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Greetings:

BEFORE the next number of Sparks appears, the old year will have gone out, the new year will have been ushered in and the Christmas season will have passed by. As the old year goes out changes will be made in the staff of Sparks, therefore, on this occasion we wish to express our appreciation to all who have assisted in our work during this year. We also extend to the many friends and members of Nazareth our best wishes for

A Bright and Cheerful Christmas
and

A Happy and Prosperous New Year.



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Thanksgiving Day.

1920

THE DAY set aside for Thanksgiving has just passed. How many of us were really thankful, thankful for everything that we have received? How many were thankful for the day of thanksgiving and for the fact that the Pilgrims were permitted to make their voyage to this country in safety? How many of us remembered that just three hundred years have passed since they landed, and since they suffered all those hardships in order to worship as they pleased? Pause and think. That privilege is still yours. Thank your God for it. It is not too late yet.

ATTENTION.

The services for the holiday season have been arranged as follows:

December 24, beginning at 7:30 P. M., Xmas celebration of our S. School.

December 25, 6:30 A. M.—Early Morning Xmas service. English.

December 25, 10:30—German Xmas service.

December 26, Sunday School 9:30 A. M.

December 26, 10:45—German service.

December 31, 8 P. M.—English service.

Jan. 1, 10:30—German service.

Jan. 2, Sunday School 9:30 A. M.

Jan. 2, 10:45—English service.

May the gracious Lord bestow upon you and your loved ones the season's choicest blessings and bless your "going out" and your "entering in."

TO OUR ADVERTISERS.

The members of the Nazareth Church Welfare League have asked the editor of Sparks to extend to all firms, business men and private parties, whose ads appear in this publication, their sincere gratitude and heartfelt appreciation. We fully realize and gratefully acknowledge that Sparks would not be what it is to-day—the most popular paper in our church, the paper read from cover to cover by both the young and the old folks,—if it were not for the financial aid we receive from our advertisers. Justice, fair play and gratitude demand that the readers of Sparks show their appreciation to the business men, who advertise in this publication, by generously patronizing them, whenever they have an occasion to do so. Let us return the favor. We sincerely hope that every business man whose ad has now been "running" in Sparks for a year, can conscientiously say: "It pays to advertise in Sparks," and that the New Year will not only find all the old ads in Sparks again, but additional columns and pages of new ones.

Do you know, Mr. Advertiser, that not a single business man, who advertised in Sparks, went bankrupt, became insolvent, during 1920? Some of our advertisers were able to retire from business and are now limousining up and down Easy St.; others could retire, if they only wanted to. There certainly must be a reason for this; is it, perhaps, because they advertise in Sparks? The aim of the business manager of Sparks always has been and ever will be—"to make it pay to advertise in Sparks."

May your ad in Sparks, Mr. Businessman, bring Good Luck and much success to you in 1921.

TO OUR REPORTERS AND CONTRIBUTORS.

Words of appreciation, gratitude and encouragement regarding your splendid efforts are surely not amiss. The editors want you to know that the contributions you made to the columns of reading matter

published in Sparks have added very much of interest, variety and value to their contents. In almost every case we found your reports and news items very interesting; sometimes they were very entertaining, even amusing. Some of our friends, we have been told, were so absorbed in thought when reading your Local News Items and reports, that they bumped against trees and posts, as they were walking down the avenue, reading Sparks. Some one saw them doff their hats and heard them say: "Beg your pardon, please," to the trees and posts with which they had collided.—Sometimes news was very scarce and there was hardly any thing to report. It seemed as if nothing wanted to occur, to come to pass; no babies arrived, no couples eloped, no wedding bells rang, no Miss made her debut, no handsome young man appeared in the role of a brave hero, no one met with an accident, no one was taken to the police station, no parties, no interesting scrapping in some choir or society; simply schrecklich! Everything just seemed to be dead. But even under these trying and discouraging circumstances Sparks always appeared in time with all its pages filled. Gathering news and writing your reports may sometimes have been hard, but at the same time you must admit that the work was interesting and that it has benefited you in many ways. Keep up the good work. Some day the "World's Greatest" etc., may come along and say: "We have watched and read your news items and reports in Sparks, that scrappy little paper, published by the Nazareth Evangelical Church. Found them to be excellent, interesting, full of pep. We want you on the staff of our reporters. Salary, five thousand per annum to begin with." Please remember Miss and Mrs. and Mr. Reporter, that if this good fortune should ever smile benignly upon you, it will be due to the training you received as a reporter for Sparks.—And what about our poets? We owe them a whole world of gratitude, gratitude gushing profusely from the deepest depths of our hearts. How their lines and rhymes have charmed, uplifted and enobled us! When they die their works will surely follow them to—well, well—to whatever place they go.—May the days of 1921 find you busy with your pencils and pens preparing your material for Sparks.

