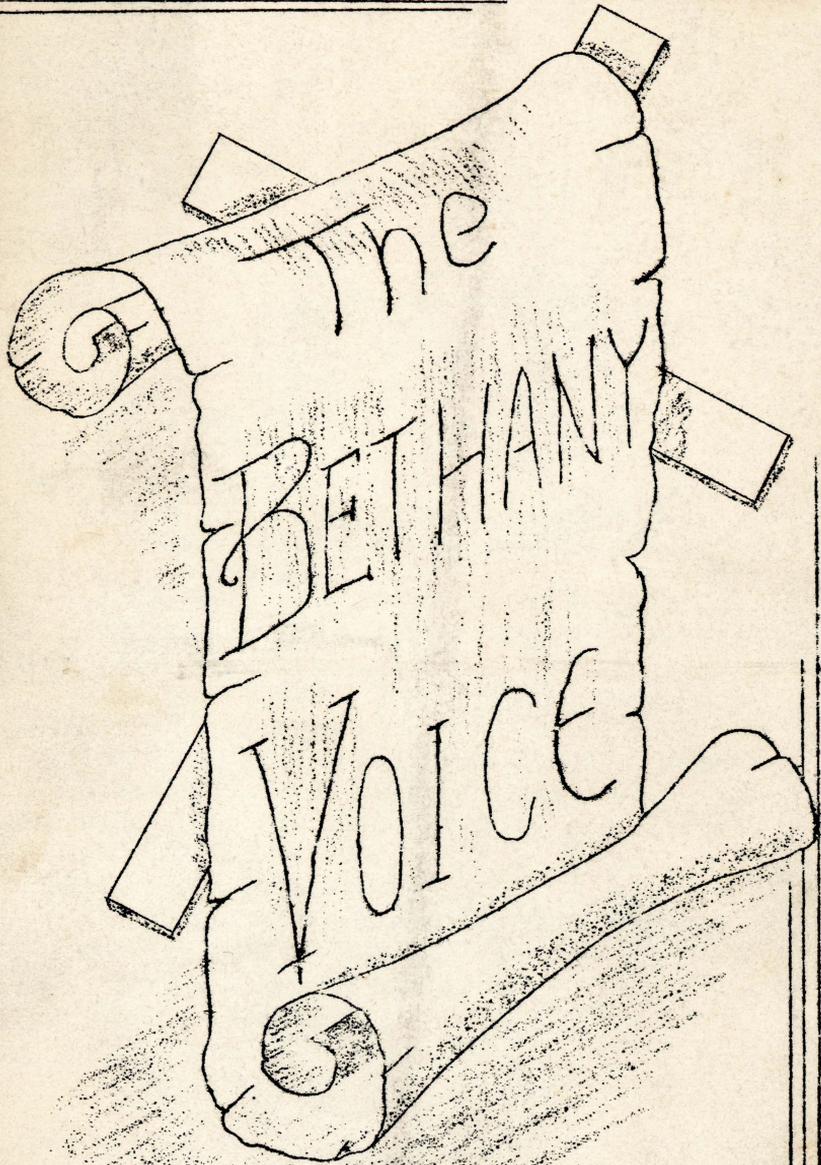


1940



MAY

SIXTIETH

1880

ANNIVERSARY

1940 CELEBRATION

Wednesday, May first,

CHOIR CONCERT

Sunday, May fifth,

DIVINE WORSHIP - Pastor P. Martinson

EVENING SERVICE - Pastor speaks

Wednesday - May eighth

DIVINE WORSHIP - Pastor C. E. Bergquist

EVENING SERVICE -Mother's Day service

Wednesday, May fifteenth,

AUXILIARY NIGHT

Sunday, May nineteenth,

DIVINE WORSHIP - Pastor O. H. Nelson preaches

EVENING SERVICE -Baptismal service

Wednesday, May twenty-second,

ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

Sunday, May twenty-sixth,

DIVINE WORSHIP - Pastor Clarence Johnson

EVENING SERVICE - Holy Communion

Wednesday, May twenty ninth,

Memorial Service

In the last issue of the VOICE, your pastor tried to interpret the meaning of this sixtieth anniversary, which we are now celebrating. ~~Reminiscences must~~ be followed by vision of the future, if we are to profit from this celebration.

