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Building a New Church

By D. Hugh Peniston, Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Cottage Grove
A minister recently refused a call to a church that is planning to erect a new building because, he said, he wanted to put in his efforts on "spiritual things."

Such an attitude shows the poverty of our understanding of the ways in which we can worship God.

All of us would stand in awe before the great cathedrals, and admire the faith that created them, but they were not built by people who had this false conception of the separation of material and "spiritual" things.

So any new church today, seriously and worshipfully undertaken, can be a symbol of the reawakening and deepening of faith.

In many cases a building project is an unhappy experience. A lazy congregation leaves all the planning to the architect, when the plan should be the product of a creative exchange of ideas.

Building a new church should mean to a congregation a new sense of "togetherness" and community.

A church cannot be built by one person—it needs the strength and abilities of many. It needs people who understand materials and construction, people who know how to worship God by using their business ability, people with a sense of the beautiful, people who love and understand children and their needs.

Everyone in a congregation is good at something, and everyone needs to contribute his ability.

In doing this he not only discovers the dignity of creative work that is dedicated to something bigger than himself, but also learns a new respect for the other members of the community whose usefulness he observes and appreciates.

Such a project should also broaden our sense of responsibility. No church is built for the private enjoyment of its members. Any new church is a tax free building, made possible by everyone in the community, and should be created out of a desire to be more useful to more people than the old one has been.

To do the job well we need a lot of imagination—the kind that helps us feel the needs of all the very different people who will use the church.

I went through a new Christian Education building recently which cost a great deal of money. The pictures and bulletin boards were all at the eye-level of an adult, the walls were cold and colorless and most of the chairs and tables were too high.

There wasn't enough imagination in that church to realize that some of the children who go there will grow up to feel that religion itself is cold and colorless and uncomfortable.

Above all the people who build a church need to be sincere. Every building stands for something, and especially a church. A beautiful church can be built only by people who know what they stand for, who want to avoid meaningless ornamentation, and are willing, with clean lines and honest structure, to express the faith they believe.

There is something dishonest about borrowing the ancient styles which expressed the needs and hopes of people who are long since dead. We believe in something, too, something which belongs to us. If we can express it with the materials and skills that we know how to use, building a new church can be a real adventure of faith.

DP's to Speak

Most of us probably have a feeling that DP's (Displaced Persons) are queer, and we rationalize that after all they have gone through they are bound to be queer. Then when we have the opportunity to hear and meet such men as Dr. Staprans and Dr. Lietvietis, who are to speak tomorrow evening at the Bethesda Lutheran Church, we find ourselves with a new attitude.

We discover that DP's are people not very different from ourselves. We marvel that after such trying experiences men can in such a few months become so Americanized.

These doctors from Riga, Latvia, are giving real service in our state hospital, and are proving the wisdom of the people who sponsored them.

Here in Eugene already four families, to our knowledge, have been sponsored: two by the Central Lutheran Church and two by the First Presbyterian Church.

The arrival of these families is greatly anticipated by these churches, and the whole community will watch with interest the Americanization of these folk who have lost their homes and want to make a new one in our midst.

All who have heard Dr. Staprans speak say it is an experience not to be missed, and Bethesda Lutheran Church has generously invited the public to hear him Sunday evening. Now is our chance to learn first hand what the conditions are among the thousands of DP's in Europe, and to find out just how DP's get to America and how they react once they are here.

Justice Department to Ease Up on C.O.'s

Nine years after the enactment of peacetime conscription, the department of justice has ordered U. S. district attorneys to register conscientious objectors who refuse to do it themselves. If this order is carried out, it will put an end to the disgraceful prosecution and imprisonment of religious objectors long after the draft itself is dead.

The department acted on May 26 after it had been urged by the American Civil Liberties Union to stop such prosecutions, but not until it had placed about 40 young men, many of them Quakers, behind bars for refusing to register under the latest draft act.

The circular sent out by Peyton Ford, assistant to Attorney General Clark, called attention to a provision in the Selective Service regulations which said that:

"If such a man is unable or refuses to fill out any form in the manner required, such form shall be filled out by a member or clerk of a local board or superintendent, warden or other law enforcement official, from information gained by interviewing the delinquent and from other sources."

In the House of God

In the house of God we are no longer members of a class, we are members of humanity. We forget our position and work. We are just fellow mortals. We lose sight of our wealth or our poverty, our learning or our ignorance, our rank or our obscurity, our age and our sex, and become simply needy creatures in the presence of the Eternal. We think about the things we have in common. This gives new breadth to the heart.

We are alike in our temptations and hardships, our troubles and disappointments, our joys and sorrows, our hopes and our fears, and yet we are all the time forgetting that we belong to one another. We forget one another, often misunderstanding one another, sometimes harbor hard feelings toward one another, but in the house of God we are reminded of the ties which bind us together, and find ourselves thinking more kindly of one another.