SECRETARIES WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE.

The secretaries of our different organizations, choirs, societies, etc. are kindly requested to furnish the editor of Sparks with a complete and accurate membership list of their respective organizations for the January issue of Sparks. The list should be in by the 15th of December.

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

1921 will soon be here. Have you decided, how much you are going to con-

tribute towards the support of our church and towards missions and benevolence? Get a set of duplex envelopes and then give regularly. Let the amount contributed be in some proportion to your wages, your earnings, your income. Let us express our

gratitude to God, the Giver of all good and perfect gifts, by giving cheerfully and liberally for the cause of His Kingdom. How much are you going to make it? One, two, five, ten or twenty-five cents a day?

LOCAL NEWS.

During the past month the stork visited a number of homes in our church. He left a little boy with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sperling, Thursday, November 4. It's their first born. Mr. Riemeier, the congenial leader of our orchestra, was very much elated when he heard of the arrival of Fred Sperling, Jr., and joyfully exclaimed: "Ah, fine, another member and a violin player at that, for our orchestra!" That's all right, Mr. Riemeier, but we just kinder want to hint, that the new little organist, choir and orchestra leader is rather somewhat slow in arriving. Will some one, please, slip Mr. Stork the address of Mr. Riemeier? Heartiest congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sperling.

Father is the honorable title bestowed upon Mr. Fred Raab and Mother the beautiful title bestowed upon his wife, Amy, by the arrival of a baby daughter, November 12th. Both mother and baby are doing very well and the proud young father is singing and whistling all the day long. Mr. and Mrs. Raab have always been interested in making artistic and beautiful things, and we are therefore confident, that they will be successful in raising a daughter adorned with a most beautiful character. And kindly remember that it is Grosspapa and Grossmama Raab, Tante Adele and Augusta, Onkel Ray and George now.

Dorothy is the name of the little five year old girl that lives and eats and sleeps and plays at 2511 N. Washtenaw Ave. It was so hard sometimes to play all alone, to be without a little brother and sister, so Dorothy just begged her papa and mama to buy a little brother or sister for her. Just imagine how happy little Dorothy must have been, when her papa came home Wednesday morning, November 17th, and told her that he had bought a little brother for her. What we want to tell the reader is, that Mr. Albert Kautz and his wife Clara, became the happy parents of a fine baby boy November 17. It will doubtless be the ambition of Mr. and Mrs. Kautz to make a splendid Sunday School teacher and Sunday School leader out of their boy.

November 2nd, Mr. Stork took his flight northward and deposited that bundle with that precious little treasure at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wolf. When opening the bundle they found a dear little baby boy, whom they proudly called their big son Mrs. Wolf, a member of our Ladies' Aid, was very sick but is now able to be up and around again. Tante Irma will see to it that the little nephew starts going to

Sunday School as soon as his feet are able to carry him.

Much joy and happiness was brought to the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Merkel when on Sunday, November 7th, a little boy put in his appearance and said: "Hier bleibe ich, hier gefaellt es mir." Father, mother and son are a happy trio indeed. Mrs. Merkel is a daughter of Mrs. Emma Meyer.

A card with the following note attached was received from Mr. and Mrs. Marriner: "We took a trip to the top of the world to-day, Corona, Colo., 12,000 ft. above sea-level." Mr. and Mrs. Marriner are newly weds and consequently soar in glorious realms of supreme happiness. May it ever be thus.

For some time we have missed Miss Edna Feiereisel, the young lady with the winsome smile, in our Sunday School and services. Miss Feiereisel was stricken with the flu. She is reported to be getting along very nicely and will undoubtedly be back on her post of duty before long. We surmise that the wedding of her cousin Miss Clara Ehlers, November 27th, did more in getting Miss Feiereisel on her feet again than all the medicine and pills and powders prescribed by the doctors.

During the month of November we had the pleasure of hearing our orchestra in four different services. "They play to beat the band," is the way one of our men put it. The orchestra is growing both in numbers and efficiency. The standard of perfection has however not yet been reached and there is room for a number of new members. Strange, all the members of the orchestra, the leader included, always seem to be glad, when some one comes along Tuesday evenings and asks them for the use of the hall, telling them that they can go over to the parsonage and practice. In less than no time the boys are on their feet and on their way over to the parsonage. Do you know the reason? Why, it means a cup of coffee and some cake. A cup of coffee did we say? Why, those fellows seem to be as dry as a camel on the hot and dry sands of the great Sahara! Every drop of moisture has been, it seems, drained out of their bodies. The parched tongues cleave to the roof of the mouths. Three, four, sometimes it takes five, cups of coffee will, as a rule, fix a fellow up again and bring him back to normalcy. The effects of imbibing such enormous quantities of the brown beverage, known as coffee, are of a most exhilarating nature. You ought to have heard that orchestra

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dash into Jazz music just the other night after its members had imbibed rather fully and freely again. Surely coffee maketh the heart happy.