"Planks" in the Bethany "platform" for the next sixty years need to be "eyed", "tried", and "applied", by all of us, as we discharge our duties as children of God. While these "planks" will be presented at length on Sunday evening, May 5, under the theme "THREE SCORE! THEN WHAT?", it is well to have them before us as guiding lights,

1. WORSHIP - God's appointment with men.
2. EDUCATION - Teaching men the things of God.
3. STEWARDSHIP - Worship in action.

This triune vision must be caught by every member of Bethany, if the next sixty years are to be more fruitful than the past. We need to pray that these three fundamental objectives permeate and leaven the whole congregational loaf.

These objectives are set forth by your pastor as goals to pursue during the next years. They are set forth here that all the members might know the purpose of our ministry, and that they might help to achieve them by prayer and personal witnessing.

Think them through, ask about them, and promote their adoption by your fellow-members and friends.

The Pastor

PRISCILLA

PROFESSOR QUIZ

appeared at the postponed March meeting at Ursula Brunner's home. It was very informative and entertaining.

MRS. LINN COOLEY

was our hostess when the April meeting was held at her home. We are grateful for the fine attendance. Mrs. Hulda Swanson was devotional leader, and Miss Ida Mattson reviewed the book of ESTHER, from the Old Testament.

MOTHER'S TEA

Plans were made for a "Mother's Tea" at 6 o'clock on May 12, to be held in the Sunday School rooms, followed by a Mother's Day Service at 7:45 for the congregation. Honoring Bethany's mothers is a real privilege for us, and we look forward to a happy time.

BROTHERHOOD

MR. C. W. HOWE

vice president of the United Lutheran Seminary at Maywood, spoke to the 25 men of the Brotherhood on the 26th, May the message of this layman, a real witness for Christ, "soak in".

THE WIVES

of Arthur E. Johnson, and Harold Nelson served the refreshments.

NO MEETING IN MAY

Due to Anniversary Celebration conflicts.

JUNE

Boy Scouts will present the program, and we trust all men will respond to this youth call. Morten Hagreberg and Axel Stone serve the refreshments.

WILLING WORKERS

The regular March meeting of the Willing Workers was held in the church parlors with Mrs. Burke as hostess. At this meeting, a missionary meeting, Hazel Eagleton led the devotions, and spoke on INNER MISSIONS.

MARILYN MC COY

entertained the April meeting. It was decided to have four missionary meetings each year, and four meetings devoted to some sort of study.

STORY OF OUR HYMNS

will be the theme of the meeting, May 18.

WELCOME

to our leader, Mrs. Dorothy Fedor, to whom we shall look often for leadership and guidance. To Hazel Eagleton, we say Welcome to our group. We need your help, too.

LADIES' AID

LAST MEETING

was entertained on April 11, by Mesdames Victor Carlson and Albert Johnson.

In the absence of the pastor, Miss Ida Mattson led the devotions, and a message was read by Mrs. Hugo Nelson, all of which stressed the need of more prayer.

YOUNG'S ANNIVERSARY

was celebrated by many of the ladies, who attended the Open-House reception.

MRS. LINDELL

celebrated her 70th birthday on Wednesday the 24th, and a few of the members helped her celebrate.

NEXT MEETING -

will be entertained by Mrs. Ida Nelson and Mrs. M. Mystrom on May 9.

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MRS. A. B. ANDERSON AND MRS. THOS. GUSTAFSON

were hostesses to the April 4 meeting in church. A good crowd was present to take part in the program.

THE SECRETARY

of the Southern Chicago District, Mrs. Albert Swanson of Salem, was present to speak on the Golden Jubilee work.

PASTOR BURKE

spoke of a woman from the book of Acts, Lydia, a business woman, who became converted through Paul, and became a strong witness for Christ

NEXT MEETING

May 2. Hostesses: Mrs. Burke and Ida Mattson.

June 6. Hostesses: Mrs. Victor Carlson and Ida Nelson.

