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### **IN MEMORIAM**

This page is dedicated to the loving memory of all those who served so faithfully and effectively during my years of service.

We likewise pay tribute to those who are still with us, and rendered faithful and efficient service, but whose physical and mental condition prohibits them from knowing about this story.



## PREFACE

One of my chief interests in a diversified ministry, all of which has been spent in the Lutheran Synod of North Carolina, was Christian Education on the parish level. An article in *The Lutheran*, dated September 6th, 1934, has this headline, "My Congregation and Parish Education" by J. Lewis Thornburg, Statesville, N.C. This interest was kept alive through my participation in Summer School for Church Workers, as well as training schools on a county and district level. The years spent at our Lutheran Assembly Grounds kept the focus on Leadership Training for children, young people and adults. We assure you that it was not easy for us to terminate this rich and exciting ministry.

Since then many of you have asked and suggested that we write a history of these events in which so many had participated. Our reply to each was the same, "We are not a historian, and we have never been officially asked to do this". A large collection of photos, programs, copies of the weekly newspaper, Tel-A-Vision, and many other items awakened an interest to assemble "A PICTORIAL STORY" of Lutheridge with narratives. The photos, transparencies, and other items are from the original, and not reproductions or duplicates. I have made an earnest effort to see that all dates, and other data in the narratives are true and correct. I assume responsibility for any errors or omissions. I wish it were possible to include the names of the many individuals who have provided photos and transparencies but many of you will recognize yours, and we hope you will find pleasure in being a part of this project. I have found much pleasure, joy and satisfaction in assembling the materials to be printed in this Pictorial Story. We hope each of you will experience some of the same joy and pleasure.

We hope our efforts will meet with your approval and acceptance, and as a result there will be a permanent record of some of the exciting and enriching experiences that so many of us shared during the passing years.

We want to thank each of you for your encouragement, your co-operation and support in this enterprise; for without this the project would never have gotten off the launching pad.

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## **DEDICATION**

TO

**Mary Lee Barnhardt Thornburg**

My wife and team-mate who shared many happy, eventful, exciting and serviceable years and whose life of devotion, patience, dedication, creativity, co-operation and encouragement enabled me, by God's grace to complete this pictorial story of Lutheridge.

**Martha Thornburg Cauble**

Our daughter, a constant source of joy and inspiration.

# The Beginning

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1889

Someone once said "Everything had a beginning before it really began." The story we are presenting could bear out the truth of this remark. Mrs. Fred Shepherd, daughter of J. L. Sifford, Ebenezar, China Grove, gave me the original copy of these minutes, and they are now in the Archives at the Church House in Salisbury, N.C.

A seed symbolizing "Leadership Training" was planted, then watered and cultivated through the years—when a healthy plant called "Summer School for Church Workers" grew and flourished bearing much fruit in every leader "being a trained leader".



*This is where it all began in 1889. St. Stephens Lutheran Church, Cabarrus County, N.C.*



# The Early Years

The years following the first Sunday School Convention at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church do not provide too much information about the continuation of training for Sunday School teachers and other church leaders.

## 1910

However, we do have a record of the compiling and editing a "HYMNAL FOR THE SUNDAY SCHOOL" by the Rev. E. C. Cronk. The Hymnal was officially approved and recommended by the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the south. In the Preface, Rev. Cronk writes, "A widespread and generally recognized need for a book of dignified churchly, singable hymns and tunes is the reason for the existence of the Hymnal for the Sunday School." Appreciations were also expressed to Mrs. E.C. Cronk, Mrs. E.A. Shenk, Rev. C. Armand Miller, D.D., and Rev. C.F.W. Hoppe for their valuable assistance and suggestions.

## 1918

This year not only marked the end of the First World War but a very historical event in the life of American Lutheranism. There was a merger of three general Lutheran bodies into the United Lutheran Church in America. The three merging groups were the United Synod South, the General Council, and the General Synod.

## 1920-1922

A few years later there was a merger of two synodical groups; namely, the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod and the Lutheran Synod of North Carolina, merged into the United Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina.

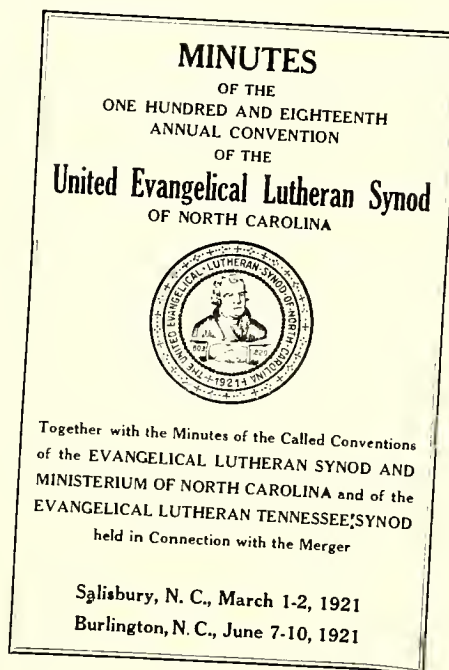
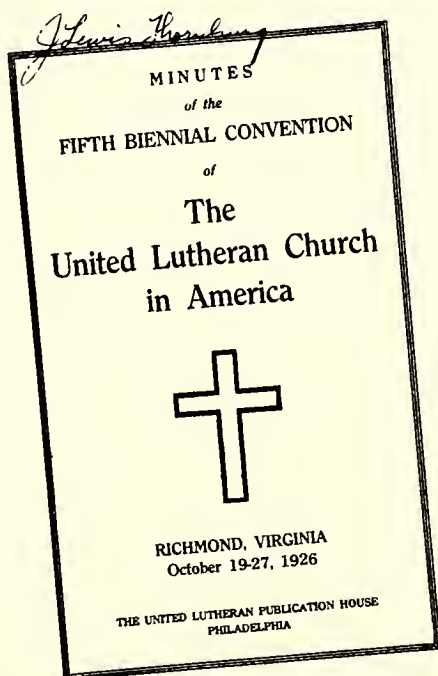
The seed which was sown in 1889 germinated, was watered and fed, and has now grown into a healthy, vigorous plant. One of the branches can rightly be called, The Parish and Church School Board of the ULCA, under the direction of Dr. C. P. Wiles—its Executive Secretary.

## 1921 Forward!

THE MERGERS brought into focus a new concept in Christian Education. The Parish and Church School Board, Dr. C. P. Wiles, Executive Secretary, offered new courses in leadership training, and Summer School for Church Workers became the agency through which this training was offered to the church at large.

THE FIRST Summer School for Church Workers was held at Lenoir-Rhyne the summer of 1921. I know; for I attended! These schools were held yearly at Lenoir-Rhyne College in Hickory; Mt. Pleasant Collegiate Institute, and Mont Amoena Seminary, in Mt. Pleasant, North Carolina; and at Newberry and Summerland colleges in South Carolina.

The type of program and activities held at Lenoir-Rhyne in 1923 was very similar to those offered each summer. These schools brought together leaders from other synods in the area as well as leaders of the national Church. This exchange of leadership broadened the base of interest and outlook among the rank and file of our congregational membership, resulting in a moving from a parochial to a national and world-wide view of the Church's ministry.



Name -----

Address -----

Church -----

REGISTRATION

Summer School for Church Workers  
HICKORY, N. C., AUGUST 19-26, 1925.

(Choose one in each group.)

1. TRAINING FOR TEACHING

- ( ) 1. For Teachers of Primary Classes.
- ( ) 2. For Teachers of Junior Classes.
- ( ) 3. For Teachers of Intermediates Classes.
- ( ) 4. For Teachers of Senior Classes.
- ( ) 5. For Teachers of Adults.

2. ORGANIZATION CONFERENCES.

- ( ) 1. Light Brigade.
- ( ) 2. Women's Societies.
- ( ) 3. Luther League.
- ( ) 4. Brotherhood.

3. MISSION STUDY GROUPS.

- ( ) 1. Luther League.
- ( ) 2. Women's Societies.
- ( ) 3. Pastor's Conference.

Enrollment card

**LUTHERAN**  
**Summer School**  
For  
**Church Workers**  
**HICKORY, N. C.**  
**1924**

An  
identification  
streamer



A group of students, with Dr. H. A. McCullough, (center), pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Columbia, S. C., and one of the aggressive leaders in the field of Leadership Training.



Another group in front of the dining hall.



Opportunity was given for trips to nearby points of interest. This group, with Dr. Gomer Reese, Philadelphia, one of the leaders in musical programs. They are taking a stop at Blow-ing Rock, N.C.

Lutheran Summer School For  
Church Workers, 1923  
Lenoir-Rhyne College, Hickory, N. C.  
July 25th to August 2nd

First meal in boarding hall, 6:00 P. M., Wednesday, July 25.  
Assembly for Registration—7:15. Announcements.

ALL ATTENDANTS ARE EXPECTED TO REGISTER AND DO REG-  
ULAR CLASS WORK. ALL ASSEMBLY SERVICES ARE FREE AND  
OPEN TO PUBLIC.

Get-together Reception, by State Luther League—8:15 in Gymnasium.

DAILY SCHEDULE (Except Sunday and final day)

IN CHAPEL

9:00—Matins: Led by Members of Faculty.  
9:15—Bible Study: Dr. H. A. McCullough.

IN CLASS ROOMS

9:50, and  
11:50—Sunday School Teacher Training.  
---(1) "Preparation for Teaching".....Sister Ruth  
(2) "The Pupil".....Miss Olive Counts  
(3) "The Teacher".....Rev. L. A. Thomas  
(4) "Teacher's Study of the Life of Christ"—Pastor B. D. Wessinger  
(5) "The School".....Dr. H. A. McCullough  
(6) "Teaching Value of Old Testament".....Pastor Henry Einspruch  
On final day, Thursday, August 2, examinations will be held for all who  
desire credit toward Standard Diploma. Courses aim to complete texts.

10:30 (9:50 on August 2)—Missions and Stewardship.  
(1) For Light Brigade, "The Honorable Japanese Far-  
.....Miss Miriam Treon  
(2) For Luther League, "Saving America Through Her Young Peo-  
ple".....Sister Pearle Lyerly  
(3) Japan, "Creative Forces in Japan".....Dr. L. S. G. Miller and  
(4) "The Lutheran Church and the Negro".....Secy. Z. M. Corbe  
(5) "The Inner Mission".....Supt. James Oosterling  
11:10—Organization Conferences: (Not on August 2.)  
(1) Light Brigade.....Miss Miriam Treon  
(2) Luther League.....Pastor S. White Rhyne  
(3) Women's Societies.....Mrs. J. L. Morgan  
(4) Brotherhood.....Supt. James Oosterling  
(5) Church Musicians.....Mrs. E. A. Shenk, Mrs. Geo. Westbrook  
and Mr. T. B. Peery

IN CHAPEL

12:30—Music.....Mr. Peery, Mrs. Shenk, M. Westbrook  
12:40—Presidential Messages to Congregations.....Pres. J. L. Morgan

THE FACULTY

CORBE, REV. ZENAN M., Philadel-  
phia, Pa. Executive Secretary,  
West Indies Mission Board, United  
Lutheran Church.  
COUNTS, MISS OLIVE, S. C. Comes  
to us from the Summerland As-  
sembly to take the same work.  
DRY, MISS NELLIE KATE, Concord,  
N. C. Western District Chairman,  
Athletic Association of N. C. High  
School Girls.  
EINSBRUCH, REV. HENRY, Balti-  
more, Md. Pastor, Salem Rebrev  
Lutheran Mission. Editor "The  
Hebrew Lutheran".  
ELSON, MR. W. F., New York City.  
Publicity Department, National  
Lutheran Council. Formerly with  
Lutheran Bureau, and Lenoir Col-  
lege Appeal.  
GREEVER, DR. W. H., Columbia, S. C.  
Author, Editor, Professor in South-  
ern Seminary.  
LAMOTTE, MR. NORMAN G., Hick-  
ory, N. C. Athletic Director, Len-  
oir Rhyne College.  
McCULLOUGH, DR. H. A., Columbia,  
S. C. Pastor, St. Paul's church. Di-  
rector, Summerland Assembly for  
several years. A member of the  
original N. C. Summer Normal  
committee.  
MILLER, DR. EDGAR GRIM, Philadel-  
phia, Pa. Executive Secretary,  
Board of Ministerial Relief, United  
Lutheran Church.  
MILLER, DR. L. S. G., Japan. One of  
the senior missionaries in our Japan  
field. Now in charge of the For-  
eign Mission Forward Fund in the  
Southern district.  
MORGAN, DR. J. L., Salisbury, N. C.  
President, United E. L. Synod of  
N. C.  
MORGAN, MRS. J. L., Salisbury, N. C.  
Thank Offering Secretary, N. C.  
Synodical Women's Society.  
OOSTERLING, REV. JAMES, Balti-  
more, Md. Superintendent, The  
Lutheran Inner Mission Society of  
Baltimore and Vicinity. Formerly  
with Lutheran Brotherhood of  
America.  
PEERY, MR. T. BENTON, Colo. Pub-  
lic School Music. Very popular  
and successful in choir work. For-  
merly with California Opera Co.

POWLAS, MISS MAUDE, Japan. On  
furlough from the Japan field.  
Founded and housed our Rescue  
Mission.  
RAMER, DR. A. L., Allentown, Pa.  
Executive Secretary, Immigrants  
Mission Board, United Lutheran  
Church.  
RHYNE, REV. S. WHITE, Rocky  
Mount, N. C. Secretary, Eastern  
Carolina Field Missions, United  
Synod of N. C.  
SHENK, MRS. E. A., Greensboro, N. C.  
Successful organist and choir direc-  
tor. Chairman, cooperating com-  
mittee from Women's Society.  
SISTER PEARLE LYERLY, Baltimore,  
Motherhouse. With the E. L.  
Church of the Advent, New York  
City.  
SISTER RUTH WAGNER, Baltimore  
Motherhouse. With the First Eng-  
lish E. L. Church, Richmond, Va.  
THOMAS, REV. L. A., Concord, N. C.  
A very successful pastor. Member  
of Board of Trustees of Lenoir-  
Rhyne College.  
TREON, MISS MIRIAM, Sunbury, Pa.  
A new worker in Light Brigade  
work who comes to us with highest  
recommendations.  
WESSINGER, REV. B. D., Cherryville,  
N. C. Successful pastor. Repeats  
his course of last year.  
WESTROOKE, MRS. GEORGE  
Rocky Mount, N. C. Director,  
Rocky Mount Choral Club. Success-  
ful choir director. Will be director  
of music and soloist for the Con-  
vention of Women's Society at  
Statesville. Comes with flattering  
news comments on her work.  
Synodical Committee on Summer School  
for Church Workers:  
Prof. Grover Morcan, Chm., Hickory,  
N. C.  
Rev. G. H. C. Park, Secy. and Treas.,  
East Gastonia, N. C.  
Rev. Prof. Jno. B. Moose, Mt. Pleasant,  
N. C.  
Mr. W. L. Dixon, Charlotte, N. C.  
Mr. J. P. Burns, Hickory, N. C.  
From Luther League:  
Miss Ruth Dry, Concord, N. C.  
From Women's Society:  
Mrs. E. A. Shenk, Greensboro, N. C.

AFTERNOONS

Recreation and Group Interests, State Luther League in charge. Committee:  
S. W. Rhyne, Nellie K. Dry, Norman G. LaMotte  
5:30—Story Hour, Faculty and other Leaders.  
"Stewardship".....Dr. W. H. Greever  
"Publicity".....Mr. W. P. Elson  
7:15—Vespers: On Campus (In chapel when necessary).  
Music, Intercession, Messages from the Field.  
Thursday, 26th. "The Immigrant in His American Environment"  
.....Dr. A. L. Ramer  
Friday, 27th. "The Deacons".....Sisters Ruth and Pearle  
Saturday, 28th. "Hebrew Christians".....Pastor Einspruch  
Monday, 30th. "Our Seminary".....Dr. Greever  
Tuesday 31st. "Women of Japan".....Miss Peowus  
8:15—Evening Assembly. In chapel.  
Thursday, 26th. Illustrated lecture on our Japanese Work  
.....Dr. L. S. G. Miller  
Friday, 27th. "From Holland to Hickory, via Home Missions"  
.....Supt. James Oosterling  
Saturday, 28th. Illustrated lecture on West Indies Missions  
.....Secy. Z. M. Corbe  
Monday, 30th. The Lenoir College film. (First in the South.)  
Tuesday, 31st. "What the National Lutheran Council is Finding to  
Do in Europe".....Mr. W. P. Elson

SUNDAY, JULY 29TH.

9:15—Sunday school, Model classes by visiting leaders.  
11:00—The Service Sermon by Rev. Z. M. Corbe.  
4:00—Light Brigade program, in St. Andrews Church.  
4:00—Meeting of District and State Brotherhood, in chapel.  
7:15—Luther League. Model meeting in chapel.  
8:15—Vespers, Sermon by Dr. Edgar Grim Miller.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1ST.

8:00 P. M.—Pageant, "The Way," on Japan (by Mrs. Cronk and Mrs. Copen-  
haver). (Schools and societies might consider this for home use, and  
costumes are available for rent. Plan in advance.)

CLOSING SESSION, THURSDAY, AUGUST 2ND.

9:00—Matins and Bible Study, as usual.  
9:50—Missions, etc.  
10:30—Sunday School Teachers' Examinations.  
11:35—Closing Assembly—Goodbye till next year!

FEES AND EXPENSES

Registration, \$1.00. This admits to all class work. All assembly programs  
are free. Secy. G. H. C. Park will receive fee and issue badges.  
Board and Room, \$7.00 for the session. One day, \$1.25. One meal, 50c.  
Trails. Paul Sieg will sell neck tuckers.

TRANSPORTATION

Trains leave for North and East at 1:48 and 5:50 P. M., for the South  
at 2:30 P. M., and for the West at 11:30 A. M. and 6:15 P. M.  
On arrival, come directly to the college, one mile east of station. Taxi  
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**LUTHERANS TALK  
OF MISSIONS; TO  
HAVE ASSEMBLY**



Convention of North Carolina Synod in Session Here.

**NATIONAL HEAD  
GREGORY A. R.  
IN CONVENTION**

State Division of Daughters in

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## LUTHERANS TALK OF MISSIONS; TO HAVE ASSEMBLY

Convention of North Carolina  
Synod in Session Here.

DISCUSS THE \$100,000 FUND

Synod Invites Cooperation of  
Other Lutheran Bodies in Pur-  
chase of Grounds in State.

Business sessions in the morning, at which various committee reports were made; an address on evangelism by Rev. J. F. Crigler, pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran church, and talks by Dr. A. D. R. Hancher, of Richmond, Va., on home missions, and by Dr. J. F. Seibert, general secretary of the mission board, featured the first day here at St. Mark's church of the 120th annual convention of the United Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina. In the afternoon session business matters and reports of committees were continued, discussion of the \$100,000 home missions fund taking place and an invitation to other Lutheran bodies to join in a plan to purchase assembly grounds in western North Carolina being issued.

The ministerial session was held at 5:15 p. m. and vespers led by Rev. J. D. Mauney, and addresses on education and foreign missions, by representatives of these boards, was held at 7:30 p. m.

This morning at 11:30 Pastor J. F. Crigler, of Charlotte, will speak on the Deaconess Work, and Dr. W. H. Grever, of the Southern Luth-

eran seminary at Columbia, S. C., will speak on ministerial supply. Dr. Fred Gotwald, secretary of the board of education, will address the convention.

This evening at 7:30 o'clock Ben Clark, of Salisbury, and Edgar Stockman, of Monroe, and Lewis Thornburg, of Mount Airy Seminary, Philadelphia, will be ordained.

The Thursday sessions begin at 8:45 o'clock with devotions led by Rev. G. H. Cooper, followed at 9 o'clock by the business session. There will be the report of the examining committee, Rev. M. M. Kinard, D.D.; election of officers; reports of boards on Lowman's home, orphans home, Theological seminary and educational institutions, and on church institutions and education, by Rev. J. C. Dietz.

The afternoon session today will begin at 2 o'clock, after devotions by Rev. B. A. Barringer, and will be devoted to unfinished business; reports of committees, on letters and petitions, by Rev. C. A. Brown; on stewardship, by A. A. Rhyne; on publicity, by Rev. A. M. Huffman. There will be the appointment of standing committees, and the election of delegates to the 1924 convention of the United Lutheran church.

After the ordination ceremonies in the evening, vespers will be led by Rev. P. J. Bame, and there will be a sermon by Rev. B. D. Wessinger.

The convention will adjourn Friday, after the morning session.

The morning session opened at 8:45. The roll of the ministers and delegates was called and it was found that near 200 were present. Rev. J. C. Dietz, of Salisbury, was then elected secretary of synod, as the former secretary, Rev. R. B. Schaffer, of Kings Mountain, has moved to Charleston, S. C.

The president of synod then appointed committees and reports were heard from various standing committees. These reports were accepted with their recommendations, chief among which was the continuation of the world service appeal for (\$850,000) and the insurance of all ministers under the group insurance plan. The auditing committee reported that \$80,500 had been raised by the synod in the year 1923.

Moneys raised, all organizations of the synod for the year 1923 for all purposes, amounted to \$425,000; this amount includes \$325,000 pledged for Lenoir college, and \$105,000 raised by the synod and its organizations.

At 11:30 a. m. Rev. J. F. Crigler, the pastor of St. Mark's church, addressed the synod on Evangelism, covering principles, programs and methods of sane evangelism. Of particular interest is the practical side of evangelism, which includes pastoral, personal and organized evangelism.

Dr. A. D. R. Hancher, of Richmond, Va., then made an address on Home Missions. He pleaded for individual and congregational support of home missions, stating that the mission board spent \$12,775 in 1923 on North Carolina missions. Dr. J. F. Seibert, general secretary of the mission board, was then introduced to the convention and spoke on the tremendous responsibility of the church in planting missions and pleaded with the church to raise their apportionment in full.

### Afternoon Session.

The afternoon session began at 2 o'clock with Rev. J. L. Yost leading the devotionals. This session was devoted to items of business and the report of committees.

The main items were the \$100,000 home mission fund and Lutheran assembly grounds.

The endowment fund caused enthusiastic discussion on the part of the members of the Synod. It was finally moved that Rev. S. White Rhyne, of Rocky Mount, should be empowered to canvass synod in behalf of the above amount, \$39,000 of which has already been raised. This move was characterized as being one of the most progressive moves of this synod in recent years. As to a Lutheran assembly grounds it was decided to invite other Lutheran bodies of the south to co-operate with this body in the purchase of such a ground in the western section of Carolina.

The apportionment for the coming year is \$57,000, which is divided between 192 congregations having 31,000 members. The synod has 43 students studying for the ministry,



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 FOR  
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Cooperating Synods:  
 NORTH CAROLINA, SOUTH CAROLINA  
 GEORGIA-ALABAMA, FLORIDA



**Blue Ridge Assembly Grounds**  
 BLACK MOUNTAIN, N. C.  
**July 6-13, 1940**

A LEADERSHIP SCHOOL, DEDICATED TO THE PURPOSE  
 OF PREPARING A TRAINED LEADERSHIP FOR THE  
 WHOLE WORK OF THE WHOLE CHURCH

THE RIGHT INSTRUCTION OF YOUTH  
 IS A MATTER IN WHICH CHRIST AND ALL THE  
 WORLD IS CONCERNED.

—Martin Luther.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Administrative Officers**

Director—Rev. W. C. Davis, D.D., Charleston, S. C.  
 Dean—Rev. Geo. H. Rhodes, D.D., Albemarle, N. C.  
 Secretary Treasurer—Rev. W. A. Reiser, D.D., Augusta, Ga.  
 Registrar—Rev. J. Lewis Thornburg, Statesville, N. C.  
 Editor Tel-A-Vision—Miss Helen Miller, Hickory, N. C.

**Advance Room Reservation**

To reserve a room write the Registrar, Rev. J. Lewis Thornburg, Statesville, N. C. Send the registration fee of \$1 per person. This will assure you an immediate room assignment upon arrival.

**The Cost**

Registration fee, \$1 00. (Short term registration fee, .50)  
 Meals (for the week), \$6 00. (Short term for meals, \$1.25 per day)

Lee Hall (without bath) per week --\$6 50 (These hotel rates are  
 Martha Washington, per week ----- 5 50 for each person, two  
 Overflow Cottages, per week ----- 5 00 in a room)

Lee Hall (Private bath), single \$2.50 per day; \$4.00 per day double.  
 Abbott Hall (private bath), \$2.00 per person single, or \$3.00 double.  
 Abbott Hall (connecting bath), \$1.75 single, or \$2.50 double.  
 Asheville Hall, apartments with bath, at a rental of three times the adult rate in Lee Hall, furnished with electric meter; occupants to furnish their own hot plates. Dishes and cooking equipment is furnished for three persons in each apartment.

Short term rate on rooms is twenty-five cents per day per person above the regular conference rate.

Rooms without bath in Lee Hall and Martha Washington have convenient access to bath and toilet facilities.

**Housekeeping Cottages**

If interested write the Registrar for further details about cottages. However, this information is given now: There will be two cottages for eight people at \$40 each for the week, with the privilege of adding ten more persons at \$2 each. There will be six cottages for ten people at \$50 each for the week, with the privilege of adding ten more persons at \$2 each.

Cots, linen and blankets will be furnished by Blue Ridge. Each cottage is equipped with cooking vessels, china and silver for six persons; groups occupying these cottages must bring additional material for all persons beyond that number. The Committee allots four of these cottages to North Carolina, three to South Carolina and one to Georgia-Alabama Synod. Reservations should be made early for these cottages.

**Recreation**

While the school is asked to do real work there is ample opportunity for wholesome recreation—swimming, tennis, mountain hikes, golf, soft ball, horse shoes, etc. There are equipped playgrounds for children.

**Come by Train, Bus or Automobile**

Blue Ridge is fifteen miles east of Asheville, two miles from Black Mountain, on N. C. Highway No. 10 (U. S. Highway No. 70). Tourist rate summer fares can be had on train and bus. Mail address—Lutheran Assembly, Blue Ridge, N. C.

**"Beautiful for Situation"**

Located on the edge of the Smoky Mountain Park, the most popular park in the country. In the rugged mountains, near Mt. Mitchell, the highest peak east of the Rockies. "Skyland Drive", a park to park highway, is nearby, many miles of it near Blue Ridge now open. A well-planned program with inspirational leaders and fellowship with Christian workers from over our Southland combine with the beautiful setting to give inspiration and spiritual stimulus which can hardly be measured.





**PROGRAM**

**Saturday, July 6, 1940**

- 7:00 P.M.—First Meal.
- 7:45 P.M.—Opening Service, with key-note address by Rev. Theo. Finck, D.D., Philadelphia, Pa.
- 10:15 P.M.—The Family Altar (All the Family Altar programs will be under the direction of Chaplain Rev. Carl Caughman, Cameron, S. C.)
- 10:30 P.M.—Taps.

**Sunday, July 7th**

- 7:30 A.M.—Reveille.
- 8:00 A.M.—Breakfast.
- 9:45-11:00 A.M.—Sunday School. Adults taught by Dr. Russell Snyder; Young People taught by Dr. M. L. Stirewalt; Children under 13 taught by Mrs. J. H. Heinsohn.
- 11:15 A.M.—The Service. The Liturgist, Chaplain Caughman, The Preacher, The Rev. Oscar F. Blackweider, D.D., Washington, D. C.
- 1:10 P.M.—Dinner.
- 2:00-2:30—Quiet Hour.
- 2:30 P.M.—Brotherhood Hour with Dr. Henry Bagger in charge.
- 6:00 P.M.—Supper.
- 7:00-7:15—Sunset Devotions by the Luther League.
- 7:30 P.M.—Vespers. Liturgist, Chaplain Caughman; Preacher, Dr. Blackweider.
- 10:15 P.M.—The Family Altar.
- 10:30 P.M.—Taps.

