

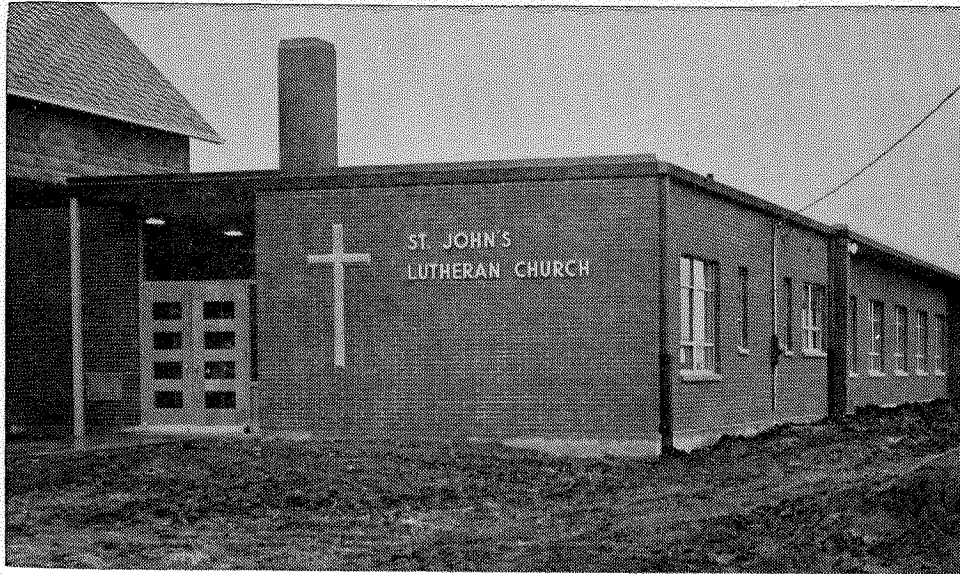
PARISH NEWS

of St. John's Lutheran Church

INGOMAR, OHIO

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"DAYS OF DEDICATION" DONE; FACING FORWARD FUTURE

An eight-day schedule of activities formed the basis for the dedication of the Parish Education Building at St. John's. The program began on Sunday, April 3 and ended the following Lord's Day.

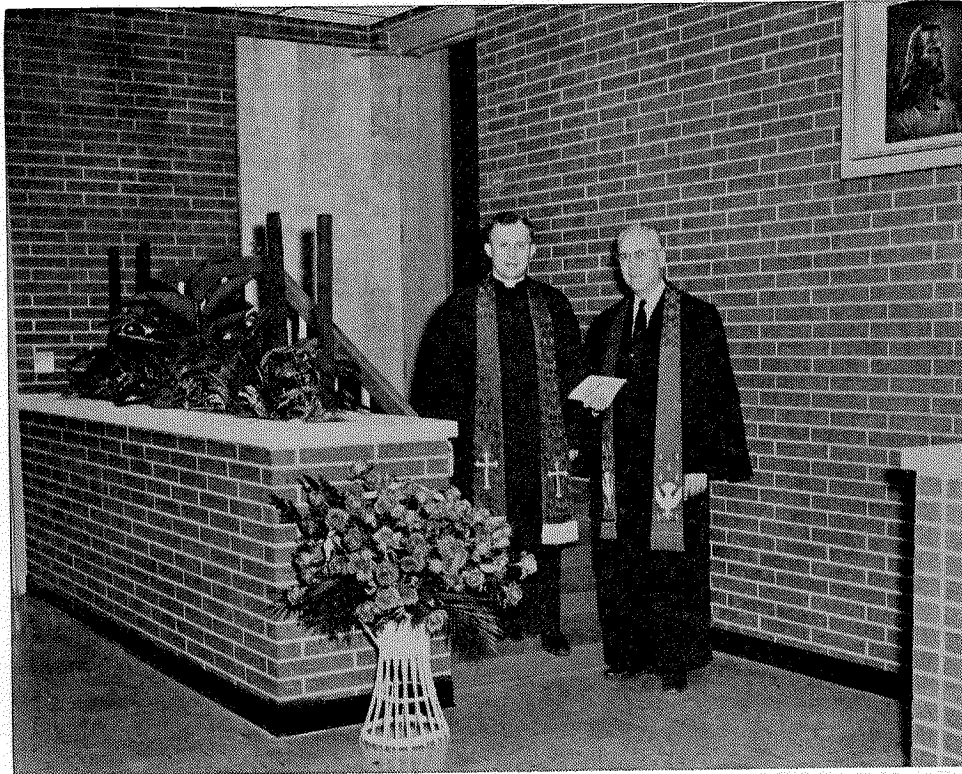
On hand for the actual dedication service was the Reverend Herbert Veler, president of the Synod of Ohio, United Lutheran Church in America. In the evening, former ministers returned for a Thanksgiving Service. They included the Reverends Charles Cassel, William Kibler and Herbert Hamburger.

