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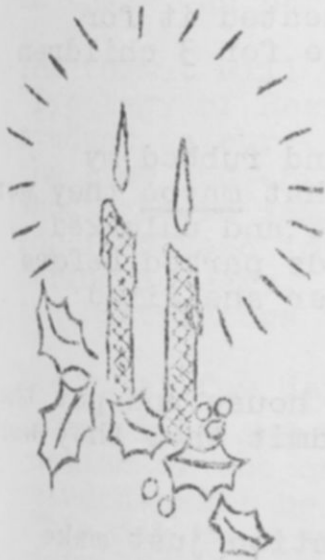
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ADVENT SERVICES

The season of Advent, so often lost in the chaos of Christmas preparations and end-of-semester demands, really epitomizes for us the tension in which we Christians live as members of a kingdom now and to be.

This year, in order to celebrate Advent and become more aware of its meaning for us, we will hold a very brief service each day at lunch-time in the refectory. The service will consist of the lighting of an Advent candle, a reading from a group of pericopes arranged by Dr. Bornemann and the singing of a stanza or two from an appropriate hymn. Since the little Advent service will take place at lunch, we hope that most of the community will be able to share in it.

If, however, you are a married student, spouse, married commuter, faculty person or anyone who cannot participate at the noon service, you will find copies of the reading and hymns in the mailroom. We hope that sharing this service will help all of us deepen our sense of being a worshipping community and our own Advent awareness



and ADVENT VESPERS DECORATIONS

In order to do a proper job of decorating in the library for post-Advent Vespers festivities, the decoration committee is asking your help. We hope to hang greens and banners 'round the Rotunda. Since our banner supply is limited, we request, beg, plead that anyone who can borrow a banner from his/her church -- just for a few days -- would contact Keith Wilbur. The banners would be hung on Dec. 7

and could be returned on the 10th. The more banners the better, so please ask your church to volunteer what it has.

The decorating itself will take place in the library on Sunday, Dec. 7. We will need lots of people to help hang greens and banners and put two trees upright. Come around 6:00 and lend a hand.

Sarah Davison

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CONFESSIONS OF A HOUSEHUSBAND

Edith entered the apartment innocently, unsuspecting.

"There you are." I snarled.

She backed up a step, confused. She already knew she was there. Why was I making such a fuss?

"Would you like to know what YOUR children did today? Now, I'm sure from long experience on the other end of the question she already had some idea. But the answer to that particular question always comes no matter what you say,

"What have my poor Fatherless children done now?"

"What have they done?" said I answering her question with a question (this is par for the course). "I'll tell you what they've done."

For 45 minutes I told her every detail. I told her how John got his finger stuck in the sugar shaker, how Raechel climed into the cupboard and laughed as I panicked because I couldn't find her, how Jarred hid his bread crusts in the oven to burn up when I pre-heated it for supper. I told her things you would think impossible for 3 children to manage in only 8 hours.

The role reversal was incredible. She sat me down and rubbed my shoulders and spoke soothingly until I had decided that maybe they were still my kids too. Then she fixed me a cup of coffee and unlocked the kids room so they could tiptoe out. With the kids parked before the T. V. and me laying on the couch reading the paper she fixed supper.

After supper she washed the dishes, straightened the house and put the kids to bed. Finally, about 11:00 P.M. I had to admit that they were indeed my children - the crises had passed.

ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER: To attract a child's attention just make interesting noises and he will come to investigate.

Hints to Househusbands: The Absolute-Ultimate-Best-Sort-Of-Sandwich (a la Zoppi)

On a slice of dark rye bread, spread HOT mustard. Add 1 slice swiss cheese(thick) 1 slice Ham and/or roast beef, and a second slice of rye and hot mustard. (**Warning - this sandwich may prove to be hazardous to your budget. Eat it at your in-laws)

Next week: The H.H. communications center by Rusty May.

PRESIDENT SEARCH QUESTIONNAIRE

There has been some concern as to why the results of the Executive Committee President Search Questionnaire have not been made public. In response to those concerns I would like to provide the following rationale.

- 1) It is imperative that the evaluation process employed by the Student Body Executive Committee remain as objective as possible.
- 2) It is possible that some presidential candidates could gain access to copies of the Seminarian and information transmitted through normal lines of communication.
- 3) In the event that this should happen, the objectivity of any evaluation the Executive Committee could make would be threatened, in that the evaluative centers upon which interviews will be biased may influence the responses of the candidates.

When the need for confidentiality has ceased, these results and items of interest will be released to the entire Student Body.

Scott Schantzenbach, Student Body Pres

EVANGELISM PRACTICUM DURING INTERSESSION

There will be an Evangelism Practicum held during January as one of the Seminary's offerings for Intersession. Professors White and R. Olsen will provide faculty leadership. There also will be participation by President Edward K. Perry of Upper New York, the Rev. P. Richard Grove, assistant to the president of Southeastern Penna. Synod and selected parish pastors who are quite active in evangelism efforts in their own parishes.

