

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

Let's go back to the last week in August, 1949. On the first day of the new school term there was introduced to you a new school teacher, Mr. Leonard C. Schnell, who came to us from Washington, Mo. Introduced to him were 38 children of various ages, representing various grades. All of you wondered (as did we) what kind of a teacher he will be. And I express the sentiment of all the parents and members of the Trinity Congregation when I say that he is a good teacher and has done a most commendable job in teaching our school during his first year with us. May God keep him with us for many more years to come. It's been a distinct pleasure to work with Mr. Schnell in the interest of Christian education.

On that first day of school there were several new faces among the pupils who were just beginning to learn their ABCs. They looked forward to a most wonderful experience. They wondered what a Lutheran Day School would be like, and, I dare say, they have learned to love good old Trinity School. Then there were those of you who already had a warm spot in your hearts for Trinity school, for you have been attending since your first grade. Other new faces were those who entered the 7th Grade to begin their Confirmation instruction. And again others entered during the school term so that our enrollment now amounts to 46 children. All of you, I am sure, have learned to appreciate our school and its teacher and will certainly pray for both now and after the school term.

But why did you start school anyway? You say to learn something; to learn the way to heaven; to learn the Christian way of life. That's correct! But you also had a goal you wanted to reach. Most games that you play have a goal. The player that arrives at the goal most wins the game. That's the way your school life is. The first grader wants to make his grade so that he can enter the second grade, and so on through the 8th grade. I'm sure that all of you will reach your desired goal. The 8th graders had still another goal to work for; that was their Confirmation. They have by the grace of God reached that goal, and now look forward

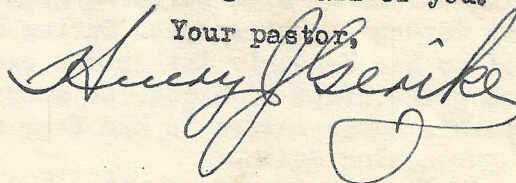
to their second goal, the graduation from the 8th grade. We certainly and sincerely hope that all the 8th graders will reach their goal and later, when they enter High School, always be a credit to Trinity Lutheran School. Yes, will tell others: "I went to Trinity Lutheran School and received a Christian education."

With best wishes to all of you, and may we see all of you (except 8th graders) back again next year with the hope that you will bring some other child with you.

You're about to reach another goal. One more year is almost over. Ask yourself this question: "Have I worked as hard to reach my goal in school this year as I do when I play a game?"

God's blessings to all of you.

Your pastor,



EXAMINATION AND CONFIRMATION

Eight children were confirmed, five boys and three girls. Their names are, Larry Fajen, Rufus Brunjes, Vern Dean Case, Joseph Karman, Henry Lange Jr., Marie Brunjes, Donna Lee Bohling, Elfrieda Hagen. Vern Dean Case attends High School and met with us every morning.

On Sunday, March 26th we were examined. Some, or all of us were worried a bit I think. On April 2nd we were confirmed. After the service we had our pictures taken. Three of us received new hymnals. We wore pink carnations on our gowns. The girls had leaves and a ribbon with their flowers. On the 6th of April we communed for the first time. Two pastors served.

In Colorado in our former congregation the Confirmands do not wear gowns. They have Examination and Confirmation on the same Sunday.

Henry Lange Jr. - Confirmand

(Mr. Schnell's article in next issue)

THE SUFFERING AND DEATH OF CHRIST

During the Lenten Season we especially remember and meditate upon Christ's suffering and death, although we should have this foremost in our minds constantly.

You may have witnessed the great suffering and agony of a person who has been injured in a car accident very seriously, or at a person's death bed you may have seen great suffering and pain in the last moments of that person's life. If you have seen this you have witnessed great suffering.

But there is one suffering which has excelled all other suffering; the suffering and death of Christ. Christ's suffering did not begin on the cross, for, since His birth, His life was sought by King Herod. He also suffered greatly in the Garden of Gethsemane. During His prayer to His Heavenly Father His sweat was as great drops of blood. So according to His human nature He had fear of His approaching death.

Again, Jesus suffered greatly when the soldiers whipped Him severely on His bare back. Many were the wounds on His back and painful indeed. Then on this wounded back He was forced to carry His cross till He was no longer able to bear it.

His final suffering was when He was put on the cross, with nails driven through His hands and feet. He refused to take the vinegar mixed with gall to soothe the pain, for He wanted to suffer in fullest measure for us. He was forced to hang on the cross for at least six hours in this position until finally with all the agony and pain He died.