Dr. E. E. Flack, dean of Hamma Divinity School addressed some

160 persons at the dedication banquet on Friday, April 8. Also participating was the Reverend Dudley Riggle, pastor of Triumphant Cross Lutheran Church, Trotwood.

Two days later, on Sunday, April 10, Dr. Russell Auman of Hamma Divinity School preached the Christian Education Sunday sermon. In the afternoon, between 150 and 200 persons toured the building during the open house.

The church council would like to thank all of our members and friends who have contributed their time and financial gifts toward this building. Our prayers are that it be used properly and paid for as soon as possible.



Shown in the foyer of the unit are Pastor Kettlehake and the Reverend Herbert Veler, president of the Synod of Ohio, United Lutheran Church in America. Pastor Veler was on hand for the dedication service.

SYNOD TO MEET

The Synod of Ohio of the United Lutheran Church in America will meet May 16, 17 and 18 in Cincinnati, Ohio. The convention begins on Monday afternoon with Holy Communion and ends late Wednesday night or early Thursday morning.

The pastor will be in attendance and will leave Monday morning, May 16 and return on Thursday.

Last year we did not have a lay delegate to the Synod as we are permitted. Therefore, if there is any member who would like to represent the church at Synod would he or she notify the pastor at once. Expenses will be paid by the church if the delegate so desires.

APRIL ATTENDANCE RECORD

Following is a record of Sunday School and Worship attendance for the first three weeks of April. The paper was printed before the fourth Sunday.

What will it be like in May?

	S. S.	Church
APRIL 3		
Morning	166	201
Evening		193
APRIL 10	161	172
APRIL 17	187	
Sunrise		120
Regular		194

The average attendance this year at the mid-week Lenten services was 120. This is a little less than 1959.

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PARSON TO PERSON . . .

The Holy Season is now a matter of the past as is the heavy schedule of dedication activities. There now comes the spring and summer when there is always a trend for people to stop attending worship services.

Probably a question most asked pastors is: "Does a person have to go to church to be a Christian?" First of all I always answer: "No, a person does not have to attend church in order to be a Christian, BUT a dedicated, physically able Christian **wants** to go to church."

I have been in the ministry only two years now but I've heard dozens of excuses why "Christians" stay away from worship services. Sunday School, and the like. Following are some of the reasons and my answers to them.

"I don't like the pastor!" No Christian should attend a worship service to listen to a particular minister, nor should he stay home for the same reason. The only purpose in going to church is to worship the Lord. The preacher, whether you like or dislike him, is only an instrument for the rendering of God's holy Word.

"The church is full of hypocrites!" Another name for hypocrite could be "sinner" and can you think of a better place for sinners to be than in the Church of Christ. I'm sure that during the week every one of us is a hypocrite in some form. A reason for going to church is to obtain the forgiveness of sins.

"I don't have any clothes!" I'm sure it makes no difference to the Lord whether Christians worship in overalls or business suits. He tells us, "Take no thought, what you shall wear . . ." If we own enough clothes to go to the store or to work, we have enough in which to join in worship.

"Sunday is the only day I can sleep late!" We have a direct com-

THE PARISH NEWS

The "Parish News" is the monthly publication of St. John's Lutheran Church, Ingomar, Ohio, the Reverend Larry Kettlehake, pastor.

This special issue is printed in order that pictures from the "Days of Dedication" can be shown for your enjoyment.

Thanks to the contractors who gave donations for the printing of the dedication booklet. Enough money was left-over to permit this printing.

mand from God to honor the sabbath (for the Christian this is Sunday) which necessarily includes paying respect to Him thru prayer and praise. Is it too much to ask "Christians" to devote an hour or two out of their God-given lives to honor the Lord?

Space does not permit the printing of all the "excuses" why people fail to worship their heavenly Father. They can all probably be summarized in a few words: **"They don't want to."**

As in many areas we will one day have to make an accounting of ourselves, so we will when it comes to this subject. I often wonder if God will accept our excuses as easily as we now make them.