Our fair held from the 10th to the 13th of November was a success. Due to the excellent work done by our societies, our choir members, our Sunday School, the committee members and others, we achieved a very gratifying financial success. The net proceeds amounted to about \$1500. The Messrs. F. Heidrich, Geo. Kamps, F. Moldenhauer and P. Allendorfer were the officers of the committee and deserve much credit for the excellent work done and the fine result attained. Thursday afternoon, Ladies' afternoon, and Saturday evening, yielded the largest financial returns. To the men, ladies and children who in some shape, manner or form contributed their share towards making the bazaar a success, we extend our sincere thanks.

We are glad that class No. 3 is faithfully carrying out its decision to have flowers on the altar in every regular forenoon service. Flowers are God's messengers, admonishing us to make our disposition and life beautiful and sweet.

Mr. Robert Wiersig, who is still in St. Luke's Hospital, confidently hopes to have his Xmas dinner at home with his parents, brothers and sisters. Robert was a very sick man; even his doctor had given up hopes. His friends ought to visit him.

"There is no place like home." This is what Mr. William Krueger will tell you, should you happen to visit him. Mr. Krueger, who had to spend over a month in St. Joseph's Hospital, was able to come home again about three weeks ago. Our hospitals are wonderful institutions and we could hardly get along without them; but those fortunate individuals, who are not compelled to go and to stay there for weeks and months, ought to be exceedingly grateful.

Mr. Otto Engelmann sent us a check for \$21.88 to cover the postage on the sixteen parcels sent to the Sunday School in Durlach, Baden. Fine Xmas work you did, Mr. Engelmann; we admire your generosity.

A magic hair brush sold at our fair aroused a great deal of curiosity. The auctioneer demonstrated the magic power of the brush by rubbing it criss-cross and cross-criss over the shining pate of a man who seemed to be in need of just such a brush. We are now anxiously waiting for developments and expect to see a Padrewski crown of glory completely covering the still barren pate of that man before winter is gone and spring is here. Do you know who bought the brush? Ask the auctioneer.

Our church received quite a bit of free advertising at the Sunday School Convention held at St. Stephan's Church, Nov. 12 and 14. A fine picture of our church adorned the first page of the convention program. The printer, our dear friend Emil Neuhaus, on whom the Fates played the little trick, had to take all the blame and is now looking for that magic hair-brush.

It has been rumored that certain members of the venerable Senior Choir, whose pates are greatly in need of being touched up by just such a magic brush, are secretly making all kinds of inquiries regarding the wonderful hair-restoring power of that magic brush. We do not blame them for doing this. If we were in their "fix" we'd most likely do the same thing. "You have our sympathy, grandpas, but you can't have our wool."

Some of our young people are gaining quite a little notoriety; it is, however, not the notorious kind of notoriety. Just the other day one of our estimable young ladies, Miss Emily Brenne, broke out in print. Her smiling face appeared in the "World's Greatest." Miss Brenne certainly gave the reporter, who asked her: "What do you think about conditions in the loop district?" a hot shot of good, common sense.

The honor of having packed and sent the most parcels to the sick and suffering and destitute children and mothers in Germany belongs to Mrs. Henry Bauer, Fullerton Ave., the post-office, the mail-, the express-, the railroad-men all know her parcels. Her parcels have brought real help and Xmas joy to hundreds of homes. In this connection we would like to report that the total amount collected for the relief of the sufferers now is \$1,044.38.

Not democracy, but Wilsonian autocracy, was dealt a cruel blow by the American people at the last presidential election, Tuesday, Nov. 2nd, 1920. Our people have asserted their true Americanism and condemned, crushed, the un-American prin-

ciples expounded and championed by President Wilson. Wilson must have been misinformed, he may have been deaf and blind, he may have been stubborn, we can not persuade ourselves to believe that he . . . when he told the diplomats at Versailles that the whole American nation was supporting and backing him and his notorious 14 points. Wilson is a very stubborn man and that autocratic school-master attitude—"I know it all, you know nothing," has manifested itself again and again. Even the crushing blow dealt his administration by the American people, will not, we fear, make him change his views, but stiffen his neck and sour his disposition and his face.

"For of all sad words of tongue or pen, the saddest are these: 'It might have been' Whittier Sparks says: Of all the sad sights I ever have seen, the saddest is that of a picture of a defeated candidate, which (the picture, not the candidate) hangs on a gray telegraph post on a dreary, dismal, bleak November day. The tattered piece of a gray, dirty cloth-poster hanging right above the sad picture, reminds us of crepe and seems to say and sigh: 'He is dead.' Now just imagine that that candidate's name was August. Please pronounce the name in German—Au-Au-Au—the sound expresses the feeling of pain the candidate experienced, when he heard of his defeat. Goost-goost—reminds you? of a spirit, a ghost, oozing, gently, dripping out. We are glad that we are not among the defeated candidates and that our name is not Au-Au-goost, oo to be pronounced like oo in hoot and goose.

