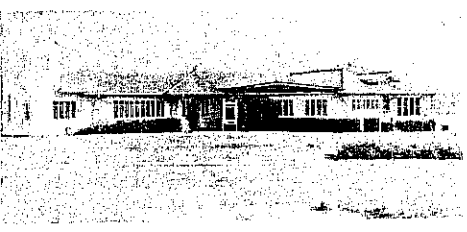


# TRINITY VIEWS

"In Pictures and News"



## THE HISTORY OF OUR CHURCH

The Church of the Glowing Cross began its remarkable history on July 19, 1942. The first few services were held in the Fort Worth Public Market, with a charter membership of thirty-five persons. God seemed to be with the Church from the start, for the owner of the Market did not charge rent for its use, and the owner of the frozen food lockers donated the necessary heat and lights for the services.

God again seemed to show His hand in the acquiring of a church building. When the building now in use was located, its purchase seemed an impossibility to the new congregation, for the property had an estimated value of \$40,000.00. However, God seemed to have wanted the wonderful location on top of the hill, for the church's offer of 10,000.00 was accepted. After much scrubbing and cleaning by faithful church members, the church was dedicated in the middle of December, 1942, and Trinity Lutheran is well on its way to becoming a self-supporting church.

The blue neon cross on top of the church, which gave it its theme—"The Church of the Glowing Cross,"—was given and erected free of charge. The spirit of giving was also responsible for the \$10,400 income, almost \$70.00 per person) which was received in the Church's third year of existence.

Trinity Lutheran Church became self-supporting on its fourth anniversary, September 8th, 1946, with a total membership of three hundred souls. Today, only one year and one half later, the membership list has grown to four hundred and fifty-six. If it continues growing as it has in the past, Trinity Lutheran is entitled to visions of many bright tomorrows.

## MENS CLUB BANQUET TO HONOR NESS APRIL 8th

Loren Ness, National Boy's Work Director will be the guest of honor at the Trinity Lutheran Men's Club Banquet to be held April 8th at the Church Parish Hall.

Mr. Ness is the former outstanding high school principal and teacher who long felt he needed to devote his life for Christ's work. When the office of Boy's Work Director of the Evangelical Lutheran Church was made available, Mr. Ness was called to fill the position. He is well suited for the work, having a youthful zeal which makes him a real companion to boys.

Mr. Ness belongs to the Lake Harriet Lutheran Church in Lake Harriet, Minnesota, but his work involves much travel, taking him to Canada the past month.

He has a heavy itinerary in Texas. On Monday April 5th, his address will be in Waco, Texas. On Tuesday he will find himself in Clifton and the next day he will travel to Granfills, Gap. On Thursday, April 7th, he will come to Fort Worth to hold consultation with the members of the Men's Club interested in boys' work. On Friday, Saturday, and Sunday he will be in Dallas for the Texas Circuit Convention, at which

## CIRCUIT CONVENTION IN DALLAS

The Spring Convention of the Texas Circuit of the Evangelical Lutheran Church is scheduled for April 9, 10, and 11 at the Central Lutheran Church in Dallas, Texas. The theme of the convention will be "Con-tending For the Faith", the scriptural basis of which is to be found in the Epistle of Jude.

Those fortunate enough to attend the Convention will be amply rewarded in hearing such qualified main speakers as Dr. N. Astrup Larsen, President of the Iowa District of our Church; Mr. Loren M. Ness, National Boy's Work Director; Pastors W. T. Gigstad of Clifton, H.Wm. Sorenson of Houston, and J. P. Knudson of Texhoma.

Registration of the convention delegates will be from 6:30 to 7:30 Friday evening. The opening session will begin at 7:45, with Pastor I. P. Paulson of Waco presiding. Following the welcome address by Pastor Torvik of Dallas and devotion by Pastor E. H. Wold of Fort Worth. Pastor Gigstad will deliver the message "The Church's Change-less Trust." The Trinity Lutheran Men's Choir of Fort Worth and a quartet composed of Pastor and Mrs. H. Wm. Sorenson of Houston and Pastor and Mrs. E. H. Wold of Fort Worth will furnish special music.