When someone dies it may be remembered for several generations only, unless he is a very important person, and he too is eventually forgotten. But Christ has been remembered for nearly two thousand years and will be remembered, His Passion meditated upon, and His name held in reverence as long as this world will stand.

All of this suffering and death of Christ was for the souls' salvation of lost and condemned mankind. He had to have great love for us indeed to endure all of this for us.

We should, therefore, remember His Passion and meditate upon it not only during the Lenten Season, but at all times.

Betty Ann Miesner - Grade 7.

EASTER

Easter means different things to different people. To some of them it means getting together with friends. To some children it means the Easter Rabbit and candy. But to the true Christian it means the anniversary of Christ's resurrection from the dead.

All of these things are very nice, but the first and best for the Christians is Christ's resurrection. Without this the plan of salvation would have failed.

We, too, like to see friends and have a good time. But first on Easter let us remember our Savior and Redeemer who died for the sins of the whole world. Let us believe in Him and thus be saved through such faith in the Son of God.

Stanley Bremer - Grade 7.

THE BIBLE

The man who would with God commune
Must read his Bible through and through;
It helps to keep his soul in tune,
And melts his heart like morning dew.

That grand old Book the mind expands
Until it seems on angel wings,
Our thoughts are borne to better lands,
Where love and joy eternal spring.

It lifts our sinful thoughts above
The groveling earth to sunny skies,
And sings to us its songs of love
Like chimes from Paradise.

By E. A. Crewson, Versailles, Mo.
1893

(Barbara Ann Tucker's uncle's grandfather)

SIGNS OF SPRING

While on the way to school, I've seen
The grass and flowers are turning green.
Birds have returned from their winter home.
And sleek cows in the pastures roam.

It's now that cleaning is begun.
A goal is set that must be won.
The men are busy plowing and sowing.
While the women work in the garden hoeing.

Yes, spring has come; it's surely here,
For all are working with good cheer,
Mother and daughter, father and son.
That's the way to get the work done!

Joyce Bremer - Grade 7.

SPRING

After all the ice and snow,
Then everyone welcomes the sight, I know,
When all winter things are put away.
And then comes a lovely spring day.
With the pretty, bright flowers standing
in a row,
And the birds all their songs do sing.
These are some signs of spring!

Betty Ann Miesner - Grade 7.

SPRING IS HERE!

Spring is here!
Spring is here!
I know it.
I know it.
Is it warmer?
Is it warmer?
I doubt it.
I doubt it.

Nadyne Pearl Eckhoff - Grade 2.

JOYS OF SPRING

Once more the signs of spring appear;
The children now are playing.
A sort of rapture fills the air
With birds and bees and singing.

Paul Henry Borchers - Grade 7.

THE BEAUTY OF SPRING

I think spring is very cute;
It's like an Easter suit.
The flowers are blooming
And the birds are coming.

I heard a beautiful redbird sing;
Then I saw its beautiful wing.
I also saw the children swing.
Then I knew it was spring.

David Schnakenberg - Grade 3.

EASTER BASKETS

The whole school made Easter baskets.
We had lots of fun making Easter baskets.
Some baskets had blue bottoms, some pink,
and some orange. There was one basket
that was black and some others were a
little different. It was fun until we
were finished and had to clean up.

We had to leave the baskets in school
for two days, because it was too windy
to take them home. When we did take them
home the wind blew some of them out of
our hands. We had to go after them, but
they were not damaged.

On the inside of them we had ice
cream cups and other cups. We got them
from the Confectionery and cut them
down to two inches so that they would
fit.

The teacher made a basket too, and he
stapled all of them. I think that was
very good of Teacher.

Leon Stelling - Grade 4.

OUR BULLETIN BOARD

We have a bulletin board. Now we have
Lenten pictures on it. We have a few
Easter pictures on it, too. We will have
good pictures on it this year. Teacher
would like to get some more. We have
one poster with an Easter bunny.
We all like this board.

Margaret Sue Eckhoff -
Grade 4.

NO SCHOOL

There was no school on Friday, March 31, because of Achievement Day which was held at the Public School. We did not have school, because the buses did not run and many had no way to get to school. We all had very much fun on the three long days of vacation.

At the Public School they had some contests in school subjects, and some ball-throwing and racing.

Orleen Fay Eckhoff - Grade 7.

CLEANING DAY

Friday, March 31, we cleaned the school building. First we washed the windows. Then we washed the blackboards. We put compound on the floor and swept it well. We also dusted the erasers and put new chalk in the trays. We cleaned other things, too.

We had to get the tall ladder from the church to wash the windows on the outside. We had to get some coal to warm the school.