New Scholars Enrolled in Our Sunday School:

Frank Zarbosky, 2503 N. Talman Ave. Class No. 22.

Albo Pfannstiel, 2259 Diversey Avenue. Class No. 22.

Please try to get a few more ads for Sparks. Have you, dear reader, nothing to advertise?

CONSECRATED TO GOD AND HIS KINGDOM.

Peters, Mary Margaret, Oct. 24th; parents, Martin J. and Rose (Blum) Peters. Sponsors: Albert Panzer, Mrs. Stella Glenz.

Lindley, Norma Lillian, October 24th, parents: Victor and Lillian (Welge) Lindley. Sponsor, Miss Norma B. Clark.

Fowle, Edwin George, Oct. 26; parents: Thomas and Alma (Rudnick) Fowle. Sponsors: Mrs. May Salow, Wm. Hartmann.

Barfuss, Harold Robert, November 7th. Parents: Walter and Rose (Schaefer) Barfuss. Sponsors: Mrs. Edith Runnion, Harold Schaefer.

Negri, Guy Howard, Nov. 6th. Parents: Michael and Elenore (Krueger) Negri. Sponsors: Guy Ruburn, John Neal, Mrs. Frieda Krueger.

Strey, Norma Sonnicksen, November 7th. Parents: Fred Geo. and Anna Marie (Son-Weber, Mrs. A. Wade, at H. Nic., A. (ol. t nicksen) Strey. Sponsors: Irene Sonnicksen, Frank Gideon Strey.

Rausch, Lorraine, November 6th.

Rausch, Earl, November 6th. Parents: Charles and Kathryn (Pflanz) Rausch. Sponsors: Mrs. Frieda Weber, Mrs. A. Wade.

Karlmann, Apel Edna Jean, Nov. 10th. Parents: William and Rosetta (Votell) Karlmann. Sponsors: Miss Edna Feier-eisel, John G. Reshoft.

Holmes, Raymond Frank, November 13. Parents: Fred J. and Helen (Von Oepen) Holmes. Sponsors: Mrs. Chas. Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Larson.

UNITED IN HOLY WEDLOCK.

Frank Blomberg and Miss Loretta Kaft-er, Oct. 28th. Witnesses: Mr. and Mrs. G. Lehman.

Ernest Schultz and Mina C. Knuth, Oct. 30th. Witnesses: Bruce Merritt and Miss Helen Knuth.

Rudolph Lubitz and Miss Emily Schoe, Nov. 1st. Witnesses: Mrs. Bertha and Mr. Alvin Shoe, Miss Louise Cave.

Warren McDevitt and Miss Clara Mack-san, Nov. 24th. Witnesses: George Colby and Miss Emma Wacksan.

Edward Personett and Miss Myrtle Pingle, Nov. 27th. Witnesses: Elmer Pingle and Miss Laura Thon.

AND THESE HAVE DEPARTED.

Petersen, Caroline M., nee Andersen, Nov. 7th. Age 68 yrs. Nearest relatives: Husband and two sons. Mt. Olive.

Mielke, Johanna, nee Korff, Nov. 10th. Age 57 yrs. Nearest relatives: Husband, two daughters and three sons. St. Luke.

Hensiek, Henry, Nov. 9th. Age 53 yrs. Nearest relatives: Two brothers, one sister. Waldheim.

Andresen, Emma, nee Gross, Nov. 15th. Age 51 yrs. Nearest relatives: Husband, son Edward and three sisters. Waldheim.

White, Joseph, Nov. 13th. Age 65 yrs. Nearest relatives: Wife, two sons and a brother. Arlington.

Holmes, Raymond Frank, Nov. 14th. Age 7 yrs. Nearest relatives: Father, mother, three brothers. Mt. Olive.

WELFARE LEAGUE MEETING.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. C. Bauer. Roll was called and minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

The societies reported as follows:

Scouts: Mr. Schulz has resumed active duty as scout master. Mr. Erwin Bauer will be his assistant. Adolph Brunner was appointed Senior Patrol leader. The scouts have five new members on their list.

Trustees would like to thank all members of the League who helped make the bazaar a success.

Ladies Aid had a demonstration of aluminum wear at one of their recent meet-

ings. The demonstrator prepared a luncheon for them in his pots and pans and the ladies tell us it was quite a treat.

The bazaar proved very successful, the receipt for Thursday afternoon alone being \$150.00.

This society gained one new member and through death lost an old member, Mrs. Andresen.