The Happiest Man

A traveler on a cold winter day on a prairie of the West felt a creeping drowsiness coming over him, the harbinger of death. He stumbled over something in the way, and found it to be the body of a man. Dead? The flesh was still warm, the pulse flickered. He chafed him, lifted him in his arms, and carried him in the direction of a supposed hut. He was weary, but he held out and began to perspire. Finally he reached the place of help.

In trying to save this man he saved himself. Forgetting self we are happy. The happiest man is he who forgets himself in thought of others.

"A man's value is to be measured, not by work done, but by the character which has been molded. He delights in exhibiting the high moral instinct which dares to override ordinary convictions, or which is content with discharge of obscure duties, or superior to vulgar ambition and capable of self-sacrifice, because founded upon pure love and sympathy for human suffering. . . his sympathy with the heroic and hatred of the base. . ." —Robert Browning.

It is easy to accuse a man of religious prejudice, and if he is tolerant we say he has no religious convictions.

Faith is foolishness to those who lack it, but the greatest thing on earth to those who have it.

Though Good may be hidden it never fears the light.

Latvian DP's At Bethesda Sunday Eve

The intervention of God into man's life and plans will be the special objective at the morning worship hour at Bethesda for this Sunday. Pastor Ingward Olsen will preach on the theme: "When God Intervenes, Things Really Happen."

At 8 p.m. two Latvian doctors, and a young Latvian who will enter the medical school in Oregon, will be present at the Bethesda Lutheran Church speaking in behalf of the Displaced Persons' program in our country, and especially of the Protestant church.

Dr. Staprans, who is at the present time at the Oregon State Hospital at Salem, Dr. Lietvietis also practicing at Salem, and Rando Gjevians, a young man about to enter the medical school, are listed in the program.

Pastor Samuelson of Corvallis will give the wire recording of Dr. Engstrom's message following his visitation to the war-ravaged cities of Finland and other parts of Europe. Pastor Eugene Schuttner of the Lutheran Welfare Association at Portland will likewise be present to enlighten hearers of the way we solve the problem of DP's in our American communities.

The program is open to all people interested in this work of mercy, and a cordial invitation is extended to everyone.

The speakers have been in great demand in the state since their arrival on American soil, and speak a fluent English. A free will offering will be received to help defray expenses in bringing the various speakers to Eugene. Sunday at eight o'clock at the Bethesda Lutheran Church on Elmira Road, approximately four miles northwest of Eugene.

At Christian

"The Great Confession" is the message of Dr. E. R. Moon, ad interim pastor of the First Christian Church, at the 10:55 a. m. worship service. Eunice Royston will sing "O Light of All the World" by Hamplen.

At the 7:30 p.m. service the boys who attended the 99 Men's Boys Camp at Crescent Lake will give brief reports of their experiences and Dr. Moon will speak briefly. There will be special music by Don Nesly.

Nursery service during both morning services. Junior Church from 10:55 to 12 in the junior department.

During the Sunday school hour there will be a teacher's basic training course for those wishing to prepare themselves for teaching or working with children and young people. This course is given by James H. Cornett, associate pastor.

The high school group will be gone over the weekend on a retreat to Odell Lake and will return for the evening meetings. Junior High meets at 5 p.m. for recreational and social period with Christian Endeavor following at 6:15.

Mid-week service Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the White Room with Dr. Moon leading the discussion.

Emmaus

Morning Worship is at 11 a.m. at Emmaus Lutheran Church. Pastor H. A. Svendsen's sermon topic will be: "Holy Ambition."

"Let ever one render faithful service to his church, because we know not the hour of our Lord's return, nor of our departure. Life is Stewardship and thereafter comes judgment according to privilege."

The above is based on the text in Luke 12, 35-48. Remember the Bible classes and the Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.

CWS SCHEDULES CLOTHING CAMPAIGN

NEW YORK, N. Y. — Church World Service, interdenominational relief agency, will conduct a nationwide campaign to obtain good used clothing for needy people abroad, it was announced here. The drive will begin on September 15 and end on Thanksgiving Day.

Slogan of the campaign will be "Americans Demand Style — People in Europe and Asia Need Clothes!" This is intended to underscore the idea that many out-of-style clothes are still in good condition and could be used by destitute people in foreign lands.

In its drive, Church World Service will make a general appeal to all Protestant churches to increase their contributions of clothing, plus eight cents a pound for handling, and will seek the development of concerted clothing drives by youth groups, communities and councils of churches.