**Daily School Program Beginning Monday**

- 7:00 A.M.—Reveille.
- 7:30 A.M.—Breakfast.
- 8:30-9:25 A.M.—Devotions with Bible Study for Adults, by Dr. Russell Snyder, Philadelphia Theological Seminary; Bible Study for Youth, by Dr. M. L. Stirewalt, Columbia Theological Seminary.
- 9:30-10:20 A.M.—First Leadership Training Period:
  - 1a. THE CHURCH WORKER AND HIS PROGRESS (Course 14a). Special Elective. Text: "My Progress"—Nolde and Hoh; Teacher Rev. Boyd Hamm, King's Mountain, N. C.
  - 1b. THE CHURCH WORKER AND HIS PERSONAL LIFE (Course 110a). Text: "My Life"—Nolde and Hoh; Teacher, Rev. C. K. Derrick, Charleston, S. C.
  - 2a. THE CHURCH WORKER AND HIS MATERIALS. (Special Elective). Text: "My Materials"—Nolde and Hoh; Teacher, Rev. H. P. Wyrick, Charlotte, N. C.
  - 2b. THE CHURCH WORKER AND HIS WORK, (Course 131-a). Text: "My Work" by Nolde and Hoh; Teacher, Rev. Paul G. McCullough, Miami, Florida.
 (Note: The above courses are from the elementary series. Two of these texts, five hours each, are included in one course. Any two can be taken at the same time. Select two.)
- 2. CHRISTIAN WORSHIP, (Course 144b General, required). Text: "Worship" by Fink; Teacher, Dr. Theo. Finck, Philadelphia, Pa.

3. A STUDY IN MISSION (Course 147b). Text: "Stand By for China" and "Dangerous Opportunity" (Ballou); Teacher, Mrs. Virgil Sease, New Brunswick, N. J.
4. A STUDY OF THE NEW TESTAMENT. (Course 122b). General, required! Text: "The New Testament, A Study" by Alleman. Teacher, Dr. John B. Moose, Columbia, S. C.
5. THE CHURCH AND SOCIAL WORK. (Course 132b). The student's book will be "Studies in Social Problems," by Helsey and Hoh. Supplemental materials will be used. Teacher, Dr. P. D. Brown, Salisbury, N. C.
6. GUIDING YOUTH'S APPROACH TO RELIGION (Course 311b, Special). Text: "Social and Religious Problems," by Weston and Harlow. Teacher, Dr. C. A. Linn, Savannah, Ga.
7. CHILD'S APPROACH TO RELIGION, (Course 215b, Special). Outlines and Reference Materials will be supplied. Bring copies of Lesson Courses in use in the Children's Division. Teacher, Mrs. John B. Moose, Columbia, S. C.
8. ENRICHMENT COURSE FOR INTERMEDIATES. Text to be announced. Teacher, Miss Virginia Greever, Columbia, S. C.
9. ENRICHMENT COURSE FOR JUNIORS. Teacher, Mrs. A. W. Frey, Augusta, Ga.
10. ENRICHMENT COURSE FOR CHILDREN UNDER JUNIOR AGE. Teacher, Mrs. J. Henry Heinsohn, Charleston, S. C.

**ALSO AT**

- 9:30-10:20 A.M.—The First Conference for Pastors and Laymen. Subject: "Ministry to the Individual". Teacher, Dr. H. D. Hoover, Gettysburg, Pa.
- 10:25-11:05 A.M.—Study Period.
- 11:10-12:00 Noon—The Second Leadership Training Period.
- 12:05-12:55 P.M.—Conference Hour:
  1. Second Conference for Pastors and Laymen. Subject: "Five Live Issues in Our Life and Work." Leader: Dr. Henry H. Bagger, President Pittsburg Synod.
  2. Conference for Women. Leader, Mrs. John B. Moose.
  3. The Children of the Church—for Leaders and Teachers. Topics: The Program for our Children, Materials—Units of Study, Methods, Accomplishments, Future Education of Children. Leader, Miss Ella Engel, Philadelphia, Pa.
  4. Luther Leagues. Senior—Leader, Mr. Alvin H. Schaediger, President L.L. of America. Subject: "The New Luther League Set-up." Intermediate—Leader, Rev. Luther Mauney, Pulaski, Va.
- 1:10 P.M.—Dinner.
- 2:00-3:00 P.M.—Quiet Hour and Study.
- 3:00-5:30 P.M.—Recreation, Directed by Rev. Palmer P. Pierce, Columbia, S. C.
- 6:00 P.M.—Supper.
- 7:00-7:25 P.M.—Sunset Devotions under the direction of the Luther League.
- 7:30-8:00 P.M.—Song Service.
- Evening Lectures: Monday, Dr. E. C. Cooper, Columbia, S. C.
- Tuesday, Dr. H. D. Hoover
- Wednesday and Thursday, Rev. Dr. Hajime Inadomi, of Japan.
- Friday, Dr. Henry H. Bagger.
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**1923  
Annual  
Convention**

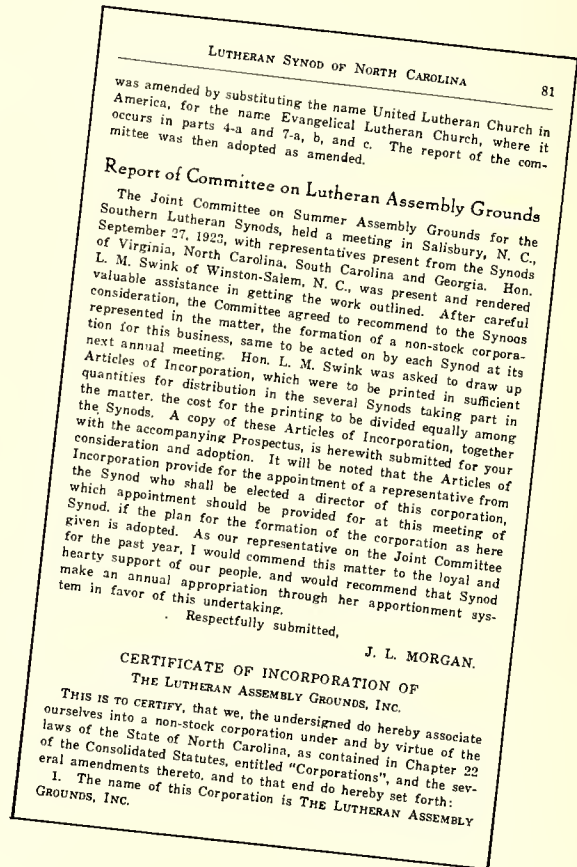
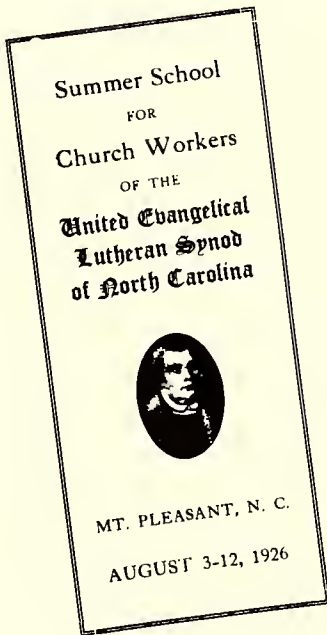
The Charlotte Observer, with a photo of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in that city, carried an account of the annual convention of the North Carolina Synod, at which meeting the Lutheran Assembly Grounds was given special consideration. It is recalled that three laymen attending the convention made the announcement that they would underwrite the cost of the real estate whenever and wherever the synod decided to locate such a movement.

The minutes of that convention carried: "Are part of a committee on Lutheran Assembly Grounds", on page 81 of the minutes. This action was reported even before the synod owned any property for Assembly.

**1926  
Mt. Pleasant**

The Summer School for Church Workers of the United Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina was held August 3-12-1926, with program schedule and leaders as presented herewith

Mount Pleasant Collegiate Institute and Mount Amonea Seminary served jointly in providing accommodations for the school.

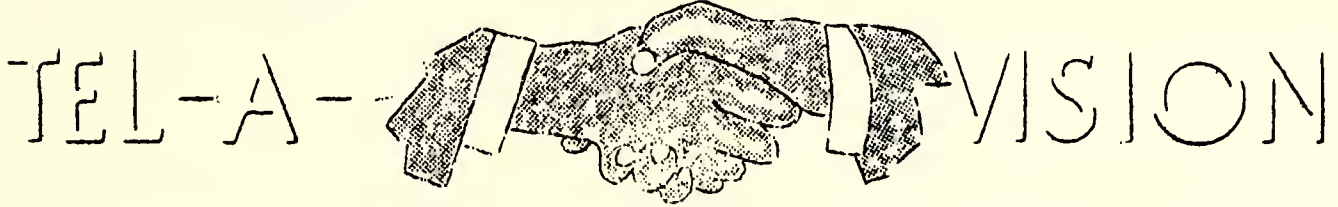


## 1940 Blue Assembly Grounds

The Lutheran Summer School for Church Workers with North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia-Alabama, and Florida Synods co-operating, was held at the Blue Ridge Assembly Grounds, Black Mountain, N. C., on July 7-13, 1940. The program and schedule followed the pattern of previous synodical schools with leaders from participating synods, pastors and professors from the church at large, along with a number of missionaries from other lands.

During the week, pastors and lay persons were engaged in conversation about Lutherans owning and operating a Summer Assembly Grounds in Western North Carolina.

At the first joint school held at Blue Ridge Assembly Grounds, during the breakfast period, Dr. H. A. McCullough spoke to the group in his own characteristic style, declaring we had been on the mountain top for a week, with mountain top experiences, so, "Go home and tell your vision to your congregation". Thus the name of the weekly newspaper was born, and from that time for an indefinite period "Tel-A-Vision" was the official name of the weekly news bulletin for Lutheran Summer Schools.



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Published by the N.C., S.C., Ga.-Ala., Florida Summer School for C.W.

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## 1940

I served as register for this school and upwards of ONE THOUSAND persons, including babies, children, young people, pastors, lay persons, teachers, professors, a truly mountain top experience for everyone.

One night, we experienced a very heavy electrical storm and the next morning, one of the leaders read the poem by Dr. William L. Stidger, "I Saw God Wash the World".

### I SAW GOD WASH THE WORLD

I saw God wash the world last night  
With His sweet shower on high;  
And then when morning came  
I saw Him hang it out to dry.

He washed each tiny blade of grass,  
and every trembling tree;  
He flung His showers against the Hills  
and swept the billowy sea.

The white rose is a cleaner white;  
The red rose is more red  
Since God washed every fragrant face  
and put them all to bed.

There's not a bird, there's not a bee,  
That wings along the way,  
But is a cleaner bird and bee  
Than it was yesterday.

I saw God wash the world last night;  
Ah, would He had washed me  
As clean of all my dust and dirt  
As that old white birch tree:

--William L. Stidger



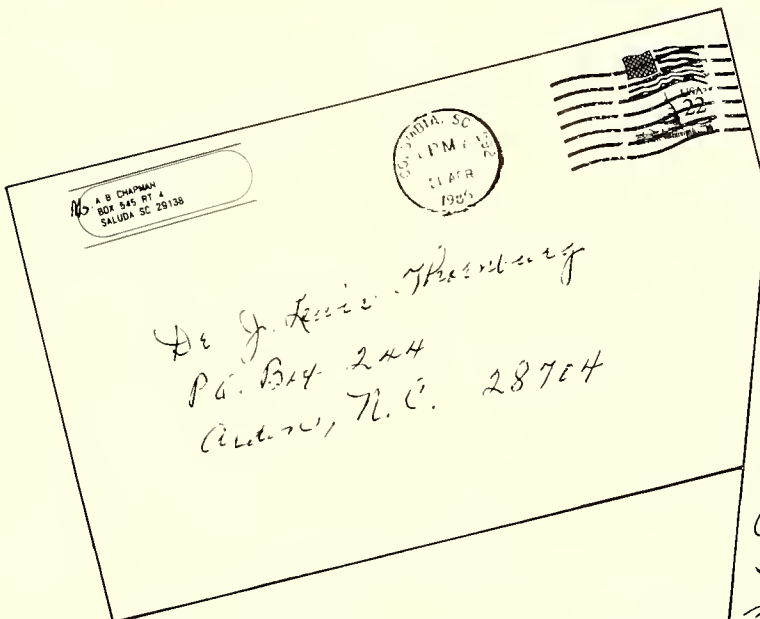
Martha Thornburg (left) and Mary Ann Huffman, St. John's, Statesville.



One of the attendants, enjoying the "Popular Rocking Chair Course" on the porch of Lee Hall.



The V. R. Cromer, the Jeff Norris and Wayne Boliek families occupying one of the cottages at Blue Ridge



Joint summer at Kanuga. (No program available).

Saluda, S.C.  
April 20, 1986

Dear Dr. Thornburg,  
My pastor, Rev. Everett A. Kasher, handed me a clipping that stated, "Matrachs Needed". I am enclosing a picture that I took at Lola Kanuga in the thirties - some time before 1937 (that was the year I married). The lady at the right is Evelyn Caughman Sigler and you are on the left. I do not remember the joke on the steps. We were starting on a hike and I remember that it was on this hike that we asked you, "Why can't we Lutherans have a camping facility?" And now we do have a wonderful Lutheridge (Benny and I go on August for Senior Week). Thank you for your great work in making this a reality.

Sincerely,  
Catherine Caughman Sigler

# Land Purchased

## A LUTHERAN ASSEMBLY GROUND

This was the topic of conversation and discussion when and wherever Lutherans from the southeast gathered. When Lutherans came to Blue Ridge Assembly Grounds in Black Mountain, N. C., the conversations and discussions regarding our own Assembly Grounds were intensified. Such leaders as Dr. A. G. Voigt, Dr. W. H. Greever, Dr. H. A. McCullough, Dr. P. D. Brown, Dr. George H. Rhodes, just to name a few, were pressing for such a property in Western North Carolina. The synodical presidents of the area were asked to contact the Rev. S. White Rhyne, Executive Secretary of the Parish and Church School Board of the ULCA, asking him to convene a meeting of representatives of all of the southern Lutheran Synod, and to form a search team to seek out a desirable location. This was done, and time after time the group met to look at possible sites, but their efforts were unsuccessful.

### 1946 A Dream Came True

On August 5th, 1946 the Rev. S. White Rhyne received a letter from the Rev. Fisher, pastor of Augsburg Lutheran Church in Winston-Salem, advising him that the N.C. delegation of which he was chairman, and by the authority of the Synod, had purchased a tract of land in South Buncombe County, midway between Asheville and Hendersonville, consisting of 172 acres at a cost of a little more than \$34,000.00. A meeting of the entire delegation was called to view the property, and each synod would decide if they would join in the ownership to begin the development of a Lutheran Summer Assembly.



S. White Rhyne

#### Augsburg Lutheran Church

649 WEST FIFTH STREET  
Winston-Salem, N. C.

RAY R. FISHER PASTOR  
955 NYDE AVENUE

August 14, 1946.

RESIDENCE TELEPHONE 2-0788  
CHURCH OFFICE TELEPHONE 3-3088

Dr. S. White Rhyne,  
1228 Spruce St.,  
Philadelphia 7, Pa.

AUG 15 1946

Dear Dr. Rhyne:

Due to higher bids we were unable to secure the property at Black Mountain on which the Committees agreed. The North Carolina Committee set out again to look at other sites. We finally selected and purchased some property at Arden, N. C. for \$34,400.00. There are 172 acres in the tract.

It is well located on the Asheville-Hendersonville highway midway between the two cities. The property has already been developed to some extent with an excellent road running throughout it. Quite a number of building sites have been located. I think the Committees will be well pleased with it.

I would suggest that you call a meeting of the general Committees, which includes the Synodical Committees, for their consideration of the property. The North Carolina Committee realizes that the other Committees are not bound by the transaction if they are not in favor of the property selected.

Very sincerely yours,

*Ray R. Fisher*  
Ray R. Fisher - R.

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The Lutheran Synods of South Carolina, and Georgia-Alabama took favorable action to join the North Carolina Synod in the joint ownership of the property and the development of a Lutheran Summer Assembly. Each of these synods elected members to serve on the Board of Trustees. Rev. Rhyne was asked to convene the group and preside over the business of organization and election of officers. The following officers were elected:

Clarence L. Whisnant, chairman  
 Dr. C. A. Linn, Vice-chairman  
 B. T. Bodie, secretary  
 Oscar Pitts, treasurer

This meeting was held on August 25th, 1947 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Asheville. Committees were appointed in preparation of the development of the property. At another meeting in St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Charlotte, December 30th, 1947. A number of names for the proposed corporation had been offered by various persons, but the one suggested by Secretary Bodie prevailed, and we now have a name . . . LUTHERIDGE. Someone asked, "What's in a name?" At this time, a constitution and bylaws along with a charter was adopted and ratified by the owning synods.

## LUTHERIDGE

A Southern Lutheran Church Center For:

Lutheran Leadership Training  
 United Useful Vacationing  
 Timely Conferences  
 Helpful Associations  
 Enriching Experiences  
 Religious Instruction  
 Inspiring Leaders  
 Devotion to the Church  
 Guiding Youth  
 Extending the Kingdom of God

Lutheridge—Has as its chief purpose the training of Christian leaders.

An Investment in Lutheridge TODAY is an investment in the Christian Leadership of TOMORROW.



Members of the Search Committee in front of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Asheville, N. C.

Members of the Board of Trustees  
of the Joint Camp and Summer School  
of the Southern Synods

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Georgia-Alabama Synod

The Rev. C. A. Linn, Ph.D., President  
 1711 Cornall Road, N. E.  
 Atlanta, Georgia

Mr. Herman W. Booser  
 350 Peachtree Battle Avenue, N.W.  
 Atlanta, Georgia

North Carolina Synod

The Rev. Voigt R. Cromer, D.D., President  
 1349 Fifteenth Street  
 Hickory, North Carolina

The Rev. Ray R. Fisher  
 955 Hyde Avenue  
 Winston-Salem, North Carolina

The Rev. S. W. Hahn, D.D.  
 97 Grove Street  
 Concord, North Carolina

Mr. Clarence L. Whisnant  
 Hickory, North Carolina

Mr. Oscar Pitts  
 Asheville, North Carolina

South Carolina Synod

The Rev. Karl W. Kinard, D.D., President  
 3443 Blossom Street  
 Columbia, South Carolina

Mr. B. T. Bodie  
 Enclave  
 Columbia, South Carolina

Mr. H. E. Derrick  
 Columbia, South Carolina

At the same time the Board decided to elect an Executive Director of Lutheridge, and a call was extended to the Rev. J. Lewis Thornburg, pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, China Grove.

This group of men, ministers and laymen, were charged with awesome responsibilities. They had no precedent to guide them. They had very limited funds with which to operate. They all stood tall. They were men of faith and adventure, but always with their feet solidly on the ground. Contracts were let for eight buildings, and when they were completed and furnished ready for use, there was no indebtedness on them. There was never any mortgage indebtedness on the property or the buildings, although short term loans were obtained to complete financing of a unit while the donors were finishing the payment.

In addition to committees of the Board, the following persons were employed:

Hon. J. C. Sigmon, Sr. attorney  
Abee & Tashiro, an architectural firm for  
designing and long range planning.  
Carter & Bearden, Engineers, for topo,  
water and sewer installations.  
Reed & Abee, Inc., low bid on water and sewer  
installations.

The low bidders for the first eight buildings were:

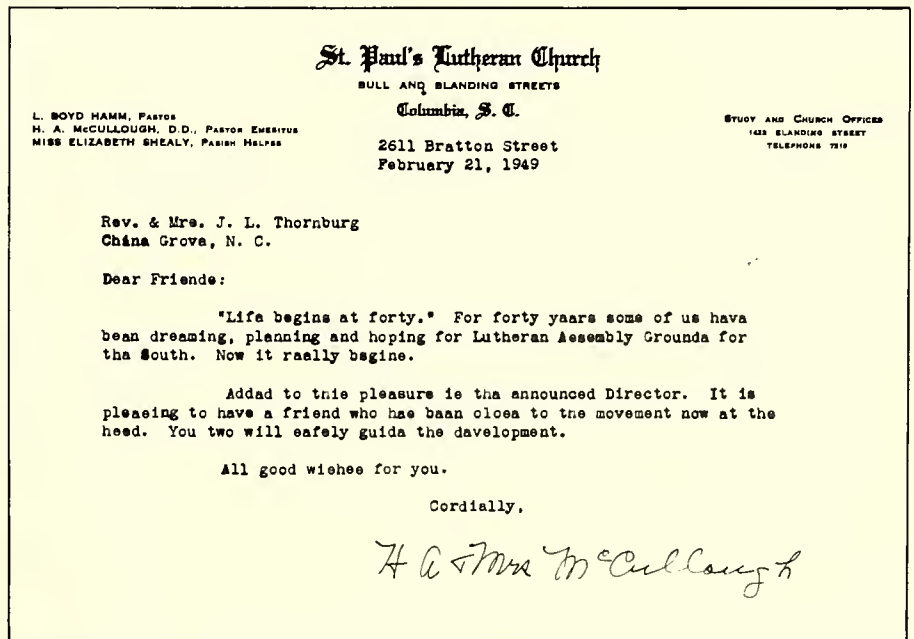
Merchant Construction Co., General contractor for  
Efrid Hall and the Lineberger Mem. dining hall  
and kitchen; Moser Plumbing Co., low bidder on all plumbing  
for the first eight units.  
Hartnett Electric Co., low bidder on electrical  
installation.  
Lindsay & Eckard, contractor for the six cottages

## 1950 Two Special Events

While construction was taking place on the Assembly Grounds at Arden, two Youth Camps were being conducted for North Carolina under the general supervision of Dr. Inez Seagle, professor at Lenoir-Rhyne College, and an experienced camp director for the New York-New England Synod. The Rev. Bernard Trexler, pastor of Holy Trinity, Rocky Mount was in charge of the camp at White Lake, N. C., and the Rev. Leslie Conrad, pastor of Holy Comforter Lutheran Church, Belmont, was in charge of the camp at John's River in Caldwell County. Pastor Thornburg was likewise involved in these activities as the Executive Director of Lutheridge.



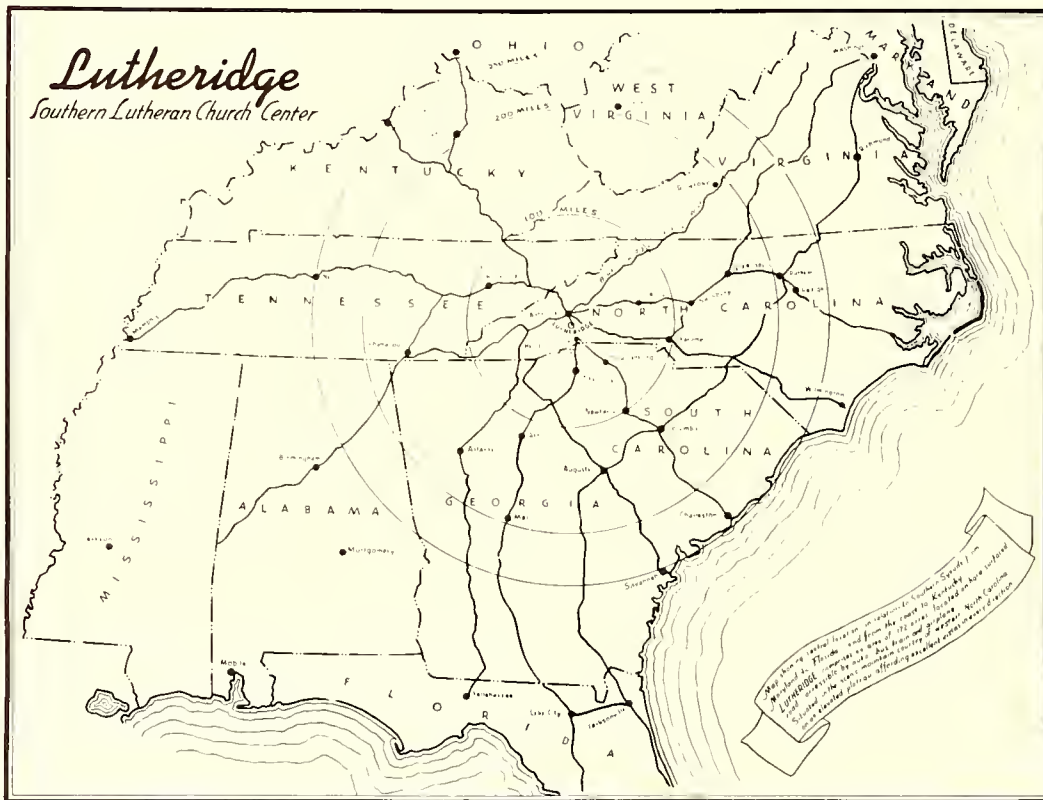
Rev. J. Lewis Thornburg



# Lutheridge, INC.

ARDEN, N. C.

Lutheran Assembly Grounds of North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia-Alabama Synods



A glance at the above map readily reveals the central location of Lutheridge with reference to the southern Lutheran Church. The one hundred and seventy-two acre tract of land is located in the beautiful mountain country of western North Carolina, midway between Asheville and Hendersonville, and surrounded by the rolling peaks of the Blue Ridge and Smoky mountains. Our property is in the heart of the summer camping and assembly district.

Considerable work has been done in the development of the property since it was purchased. Water and sewer lines have been installed. Roads and drives opened and graveled, and power lines extended through the property. A residential area opened, with more than half of the sixty lots already sold to individual Lutherans and congregational groups.

The property is now ready for the construction of the buildings which will be necessary to provide facilities for carrying on the camping and summer conference programs.

A map of the eastern United States, with circles radiating out from Arden indicates the mileage to the most distant area to be served by Lutheridge.



The Call Accepted

Mr. C. L. Whisnant, Chairman  
Board of Trustees of Lutheridge,  
Hickory, N.C.,

China Grove, N.C.,  
February 7th, 1949.

Dear Mr. Whisnant:

The call which was extended to me by the Board of Trustees of Lutheridge has been acknowledged previously.

Having had the call under serious and prayerful consideration I now feel that I am in a position to make my decision to you and the members of the Board of Trustees.

The growing need of such a project as an Assembly Grounds for our Southern Lutheran Church offers a great challenge. I realize fully that there will be many aspects of this ministry which will lack some of the work that a parish pastor has trained himself to do.

However, I have come to the conclusion that with God's help I would undertake the work of Executive Director to which your Board has called me. It shall be my earnest purpose to work in close co-operation with the Board of Trustees and its officers in carrying out the plan and policy of Lutheridge as set forth in the Charter.

I have tendered my resignation as pastor of St. Mark's effective the early part of March and would expect to assume my duties as Executive Director of Lutheridge immediately thereafter.

Praying that our efforts together in this phase of the Church's ministry of Christian training and leadership development may be richly blessed of our Heavenly Father to the glory of the Triune God, Father Son and Holy Spirit, I remain

Sincerely yours,  
*J. Lewis Thornburg*  
J. Lewis Thornburg

The Call Extended

Hickory, N.C.  
January 1, 1949.

The Rev. J. Lewis Thornburg  
Box 12  
China Grove, N.C.

Dear Rev. Thornburg:

At a regularly called meeting of the Board of Trustees of Lutheridge, Arden, N.C., held in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Charlotte, N.C., on the thirtieth day of December, 1948, you were unanimously elected to the position of Executive Director of Lutheridge. By the authorization and upon the instruction of the Board of Trustees of Lutheridge, we, the Chairman and the Secretary of the Board, hereby extend to you the call to the office of Executive Director of Lutheridge.

