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LUTHERANS BELIEVE . . . This begins a series of articles prepared by the ULCA Department of Press, Radio and Television. A different facet of our Lutheran beliefs will be presented each month, some of them, as is this month's, in answer to specific questions. We trust you will find them informative. The Pastor is happy to discuss further with you these statements or any questions you may have.

LUTHERANS BELIEVE . . . In saints. To a Lutheran, every Christian is a saint. St. Paul believed this, too. For he wrote to the Christians at Philippi, thus - "to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi. . ."

Simply stated, a saint is a forgiven sinner. And every Christian is forgiven through faith in Jesus Christ. That makes every Christian, who can never really become perfect, a saint. It might be stated by saying that every Christian is a sinner and a saint, at the same time. Or it might be said by stating that a Christian is a sinful saint.

You see, to be a saint you need not be perfect in your own actions. Instead, to be a saint you need to be forgiven by Christ, then God sees you through Christ-colored glasses. And Christ's perfectness is given - yes, given - to you. Thus sainthood is a gift of God. It's yours through faith in Christ. You don't merit it. You merely accept it.

Lutherans believe sainthood is conferred upon every Christian as a free gift from a God of love.

CAN I BE A CHRISTIAN without going to Church? Yes, just as easily as being a student who does not go to school -- a soldier who won't join the army -- a business man on a deserted island -- a tuba player without an orchestra -- a citizen who won't vote or pay his taxes -- a salesman without customers -- a politician who is a hermit -- a scientist who won't share his findings -- a seaman on board ship not having a crew -- a ball player without a team -- an explorer without a base camp -- or a bee without a hive.

(from Trinity Lutheran, Moline, Illinois)

HOLY COMMUNION SCHEDULE The mid-summer Services of Holy Communion will be administered at both Services on July 16 and August 27. This is the high privilege that is ours as Christians to commune one with another and with our Lord Jesus Christ at His altar. We shall hope to see all of our members at one or both of the Services of Holy Communion (15 have not received the Sacrament yet this year).

NEW MEMBERS will be received into our fellowship on Sunday, July 16. If you have no church home in our community, we invite you to consider making Gloria Dei your church home. The Pastor will be happy to discuss with you the method of becoming a member.

THE WITTENBERG UNIVERSITY CHOIR, under the direction of Prof. L. David Miller will be featured on the National Radio Pulpit during the month of August, making the fourth straight year that our University Choir has sung on this nationally broadcast radio series. Dr. Edmund Steimle, of the Philadelphia Lutheran Seminary is the summer speaker for this series. These broadcasts can be heard each Sunday during August at 9:05 a.m. on WMAQ.

DAVEY AND GOLIATH A REAL HIT The ULCA's TV, series for the children, "Davey and Goliath," is now being carried on nearly 180 stations in the U.S. and Canada. Practically all of the stations that telecast the first 13 programs of the series are re-running them, awaiting the 2nd 13 episodes this fall.

We don't want anyone to stay away from Sunday School to watch this program. But we would commend it to your children's viewing if they are not now attending Sunday School. This program can be seen at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday on WBKB-TV.

Then, after seeing what our Lutheran Church is doing to encourage learning the Christian Faith, come to our Sunday School for a first hand opportunity to learn. We also meet at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday.

GOD LOVES YOU - HE WANTS YOU FOR HIS OWN.

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS FOR JULY

- July 1 - Richard Downey
8 - George Barney
10 - Daniel Earnhart
10 - John Ripley
11 - Margaret Biesen
12 - Douglas J. Ripley Jr.
12 - Mary Street
13 - Gladys James
13 - Helen Walter
14 - Karen Nelson
18 - Elizabeth Graves
18 - Paul Rausch
19 - Esther Martinsen
19 - Fred Moline
20 - Carol James
20 - Susan Schaller
22 - Roger Colby
22 - Melvin Earnhart
23 - Karen Weiler
25 - Arthur Schaller
25 - Lois Weiler
26 - Mylane Miller
28 - Cynthia Boldt
29 - Mabel Waller
30 - Kurt Sikes
31 - Joseph Medley
Aug. 2 - Janet Bakker
2 - Jayne Bakker
4 - Adeline Heichel
7 - Gordon A. Dorschel
7 - William John James
7 - Glen Mick

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ALL!

ULCW TO PICNIC The combined meeting of the Naomi and Ruth Circles will be a picnic at the church site on Thursday, July 27. Watch the Sunday bulletin for detailed information as to time and menu.

GROUND-BREAKING SERVICE TENTATIVELY SET
The BAM has approved taking bids between September 11 and Sept. 22, so we can break ground on SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1961.

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P. O. BOX # 1672
HIGHLAND, INDIANA

Church School - 9:30 a.m.
Worship - 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.
(Nursery provided during the
10:45 Service each Sunday)
Meeting temporarily in the
Highland Christian School

Form 3547 Requested

ATTENDANCES AND OFFERINGS IN CHURCH SCHOOL

Date	Att.	Offerings
6/4	116	\$ 16.97
6/11	83	12.20
6/18	99	16.20
6/25	86	13.90

ATTENDANCES AND OFFERINGS AT THE SERVICES

Date	8:00	10:45	Ben & Cur	Bldg. Fund	Organ
6/4	49	128	\$ 263.30	\$ 330.50	\$
6/11	49	108	242.75	153.70	
6/18	69	100	275.15	225.25	.50
6/25	52	123	224.66	157.70	1.00

Be sure to worship when on your vacation.
God does not forget you, so don't forget Him.

VACATIONERS The Biesens traveled to Evansville; the Boldts are camping on their trip to California; the Robinettes caught plenty of walleyes in Lake LaCroix, Canada; the Silvermans will be traveling East; the Streets shared in a gala Golden Wedding Anniversary party for Homer's parents in Maryland and now Homer is 'batching it' while Mary and children visit her parents in Kentucky; the Walters vacationed back home in Pennsylvania; the Yorks will tour the South hitting Atlanta, Tampa, New Orleans, Mobile and Charleston.

PERSONALS Among the mumps sufferers during the past month were Susan Bakker (right after having tonsils out), Diane Burt (while on vacation), Paul Burt (right after the measles and before the vacation), Diane Crowe (shared by her sister), Linda Crowe (broke out same time her arm came out of the cast), and Lori Kocian. A new daughter was born to Rex and Toni Bennett. Susan Ripley will spend two weeks attending a journalism Workshop at Indiana University, Bloomington.

IN MEMORY Two new hymnals were given to the church by the Altar Guild in memory of Mrs. Martha F. Bentley (Pauline Dorschel's sister).

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