Dr. Stanley I. Stuber, director of promotion for CWS, announced the campaign, by saying that there "is an acute need for good used clothing in many areas of the world today. This is particularly true in relation to the millions of refugees in Germany, Greece, Palestine and the Far East." He said the present intake at various CWS warehouses "is not sufficient to meet the urgent demands which we receive regularly from our overseas representatives." —The War Cry.

Challenging Subject Chosen by Burtner At Trinity Methodist

R. W. Burtner will preach "On Outwardly Appearing Righteous" at the morning worship at 11 a.m. of the Trinity Methodist Church which meets in the Colin Kelly Junior High School. During the church worship service there will be a nursery for the smaller children supervised by women of the church.

The church school classes meet at 9:45 a.m. with instruction in the Christian faith for all ages. Sunday evening Rev. Burtner preaches at a special service at a home in the Riverview section for migrant workers in the bean fields.

The monthly meeting of the Sunday school teachers will be held Wednesday, Aug. 17, at 8 p.m. in the parsonage.

At Springfield

SPRINGFIELD — "How Smart Are You?" is the topic for Pastor Sterling Simonson at the 11 a.m. service of the Springfield Lutheran Church, located at the heart of growing Springfield.

Every child in Springfield is invited to attend Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.

The "Mr. and Mrs." family club meets for a potluck picnic at Hendricks Park picnic grounds, Sunday, 5:30 p.m. The Evening Circle of the Women's Missionary Federation meets Tuesday, 8 p.m. at Mr. James Putnam's home, 2240 Paramount Drive, Springfield.

The Afternoon Circle of the federation meets Wednesday, 2 p.m. at the church. The board of synodical activities meets at the church Thursday, 8 p.m.

SPRINGFIELD — Trinity Baptist Church, 12th & "B" Streets, announces the following services for the week of Sunday, Aug. 14. At 9:45, Sunday School. A class for every age group and plenty of class rooms now in the new building.

At 10:50, morning worship. The pastor will speak on the theme, "In Christ's Stead."

At 7 p.m. the Baptist Training Union will meet to study and discuss the topic: "The Holy Spirit and Jesus."

At 8 the pastor will speak on the theme: "All Heaven is Watching." Prayer Service at 8 p.m., Wednesday.

All services will be held in the new Educational plant. Trinity church is affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention and Dr. C. R. Barrow is the pastor.

SPRINGFIELD—Reverend Ellsworth M. Tilton, pastor of the Elbert Memorial Methodist Church, will deliver a sermon on "Works and Faith" Sunday morning. There is a nursery for pre-school children in the basement every Sunday during this service. Miss Betty Christian will be soloist.

The union evening service will be held at the Christian Church. The entire evening's program will be furnished by the LaVerne College Male Quartet. This will be a recital of sacred music given by an excellent quartet that has performed up and down the coast. Everyone is invited.

SPRINGFIELD—"God's Glory" will be the topic of the sermon delivered by the Rev. E. D. Busch, pastor, at the "Church of the Lutheran Hour," during the 11 a.m. service Sunday morning. Sunday school and adult Bible class will meet at 9:45 a.m. The adult Bible class has begun the study of the "Sermon on the Mount." Everyone is invited.

Services are being held temporarily in the Seventh Day Adventist Church, corner of Seventh and A Street, Springfield, until the church edifice is completed on the corner of 14th and B Streets. The Sunday School Teachers will meet Wednesday, Aug. 17 at the parsonage at 7:30 p.m. The Lutheran Hour Broadcast may be heard over station KORE at 9:30 every Sunday morning.

SPRINGFIELD—"THE LITTLE FOXES THAT SPOIL THE VINES" will be the theme of the morning sermon delivered by Rev. Leland A. Nelson, pastor of The Nicholas Garden Community Church of the Brethren, at 10:45 a.m.

Interesting and helpful Sunday school classes are provided for all age groups each Sunday morning at 9:45. You are invited to share.

At 8 p.m. the La Verne College male quartet will present a recital of sacred music at the union service being held this Sunday evening in the First Christian Church. Daily vacation Bible school will be conducted in the church Monday through Friday, Aug. 15-19, from 9 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. The closing program and demonstration of handwork will be presented Friday, Aug. 19 at 8 p.m.

Handcraft classes sponsored in connection with the Bible School and in cooperation with the Willamalene Park District will be conducted each afternoon from 1 to 4.

AT HARRISBURG — Gerald Heskett, evangelist, who is holding old-time revival meetings in the tent east of the grade school, will speak on "Good News" at the 8 p. m. services.

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YFC Rally Shows Film

Eugene Youth for Christ features on its program Saturday, Aug. 13 at 7:45 p.m. the new film, "Salt of the Earth," in the First Baptist Church auditorium, as well as all the rallies during the month of August.