Sewing Society's receipts for Thursday afternoon of the bazaar was \$136.70, for the evenings \$97.65.

The quilt which was raffled at one of their meetings was won by Mrs. Giehring.

Sr. Choir made about \$200.00 at the bazaar.

Jr. Choir has asked permission of the church council to give a dance December 8, at Hamlin Park refectory. They would like to have the church orchestra furnish the music.

Sunday School council will meet Nov. 19 to prepare a Christmas program.

Young Peoples League and Juniors were not represented by their delegates.

The treasurer's report was read and approved.

All societies were requested to give us the names of their delegates for the coming year at the next meeting.

After a prayer by our pastor, the meeting adjourned. A. Singer, Secretary.

YOUNG PEOPLES' CHOIR.

The Junior Choir is about to have a long cherished desire gratified. We have been showing Mr. Riemeier what we can do and in consequence, feel that it is about time that we submit to a little diversion. Popular choice says, "Make it dancing."

"Youth will have its fling," so if the Church Council passes its approval we will all hasten to the Hamlin Park Refectory on Wednesday evening, Dec. 8th, there to trip the light fantastic to our heart's content. Just think of the combination. Members of the Nazareth Choir dancing to the strains brought out by the Nazareth Orchestra, directed by the Nazareth Choir leader. Just fairly makes your feet move now, especially if you were to hear the so well? You would only have needed to see that they made and you would have the reason.

The young men are finally coming to the front and helping to bring the Junior Choir over the top. Keep up the good work, we need your help.

The Bazaar, at which we helped was a big success. Why did our Choir make out as well? You would only have needed to see some of our young ladies who worked in the booth and were ever ready with a pleasant smile and a good word with each sale that they made and you would have the reason.

And now a last word regarding the dance on the 8th. Mr. C. Dohn is planning to walk off with a prize for his dancing. Are we going to let this little fellow beat us to it? Come along and do your part. Waltzes and two-steps are still popular.

TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR.

In the November number a statement was made that Miss G. Huebner donated \$5.00 to the church. This was incorrect and should have read, Miss Anna Huebner. We beg pardon for this oversight.

DONATIONS RECEIVED.

Mrs. Reinecke	\$2.00
Mrs. Fritz	5.00
Mrs. Rhoda Iverson	3.00
Mr. Gustav Hass	3.00

Finanz-Bericht vom Bazar-Komitee.

Einnahmen an den 4 Abenden, 10. bis 13. November	\$1,178.88
Einnahmen am Donnerstagnachmittag, 11. November	345.78

Total-Einnahme

Einnahmen, Ausgaben und Reingewinn der Vereine vom 10. bis 13. Nov., abends:

	Einnahmen	Ausgaben	Reingewinn
Gemeinde	\$577.56	\$18.61	\$558.95
Klasse No. 3	51.51	51.51
Senior-Chor	123.92	1.98	121.94
Junior-Chor	114.60	114.60
Näh-Verein	97.65	31.65	66.00
Frauen-Verein	48.95	48.95
Juniors	82.06	49.21	32.85
Sonntag-Schule	36.43	36.43
Bar (Senior-Chor)	46.20	10.80	35.40

Total

Einnahmen der Vereine am Donnerstag nachmittag, 11. November:

Frauen-Verein	\$ 150.00
Junior-Chor	14.78
Senior-Chor	36.00
Näh-Verein	136.70
Klasse No. 3	8.30

Diese Summen gingen an die Vereine zurück.

Ausgaben.

Für Bretter und Nägel	\$ 8.70
Paddles	3.60
Raffle-Bücher50
Drucksachen	7.00
Ice Cream	12.00
Ice Cream Wafers	1.95
Candy	34.91
Briefmarken (Postage Stamps)	1.51
Bar	10.80
Dekoration	2.33
Näh-Verein für Material	31.65

Total

An die Vereine zurück bezahlt

Total-Ausgaben

Total-Einnahmen

Total-Ausgaben (\$345.78 an Vereine, Chöre, etc.)

bleibt

An den Schatzmeister der Gemeinde abgegeben

Nachdem diese Summe abgegeben war, lief noch eine Rechnung für \$1.50 ein; daher der

Unterschied. Wahrscheinlich werden wir noch Geld einnehmen.

Frank Moldenhauer,
Schatzmeister des Bazar-Komitees.

Gemeindebericht.