The duties of the office include the general supervision and direction of the Lutheridge project, according to the Charter and By-Laws adopted by the participating synods and under the guidance of the Board of Trustees. You will be expected to serve as the agent of the Board in furthering and perfecting the plans for the development of the property located at Arden, N.C., to superintend the interests and property of the institution, to promote the support of the cause throughout the territory of the participating synods, to conduct the solicitation of funds for the erection of buildings and other development of the property, and to have general supervision of the planning and execution of conference and camp programs. In all these activities you will proceed under the direction of the Board and the provisions of the Charter and By-Laws. The responsibilities of the office to which you are called will continue to be of such general and inclusive nature until the growth of the project and the expansion of the program shall, in the judgment of the Board, warrant the establishment of some additional administrative office and a division of administrative duties.

The Board promises to pay you an annual salary of \$3600.00. The employer's share for membership in the Contributory Pension Plan of the ULCA will be paid by the Board. A rent allowance of \$900 is provided, this amount subject to adjustment by the officers of the Board. The residence of the Executive Director is to be established in the Hendersonville-Asheville area. Expense allowance shall include actual fare for travel by public transportation in the performance of official duties, five cents a mile when advisable to travel by car, and other necessary expenses incident to travel and the conduct of the affairs of the office. You will be allowed a vacation of one month each year at a time to be chosen in consultation with the Chairman of the Board.

It is the desire of the Board that you assume the duties of this office at the earliest feasible date. We are expressing the feeling of all the members when we say that we sincerely hope that you will be led, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to accept the call to this important and unique service in the program of our Church.

Very truly yours,  
*C. L. Whisnant*  
Chairman of the Board

*J. Lewis Thornburg*  
Secretary of the Board

Installation of Executive Director

WESTERN DISTRICT  
LUTHERAN BROTHERHOOD

QUARTERLY MEETING

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

REV. WADE F. HOOK, Pastor

HENDERSONVILLE, N. C.

JULY 31, 1949 — 3:00 P. M.

PROGRAM

HYMN 164—"Come, Thou Almighty King"

W A Rusher

SCRIPTURE LESSON AND PRAYER

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

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INDUCTION OF REV J LEWIS THORNBURG AS EXECUTIVE

DIRECTOR OF LUTHERIDGE

Rev C A Linn, Ph.D.  
President of Georgia-Alabama Synod

HYMN 379—"Onward, Christian Soldiers"

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

ADDRESS—"Boy Scouting"

Rev. F Leslie Conrad, Jr.  
Pastor of Holy Comforter Lutheran Church at Belmont

OFFERING

BUSINESS SESSION

BENEDICTION

Rev. Mr Hook



The first evidence that Lutherans were now in the field is shown by this sign, facing U.S. Highway 25 S.

# LUTHERANS PLAN FOR ASSEMBLY GROUNDS

ARCHITECT'S SKETCH OF 'LUTHERIDGE' IN WESTERN N. C.



**AWAIT ACTION BY TRUSTEES AT GATHERING IN ASHEVILLE**

Program Will Be Launched In Near Future.

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Among buildings and areas contemplated for the assembly grounds are: general assembly building, worship and inspiration center, week-end cabins, area for privately-owned summer cottages, development of lake for lakeside services, area for sports and other recreation.

In describing the purpose of the assembly grounds one spokesman pointed out:

Lutheridge is the answer to a long felt need for more adequate provisions for summer conferences for the various age groups of the church

Lutheridge is the realization of long years of hoping and praying on the part of a host of southern Lutherans that an assembly grounds program might be established somewhere in the beautiful and inspiring mountain country of our southland.

Lutheridge, when developed with a program of activity planned for the summer season, will provide the means for an extended leadership training ministry for the great and growing numbers of church workers in the Southern Lutheran Synods.

At a meeting of the North Carolina Lutheran Synod in 1943, action was taken to have a committee on Assembly Grounds appointed to meet with representatives of the Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia - Alabama synods for the consideration of locating and developing a summer assembly grounds. The committee of the North Carolina synod consisted of Rev. Ray Fisher, Winston-Salem; Clarence L. Whisnant, Hickory; Rev. E. F. Troutman, Boone; Rev. D. F. Swicegood, Kannapolis, and Herman Payne, Lenoir. Numerous meetings were held. Various pieces of property were inspected and considered. The site pictured with this story was finally decided upon as the location for a long-hoped for Lutheran assembly grounds, and was purchased by the Executive committee of North Carolina and given approval by the synod at its 1947 convention.

Action favorable to this development was also taken by the South Carolina and Georgia - Alabama Synods and now the three synods are joint owners of the property, and annually will elect the required number of persons to serve on the board of trustees. Lutheridge is chartered under the laws of North Carolina as a non-profit corporation.

The first meeting of the board was held August 25, 1947 at which time the following officers were elected: Clarence L. Whisnant, Hickory, chairman; Rev. C. A. Linn, Ph.D., D.D., Atlanta, vice-chairman; B. T. Bodie, Columbia, S. C., secretary; Oscar Pitts, Asheville, treasurer. Other members of the governing board are Rev. V. R. Cromer, D.D., Salisbury; Rev. S. W. Hahn, D.D., Concord; Rev. Ray Fisher, Winston-Salem; Rev. Karl W. Kinard, Columbia, S. C.; Rev. Obert Kempson, Columbia, S. C.; N. E. Derrick, Columbia; and Herman Boozer, Atlanta.

Much preliminary work has been done by the board and its committees in survey and studies relating to the development of the project. The services of landscape and designing architects, as well as engineers have been secured. Realizing that the program would

*The leading North Carolina newspapers were very generous in the space which was given to announcing the purchase and plans for the development of a Lutheran Summer Assembly in Western North Carolina.*

*The coverage by The Charlotte Observer is typical of the rest of the media, and for all of this we are most grateful.*

REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF LUTHERIDGE

A distinguished christian educator, late President of Harvard University, said the "Church camping is the greatest contribution in the field of christian education since the founding of the Church School." This is quite a significant statement, and many denominational groups in our midst have been doing a great deal about this program during the past half century.

In 1946, three of our southern Lutheran synods definitely entered the field of church camping and summer assemblies when they purchased a 172 acre tract of land in the heart of the summer assembly district in Western North Carolina. The report submitted herewith is the first annual report since the calling of a full time executive director in the person of Rev. J. Lewis Thornburg. The annual meeting of the Board was held at St. Mark's, Asheville, May 18th, with all members present except two. The newly called director was presented and gave a detailed report of his visits to several Lutheran camps and assemblies in Western North Carolina. The Charter and By-laws of the Corporation, which had been approved by the respective synods in their previous conventions, was reported filed with N.C. Secretary of State and the following officers were elected for Lutheridge, Inc., President, Clarence L. Whisnant; Vice-President, the Rev. C.A. Linn, Ph.D.; Secretary, B.T. Bodie; Treasurer, Oscar Pitts. Action was taken by the Corporation to have the title to the property transferred from the North Carolina Lutheran Synod to it through payment of \$35,214.09 which represented the amount involved in the original purchase.

Roads and drives have been improved and new roads built thru the area set apart for residential use by Lutheran people. Approximately seventy lots have been surveyed and platted and are now available for purchase at prices ranging from \$450.00 to \$750.00 each. No one will be allowed to purchase more than two lots. The Executive Director was installed at a service held in Grace Lutheran Church, Hendersonville, July 31st., with the Rev. V.R. Cromer, D.D., President of Lenoir Rhyne, and a former member of the Board, in charge of the service. The Board approved the following policy with reference to developing the Assembly Grounds:

The basic number to be accommodated per week during an eight or ten week period shall be 225. Ten cabins, six cottages and three dormitories shall be erected to house this number. Other buildings considered necessary for carrying on the program shall be an Assembly, a dining hall-kitchen, a recreational building, a mission building and a chapel. The assembly building will be the Efrid Memorial Building for which the sum of approximately \$35,000.00 was given by the late Mr. and Mrs. J.S. Efrid, Albemarle.

A called meeting of the Board was held at Grace, Hendersonville, September 6th., with only one member absent. The Executive Director gave a full report of promotional activities since the May meeting. The presidents of the three participating synods were asked to give the plan which had been previously approved for assigning financial quotas for the original purchase price, and for the additional supplement for promotion and development. The following basis was reported:

Synod	1945 Confr. Membership	Original per Capita	Original Quota	New Quota 24% of Orig.	Total
N. C.	36,954	\$0.726322	\$26,840.50	\$6,441.72	\$33,282.22
S. C.	26,776	\$0.726322	\$19,448.00	\$4,667.52	\$24,115.52
Ga/Ala	5,110	\$0.726322	\$3,711.50	\$890.76	\$4,602.26
			\$50,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$62,000.00

The Board authorized an Appeal for \$100,000.00 in keeping with the provision of the first section of Article III, Section 2 of the By-laws, with which to finance the development and construction program. Contract for laying of sewer lines has been let and work begun. Bids for laying of water lines are to be called for at an early date.

Encouraging response has been received from individuals and groups thus far, but More Money is needed NOW if a program is to be launched this summer.

We have been encouraged with the interest manifested by the three synodical Luther Leagues in their plans for financing the recreational building. Likewise, the three synodical Missionary groups are giving favorable consideration to the erection of the mission building. A number of individuals and congregational groups have expressed interest in providing funds with which other buildings might be erected. A cottage is being given by Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Mauney, Kings Mountain, as a Memorial to the Rev. and Mrs. E.A. Shenk.

Pastors and congregational leaders desiring to have the cause of our Lutheran Assembly Grounds presented to their members are asked to contact the Rev. J. Lewis Thornburg, 931 15th Avenue, Hickory, N.C., Telephone 6772. It is desirable that contributions be sent through the local and synodical treasuries. A generous offering for the building program at Lutheridge during 1950 from each congregation represented in the ownership of the property would give us assurance of an early use of the grounds. Lutheridge is of the Church, by the Church and for the Church; and the Board of Trustees covets the confidence and support of the Church for her youngest institution. We ask that a representative of the Board be given the privilege of supplementing this report when it is presented.

Clarence L. Whisnant, Chairman  
Rev. J. Lewis Thornburg, Executive Director

1950

REPORT of BOARD OF TRUSTEES of LUTHERIDGE

Gratefully acknowledging the manifold blessings of our gracious Heavenly Father, and giving Him all the praise and glory for the progress made during 1950, we submit herewith this annual report to the owning Synods.

The year has been one marked by considerable activity. The annual meeting of the Board was held in Asheville, May 16th, with called meetings held in Charlotte, April 11th; at Lutheridge, June 5th and November 7th. All meetings were well attended. All officers were re-elected at the annual meeting; and Clarence W. Whisnant, Dr. C.A. Linn, Oscar Pitts, and B.T. Bodie were elected to serve as the Executive Committee.

During the year the work which had been contracted for waste disposal and water systems was completed by Reed and Abee, low bidders. Roads and drives were further improved and graveled. Power and telephone lines have been extended to the buildings. Pump house built, and a centrifugal pump installed to boost the water pressure over the ridge. Successful sale of lots in residential area, with the Board authorizing the opening of additional area for lots. In co-operation with the Forestry Department, considerable work has been done in our forest, resulting in the sale of pulpwood and the improvement of timber stands.

At the June meeting, the Board awarded contracts to the Merchant Construction Company, Asheville, for erection of Efrid Hall and the dining hall-kitchen; and to Lindsay & Echard, Hickory, for erection of cottages.

July 2nd, was a Red Letter Day at Lutheridge. The first ground breaking service was held and the announcement was made that Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Whisnant, Hickory, were giving the Chapel. More than four hundred persons attended the auspicious service, in which the following persons participated: The Rev. J.L. Morgan, D.O., the Rev. Karl W. Kinard, O.D., the Rev. Marcus Otterbein, the Rev. J. Lewis Thornburg; members of the Board of Trustees; Presidents of the three owning Synods; and representatives of all auxiliaries of these Synods. Members of St. Mark's, Asheville, and Grace, Hendersonville, rendered invaluable service in connection with these ceremonies.

The contractors began work immediately, and at this time (January 5th) work is being completed on Efrid Hall, the dining hall-kitchen, and six cottages. These buildings are expected to be in use during the summer of 1951.

A one week work camp for older Lutheran Boy Scouts was financed by the Northern District Brotherhood of the North Carolina Synod during July. Alpha Village was the name given to this camp site, which will be a permanent part of the camping program at Lutheridge.

The Board approved the personnel of the Program Planning Council, which has been named by the respective synodical Parish Education Committees as follows: The Rev. H.O. Kleckley, Macon; Mrs. Albert Frey, Augusta; Mr. E.P. Eyler, Savannah; The Rev. Vernon Frazier, Lexington; Mrs. Murray Counts, Little Mountain; Mr. D.W. Webber, Columbia; the Rev. J.O. Mauney, Jr., Fayetteville; Mrs. Aubrey Mauney, Kings Mountain; and Mr. Glenn E. Ketner, Salisbury and the Rev. Marcus Otterbein, Philadelphia for the Parish and Church School Board.

The Planning Council elected the Rev. Vernon Frazier, chairman; and Mrs. Aubrey Mauney, Secretary. Plans were approved for the initial summer program at Lutheridge, beginning June 17th, 1951, and consisting of camps for Juniors, Intermediates, and Seniors. The following schedule was approved:

Seniors: June 17-23	Juniors: July 8-14
Intermediates: June 24-30	Intermediates: July 15-21
Juniors: July 1-7	Seniors: July 22-28

It is understood that additional weeks will be added to the season if the registrations justify such procedure. The weekly programs will begin Sunday afternoon and close following dinner on Saturday. This will allow for a short week-end for older young people and adults to visit Lutheridge during the summer. Reservations will have to be made with the Executive Director for such accommodations. Provision will be made for recreation and fellowship for these, as well as Sunday Services.

Lutheridge needs the active financial support of all those who are members of the supporting Synods. The Board of Trustees realized this when at one of their meetings each Synodical President was asked, "to urge their membership to send in contributions to Lutheridge for the construction of the necessary buildings. Additional rooming facilities are urgently needed. The Board anxiously and prayerfully awaits the reports from the Sunday Schools which were asked to supply funds for the erection of a dormitory or guest house. Pastors and Sunday School Superintendents, we ask for your full co-operation in this endeavor.

A statement of the treasurer, Mr. Oscar Pitts, is submitted as a part of this report. We respectfully ask that a representative of the Board be given the privilege of speaking briefly when this report is presented.

Clarence L. Whisnant, Chairman

Rev. J. Lewis Thornburg, Executive Director

# The First Campers

1949  
Alpha Village

The following letter was received from the Rev. George Schott:

Alpha Village, first group to camp at Lutheridge under direction of Rev. George Schott and Rev. David Johnson and Pastor Thornburg.

501 Carolina Ave.  
Spencer, N. C.  
October 31, 1949

The Rev. J. Lewis Thornburg  
10th. Street  
Hickory, N. C.

Dear Lewis:

The Northern District Brotherhood voted yesterday, at its District meeting, to set aside \$15.00 per boy for 24 boys who are registered Scouts of 14 years of age or over, to spend one week at Lutheridge in a work camp this next summer. The money is for their food, lodging, etc. No boy is to receive any pay for his work, and the 24 boys are to be sent from the Northern District.

I would like to get together with you and work out the details as soon as possible so that this activity can come early in the summer's program. If you would like to have several leaders in camp with the boys, I am certain that we can supply the men for the job. This can be a wonderful experience for the boys and a great help to the development of the property.

The Northern District hopes that the same sort of plan can be worked out in the other District Brotherhoods. It might be good to have this well in hand for the State Brotherhood on November 15.

*"Camp Alpha"*

Sincerely,

*Geo. Frederick Schott, Jr.*



Truck bringing a group of Boy Scouts for a week camping.



Pastor Thornburg demonstrating how to light a fire to a group of Girl Scouts at Alpha Village.



The platform tents had been purchased and set up for sleeping. These were set up on a site just west of the caretaker's residence.



# Ground-Breaking

**July 2, 1950  
A Historical  
Date**

On a bright, warm Sunday afternoon some 400 Lutherans from over the southeast gathered at the top of the hill for what proved to be an exciting and significant event. A Lutheran Assembly Grounds was now a reality. The Board of Trustees had awarded contracts for the construction of eight buildings. This was indeed an adventure in faith. The contracts totaled \$100,000.00 and the only funds on hand at that time was the gift of the John Efird family, Albermarle, N.C.

Invitations had gone out to congregations and individuals. Paul Bodie, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Bodie, Secretary, welcomes people to whom the registrar, and Chairman Whisnant leads the signers. The individual signatures are attached herewith.

## SCENES AT THE GROUND-BREAKING



*Chairman Whisnant*



*Mrs. E. R. Lineberger, representing the Womens Missionary Societies of the owning synods. Others who participated in the shovel ceremony are listed in the printed bulletin.*



*Marcus Otterbein, representing the Parish and Church School Board, with Thornburg, Klinard, and J. L. Morgan.*



*Executive Thornburg*



*Dr. J. L. Morgan, president of the Lutheran Synod of North Carolina delivering the key note address.*



*Clarence L. Whisnant registers for ground breaking ceremonies. Why an umbrella? A light summer shower, followed by a beautiful rainbow within the ribboned area.*

The Board of Trustees of  
**LUTHERIDGE**  
 cordially invites you  
 to attend  
**The Ground Breaking Service**  
**Sunday, July 2nd, 1950**  
 at 3:30 in the afternoon  
**Lutheran Assembly Grounds**  
 (U. S. HIGHWAY 25)  
 Arden, North Carolina



*Architect Carroll Abee*



*Chairman Whisnant talking with Treasurer Oscar Pltts.*

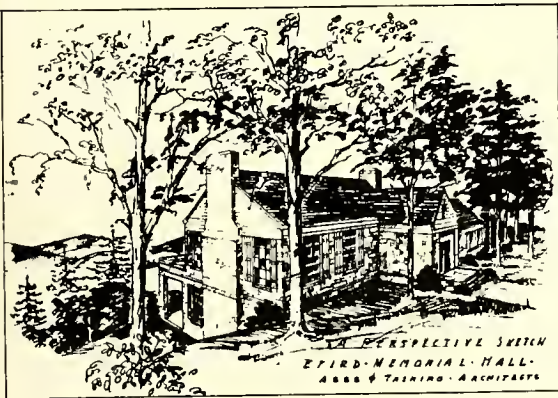


*Chairman Whisnant conversing with Secretary Bodle.*

## GROUND BREAKING SERVICE

# Lutheridge

"Land of the Sky"



July Second, 1950--3:30 P.M.  
Arden, North Carolina

## ORDER OF SERVICE

HYMN "Beautiful Saviour".....Munster Gesangbuch

- 1 Beautiful Saviour, King of Creation'  
Son of God, and Son of Man'  
Truly I'd love Thee, Truly I'd serve Thee,  
Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown
- 2 Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,  
Robed in flowers of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer;  
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing
- 3 Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,  
Bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer,  
Than all the angels in the sky
- 4 Beautiful Saviour! Lord of the nations!  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, Praise and adoration,  
Now and for evermore be Thine

SPECIAL MUSIC: Rendered by the Choir of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Asheville

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS: Psalm 24 and Luke 2:41-52

The Rev. Karl W. Kinard, D.D., LL.D., President of the South Carolina Synod.

REMARKS: The Rev. J. L. Morgan, D.D., LL.D., President Emeritus of the North Carolina Lutheran Synod.

Rev. Marcus F. Otterbein, Secretary, Camps and Summer Schools of the Parish and Church School Board

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us

Congregation: Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER -- (All praying)

Pastor: The Lord be with you

Congregation: And with thy spirit.

Pastor: Let us pray.

PRAYER.

### THE ACT OF GROUND BREAKING

President of Lutheridge Board of Trustees: Mr. Clarence L. Whisman  
Executive Director of Lutheridge: The Rev. J. Lewis Thornburg  
Representative of the North Carolina Synod: The Rev. J. Arthur Linn  
President of the South Carolina Synod: The Rev. Karl W. Kinard, D.D.  
Representative of the Georgia-Alabama Synod: Mr. Herman W. Boozer  
President Emeritus of North Carolina Synod: The Rev. J. L. Morgan, D.D., LL.D.  
Representative of the J. S. Efrid Family:  
Representative of Donors of Cottages:  
Representatives of the Auxiliaries of the Participating Synods: (North Carolina,  
South Carolina, Georgia-Alabama) The Women's Missionary Society

The Brotherhood

The Luther League

The Children of the Church

Representative of the Parish and Church School Board: Rev. Marcus F. Otterbein

Members of the Board of Trustees of Lutheridge: Clarence L. Whisman, The Rev. C. A. Linn, D.D., B. T. Bodie, Oscar Pitts, The Rev. F. L. Conrad, D.D., The Rev. S. W. Hahn, D.D., The Rev. R. R. Fisher, The Rev. Karl W. Kinard, D.D., The Rev. J. O. Kempton, N. E. Derrick, Herman Boozer, Hon. J. C. Sigmon, Attorney

PRAYER: O God from Whom every good thing taketh its beginning and through Whom it gathereth rich growth, always advancing to better things: Grant to us supplicants, we beseech Thee, that this which we undertake to the praise of Thy name, we may, by the help of Thy Fatherly wisdom, carry through to completion; through Jesus Christ, our Lord Amen

Pastor: Bless we the Lord

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: The Blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, be with you all

Congregation: Amen.





- Senior Camp, June 17-23  
 Intermediate Camp, June 24-30  
 Junior Camp, July 1-7  
 Junior Camp, July 8-14  
 Intermediate Camp, July 15-21  
 Senior Camp, July 22-28
- (Check period you wish to attend by placing X in proper place)
- Total Cost is \$17.00 for each period

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Church \_\_\_\_\_  
 Have you attended Camp before? \_\_\_\_\_ Where \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Pastor \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

(Enclose registration fee of \$5.00 and mail to Rev. J. Lewis Thornburg, 931 15th Ave., Hickory, N. C.

# Lutheridge

ASSEMBLY GROUNDS

Arden, N. C.

## Lutheridge Youth Camps 1951



LUTHERIDGE HAS AS ITS CHIEF  
PURPOSE THE TRAINING OF  
CHRISTIAN LEADERS.

### CAMP LUTHERIDGE—1951

This year will mark the first opportunity for Lutheran young people of the owning Synods of North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia-Alabama to use the facilities of their own Summer Assembly Grounds—LUTHERIDGE.

We are looking forward to a capacity attendance and suggest that everyone get their registrations in early. First come will be first served. We will try to provide for everyone; however it might be necessary for us to add more camp weeks. This will be done if registrations justify it.

### WHO MAY ATTEND AND WHEN?

- Senior Boys and Girls (Hi School)—June 17-23  
Ages 15, 16, 17
- Intermediate Boys and Girls—June 24-30  
Ages 12, 13, 14
- Junior Boys and Girls—July 1-7  
Ages 9, 10, 11
- Junior Boys and Girls—July 8-14
- Intermediate Boys and Girls—July 15-21
- Senior Boys and Girls—July 22-28

Cost—\$17.00 per week  
\$5.00 must accompany registration.

### THE CAMP PROGRAM

The program at Lutheridge is designed to minister to the whole of life.

**RELIGIOUS**—Studies in the Bible conducted by competent leaders. Private devotions and group worship is a part of each day's activities.

**MENTAL**—Enrichment courses, crafts and other activities provide opportunity for students to express themselves. Leadership training courses are a part of the schedule for older campers

**SOCIAL**—Supervised games, hikes, swimming, assemblies, camp fires, and night's doings make possible a wholesome environment for developing social graces.

**PHYSICAL**—Properly supervised activities are provided that require varying degrees of skill and endurance.

The program is designed to discover and develop leadership for the local Church. Parents can be fully assured that campers will at all times have adequate leadership.

### ASSOCIATE CAMP DIRECTORS

- Junior Camps, Miss Barbara Yount, Cherryville, N. C.  
 Intermediate Camps, The Rev. Vernon Frazier, Lexington, S. C.  
 Senior Camps, The Rev. John L. Yost, Jr Savannah, Georgia

### HOW TO REACH LUTHERIDGE

Lutheridge is located on U. S. Highway 25, midway between Asheville and Hendersonville and can be reached by Auto, Bus, Train and Plane. The Station and the Post Office is ARDEN, N. C.

### WHEN TO ARRIVE

Campers should plan to arrive after 2 P. M., on the day camp begins. Each camp week begins with supper on the opening day and ends with dinner on the closing day.

### WHAT TO BRING

All campers should bring drinking cup for cottage use. They should also bring at least two heavy blankets, sheets, pillow, pillow case, hiking shoes, flashlight, towels, soap, comb, toothbrush, paste, swim suit, warm sweater or jacket, raincoat, outdoor clothing, notebook, Bible, pen and pencil, and musical instruments.

### CAMP STORE

A store is operated by the Camp at which each camper is permitted to spend a NOMINAL amount each day for ice cream, candy, etc. They will be able to obtain camp pictures, emblems, craft materials, textbooks and other incidentals here.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Lutheridge will provide plenty of good wholesome food for each camper. We suggest that parents do not send boxes of food or sweets to campers.

Camp water, kitchen and sanitary system are under the constant control of the State Department of Health and meet all requirements. Accident and liability insurance is carried for each camper.

There is a telephone at Lutheridge, and we are accessible to both physicians and hospitals when the need might require their services. It is advisable and would be beneficial to the camper if the family physician gave a physical examination not more than two weeks prior to coming to camp.

### SPONSORSHIP

Camp Lutheridge is sponsored by the Program Planning Council, consisting of three ministers; three laywomen and three laymen from each of the owning Synods, a representative of the Parish and Church School Board, and the Executive Director. The Program Planning Council has the endorsement of the Board of Trustees.

All registrations and inquiries about the Camp should be mailed to the Rev. J. Lewis Thornburg, Executive Director, Hickory, N. C., until June first; and after that, to Arden, N. C., which is the Camp Address.

**DEDICATION OF LUTHERIDGE**  
July 4th - 3:00 P.M.

# Lutheridge Summer Assembly

ARDEN, NORTH CAROLINA

## LUTHERIDGE YOUTH CAMPS



# REGISTER NOW

See Your Pastor or Sunday School Superintendent for Information

CAMP OPENS JUNE 17, 1951

Senior Boys & Girls . . . . .	June 17-23	Junior Boys & Girls . . . . .	July 8-14
Intermediate Boys & Girls .	June 24-30	Intermediate Boys & Girls .	July 15-21
Junior Boys & Girls . . . . .	July 1-7	Senior Boys & Girls . . . . .	July 22-28

PRICE FOR ALL CAMPS IS \$17.00 PER WEEK.

Additional weeks will be added if registrations justify.

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Dedication of Lutheridge - - July 4th - 3 p.m.

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### PICNIC PERIODS

MAY 15th to JUNE 15th

SEPTEMBER 1st to OCTOBER 15th

For Reservations Write The Rev. J. Lewis Thornburg, Hickory, N. C.

Accommodations for a limited number of young people and adults from Saturday afternoon to Sunday afternoon.  
Must write for RESERVATIONS. Sunday Services with Guest Ministers preaching.

## Lutheridge REGISTRATION 1951

### OFFICE USE ONLY

Registration - - -	\$ _____
Remainder - - -	\$ _____
Cottage - - - -	\$ _____

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in School \_\_\_\_\_

Period in Camp \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Church \_\_\_\_\_

Have you attended camp before? \_\_\_\_\_ Where? \_\_\_\_\_

Your registration fee of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ has been received, and reserva-

tions have been made for you \_\_\_\_\_ at which time you will be expected to pay the balance of the weekly rate of \$18.00. **The fee of \$5.00 is not returnable UNLESS your cancellation is in the office at least two (2) weeks prior to the time you are to come to Lutheridge.** Your place may be taken by another of the same sex.

Registration will begin each Sunday afternoon at two o'clock, and the first meal will be Sunday night supper. Those who find it necessary to come earlier MUST notify the office in advance and will pay the regular daily rate as published in folder.

Trains will be met Sunday afternoon at Biltmore and Fletcher, and buses will be met at the Main Entrance Gate, when we are notified in advance to do this.

This card MUST BE presented at the Registration desk.

