

NEWS LETTER

LENT

1953

CHRIST FACES THE CROSS

Many centuries ago when Christ walked among men, it became necessary for Him to face the Cross in order to complete His mission in this world. He had assumed the flesh and blood of men in order to pay the penalty of human transgressions, which was altogether beyond the scope of man's ability. Having met all the divine requirements by living the perfect life, Christ was ready to take the final step. During the impending season of Lent, which begins on February 18th, Christendom will again relive the Passion of Christ. Unfortunately though 1900 years ago CHRIST FACED THE CROSS for us, many of our day turn their backs to that same Christ, to that same Cross. In spite of the fact that the Savior still calls from Calvary, "Is it nothing to you all ye that pass by?", indifference is the attitude of the vast majority. There undoubtedly are many among our acquaintances to whom Lent means absolutely nothing. We, as Christians, cannot permit their indifference to cool our ardor for our Savior. In spite of it, we must take full advantage of the spiritual opportunities, which are ours during this Holy Season. Let us, therefore, resolve that during the coming weeks we are going to kneel often beneath the Cross of Jesus to show Him our love and to receive inspiration and strength for daily living.

SERMON TOPICS

The Wednesday evening meditations are based on some of the outstanding Passion Personalities. As Christ had to face the Cross, so all those who played a role in His trial, His crucifixion and His death also had to decide either for or against the Savior. They, too, had to face the Cross. In the attitudes and in the actions of the various Passion Personalities we see our first century counterparts. It is our sincere hope and prayer that we will all take our stand with Jesus and with Him also face the Cross. In the Sunday morning series of sermons we have selected as our general theme the strengthening of the spiritual life for everyday living. We hope to come to grips with some of the basic problems facing our age and to seek in Christ their practical and only solution.

SELF DENIAL OFFERING

That Christ's was a life of self-denial no thinking man or woman can ever question. He denied Himself the glory and splendor of Heaven to assume the flesh and blood of man and to be born in the squalor of Bethlehem's manger. Though He was King of Kings and could have lived in this world as a King, He laid aside His royal rights and lived a life of sacrifice, which ended with the supreme sacrifice on the Cross. In memory of the self-sacrifice of Christ, we, too, during the Season of Lent make special sacrifices of love for our Savior. Again this year an opportunity for such a special gift of love will be given us through the Lenten Self Denial Folder. Let us start using our folder on Ash Wednesday and then continue using it each day. Certainly our small gift is nothing compared to the gift of Christ's very life. Yet our gift may help bring some lost soul to the loving Savior.

PASTOR SABOURIN

On alternate Wednesday evenings, beginning February 25th, the Rev. Clemonce Sabourin, Pastor of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church here on Manhattan, will conduct our mid-week Lenten service and preach the sermon. He and Pastor Neibacher will exchange pulpits on those evenings with the hope and the prayer that interest will be stimulated in our mid-week devotions both at Saint Luke's and Mount Zion. May the Lord truly bless this exchange of pulpits, and may all be thereby brought closer to Christ and His way of life.

ADULT MEMBERSHIP

A group of people will be received into membership on Maundy Thursday, April 2nd. Preparatory to this, Pastor Neibacher will conduct a series of in-

formal discussions on Christian fundamentals. These discussions are planned primarily for those who are desirous of uniting with us and who have had no previous Lutheran affiliation. All, however, are cordially invited to attend.... Fridays beginning February 20th at 8 P.M.

"I BEHELD HIS GLORY"

On Wednesday, April 1st, at 8 P.M. a feature length religious film in full color, "I Beheld His Glory", will be shown. This is a new film produced by the Cathedral Films, Inc., and is acclaimed to be one of the finest yet produced on the subject. Tell your friends of this showing and invite them to attend with you.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

From the annual congregational meeting held on Wednesday, February 11th, we cull the following interesting facts: During 1952, visitors from 43 different states, the District of Columbia, Alaska and 17 foreign countries signed our Guest Book....More than 200 boys and girls received religious instruction in our Sunday School and in our Released Time School during the past year, and about 125 boys and girls were served in a week-day recreational program....It cost somewhat over \$30,000. to carry on our full program of activities at Saint Luke's....Members of the church contributed approximately \$16,000. toward the mission and welfare program of the church at large....8 different Lutheran organizations drew upon our membership for their direct leadership....The organizational life of Saint Luke's consists of 20 separate groups, which meet monthly, weekly or twice weekly.....For the first time in several decades our average Sunday morning attendance was 205.

NOON DAY SERVICES

Again this year noon-day services during Holy Week will be conducted. Monday through Thursday these services will begin promptly at 12:15 and end promptly at 12:45. On Good Friday a Three Hour Service, beginning at 12 o'clock noon, will be conducted. Start telling your friends of these special services.