Saturday's program will begin with a Bible Study and business session at 9:00. Pastor E. H. Peterson of Dallas and Pastor E. R. Meakestad of Granfills Gap are in charge. The next session, beginning at 11:00, will be preceded by the W.M.F. business meeting in the Parish Hall. The session, opened with scripture and prayer by Pastor O.O. Brandt of Clifton College, will center around the message "Earnestly Con-tending" by Pastor H. Wm. Sorenson. An anthem will be presented by the Central Lutheran Junior Choir. The afternoon session begins at 3:00 with the W.M.F. furnishing the program and Mrs. B. R. Maakestad presiding. The W.M.F. Chorus will present a musical selection. The main topic will be "Guard Well the Portals of Your Home."

A Circuit Session will begin at 4:00. Edmund beaver of Norse and music by a vocal trio from Central Lutheran will be followed by Pastor J.P. Knudson speaking on "The Keys to Victory."

At 7:00 p.m. the sound film "And Now I See" will be shown. The Brotherhood Rally at 7:45 will be presided over by Mr. B. McDowell. Mr. Odie Pederson of Fort Worth will read from scripture and offer prayer, and Central Lutheran's Male Quartet will sing. Mr. Loren M. Ness, National Boy's Work Director, will deliver the message.

On Sunday April 11, Sunday School and Bible Class will begin at 9:45 a.m. Mr. Ness will lead discussion in the Adult Bible Class in the Church Auditorium. The festival morning worship will begin at 11:00. Dr. Larsen will preach the sermon, "In the Presence of His Glory", and soecial music will be delivered by the Central Lutheran Choir and Male Quartet.

The Closing Convention Session will begin at 2:30 p.m. at the new Oak Cliff Lutheran, 401 N. Rosemont, where Dr. Larsen will dedicate the new church property.

Free board and lodging will be available to all convention delegates, and meals will be served in the Parish Hall at 12:00 noon and 5:30 p.m. Saturday and 1:00 p.m. Sunday.

## NEW CHURCH IN HOUSTON TO BE DEDICATED APRIL 18th

Pastor E. William (Bill) Sorenson of Houston, Texas, has announced plans for the dedication on April 18th, 1948, of the new Lutheran Mission Church in Houston, Texas. This is the first church of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod in Houston. Pastor Sorenson expresses the desire to call it "The Church

## LUTHER LEAGUE TO CONDUCT CITY-WIDE POLL DURING APRIL

A heavy visitation program has been scheduled for April. The canvass, which will be conducted by the young people of the Luther League, is due to cover areas all over Fort Worth. This program should be good training for the young people, as well as increase interest and attendance in the church.

## PROF. REQUE VISITS TRINITY

Professor S. S. Reque, retired teacher and baseball coach of Luther College, attended Good Friday afternoon services at Trinity Lutheran Church enroute to Houston and Denver in the interests of the College.

Professor Reque, whose grandfather was one of the first Lutheran pastors in Boscque County, was for twenty years coach of one of the best college baseball teams in the United States.

## PASTOR TORVIK ACCEPTS CALL TO MADAGASCAR, TO LEAVE IN JUNE

Pastor O. I. Torvik, beloved minister to the Central Lutheran congregation of Dallas, has announced his resignation from that position after accepting a call to the mission fields of Madagascar. Pastor Torvik is well fitted for the job, having been born in that country, and speaking the language fluently.

Pastor and Mrs. Torvik and their daughter plan to leave for Minneapolis in three months, and will leave for Madagascar after a three months rest in Minneapolis. Mrs. Torvik is expecting a baby in two months.

Pastor Torvik has revealed his glowing personality as of late in the transferring of approximately 65 of his membership to the newly organized Oak Cliff Lutheran Church. His recent post will truly be difficult to fill.



TRINITY VIEW'S FIRST POSSES --- Look for the faces of the Editorial staff if you have any complaints. Left to right, they are: Standing: Iva Weatherbee and Esther Jensen. Sitting: Art Hoel and Ronald Nelson.

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**PORTION**

Bon voyage, Youth of the Church, on your latest venture, a Parish Paper. You are stepping in to fill a long-felt need in the life of a growing Trinity. With it you are shouldering a real responsibility. But with characteristic zeal and the courage of your Christian faith, we know that you'll fulfill your dream with zest. Hats off to each of you, faithful soldiers of our risen King!