The format will emphasize person-to-person contact in the field. A "Typology of Response" developed by Pastor Grove will be tested. If a student is currently assigned to a church it is there that the bulk of the time and energy will be spent. Any students intending to enroll should begin immediately to negotiate with the pastor of their church for increased involvement in the evangelism efforts of the congregation during January. Students without a field church will be assisted by the instructors in finding a base for their learning.

The first few days of the term will be devoted to clarification of evangelism and to training for evangelism in the congregation. Evaluation of the on-going efforts will take place through the term. Each student will be expected to produce a tangible product during the term. This may be a syllabus for a "Pastor's Class for Membership," a detailed plan for an on-going evangelism program in the congregation, a training program for parish visitors, or a project similar to one of the above. The intention is to help each student be prepared to give leadership in evangelism to a local congregation and to do so with confidence and with soundness.

Students should plan to invest at least 100 hours (25 Hours per week) for credit for the course. Their total effort will be evaluated by themselves, and their peers, and the faculty leaders at the conclusion of the term.

Dr. White

From 1660 to the Napoleonic wars the political system of Denmark-Norway was that of royal despotism - all formal power was in the hands of the king and his officials. This power was not always misused; some kings wanted to be enlightened monarchs, but there were also a few bad cases: one king was a drunkard, one was pietistic to extremes, one finally lapsed into insanity. By the end of the 18th century the ideas from the American and French Revolutions began to gain influence among the young intelligentsia. The impact of the war itself came in 1806, when the British policy of blockading the Continent required the capture of the substantial Danish-Norwegian navy. This was achieved by Admiral Nelson in his raid of Copenhagen harbour, and to save face the Double Monarchy had to ally itself with Napoleon. This meant that Norway was at war with Britain for the first (and last) time since the viking era, and the effect was devastating. The British navy cut Norway off from its main grain supply in Denmark, and coupled with some bad harvests this led to serious famine. Discontent with the state of affairs allied itself with a budding nationalism and demanded greater self-determination for Norway, the first result of which was the establishment of a separate university in 1811.

The traditional enemy, Sweden, was primarily concerned about her possession Finland, which she lost to Russia in 1809. With Napoleon's invasion of Russia 1812, the Swedes adopted one of his generals, Bernadotte, as Crown Prince (their King was an old childless geezer) hoping that the alliance would recover Finland for them. But Bernadotte gave geography the deciding vote over history, deciding that Norway was a more natural appendage to Sweden than Finland, so after the French failures at Moscow he made Sweden join the emerging anti-French coalition. After the defeat of Napoleon at Leipzig he then made a raid into Denmark, convincing the Danish king that he would be better off without Norway. A treaty to that effect was signed at Kiel in January 1814, and was later endorsed by the Vienna Congress as a way of buying off Sweden's loss of Finland.

The Norwegians, however, resented being treated as pawns in a barter and when the news of the Kiel treaty had spread, elections were held all over the country for a national assembly, which met at Eidsvold (25 miles north of Oslo) in the spring. The participants were a lot like the men who signed the Declaration of Independence in 1776 - mostly accomplished men in their early thirties: squires, traders, minor officials, and some clergymen. They quickly decided that the Danish King had no right to dispose of Norway to Sweden, and that by doing so he had forfeited his rights to the country. Independence was hence declared, and a King was found. The Convention quickly proceeded to draw up a constitution which put into practice many of the ideas of 1776 and 1789 - the right to self-government, freedom of speech, press and assembly, an independent judiciary, etc. Universal suffrage was a bit too radical for these people, so only about 64% of the population got the vote - all males over 25 with a 'vested interest in society.' This Constitution was signed by the delegates on May 17, 1814.

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Both the democracy and the independence of this constitution was unacceptable to Bernadotte, and he prepared to take the country by force. The leading men of the First Storting (Parliament) realized that they could not stop him, and wisely decided to meet him halfway. The union with Sweden had to be granted, but most of the Constitution was not amended, and Norway entered the union as a theoretically equal partner with Sweden. Shortly afterwards Norwegians began to celebrate May 17 as their national holyday, and they still do, with all the festivity of a Fourth of July (and then some). In this way Norway became the first European country to successfully incorporate the principles of the American Revolution in a written and enduring Constitution.

Rolf Rasmussen

THE CASE OF DR. LAZARETH: WHAT REALLY HAPPENED?

In my article in the last issue of the SEMINARIAN entitled "The Family is Always the Last to Know" I implied that the administration had knowledge of Dr. Lazareth's new call and had withheld that information from the Student Body. I now know that that accusation was not true and I retract that implication. I have learned that the administration knew as much about the situation as the students did.

Although the new call was announced both in the November 5 edition of "News of the Lutheran Church in America" and the November 19 edition of "The Lutheran" which was also published on November 5, I have learned that the call was actually extended to Dr. Lazareth on November 7. He did not submit his resignation until Monday, November 10. Thus Dr. Reumann's announcement of the resignation did come at the earliest possible time.