Gott sei Dank, daß unser Bazar nun auch zu den Dingen gehört, von welchen es heißt: „Sie waren einmal.“ Herzlich freuen wir uns über den schönen Erfolg, den wir haben erzielen dürfen. In einer anderen Spalte dieses Blattes findet der Leser den mit Sorgfalt zusammengestellten Bericht des Schatzmeisters des Bazar-Komitees. Allen unseren Freunden und Mitglieðern, den Chören und Vereinen, ganz besonders aber dem Komitee, die so viel zum schönen Gelingen des Unternehmens beigetragen haben, sprechen wir unseren herzlichsten Dank aus. Wir sind stolz auf unsere vielen, waderen Freunde und freuen uns, über das schöne, harmonische Zusammenwirken unserer Chöre und Vereine. Schön gelungen sind uns jetzt zwei wichtige Unternehmungen; das Sammeln für die Notleidenden im alten Vaterlande, \$1044.28, und der Bazar, Reingewinn, alles in allem, zirka \$1500. Die Synode erwartet nun, daß wir im Jahre 1921 für synodale, Missions- und Wohltätigkeitszwecke, in Verbindung mit der synodalen Vorwärtsbewegung, \$1987.78, sagen und schreiben wir \$2000, aufbringen. Das scheint eine große Summe zu sein. Wenn wir nun aber bedenken, daß wir in der Gemeinde zirka 700 Kommunikanten haben und dann zu rechnen anfangen, dann machen wir die Entdeckung, daß, wenn jeder Kommunikant nur einen Cent den Tag gibt, wir mehr als die gewünschte Summe zusammen bekommen. Für unseren eigenen Haushalt sollten wir \$4000 haben. Eine große Summe, sagst Du? Ja, doch höre: 700 Kommunikanten; zwei Cents pro Tag macht über \$5000 das Jahr. Ist die Sache nicht recht einfach? Das Schwierige bei dieser Sache ist aber, daß es uns eben nicht möglich ist, alle unsere Kommunikanten, darunter versteht man diejenigen, die bei uns zum hl. Abendmahl gehen, zu veranlassen, regelmäßig einen bestimmten Beitrag zu bezahlen. Das neue Jahr wird recht bald seinen Einzug halten. Wie viel willst Du, lieber Leser, in demselben pro Tag geben? Einen Cent, zwei, drei, fünf, zehn oder fünf- undzwanzig? Was evangelische Christen anderer Gemeinden tun, das können die guten Nazarener doch auch fertig bringen. —

Das Auto unseres werten Präsidenten, Christ Bauer, wird immer mehr und mehr, Eigentum der Gemeinde. Hunderte haben schon frei darauf gefahren. Am Sonntag, den 17. Oktober, sauste es mit dem Herrn Pfarrer und einem Teil seiner großen, bitte entschuldigen Sie, wollte schreiben und seiner schönen Familie, hinaus nach Hammond, Ind., wo unser Pastor bei einem Festgottesdienste in der Immanuelkirche zu predigen hatte. Am Sonntag, den 14. November, ging's hinaus nach Hannover, Ind. Hier feierte die Zions-Gemeinde, die Heimatgemeinde unseres Pastors, in Verbindung mit einer Renovationsfeier, ihr 60jähriges Jubiläum. War das eine Fahrt! Es war kein Fahren und kein Fagen mehr, sondern ein Fliegen durch Wind und Wetter und Sturm. Noch nach Jahren werden dem Pastor und seiner Frau die Zähne im Munde zu „Klappen“ anfangen, wenn sie sich dieser Fahrt erinnern.

Drei neue Glieder konnten wir am Sonntag, den 14. November, einführen. Es sind dies die Brüder Jaacks, Matthes und Boegel. Wir hoffen, sie oft in unseren Gottesdiensten und Versammlungen zu sehen.

Bruder Frank Lorenz hat sich sowohl im Pfarrhause als auch in der Kirche als Schreiner lustig, ach nein, nicht lustig, sondern nützlich gemacht. Wir danken recht schön und können Bruder Lorenz als einen tüchtigen, fleißigen Schreiner allen ruhig empfehlen. Er faßt die Arbeit frisch beim Schopf — Und haut die Nägel auf den Kopf. Wäre Herr Frank Lorenz eine Frau, dann müßte es natürlich anstatt — „und haut die Nägel a u f den Kopf“, heißen, „und schlägt die Nägel „a n den Kopf“. Den Nagel auf den Kopf zu schlagen, ist eben ein Kunststück, das die Frau nimmer fertig bringt.

Drüben an der Western Ave und Berlin Str., wohnen seit vielen Jahren bescheiden und still, Herr und Frau W. Bessert. Es sind gute, liebe Leute und gehören mit zu den Gründern unserer Gemeinde. Obwohl sie im Laufe der Jahre manchen Stoß erhalten und manche bittere Enttäuschung erlebt haben, so sind sie doch trotzdem der Gemeinde bis auf diesen Tag treu geblieben. Ihr Vertrauen und ihre Liebe zu der Gemeinde haben sie unter vielem anderen auch dadurch bekundet, daß sie der Gemeinde vor einigen Jahren eine größere Summe Geldes zu einem sehr niedrigen Zinsfuß geliehen haben und uns, als die Rote fällig war, erklärten: „Die Gemeinde kann wieder zu uns kommen, wenn sie in Geldnot ist.“ Daß Herr und Frau Bessert uns das Geld zu einem so niedrigen Zinsfuß geliehen und uns dadurch manchen Taler erspart haben, soll hier dankbar erwähnt werden.