THE REV. J. LEWIS THORNBURG, D. D.  
ARDEN, NORTH CAROLINA

Telephones - Residence: MUtal 4-6447 - Office: MUtal 4-4591 (June first)

# The First Residential Area

## The First Residential Area

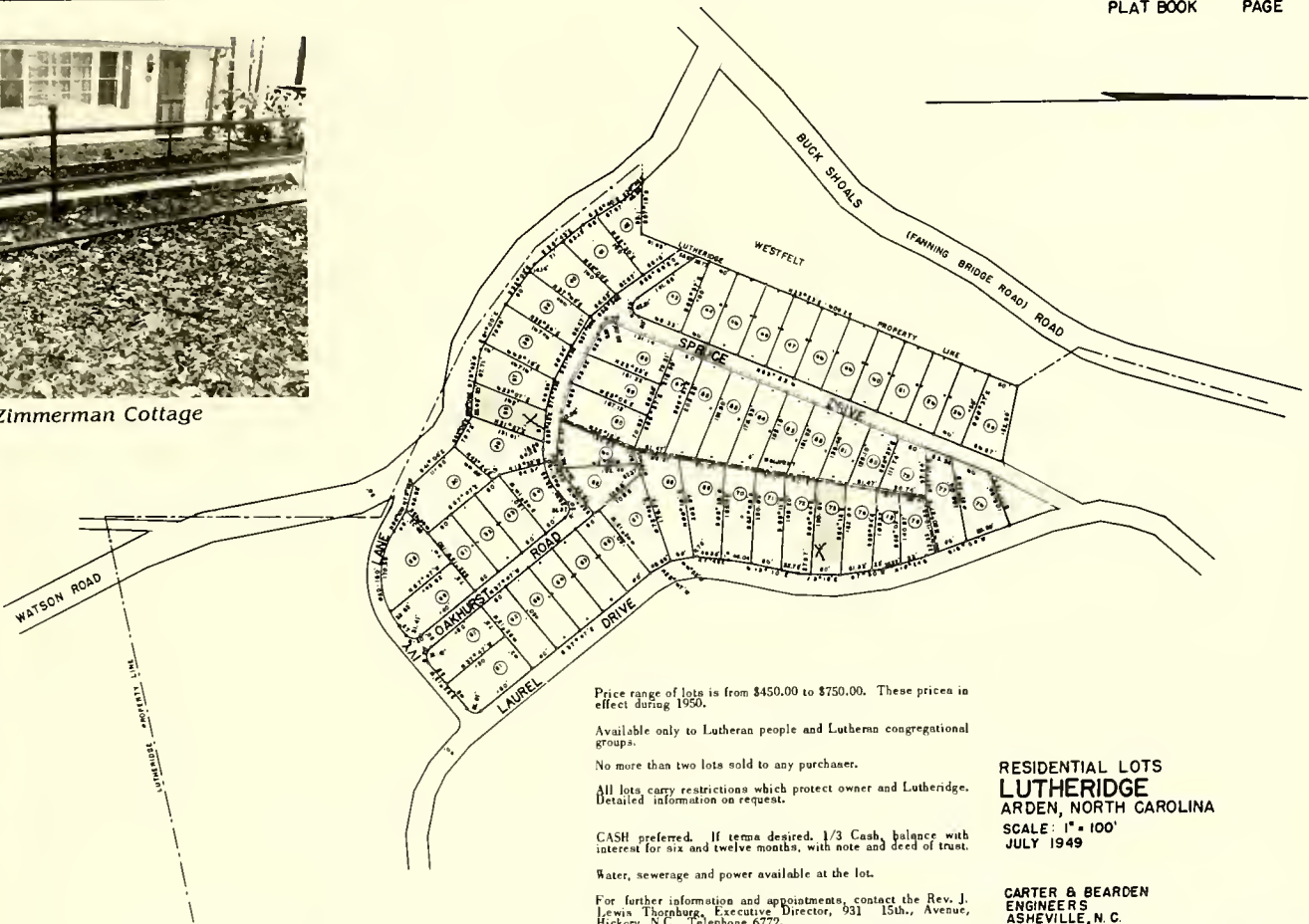
The Board of Trustees authorized engineers, Carter and Bearden, to survey the area west of Laurel Drive, and lay out lots, ranging in price from \$350.00 to \$750.00. The first lot sold was purchased by Mr. J. R. Taylor, Trinity Lutheran Church, Greenville, S.C., and the first cottage to be erected in this residential area was built by Dr. L. R. Zimmerman, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, High Point, N.C.

Executive Director Thornburg was the selling agent, and people came from all areas of the owning synods, to look, and some to purchase. All lots in the area were sold within a very short time. The receipts from these sales proved to be sufficient to cover the cost of installing water and sewer lines for most of the acreage which had been purchased and to be used for summer programs.

PLAT BOOK PAGE



The Zimmerman Cottage



Price range of lots is from \$450.00 to \$750.00. These prices in effect during 1950.

Available only to Lutheran people and Lutheran congregational groups.

No more than two lots sold to any purchaser.

All lots carry restrictions which protect owner and Lutheridge. Detailed information on request.

CASH preferred. If terms desired, 1/3 Cash, balance with interest for six and twelve months, with note and deed of trust.

Water, sewerage and power available at the lot.

For further information and appointments, contact the Rev. J. Lewis Thornburg, Executive Director, 931 15th. Avenue, Hickory, N.C., Telephone 6772.

**RESIDENTIAL LOTS  
LUTHERIDGE  
ARDEN, NORTH CAROLINA**  
SCALE: 1" = 100'  
JULY 1949

**CARTER & BEARDEN  
ENGINEERS  
ASHEVILLE, N. C.**

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Prospective buyers.



## 1951 The First Summer

Things were very plain and simple. The Program Planning Council later to be called, the Program Committee of the Board of Trustees, had planned for a six weeks' program: Two for Seniors; two for Intermediates; two for juniors, with the possibility of a seventh week for junior-intermediates

Mrs. E. J. Sox, Lenoir-Rhyne College, Hickory had been employed as dietician; Mrs. Thornburg was to serve as registrar and dining hall hostess and Jane Sox and Martha Thornburg would serve as the summer staff.



*The first formal conference was held at Lutheridge on May 2, 1951 under the auspices of the Parish and Church School Board of the United Lutheran Church, the Rev. S. White Rhyne, Executive Secretary.*

*The delegates shown in the photo came from synods of the southeast and were members of parish education committees. The conference lasted for three days.*

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First Summer Staff

Kitchen Staff

Susie Hammond  
Marie Nesby  
Ovenia Alexander



*Mrs. E. J. Sox, Dietician*



*Martha Thornburg (left), Jane Sox (right).*



*Mrs. J. Lewis Thornburg*

# The First Season

1951

The first eight buildings to be constructed, and furnished were now ready to receive those who had registered for the leadership training programs. A typical schedule for intermediates is shown, with leaders and topics of courses offered.



Paster John L. Yost, Jr., (left) and Pastor Douglas Fritz (right) leading the campers to the Altar of Dedication, each carrying a stone to be placed on the altar.



Martha and Jane serving at the snack bar in Efrd Hall.



A group of campers who were enrolled in another week, serving in the dining hall.



Campers on their way to classes in Efrd Hall.



*Enjoying a delicious meal in the dining hall*



*Christmas Pageant given by Senior Campers*



*Lutheridge's first station wagon*

PROPOSALS FOR INTERMEDIATE CAMPS AT LUTHERIDGE

Dates: June 24-30, and July 15-21

Committee: Rev. Vernon F. Frazier, Associate Director  
Rev. Russell Boggs, Alternate Associate Director  
Miss Elizabeth Shealy

Capacity: With four cabins available, plans are for approximately 60 campers and 15 staff members.  
Campers divided into 4 groups with counsellor for each.  
Staff consisting of 6 Faculty members, 4 Counsellors.  
Faculty members teaching as follows: 2 Bible study, 2 camp course, 2 vocational studies.

Camp course: "What Jesus Means to Me." By Ernestine Sammons Jones.

Daily schedule as follows:

A.M. 6:45 AM, Arise

7:10 Morning Watch  
7:25 Breakfast bell  
7:30-8 Breakfast  
8-8:30 Clean up cabins  
8:45-9:30 First class  
9:35-10:20 Second class  
10:25-11 Assembly  
11-11:30 Free time  
11:30-12:15 Third class  
12:30 Lunch

P.M. 1:15 Rest period

2-3 Interest groups (Nature, Handcraft, Choir, etc.)  
3-5 Afternoon recreation (planned)  
5-5:45 Clean up and cabin meetings  
5:45 Supper  
6:30-7:30 Vespers  
8-9:30 Night's fun  
10 Lights out

Personnel: Bible Teachers: Sister Catharine Stirewalt, Rev. John D. Mauney  
Camp Course Teacher: Carl Litacker, Jane Suggs  
Vocational Study: Betty Shealy, Rev. Hugh Baumgartner  
Counsellors: Edna Hooke (drama, art), Mrs. W. Hall (nature),  
Rev. David Conrad (music), Rev. Vance Daniel (recreation).  
To fill in vacancies, etc.: Eleanor Sheets, Rev. Russell Boggs,  
Rev. Vernon F. Frazier

REGISTRATIONS for 1951 Junior, Intermediate & senior camps

June 17 to August 4th.,

Wayne Bird	Robert Harrison	Billy Wells
Marie Harris	Wende Heerne	Dorothy Shealy
Ja Anne Lips	Virginia Cumba	Frank Gibbs
Maxine Lybrand	Phyllis Boger	Linda Bees
Jackie Augustine	Sharon Spigner	Billy Hill
Grant Kirkland	Verona Grass	Harold Steele
Alyce Fulmer	Lu Jean Sammons	Elizabeth Henry
Billy Slaughter	Marlyn Hill	Kenneth Kilpatrick
Thomas Waters	Delmer Metts	Bobby Treilkill
Patricia Wetts	Gail Coffey	Jena Sherrill
Gwendalyn Doscher	Lynn Becker	Mary Ann Love
Shirley Winsell	Narven Zimmermen	Jena Gantt
Jimmy S nk	Francis Montelinger	Meta Douglas
Patricia Sharpe	Robert Hoy	Jimmy Cobb
Billy Templeton	Trina McRee	Ja Ann Kerriker
Patricia Ann Hart	Carroll Robinson	Elge Loftin
Anne Nicholson	Jacqueline Atkins	Jean Rhyme
Jenice Suther	Dotie Brown	Amy Swink
Joan Trexler	Helen Lyerly	Linda Summy
Emily Hovis	Margeret Roof	Nita Wolff
Mary Roof	Bonnylyn Henry	Rene Ambrosine
Nancy Ann Henry	Garry Kistler	Berba Cheek
Linda Ehirf	Wyrle Efrid	Betty Caunta
Dorothy George	Kethryn Cooper	Shelby Kilber
Cerolyn Poole	Violet Eptings	Helen Crepps
Wilma Roberts	Deleno Riceard	Metay Brandt
Caroline Brandt	Angela Ambrosine	Jenik Belkain
Garry Barrs	Gaynell Swicegood	Dean Murdock
Hal Murdock	Sarah Murdock	Judith Roney
Margeret Brown	Lervin Bruce	Carroll Yount
Iris Culp	Jean Gline	Linda Gline
Tally King	Patsy Dunbar	Betty Cousins
Patricia Shealy	Ann Yoder	Polly Boggs
Patty Huddell	Glenn Plonk	Gail Brown
Mary Benfield	Jimmy Taylor	Ronald Hendrix
Sandra Hickley	Loretta Funderburke	Elizabeth Peterson
Nancy Miller	Jane Miller	Deanne Miller
John Walle	Carole Jackson	Wanton Finger
Ted Mullen	Marie Kellott	Patricia Lentz
Anne Meredith	Donne Weaver	Dale Ann Conrad
Jena Lee Rhyme	Fredrick Brandt	Linda Heway
lva Kay King	lva Kay King	John Caughnan
Doris Carawell	Werie Bowman	Bobby Repley
Jerry Sloop	Harlean Croser	Walter Lee Drury
Larry Wensil	Phil Yount	Betty Lou Rest
Ann Houck	Carola Steimetz	Jackie Baumgartner
Dorothy Miller		

For week-ends, meals, including campers and leaders the statistics for the FIRST SUMMER were as follows:

300	North Caroline
191	South Caroline
40	Ge. Alabama
531	totals

REGISTRATIONS for 1951 Junior, Intermediate, & Senior Camps.  
June 17 to August 4th.,

Elsner Siffard	Linda Fisher	Frances Petree
Elsine Tades	Charles Jernett	Charles Rudieill
Rechel Russell	Judy Knapper	Patsy Faust
Mercie Bell	Merla Beatty	Patricie Meese
Virginia Seitz	Emil Bredenberg	Carl Picken, Jr.,
Peggy Duncan	Joan Ruret	Tom Varner, Jr.,
Elsie Coats	Joe Hooker, Jr.,	Brents Kech
Godolphin Trudy Kech	Billie Rey	Julien Stoudemire
Bobby Brown	Carolyn Todd	Paul Brendt
Jemes Cannon	Ray Reuch	Berbere Houck
Thelma Shull	Mary C. Frye	Helen Porter
Ayvenne Slyce	Jo Ann Enlew	Doris Ekeerd
Betty Gladfelter	Joyce Dayvauit	Darlie Taylor
Jean Mills	Patricie Harrington	Chirley Carrell
Claude Deal, Jr.,	Ann Young	Libby Freeman
Elizabeth Ingram	Sue Lipa	Danne Shulenberger
John Lips	Berbara Deel	Sarah Weaver
Frankie Wolf	Helen Shulenberger	Billy Nance
Thad Hineberger	William Hellen, Jr.,	Shirley Coggins
Carol Winecuff	Ether Cline	Miriam Caster
Penny Thompson	Adelaide Egenen	Wald Madex
Annette Epting	Sandra Smith	Larry Willige
Audrey Rawle	Caroline Rawls	Martha Frick
Anne C. Frick	Ann Frick	Charles Nence
Donald Armstrong	Joe Bumgarner	Narman Gerhart
Carolyn Gorse	Mary Sabonsky	Shirley Keaton
Mary Alice Tutherford	Menda Lee Harde	Sue Cox
Betty Berringer	Patsy Hehn	EDGAR RAY TREXLER
Elizabeth Harion	Charles E. Ritchie, Jr.,	Carl Fisher, Jr.,
Linda Pryar	Jimmy Thomas	Mickey Yount
Harold Vest	David Hucks, Jr.,	Dermont L. Swicegood
Walter Everhert	Paulwyn Boliek	Margeret Whittecar
Rebecca Ann Rhyme	Roberts Miller	Frankie Parr
Doyle Keaver	Johny Harringer	Luther deDige
Ted Heigler	Estie Mae Swygert	Linda Jo Aakes
Ruth Whittecar	J.E. Shepherd, Jr.,	Alwete Hutton
Sandra Beaver	Paul Briggs	P.ank Young Jr.,
Elsner Winnick	Van Price	Billy Dreher
Ronnie Lindler	Carl Lindler	Ozzie Corley
Becky Beatty	Alice Pearson	Charles Serhardt
Betty Sue Catch	Wesley Starling	John E. Francis
Stewart Benfield	Wary Keys	MARILYN BOPP
Donnie Burriss	Billy Burriss	Betsy King
Carolyn King	Lew A Black	Jimmie Milhelm
Timothy Kack	Rita Adersholdt	Martha Bowman
Ann Adersholdt	Jeanette Anshour	Jeanette Adersholdt
Frank Bernhardt	Anta Yount	Margeret Hoover
Nancy Morgan	Kathryn King	Elizabeth Geiger
Mary Jo Gishenn	Suzanne Kendrick	Harry Kendrick
Teary Howard	Barby Flitter	Roberte Linzer
David Nettles	JANE POPE	KAY POPE
Brilla Ann Hobbs	George W. Bane	Cerroll Carpenter
John David Wilfong	J. Lamont Williford	Nancy Hartis
Betty Sink	Vickey Wingard	Vickey Huffman
Patricia Johnson	Ellen Busch	Ela ne Lesson

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Patricie Bell	Berbere Isbell	Cherise Giesler
Dottie Krefit	J.E. Jenkins	Emily Beaver
Margeret Helen Lippard	Patsy Turnell	Jene Baynham
Eric Picken	Gail Dawd	John Adkins
Linda Adkins	Don Kneaberg	Mary Holtsclaw
Jean Bennett	File Bennett	Sarah Holtsclaw
Gertrud Kinard	Karl Kinard	George Kack
Herbert Gardner	David Kack	Essie Mae Wigley
Lerette Seabeck	Rebbie Darr	Lerette Darr
Rabe Derr	Betty Patterson	Phyllis Jene Spencer
Sylvie Humphrey	Jay Overcash	Lela Ellen Cauble
Patricie Gilmon	Jennie Lou Gillien	Adeliah Crench
Patricie Parris	Margeret Smith	Neger Briggs
Anne Yeance	Bobby Weaver	Merthe Wiggins
Patsy Ecker	Merthe Mouney	Helgie Kunskrete
Edwine Rudieill	Tommy Shumate	Gery Sumner
Jerry Moore	Deam Derr	Anne Houser
Patricie Davis	Judy Ford	Nancy Seagle
E.P. Miller, Jr.,	Miriam Berry	Billy Jays
Deuglae Stave	Dilly Ann James	Judy Davis
Laney Anderson	Jerry Mack Stowe	Susan Straupe
Ray Lee Johnson	Peggy Greene	Nerman Phillips
Tony Edwards	Joyce Edwards	Phyllis Kendrick
Geraldine Hunt	Joyce Kendrick	Nerman Reid
Martha Rhyme	Laecrisa Bewdin	Sarah Burns
Donnie Nichols	Hugh Cook, 3rd.	Mery Frances Carrison
Verle Dehne	Jacob Dehne	Michael McKee
Louise Swygert	Betty Briggs	Geraldine Leazer
Mary Ringer	Betty Jean Long	Rebecca Shealy
Barbara Priok	Keith Wiley	Perry Caughman
Edward Reuffy	Mary Seaber	Peggy Seese
Betty Bellentine	Knex Witherspoon	Ann Witherspoon
Don Bedenbaugh	Marlae Sheek	Gene Wellece
Faye Hingle	Margie Weaver	Julie Shiley Smith
Edward Puckhaber	Henry Puckhaber	Patricie Beatty
Gretchen Grau	Anna Hyder	Mery C. Sein
Rechel Sein	Joyce Elbert	Alfred Mullen
Rachel Halley	Barry Glenmer	Jerry Fagle
George Parks	George Parks	George Faye
William Rhyen	Jimmy Wessinger	Edna Speare
Patricia Hill	Harwell Bende	Linda Grubbe
Nelson Kessler	Neil Kessler	Jeanelle Dasher
Johann Derrick	Jackquelyn LaTerra	Frances Derrick
Jemes Beck	Patricie Walker	Maxine Veuter
David Wright	Dickie Ringer	Beatie Kiser
Eddie Lehr	David Lehr	Billy Beyd
David McCulleugh	Ted Robinson	Patsy Caughnan
Selly Gluyee	William Gluyee	Jeanette Rebert
Berron R. Slinger	Bill Neash	David Mauney
Sonya Sloop	Anne Teague	Harry Beaver

The schedule and the names of all those who attended the first summer session.



LINEBERGER FOUNDATION  
INCORPORATED  
BELMONT, NORTH CAROLINA

April 2nd, 1951.

Rev. J. Lewis Thornburg,  
Executive Director,  
931 15th Avenue,  
Hickory, N. C.

Dear Mr. Thornburg:

Since our last discussion of the matter, my brothers, Henry and Joe, and I have discussed the need for a Dining Hall-Kitchen building at Lutheridge, and as you know from our recent telephone conversation, we have decided that we would like to provide this facility by making a donation of \$25,000.00 to Lutheridge, Inc.

Cordially yours,

*Harold Lineberger*  
J. Harold Lineberger.

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The spacious veranda, looking westward with Cane Creek valley in the distant foreground.



The exterior of the building looking from Efir Hall.

*R. K. Snyder  
Special Agent  
Southern R R  
Asheville, N. C.*

*I, the above  
received \$40.00 (2  
twenty dollar bills) found  
by Ricky Dula on train  
27, August 2, 1959.*

*R. K. Snyder.*

The large train bell, a gift of the Southern Railway. The bell was a multi-purpose item: the rising bell, the call to meals, vesper calls and other announcements.



The rear of the building, showing the frame construction along with three large windows which could be easily removed when the building would be totally completed.



*The outer office and registration desk, where everyone comes for registration and other information.*



*Rear view of Efird Hall*



*Lounge in Efird Hall, Lutheridge.*

# The Dedication

## 1951 What a July 4th Celebration!

Eight buildings and grounds, consisting of one hundred and seventy-two acres, free of indebtedness and to be dedicated to the Glory of God and to the leadership growth and development of children, young people and adults.

The Dedicatory Bulletin along with some photos, records some interesting information. A delightful surprise came when Pastor Iddings of the First Lutheran Church, Albemarle, N.C., presented the painting of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Efird on behalf of their daughter Mrs. Estelle Efird Morrow. Their gift of \$52,000.00 to the North Carolina Synod provided the funds for the construction of Efird Hall.

These paintings hang in the spacious lounge of Efird Hall, along with a painting by a Norwegian artist, given by Mrs. C.A. Linn, Atlanta, Georgia in memory of her husband, Vice President of the Board of Trustees. Still another piece of historic interest, is the grand piano, which belonged to Dr. and Mrs. C. B. King, the former President of Elizabeth College, Charlotte, N.C., first given to St. Mark's Lutheran Sunday School and later to Lutheridge.

A capacity group of juniors and their leaders were attending camp this week, and one of their group, Jerry Fogle of Holy Communion Lutheran Church, Dallas, N.C. was chosen as a typical junior camper.

### TO LUTHERIDGE

1. *Oh, Lutheridge, such wealth is thine,  
Thy hills declare "God is Divine."  
Thy stately trees point us the way,  
All Nature sings "This is God's day."*

*Oh, Lord of all that we do see  
may Lutheridge guide us to Thee.*

2. *Thy trails wind over hills and glade  
Lead on to goals which are man made;  
Thy other path, not made of sod,  
Shall lead us over trails to God.*

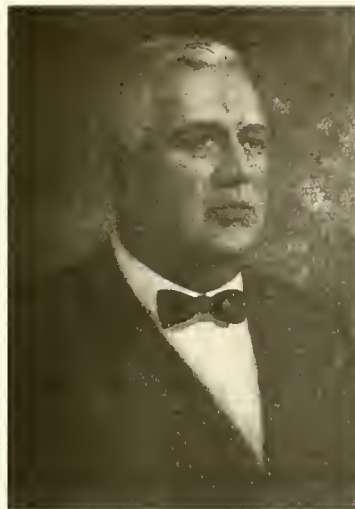
*Oh, Lord of all that we do see  
May Lutheridge guide us to Thee.*

3. *Oh, Lutheridge, when we depart  
May all we've seen live in our heart,  
May God's own presence set the pace,  
And cause all men to seek His face.*

*Oh, Lord of all that we do see  
may Lutheridge guide us to Thee.*

The words and music of the Lutheridge hymn were arranged by Miss Winifred Bodie, Mrs. Stafford Swing, Miss Roslyn Bodie and a group of junior campers.

The hymn was sung for the first time at the dedicatory service.



Composers of Lutheridge Hymn



Participants In Dedication



Jerry Fogle, a junior camper from Holy Communion Lutheran Church, Dallas, N.C. was chosen as a typical junior camper.

# Dedication of LUTHERIDGE

LUTHERAN SUMMER ASSEMBLY GROUNDS

ARDEN . . . NORTH CAROLINA



WEDNESDAY, JULY 4, 1951

3:00 P.M.

*An Institution jointly owned by the Evangelical Lutheran  
Synods of North Carolina, South Carolina, and  
Georgia-Alabama, for the purpose of  
Christian Leadership Training.*

## THE SERVICE OF DEDICATION

LED BY

THE REV. J. LEWIS THORNBURG, D.D., Executive Director.

Hymn—"God Himself Is Present." 1 & 2

Versicles and Response:

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
Who made heaven and earth.

I was glad when they said unto me: Let us go into the house of the  
Lord.

Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.

The Lord preserve our going out and coming in;  
From this time forth, even for evermore.

Peace be unto this place.  
And all that come here.

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord; or who shall stand in His  
holy place?

He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart, who hath not lifted up  
his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors;  
and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord  
mighty in battle.

Minister and Congregation: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the  
Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world with-  
out end. Amen.

The Lessons: The Rev. Carl Fisher, Pastor of the Lutheran Church of the Good  
Shepherd, Mount Holly, N. C.

The Prayer: The Rev. J. W. Iddings, Pastor, First Lutheran Church, Albermarle,  
N. C.

*Special music & Salute to Flag*

The Dedicatory Messages:

The Rev. H. A. McCullough, Sr., D.D., Pastor Emeritus, St. Paul's Lutheran  
Church, Columbia, S. C.

The Rev. C. E. Fritz, D.D., President of the Georgia-Alabama Synod, Atlanta,  
Ga.

### The Act of Dedication:

- The Grounds, consisting of 172 acres of beautiful mountain land.  
Blest and dedicate these grounds whereon will be developed facilities  
for camping and summer conferences. Here may Thy name be hallowed  
and Thy Glory praised; and here may life in its fullness be nourished  
and guided.
- The Administration Building, a gift of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Efrd,  
Albermarle, N. C.  
Blest and dedicate be this building, in the name of the Father, and of  
the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.  
Look graciously, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, on this House which  
we have reared to Thy glory and for the use of Thy people; and be  
pleased to bless and accept it of our hands. Here may Thy children be  
taught Thy Way and Thy Truth; and may the social bond of fellowship  
in the Lord Jesus be built up in mutual love and service. Amen.  
Presentation of Paintings by Mrs. J. M. Morrow.
- The Dining Hall - Kitchen, given in memory of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Line-  
berger by their children.  
Blest and dedicate be this house, in the name of the Father, and of the  
Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen. Here may Thy children meet in glad  
devotion to Thee; always mindful that all good gifts come of Thee, and  
with grateful hearts thank Thee for their daily bread, as they enjoy  
good fellowship together as Thy dear children.
- Our Family-type Cottages:
  - The Shenk Cottage, given by Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Mauney, to the  
glory of God and in loving memory of the late Rev. and Mrs. E. A.  
Shenk.
  - The Hal Aderholdt Cottage, given by Mr. Miles Aderholdt, LL.D., to  
the glory of God and in loving memory of his brother, Hal Aderholdt.
  - The Mrs. J. E. Cansler Cottage, given by Mrs. J. E. Cansler, to the  
glory of God and as an expression of genuine interest in Christian  
leadership education.
  - The Glenn Ketner Cottage, given by Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Ketner to  
the glory of God, and as an expression of genuine interest in Christian  
leadership education.

Blest and dedicate be these Cottages in the name of the Father, and of  
the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen. Here may Thy children find rest  
for their physical bodies, and recreation that comes from a quiet and  
peaceful sleep, when God keeps watch over His own.

Gifts of materials in kind for the erection of other cottages were generously  
provided by Messrs. Paul M. Barger, Carl Fox, and Luther Moss. These and  
numerous other gifts which have been contributed by interested individuals are  
hereby gratefully acknowledged. This has been a great venture in co-operative  
endeavor.

Hymn—"Beautiful Saviour." 1, 2, 4

Announcements.

Minister: Let us pray.

The Benediction.

### GENERAL INSPECTION OF THE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

#### THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF LUTHERIDGE

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## LUTHERIDGE

*A Southern Lutheran Church Center For—*

LUTHERAN LEADERSHIP TRAINING  
UNITED USEFUL VACATIONING  
TIMELY CONFERENCES  
HELPFUL ASSOCIATIONS  
ENRICHING EXPERIENCES  
RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION  
INSPIRING LEADERS  
DEVOTION TO THE CHURCH  
GUIDING YOUTH  
EXTENDING THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Has As Its Chief Purpose The Training  
Of Christian Leaders



The lounge in Efrd Hall, with pictures of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Efrd hanging on the wall at the East End.



