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PUT YOURSELF INTO THE CHURCH

In a recent devotional reading from "Today," the author invites us to sit down and calculate the cost of being builders together with Christ, of God's Kingdom. He states that too frequently the invitation to church membership is often so hearty it implies there are few strings attached to being a Christian, that there is little difference from joining a fraternal organization.

Is this right? Are there no strings attached to being a church member, being a Christian? Can we join the church without further thought of the Christian life, wanting to be a part but taking no responsibility for the job of building the Kingdom of God in our time?

Some may feel this way but they are wrong. We are all together builders with Christ, not primarily of a physical plant called a church but of a far more important spiritual structure, the Kingdom of God upon earth.

Are we ready to assume, in living and giving, what Christ demands? The illustration at the head of this editorial carries a direct sermon. When we give our gifts to God's Church through our regular envelopes, we literally are giving our-

selves. Think it over and see if this interpretation is not correct. We do not just give a monetary gift but it is us we give, a concentrated, consecrated portion of our every earning, not just a few coin or a bill or two, without thought. Our offering signifies each one of us crawling into every envelope and saying, "This is what I think of my church, this is the manifestation of my loyalty."

But putting yourself into the church is far more than an offering, as important as our voluntary gifts may be. The church wants you to do greater jobs of loyalty. Christ has other demands which we ought to fulfill besides the offerings we give. The demand for consecrated living from day to day is a very real one. Consecrated living is both an achievement and a gift of God. It is a gift of God in that we have no strength to approach consecration but by His grace. It is an achievement in that we must strive ourselves against worldliness or unrighteousness and callous living. As we put ourselves into the church by consecrated living and by aligning ourselves with the philosophy of righteous living in all aspects, we will find ourselves becoming builders together with God of His Kingdom here on earth.

As we begin together another fall and winter season, this is a grand time for us to renew or continue the job of putting ourselves into the church.

SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER

The services will be at 8 a.m. & 10:15 a.m. each Sunday with Dr. Titus Lehmann, pastor emeritus as the officiating clergy and preacher during

ing Pastor Rasche's vacation. Dr. Lehmann will be on duty through the last Sunday of the month, available for sick calls, for the Sacraments, for all pastoral services. When in need of a pastor, make arrangements through the church office, calling BR 6-0393 (at night, Mrs. Fader's home, OR 5-5906)

Pastor and Mrs. Rasche will be touring middle Europe from Aug. 26 to Sept. 26, being a part of a tour arranged through our own Lancaster Seminary. They will visit in Holland, Belgium and France, spending the greater portion of the time in Germany and Switzerland.



YOU CAN HELP BUILD A CHURCH

As you know, many new churches are being erected in the suburbs of our cities. These are churches of all kinds. Some of them are United Churches of Christ, new congregations being formed by our denomination. We, as a denomination, have been given the privilege of forming many more new congregations in mushrooming communities than we have been able to accomplish, chiefly because of the lack of funds.

A new congregation, usually a small group of people, has very little prospect of putting up the kind of church edifice which would be inviting to others, that is, without help from other churches and folk of the same denomination in larger and well formed congregations, those who can do this kind of missionary work.

To share in the formation of a fund from which such new groups may secure money on loan, to be repaid into this revolving fund, is your privilege. Our Synod has organized a "Builder's Fund" and solicits a \$10.00 annual gift from you and/or your family. This is a small amount for most families but will go a long way in helping ease this problem. A fund of \$10,000.00 is anticipated. Materials concerning this Builder's Fund and pledge cards are in the pamphlet rack in the Narthex. Take some with you.



EVENTS OF MONTH

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| Church Council | Tues. | Sept. 1 |
| Ladies Aid | Wed. | Sept. 2 |
| Church Sch. Supts. | Tues. | Sept. 8 |
| Girl's Guild | Wed. | Sept. 9 |
| Women's Guild | Wed. | Sept. 16 |
| Men's Club | Wed. | Sept. 23 |
| Christian Ed. Com and Com. on Lay life and Work | Tues. | Sept. 29 |
| Scouts | Each Monday | |
| Brownies, Cadettes, | 3:45 p.m. | |
| Girl Scouts | 7:30 p.m. | |
| Boy Scouts | 7:00 p.m. | |
| Cub Pack | Last Monday | |
| Choirs | Each Thursday | |
| Senior Choir | 7:30 p.m. | |
| Youth Choir, 6:30 p.m. | For youth from 12 to 15 yrs of age. First rehearsal, Thurs., Sept. 24th. | |
| Children's Choir, Sats., 1:30 p.m. | For children from time they can sing until 12 yrs., First rehearsal, Sat., Sept. 12 | |
| Youth Nights | begin in October. | |
| Confirmation | begins Thurs., Sept. 17 | |



CONFIRMATION CLASS TO ORGANIZE

Confirmation Instruction will again be on Thursday nights, beginning Sept. 17. Classes will be held in Friendship Hall, with entrance off Dillon Street. All unconfirmed youth who are entering 8th grade or above, or who are 13 yrs of age, are expected to become part of this class. As of last year, all youth in the Confirmation Class are expect

ed to become a part of the Youth Choir, for the work of the Youth Choir is beneficial in learning the liturgy and responses and practices of church worship. This is expected. Youth Choir will rehearse on Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30, when Confirmation session begins.

