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MONTHLY BULLETIN

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FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH KNOXVILLE, TENN.

WORKING- ALL WORKING-, ALL WORKING TOGETHER- is the machine which turns out the finished product of success in church work.-God blesses. He blesses work. Turn off the work-switch and you cut off the current of blessing.- And it is not enough if one works, or two, or three. Every Christian is called to be a worker. Stop working for the Lord and you stop being a Christian. There will be as many streams of blessing flowing into our church as there are individual workers.- And all must work together. If one cylinder "misses" the motor does not "pull" right. If every cylinder in the engine of our church work is "Fired" by the steady "spark" of willingness to serve the car of our church will make all the hills of its tasks "on high". Our publicity campaign, too, will be blessed by God and will be crowned with success if we work, -if we all work, -if we all work together

MAY GOD HIMSELF WORK IN US BOTH TO WILL AND TO DO ACCORDING TO HIS GOOD PLEASURE.

THE PROPOSED PLAN to get our church before the people has met with general approval among the members of the congregation. A publicity campaign is a fine stimulus of Lutheran consciousness, - and even if that were its only fruit it would be well worth while.

ALSO THE OFFERINGS for the campaign are beginning to materialize. One of the young men heads the list with a gift for \$5.00. The advertising and printing for which provision has been made will cost about \$150.00. If you have not yet done so, please bring in your contribution or make your pledge as soon as possible.

ANY HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS relative to the publicity campaign will be gratefully received. Let all members communicate any comment they may hear on our activity to the pastor or any other member of the church council. Talk your church whenever opportunity offers, - make opportunities where none offer, - and have a tract or folder handy wherever you may be.

AND THERE WILL BE A QUESTION BOX. Questions will be answered at the close of each Sunday night service. An opportunity will be given for the discussion of any subject of general interest. Bring your questions in early. You may omit your signature if you prefer.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL'S PART in the movement will be a "bring one" campaign. Let all members of the Sunday School-including the Bible Class-join in this movement with a will. And let parents encourage their children and, if possible, assist them in "bringing one".

ADMITTED INTO THE MEMBERSHIP of the congregation, -Mrs. and Mr. Fred Asquith, Mrs. Chas. Asquith, Mr. John Krieger. We welcome them most cordially in our midst. May their fellowship with us be always a source of mutual satisfaction and pleasure.

OUR HEARTFELT SYMPATHY goes out to the Zeige family in the sorrow that has come to them. May God with His light of comfort dispel the

THE MARRIAGE OF Mr. Albert Heins and Miss Carolyn Reynolds was a delightfully informal affair. We are pleased to see them attending services regularly. May God bless them always.

OUR DAY SCHOOL will open for the fall term on Tuesday, Sept. 6. The principal, Mr. Rittamel, hopes to see a full enrollment. He is looking up prospective pupils, and asks that those who know of such as might be interested in giving their children the benefit of a Christian school communicate with him without delay.

THE PULPIT THEMES for our four Sunday night services during the month of September will be, - "The Unknown Church"; "The Book that saved the World"; "God"; "Knowing God's Law".

TWO WORKING CHRISTIANS ARE BETTER THAN TEN IDLE CONGREGATIONS.

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FELLOW MEMBERS AND FRIENDS: * THIS WILL INTRODUCE YOU TO THE

"FIRST LUTHERAN MESSENGER"

At the March 8th voters meeting, your Stewardship Committee was authorized to issue a bi-monthly bulletin to keep our membership informed.

Your first Stewardship Committee was appointed approximately one year ago. They are:

A.W. Sienknecht	3-9370
Howard King	4-3902
Roscoe Barringer	6-5109
Herbert Hunze	5-3098

What is a stewardship Committee?

Webster's definition of "steward" states in part: "one who has affairs to superintend for another". Therefore: Your Stewardship Committee must superintend the work of the Lord. In other words, we must assist our Pastor and Teachers to bring all unchurched to know their Savior, Jesus Christ. This is YOUR obligation, too!

F L A S H !

GOOD NEWS -- BUILDING NEWS!

At the Congregational meeting, March 8, 1954, the voters adopted a motion which authorized the building and building finance committees to go ahead with a building program, consisting of a basic building of \$124,052.50, an additional 15 feet, 6 inches in length of the building to provide additional seating capacity of 80 persons,

costing \$8,000, and a tower foundation at \$5,201, a total of \$137,253.50 - PROVIDED the necessary funds can be raised to finance the project. If necessary funds can be obtained, the tower will be built to a height of 37 feet, an additional \$9,200, making a grand total of \$146,453.50.

The Situation As Of Now On Financing

1. We have available in the various building funds approximately \$70,000.
2. It is reasonably sure a loan of at least \$50,000 can be obtained.
3. During the time of construction (approximately 8 months) the building fund will normally take in about \$8,000.