Regarding this column, we are dedicating it to parish notes and spiritual comments that will invite the attention of each of you. The "heart" matters of our parish will be interspersed with comments that we'll do our utmost to make worth the attention of every one of you. Thus we greet you, readers of this new Voice for Trinity.

Pressing deep and hard upon our hearts still is the glory of our rich Easter day at the Church. I'm sure that none of us will soon forget it. In the Presence of our Risen Easter Christ the Garden of the Resurrection fairly teemed with life and was fragrant with scented flowers as we walked in its eternal Springtime. Exposed to His Word and its power were upwards of 400 different worshippers at our three morning festive hours. An excellent choir concert added a final note of gladness to a full day in company with our Raster King. The evening with our two-dozen choir folks was a worshipful event and an esthetic delight.

Monday morning, too, we finally responded to the "call of Spring" and went about spading a bit of earth for a new flower bed. Per chance, we thought, we'll be able to coax up a few flowers to add their fragrant loveliness to the parsonage grounds. Musing about God's good earth, we thought again of the urgency of Easter and its Message of the resurrection of Jesus. It must strike deep roots in every one of us. The thought struck home through an experience we just had. Four holes have been dug for trees on our parsonage boulevard. But the soil in which they were dug was far from inviting. A nurseryman recommended the securing of other dirt when he brought our trees on Saturday. We were in a temporary quandry. What should we do? We had no other richer dirt and none was available it seemed until Monday. The serious question walked up to meet us, "Would these trees die if kept from permanent, day-by-day contact with the soil?" Verle came by, and he is an experienced nurseryman. He suggested that we keep the trees alive by wetting them down in a light layer of soil until Monday. Then we could plant them permanently. It became clear again that a tree no longer in minute-by-minute contact with the soil begins to dry up and die. "It's end is to be burned." Spiritually speaking each of us must keep our souls in fresh contact with our Risen Savior. Only if they are deeply and permanently imbedded in Him will they grow. Aught not our prayer be, "Keep me rooted deep in Thee, O Eternal Christ!"

Worth Emphasis is the story of a old man. Pastor Abrahamson told it at the Milwaukee Convention last summer. It happened in one of his parishes. The Pastor saw him coming toward him with the tottering walk of an old, sick man. His face and gait bespoke his age, but the gleam in his eye was that of a boy who had made an interesting discovery. He was somewhat breathless from hurrying when he took his pastor's hand. "Pastor, I have just learned something," he said. "Well, now, that's encouraging," responded the young pastor. "It's great to know that a man of your age is still learning. Then there is hope for those of us who are younger". But this was not a time for jesting. The old man was in dead earnest about his discovery. "Pastor, I learned, just the other day, that if I were the only sinner, Christ would still have died!"

That he had walked more than 70 years with his Savior, only now had he come to begin to comprehend "what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge." Now he knew the secret to a full understanding of Christ: that "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief." Friend, do you know that supreme joy: "if I were the only sinner, Christ would still have died for me?"

- April 4th: Communion Services at Both the 9:00 and the 11:00 services.  
 3:00P.M. Adult Instruction Class  
 5:00P.M. Men's Choir  
 6:30P.M. Married Couples Club.
- April 5th: 6:30P.M. Visitation dinner and visitation.
- April 7th: 7:30P.M. Choir Rehearsal
- April 8th: 6:30P.M. Men's Club Banquet.  
 Loren Neas, Speaker
- April 9th: 7:30P.M. Circuit Meeting at Dallas
- April 10 : 10:00A.M. Junior Confirmation.  
 All day Circuit meeting and womens missionary conference at Central Lutheran in Dallas.
- April 11: 9:00 and 11:00A.M. Worship Services.  
 6:30P.M. Luther League
- April 13: 10:00A.M. The Gleaners Circle 1  
 7:30P.M. The Gleaners Circle 2
- April 14: 7:30P.M. Choir Rehearsal
- April 15th: 7:30P.M. Luther League Social
- April 17th: 10:00A.M. Junior Confirmation
- April 18th: 9and 11:00 Worship Service  
 5:00P.M. Men's Choir  
 6:30P.M. Married Couples Club
- April 20th: 1:30P.M. Altar Guild  
 7:30P.M. Teachers meeting
- April 21st: 7:30P.M. Choir Rehearsal
- April 24th: 10:00A.M. Junior Confirmation
- April 25th: 9and 11:00 Worship Services  
 5:00P.M. Clifton College Choir, Professor Grender, director.  
 6:30P.M. Luther League
- April 27: 10:00A.M. Gleaners Circle 1  
 7:30P.M. Gleaners Circle 2
- April 28th: 7:30P.M. Choir Rehearsal