RUTH CIRCLE

The night has a thousand eyes
And the day but one,
Yet the light of the bright world dies,
With the dying sun.
The midn has a thousand eyes
And the heart but one,
Yet the light of a whole life dies
When its love is done.

This little poem recalls the very pleasant memories of an evening spent with Miss Mila Baker and her dog. Our many thanks are extended to the men folks, who came through with flying colors in the making of such a fine audience.

TONY TURKO

14 year old gifted singer, will represent the Ruth Circle on Auxiliary Night, the 15th of May.

NEXT MEETING

May 23 - 1:30 p.m. Hostess: Eleanor Stone, at
952- Muskegon Avenue.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

PERFECT RECORD FOR SECOND QUARTER:

Lois Matz (T)	Eric Anderson
Irene Mattson (T)	Jean Olson
Roberta Paterson	Jane Olson
Edward Schneider	Violet Anderson
Ray Forstrom	Gloria Matz
Dolores Newman	Margaret Pouley
Signe Munson (T)	Doris Mattson (T)
Dale Blomberg	

THANKS

to our Secretary, Alma Bonander, for efficiency in contacting absent pupils, and faithfulness in keeping records.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY NIGHT -

features an historical pageant, prepared by Agda Olson. Wednesday evening, May 8, 8 o'clock. Former SS members will join with our present school in this event. BIRTHDAY BANKS will be received at this time.

PARENTS: Bring your children.

FELLOWSHIP CLUB

The last meeting of the Club was held April 19th, at Verna Mae Gyllstrom's home.

The stories of two well-known hymns, "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus", and "God Will Take Care of You" were told by Gloria Matz. All present took part by joining in the singing of these hymns.

We extend a special welcome to all young people to be present at our next meeting at which time Verna Mae will speak on a Mother's Day topic. We are invited to the home of Norma Hultquist, 2266 E 92nd Place for this meeting, May 10, 7 p.m.

A few things to remember during May, 1940

1. Let's all attend the services that have been planned.
2. Don't destroy the Anniversary Program, which you have.
3. Remember our Anniversary offering on May, 26th.
4. Buy your Banquet tickets early. \$1 per ticket from an organization president.
5. Sundays and Wednesdays are BIG DAYS.
6. Let's welcome our strangers.
7. Invite your friends to join the church.
8. Pray for the future of our church.

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AN OPEN LETTER

To all
PARENTS OF UNBAPTIZED CHILDREN

As I have been studying our Sunday School records, I find there are several of our scholars who have not received the sacrament of Holy Baptism. One of the fundamental teachings of our church is that children shall be brought to Christ in baptism as soon as possible.

There may be many reasons why these children have not been baptized. Perhaps the chief one is that it has just been put off till some other time.

On Sunday evening, May 19, at 7:45 o'clock, we are arranging a special baptismal service, when we invite you to bring all the children to be baptized. This service is planned for your benefit, and we trust it will answer a long felt need in your family life.

While we invite the children to come, a special invitation is extended to all adults in the family to come to receive this sacrament too. Kindly contact the pastor if you are interested in this service.

Pastor Burke.

ANNIVERSARY PROGRAMS

have been printed, and are yours for the asking. They will be first given out at the choir concert. Since there is a limited number, we ask that you preserve your copy, and bring it with you to the services throughout the month.

THE ART OF MISUNDERSTANDING

One of the easiest things to do in the world is to misunderstand. A misunderstanding is an error in our knowledge of a friend or subject. It arises because we failed to follow through each step of the way, and because we missed one step, we are off to a good misunderstanding.

We get off on our misunderstandings because we do not hear, because we do not pay attention, or because we are too self centered. The first can be corrected by sitting closer, the second by a little training in thinking, and the third by approaching our subject with an open, not a closed, mind.

To not have our misunderstandings corrected is to let the fever go unchecked. Finally, all the tissue will be consumed, and a once-healthy friendship lies, like John Brown's body—a moldering in the grave.

When your misunderstandings arise, go to the one concerned, and have it corrected, lest it sap the blood of brotherly love. We need to practice what is so often seen on sales tickets, "If you liked our service, tell others; if not, tell us".