KITCHEN CABINETS

In order to increase the storage facilities of our church kitchen, Mrs. J. Louis Schaefer very generously donated several more steel cabinets. Just four years ago Mrs. Schaefer had the kitchen completely modernized as a memorial to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Karsch. With the new additions our facilities are further improved. Saint Luke's is very grateful to Mrs. Schaefer and takes this opportunity of thanking her for her generous gift.

DID YOU KNOW

.....that members of the Dorcas Guild are organizing a circulating library of current religious books?.....that they invite your withdrawals?.....that they solicit your help in building up the library?.....that the Lutheran Hour can be heard each Sunday over WOR at 8 P.M.?.....that the Lutheran TV program, "This Is the Life", is on Channel 7 each Sunday at 9:30 P.M.?.....that over 500 men and women visit the Service Men's Center in our Parish House each month?.....that an Adult Bible Class, not only for the parents of the Sunday School, but also for all adults, is conducted each Sunday at 9:30 A.M.?.....that our annual Welfare Collection for Lutheran Charities is now being held?.....that the Annual Spring Concert of the Choir will be held in May and not during Lent as in the past?.....that the Dorcas Guild collected over 1,000 pounds of clothing for Korea?.....that Lent is a good time to invite your unchurched friends to attend one of our services with you?.....that you can help build up our membership group on Maundy Thursday by telling others of Pastor's Friday evening meetings?

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ONWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS

Onward Christian Soldiers is not only a beautiful and inspiring hymn, but it is also a way of life which we want to make ours for this coming year. It is a motto that many Christians have adopted both for their personal lives and for the life of their church.

As individuals we want to go onward in Christian knowledge, Christian faith and Christian service. That, of course, is only possible as we draw closer to our God in our own daily devotions, closer to Him in our regular attendance at divine service, and closer to Him in our active participation in the work of our church.

Saint Luke's will go onward as individual members take her to heart and use her many activities as an outlet for Christian action. Singing and living the song "Onward Christian Soldiers" will mean that we develop a deep personal concern about the many unchurched acquaintances about us. It will mean that through word and action we will all become soul winners for Christ. You and I have been saved by Christ the Crucified in order that we in turn can become instrumental in saving others. That can best be done by living and talking Christ wherever life has placed us. After all, the best advertisement for Christianity is the living Christian. Live Christ and through your life bring others to Him.

Onward, Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the Cross of Jesus
Going on before.

SERMON TOPICS

The sermons listed in the enclosed folder are all Christ-centered messages, planned around the general theme: Onward Christian Soldiers. These messages are meant to strengthen the cords of Christian faith and to challenge that faith into a program of Christian living, which will have service as its expression. Though each sermon is a message in itself, the present series will mean much more when taken as a whole. They are meant to enrich our daily lives and to make us happier individuals. Be in your pew each Sunday morning. You will be an inspiration to your Pastor; you will be an encouragement to your fellow members; you will receive strength yourself for the coming week. The sermons listed in the enclosed folder can be no better than the life you and I live as a result of them.

INSTALLATION SERVICE

On Sunday, October 4th, the Rev. David F. Krampitz will be installed as Assistant Pastor of Saint Luke's. Through the years we have had several assistants, but Pastor Krampitz will be the first fully ordained and installed Assistant Pastor that we have had at Saint Luke's in our long history.

Truly October 4th will be a momentous day in the life of our church. No communicant member can possibly afford not to be present. Pastor Krampitz needs the encouragement of your presence. Saint Luke's needs your prayers. You need the inspiration of seeing your Church launch a program of expansion which should do great things for Christ in Times Square, New York.

Make every effort to be present on Sunday, October 4th, to hear the challenging and stimulating address of The Rev. Professor Albert E. Meyer, President of Concordia Collegiate Institute, Bronxville, N. Y.

ANNIVERSARY COMMUNION

In conjunction with our Service of Installation on Sunday, October 4th, we will also celebrate our annual Anniversary Communion. In this service it has become traditional to use the communion vessels which were given to our church during Civil War days. In doing so we endeavor to link the present with the past and at the same time dedicate ourselves to an even greater service in the future. Remember whenever we celebrate Holy Communion our blessed Savior declares to us, "This do in remembrance of Me."

BIRTHDAY OFFERING

If you have ever had to buy clothes for a child, you will remember that with each passing birthday new clothes are needed; and each year as the child grows, it needs larger clothes, which in turn cost more than the previous year.

Your church, with God's abundant blessings, has been steadily growing. So have the expenses. Increased activity, increased costs brought about by the inflated dollar, are having their effect on our budget.

This year, as we celebrate the Thirtieth Anniversary of the dedication of our present Church edifice, we have not only dressed up our church plant for the occasion, but we have also undertaken a program of expansion. We hope, with the help and guidance of Almighty God, and with an added Pastor on our staff, to be of greater service to our present membership and also to reach out and serve an ever greater Saint Luke's. This program of expansion will cost Saint Luke's approximately \$5000.00 the first year.