Rear view of Efrd Hall





*Early view of Efird Hall*



*Another view of Efird Hall*



*Terrace and Water Fountain in the rear of Efird hall given by L.C.W. of South Carolina and Ladies Auxillary of St. John's, Statesville, N.C.*



*Opening of road from Main Entrance*

# The Second Season

1952

The FIRST season had ended, and a host of people who had participated in the programs, spending short weekends, coming for Sunday worship and picnics—returned to their homes to share the good news—Tel-A-Vision—of what they had seen and heard. The Trustees had awarded contracts to low bidders, Howard-Hickory Construction of Hickory, N.C. to build Luther Lodge and the Recreational ("Rec") Hall. The 1952 schedule has been prepared and distributed, and many, many more children, young people and adults will be coming to Lutheridge.

In the meantime, Executive Director Thornburg was busy travelling across the owning synods and spreading the good news. His responsibility: to solicit funds for construction of Luther Lodge and encouraging early registrations. The Luther Leagues of the synods are engaged in "The Penny Parade," a pageant prepared by Betty Rice, to pay for construction of "Rec", their building.

Our Sunday Schools, as well as private individuals were challenged and encouraged to send contributions to pay \$40,000 cost for the construction of Luther Lodge. Offering envelopes were printed and distributed throughout the area; printed checks, pledge cards as well as letters (similar to the one printed here from Mr. Clarence Whisnant), for the annual Thanksgiving-Christmas Appeal. (This one from 1957).

We attended the annual convention of the Georgia-Alabama Synods at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Savannah. We remained in the city for the weekend when members arranged an appearance at the opening of one Sunday School and the closing of another; speaking to a congregation at their morning worship, attending a Luther League meeting, and a Vesper Service following this. These contacts bore fruit. One of the cards indicate the FIRST gift of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS received from Mr. Rhue, Brunswick, Ga.

*Yes* I want to share in the joint effort of the Sunday Schools of the North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia-Alabama, to raise funds for a DORMITORY at *Lutheridge*

**HERE'S MY OFFERING  
FOR LUTHERIDGE DORMITORY**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
"In Investment in Christian Leadership"

**LUTHERIDGE SUMMER ASSEMBLY**  
ARDEN, NORTH CAROLINA

MAKE AN INVESTMENT IN TRAINED CHRISTIAN  
LEADERSHIP.

\_\_\_\_\_ 195\_\_\_\_

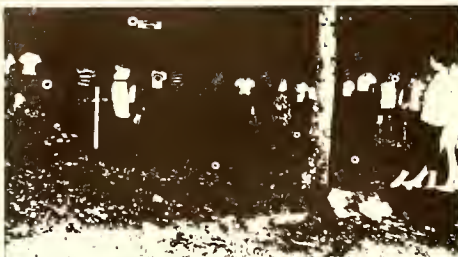
TO \_\_\_\_\_ BANK

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PAY TO THE ORDER OF *Lutheridge, Inc.* . . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ DOLLARS

Offering envelopes and counter checks were widely distributed in fund raising efforts.



Oedification Shrine, Where Impressive Services Are Held, and Many Occasions for More Christ-like Living Are Made.



Friendship Circle, the Counsel Fire Ring, A Song Night To Be Forgiven by Lutheran Campers

A Campy Choir - Music A Part of Every Day In Camp.



## What to Bring to Camp

Remember you are not going on a six weeks cruise, and will not need all clothing you possess! The truth is that most campers bring TOO MANY THINGS TO CAMP. May we help by suggesting a few things?

- A Bible, with good print
- Two blankets (Wool preferred)
- Two sheets (Pillow and case if desired)
- Drinking Cup
- Raincoat, Pair of old shoes
- Note book and pencil
- Shorts, Shirts, Dungarees
- Bathing Suit
- Toilet articles
- Slacks, Sweater or Warm Jacket
- Clothing usable for fashion show and stunts

## What Not to Bring

Radios, comic books, candy, fruit, and foods of any kind. Parents and friends are asked not to send or bring food or fruit to campers.

Those wishing to spend week-ends at Lutheridge during June, July and August, as well as those who may desire to spend longer time during September and October are asked to make reservations with the Executive Director, Rev. J. Lewis Thornburg

## TO LUTHERIDGE

1951 JUNIOR CAMP

Tune Melts C.S.B. 562

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Thy stately trees point us the way  
All nature sings "This is God's day"  
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May Lutheridge guide us to Thee
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Lead on to goals which are man made.  
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# Lutheridge

ARDEN, NORTH CAROLINA

LUTHERAN ASSEMBLY GROUNDS OF THE SYNODS OF NORTH CAROLINA, SOUTH CAROLINA, AND GEORGIA-ALABAMA

## 1952 Summer Program



I love the rocks and rills,  
Thy woods and tranquil hills.

## Camp Lutheridge

is operated as a part of the Lutheridge Assembly Grounds. A camping program for the Youth of the Church is a vital part of Lutheridge.

For Brochure, Book, and other information - Contact  
The Rev. J. Lewis Thornburg, D.D., Executive Director  
126 Fifth Avenue, N. E., Hickory, N. C.  
After June 1, Arden, North Carolina  
Hickory Telephone 2-4337 Arden Telephone 4591



Elyrd Hall, Center of Camp Life



Cantine Where Campers Eat

The Dining Hall Where Campers Enjoy Good Food



## 1952 Program

Camp Lutheridge will begin its second year of operation June 15th. Additional sleeping quarters provided by our new "Dorm," and a longer camping season will result in many more children, young people and adults coming to Lutheridge for a mountain-top experience.

The Program Planning Council has prepared a rich, full and varied program for those who attend the various camps and conferences. Bible study will be a vital part of every day's activity. Camp courses will be offered for Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors. Also courses in leadership training, missions, stewardship and church music will be given.

Supervised recreation will include archery, shuffle board, ping pong, soft ball, volley ball, horse shoe pitching, swimming and hiking.

Dramatics, nature study, crafts and other worthwhile projects will be a part of the daily program. Not a dull moment!

Lutheridge is much more than a recreational camp. Altho play and recreation is a part of the daily program, the chief purpose of Lutheridge is "to train christian leaders for the Church, the home, the community, the nation and the world," and to aid children, young people and adults "to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ."

We, therefore, expect those who come to Lutheridge to be willing to participate wholeheartedly in this glorious adventure of Christian community living.

All campers MUST have a health certificate filled out after examination by doctor not more than one week before entering camp.

No refunds on registration fees will be made after two weeks prior to opening of camp period.

## 1952 SCHEDULE

Senior Camp	June 15 - 21
Senior Camp	June 22 - 28
Intermediate Camp	June 29 - July 5
Intermediate Camp	July 6 - 12
Junior Camp	July 13 - 19
Junior Camp	July 20 - 26
Intermediate-Senior Camp	July 27 - August 2
Family Week, Leadership Training, Conferences (Adults and Children under nine)	August 3 - 9
Georgia-Alabama State Luther League Convention	August 10-14
Church Choir School	August 15 - 22
Young Peoples Week	August 24 - 30

Campers occupying individual or congregational cottages on the Lutheridge Assembly Grounds will be under the same rules and regulations as those living in Assembly buildings. Everyone will be expected to pay a Registration Fee.



Swimming in Beautiful Piney Pond  
We Hope to Have Our Own Lake in Fifty-Two



Recreation, With Shuffle Board A Favorite

Crafts and Many Busy Hours





Announcing

# Summer Schools for Church Workers

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## Lutheridge

LUTHERAN ASSEMBLY GROUNDS  
ARDEN, NORTH CAROLINA

THE WEEKS OF  
JULY 26 - AUGUST 1, AUGUST 16 - 22,  
AUGUST 23 - 29, 1953

Directors: Rev. Luther Jelfcoat and Rev. I. C. Bumgarner  
Exec.: Rev. J. Lewis Thornburg  
Director of Crafts: Miss Rosalind Bode  
Director of Waterfront: Mr. Edwin VanPool

### PROGRAM - JULY 26 - AUGUST 1

- 2 00-5 00—Registration
- 6 00—Supper
- 7 15—Twilight Devotions by Luther Leaguers (Daily)
- 7 45—Chapel Vespers by Dr. Amos John Traver
- 9 45—Family Devotions in Eldr Hall Lounge (Direction of Chaplain)
- 10 45—QUIET Everyone in their room

#### MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

- 7 15—Wake Up Time! Devotions
- 7 45—Breakfast
- 8 45-9 25—Bible Study  
Adults and Young People Dr. Traver  
Seniors and Intermediates Dr. Spees  
Children of the Church Groups Mrs. E. C. DeWees
- 9 30-10 20—First Leadership Training Period  
FIRST SERIES COURSES  
Course 120a, Introduction to the Bible Rev. Donald Poole  
Course 113a, Christian Stewardship Rev. E. L. Misenheimer
- SECOND SERIES COURSES  
Course 141b, Ways of Teaching Rev. Larry Reese  
Course 114b, My Christian Beliefs Dr. A. J. Traver  
Course Sp 14b, Religious Education in the Rural Church Rev. Paul McCullough
- 10 25-10 40—Free Time
- 10 45-11 35—Conference Hours  
Women of the Church Mrs. Morris Smith  
Luther League Rev. Larry Reese  
Pastors and Laymen Rev. Garland Hendricks
- 11 40-12 30—Second Leadership Training Period
- 12 40—Lunch
- 1 30-2 30—Rest Period Everyone in their rooms
- 3 00-5 00—Activity Period (Crafts and supervised recreation)

SPECIAL A series of Lectures will be given by Dr. Luther A. Wiegler on Wednesday and Thursday of this week

### PROGRAM - AUGUST 16 - 22

- 2 00-5 00—Registration
- 6 00—Supper
- 7 15—Twilight Devotions by Luther Leaguers (Daily)
- 7 45—Chapel Vespers by Dr. Ralph D. Heim
- 9 45—Family Devotions in Eldr Hall Lounge (Direction of Chaplain)
- 10 45—QUIET Everyone in their room

#### MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

- 7 15—Wake up Time! Devotions
- 7 45—Breakfast
- 8 45-9 25—Bible Study  
Adults and Young People Dr. Heim  
Seniors and Intermediates Dr. Spees  
Children of the Church Groups Mrs. D. M. Summers
- 9 30-10 20—First Leadership Training Period  
FIRST SERIES COURSES  
Course 113a, Christian Stewardship James Weninger  
Course 120a, Introduction to the Bible Dr. Spees
- SECOND SERIES COURSES  
Course 141b, Ways of Teaching Dr. Paul Heisey  
Course 114b, My Christian Beliefs Dr. Martin Hennecken  
Course 115b, Christianizing Community Life Dr. C. E. Krumboltz
- 10 25-10 40—Free Time
- 10 45-11 35—Conference Hours  
Women of the Church Mrs. J. B. Moose  
Luther League Rev. Marion Starr  
Pastors and Laymen Dr. Hennecken
- 11 40-12 30—Second Leadership Training Period
- 12 40—Lunch
- 1 30-2 30—Rest Period Everyone in their rooms
- 3 00-5 00—Activity Period (Crafts and supervised recreation)

SPECIAL Guest speakers for Chapel Vespers this week will include Dr. Clara Sullivan, and Mr. Aubrey Mauney

### PROGRAM - AUGUST 23 - 29

- 2 00-5 00—Registration
- 6 00—Supper
- 7 15—Twilight Devotions by Luther Leaguers (Daily)
- 7 45—Chapel Vespers by Dr. Spees
- 9 45—Family Devotions in Eldr Hall Lounge (Direction of Chaplain)
- 10 45—QUIET Everyone in their room

#### MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

- 7 15—Wake Up Time! Devotions
- 7 45—Breakfast
- 8 45-9 25—Bible Study  
Adults and Young People Dr. Heim  
Seniors and Intermediates Miss Karen Anderson  
Children of the Church Groups St. Esther Bunge
- 9 30-10 20—First Leadership Training Period  
FIRST SERIES COURSES  
Course 120a, Introduction to the Bible Rev. H. A. Wolf  
Course 113a, Christian Stewardship Dr. C. K. Derrick
- SECOND SERIES COURSES  
Course 141b, Ways of Teaching Miss Anderson  
Course 114b, My Christian Beliefs Dr. Spees  
Sp 111-2a, Boy-Girl Relationships Dr. C. P. Cressman
- 10 25-10 40—Free Time
- 10 45-11 35—Conference Hours  
Women of the Church Miss Josephine Darmataster  
Luther League Miss Mary Helen Smith  
Pastors and Laymen Dr. Cressman
- 11 40-12 30—Second Leadership Training Period
- 12 40—Lunch
- 1 30-2 30—Rest Period Everyone in their room
- 3 00-5 00—Activity Period (Crafts and supervised recreation)

SPECIAL Rev. Harold Deal, Missionary to Japan, will be among the special guests for Chapel Vespers

# Lutheridge

ARDEN, N. C.

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Summer Assembly Grounds of the Lutheran Synods of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia-Alabama, and Mississippi

THE REV. J. LEWIS THORNBURG, D. D.  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
128 FIFTH AVENUE, N. E.  
HICKORY, N. C.

The 1957  
Thanksgiving-Christmas Appeal

Dear Friends in Christ:

First, we would like to say a hearty and sincere "Thank You" to each of you who have given such wonderful assistance in the development of our Summer Assembly, Lutheridge. We are conscious that many of you have given much and often, and it makes us more than thankful and happy.

We have tried to bring you the needs and progress of Lutheridge each year, not as a burden but as a privilege and opportunity for you to share in this important program of christian leadership training. The favorable response to this presentation has enabled our Board to do many things that otherwise would have to wait. Last year we received over \$7,000.00, and we are hoping that the amount will reach \$10,000.00 this year.

We had another wonderful season. The one regret was that late in February all of our space for those of junior and intermediate ages was filled and we had to return many applications. We are trying to do something to change this. Our Dining hall-Kitchen is being completed, giving us twice the accommodations. We have four of seven small cottages promised for a Second Pioneer Camp Unit. Two of our good friends are spearheading an effort to raise the necessary money for a much needed Unit Lodge for this camping program. Others are giving money for the Childrens Activity Building. A residence for the director is being constructed on the grounds. Really, there is a lot of activity going on at Lutheridge. We need the financial support of everyone of you to bring our efforts to completion.

Will you not share your blessings with Lutheridge? Your gifts will help us to build and to grow. May you find it a real joy to be on the giving end of this far-reaching program of Kingdom building.

With genuine thanks and God's every blessing upon you and yours, we remain,

Gratefully yours,

*C. L. Whisnant* Board Chairman  
*J. Lewis Thornburg* Director

## LUTHERIDGE, Inc. LUTHERAN ASSEMBLY GROUND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM \$100,000.00 APPEAL

In consideration of the gifts of others, as an expression of my belief in the urgent need of a Lutheran Assembly Grounds, and my desire to see this project established as soon as possible, I hereby contribute the following amount to the \$100,000.00 Appeal:

Cash \$100 = \_\_\_\_\_ Pledge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to be paid in \_\_\_\_\_ installments.  
Signed *Oscar Pitts*

Make all contributions payable to Lutheridge, Inc., Oscar Pitts, Treasurer

## Lutheridge, Inc.

LUTHERAN SUMMER ASSEMBLY  
ARDEN, N. C.

REV. J. LEWIS THORNBURG, D. D. 128 FIFTH AVENUE, N. E.  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HICKORY, N. C.

### PASTOR'S CERTIFICATE (No registration honored without pastor's signature)\*

I recommend \_\_\_\_\_ and believe (he, she) is well equipped to meet camp life and to bring back the best things to our congregation. The applicant (is, is not) a member, (does, does not) attend Church Services, and Sunday School regularly, and has served the Church in this way:

Pastor's signature \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Conference \_\_\_\_\_

\*NOTE: In case of vacancy, the above certificate may be signed by either Sunday School Superintendent or Chairman of Church Council.

The Trustees created a new department for finances. The Treasurer of the Corporation was to handle all capital funds; and the Executive Director was appointed Business Manager and Treasurer of "Lutheridge Assembly" or "Camp Lutheridge", thereby handling all finances in connection with the summer sessions and other program activities.

**LUTHERIDGE ASSEMBLY**  
ARDEN, NORTH CAROLINA 28704

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FLETCHER, NORTH CAROLINA

LUTHERIDGE ASSEMBLY  
J. LEWIS THORNBURG, TREASURER

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**Youth Leadership Training**

(CAMPING PERIODS)

MISS INEZ SEAGLE, Program Director

June 13-19

Senior Boys and Girls (15, 16, 17)  
Bible Study, "The Acts of the Apostles"  
Camp Course, "Jesus Shall Reign"

June 20 through July 3

Intermediate Boys and Girls (12, 13, 14)  
Bible Study, "The Acts of the Apostles"  
Camp Course, "Into All The World"

In addition to these courses of study, there will be offered a full and varied program of the arts, crafts and recreational activity. A happy and enriching week of "Christian Community Living".

**THE COST**

Each person attending for one week pays \$17.00, and those attending the two week period will pay a total of \$35.00

**REMEMBER TO BRING**

- |                          |                           |                                 |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Your Health Certificate  | Drinking Cup              | Raincoat, Bathing Suit, Shorts, |
| A Bible, with good print | Toilet Articles           | Shirts, Dungarees, Slacks       |
| Blankets and Bed Linens  | Comfortable Walking Shoes | Sweater or Warm Jacket          |

Parents are asked to see that children do not bring EXCESS amount of clothing for a week stay.

July 4 through July 17

Junior Boys and Girls (9, 10, 11)  
Camp Course, "New Friends Around the World"

August 8 through 21

Combined Program for those who desire to spend TWO (2) weeks at Lutheridge.

**July 19-23**  
**Board of American Missions Conference**

DEAN Dr. Karl S. Henry

This program is arranged and directed by the Board of American Missions, and also primarily for the Mission Pastors and their families, others who may register for this week may do so. A very credit program is assured.

**July 25-31**  
**Summer School for Church Workers**

DIRECTOR The Rev. Donald Poole  
DEAN The Rev. J. Lewis Thornburg, D.D.

**LEADERSHIP TRAINING COURSES**

- 125a, The Life and Work of Paul, Rev. H. A. McCullough, Jr., teacher
- 141b, Ways of Teaching, Miss Karen Anderson, teacher
- 142b, Christian Evangelism, Rev. David Cooper, teacher
- 150b, Missionary Education in the Local Church, Mrs. B. D. Caster, teacher
- 212b, The Work of the Children's Division, Miss Catherine Juran, teacher

**CONFERENCE PERIODS**

- 1. Women of the Church, Miss Frances Dyttinger, leader
  - 2. Pastors and Laymen, Dr. C. P. Cressman, leader
  - 3. Luther League, John Stacy, President L. L. of America
- Vesper Speaker, Dr. Henry Bagzer.

**CHILDREN OF THE CHURCH**

Instruction will be offered for children who accompany their parents during this week, from (4) years of age up to eleven.

**VACATION WITH A PURPOSE**

Lutheridge offers unexcelled opportunity for a "Vacation With a Purpose", including inspiration, religious training, christian fellowship, rest, relaxation, in a mountain atmosphere, with good food, and comfortable sleeping accommodations at most reasonable cost.

**THE COST**

The cost per week is \$17.00 for everyone nine (9) years and over. Those from six to eight will pay \$10.00; and those under six will pay \$8.50. There are a limited number of rooms with private bath, and those wishing them will pay an additional \$5.00 per week. A registration fee of \$5.00 in advance MUST accompany all reservations.



Inez Seagle



Mrs. E. A. Moore  
"Aunt Grace"  
Dietician



Lutheridge Director J. Lewis Thornburg (left) accepts the keys for a new station wagon for the summer assembly from Lenoir Rhyne College Head Resident E. J. Sox, who assisted Dr. Thornburg in raising funds and arranging the trade of an older model. The purchase was made with money given by Lutheridge friends, primarily in Western North Carolina.

**LUTHERIDGE**

Lutheridge Summer Assembly—Arden, N. C.

Lutheridge is in the heart of the Summer Assembly and Camping District of Western North Carolina. Owned and operated jointly by the Lutheran Synods of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, and Mississippi, Lutheridge offers a program of Christian leadership training for all age groups.

The 1954 season opens June 13th, and closes August 29th.

In addition to the weekly programs, week-end accommodations are provided for a limited number. Reservations must be made in advance.

MISS INEZ SEAGLE, Program Director  
Lenoir Rhyne College, Hickory, N. C.

REV. J. LEWIS THORNBURG, D. D., Executive Director  
Box 1526, Hickory, N. C.

WE ACT IN

LUTHERAN STUDENT ACTION

Our program of prayer, effort and money—  
by which we can meet a few of the needs  
facing our neighbors.  
The Needs—\$31,230

Action Abroad

World Student Christian Federation—\$7,500  
WSCF Staff Member—\$2,500  
Hanover Scholarship Fund—\$2,000  
German Student Movement—\$1,500  
Scholarships—\$1,200  
Youth Work in the Far East—\$400  
Lay Pastor in France—\$500  
Seminary students in Yugoslavia—\$600  
Literature for refugees in  
Great Britain—\$500

Action at Home

United Student Christian Council—\$2,500  
Publications—\$2,280  
Mission to international students  
(Mrs. Kohls)—\$1,600  
Ashram guests—\$1,200  
California Student Service Project—\$450  
Full-time student worker—\$2,000  
Administration—\$5,100

“Tend the flock of God . . .”

GOD'S WORLD . . .

OUR MISSION . . .



The Annual Conference

Southeastern Region

Lutheran Student Association

of America

Lutheridge Arden, N. C.

April 25-27, 1952

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

FRIDAY

Registration ..... 4:00  
Supper ..... 6:30  
Opening Address ..... 7:30  
"THE WORLD"  
The Rev. George Forell, D.D.  
Educational Secretary  
Division of Student Service  
National Lutheran Council  
Mixer ..... 8:30  
Lenoir Rhyne in charge  
Campfire ..... 10:30  
Installation of Area Officers  
V. P. I. and Norman Hjelm in charge

SATURDAY

Rise ..... 7:00  
Breakfast ..... 7:30  
Matins ..... 8:30  
Bible Study Introduction  
The Rev. Albert H. Keck, Jr.  
Liturgist  
Richard Hollinger  
Quiet Hour ..... 9:00  
Bible Study ..... 9:30  
Free Time ..... 10:30  
LSAA Internationale (LS Action) ..... 11:30  
Don Castor  
Lunch ..... 12:30  
Area Meetings ..... 1:30  
Recreation ..... 2:30  
Banquet ..... 6:30  
"GOD WORKS THROUGH THE  
CHURCH"  
Dr. Voight R. Cromer  
President of Lenoir Rhyne College  
Hickory, North Carolina  
Seminars ..... 8:00  
1. Why, L. S. A.?—Pastor Elbert  
2. Workshops for Officers — Norman  
Hjelm  
3. Why I Am a Lutheran—Dr. Forell  
Recreation: Movie ..... 9:00  
Campfire ..... 10:30  
Citadel

SUNDAY

Breakfast ..... 8:00  
Quiet Hour ..... 8:30  
Bible Study ..... 9:00  
Free Time ..... 10:00  
The Service with Communion ..... 11:00  
Dr. Karl W. Kinard—FRONTIERS  
President of South Carolina Synod  
Installation of Regional Officers  
Norman Hjelm  
Dinner ..... 12:30

The Bible Study based on Acts 2.  
Remember Bibles and notebooks.

Registration ..... \$1.00  
Room and Board ..... 6.00  
Travel Pool ..... 1.00  
Total ..... \$8.00

Southeastern Officers

President—Marvin Shealy (Deceased)  
Vice President—Don Castor (Acting Presi-  
dent)—Duke  
Secretary—Bill Johnson (Acting President)  
—South Carolina  
Treasurer—A. Clifton Gray—V. P. I.

## LEADERSHIP TRAINING INVOLVES STUDY, INSTRUCTION

Efrid Hall was designed for this purpose with six classrooms and a large assembly. Similar provisions were made in a number of other buildings on the grounds. Quite often when weather and surroundings were favorable, classes were held out of doors.

*Conference*

for

### Church School Administrators

*Study And Leadership*

**LUTHERIDGE**

ARDEN, NORTH CAROLINA

July 6-8, 1957

*Conference For*  
**CHURCH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS**  
LUTHERIDGE JULY 6-8, 1957

**SATURDAY EVENING**

5:00- 6:00 Registration  
6:00 Supper  
7:00- 8:00 Registration  
8:00- 9:00 "The Roll of the Bible in Christian Education Today"  
Dr. Harold Creager

DISCUSSION

Get Acquainted

**SUNDAY MORNING**

7:30- 8:00 Morning Watch  
8:00 Breakfast  
9:45 Sunday School Adult-Young People  
11:00 Morning Worship  
Visiting Congregation  
12:30 Lunch  
2:30- 3:30 The Sunday School and Evangelism  
Rev. E. L. Misenheimer

3:30- 4:30 The Overall Coordinated Children's Program  
Miss Eleanor Sheets  
4:30- 5:15 Problem Clinic  
6:00 Supper  
7:30- 8:30 "The Role of Theology in Christian Education For Today"  
Dr. Harold Creager  
8:30- 9:30 Audio Visual Aids  
Rev. George Ammon  
11:00 Lights Out

**MONDAY**

7:30- 8:00 Arising and Morning Watch  
8:00 Breakfast  
9:00- 9:20 Devotions  
9:20-10:20 Weekday and Vacation Church Schools  
Miss Eleanor Sheets  
10:20-10:40 Intermission  
10:40-11:40 Audio Visual Aids  
Rev. George Ammon  
12:00 Lunch  
1:30- 2:30 The Sunday School and Stewardship  
Rev. E. L. Misenheimer  
2:30- 3:00 Conference Evaluation and Announcements  
Closing

**PURPOSES**

To give Church School Administrators an opportunity to re-study their responsibilities as leaders; to learn new methods of administration; to bring problems of local Church Schools to a clinic for discussion; to train the leadership of our Church Schools.

Those invited are Church School Superintendents, both general and departmental, Secretaries and Treasurers, and Children's Secretaries and Leaders, Directors of Weekday and Vacation Church Schools. Any administrator in your Parish program. Strive to have each of the above divisions from your Parish represented.

If you desire to invite you to bring your husband, wife or family with you for this conference.

Total cost will be \$7.00. Registration forms are available from all Pastors of the Lutheran Synods of North and South Carolina, Georgia-Alabama, and Mississippi. Registration forms should be mailed to Rev. J. L. Thornburg, D.D., Box 1526, Hickory, N. C. After June 1, Arden, N. C. The conference opens Saturday night and closes Monday afternoon.

**STAFF**

Rev. George B. Ammon, Department of Audio-Visual Aids and Enrollment of the Board of Parish Education, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Harold L. Creager, Professor of Old Testament, Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, Columbia, South Carolina.

Miss Eleanor Sheets, Synodical Director of Religious Education, South Carolina Synod, Columbia, S. C.

Rev. E. L. Misenheimer, Assistant to the President of the North Carolina Synod, Salisbury, N. C.

**DIRECTOR**

**REV. L. C. BUMGARDNER**

Pastor, St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
Salisbury, North Carolina  
Chairman, N. C. Synodical Parish Education Committee  
Chairman, Lutheridge Program Planning Council

## PROGRAM 1961

**FIRST LEADERSHIP WEEK**

**JULY 2-8, 1961**

**DEAN: THE REV. JACK EVERETT SMITH,**  
Pastor St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Asheville, N. C.



**Vesper Speaker:** The Rev. Louis H. Valbracht, Pastor Edgebrook Lutheran Church, Chicago; Graduate of Wittenberg and Hamma Divinity; Speaker at Luther League Conventions; Church Summer Schools and a Missioner in the Evangelism Program of the ULCA.