"WHAT A CHURCH MEMBER OUGHT TO KNOW"

is the title of a little booklet studies in the Bible Class at the present time. The Pastor is the teacher and all who are interested in learning the teachings of the church are urged to come to this class. On Sunday mornings, at 9:30 a.m.

We appreciate that many of our members have remembered to make a small contribution towards the maintenance of the VOICE

LUTHER LEAGUE

"CHILDREN OF GOD"

a book dealing with the work of the Mormons, and a book popularly in demand, was reviewed by Ann Hultquist at the last meeting.

FELLOWSHIP SERVICE

was observed on the 28th by our league, as it was over the whole Synod by the various Leagues. Miss Eleanor Backstrom presided in the absence of the president, Esther Olson and the vice president, James Olander. Hazel Eagleton, Ursula Brunner, and the pastor took part in the program. The offering went to help the work of the Synodical Luther League work.

DISTRICT LEAGUE

will meet at the Salem church, 74th and Calumet, on Tuesday May 7, and a discussion program will be given. One of our Leaguers, Miss Helen Olander, will take part. LET'S ALL BE THERE.

MAY

we see you at our MAY meeting, the 3rd. The spirit of reminiscences will be there. Come, listen to the history of your league work here.

SCOUTS

This column is silent this month, as the boys are out for a few days outing at Porter, Indiana. There may be another reason - the Scout Master has been attending Conference meeting.

SICK BENEFIT

meets monthly, the fourth Tuesday evening, 8 p.m. One new member was received last time. Fifty cents per month, pays you Six dollars per week during an illness. You are urged to avail yourself of this society's benefits.

TEACHER'S TRAINING COURSE

A fine crowd has responded to the invitation of our Sunday School Teachers to attend a series of five lectures by the pastor on "MY BIBLE". Not only have many of our own members come, but also friends from St. Marks have been faithful in attendance. The meetings were concluded on the 28th, with a social hour after the lecture.

AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Pastor and Ernie Olander attended a meeting of this group on April 5, as representatives of this church. Plans were made for an Athletic Banquet to be held sometime this spring. A few constitutional changes were made to bring it up to date. Stress was laid on all churches entering teams in the various events.

Ernie has issued a call for all Softball players to report to him for practice, so that Bethany can enter a softball team this year. FELLOWS- how about you!

IMPROVEMENTS

are constantly being made in the appearance of our church. Did you notice the wall of the Church had recently been cleaned up? And the last coat of paint put on in the basement? And in the parsonage, wall paper and calcimine has cheered up the appearance.

THANKS

are hereby expressed to Lillian Johnson, Rudy Nelson, Emmet B. Vinzens, Bob Anderson, and all the others who help in making the work of publishing this paper easier.

ILLINOIS CONFERENCE MEETING

1. The constitution was changed to make the term of the President's office one year instead of five.
2. Dr. Oscar A. Benson, Salem Chicago was elected Illinois Conference President.
Dr. C. O. Bengston, Immanuel, vice president
Rev. J. S. Landine, Ludington, Mich. secretary
Rev. F. A. Johnson, Maywood, treasurer.
3. A budget of \$125,553.00 was adopted of which \$70,000 goes to Synodical work, and \$55,553 goes to work in the Illinois Conference.
4. Dr. Peter Peterson, Conference President for 21 years retired, to assume chaplaincy of Augustana Hospital.
5. Augustana Hospital's goal of raising \$700,000 was endorsed. At present \$100,000 has been raised in 54 out of 158 congregations.
6. The Crimson Heart Campaign was authorized for the coming year.
7. At the laymen's conference, tithing was discussed and the men were in favor of setting aside one-tenth of their income for the work of the church.
8. The next conference meeting will be held at Monmouth, Illinois in 1941.
9. Al Hultquist was Bethany's lay delegate to this conference.

SOUTHERN CHICAGO BROTHERHOOD

met in our church on the 3rd. Dr. V. A. Rule spoke on his experiences "With Col. Allenby in Palestine" illustrating the war strategy and difficulties of his men. The Parker High School Glee Club of 70 Girls sang several numbers under Miss Agnes Hawkinson's direction.