Paul once wrote to the Jewish Christians: "And let us not hold aloof from our Church meetings, as some do. Let us do all we can to help one another's faith, and this the more earnestly as we see the final day drawing nearer." (Hebrews 10:25 Phillips.) The key phrase is: **"Let us not hold aloof from our church meetings, as some do."**

I conclude with the statement I wrote at the beginning of my column. "A person does not have to go to church to be a Christian, but a dedicated, physically able Christian **wants** to go."

Think it over!

MAY CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

- 1 SUNDAY This is Lutheran Inner Mission Sunday. The Luther League will meet at 6:30 p.m.
- 2 Bowling banquet at the West Manchester E.U.B. church. 6:30 p.m.
- 4 Church council, 7:30 p.m.
- 6 Mother-Daughter banquet in Farmersville at 6:30 p.m. Eubank-James wedding rehearsal.
- 7 First year catechism, 9 a.m. and second year class at 10 a.m. Eubank-James wedding at 7:30 p.m. at St. John's.
- 8 SUNDAY The Luther League will sponsor a "Family Nite" carry-in supper at 6:30 p.m. Sister Marian Maurer, a deaconess, will address the group.
- 11 Parish Education Committee, 8 p.m.
- 12 Lutheran Inner Mission truck visits parish in morning. Women's Missionary Society at 7:30 p.m.
- 14 First year catechism at 9 a.m. and second year class at 10 a.m.
- 15 SUNDAY Luther League at 6:30 p.m. and the pastor will present a topic on "Mixed Marriages."
- 16 Synod of Ohio Convention, Cincinnati.
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- 21 First year catechism at 9 a.m. and second year class at 10 a.m.
- 22 SUNDAY "The State of the Church" will be presented by the pastor. Luther League meeting with First Lutheran Church, Dayton, at St. John's.
- 29 SUNDAY No Luther League meeting.



Pre-school children now have a new room all to themselves at the extreme east end of the Parish Education Building.



Here a class of seventh and eighth graders participate in a discussion period headed by teacher Robert Combs.

DEACONESS TO VISIT PARISH ON SUNDAY, MAY 8

Sister Marian Maurer, field secretary of the Board of Deaconess Work, United Lutheran Church in America, will be at St. John's for a Luther League "Family Night" on Sunday, May 8, 6:30 p.m.

She will be touring the synod during May, stopping at congregations to explain the work of the diaconate. Sister Marian will be the featured speaker and all members of the congregation are invited to this carry-in supper.

The program will be:

6:30-7:30 p.m. Carry-in supper.

7:30-7:45 p.m. Devotions by Leaguers

7:45-8:45 p.m. Presentation by Sister Maurer with a question and answer period.

8:45-9:00 p.m. Recreation by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Spittler and David.

The League will furnish milk, coffee, rolls, butter and ice cream. Guests should bring along dinnerware and a covered dish or two.

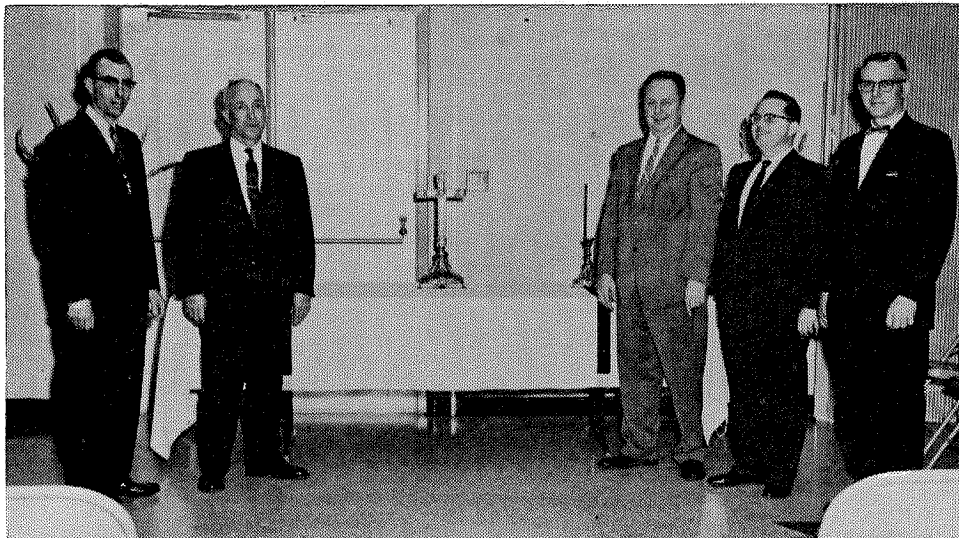
The visiting deaconess entered the diaconate from Grace Lutheran