We know you love your Savior; we know you love your Church and are proud of it; we know you want your Church to keep on growing; we know you will want to meet your share of the increased costs of a growing church. Use your special Birthday Offering envelope for your generous contribution.

PASTOR KRAMPITZ

Pastor David Krampitz, born in Springfield, Massachusetts, and a member of Trinity Lutheran Church of that city, was graduated from our Concordia at Bronxville in 1946, and from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis in 1951. Prior to coming to Saint Luke's he taught for one year at St. Paul's College, Concordia, Missouri, and for two years at Concordia College, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. While in Milwaukee he was also Assistant Pastor of St. Martin Lutheran Church.

We welcome Pastor Krampitz to Saint Luke's and we pray the Lord to bless his ministry in our midst.

FALL CONGREGATIONAL DINNER

The Annual Fall Congregational Dinner will be held on Wednesday, October 7th, at 6:30. The ladies of the Church promise to serve us another of their delicious meals. The special committee of the Church Council promises us a good evening of fellowship and inspiration. The Rev. Victor G. Albers, formerly Assistant Pastor of Saint Luke's and now Assistant Executive Secretary of the Atlantic District, will be the guest speaker. Here is your opportunity to spend an evening of fellowship with your fellow-members and to informally welcome pastor Krampitz to our midst.

Please return your reservation card at your earliest convenience. Our ladies are anxious to know how many they may expect.

SUMMER OFFERING ENVELOPES

Have you filled and returned your summer offering envelopes. Frequently when we are away on vacation, we forget our Church. But oddly enough our Church does not forget you. During the summer she gets ready to be of greater service to you upon your return. This past summer, as every year, much painting and many necessary repairs were made. About \$750.00 were spent on the organ alone; another \$500.00 on the heating system. Here are two items we do not even see. Total expenses for repairs and improvements amounted to \$3,000.00. All back summer envelopes, and then some, are needed to pay these bills. Look in your carton of Weekly Offering Envelopes. Do you have any that are overdue? Bring them along to the next service you attend.

THE CHOIR

Each Thursday evening at 8 o'clock the choir meets for an hour of rehearsal under the direction of Miss Mildred Holmer. Here is an opportunity for many to serve their Savior. Special voice training is not an essential, but a love to sing and a willingness to serve, is. Speak to Miss Holmer, either after our morning service, or on Thursday evening prior to rehearsal.

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CONFIRMATION CLASS

On October 8th the Pastor will meet for the first time with this year's Confirmation Class. All boys and girls who will be 12 years old on or before December 1st ought enroll in this class for a two year course of instruction. The class meets Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at 3:30.

THE CHURCH PARLOR

Prior to any evening meeting at the Church, the Church Parlor on the second floor of the Parish House is open for your convenience at 5:30 o'clock. Meet your friends there.

CHINESE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Each Sunday morning at 9:30 A.M. Mr. & Mrs. Nelson Lee conduct a special class in Sunday School for Chinese speaking individuals. If you know of any Chinese speaking person, who is perhaps kept away from Church because of an insufficient understanding of the English language, please tell them of our special class, and give us their name and address.

NEW MEMBERS

On Sunday, December 6th, a group of people will be received into church membership. Do you know of anyone without a Church Home? Invite them to attend our services; introduce them to the Pastors and Miss Hoffman, and give us their names and addresses. We will invite them to make our Church their Church also.

ADULT MEMBERSHIP GROUP

On Thursday evening, October 15th, at 8 o'clock, the Pastor will begin a series of informal discussions on the fundamental teachings of the Lutheran Church. Though these discussions are planned primarily for those who desire to become affiliated with Saint Luke's, all are cordially invited. Plan to attend yourself and bring some unchurched friend along with you.

WILL YOU GIVE CHRIST

- 1 Hour a week for choir rehearsal?
- 2 Hours a week for calling on prospective members for the Church?
- 2 Hours a week to call on some aged or sick shut-in?
- 4 Hours a week to serve as receptionist in the Parish House?
- 2 Hours a week for girls' gymnasium activity?
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- 2 Hours a week for the Church office?
- 1 Hour a week for a program of Cub Scouting?
- 1 Hour each Thursday afternoon for our Release Time School?

Your Church, your Savior, can use you in many phases of church work. However, at the present time the need is greatest in the above areas. Speak to either of the Pastors or Miss Hoffmann if you feel you can give of your time to serve your Church in the above capacities.

SERVICE MEN'S CENTER

The Lutheran Service Men's Center, which occupies the third floor of our Parish House is in need of volunteers, who are willing to serve as hostesses for an afternoon a week. All that is required is the willingness to spend a quiet afternoon answering the telephone and greeting the service men and women as they come in.