## THE SECOND LEADERSHIP WEEK

**JULY 23-29, 1961**

**DEAN: THE REV. JOSEPH HOLT,**  
Pastor St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Decatur, Ga.



**Vesper Speaker:** The Rev. Edmund Steimle, D.D., Graduate of Princeton and University of Penn., Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia; Professor of Practical Theology, Lutheran Seminary, Philadelphia; Brown Professor of Homiletics Elect, Union Theological Seminary, New York. NBC National Radio Pulpit; United Lutheran Series of the Protestant Hour, 1955-1961.

## SOME PHOTOS OF DAILY EVENTS



Vespers.



Flag raising & lowering.



General Assembly. Inspection report and fun time.



Meals in dining hall.



Morning watch.



Recreation.

Down cabin row with a gleam and a glint,  
 The snooping snoopers gaily went.  
 At cabin one and on down the line,  
 Hoping some leep jeeps at least they would find.  
 Down on all fours they carefully crept,  
 Looking for some place that hadn't been swept.  
 No leep jeeps in sight! All bunks carefully made.  
 These snoopers returned, and all were dismayed.  
 At cabin six, what did they see?  
 A big cardboard sign, as plain as could be:  
 "To you, you snoopers, better beware.  
 You may be mistaken for a big mountain bear."  
 Out of there they quickly retreated.  
 Their task now halfway completed.  
 "Certainly," they said, "This cannot be.  
 There's something wrong, somewhere, yes siree.  
 These campers on us are playing a trick.  
 We must find something, and find it quick."  
 The dorm they inspected with hearts full of hope.  
 Find anything? The answer was, "Nope."  
 And then at the last, their hopes were revived.  
 Paper in front, they gratefully spled.  
 Someone had swept right down the steps,  
 Dust and leep jeeps and paper scraps.  
 Tomorrow, if they don't do better,  
 From me they will get one little letter  
 Telling them from their jobs they are fired  
 And more in their place have just been hired.



Where new friendships are formed

## TYPICAL DAILY SCHEDULE AT LUTHERIDGE

Rising Bell  
Morning Watch  
Flag Raising  
Breakfast  
Clean-up Time  
Classes: Bible Study, Camp Course; First and Second Leadership

Dinner  
Rest Period: F.O.B.  
Assembly: Inspection Report  
A variety of recreational activities  
Get ready for supper  
Flag Lowering  
Supper  
Canteen, Snack Bar  
Vespers  
Night's Doings . . . Fun Time  
Ready to retire.  
Lights out . . . Quiet

Each week there are three special events: Introduction of Staff on Sunday night; Lakeside Vespers on Thursday night; and Friday night entertainment by permanent staff followed by the traditional Camp Fire Ceremonies.



Classes



Nights Doings



Classes



Rest period, F.O.B.



*Miss Rebecca Shealy directing singing at Assembly.*



*Checking mission study materials and other literature to be used at home.*



*Rev. Douglas Fritz directing a group of young people singing.*



*Rev. Keith Beam teaching a camp course.*



*Mrs. W. A. Voss conducting a Mission Study Class in Efird Hall Assembly.*



*Teaching a class under the "REC" hall.*



# The Summer Staff

## Summer Permanent Staff

The Board of Trustees of Lutheridge set up guidelines for the hiring of young people to serve on the staff. They must have completed one year of college training or the equivalent in some other training school.

We salute that large group of young people who served with us during the years from 1951 to 1967. What an array of talent! Their energy, enthusiasm, dedication, along with some of their mischievousness still amazes us. We have thought of you many times, and have longed to see you again. A few times our paths have crossed at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, or at a Global Mission Event.

When we think of you as young collegians, we also think of that other group of persons who stood high, and gave balance to a wonderful summer staff. We would like to name all of these but can only mention a few due to limited space: The Rev. Marcus Otterbein; Miss Winnie Butt; Miss Ethel Hockemyer, Rev. and Mrs. J. V. Long; Dr. Inez Seagle, Paul Holscher (Uncle Dutch); Mrs. R. H. Bingham; Mrs. E. A. Moore (Aunt Grace).

We have a file of all of these as well as the names of leaders, both nationally and internationally who shared some of their time, skills and abilities with us. We thank each of you, sincerely and fully.

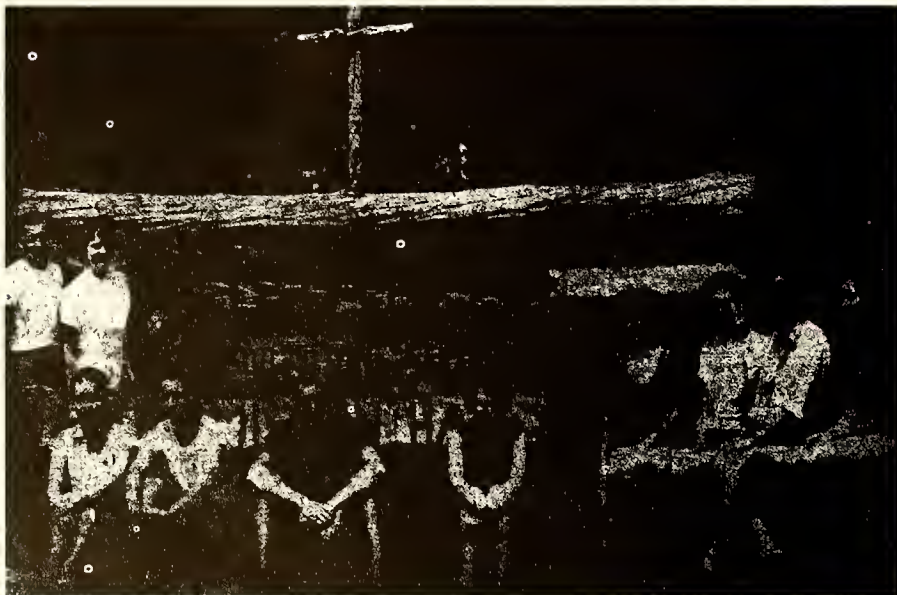
We have only a few photos, but we hope that some of these will help to bring fond remembrances to many of you.



*A staff member teaching the Sunday School lesson. Another staff member served as superintendent, leading the worship. Each of you were involved in the "Leadership Training" for which the Church had developed Lutheridge.*



*Summer Staff*



*Summer Staff — A news photo from an Asheville paper*



*Summer Staff*



*Summer Staff*



## PERMANENT SUMMER STAFF

**1954**

Mr. Paul Holscher (Uncle Dutch).....Water Front Director  
 Miss Inez Seagle.....Program Director  
 Miss Janice Clodfelter.....Co-Director  
 Mrs. Marjorie Wagoner.....Dietician  
 Mrs. Fannie Mayer.....Dining Hall Hostess  
 Mrs. Frank McCarver.....Leadership Hall Hostess  
 Mrs. J. Lewis Thornburg.....Book Store & Registrar

Kitchen Staff: Ovenia Alexander, Susie Hammond, Marie Nesby

Ardis Miller	Frances Montsinger	Robert Dasher
Connie Bertolet	Louise Ritter	Paul Rudisill
Martha Thornburg	Melba Taylor	William Boyd
Sarah Burns	Joan Hurst	Walter Tatum
	Patricia Beatty	

## 1956 SUMMER STAFF

**1956**

Miss Inez Seagle (Robin).....Program Director  
 Mrs. Maude Sumner.....Dietician  
 Mrs. Frank McCarver.....Dining Hall Hostess  
 Mrs. F. M. Mayer.....Leadership Hall Hostess  
 Mr. Paul Holscher (Uncle Dutch).....Water Front Director  
 Mrs. J. Lewis Thornburg.....Registrar

Shirley Keaton	Doris Shook	Betsy Shealy
Caroline Todd	Linda Adkins	Joe Holt
Barbara Keller	Jerry Hollar	Joyce Keller
Sara Huddle	John Cline	Melba Taylor
Martha Hewley	Ralph Wallace	Frankie McCarver
Miriam Eleazer		Mary Lou Wyrick

## PERMANENT STAFF AND PIONEER CAMP LEADERS

**1961**

Richard Graf	J. Lewis Thornburg	Patricia Hartsell
Mrs. Richard Graf	Mrs. J. Lewis Thornburg	Scott Hendrix
Jean Derrick	Mrs. J. V. Long	Jo Elaine Hoffman
Becky Coffey	Miss Ethel Hockemyer	David Huddle
Betty Roof	Miss Winnie Butt	May Frances Jantzen
Al Mullen	Mrs. E. A. Moore	Susan McGinnis
Virginia Lewis	Mrs. L. O. Shook	Mary Mahler
John Boyd	Grace Fish	Kitty Miller
Joyce Plonk	Margaret Fish	Peggy Murph
Rebecca Lindler	Mrs. Herbert Volkert	Betty Roof
Marie Templeton	Marilyn Bopp	Linda Sloop
Peggy Deal	Lois Bouknight	Ethelyn Smith
Vivian McSwain	Marion Clark	Patricia Stender
Norma Lansford	Becky Coffey	George David Swygert
"Schonnie" Setzer	Kathy Cooper	Kitty Kay Thornburg
Marion Clark	John Cooper	Ella Walters
Eugene Windham	Jean Derrick	Carl Warren
John Bradburn	John Ellsworth	Janice Weaver
Ed Schaak	Patsy Frick	Emogene Windham
	Gail Goodnight	Judy Yoder
	Jo Ellen Grubbs	Francis Susan Zeigler

## PERMANENT SUMMER STAFF

1966

Mrs. J.V. Long	Program Director
Dianne Bumgartner	Associate Director
Barbara Beck	Associate Director
Arden Ray	Water Front Director
Mrs. Arden Ray	Dining Hall Hostess
Rev. and Mrs. Ben Clark	Host & Hostess Leadership Hall
Mrs. E.A. Moore (Aunt Grace)	Dietician
Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Shealy	Joint Host & Hostess Kohnjoy
Mrs. J. Lewis Thornburg	Registrar
Miss Winnie Butt	Resource Person
Mrs. Bingham	Resource Person

Kitchen Staff: Ovenia Alexander, Susie Hammond, Marie Nesby, Mrs. Carolina Huber, Mrs. Jim Ball, Mrs. Larry Hulme, Mrs. Effie Johnson

Mr. and Mrs. Jon Fogleman	Judy Wessinger
Mary Louise Haack	Patricia Zipperer
Mr. and Mrs. John Cline	Loraine Wolf
Cecelia Page	Conrad Construm
Libby Deal	Clyde Overcash
Tom Ford, Jr.	Alice Rhyne
Russ Stilwell	Carol Anne Blandenberg
Dick Poole	Bonnie Rapp
Nancy Caughman	Wayne Williams
Charles Cullum	LeVerne Miller
Judy Fry	Wanda Blackwood
Dottie Hendrix	Sarah Kessler
Linda Kewat	Martha Potter
Susan Coble	Judy Autry
Jane Rimmer	Johnnie Dennis
Mary Francis Sigmon	Jo Bookhoop
Tom Steele	Sara Proto
Sylvia Buff	Nancy Carpenter
Linda Caldwell	
Carol Ballentine	

Sunday was a significant day for summer staff at Lutheridge. Camp attire was not the order of the day, and both men and women were encouraged to dress differently from the routine camp attire. And how gratifying it was to greet them. Time was allowed for the change-over before afternoon duties began.

### SENIOR WEEK— JUNE 7-13, 1959

#### FIVE YEAR CAMPERS

Patsy Rhyne  
Ann Morrison  
David Mellichamp  
Bobby Carlton  
Steven Duncan  
Robert Justus  
Ann Rice

#### SIX YEAR CAMPERS

Andy Mauney  
George Privette  
Pastor and Mrs. Clark

#### SEVEN YEAR CAMPERS

Don Steele

#### EIGHT YEAR CAMPERS

Linda Nichols  
Margaret Ridenhour  
Amy Meyer  
Shirley Katzenmoyer



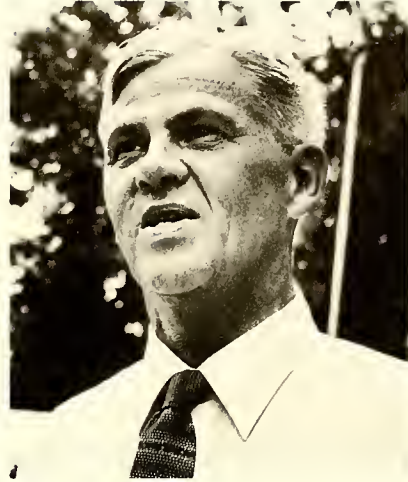
# The Leaders

## 1951 Forward! Local and Church-wide Leaders

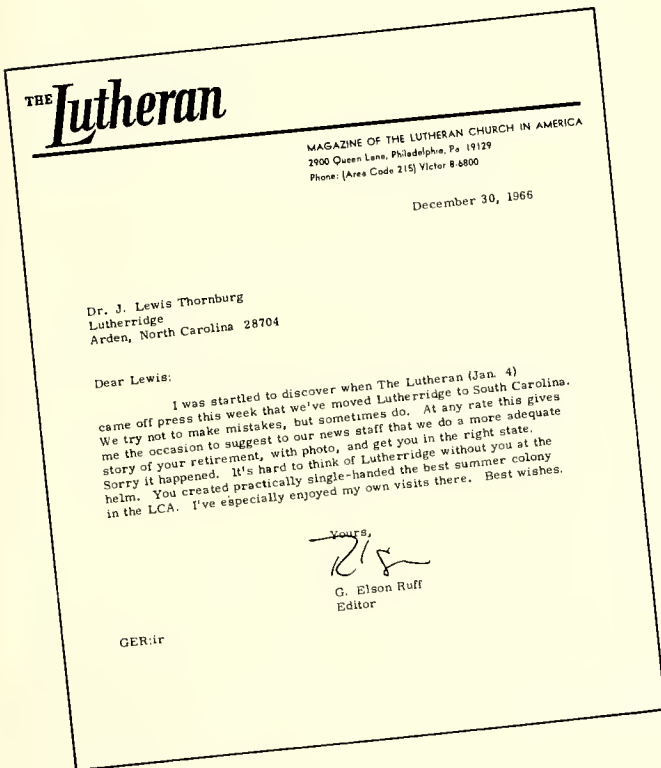
How well and how pleasantly we recall so many of you. We seldom fail to give thanks for the valuable contribution each of you made in terms of time, talent and dedication. Our files contain the names of most of you, and the part you played in our ongoing summer programs. God alone can register in His divine mind the witness and the influence you had in the lives of children, youths and adults.

The names of some will appear under the head of "Programs".

Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, President of the United Lutheran Church in America, and Dr. Elson Ruff, Editor of *The Lutheran* were among a vast number of renowned leaders in the Lutheran Church who participated in programs of Leadership Training which we offered at Lutheridge.



Dr. Elson Ruff



### By Elson Ruff—

*I am amazed to see what has been done at Lutheridge in so short a time. The splendid grounds and fine buildings acquired are only part of it. You have a superb, effective program of Christian training underway. I know of no other summer camp in our church which has done so much in six years.*

*It is obvious that the decisive factor in this swift progress has been the Thornburgs. Dr. Thornburg and I were fellow students in theological seminary some 30 years ago, so I take special pleasure in observing the results of his genius and devotion in leading this work. If ever a man and an opportunity met at the right moment, it was when he took charge of this program. A man who had put such skill and energy into developing a commerical summer resort so rapidly would already be wealthy as a result. In a higher sense I feel that Dr. Thornburg is wealthy in knowing of the marvelous blessing that has been showered on his work.*

*The Thornburgs alone would have accomplished little, of course. How strongly and imaginatively the Southern synods have supported this work. It has been a pleasure to be here this week and observe the excellent progress along one of the most important frontiers of present days church life—the summer camping program.*



**LUTHERANS MEET**—A four-day conference under auspices of the Board of American Missions of the United Lutheran Church in America began today at Lutheridge. Discussing plans, in top picture are the Rev. C. F. Steck Jr., Tompa, Fla., Maz Gehlar, Salem, Oregon, the Rev. F. A. Swanson, Honolulu, T. H., Dr. J. Lewis Thornburg, Lutheridge executive director, the Rev. J. D. Sheppard, Jacksonville, Fla., and the Rev. P. A. Tammaru, De Graff, Okla. In the bottom picture are Dr. Karl Henry, secretary, Board of American Missions, New York, Mrs. M. L. Tozer, the Rev. M. L. Tozer, superintendent of missions for Central Pennsylvania, and Dr. George F. Harkins, New York.

## Fry Is Attending Lutheran Session

Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, president of the United Lutheran Church in America is attending the conference of Parish Education Committees of the Lutheran Church being held through Friday at Lutheridge, Lutheran conference center at Arden.

Dr. Fry is the recipient of 17 doctorates: a Doctor of Divinity degree from Yale, a Doctor of Literature degree from the University of Alaska, a Doctor of Theology degree from the University of Goetting in Germany and a Doctorate of Sacred Theology from the University of Toronto.

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**LEADERS OF THE** United Lutheran Church in America are gathered at Lutheridge, near Arden, for the conference of Parish Education Committees of the church. They are (L-R): Dr. Walter B. Freed, chairman of the Parish Education Board in Sunbury, Pa.; Dr. J. Lewis Thornburg, executive director of Lutheridge; and Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, president of the United Lutheran Church in America and also chairman of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches.

He is also the president of the Lutheran World Federation and holds the leading chairmanship of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches.

In early June he will chair the World Migration Conference in Switzerland, and later in June will travel to Warsaw, Poland to preside over the World Federation meeting there. Later he will travel behind the Iron Curtain in Poland and East Germany, lecturing and preaching.

Following World War II, Dr. Fry was instrumental in forming relief groups to aid the homeless refugees in both Europe and Asia. For his work in this capacity, he was decorated by the German government with the Knight's Cross of the Legion of Merit, second highest civilian medal authorized by the Bonn government. Later Austria bestowed on him a similar decoration, second highest medal awarded by its government.

Dr. Fry is scheduled to go to Cleveland of Protestant and orthodox churchmen in observance of the Pentecost day.

He resides in New Rochelle, N. Y. with his wife. Fry has three grown children, one son is a minister in York, Pa., another son is an attorney in New York City, and his daughter is the wife of a minister in Ann Arbor, Mich.



This photo of Linda Nicols, a Junior camper at Lutheridge, appeared on the front page of The Lutheran with a full length feature in the same issue by Max Tharpe of Statesville.



Leaders who participated in the Second General Assembly 1955.

# One Bishop Talks, Other Is Reticent

By KARL FLEMING  
Chico Staff Writer

ARDEN, July 10.—Puffing American cigars, two Lutheran bishops from Germany lounged inside a modern, shady building at Lutheridge Assembly here today and demonstrated, with words and without, the difference between living under free and despotic systems of government.

One of the bishops, benign-looking Hans Lilje, lives in free western Germany. He talked, broadly and at great length about the church and Germany.

The other, Bishop Gottfried Noth, is from Saxony in Communist East Germany. He was both Dr. Christian and Dr. Lutheran. He spoke in many, and with good reason: his only life there, under the stern hand and at the mercy of the Reds.

Even at this great distance, he heard anything he might say



TWO GERMAN BISHOPS are lecturing delegates to the Southern Regional Theological Conference at Lutheridge this week. They are Bishop Gottfried Noth, Germany, left, and Bishop Hans Lilje of Hannover, World Federation, who is president of the Lutheran Church of Saxony in East Germany, center, who is president of the Lutheran World Federation. His diocese is in West Germany, director of the Lutheridge Assembly at Arden. The conference ends today.

**WORLD LUTHERAN LEADERS**—In informal discussion at Lutheridge, Buncombe County, Tuesday were, left at top, Dr. S. P. Hebart of Hickory, chaplain of Lutheridge, and Dr. S. L. Schullinger of Hickory, Lutheran World Federation President and Mrs. Hans

# The Bishop Kept His Faith In Prison

By CLYDE OSBORNE  
Chico Staff Writer

ARDEN—There's a way for a Christian to keep his mind in good health and his faith in God undaunted even while a condemned man in a despot's prison.

That's the word from the head of the largest Protestant denomination in the world.

And Bishop Hans Lilje, bishop of all Lutherans in Germany and president of the Lutheran World Federation, is here to tell us how he was at one time under sentence of death during the Nazi regime. He's waiting at Lutheridge here for a theological conference.

in prison was made much easier as a result.

"That's a big point in keeping your equilibrium in prison," he said. "Real faith leaves all questions aside. There is no room for the soul to have doubts. In my case that question was settled for all time."

Intellectual discipline is important to the imprisoned Christian, the bishop continued.

The day should be divided into different portions with daily routine for each portion.

There must be so much time for prayer, so much time for meditation, so much time for physical exercise, and so much time for deep philosophical thinking. This will keep the mind busy and contented.

"If discipline is lost, despair will result."

"Another thing, it is absolutely necessary to know what day of the week and what day of the month it is. Persons who lose track of time in prison seem to me to be in a state of mental derangement," Bishop Lilje said.

"I used a rusty nail on the door of my cell, turning it at a different angle for each day of the week," he laughed.

"Such a simple thing and yet so important. The Nazis didn't want me to keep up with the time, but the rusty nail fooled them."

In prison the faith of the Christian is really put to the test.

But a minister, the bishop says, who has been through the terrible hours in a totalitarian prison can speak ever after with "God-given authority."

Prison teaches the prisoner what God can really do for him, the famed minister said.

During World War II Bishop Lilje (pronounced Lih-yay) was headed by Chief Nazi Judge Freisler and condemned to death. He was transferred to Nuremberg for execution, but was liberated by American troops in May, 1945.

He was appointed bishop of Hannover in 1947.

"I was really furious when they pronounced sentence on me and took my Bible away," the stocky bishop said.

"I recalled a passage from the Bible—'Vengeance is mine, saith the Lord.'"

The bishop's eyes lit up as he went on: "Three weeks later Judge Freisler was killed in an air raid. Three months later the Nazi regime was toppled by the Allies."

Seeing God's vengeance left no doubt in the bishop's mind that the God was still with him, the church leader said. And his stay

at Lutheridge this week in a theological conference, which he described as being preparatory to the Lutheran World Conference in Minneapolis August 12-25.

On Thursday night he will address a youth rally at Monroe Auditorium, Lenox Rhyne College, Hickory. On the program with him will be Bishop Gottfried Noth of Saxony, Germany, and Dr. S. P. Hebart of Australia.

Dr. S. L. Schullinger of Hickory will preside.

Turning his views on the southern part of the United States, Bishop Lilje said that he had always been fascinated by this section of the country. "I've read every book about the South I could get my hands on," he said.

"Because here you have maintained a different way of life within a nation. The South has not lost its identity as a stronghold of individualism."

From a man who has proven

himself as a man of faith, he said, "I find a remarkable spiritual vitality in our congregations in the Eastern section."

"When I go into East Germany to preach, I am always touched by the intensity of listening and prayer," he said.

But the East Germans "live in the face of a powerful ideology and have to seriously reconsider their religion," he said.

Bishop Lilje asserted "the church itself should not meddle in politics" but that individuals should do so, and bring their Christian convictions to bear.

He said, however, that "the church has proved to be the most effective link" between East and West Germany and "has been able to maintain unity."

"I call this a political fact of the first order," he said.

The bishop said that, contrary to conditions when Hitler was in power, the young people of Germany are now "chemically clean."

"As soon as the system closed chapter in their lives," he said.

Bishop Noth's diocese contains 4.5 million persons in East Germany.

Both he and Bishop Lilje are here lecturing at the Southern Regional Theological Conference at Lutheridge this week, which began at the beginning of the Lutheran World Conference at Minneapolis in August, over which Bishop Lilje will preside.

## Announcing . . . The Second General Assembly

**Lutheridge**  
LUTHERAN ASSEMBLY GROUNDS  
Arden, N. C.

July 24-30, 1955

THE REV. J. LEWIS THORNBURG, D.D.

**Bishop Bjarne Skard**  
Bishop of Telemark in Norway, is the famous son of a famous family and one of the three most distinguished preachers in the Church of Norway. Having long concerned himself with the theology of the early Church, he has written several books on this subject.

**Dr. Gunnar Hillerdal**  
Assistant professor of the University of Lund, Sweden, is especially interested in the relations between the state and Church. Dr. Hillerdal has made important contributions to a wider interest in theology for daily press.

**Dr. T. A. Kantonen**  
A distinguished American theologian, professor at Hamden Divinity School, Springfield, Ohio; author of many books, and a distinguished leader in world Lutheranism.

**Dr. Kurt-Dietrich Schmidt**  
Professor in Church History at the newly established theological faculty of the University of Hamburg, Germany. Author of several books, leader in the confessional Church, and an active opponent of the Hitler regime. His special interest is "Controversial Theology."

**Dr. Jan Willem Kooiman**  
Professor of Church History and member of the Theological Faculty of the University of Amsterdam, Holland. Chairman of the National Committee of the Lutheran World Federation in Holland. Author of several books on Luther and the Reformation.

Director . . . Rev. L. C. Baumgartner, Salisbury  
Special Theological Conference

### THE PROGRAM

The program for our General Assembly has been planned primarily for ministers, their families, and adult laity. Each of the leaders listed below will appear once each day, thereby allowing time for informal conferences and fellowship.

- Vesper Speaker . . . Dr. Harold Albert, Columbus, Ohio
- Lecture series Monday through Saturday:  
"The Evanston Assembly"—Dr. F. L. Conrad, Salisbury  
"Family Life Education"—Dr. Hugo Bordeau, Philadelphia  
"Lutherans and World Out-Reach"—Dr. Edwin Moll, Palestine

The weekly rate for the Conference is \$17.00, with one-half of this amount for children under six years. The daily rate will be \$3.60, which will include three meals and lodging. Those wishing to attend the General Assembly program should make reservations in advance, by sending a registration of \$5.00, which will be applied on the total weekly or daily rate. All communications should be sent to Lutheridge, Arden, N. C.

Those attending are expected to bring towels, bed linens and blankets.

**Dr. Charles Carroll**  
Administrative Assistant  
National Lutheran Council  
New York City

This phase of our weekly program has been arranged in co-operation with Dr. Charles Carroll, National Lutheran Council, and will consist of five lectures, beginning on Thursday and continuing through Saturday morning.

The Theme: "One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church"

Moderator: Dr. Charles Carroll

Lecturers:  
"One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church" . . . Bishop Skard, Norway  
"The Unity of the Church"—Dr. T. A. Kantonen, Springfield, Ohio  
"The Holiness of the Church"—Dr. Gunnar Hillerdal, Sweden  
"The Catholicity of the Church"—Dr. Kurt-Dietrich Schmidt, Germany  
"The Apostolicity of the Church"—Dr. Willem Kooiman, Holland

This regional theological conference at Lutheridge will be one of three to be held in the United States during 1955. We feel honored to be chosen as one of the regions, and would like to extend a most cordial welcome to all ministers to share in the entire program of the week. Lutheridge is easily accessible by auto, bus, train and plane, being located midway between Asheville and Hendersonville, on U. S. 25.

A CONFERENCE FOR CHRISTIAN LEADERS

P.O. Box 109,  
Eshowe, Natal,  
S. Africa.  
Sept. 28th 1965.

Dear friends, "Write to us from Africa". Those were the farewell words from so many in the U.S.A. last year. And now I have already been back in S. Africa for several months. So I shall have to start by making an apology for such a long delay! I want you to know though that you have all been in my thoughts very often; not least when I have looked through my notes in order to prepare talks or find some good points that I could use in my work.

Yours in the Lord's Service  
*Edna Lohm*

*P.S. I shall never forget Lutheridge  
it impressed me very much  
I thank you again for hospitality  
and fellowships.*



They came from many parts of the world with natives and missionaries from Japan and far away India (Dr. Subama, with Mrs. Thornburg and a small family.) She told her hearers, "You are now seeing the fruits of Christian missions. I grew up in a very primitive, non-Christian tradition." She is now the president of a Lutheran educational institution in Madras, India.