**"OUR PAPER"**

This, the birthday of our monthly newspaper, has been forthcoming for five or six weeks. We of the Luther League are happy to have the opportunity to bring to you, "Trinity Views--In Pictures and News." We feel that it is an excellent project for a successful Luther League. There are always many problems to overcome for a "first" of any new product, so therefore, May's issue should glow with a little more brightness.

Perhaps, dear reader, you have wondered who thought of the poetic name for our paper? A "poet" of course! Every member of the League had a favorite name to suggest but instead of using any of those, we chose a name submitted by someone else. We think it is a suitable name.

The paper staff didn't believe we would have enough material to fill these four pages, but we have managed that readily. Don't let that statement, however, influence you organization reporters, to write less for next month's issue. We hope, that in this paper, there will be something of interest to everyone.

We sincerely believe that "Trinity Views" can be a recognized service to our church and we hope that each of you will assist it to be just that. It should keep each member informed of the events and progress of our church and congregation. We anticipate the fast growth of Trinity Lutheran, both physical and spiritual, and we believe that a paper of this type can cause advancement in that direction too. It will help us all to become better acquainted with one another, therefore a closer Fellowship among members. We want to bring to you, through the channels of this paper, a wholesome variety of reading matter and interesting pictures.

We want each of you to be proud of "Trinity Views," and feel free to give the staff any hints that could prove beneficial in making same a better publication. If you have any news or ideas, give them to one of the members of the staff.

For means of financing this monthly paper, a charge of five cents a copy was proposed or fifty cents per year for the twelve copies. At first, we wanted them to be free but we later decided that a paper that was self-supporting would be a great advantage. We are printing five-hundred copies of each issue. There will be a sufficient number to send to your friends and relatives. Our plan is to have them ready for you by the first Sunday of every month.

We of the paper staff wish to thank each and everyone of you for making "Trinity Views" possible. We know that with the help of God and the assistance of you fine people our paper will be a triumphant success.

The Editor

**CLIFTON COLLEGE CHOIR  
 COMING TO FT. WORTH**

The Clifton Junior College Choir is coming here, the 25th of this month, under the direction of Professor Grender

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHOIR**

The Trinity Lutheran Choir presents a beautiful and inspiring Easter Cantata, "The Seven Last Words," on the evening of Easter. Mrs. Dorothy Anderson was the Cantata's capable director, and Mrs. Wolf its talented accompanist.

**Bible Passages**

"And I will put enmity between thee and woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." Genesis 3:15

"Therefore to him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin." James 4:17

"To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him." Daniel 9:9

"Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I unto you. Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin." John 8:34

"Ye that love the Lord, hate evil; he purgeth the soul of his saints; he belreth them out of the hand of the wicked." Psalms 97:10

"If I could but tell all the glory That shines in my soul day by day, Or if I could but tell of the Saviour 'Till echoes would ring it for aye, I'd shout it aloud from the mountains I'd sing it o'er valley and plain, I'd tell it and tell it and tell it, 'Till millions would hear the refrain."

**FACTS -**

An Evangelical Lutheran Church of Italy is expected to be formed in Rome and will apply for membership in the Lutheran World Federation. There are about six thousand Lutherans in Italy today. The largest Lutheran populations are in Rome, Milan, Naples, Capri, Florence, Turin, Genoa, and the neighboring Riviera. Lutheran clergymen receive \$50.00 each month from American and Swedish Lutherans.

Five hundred surplus Army and Air Force chapels have been sold to qualified applicants. Protestant denominations purchased 379 chapels, Roman Catholics bought 86, and Jewish groups five. The other chapels went to colleges, schools, and other organizations.

# HOME JAMES

by Mrs. Erling Wold

Joy, I wish Betty would hurry! thought he, as he waited on the street corner. Why the music studio have to be on the least street in Centerville, where everyone in town could drive by and see him, he wondered, as he saw two of the fellows from school coming around the corner. But no, it was too late, they had already seen him. Assuming a nonchalant air, he tried to pretend he didn't see them...but as they went they both grinned and gave out with the salutation, "Hi, maestro!"

