the Light of the World Club presented its second annual Christmas pageant at Christ Hall. A crowd of over 100 persons attended and donated \$20 to help pay a church debt to Synod. Punch and cookies were served, and Santa Claus was there with candy and fruit for the children. Irene Allmandinger would like to thank all the many people that helped with the pageant. We hope that the portrayal of the Christmas story helped many people to enjoy their Christmas so much more.

On New Year's Eve, Family Night was held in the basement of Grace Church. First there was the usual hour of Bible study. This was followed by games. Two huge platters of sandwiches were placed on the tables, and all could eat as much as they wanted. As midnight approached, short devotions were held in the chapel, with all welcoming the new year with silent prayer. All thought it was a fine way to spend New Year's Eve.

The Light of the World Club sold Wheat Ridge Christmas seals before Christmas and collected \$35, which already has been sent in to the Sanatorium. IRENE ALLMANDINGER

Fargo, N. Dak. — The picture shows our "quartet." They sing the hymn "The Church's



The singers, left to right, are: Mrs. Augustus Pederson, Fargo, N. Dak.; Mrs. Frank Kohlroser, Moorhead, Minn.; Mrs. Robert Clark, Moorhead, Minn.; Mrs. Robert Phinney, Fargo, N. Dak.

One Foundation." Mrs. Ferber sings by voice for the benefit of the hearing audience. We also have a soloist, Miss Marjorie Krueger. So we try to have plenty of singing in our services. W. FERBER

Tampa, Fla., December 7, 1952. — At the end of one week of preaching and reviewing the Catechism, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Martin were received into the Lutheran Church by confession of faith in their Savior Jesus Christ. At the same time their younger daughter, Eleanor Fay, was baptized, together with Robert Timothy Paul and Roberta Adeline Eurlee Paul. infant children of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Henry Paul. Mr. Martin (born in Florida) and Mrs. Martin (of Georgia) are the first Florida-Georgia native Deaf adults received into our Deaf Lutheran Churches of Florida. They recently returned to their former home in Fort Myers. Mr. Paul wrote the song "Jesus Leadeth Me," which appears in this paper.

Miami, Fla., December 14, 1952. — After a review of the Catechism, Mrs. Otto (Mildred) Reinke, her daughter, Mrs. William Wheeler,

and granddaughter, Rhonda Pearl Wheeler, and Miss Alice Fell were baptized into Christ at the service of the Deaf Lutheran Church of Miami. Mr. Wheeler also renewed his vows to be faithful to his Savior and his Church, and was accepted as a transferring member from St. Matthew's, New York.

Fort Myers, Fla., January 26, 1953. — Elize William Hays, Jr., was baptized into Christ at the monthly service in this city. His parents and Mrs. Gottlieb Schock are preparing for membership in our Lutheran Church.

May the Lord bless and keep these parents and children for life everlasting by faith in Jesus Christ. F. G. G.

Des Moines, Iowa. — On February 1 a group of Deaf families met in our church basement for a social evening. A cost supper was served at about 5:30, and the rest of the evening was spent in fellowship. We hope to continue these socials on the first Sunday of every month. V. M.

Manitowoc, Wis. — Every little while the Lutheran group here holds a fellowship hour after its regular church service. A light lunch and informality help make the visitors feel at home and give time for the Pastor and members to converse. The members take turns providing the lunch. R. M.

William Bohling, age 80 years, died and his soul went to rest in Jesus, February 6, 1953. He was a dear friend of Jesus, and his faith in Jesus protected him during his last battle with the fearful enemy, death. His fellow church members and hearing friends met on February 9 to pay their last respects and to give Mr. Bohling's body a Christian burial.

R. M.

When John Wycliffe, about the year 1370, gave the Bible to the people of England in their own language, he said: "The Bible is translated and makes possible government of people, by people, for people." It was Wycliffe's words that Abraham Lincoln chose at Gettysburg to give free society its best definition. Only where the open Bible has gone have men known freedom, because they have learned that responsibility was their right and their obligation.

Good Friday

We saw Him yesterday . . . We saw and talked with Him. Everything was dim Compared with Him.

He gave us bread and wine . . . He bade us eat and drink, And when we did, to think Of Him.

Today we think — and cry. But then . . . we think with joy That they cannot destroy His love.

His Spirit is still nigh To bless and purify Our bodies and our souls . . .

Rejoice!

Donald Peterson, 1952 Gallaudet College

Jesus Leadeth Me

Jesus, Jesus

Leadeth me, leadeth me

To His loving open arms.

Receive me unto Thy loving care with blessings,

And keep me safe with Thee forever.

Jesus, Jesus,

Let Thy love, let Thy love

Be unto me as my love would be unto Thee. Cleanse my heart pure and white from evil, And let my love always be open.

Jesus, Jesus,

Open the door, open the door

Of Thy house for me to enter,

And let me come under Thy loving roof With worship and adoration for Thee.

Jesus, Jesus,

On Thy cross, on Thy cross Thou hast suffered with tears and pains for me,

And died to save me from my sins. Let me follow Thee in Thy footsteps

With happiness, forevermore.

Jesus, Jesus

Leadeth me, leadeth me. Amen.

ROBERT H. PAUL Tampa, Fla., August 13, 1952



Lutheran Institute for the Deaf, Detroit

Remember Jesus in Your Will

From Belmond, Iowa (Pastor Victor Mesenbring's field), comes this news item.

"Mrs. Anna Fee was called to her eternal home on January 11, at the age of 77 years. She was confirmed two years ago in a service at Webster City, Iowa, where she had attended faithfully for many years. Funeral services were held in her home on January 14. Mrs. Fee held a deep love for her Church and showed this love by leaving nearly \$1,000 in her will to our Lutheran Deaf Mission Board."

By leaving some of her money to the Church, Mrs. Fee, although now in heaven, is yet in a way working for Jesus here on earth. Her \$1,000 gift will be used to pay some of the big expense of supporting our Lutheran mission work among the Deaf. Only God knows how much good this gift will do for bringing Deaf persons to their Savior and to heaven.

Have you remembered Jesus in your will? Here is a form that you can have written into your will. Then some of the money, that you must leave behind when you die, can be put to the best work money can do, helping to build the kingdom of God on earth.





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