THE LUTHER LEAGUE IN MAY

- 1 SUNDAY, 6:30 p.m. Devotions, Chuck Shade; topic, Carol Eby; recreation, William Bliss; refreshments, Mr. and Mrs. Duncan.
- 8 SUNDAY, 6:30 p.m. "Family Night" with Sister Marian Maurer speaking. Carry-in supper. See schedule for committees.
- 15 SUNDAY, 6:30 p.m. Devotions, Susie Shafer; topic, the pastor; recreation, Margie Wynne; refreshments, Mr. and Mrs. Beneke.
- 22 SUNDAY, 4 to 7 p.m. Joint meeting with First Lutheran, Dayton, at our church.
- 29 No meeting.

Church, Shamokin, Pa. Majoring in Christian education and music, she graduated from the Baltimore Deaconess School and Capital University with a bachelor's degree.

Sister Marian works primarily in the field, interpreting the diaconate to the churches and discovering interested and qualified young women for church vocations. Be no hand when she joins us early next month.



Following the dedication service the following men paused for a picture. They include: (left to right) David Black, Black Electric; Cecil Stebbins, Stebbins Plumbing and Heating; Kenneth Duncan, executive building committee chairman; William Daily, architect; and Raymond Unger, general contractor.

THE BOOK NOOK

Here are a few books which you may enjoy reading. The reviewer is behind in announcing them to you but they all are available from the pastor if you are interested.

John Paul Jones by Samuel Eliot Morison is a fascinating account of this famous 18th century sailor's sailor. His escapades with the crews of his ships and the enemy well tell of why he became a naval hero. (440 pages)

Doctor Zhivago by award winning writer Boris Pasternak of Russia contains more characters than there are animals in the Cincinnati Zoo. But Pasternak does a fine job drawing word pictures of the events leading up to, including, and following the Russian revolution of the early 1900's. (550 pages)

The Riddle of Roman Catholicism by Lutheran professor Jaroslav Pelikan takes a look at the Church of Rome in relationship to the Protestant faith. A Roman Catholic priest says of the work: "Probably

STUDY EQUIPPED

Thanks to a family of our congregation and our architect, the pastor's study, which will be placed in the old nursery, will be newly furnished.

Through the donations of these members and Mr. Daily the study will be equipped with a new desk, desk chair, study chair and table, lamps and chairs to be used by persons coming to see the pastor.

The pastor and church council would like to thank these people, for without them the study would not be furnished. Thanks also go to Mr. and Mrs. George Dunkin of Duning's in Richmond for a discount on the furniture.

the most important of the current Protestant expositions of Catholicism." The author describes the favorable aspects of the Roman Church and strikes out at the drawbacks. (240 pages) lek

MOTHER-DAUGHTER BANQUET MAY 6

Plans have been completed and tickets are available for this year's Mother-Daughter banquet which will be held on Friday, May 6. The E.U.B. church in Farmersville will serve our women at their building at 6:30 p.m. The cost will be \$1.25 for adults and 75¢ for children.

The program committee announces that Miss Christa Soder, and exchange student from Germany who is in the Farmersville area, will talk to the group about her country and compare her Lutheran church and ours. We hope you will join in this fellowship.

LUTHERAN WORLD ACTION

Prior to the Lenten season, Lutheran World Action "self denial" envelopes were mailed to all members of the congregation.

To date not many of them have been returned. Since this money is used to clothe the naked, feed the hungry, and aid the sick in all parts of the world we have a Christian responsibility to see that the envelopes are filled and re-

COST UP, GIVING DOWN

We are not meeting our goal!

Last October we established a stewardship goal for our congregation at over \$28,000 for 1960. To date (for the first quarter) we are about \$1,200 behind our needs. If this keeps up until the end of the year, we will miss the budget by about \$5,000.

And of course, our expenses with the new building are greater and will continue to be so. This means that our stewardship must increase if we are to faithfully carry on the work of the Lord at St. John's, in the home mission field and overseas.

In order to meet our budget each communing member must contribute about \$150 per year. Some cannot do it, some will not do it. But we all must be willing to sacrifice for the Lord if we are to meet the challenge that is before us.

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So if you have not yet turned yours in (and not many have) please do so at once. If not, you may be responsible for someone dying of starvation or freezing to death. Act now!



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