Pete saw his sister pulling up to the curb then, and quickly opened the car door for her to get in. "Well, chum," he exploded, "this is the last time you're going to have to pick up after my music lesson!"

"How come, Pete?" Betty asked, smoothly sliding the car into the stream of traffic. "Pro-ther," Pete snorted, "I wouldn't be caught dead on that corner again with a vicar. What does Mom want me to do...grow long hair and sit behind a music stand all my life?"

Betty laughed and said, "Cool down, Pete, you can't be as bad as all that."

"Well, anyway, Betty, be a good sis and come off at Bob's house...I believe I'll give you my practice today and relax over a couple of ping-pong. Explain to Mom, will you?"

"I think you'd better come home first and explain to her yourself...By the way, I have stopped here at Mrs. Spencer's house for a minute." "Be right back." And Betty ran up the walk to the neat white house set under the hanging poplars.

"I'll time you," Pete called after her. This is where Mrs. Spencer lived. Pete had heard Mom talking about her. Even though she had belonged to their church for many years, he had never seen her. Every- one knew that she was an invalid and had to stay in the house all the time. It was nice for Mom to visit her and send her things, but far as he was concerned, Pete thought, "I just didn't like to be around that people....."

He started as Betty put her head in the window and said urgently, "Come on, Pete, Mrs. Spencer wants to meet you...And she wondered if you would mind bringing your violin and playing something for her...Would you, Pete, please, she's awfully sweet...."

"Aw, cut it out, Betty," Pete grumbled. "Can't it enough that I have to take lessons about your making me play for all the sick people in the church? Next thing you know, the fellows will be calling me 'Deacon'..."

"Please, Pete, just this once...I'll drop off at Bob's, if you will do it..."

"O.K., O.K., stop twisting my arm, dry up your tears, and wring out your handkerchief, and I'll come..." And Pete got out of the car thinking to himself..."The smell of medicine will probably make me sick on top of it...Oh, well, they'll be sorry when I die!"

He stepped into the living room behind Betty and heard her say, "Pete, this is Mrs. Spencer."

Pete looked around the room and then looked again. The only person in the room was a lady about Mom's age, sitting on a chair with her feet covered by a lovely blue quilt. She was very pretty, prettier than Mom, and Pete thought his mother was one of the prettiest older ladies he'd ever seen. Suddenly he realized that he was staring, so he blurted out, "Are you...I mean, How do you



One of the most interesting opportunities that I had overseas was the privilege of visiting other countries. On our "leave-time" we could take tours to various places in Europe.

Switzerland, of course, was everyone's first choice, because it was a land of plenty, and it had not been touched by war. I took two vacations there enjoying the great sports of skiing and ice skating that I had never experienced in Texas. The scenery is beautiful and breath-taking, the shops full of American goods, the streets are crowded with American cars, and the people are hospitable.

Denmark was open to visit my second year overseas. At the time, Norway and Sweden could not be visited; however, they were open for travel later, but I didn't have a chance to go back.

Denmark was without question the cleanest place in Europe that I had seen. And the food--um--I brought back a whole bag full of cheese for the GI's. Copenhagen is often called "Little America", and there too, was a modern city. It was almost like being in downtown Fort Worth. The people are very friendly--and the young men and women are so tall and blond and handsome. One unique thing about this large city was that none of the hotels contained bath tubs. For bathing, one had to go down to the large baths in the town, really a thriving business! Since I had no address of any relatives, I looked up "Bertelsen" in the telephone directory. The name was as common as Jones is in Fort Worth.

Just this last October, I visited Prague in Czechoslovakia. The people seemed very eager to "talk politics", and were very concerned about the coming election. From my own observations, I know that many are grieved about the victory of the Communists. I visited in a Czech home where the people were good and Christian and they and their friends were then very worried. I saw Lydice--on the outside of Prague--where a complete town was destroyed because one German Officer had been killed. Not one stone lay upon another--and not a tree was standing.

