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The United Lutheran Church Mission
Highland, Indiana

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The Rev. Harold E. Koch, editor

IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
GREETINGS:

This is the first of what we hope will be a regular monthly visitor in your home to keep you aware of what is happening in our parish. Not meant to take the place of pastoral or evangelism visits, it will be a means whereby you can learn more of the work of your Church, of progress made in various areas, of opportunities for you to share in overall work of the congregation, who your fellow-members are and what they are doing - to name but a few purposes.

You can be of help to make this an informative newsletter by sharing with the pastor information you would normally share with your friends, such as: births, illnesses, deaths, honors, promotions, vacations, hobbies, etc., etc. Thanks!

A BRIEF HISTORY OF OUR MISSION

Among the hundreds of new families who have moved into Highland and Griffith recently was a group of members of the First United Lutheran Church, Hammond who were interested in having a church home in their community. To show the need for a new church, a survey was conducted early in 1959 under the leadership of Mr. & Mrs. Aaron Nelson, 120 Wirth Road, Griffith. A sufficient number of interested and unchurched people was discovered to warrant starting this new church.

The Board of American Missions was advised of the need and extended a call to the Rev. Harold E. Koch to develop this new congregation. Arriving on the scene November 1, 1959 he began to visit those who had expressed interest in the mission and plan for the beginning of Services.

Sunday, December 13, 1959 was the date of the first Service attended by 132 persons. Church School began on Sunday, January 3, 1960 with 78 present. The congregation is meeting temporarily in the all-purpose room of the Highland Christian School, Highland.

WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD?

As soon as we have a minimum of 150 people who are interested in becoming charter members of the congregation, a request will be made for permission to organize formally. The pastor has a petition on which he is securing names of those interested in membership. As he visits you he will ask for your commitment. Do give careful and prayerful consideration to this, often once in a lifetime, privilege of being a charter member of a new congregation.

Palm Sunday has been set tentatively as the day for formal organization. To date about 100 people have expressed interest in charter membership although all names are not yet on the petition.

Following Organization Sunday, within three or four months, a capital funds campaign will be conducted with the end objective construction of our own first permanent unit. Shortly after the campaign the Building Committee will begin work on plans. If we follow the outline of the Board of American Missions, within two years of organization we can be in our own building.

A bright future! A challenging future! A future that will become a present reality as we "do all to the glory of God." GLORIA DEI!

HOW DO I BECOME A CHARTER MEMBER?

Lutherans will be received by letter of transfer from other Lutheran churches where their membership is in good standing. Inactive Lutherans will be received by reaffirmation of faith. NonLutherans from other churches will be received by adult confirmation following sessions of instruction. NonChristians will be received by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism following sessions of instruction. All those who are beyond the age of confirmation (8th grade) are eligible to become charter members of the new congregation. For more information, contact the pastor.

ADULT INSTRUCTION CLASSES BEGIN

For those who have not been confirmed in the Lutheran Church (and those interested in a refresher course) a series of six instruction classes begins at 3:00 pm Sunday, January 10, 1960 at the parsonage, 3413 Lincoln Street, Highland. The six two-hour sessions will combine lecture and discussion and will seek to acquaint you with the Lutheran Church. The topics to be discussed are:

- Jan. 10 - The Ten Commandments, and Christianity and Life
- Jan. 17 - The Apostles Creed, and Missions
- Jan. 24 - The Lord's Prayer, and Worship (The Service)
- Jan. 31 - The Holy Scriptures, and Church History
- Feb. 7 - The Sacraments, and Stewardship
- Feb. 14 - The Lutheran Church, and Our Congregational Life

Another series will be conducted at a time more convenient for those unable to come on Sundays - perhaps an evening. Let us know your preferences.

CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN JANUARY 10

On Sunday, January 3, registration of 78 pupils marked the beginning of weekly classes for all ages, Nursery through Adult. Graded materials, prepared by the Board of Parish Education of the United Lutheran Church, are Bible-based, Christ-centered and pupil-directed. A good staff of teachers has been selected by Mrs. Mary Clark, superintendant. Church School convenes at 9:30 and concludes at 10:30 a.m. CATECHETICAL CLASSES: 7th-graders, 10:00 Saturday; 8th-graders, 4:00, Thursday.

THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH
P. O. BOX #1672
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Church School 9:30 a.m.
The Service - 10:45 a.m.
(Highland Christian School)

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS

Date	Attendance	Offering	Bldg. Fund
12/13	132	\$170.49	\$ 50.00
12/20	88	84.86	---
12/24	105	72.20	---
12/27	83	90.63	91.00
1/3	94	122.39	42.00

As voted by the Steering Committee, 30% of the General Offering will be sent to the Synodical Treasurer for Benevolence. (One-fourth of Benevolence moneys is used to establish new congregations.)

ENVELOPES AVAILABLE FOR YOUR USE

No envelopes will be assigned prior to formal organization, but if you would like to use weekly envelopes for designation of your offering (General, Building, etc.) Mr. Al. Dorschel, financial secretary will give you a box of envelopes. Please call him at TE. 8-2010 or see him in church. Quarterly statements will be mailed to desiring them for tax purposes. (those

BRIEFLY NOTED - DETAILS NEXT MONTH

CHOIR meets 7:30 p.m. Thursdays in Nelson home, 120 Wirth Road. Come and sing!

FLOWERS may be given in worship or in memory. Call Mrs. Kuric, TE. 8-7628.

NURSERY attendants needed. Phone Mrs. Heichel, TE. 8-4687.

MEN needed to set up for Services. Contact Mr. John Kuric, TE. 8-7628.

HYMNALS may yet be given to mission. 22 of the 50 are spoken for. Make wishes known to Mrs. Muriel Nelson, TE. 8-2244.

QUESTIONS? PROBLEMS? PASTORAL COUNSEL NEEDED? Call Pastor Koch, TE. 8-5323.



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