Bruder Schepler scheint's in letzter Zeit etwas besser zu gehen. Herr Pastor Adomeit, der Schwiegervater von Bruder Cook, brach sich bei einem Unfall unten in der Stadt, das Bein und liegt nun bereits seit mehreren Wochen in unserem Diakonissen-Hospital. — Bruder Raab, der sich den Fuß verlegt hatte, kann nun schon wieder recht stramm darauf los marschieren.

Allen Lesern wünschen wir fröhliche Feiertage. Unter des Herrn Segen ziehen wir aus dem alten in das neue Jahr.

Bericht des Frauenvereins.

Redlich und willig haben auch wir unseren Teil an Arbeit, Mühe und Geld mit zum schönen Erfolg unseres Gemeindebazars beigetragen. Sehr gut war der Besuch am Donnerstag nachmittag; die Einnahmen unseres Vereins beliefen sich auf \$150.00. — Schwester McCurdy schickte uns sechs Hühner, Frau Wultau einen Hahn und ein Huhn von Williams, Iowa, für den Bazar. Der Hahn hat viel gekräht und uns im süßen Morgenschlummer grausam gestört; der Hahn hätte weniger krähen und die Hühner besser legen sollen. Herzlichen Dank für Hühner und Hahn! Kein Wunder, daß es hier am Sonntag, den 14. November, sehr stark nach Hühnersuppe gerochen hat.

Schwester Bernitz befindet sich immer noch im Sanatorium.

Frau Rudnick, die vor Jahren Glied unseres Vereins war, dann aber nach Michigan verzog, liegt krank und leidend bei ihrer Tochter Alma darnieder, 3205 Dickens Ave.

In früher Morgenstunde wurde am Montag, den 15. November, Schwester Emma Andresen ganz plötzlich von dem Herrn abgerufen. Am Mittwoch haben wir ihren Leib auf Waldheim zur letzten Ruhe gebettet. Im Trauerhause sangen die Beamten die Lieder: „Wir sind nur Pilger hier“, und „Meine Heimat ist dort in der Höh“; die trauten Weisen des Liedes „So schlaf denn wohl“, tönten über ihren mit prächtigen Blumen so schön geschmückten Grabhügel dahin. Schwester Andresen erfreute sich ihres freundlichen, sympathischen, stillen, netten Wesens wegen großer Beliebtheit. Sie hatte ein gutes Gemüt, war ihrem Manne eine treuen Lebensgefährtin, ihrem einzigen Kinde, Edward, eine liebevolle Mutter. Daß wir eine solche edle Frau jahrelang als Glied in unserem Verein haben durften, sollte uns dankbar stimmen.

Ein für unsere Glieder und Freunde ganz besonders wichtiges Ereignis wird am Mittwoch, den 8. Dezember, stattfinden. Was es ist? Ei, komm doch und siehe es. — Großmütter Naab, Neut, Sperling, Clemen, Meyer, Kautz: wir gratulieren Ihnen herzlich. Merry Christmas! Happy New Year!

Bitte, sammelt Anzeigen für Sparks.

Der Nähverein.

Der Kreis unserer Arbeiter hat sich in letzter Zeit etwas erweitert. Es wird infolge dessen mit größerer Lust und Freudigkeit gearbeitet. Der Zirkel sollte aber noch einmal so groß sein, als er ist. In unserer letzten Versammlung kam eine Quilt zur Verlofung. Frau Gehring, von Homer Str., hatte das Glück, dieselbe zu gewinnen.

Unter unseren Quilts schläft sich's gut, träumt sich's süß.

Unsere Präsidentin, Frau Schulz, traktierte den Verein mit Kaffee und Kuchen. In unserer Bude auf dem Bazar gab's allerlei gute und nützliche Sachen zu verkaufen. Daß unsere Sachen willige Abnehmer gefunden haben, beweisen, unter anderem, auch folgende Summen: Einnahme am Donnerstag nachmittag, \$136.70; an den vier Abenden, \$129.65; Gesamtsumme, \$266.35. Ausgaben, \$62.23; bleibt Reingewinn, \$204.12. Von dieser Summe an das Bazar Komitee abgegeben, \$97.65. Allen, die uns Artikel für unsere Bude geschenkt, allen die unsere Sachen gekauft, allen, die uns bei der Arbeit, Herrn Blantenbahn wollen wir hier besonders erwähnen, geholfen haben, sprechen wir unseren herzlichsten Dank aus. Schwester Gehring, die uns so gerne bei der Arbeit geholfen hätte, darf leider ihre Wohnung noch nicht verlassen. Hoffentlich wird sie uns in unserer nächsten Versammlung am Mittwoch, den 1. Dezember, durch ihr Erscheinen überraschen.