Also in France, Germany, and Austria where I was on duty, there were interesting things to see. But the bombed cities and hungry people were often pitiful to see. Former mansions and places of grandeur which had belonged to Hitler's men are now used for GI rest centers--Bertchgaeden, Garmisch, etc.

The greatest sight, I suppose, was to "take-off" from bombed Frankfurt on Sunday and to arrive in plentiful America on Monday.

There is no place like home--and we have so much to be thankful for!

(Editor's note) As you probably guessed by now, this article was written by Miss Margie Lou Bertelsen, one of the church's charter members, who has just returned from overseas duty with the American Red Cross. We have missed her in our growing Trinity for the past two and one-half years.

She is at the present time unemployed. She is a graduate of Baylor College in Waco, Texas where she majored in Journalism.

We hope she will remain to work and worship with us.

Thy life was giv'n for me,  
Thy precious blood was shed,  
That I might ransomed be,  
And quickened from the dead.  
Thy life was giv'n for me:  
What have I giv'n for Thee?

Long years were spent for me  
In weariness and woe,  
That thru eternity  
Thy glory I might know,  
Long years were spent for me:  
Have I spent one for Thee?

O let my life be giv'n,  
My years for Thee be spent,  
World fetters all be riv'n,  
And joy and suff'ring blent!  
Thou gav'st Thyself for me;  
I give myself for Thee.

Of all the famous hymns brought down through the ages, none strikes a more responsive chord in the hearts of Christians everywhere than the hymn, "Thy Life Was Given For Me."

Frances Ridley Havergal, its author, was born at Astley, Worcestershire, England, on December 14th, 1836. She was such a vivacious child that her father, a minister of the Church of England, called her "Little Quicksilver." Her father was a gifted musician, and this quality was inherited by Frances. Because she looked upon her talents as gifts from God, to be used only in His service, she would sing nothing but sacred songs.

Her works include "O Saviour, Precious Saviour," "Take My Life, And Let It Be", and our hymn for the month of April, "Thy Life Was Given For Me."

While studying at Dusseldorf, Germany, Miss Havergal chanced to see Sternberg's celebrated painting, Ecce Homo, or Behold The Man, with this inscription beneath it:

"This have I done for thee;  
What hast thou done for me?"

This painting made such a profound impression on her mind that she immediately seized a piece of paper and a pencil, and wrote the famous hymn, "I Gave My Life For Thee." This was later translated into the words which appear in our hymnal. "Thy Life Was Given For Me". She thought the verses were so poor after she had read them over that she tossed them into a stove. The piece of paper, however, fell out untouched by the flames. When she showed the words to her father a few months later, he was so impressed by them that he immediately composed a tune by which they could be sung.

In this hymn, there is brought to our attention the great love that our Heavenly Father has for us, as shown by the gift of His only Son, who left His Father's home and died on the cross that we might have eternal life. Its theme is the gift of salvation, and it emphasizes particularly the cost of redemption in love, in sacrifice, and in suffering. It is a hymn that is personal in its appeal, and one which will be well worth our time to memorize as our hymn for the month of April.

Iva Weatherbee

## PTL CORNER

Each month in "Trinity Views," this corner will be reserved for the Pocket Testament League. I sincerely hope and pray that many of you will become members of this wonderful world-wide organization.

The Pocket Testament League is composed of Bible reading Christians all over the world. In becoming a member, all you have to do is sign a membership card, pledging to read a portion of the Bible each day, and carry a New Testament with you at all times when possible.

You will be surprised what a daily habit of reading the Bible can do for you. Farr J. Crosby gives a simple description of the Bible --

"No book is like the Bible  
For childhood, youth and age;  
Our duty plain and simple  
We find on every page.  
It came by inspiration,  
A light to guide our way;  
A voice from Him who gave it,  
Reproving when we stray."

# GLEANER GLEANINGS

The name "Gleaners" was chosen by the ladies of Trinity for the Womens' Missionary Federation because of its significance, gleaning in the fields of Christ. Our purpose is missionary work both home and foreign.

As "doers" as well as "hearers" of the word we help those who need our help. We have "adopted" a brother and sister who live at the All Church Home. We have just completed their Easter outfits, which were on display when the Home had its Easter tea on the 16th. These children are to receive all their clothing, including shoes, from us for the entire year of 1948.