This is a Cathedral Film production and features Robert Armstrong, Lane Chandler, Pierre Watkin, and the King's Men male quartet. This is a sincere down to earth story about a small town pastor and his people.

Also on the program is musical talent from Eugene, and Warren Webster, son of Dr. Vance Webster of Eugene, will act as the master of ceremonies. The rally staff will be on hand as usual and Joe Brill, director, will bring the closing challenge of the rally.

Eugene Youth for Christ is sponsored by many churches and their pastors and is governed by the Eugene Youth for Christ Executive committee consisting of Wally Mull, Chairman, Harold Pollock, Treasurer, Clarence Perry, Secretary, Earl Dempsey, Sol Rexius, John Meyers, Ruel Lee, Frank Barnes, Neils Ohrling and Merle Chase.

The local rally is one of the strongest YFC organizations on the coast.

Eugene Youth for Christ is helping in a great way to curb juvenile delinquency and to the bettering of character and culture. All are welcome to the rally Saturday night to see "Salt of the Earth." Note the change of meeting place to the First Baptist Church.

Church of Brethren Announces DVBS For Next Two Weeks

SPRINGFIELD—An interesting daily vacation Bible school is being sponsored next week, Monday through Friday—Aug. 15-19, by the Nicholas Garden Community Church of the Brethren for all of the children of the community ages three through 14.

All of the classes will meet in the church located at 21st and D Street in Springfield. Classes will meet in the forenoon from 9 until 11:45. Among the varied activities to be enjoyed will be singing, Bible stories, Bible classes, games, and craft work.

Most of the handcraft will be carried on in the afternoon from 1 until 4.

Among the many types of craft work to be done will be carving in soap and wood, textile painting, the making of plaques and mottoes of cloth, wood, and plaster, and the making of dolls representing characters from other parts of the world.

A qualified staff of leaders will be in charge of the Bible School activities during both the forenoon and afternoon.

The Bible school will close with a brief program and an exhibition of the handwork made during the Bible school and the Willamalene Park District craft class that has met at the church throughout the summer. This program will be in the Church Friday, Aug. 19 at 8 p.m.

Church of God

The car caravan will be leaving the church Tuesday, Aug. 16, at 8 a.m. for the West Coast Youth Fellowship Convention of the Church of God. Young people going from Eugene are Marie Swain, Faith Walker, Gwen Miles, Norma Porter, and Marie Swan. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Perry will be attending the convention via the car caravan. Rev. Mrs. Perry will be the afternoon speaker for the convention which convenes Thursday, Aug. 18-21, at Camp Anza, Arlington, Calif.

During Reverend Perry's absence, Dr. A. F. Gray from the Pacific Bible College in Portland, will be the guest speaker for both services.

The state camp meeting of the Church of God will close Sunday. Several families have been in attendance. Reverend Perry spoke during a morning service.

A baptismal service will be held Sunday at 3 p.m. at the church.

Last of Three

Sermon topic for Lowell Campbell at the Fairmount Presbyterian Church, is: "The Greatest of These is Love." This is the last of a series of three, on "Faith, Hope, and Love."

The sermon deals with "Love of Fellow Man, Love of God, and God's Love for Man."

Rev. John H. Van Lierop will have returned from his vacation by the following Sunday, Aug. 21. He is making a trip through the middle west and south. He will meet Mrs. Van Lierop in McKenzie, Tennessee, where she has been visiting her mother, and she will return with him.



The Melodians Men's Quartet Sing at Springfield Churches

The Melodians, the La Verne College Male Quartet will present a program of your sacred songs at the Springfield Union Service—on Sunday, Aug. 14 at 8 p.m. The program will be presented in the First Christian Church according to announcement made today by Rev. Leland Nelson.

La Verne College is one of the colleges of the Church of the Brethren, and is located at La Verne, Calif.

The members of the quartet are, Shero Shively, first tenor, from Bakersfield, California, Stan Suthphen, second tenor, from Waterford, California, Gerry Pence, baritone, from Medford, Oregon and Dale Ott, bass, from Live Oak, California.

Welcome, Dr. Wolters

The River Road Baptist Chapel welcomes back to its pulpit this Sunday a former pastor, Rev. Milton Wolters. Rev. Wolters will preach both morning and evening in the absence of the pastor, Rev. Whitwell who is on his vacation.

Rev. Wolters will be accompanied by his family and the members of the chapel and community are urged to attend both services and give them a hearty welcome.

The Mid-Week services during the pastor's absence will be in charge of the deacons. Wednesday 7:45 p.m. is the time.

WALTER LANTZ ORDAINED

Walter Lantz, graduate of Northwest Christian College, received the ordination service into the ministry recently at his home community, Mt. Sterling, Ill., in the First Christian Church. He goes to Texas Christian University in the fall for graduate work.

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