Yet the question still remains: Why did the two above mentioned church publications print Dr. Lazareth's acceptance of the call two days before it was extended and five days before it was accepted? It seems to me that in both cases this was irresponsible journalism. I invite both publications to reply if they so choose!

Another possibility may be that the Division for Missions in North America (DMNA) released this information before it was actual fact. If this was the case I accuse them of being irresponsible in handling this situation. Again, I invite them to respond.

The main problem, it seems, is the new practice of the LCA to issue an invitation to a call in order to determine if that call will be accepted. I do not understand this procedure. If the LCA Executive Board wishes to extend a call then they should extend it. Using an invitation first only makes the whole situation very confusing. The case of Dr. Lazareth is a prime example.

I feel that the entire seminary community deserves answers to these questions. This new process created a great deal of confusion and animosity which would have been avoided if the process had been more straight forward and less clandestine. At the very least the practice of issuing an invitation before issuing the actual call should be abandoned.

Christian D. vonDehsen

WOMEN AND MEN IN DIALOGUE

Meeting: Tuesday, December 2, Tappert Room, 8PM. This is the last dialogue for this semester, so, please join us for some stimulating discussion on "The Male Pill", a fictitious event which could usher in practical equality on birth control responsibility. As Christians, how do we view our sexuality in a secular world?

Craig Herrick and Joan Wolf

SPOUSES CLUB "CHRISTMAS SHOW-AND-TELL"

Christmas will be here before we know it! Let's get together and get ready with ideas for the Joyous Season. Come and share one of your craft or decorating talent, a favorite Christmas recipe, or your own special way of celebrating Christmas. (and bring pencil and paper for copying down ideas too.)

Martha Reumann will be opening up her home to us at 7206 Boyer St. It will be held on Tuesday evening, December 2 at 7:30pm. The evening is open to spouses of students and faculty, and interested singles as well. Come! Show-and-Tell for Christmas.

Mary Lou Searing

COMMON CUP COFFEEHOUSE

Last Wednesday night from 9-11:30pm the Common Cup Coffeehouse was open in the Refectory. The size of the group at any one time varied but during the course of the evening approximately 60 persons talked, listened and refreshed themselves. Entertainment was accented by live performances from Dan Hahn, Chris vonDehsen, Bob Scholtz, Chris Matthy, Mike Cobler, and Jack Slotterback. Many thanks to these individuals for sharing their talents and adding to the enthusiasm of the group. All indications are that people had a good time and enjoyed getting together. Thanks for the support! The next Common Cup will be Wed., December 3 from 9 to 11:30. Take a study break and come on over!!

Social Activities Committee

DORM COUNCIL

A Dorm Council has been established as a new Student Body Committee. This committee has been set up to address needs and concerns which are of concern to dorm residents. Corrie Miller is the chairperson of this committee, Chris von Dehsen, Tom Irwin, and Glen Zorb are the class representatives. This committee will be addressing such concerns as; the parking lot petition, additional dorm phones, pencil sharpeners, bed boards, and Christmas Decorations. If you have any additional concerns please contact members of the Dorm Council.

Scott Schantzenbach
Student Body President

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS IN DORM

There will be a DECORATION GATHERING in the Oasis on Tuesday, December 2 at 10pm. Christmas decorations that are homemade or from home are greatly appreciated for the tree or the Oasis.

Corrie Miller

I WATCHED A MIRACLE HAPPEN TODAY

"I watched a miracle happen at work today. How beautiful. We have a post-head injury of Dr. _____ on the floor- he fell off the roof of a corn crib. He's been receiving tube feedings since the accident. He is aphasic but understands what is being said to him. I had him as a patient today and was feeding him - for the first time - fluids by mouth. I was giving him small sips at a time when I decided to see if he would feed himself. I placed the cup in his hand after determining whether he was right or left handed. He held it - the glass - for a few minutes and then slowly raised the cup to his mouth and drank...I stood at his bedside and almost cried for joy. I whispered a quiet 'Praise the Lord! Then, if that was not enough, while I was feeding him some jello, he reached up his hand enclosing my hand and the spoon and proceeded to push the spoon in his mouth. I never realized how important such simple movements as described above, could mean so much, be so beautiful to watch someone accomplish - such a simple task. The tubes come out tomorrow.

If you could and would - pray for this guy - Bob. He has a very long road ahead and his family is one which needs to see improvement every day or something is wrong. Very frustrating to try to work with them, help displace fears and instill hope and patience - a virtue needed very much.

On days like today, rewards overbalance the frustrations of nursing and I praise the Lord I am in nursing. There is no other profession I would rather be in. Praise the Lord."

Just a reminder that there is a list posted on the bulletin board in the main dorm for those who wish to have bed boards. This does not mean that all of those who sign up will get them, but it will give the Dorm Council an estimate, so that they can take some action towards it!

Corrie Miller