L. to r., Dr. Charles Carrol, Bishop Hans Lilje, and Thornburg.



Dr. Subama



*A grandfather and his granddaughter enjoying the fun-time at night's doings during Senior citizens week.*



A large group picture of senior citizens.



Dr. E. B. Keisler, retired Lutheran minister leading a Bible study at another time for senior citizens.



Bible study led by Dr. Sam Hahn for Senior Citizens in the lounge at Efrd Hall.

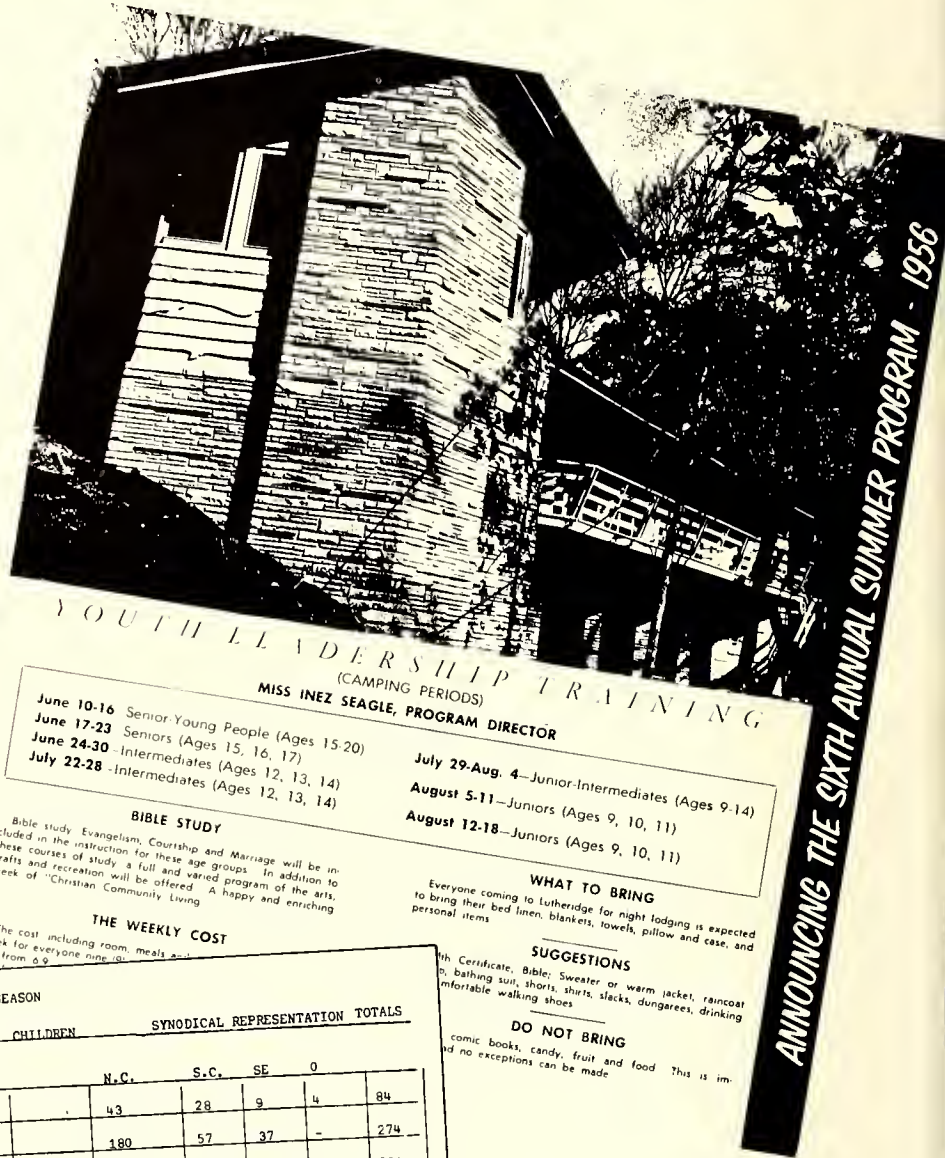




*Senior citizens enjoying relaxed conversation and fellowship on the lawn of Efir Hall.*

# Weekly Programs

Someone has said "Variety is the spice of life", and we can safely add that the variety of programs offered at our Lutheran Assembly Grounds called Lutheridge, is the major attraction which keeps people coming in increasing numbers. We hope the materials offered in this section will validate what we have just written.



## YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING

(CAMPING PERIODS)  
MISS INEZ SEAGLE, PROGRAM DIRECTOR

- June 10-16 Senior-Young People (Ages 15-20)
- June 17-23 Seniors (Ages 15, 16, 17)
- June 24-30 -Intermediates (Ages 12, 13, 14)
- July 22-28 -Intermediates (Ages 12, 13, 14)
- July 29-Aug. 4—Junior-Intermediates (Ages 9-14)
- August 5-11—Juniors (Ages 9, 10, 11)
- August 12-18—Juniors (Ages 9, 10, 11)

### BIBLE STUDY

Bible study, Evangelism, Courtship and Marriage will be included in the instruction for these age groups. In addition to these courses of study a full and varied program of the arts, crafts and recreation will be offered. A happy and enriching week of "Christian Community Living."

### WHAT TO BRING

Everyone coming to Lutheridge for night lodging is expected to bring their bed linen, blankets, towels, pillow and case, and personal items.

### THE WEEKLY COST

The cost including room, meals and instruction for everyone nine days are from \$9.

### SUGGESTIONS

With Certificate, Bible; Sweater or warm jacket, raincoat, bathing suit, shorts, shirts, slacks, dungarees, drinking comfortable walking shoes.

### DO NOT BRING

comic books, candy, fruit and food. This is important no exceptions can be made.

ANNOUNCING THE SIXTH ANNUAL SUMMER PROGRAM - 1956

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This is the type of diagram used to keep a record of weekly attendance.



# Sixth Annual School Of Church Music

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Organist and Choir Director of Covenant Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, N. C. M.S.M., Union Theological Seminary School of Sacred Music, New York City, and a candidate for Doctor of Sacred Music degree. Student of Richard Ross, Vernon de Tar, and George Faxon. Composer of "St. Stephen", a contemporary cantata, and other organ works.



The Rev. R. Harold Terry  
Director

Pastor, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, China Grove, N. C. S.T.M., Union Theological Seminary, New York City, and graduate of Lenoir Rhyne College and Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. Chaplain of Lutheridge Music School in 1954 and Director since 1956. Chairman of N. C. Synod Committee on Church Music and Common Lutheran Hymnal.



Milton W. Moore

Head of the Music Department and Director of the Newberry College Singers, Newberry, S. C. M. Mus. American Conservatory of Music, Chicago; Ed. D., Columbia University Graduate Study at Juillard School of Music, New York City, and Cherubini Conservatory of Music, Florence, Italy. Adjudicator and Choral Music Festival Conductor for state high school contests and church music clinics.



Richard A. Carlson

Organist and choirmaster of Trinity English Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana. M.S.M., Union Theological Seminary School of Music Student of Dr. George Y. Wilson and Dr. Hugh Porter. Former organist of University Lutheran Church, Bloomington, Indiana, and St. Matthew Lutheran Church, New York City.



The Rev. W. Richard Fritz  
Chaplain

Founder and Director, Southern Seminary A. Capella Choir, where he is Librarian and sometime instructor in Church Music. Choir director of Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church, Columbia, S. C. Graduate of Lenoir Rhyne College, Southern Seminary, M.S., Columbia University and graduate study at Union Theological Seminary. Author of articles in "The Lutheran", "Luther Life", "Augsburg Uniform Lessons", and ULCA Youth Sunday programs.



Mrs. Haskell L. Boylt

Founder and Director of The Children's School of Music, Atlanta, Ga. Specialist in children's and youth choirs. Graduate of Converse College with post-graduate study in leading music centers of the nation, Eastman School of Music, Rochester, N. Y., and special study in New York and Chicago.



Mrs. Wayne Koontz

Accompanist Student of C. G. Vardell at Salem College. Former organist of Church of the Holy Innocents (Episcopal), Auburn, Alabama, and Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Raleigh. Present organist of Temple Beth-Or, Raleigh. Former accompanist for summer concerts at Alabama Polytechnic Institute and the Salisbury, N. C. Male Chorus.

### The Cost

The total cost of the school will be \$25.00 which will include room, board and all music used. A registration fee of \$5.00 must accompany each reservation which will be applied on the above cost.

### Time Of Arrival And Departure

The School will begin on August 25th with registration beginning at 2 p.m. The last meal served will be breakfast on Saturday morning, August 31st.

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### WHAT IS CONFERENCE WEEK?

This is a period of time set aside, with the cooperation of the Synods, for Adult Education. Here is opportunity to learn, grow and to enrich the mind through Bible Study and Devotion. It will also stimulate action in Evangelism and Church work in all congregations through understanding better the responsibilities and needs of the auxiliaries of the church.

### WHO IS IT FOR?

This conference is for the Laity, the Pastors, and their families. All Lutherans of the south-east area of the United States. We want to emphasize the family especially since the program at Lutheridge has a place for every age.

### YOUR COURSES FOR ENRICHMENT

United Lutheran Church Women Conference Hour and UNITED Lutheran Church Men Conference Hour—Workshops for discussion, planning and information concerning new trends and new ideas that will benefit and vitalize the men's and women's work in the church.

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### YOUR LEADERS FOR ENRICHMENT

Rev. Lawrence D. Folkemer, Ph.D., Pastor of the Lutheran Church of the Reformation, Washington, D. C.

Rev. Ralph D. Hem, Ph.D., Professor, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Fred C. Wiegman, member of the executive board of the ULCW of the ULCA, worker in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Sarasota, Florida.

Mr. Howard L. Logan, Executive Secretary of the United Lutheran Church Men of the ULCA.

Rev. Robert J. Marshall, M.A., Professor, Chicago Lutheran Theological Seminary, Maywood, Illinois.

### SCHEDULE

- 7:00 AM—Arise
- 8:00 AM—Breakfast
- 9:00 AM—Bible Study and Pastor's Lecture
- 10:00 AM—Break
- 10:30 AM—ULCM and ULCW Workshops
- 11:30 AM—Free time (Bookstore open)
- 12:30 PM—Lunch
- 1:30 PM—Free time
- 5:30 PM—Dinner
- 7:30 PM—Vesper Service
- 8:30 PM—Free time
- 11:00 PM—To Bed

### THE COST

The total cost for three days is \$10.00. The total cost for the full week, from August 31, through August 6, 1960, is \$18.00.

A \$5.00 registration fee must accompany each reservation.

### SPECIAL INFORMATION

Take advantage of the opportunity of attending the conference for the whole week. It will be a benefit financially, physically, and most important of all, spiritually.

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Mrs. J. W. Remington  
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# Recreation

## Swimming

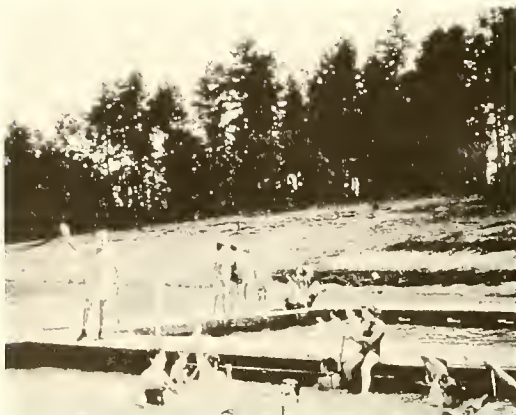
All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy. We do not want this to happen to any boy, girl, man or woman who comes to Lutheridge. Our afternoons afford ample time and opportunities for all to participate in some form of supervised recreation and fellowship. We have group games and individual activities; and the arrangement of these activities gives the small cabin groups with their counsellors an opportunity to mix and mingle with much larger groups. We are pleased to share some photos with you.



*Ready to hit the nice, cool, spring fed water in the lake.*



*A junior camper aiming for the bull's eye at the archery range.*



*"Uncle Dutch" Paul Holscher, rules supreme as the waterfront director.*



*Swimming could well be the most popular sport, both at the lake and at the pool.*

# Activities

## Crafts

CRAFTS, learning to make things, was a part of each afternoon's activities. This was true of the FIRST summer, even though our facilities were limited and cramped. Craft supplies and materials were for sale, and instead of buying something which another had made, everyone was encouraged to try their hand at creating, designing and making their "own thing" to take home.



**Lanyards** The teacher and the pupil engaged in a teaching-learning experience.



**Leather work** Many find pleasure and satisfaction in making a slide as well as many other items.

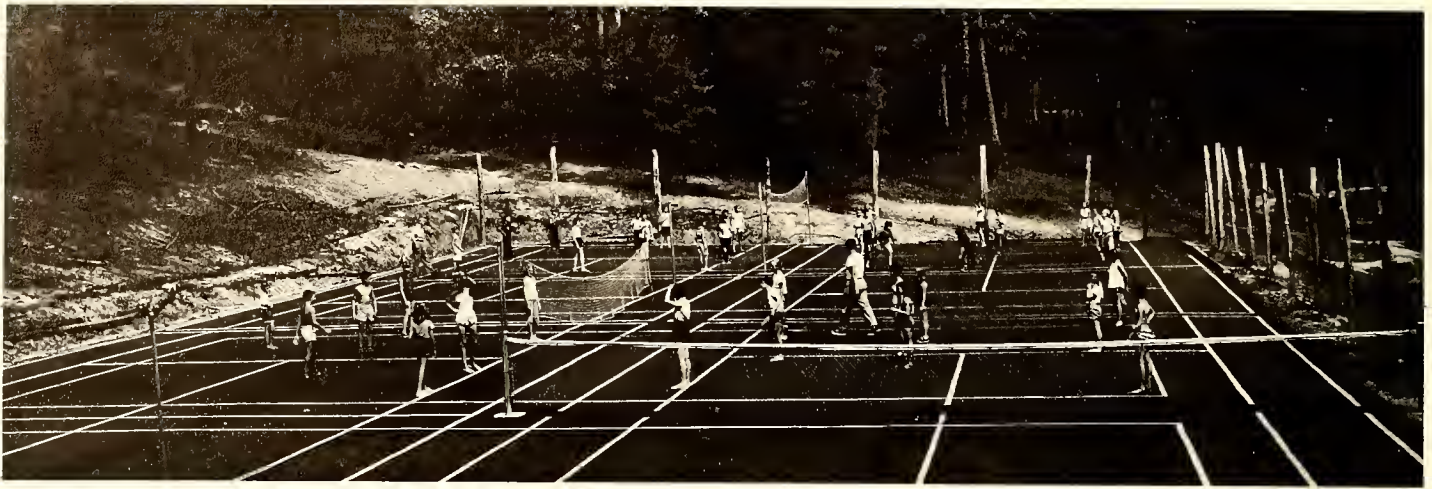


**Shells & beads** And what a lovely sight to behold.



**Marionett's** This art required imagination, skill and dexterity.

**Other** There were other craft activities under "Rec. Hall" and at other places. Then Beldt Craft arrived, providing many more activities. There was pottery, wood carving, and painting.



Net games on the all-weather play ground.



Summer Staffer Joe Holt and a group of campers on the Nature Trail.



Jane Pope and two friends have fun in the lake with "The Seagle", one of our canoes named in honor of Program Director Dr. Seagle (Robin).



Shuffle Board, and there are eight of these courts on the grounds.



Having some fun and frolic at Night's Doings at the "Rex" Hall.



# Campfire Ceremonies

## Altar of Dedication

At the conclusion of the Friday night entertainment by the staff, a member of the staff explained the ritual of the rock, dating back to ancient Biblical times. Each one was asked to select a rock or small stone picked up from the ground, and carried with them to Friendship Circle and on to the Altar of Dedication.

"What means these stones?"

Since earliest times man has used a stone or heaps of stones as a memorial to stand as a mark of endless endurance to a vow he has made, a covenant promise, or as a sign of some great event in his life. Gen. 28: 11-23.

But why such a cairn at Lutheridge? Why this heap of stones, now placed in an altar, with stones on either side? God wanted Israel to remember the loving care and tender mercy of her God and the vow she had made to Him. And we gave this Altar of Dedication at Lutheridge and in the tradition of Camp Nawaka, which was established by our Church as a pilot for those who followed in this same program of Leadership Training.

Those who came here, young and old alike, have had a mountain top experience. Their last night here in and through this beautiful ceremony, they endeavor to reaffirm that child-father relationship with God—and only God and each person who knelt here and placed his or her stone on the heap of stones knows what was said, or vow made or renewed.

We hope the photos which we are able to share with you will help you to catch something of the magnetism, and the strength which this service created in the lives of those who were participants.



*Two staff members leading the campers from the flag pole to Friendship Circle for the campfire ceremonies.*



*Friendship Circle*



*Joining the rolling procession, walking two by two, with those forming the lighted trail standing silently.*



*Kneeling, meditating, placing the stone on the heap.*



*Leaving the campfire, and walking up the lighted trail to drive to Chapel, and the Altar of Dedication.*



*Four staff members lighting the small fires.*



*Approaching the site.*



*Inez Seagle (Robin) lighting the large fire, using the ritual for lighting a fire.*

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## Circle of Love

The first Intermediate Camp, under the direction of Rev. Vernon Frazier, located a sight on the grounds and called it Friendship Circle or Circle of Love, and held the first Friday night Camp Fire at this location.

It was this group of campers that presented the picture of Christ and the Rich Young Ruler, which hangs in the outer office in Ebird Hall, IN MEMORY OF MY FATHER WHO DIED DURING THIS WEEK.

The sight was improved and expanded as the years went by, and an untold number of campers participated in this impressive ceremony around the camp fire. The ritual of lighting a fire was always a part of the program. Four persons were invited to light the four small fires, each saying, "I light this fire for the physical life; I light this fire for the mental life; I light this fire for the social life; I light this fire for the spiritual life."

As these fires gently and slowly burned, campers who had received a five year, ten year or a fifteen year attendance medallion spoke about their weeks at Lutheridge. Then the large central fire was lighted by Program Director Robin Seagle or another member of the staff and the following ritual was followed:

*"Kneel always when you light a fire;  
Kneel reverently and thankful be for God's unfalling majesty.  
Kneel always when you light a fire.  
Kneel always when you light a fire;  
And as the flames ascend the sky  
Know you that your "Great Chief" is standing by  
Kneel always as you light a fire;  
And as you sit beside your friend,  
Know you that your Savior will be with you to the end.  
Kneel always when you light a fire."*



*Altar of Dedication*

# Entertainment

Every night of each week was special at Lutheridge, but Sunday, Thursday and Friday nights took on a distinctive characteristic. Miss Winnie Butt, St. Matthews Lutheran Church, Charleston, S.C. was our chief resource person for two of these events.

Introducing the staff each Sunday night was very important for everyone. Each year "Miss Winnie", as she was affectionately called, came up with a new version for this introduction.

Our Friday nights had a two-fold emphasis. The permanent staff providing gala entertainment in the Lineberger Memorial Dining Hall. The impressive and never to be forgotten "Friday Night Camp Fires" at Friendship Circle and at the Trinity Tree concluding with the impressive service at the Altar of Dedication.

Kellers two have we this year, They're no kin neither far nor  
In office work they know everything, Class room bells they near,  
will always ring. Joyce, Joyce and Barbara,  
Ringers of the bell,  
Now Snoopy Lou had X-Ray eyes and she never minded the campers' sighs,  
She did her job and did it well, What score you get only she can tell,  
Snoopy, Snoopy Lou! Looking thru X-Ray eyes.  
Now Shirley came up from Charleston Town, She makes funny noises all  
Assists Snoopy Lou, has a funny accent, around,  
Her diaphragm is probably bent. Shirley, Shirley Keaton,  
With the peculiar accent,  
Working with Boy Scouts for 40 years, Now he's at Lutheridge helping  
Keeping us safe, from all harm, So our parents won't have us here,  
Dutch, Dutch Holscher, King of the Waterfront! /alarm,  
Been up at Lutheridge for summers two, Does most anything there is to  
Works in the dining hall in her spare time, Helps Robin /do,  
Keep things in line. Ardis, Ardis Miller,  
Robin's right-hand man!  
Chief of the waitresses is her main chore. You'll see her running in  
And out the door, Drink and food on the table she keeps,  
The gratitude of all for this she reaps,  
Sarah, Sarah Burns, Keep our tables full,  
Down on the Waterfront with Uncle Dutch, Jumping in the water and  
splashing it much, Helping keep all out of danger is he,  
This job makes him very busy. Jerry, Jerry Livinstone. Bring them  
back alive!  
A good ole southern boy with lots of spunk. Picks up garbage cans and  
burns the junk, Works in the dining hall with fellows three,  
No doubt about it, a handy man is he. Joe, Joe Holt, A handy man is  
he!  
Keeping the bookstore is quite a job, But Martha's calm amid the mob,  
The paper she puts out each week, Into Lutheridge news we take a peek.  
Martha, Martha Caldwell. Busy girl is she!  
Now little Anne's bout the size of a flea. Her singin' oughta keep us  
out of misery. She sings to the gals and to all the men, If she hits  
a wrong note she has to chase 'em in. Ann, Ann Cline, Musical girl  
is she.  
Sweeps the floor and washes the table, And anything else that he is  
watches out for everyone in his sight, All the time from able,  
morn to night, Gordon, Gordon Ward, Tallest man at Lutheridge!



Miss Winnie Butt

## Introduction of Staff

Thursday afternoon was "time off" for the kitchen staff and the time for the weekly "cook-out" for both Hill and Pioneer areas.

It was also time for those participating in Leadership or Conference to visit the Pioneer and Wilderness campsites.

The day came to a close with an inspiring vesper service at Lake Lewthorne. At Vesper Call, the Hill campers assembled as usual at the flag pole, and then silently walked two by two to the Lake, assembling on the side near the lodge; and at the same time those in the Pioneer area, having responded to the Vesper Call, gathered at the flag pole in the softball field and made their way walking silently, two by two to the opposite side of the lake.

The photo of one of these services, showing the group of Hill campers, gives one some idea of this impressive service of songs, scripture, prayer and a brief sermonette by different leaders.

The Motion Choir, consisting of a number of campers was often a special feature of this service, with the Lord's Prayer sung by one of the staff.



*Thursday night Vespers at Lake Lewthorne. A regular weekly worship experience.*



*Stone steps leading from Efir Hall to the Rec. Hall.*

*After a rainy day before we had these steps, it was very difficult to make one's way up that steep incline.*

# Newsletters

## Tel-a-Vision

Since our first joint Summer School for Church Workers held at Blue Ridge Assembly, Black Mountain N.C., TEL-A-VISION has been the weekly news media for reporting events of interest. The permanent staff and campers share some of their impressions and views found in some of the weekly issues.

### TEL-A-VISION STAFF

Editor, Mrs. S. L. Swing; Associates: Betsy Shealy, Joyce Keller, Ann Loflin, Jane Killian, Laura Shumpert, Marie Waller, Jean Nichols, Margaret Ridenhour, Deanna Eakor, Martha Mahler, Bill Trexler, Joe Holt, Linda Lucas, and Brad Redd.

Editor's note: ORCHIDS to all the Staff members for getting their assignments in and for the offers of help and work rendered.

### ENROLLMENT REACHES 197. REPRESENTS FOUR STATES

The July 22 - 28 Intermediate camp has an enrollment of 197. Of these, 61 are boys and 136, girls.

From where do they come? North Carolina, 118; South Carolina, 57; Georgia, 4; and Alabama, 10.

We understand from one Alabama member that many others would like to have come but their registrations came in after the camp was filled. Our advice: Plan now to attend Lutheridge next summer, and send your registration fee of \$5 now. The registrars would like to accommodate all who want to come but they can offer to you only what the supporting synods have provided. If you can't register early enough to get in, better get the synods busy providing more accommodations!

### FIVE-YEAR CAMPERS SPEAK AT CAMPFIRE

Those campers who have attended Lutheridge for five years since its beginning in 1951 told the campers what Lutheridge has meant to them at the Campfire ceremonies Friday night.

Those speaking were: Brad Redd, Lexington, S. C.; Kenny Counts and Betty Moore Chase, Charlotte; Mary Dean Lentz, Spartanburg, Janice Summers and Ginger Black, Cherryville; Betty Roof, Columbia; Ronald Clodfelder, Troutman; and Margaret Ridenhour, Asheville. Betsy Shealy, permanent staff member, led the campfire meditation.

All emphasized the ways in which their experiences have helped them in their spiritual growth.

### CAMPERS NOTE LUTHERIDGE ADDITIONS

"What a difference a year makes" could well be the theme song of this year's campers.

"Night's Doings" made good use of the new Lakeside Pavilion with half of the groups reporting there for folk plays and others to the "Rec" Hall for relays. In the past all campers had to crowd into the "Rec" Hall at one time. The pavilion was built through gifts of Mrs. Thadd Harrison, Charlotte.

Those working on crafts noticed the surfaced floor, provided for by the N. C. Luther League.

The 1955 campers returned to find the surfaced tennis and volleyball courts toward which they contributed last year.

Mission Hall, a United Lutheran Church Women project of the women in the Lutheridge-supporting synods, makes an ideal assembly spot. It was especially appreciated when campers had to turn around on the trail to the Temple of Silence because of the rain. Drenched campers must have uttered a prayer of thankfulness for this refuge.

Roses, given by Mrs. Power, Parr, S. C., and Jackson-Perkins, Neward, N.Y., have been planted in beautiful rose gardens. Hydrangeas and other plantings on the highway frontage and the drive up from the main entrance gate were given by the Thornburgs.

Campers share in the disappointment which Mr. Beach Keller and Mr. Grover Frady, caretaker and grounds supervisor, recently experienced. They had approximately 65 pheasants which they planned to let roam the (See IMPROVEMENTS, page 4)

### IMPROVEMENTS

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assembly grounds, but weasels left only a few.

Countless other improvements have been made, giving evidence of (as LUTHERAN's Editor Ruff stated) "the results of his (Dr. Thornburg's) genius and devotion in leading this work... (and of) how strongly and imaginatively the Southern synods have supported the work."

Staff members are agreed that one of the most helpful additions is the automatic washing machine in the staff cabin.

### CAMPFIRE SERVICE

"What will you do with this Jesus who is called the Christ?" asked Betsy Shealy in her campfire devotions. She challenged each camper to make the right decision.

She pointed out the decision Pilate made nearly 2,000 years ago. Instead of asking those who were in a position to guide him correctly, he heeded the cries of the mob.

"Christ confronts us as we depart," she said. "Make your heart an altar. It won't be easy." As examples of those who had chosen the way of Christ, she told of the lad with the barley loaves, Timothy, Albert Sweitzer and David Livingston.

She emphasized that for each camper the hour of decision was at midnight--when they knelt at the altar of dedication. She concluded with the quotation:

"I expect to pass through this world but once. Any good thing, therefore, that I can do or any kindness I can show to any fellow man being, let me do it now. Let not defer or neglect it, for I will not pass this way again."

### NIGHT'S DOINGS

This week's Night's Doings found Groups A, B, and C enjoying Folk and Square Dancing on Monday night while Groups D, E, and F had relays. The Dumb Bunnies won first place in the relays and the Spiders and Flattops tied for second.

Monday night's program was reversed on Wednesday night and relay winners were the Devils, first place; the Earth Angels, second; and the Mousekateers, third.

Following Thursday night's cook-out, Units C and D tied for first place in the skits. Unit C were Dutchmen and Unit D, Mexicans. Cabin 3, with their Irish production from "Midsummer Night's Dream," came in second; and Cabin 2, with the Indian version of the 23rd Psalm, third.