AUGUSTANA COLLEGE CHOIR

Each year the Choir attracts larger crowds. This was demonstrated by the response to the concert on April 12. Many of our people enjoyed the fine renditions by the choir. The choir spent Saturday making recordings of their numbers at the CBS studio. Listen to the broadcasts each Friday afternoon over WGN.

SEEING-EYE DOG

Miss Mila Baker and her Seeing-Eye Dog presented a fine lecture at the Ruth Circle Tea on Friday the 12. A large crowd responded to this fine program. The Ruth Circle is to be commended for the high calibre programs they have presented for the congregation.

HOME MISSIONS

Regional Director, Theodore Matson, spoke on the relations of the local congregation to the Synodical and Conference work at the W.M.S. Home Mission service, April 7. The Illinois Conference is fortunate in having this aggressive and capable director of its Home Mission work.

MR. AND MRS. ALFRED YOUNG

celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary with an open-house reception on Tuesday, April 16. A large group of friends dropped in to extend congratulations. We bespeak for them God's richest blessings for the years that lie ahead. Flowers were placed on the altar on Sunday before in honor of the event.

PASTORAL ACTS:

Funerals: April 10th - Oscar Adolf Carlson,
8450 Mackinaw,
Weddings: April 19th - Ragnar Eckstrom, Chicago,
Helen Carlson, Norway, Mich.

PEOPLE YOU KNOW -

Mrs. C. T. Erickson, 9735 Exchange Ave, has been ill for a few weeks, but is now up and around.

Mrs. C. O. Anderson, Chesterton, has been visiting in Chicago recently.

A. B. Anderson's have moved to their new home at 7522 Champlain Ave.

C. H. Soderquist's have also moved to their home at 78th and Burnham.

Mrs. Ida Lindell celebrated her 70th birthday on Wednesday April 24th.

Emmet B. Vinzens, our treasurer, has accepted a job in Kansas City, Mo. We regret seeing him leave, and his faithful presence will be missed. (Hi, Mutt!)

Harold Lenmark returned sunburned last week from a vacation trip to Bermuda. Welcome home!!

Pastor E. U. Youngdahl, his wife and mother, and Miss Cecelia Anderson, home mission worker in Chicago worshipped with us at the HOME MISSION Service.

Ray and Ted Anderson visited at home, 9233 Essex Av. the 28th to help father celebrate his birthday.

James Olander is confined to his home with a broken bone in his foot.

INCOME

Contributions	('40)	\$188.55
	('39)	27.80
Benevolences	('40)	42.65
	('39)	.15
Initial Offering		.25
Loose Offering		15.59
Evening Worship Offering		10.89
Priscilla Society		25.00
Augustana College Offering		17.10
Self Denial Offering		4.00
Swedish Service		2.00
Refund on Church Insurance policy		3.36
Total		<u>337.34</u>
Balance April 1,		<u>11.24</u>
Grand Total		348.58

EXPENSE

Salaries	215.00
Benevolences	42.65
Augustana College	17.10
Roof Payment	29.50
Publicity and Postage	3.45
Repairs	12.90
Special Drive Fund	22.00
Total	<u>342.60</u>
Balance 5/1	<u>5.98</u>
	348.58

SPECIAL DRIVE FUND

This month \$22.00 was loaned to this fund by the church treasury. The payment was \$53.50.
THINK IT THROUGH!

MAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5 6th After EASTER	6 Scouts Girls Chorus	7 District League	8 L Choir Concert Sunday School Night	9 Women's Missionary Society Ladies Aid	10 Fellowship Deacons	11
12 PENTECOST	13 Scouts Girls Chorus	14 S. S. Teachers	15 Auxiliary Night	16	17	18 Willing Workers
19 TRINITY	20 Scouts Girls Chorus	21 Sou. Chi. District Meeting	22 Anniversary Banquet	23 Ruth Circle	24	25
26 1st Trinity	27 Scouts Chorus Trustees	28 Sick Benefit Priscilla	29 Memorial Service	30	31	