Parents of class members are requested to meet with the Pastor on Thursday, Oct. 1st at 9 p.m., at the conclusion of the class session. This meeting is for the purpose of getting to know each other, to set down the rules of the class and to explain the procedures of class work and the manner of parent cooperation which is expected.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL A SUCCESS

The 1964 School was held for 9 days (June 22-July 3). A pupil enrollment of 82 made it the largest Bible School here in a number of years. The staff of about 15 adults and youth functioned very smoothly and efficiently to make the school successful. Under the general theme, "God, My Country and I," the school made a fine impact in the presentation of our dual citizenship - in the Kingdom of God and as Americans. An average attendance of 77 (including staff) for each of the days meant that better than half of our enrollment was here on the nine days. An offering of \$37.25 was devoted to the American Bible Society and will be used for the distribution of about 700 copies of the Sermon on the Mount to the children of Asia. Appreciation is expressed to all who assisted in this excellent school.

WONDERFUL GIFTS TO CHURCH

During these summer months three splendid gifts were presented to the church, for which gratitude is expressed. 200 Pew Bibles (Revised Standard Version) were given in memory of John Lambert, Jr. by his wife

Mrs. Cath. Lambert & children. These Bibles are in red binding, each one carrying the name of the church and are in each pew rack, to be used by worshippers for devotional reading and during the service. A gift of audio-visual equipment was given in memory of Mr. John A. Friemiller by wife, Mrs. Helen Friemiller and the children. This equipment, to be housed in the pastor's office, will be used for Confirmation sessions and other group needs. It consists of a Viewlex slide and filmstrip projector and a Califone Director II Transcription player with variable speed control. The third gift is a beautiful drapery, with heavy lining, which hangs over the large memorial window at the rear of the nave of the church. Made from red ecclesiastical cloth to blend in with the rug color, this drapery is fireproofed. It will be open for the services but will be closed at other times, thus protecting the furniture and equipment of the sanctuary from the intense sunlight which streams thru the large window. This drapery is a gift of our Young Women's Guild.

We express gratitude for these gifts to the church, as we do for all gifts to our Memorial Fund, as well as the weekly contributions of our many fine members through their envelopes. Your church is appreciative of your generosity.



CRADLE ROLL DEPARTMENT EXPANDED

We are now seeking to bring even the very little ones into our fellowship in a very real way. This is through a very active Cradle Roll, under the direction of Mrs. George (Betty) Fischer.

When a baby is baptized, the name of the baby and its parents is given to Mrs. Fischer. As soon as possible an invitation is mailed to the family to enter the child on our Cradle Roll, the first division of our Church School. If the invitation is accepted, the child and family are sent periodic materials through the first 3 yrs. of life, and on the third birthday

the parents are then invited to enter the child into the Nursery, the first 'attending' department of the School, with session at 9 a.m. on Sunday mornings.

BAPTISMS ON MOST SUNDAYS

Because of the continuous desire on the part of many young parents to follow family customs which decree that the first place the mother and new baby go after returning from the hospital is to the church for the Sacrament of Baptism, baptisms can now be arranged for any 10:15 a.m. service save on the 1st Sunday, which is Communion Sunday. Please make applications to the Pastor early enough to allow for any necessary consultation periods.

CHURCH RECORDS

Baptisms:

Sherry Ann, daughter of Wm. J. Jr and Anna L. Porter, on May 31
Leonard E., son of Edward L. and Jo Ann Stein, in Chapel at Army Hospital, Okinawa, on June 7
David Eugene, son of Charles E and Helena Woodruff, on June 21
Tina Marie, daughter of Ernest R. and Mary Ann Permelia, on June 21
Sandra Jean, daughter of Wilbert and Carol Jean Mohr, on June 21
Renee Marie, daughter of Leonard L. and Dolores Johnson, on June 21
Catherine Marie, daughter of Charles H. and Carol Ann Borkman on June 21.
Edward Wm. son of Charles W. and Evelyn Armstrong on June 21
David Darnel, son of Frank D. and Loretta Fisher, on June 21
Theresa Lynn, daughter of Frank D and Loretta Fisher, on June 21
Miss Sylvia D. Smith, adult baptism on June 23
Sharon Dee, daughter of Charles and Mildred Reif on July 12
Clarence O., Jr., son of Clarence Olin and Linda Staigerwald, on July 19
Dave Edward, son of Joseph M. and Marguerite Wilson, on July 19
Elizabeth Marie, daughter of Le roy R. and Ida Behner, on July 19
David Michael, son of John F. and Carol Huber, on July 19
Weddings:
Gerald P. Guydon and Rose Ellen Kodetsky, on May 23
Buddy Ray Adkins and Betty Ann Busse on May 27

David J. Densmore and Mary Machlinski, on May 28

Charles Thomas Williams and Eleanor May Harris, on June 18

Andy Gibbs and Dora Ann James on July 4

John Long and Dorothy Brantley on July 4

James Oscar Hughes and Gertrude Brooks on July 5

Joseph W. Stansbury and Anna Marie Wisner, on July 17

John E. Miller and Octavia Amy Steinmetz on July 18

Funerals:

Anna Blemlinger, non-member, age 59 on May 30

Edgar S. Stanley, non-member, age 60, on June 13

John H. Koehler, Jr., non-member, age 52, on June 20

Charles W. Pohlman, member, age 82, on July 6

Mrs. Sophia Sharling, member, age 99 on July 11

Mrs. Anna Missel, member, age 95 on July 17

Charles H. Schade, non-member, age 69 on July 18

New Members: on Sunday, June 28

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy J. Sennett, by letter of transfer

Leonard L. Johnson, by letter of transfer

Mrs. Gloria Frampton, by letter of transfer

Mrs. Marie E. Hoffman, by restatement of faith

Mrs. Margaret Boner, by restatement of faith

Miss Sylvia D. Smith, by first statement of faith

Earl R. Pumphrey, by restatement of faith.

Mrs. Ada Burgamy, by restatement of faith

Mrs. Frances J. Becker, by restatement of faith

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