As "hearers" of the word we are studying the minor prophets under the guidance of Mrs. Wold. You who are members of the Adult Sunday School Class realize what a fine teacher we have in her. Hidden meanings and truths that we fail to see ourselves are revealed to us.

The Gleaners have two meetings each month, the second and fourth Tuesdays--- one is a work meeting and one a study meeting. Each lady of the church is also a member of the Gleaners.

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to be a "Gleaner for Christ." Watch the bulletin and let it be a reminder to you to attend our next meeting! You'll never regret it!!!

Bernie Shackelford

## ALTAR GUILD

The Altar Guild meets in the homes of its members each month. The March meeting was held in the home of Mrs. Arthur Johnson on Crestline Road. A new member, Mrs. Bernt Anderson, was added. She extended the invitation for the April meeting to be held in her home. Pastor Wold is conducting a study of the book of Hebrews at our meetings. We have also studied the meaning of the different colored altar cloths, the various symbols of the Church, and the proper care of the linens, cloths, etc., used on the Altar.

It is the duty of one member each month to see that new candles, clean linens, and the proper colored cloth grace our Altar each Sunday, also we have fresh flowers in our vases when they are available. Come to visit our meetings. We are sure you will enjoy the Christian fellowship.

## THE LUTHER LEAGUE

The Luther League meets on the second and fourth Sunday of the month, at 6:30 in the Parish Hall.

Each meeting two leaguers are in charge of the devotion and recreational program. Virgie Denton and Agnette Johnson were in charge of our last meeting. The very interesting topic on "Love" was given by Virgie.

All young people of the congregation are invited to become members of the League and enjoy the Christian fellowship that is enjoyed by all who come.

The officers are President-Iva Weatherbee; Vice-president-Ronald Nelson; Secretary-Francis Spinn; Treasurer-Esther Jensen; and Pocket Testament Secretary-Arthur Hoel.

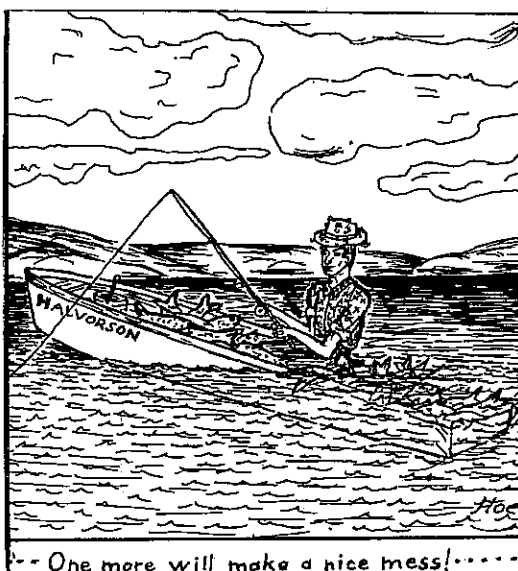
## NEW OFFICERS FOR MENS CLUB

The newly elected officers of the Men's Club are: president-Irvin Grimland; vice-president-Mervin Knudson; Secretary-Irvin Knudson; treasurer-Ray Madsen.

The purpose of the Club is a fellowship of Christian laymen. At each meeting they have set aside one hour for Bible study and discussion.

A all-men's banquet is being arranged for the 8th of April, with Mr. Loren Ness, National Boy's Work Director, as speaker.

"All unrighteousness is sin; and there is a sin not unto death." I John 5:17



Ronald: What is another name for Ground Hog?  
Staff: We don't know.  
Ronald: Sausage.

If you were dirt by the side of the road  
Out in the stormy weather  
I'd be a cloud and rain on you  
And we'd be mud together.

### CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Some go to church to take a walk;  
Some go to church to laugh and talk;  
Some go there to meet a friend;  
Some go there their time to spend;  
Some go there to meet a lover;  
Some go there a fault to cover;  
Some go there for speculation;  
Some go there for observation;  
Some go there to doze and nod;  
The wise go there to worship God.

## THE GREAT MASTER

The great musician Mendelssohn once went into a cathedral in Germany where the organist, an old man, was practicing on the great organ. Going quietly to the organ-loft, Mendelssohn asked if he might try the keys. The old man refused, fearing the stranger might not know how to manage the priceless instrument, and might injure it. But the great master insisted, saying if he would but let him try he would prove that he would not harm the organ. By and by, though reluctantly, the organist consented. Then began such music as the old man had never heard! He was enraptured, entranced! He sat by with eyes streaming with tears.