Caro Dean Holtzen - Grade 3.

NO WATER

On March 7, when the children came to school there was no water. They went to the fountain and could not get a drink. Mr. Ragland called up and told us that they would have no school in the afternoon. So our school dismissed too! The city water pump was broken!

Raymond Schnakenberg - Grade 3.

ENROLMENT GROWING

We have several new pupils in school since the last school paper was printed. They are Henry, Mary Ann, and Robert Lange from Yuma, Colorado, James, Lois, and Kenneth Harms and Delbert Holtzen from Lake Creek, Missouri. We are glad to see our school get bigger. Now we have forty-six pupils in school. We have very few desks left.

Beverly Bremer - Grade 4.

VISITING THE HIGH SCHOOL

We visited the High School all day, Apr 4, 1950. There were at least forty eighth grade pupils there. First we went to the study hall. Mr. Ragland called the roll. When he called me he asked if I was Anna Lou Brunjes! sister and I told told him Rufus was my brother.

Then we went to the Science room. After that we went to the gymnasium and listened to the band. Then we went to the school basement to eat dinner.

After dinner we watched some of the students play volley ball. Later we went to the History room. The teacher asked us about our names. After another volley ball game we went back to the study hall.

We enjoyed the visit.

Marie Brunjes - Grade 8.

REPORT CARDS

Some of the children are having good report cards. We hope everyone passes on the next report. The teacher had a job writing all the reports, but I guess he got it done.

Some have more blanks filled in, because they have more lessons than others.

Larry Mahnken - Grade 4.

WEAVING

We are weaving baskets, mats, and other articles. Some have made very nice baskets and mats. There are three different colors of raffia that we use. yellow, red, and brown. About all who are weaving are still working and are using colored raffia. To make the baskets we needed rope and a needle with a large eye.

We are going to use some of these baskets for our school display at the Cole Camp Fair.

Mary Ann Lange - Grade 5.

BALL PLAYING

When the weather is good our favorite game is softball. We played one game with all the boys taking part. Larry Fajen is usually our pitcher. Henry Lange is a good hitter. He knows how to hit home runs. We have permission to play on the lot east of the church.

The girls also play ball. Betty Ann Miesner is their pitcher.

Melvin Schnakenberg - Grade 6.

FUTURE OCCUPATIONS

Since we have new pupils and do not have their future ambitions listed in the last issue, we continue the list in this issue.

Eighth Grade

Henry Lange - Farmer

Sixth Grade

James Harms - Farmer

Delbert Holtzen - Farmer

Fifth Grade

Mary Ann Lange - Stenographer

Third Grade

Lois Harms - Nurse

First Grade

Robert Lange - Farmer

Kenneth Harms - Farmer

BIRTHDAYS

Since the last issue the following have aged one year(not in looks):

Henry Lange, Walter Ehlers, Mary Ann Lange, Vern Dean Bohling, Emma Lou Weinberg, Catherine Gerike, David Schnakenberg, Lois Harms, Kenneth Harms.

Many blessings and happiness is being wished you by your schoolmates and teacher.

READING IN THE FIRST GRADE

We are reading the book called "Hello, David." We are on the story "A Trip to the Park." It is fun to read these stories. Almost everybody can read all the words.

FIRST GRADE READING (CONTINUED)

David is a little boy who lived in the country and moved to the city.

Robert Lange - Grade 1.

SECOND GRADE READING

The second grade is in the last book now. We are reading the story "The Rabbit Who Wanted Wings". We like to read very much. The name of the book is "More Friends and Neighbors."

Darlene Heimsoth - Grade 2.

CATECHISM

We are getting along good in Catechism. We have finished the Bible History and are starting the Catechism. We are in the First Commandment. I learned how the Bible was written and the difference between Law and Gospel. Thank God that we can study His Word.

William Kohrs - Grade 4.

(Others who have not written for the "Trumpet" so far will appear in the last issue.)

INTENDED HUMOR

Henry Lange: "This is a tobacco plant."

Elfrieda Hagen: "When will the cigars and cigarettes be ripe?"

Lois Harms: "Are you fishing?"

Delbert Holtzen: "No. Drowning worms."

Teacher: "Name two pronouns."

Mary Ann Lange: "Who? Me?"

Robert Lange: "Why were you late today?"

Kenneth Harms: "School started before I got here."

James Harms: "A man wants all he can get; a woman wants all she can't get!"

(A little nonsense now and then -
Is relished by the best of men.)

A final issue of the "Trumpet" will appear at the close of the school term..