Schwester Boettcher haben wir auf unserem Bazar und in unserem Reformationsgottesdienst gesehen. Sie wird, scheint's, immer jünger.

Senior-Chor.

In den letzten Wochen standen wir im Zeichen des Gemeinde-Bazars. Auch im Senior-Chor haben wir viel davon gehört. Das ist nicht zu verwundern, waren doch die Mitglieder des Haupt-Komitees sämtlich Mitglieder unseres Chors. Im ganzen waren fünfzehn Mitglieder unseres Chors beim Bazar als Arbeiter tätig. Da gab es viel zu besprechen und zu ar-

rangieren. Besonders das Rad hat viel Kopfzerbrechen verursacht. Es wurde verpönt, hat sich aber trotzdem recht lustig gedreht und Musik gemacht, für die gut bezahlt wurde. Nächstens werden wir in unserem Chor eine Debatte haben und eine Jury wird entscheiden, ob das Rad am Leben bleibt, oder lebenslänglich verurteilt werden soll.

Was nun den Bazar anbetrifft, so wollen wir nicht versuchen, Näheres darüber zu berichten, denn das wird wohl an anderer Stelle dieses Blattes ausführlich geschehen. Es ging da recht munter zu; manche haben die Daumen gehalten, andere hatte man im Verdacht, daß sie „Häsenfüße“ in der Taiche hatten. Finanziell ist der Erfolg des Bazars als ein recht guter zu bezeichnen.

Der Senior-Chor hat versucht, den Junior-Chor in einen Contest zu verwickeln unter der Bedingung, daß der Chor, der das meiste Geld abließerte, als Sieger gelten und der verlierende Teil ein Super bezahlen sollte. Der Junior-Chor hat aber wohlweislich abgewinkt, denn wenn er darauf eingegangen, dann hätte er verloren.

In der letzten Chorprobe wurde nun ange-regt, ob wir nicht nach der harten Arbeit ein Super verdient hätten. Die Mitglieder waren auch dafür; als es aber hieß, daß die Unkosten aus der Vereinskasse gedeckt werden sollten, fiel die Sache durch. Da erbarmte sich einer der Bassisten, indem er erklärte, daß er für diesen Zweck fünf Taler opfern würde. Einer unserer Tenoristen machte bekannt, daß er ebenfalls fünf Taler geben würde; und siehe, die Damen sagten, daß sie für den nötigen Kuchen sorgen wollten. Und der Herr Dirigent erklärte, daß er sein Orchester bitten werde, bei dieser Gelegenheit zu musizieren. Mein Liebchen, was willst du noch mehr? So wurde denn beschlossen, dieses Super am Abend des 13. Dezember zu geben.

Nachdem dieser Beschluß gefaßt war und wir noch ein Lied gesungen hatten, hörten wir unseres Pastors Stimme bewundernd rufen: „Das ist aber ein feines Lied!“ Er wurde denn auch sofort eingeladen, an unserem Super teilzunehmen.

Mir ist da die Fabel von dem Fuchs und dem Raben eingefallen, welche also lautet: Ein Rabe saß auf einem Baume und hielt in seinem Schnabel einen Käse. Ein Fuchs, durch den Geruch herbeigelockt, hielt folgende Ansprache: „Ah! guten Morgen, Herr Rabe; wie hübsch Sie sind, was für ein schönes Gefieder und blühende Augen Sie haben. Wenn Ihre Stimme so gut ist, wie Ihr Aussehen, dann sind Sie der schönste Vogel dieses Waldes.“ Der Rabe, um seine Stimme hören zu lassen, öffnete seinen großen Schnabel und ließ den Käse fallen. Der Fuchs ergreift den Käse, verzehrt ihn und sagt: „Mein lieber Rabe, lernen Sie, daß ein jeder Schmeichler auf die Kosten desjenigen lebt, der ihm zuhört, und diese Lehre ist, ohne Zweifel, einen Käse wert.“

Wir wollen jedoch annehmen, daß unser Pastor nicht schuldig ist, vielmehr durch die wunderfame Harmonie unseres Gesanges bewogen wurde, diese schmeichelhaften Worte auszusprechen.

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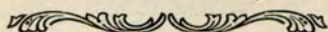
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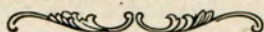
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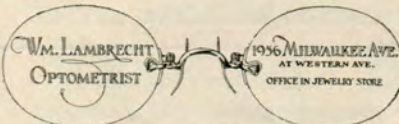
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