The above adds up to \$128,000, leaving a deficit of \$9,250 for the minimum program, or \$18,500 for the greater program including the tower up to 37 feet. (The price on the completed tower will be available soon)

This is where you and I come in! This deficit will be made up by asking members to give more liberally and to make personal loans to the congregation in whatever amount they can lend. The building program depends on YOU. It will take YOUR efforts, YOUR prayer, YOUR money. This effort of the congregation must be an every member effort!

Some Highlights of the Proposed Building:

1. Seating capacity: 428
2. Exterior: Gray-pink Tennessee Marble.
3. Interior: Plaster wall with stone trim over the altar.
4. Basement to have unfinished walls and ceiling.

OTHER VOTERS' HIGHLIGHTS:

The following men were accepted into Voters' Assembly of January and March and signed the constitution:

W.A. Catlett
 Harvey M. Kenner
 Howard Lasley
 Frank McCloud
 Jack Perkins
 C.E. Kinnick
 H. Byron Miller
 W.E. McConnell
 Alvin D. Heidel
 Clifford W. Eskew
 Albert Heins, Jr.
 Nestor Grotelueschen

Welcome Men!

Parish NewsTRANSFERS:

Prof. Erwin Schneider, 4517 Nicholas Drive, form Hope Lutheran Church, St. Louis, Mo. Welcome!
 Mr. Bobby Basler, 836 N. Fifth Ave., from St. Pauls, Wartburg. Welcome!

MARRIAGES:

Mr. Earl T. England and Miss Gwendolyn Smiley, January 9, 1954.

Mr. James L. Sunday, and Miss LaVerne Gordon, February 1, 1954.

Congratulations and Best Wishes!
 May the Lord bless these couples.

PARISH STATISTICS

During 1953, the average communicant member of First Lutheran:

1. Communed six times.
2. Contributed \$88.33 for general purposes and building fund.

How are YOUR statistics?

Pastor Froeking, during 1953,

1. Baptized 21 children, 7 adults
2. Confirmed 9 children, 19 adults
3. Performed 2 marriages
4. Conducted 10 funeral rites.

Membership as of December 31, 1953:

Communicants: 217
 Souls: 194

DAY SCHOOL

Here are a few news stories that won't make High Finance Headlines, but are interesting, nevertheless.

First Lutheran Day School pupils are earning money for the building fund and are using both brain and brawn to do so. Their School publication, The Lutheran Star, is issued monthly and sold at 5¢ per copy. Profits to the B.F. But they also earn money as individuals - baby sitting, odd jobs, and what not - and give the money to the building Fund. Nice going! The fund is up to \$22 since January.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The SS isn't napping either! The children have banked nearly \$200 in their little white church since last April for the B.F. - The Adult Bible Class? Their record is strictly high finance - \$17,000.

A "Talent Table" is a new feature of the fund-raising efforts of the Evening Division of the Women's League. While only two months old, the Talent Table has featured a variety of products - all the way from Anise Cookies (a la Swiss) to country fresh eggs. The B.F. has benefited to the tune of \$19 so far.

WALTHER LEAGUE:

Our Walther League is host for the Smoky Mountain Zone rally April 24th and 25th. Housing will be required - will you open your home? Call Billy Hunze, Ronny Sienknecht, or Becky Domina.

MEN'S CLUB:

Attention all LLL members! The April 20th meeting will be a covered dish supper. The entire congregation is invited. Speaker is Judge Richard Douglass, Domestic Relations & Juvenile Judge. Subject: "Juvenile Problems".

The PTA's Spaghetti Supper was "swamped" with customers - they had to turn several away hungry.

The Stewardship Committee reports that their visiting program is functioning nicely. Some of the callers who pleaded stage fright when requested to make calls, enthusiastically report that they really enjoyed it after all. How would you like to call on a fellow-member? Just contact the Stewardship Committee. They will find you a partner.

Our Ash Wednesday Church Attendance was 103, and for the second Lenten Service it was 143. Let us ALL use these mid-week Lenten Services to meditate on some phase of our Savior's Redemptive work. In this way the Lenten season can become a real spiritual blessing.

Shattered records: Bible Class Attendance during the first two months of this year has been approaching the 100 mark consistently. - Sunday morning worship attendance hit all time high of 289 for a regular service on January 24, 1954. - Communion records were broken on February 7, 1954, when 173 communed at the Lord's Table.

The average attendance for the first 10 Sundays of 1954 is 255. This compares with 198 for the corresponding Sundays of last year. The Lord is surely with us and is blessing our efforts to spread the Gospel in Knoxville.

The need for purchasing 50 additional chairs and hymnals as has been authorized by the voters is apparent from the above attendance records.

This messenger is being gotten out for your benefit. The Stewardship Comm. wants your reaction and comment, and will welcome any suggestions.

The afternoon division of the LWML reports that they have visited 510 sick and have made 180 mission calls in '53. Five new members were gained and two lost. They also gave assistance to the World Relief Program.

Members are reminded that all contributions made toward placing flowers on the altar are put into the "Meta Bowling Mission Fund" - this money is used for missions only. Last year East Tennessee Missions received \$75.