After a while the great musician rose to go. "Who are you? Who are you?" cried the old man, holding him fast. "Mendelssohn," he replied simply, and passing down the silent aisle he left the building. "Oh! To think that I had almost refused to let Mendelssohn touch my organ!", he thought.

Have not many of us refused to let the Great Master have our lives? Be sure that He will not harm the life given to Him, but will bring out its wondrous harmonies as God meant them to be! There will be music, the glory and beauty of which we cannot dream, when like the old organist with his organ we give ourselves over to let Jesus do as He will with us.

"Lord Jesus, my Shepherd, I come unto Thee;  
Have mercy, and let my Thy follower be.  
I hold to Thy promises, faithful and true,  
Thy mercies each day Thou wilt ever renew.  
Thou seest how poor and how wretched I am,  
I come, then, confiding in Thy Blessed name!"

do. That is, I thought you were sick!" Mrs. Spencer's brown eyes twinkled and laughed merrily. "Well, I guess I am, but I'm sorry to disappoint you by not being in bed and smelling of liniment."

Pete blushed, but laughed, too, and set to take out the violin. "You see, Pete, though I'm not very old, I've been sick a long time with a disease called arthritis which gradually keeps me from doing more of the things other people do. I'd like to hear you play, if you don't mind, because I used to play the piano, but my hands are stiff now..." She handed him a hymn book and Pete saw that her fingers were crooked and swollen at the joints.

As Pete started to play "Beneath the Cross of Jesus," he saw his own fingers moving the strings, and was glad and yet sad. This new feeling made him play the hymn carefully, thinking of the words and realizing suddenly how beautiful they were. When he finished, he looked up and saw Mrs. Spencer's shining eyes and saw Petty looking at him as though she were thinking that maybe Mom wasn't throwing her money away on his lessons after all.

When they were in the car again, Petty said, "Which way to Bob's?" But Pete, thinking of Mrs. Spencer's invitation to return, said, with a faraway look in his eye, "Hi James....I think I need some practice."

### Youth Prays for Peace

Lord, we are the youth of every land,  
Pleading for peace;  
We are the ones who will be sacrificed  
Unless wars cease;  
We are the ones elected, Lord, to pay  
A price too high.  
You gave us life, and it is not your will  
That we should die.

Open the blind eyes of our Leaders, Lord  
In every land;  
Open their hearts and minds and make them  
Wise to understand  
That war is sad and horrible and wrong,  
And useless quite;  
That we, the clean, strong youth of earth  
Have the good right  
To life and love and happiness and peace

We would not be  
Killers of men--We want to walk the earth  
Clean-handed, free  
From war with all its horrors, lust, and greed  
Its dark despair.  
Lord, may there never be another war-----  
This is our prayer.

---Grace Noll Crowe

## "CHIT-CHAT"

Two car accidents marred the week for 3 of our church family. Last week Oren Nelson suffered a crushed knee-cap and some bruises in a car accident when his brake failed at the corner of Lancaster, and University Drive. Margie Fae Weatherbee and Newel Level had a collision enroute to work Wednesday morning. Margie suffered a facial cut near her mouth and foot bruises....We crave your indulgence since this is our first issue...We would like to make this a monthly issue, improving each copy as we go. We certainly encourage contributions for future issues from everyone of you...It is too Guam for Major Sapp within the next few weeks...Lt. Ben Swain and Hayden Austin are faithfully "catching" the profiles of all our people. Be sure to be photographed soon. We want to reproduce you in print!..The Pastor is to address P-T-A Group and a group of directors for the Bluebirds on Qualities of a Christian Leader...A popular spot this spring and summer is Milt Harshe's Frozen Custard Stand on White Settlement Road at Robert Cut-Off...We greet Jimmie Gustafson on his new barber shop, recently opened on East Hattie and Missouri..

### TRINITY'S NEWEST ARRIVALS

Michael Dennis Fox, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Fox.  
Mary Helen Niemeyer, daughter of Mr. Mrs. Clyde Niemeyer.  
Cheryl Elaine Saucke, daughter of Mr.