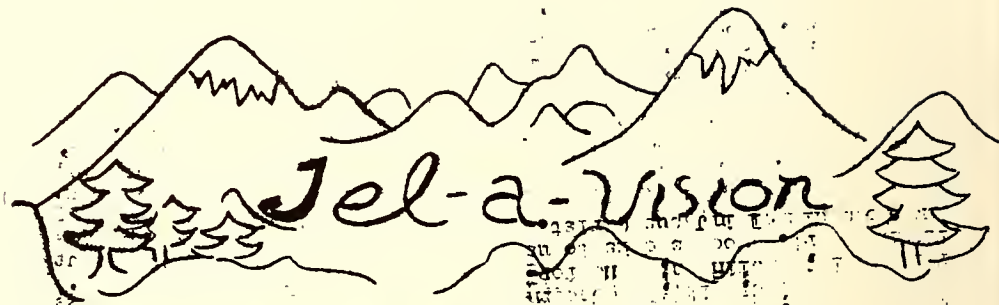
# Introducing The Lutheridge Family!

Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Thornburg as  
Mama and Daddy Lutheridge (since  
1951).

- Big brothers and sisters:  
Shirley (after-newn) Keaton,  
Charleston, S. C.  
Doris (Freckles) Shook, Stanley,  
N. C.  
Martha (Woll, now) Hawley, Stanley,  
N. C.  
Barbara (Bingo) Kollar, Rock Hill,  
S. C.  
Joyce (Keon Eye) Keller, Arden,  
N. C.  
Mary Lou (That'll be the day)  
Wyrick, Gibsonville, N. C.  
Linda (Rock-om Lizzy) Atkins,  
Hickory, N. C.  
Miriam (Woo-woo) Elcazer, Orange-  
burg, S. C.  
Melba and Joe (Ball and chain)  
Holt, Mt. Airy Seminary,  
Philadelphia, Pa.  
Betsy (Lights out, girls) Shealy,  
Batesburg, S. C.  
Sarah (Let's sing) Huddle, Salis-  
bury, N. C.  
Frankie (Lost trunks) McArver,  
Gastonia, N. C.  
Carolyn (Walhalla) Todd, Walhalla,  
S. C.  
Paul (Uncle Dutch) Holscher,  
Rocky Mount, N. C.  
Chad (Dreamboat) Mitchel, Hickory,  
N. C.  
Ralph (Where's Sarah) Wallace,  
Concord, N. C.  
Jerry (Papa) Hollar, Faith, N.C.  
(Big) John Cline, Concord, N. C.  
Mrs. (Aunt Sunny) Summers, Spart-  
anburg, S. C.  
Mrs. (Mama Mac) McArver, Gastonia,  
N. C.  
Mrs. (Girls, get quiet) Mayer,  
Newberry, S. C.  
Among the visiting aunts, uncles,  
and cousins are:  
Rev. Luther Fulmer, Ebenezer, China  
Grove, N. C.  
Rev. Marien Rhodon, Mission De-  
veloper, Greenville, S. C.  
Miss Ella Jane Shealy, Little  
Mountain, S. C.  
Mrs. Sadie Sloan, Ebenezer, China  
Grove, N. C.

- Miss Jean Camblo, St. John's,  
Salisbury, N. C.  
Miss Mary Wisco, St. Peter's, Salis-  
bury, N. C.  
Miss Ann Cline, Holy Trinity, Gas-  
tonia, N. C.  
Rev. and Mrs. Keith J. Boam, Good  
Shepherd, Brevard, N. C.

And to all the little brothers  
and sisters, a big invitation to  
the family reunion during Junior  
week of 1957!



## GREETINGS TO CAMPERS AND STAFF!

This week brings to a close  
our 16th camping season, and it  
has been a good summer all the  
way. We have had splendid par-  
ticipation by campers and all of  
our leaders. Our total attendance  
will most likely climb to an all  
high. We hope you will keep a  
place in your prayers and your  
plans for Lutheridge. May Christ  
be at the center of your life,  
then you will grow and develop  
into the kind of manhood and  
womanhood He wills for all of us.

GOOD CAMPING ALWAYS!

J. Lewis Thornburg  
(Daddy Lutheridge)  
1966

## TO ALL OF YOU

CAMPERS, I know that you have  
had a "glorious" week here at  
Lutheridge. Today, we shall all  
go our different ways--yet we will  
be bound together in the Master's  
name. I ask you to make use of  
what you have learned and be  
helpful when you go home.

"Tis good, Lord to be here!  
Yet we may not remain;  
But since Thou bidst us  
leave the mount,  
Come with us to the plain."

Mrs. J. V. Long  
Program Director

## SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

You give but little when you  
give of your possessions, but  
you truly give when you give of  
yourself.

## WOMEN OF HOURS

It's a full-time effort  
to miss the business of our own,  
Folks on every side will thank us,  
Just for leaving theirs alone.

And we'll find more time for  
Thinking  
'Bout the good that we might do  
For a fellow really needing  
A little help to see him through.



## LUTHERAN BOY SCOUT RETREAT

The Fifteenth Annual Lutheridge  
Retreat is being held on August  
19, 20, and 21 in the Pioneer  
Camping area. There will be  
approximately 350 boy scouts  
coming from 25 to 30 troops.  
The majority of the scouts come  
from North Carolina and the  
rest from Charleston and Columbia,  
South Carolina.

The leaders are: Mr. Joe  
Bland, Camp Director; Mr. Aubrey  
Mauney, Director of Scouting in  
North Carolina; and The Reverend  
Paul Rimmer, Devotional Speaker.  
LUTHERIDGE GIVES TO YOU A  
HEARTY WELCOME.

## JUDY FORD

The Luther League of America  
elected Judy Ford as its first  
girl president in the 62 years'  
history of the organization. The  
Convention is now in session in  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Miss Ford, former Vice-pres-  
ident and President of the Luther  
League of North Carolina, is from  
Cherryville, N. C., and a rising  
senior at Lenoir Rhyne College.

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# Spiritual Experiences

**Nourishing the Devotional Life** We begin the day with God, and we end the day with Him. Someone once remarked about the quality of the spiritual atmosphere which characterized the place. At the Vesper call everyone moves quietly and reverently toward the flag pole, arranging themselves in ranks of two by two, and waits for the the leaders to begin the trail to where the service is scheduled for that day. Dr. Seagle suggests, "We talk with one another during the day—vesper trails allows us time to talk with God."

Sometimes the vesper trail leads to Whisnant Memorial Chapel, the Temple of Silence, the Altar of Peace, the Shepherd Stone terrace, the Lawn to the rear of Efird Hall, the beautiful stone terrace to the rear of Efird Hall made possible with funds supplied by the S.C. United Lutheran Church Women, and on and on the trails lead.

Someone has said "Altar fires are here kindled, and kept aglow in the valley and along the heights. The Vesper service affords light at eventide. There is girding for a new day at MORNING WATCH. There is the prompting of high hopes at the Lakeside Vespers. To be in the mountains with the Master—there is nothing like it!"



*Vespers to rear of Efird*



*The Altar of Peace*



*Morning watch and daily devotions were a regular part of life at Lutheridge. Linda Nichols, Sanford, N.C. is the camper.*



*The Lutheridge Cross at Lake Thorne.*



# Boy Scouts

## 1951 Boy Scouts and Lutheran Men

Lutheran Boy Scouts and Leaders Schott and Johnson from the Northern District of the N.C. Lutheran Synod spent a week on the grounds in 1950 near the intersection of Laurel Circle at Alpha Village. A short time thereafter in 1951, they held a Scout Retreat in the woods across from the Wilderness Camp under the direction of Mr. Aubrey Mauney, Director of Scouting for N.C. Lutheran Brotherhood, along with Mr. Beach Keller and Roger Adkins. This event has taken place each summer and countless number of Scouts have had a rewarding experience.



Flag lowering ceremonies.

### Ninth Annual

### Lutheridge Scout Retreat

Arden, N. C.

August 19, 20, 21, 1960



All Lutheran Scouts are called together for the annual round up and program for three days jammed with fun, work and inspiration.

Beautiful wooded camp sites on lake in special area reserved for Scout Troops with leaders. Water, sanitary facilities and wood for camp fires provided. (Bring your own axe.) Daily delivery of bread and dairy products. Troops may buy what they need. Drinks and candy at Camp Post Cooking shelters available.

DR. J. LEWIS THORNBERG, Director Lutheridge  
AUBREY MAUNEY, Director Scouting  
JOE BLAND, Retreat Director  
A. C. BOWMAN, Director Activities  
REV. CLAUDE V. DEAL, Chaplain

### SCOUT RETREAT

All Lutheran sponsored troops are invited. This includes Scouts and Explorers who are members of other religious groups but members of Lutheran sponsored troops. Lutheran Scouts in non-Lutheran troops may join up with Lutheran Troops. Scouters and families may find rooms in Lodge or motels nearby and meals at Lutheridge dining room.

### WHAT TO BRING

- 1—Staple and canned food for all meals.
- 2—Each unit will be expected to bring all equipment needed for three day camp — tents, cook gear, etc.
- 3—All units bring troop flags to be placed in Avenue of Flags.
- 4—Personal equipment is optional except each person attending Lutheridge Retreat should bring suitable clean clothes for changes — a uniform for ceremonies and Sunday Service.
- 5—Come prepared for three day camp.
- 6—You may want to bring emblem, souvenirs, etc., to trade with other Scouts. (It's fun.)
- 7—Swimming suit and towels.
- 8—Buglers bring their bugles, Drummers bring their drums.

### SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

Registration fee, \$1.00, for each adult and Scout should be mailed no later than August 10th.

JOE BLAND  
Director Scout Activities  
91 Arthur Road  
Asheville, N. C.

Beautiful Retreat Emblem will be presented to each Scout and Scouter registered. Registration covers this and general conference camp, clean up, etc.

Indicate on application letter Troop No. Sponsoring Institution, Address, Names of Adult Leaders, Names and Ages each Scout.

Your co-operation by getting this information in will help make a better program.

### COME PREPARED

Each Troop should come prepared to present a skit or stunt at the Camp Fire Program. On arrival present outline or plans to Director Activities for approval.

### SPECIAL AWARDS

- Best Skit or Stunt
- Best Scout Craft Exhibit
- Cleanest Camp Site

### PROGRAM

Friday, August 19

Arrive at Lutheridge  
Check in — Camp sites assigned  
Supper

7:00 P. M.

Scoutmasters, Explorer Advisors and Senior Patrol Leaders Conference.

8:30 P. M.

Camp Fire Ceremony — All units  
Welcome to Lutheridge  
Drama  
Devotional Closing Service—

10:30 P. M.

Taps

Saturday, August 20th

6:00 Reveille

6:00-8:00 Breakfast and Clean-up

8:05-8:30 Flag Raising and Assembly

8:30-9:00 Leaders Meeting

9:00 Camporee Events, Recreation, and Swimming.

12:30-2:00 Lunch and Rest Period

2:00-5:00 Camporee Events, Recreation and Swimming.

5:00-7:45 Supper and clean-up

7:45 Assembly Call

8:00 Skits and Stunts

Devotion Closing Service—

10:30 Taps

### A SCOUT IS REVERENT



LUTHERIDGE CHAPEL

### SUNDAY RALLY

August 21, 1960

6:00 Reveille

7:00-8:00 Breakfast

8:20 Assembly and present colors

8:30 March to Lake

8:45 Sunday School at Lake  
Dr. J. L. Thornburg—Teacher

9:45 Worship Service  
Sermon: "Onward for God"

Rev. Claude V. Deal

12:05 Lunch and break camp

The leaflet for the Ninth Annual Retreat will record something of the type of program which these scouts and their leaders have shared.



*Sunday School held at the Lakeside each Sunday morning before going in silent procession to the Chapel for Sunday worship.*



*The patch Issued each season.*

*"A long road from boyhood to manhood. It is vitally important what happens between here & there . . . now and then."*

*Scouting is concerned with the in-between—knowing that much care must be given NOW if God is to have a worker TOMORROW.*



*The trail up the hill to Whisnant Chapel for Sunday Worship.*



*Building a signal tower.*

# Lodging

## Luther Lodge

A Lutheran Summer Assembly should have a building named for Luther. The building was designed by the architect to serve as an apartment for the Executive Director and his family during the summer months. At a later date it would be headquarters for the Program Director.

The unit provides lodging for sixty-four persons, having two sections with connecting bathroom facilities; a long porch connecting this unit with another, divided by two rooms with private bath; the second unit is similar to the first, and to the left with a small porch and three bedrooms with a group bathroom. Contributions received from Sunday Schools throughout the owning synods was used in paying for the cost of constructing this building.



*Two girls in one of the cottages*



*The porch and entrance into Luther Lodge.*



*The east wing of Luther Lodge.*

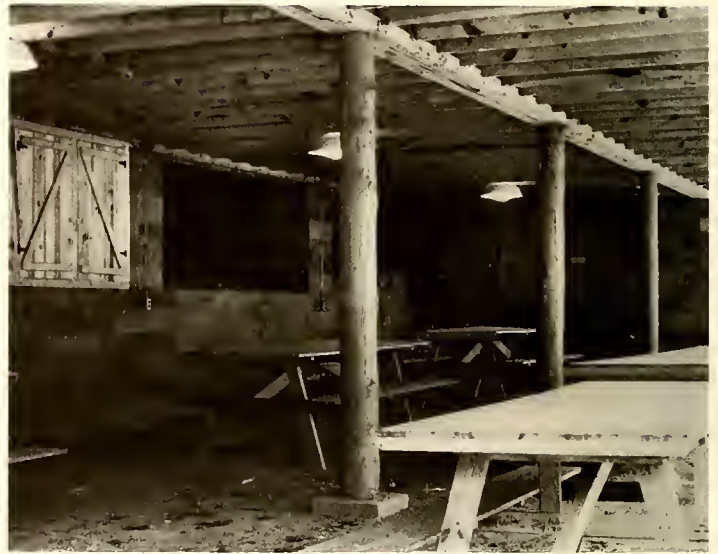
# PASS IN REVIEW! -- For Lutheridge

(A program about Lutheridge  
prepared by Betty Rice especially for South Carolina Luther Leaguers.)

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## SUGGESTIONS TO LEADER:

The devotions for this program are built around learning and teaching since that is what Lutheridge will be used for.



## A Pageant

Those Luther Leaguers, young people of the owning synods, full of adventure, enthusiasm, dedication, and generosity, joined in a "Penny parade for Lutheridge". A pageant, written by Miss Betty Rice, and presented at many different locations and occasions, raised funds to construct this recreational building known as "Rec. Hall"—a needed and functional structure, provided accommodations for a variety of events during any given week at Lutheridge. A large spacious assembly on the first floor with a large stone chimney at the east end and large open windows around the entire building, made an ideal gathering place for night's doings. Restrooms and a snack bar were also on the first floor and tables and equipment for a diversified craft program. Hats off to the Luther Leaguers.

The Luther League Committee for this building had met at Lutheridge and on the way to our home in Hickory going down Old Fort Mountain, Jeanette Coyner asked me to offer a prayer of thanksgiving for the success of our project. Others may have forgotten this, but I have not; for this was the first time I offered a prayer under similar circumstances.

## 1951 Six Family Type Cottages

Provisions were made for lodging in six FAMILY TYPE COTTAGES, which were built with funds provided by the following:

1. Ketner Cottage by Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Ketner, Sr., Salisbury, N.C.
2. The Shenk Memorial Cottage, given by Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Mauney, Kings Mountain, N.C., as a Memorial for Mrs. Mauney's father and mother, the Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Shenk of Greensboro, N.C., long time participants and supporters of Lutheran Summer School for Church Workers.
3. The Hal Aderholdt Memorial Cottage, given by Mr. Miles Aderholdt, Henry River, N.C., in MEMORY of his brother Hal Aderholdt.
4. The Cansler Cottage, given by Mrs. Ernest Cansler, Lincolnton, N.C.
5. The Barger Cottage, given by Mr. Paul Barger, Statesville, N.C.
6. The Fox Cottage given by Mr. Carl Fox and Mr. Luther Moss of Hickory, N.C., a long time friend and neighbor of Chairman Whisnant.

Mr. Eckard, brother-in-law of Chairman Whisnant was the contractor for these six units.



*The Ketner Cottage.*



*The Hal Aderholdt Memorial Cottage.*

## 1952 Caretaker's Residence

The Caretaker's Residence was the first year-round facility to be erected on the Assembly Grounds and was first occupied by Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Coon. Most of the framing materials for the dwelling were provided by Mr. John Beam, Cedar Grove Lutheran Church. Many others provided various kinds of materials, such as roofing, nails, windows and money. In later years when occupied one week during Senior Citizens Week by Dr. and Mrs. R. A. Goodman, the residence was named "Merry Knoll".

The residence was located near the main entrance for protective reasons.

The Coons occupied Aderholdt Cottage while the building was being erected.

The Board of Trustees hired Mr. Grover Frady whose home and property was adjacent to land owned by the Assembly to serve as a non-resident caretaker. His salary was paid by the treasurer of the Corporation. Mr. Coon and Mr. Frady worked as a team, with Mr. Frady's responsibilities being much more extensive. Grover, as he was known to all of us, had a green thumb and much of the beautification, the shrubs, the rose gardens, the hydraniums, the care of the forest, the cleaning and care of buildings, all of these and much, much more, including repairs, both electrical and plumbing could classify Mr. Grover as a "handy-man plus". All of us owe a lot to this one individual.

When Mr. and Mrs. Coon retired, the trustees enlarged the caretaker's residence and hired Mr. Herbert Volkert to fill the vacancy. Mr. and Mrs. Volkert and their two children, Pam and Danny moved into the residence the early part of the 60's.



*Mr. and Mrs. Coon*

## 1952 Leadership Hall

The name "Leadership Hall" was given to this building to focus attention on the top priority for establishing Lutheridge, namely, *LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR THE ENTIRE Church family*. How many times the word got around, "We are not establishing another college or theological seminary here".

This is the only two-story structure in the master plans. It was planned for lodging with a variety of room arrangements. There are single rooms with adjoining bath; private rooms with bath; double rooms with adjoining bath; and one large room, accommodating eight or more persons.

Furnishings for all of the rooms in the unit were given by individuals and so marked, and if as a memorial, so marked.

A large number of friends provided funds for furnishing the bedrooms, some as gifts honoring or IN MEMORY of loved ones. Mr. Ralph Bowman of Hickory Chair Company made a very generous gift of beautiful, upholstered chairs for a number of the bedrooms.

Small plates on each door designates the one who provided for the furnishings.



*Rev. J. Virgil Long, assisting Miss Marie Heinsohn up the steps.*



**1952  
Beam Cottage**

This was the first cottage built by Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Lincolnton, N.C., and used by members and friends for a number of years became available for sale. It was purchased by the Board of Trustees with funds which had been given over the years by Mr. Dewey Beam of St. John's Lutheran Church, Cherryville, and is now named "Beam Cottage." Mr. Beam was likewise a consistent contributor to the car and truck fund which Mr. E. J. Sox, St. Andrews, Hickory had spearheaded from the beginning of Lutheridge.



**1953  
Gosler Cottage**

This cottage was built and owned by the Dr. K. W. Kinard Family of Columbia, S.C. After the formation of the Lutheran Church in America, synodical presidents were encouraged to own their own homes and so the Kinard cottage at Lutheridge was offered for sale.

The Board of Trustees purchased the residence and used it for a number of seasons for overflow groups. The Trustees took favorable action to call an associate for Pastor Thornburg. When the Rev. Dexter Moser accepted the call, this dwelling was enlarged. Mr. Deems Haltiwanger who owned the adjoining lot donated this to the Assembly to effect the expansion. Funds for the initial purchase of the cottage by Lutheridge were provided by gifts through the years by Mr. J. W. Gosler, St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, Lenoir, N.C., and was later named the "Gosler Cottage." The Mosers only occupied the residence for a few years.





**H & H Cottage**  
**Carla Cottage**

Additional lodging space was made available to Lutheridge by long-time participants and supporters of the Church's Christian Leadership Training Program on a synodical level as well as the joint efforts of the owning synods. The two dwellings, located between Luther Lodge and Leadership Hall were given by friends in Columbia, S.C., and were named the "H & H" and the "Carlan cottages respectively from right to left.



*Carla Cottage given by Mrs. Carrie Wisepape and Miss Laura Haltiwanger.*

*H and H Cottage*

## 1953 Whisnant Chapel

This attractive building of wood and stone stands as a symbol of the devotional life which is cultivated and deepened during one's stay here.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence L. Whisnant gave the building as a memorial for their daughter, Doris. The Chapel was formally opened for worship Sunday afternoon, June 14, 1953. The Rev. Dwight Conrad, pastor of Bethany Lutheran Church, Hickory, read the lessons and offered prayers.

The Rev. S. White Rhyne, Executive Secretary of the Parish and Church School Board of the ULCA, delivered the sermon on "From whence cometh our help?"

The offertory solo, the 81st Psalm was rendered by the Rev. Douglas Fritz, pastor of Mt. Hebron Lutheran Church, Hildebran. The Act of Dedication was led by Executive Director Thornburg.

A number of donors provided furnishings for the Chapel: 6, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

At a later date an Allen organ was donated by Mr. and Mrs. J. Rankin Parks in honor of their daughter, Serena. An organ recital was given at the time of the dedication.



*Exterior of Chapel.*



*Worshippers in Chapel.*



*An interior view.*



*At Dedication of organ.*

FORMAL OPENING  
OF  
LUTHERIDGE CHAPEL

June 14, 1953

3:30 P.M.

We are most happy to welcome each of you to this formal opening of our beautiful Chapel. We hope you will become a part of the company who come regularly to Lutheridge for the purpose of improving your leadership skills; and sharing in the experience of Christian community living.

AN INVITATION AND A CHALLENGE!

We invite you to note some of the immediate needs of Lutheridge:

1. For the Chapel: An organ, a Piano; Alms Basin; a Credence Bracket; Clergy Stalls; Paraments for Altar, along with Markers for Pulpit and Lectern; Common Service Books.
2. Main Entrance Gate.
3. Additional Funds for furnishing new "Dorm." \$150.00 furnishes a room.
4. Craft Lodge.

We challenge you to consider some of these needs as an investment opportunity in Christian Leadership.

LUTHERIDGE

A Southern Lutheran Church Center For:

- Lutheran Leadership Training.
- United Useful Vacationing.
- Timely Conferences.
- Helpful Associations.
- Enriching Experiences.
- Religious Instruction.
- Inspiring Leaders.
- Devotion to the Church.
- Guiding Youth.
- Extending the Kingdom of God.

Lutheridge—Has as its chief purpose the training of Christian leaders.  
An Investment in Lutheridge TODAY is an investment in the Christian Leadership of Tomorrow



This beautiful building is a gift of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Whisnant, Hickory, N. C. It stands here among the other lovely and imposing buildings as a symbol of the devotional life of Lutheridge. We acknowledge anew our deep and abiding appreciation of this generous contribution.

THE SERVICE

Prelude—"Variations On A Theme By Handel"  
Martha Thornburg

Brahms

The Act of Dedication

Rev. J. Lewis Thornburg

Hymn 138—"O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing."  
Versicles and Response:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.  
Amen.  
Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
Who made heaven and earth.

How amiable are Thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts!  
My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord.  
His foundation is in the holy mountains.

The Lord loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of  
Jacob.

I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the  
Lord.

Our feet shall stand within Thy gates, O Jerusalem.  
Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it.

Except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.

Gloria Patri

Sung By All

The Scripture Lessons and Prayer  
Pastor, Bethany Lutheran Church, Hickory, N. C.

The Act of Dedication.

Hymn 199—"I Love Thy Zion, Lord."

The Sermon—"From Whence Cometh Our Help?" Rev. S. W. Rhyme, D.D.  
Executive Secretary, The Parish Education Board, Philadelphia, Pa.

The Offering. (The offering will be used for erecting the main entrance gate).  
The Offertory Solo—"Ninety-First Psalm"  
Pastor, Mount Hebron Lutheran Church, Hildebran, N. C.

The Prayer  
Executive Director of Lutheridge

Hymn 198—"The Church's One Foundation."  
Benediction.

Postlude—"Ein' Feste Burg Ist Unser Gott"

Each

The Chapel: Given by Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Whisnant, to the glory of God and in MEMORY of their daughter, Doris.  
Bless and sanctify this House, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Look graciously, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, on this House which we have reared to Thy glory and for the use of Thy people. Grant that they who gather here in Thy name may be enlightened, comforted and strengthened by Thy manifold gifts of grace, and made meet for the inheritance of Thy saints in light.

Grant that Thy Word may ever be preached here in its purity and fullness, to the joy and edifying of Thy believing people, and to the deliverance of burdened souls from sin.

Grant that they who shall partake at this Altar of the Holy Sacrament of the Body and Blood given for their redemption may receive into penitent and believing hearts the promise of forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. Amen.

The Pulpit Bible: Given by Rev. and Mrs. J. Lewis Thornburg to the glory of God and in HONOR of their mothers.  
Bless and dedicate he this Bible, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Lectern Bible: Given by Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Kaufman to the glory of God.  
Bless and dedicate he this Bible, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Altar Cross: Given by the members of "The Little A-hram" of the Southeast, to the glory of God, and in MEMORY of Marvin Shoaly, Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Altar Desk: Given by their children, to the glory of God, and in MEMORY of Charles and Virginia Myers.  
Bless and dedicate he this Altar Desk, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Altar Desk Book: Given by Martha Thornburg, to the glory of God, and in HONOR of her mother.  
Bless and dedicate he this Book, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Flower Vases and Candle Holders: Given by Mrs. Vance Jenkins and children, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Sharpe, to the glory of God, and in MEMORY of Vance Jenkins.  
Bless and dedicate he these Flower Vases and Candle Holders, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.



The attractive Main Entrance Gate, of wood and stone, is completed. This project was made possible through contributions of campers and other interested friends during the summers of 1953 and 1954. May all those who enter find rich blessings in Christian Community Living. The wrought iron gates were given by Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Fisher, Granite Quarry, N.C.

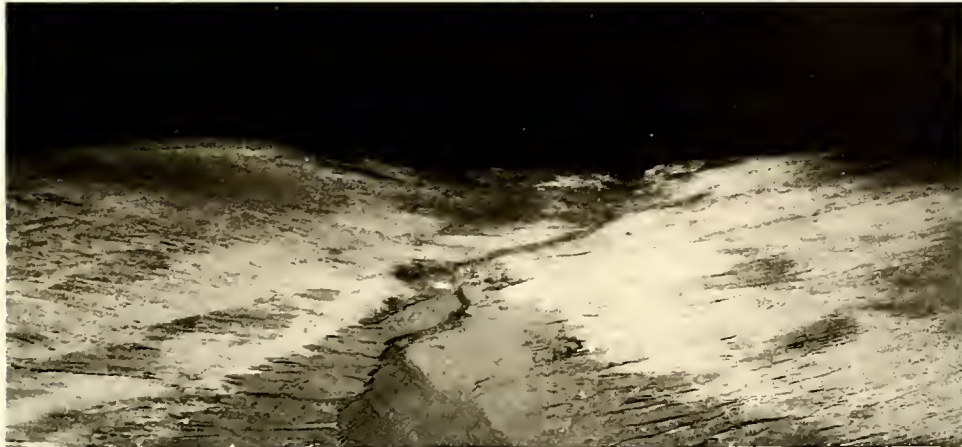
THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA 231 MADISON AVENUE NEW YORK 16, N. Y.	9786	New York, N. Y.,	March	7	19	57	
	Received of ***** LUTHERIDGE ASSEMBLY *****						
	Arden, North Carolina						
	----- ONE HUNDRED FIFTY 00/100 ----- <sup>100</sup> Dollars						
	Contribution by campers last summer for the camping program in Argentina,						
	in recognition of Pastor N. Earl Townsend, who spent some time w/ in 1955						
\$ 150.00		<i>J. E. Fisher</i>					

Another project of the campers

Someone said, "Camping without swimming is not camping." We think the seniors in this photo would agree. They had to be transported to Royal Pines Swimming Pool during their first week at Lutheridge. These and others had to wait patiently until funds were available for the construction of our own lake on Kimsey Creek.

Several strong springs at the foot of Crescent Hills supplied the water and as years passed the banks of the stream became matted with vines and many small trees, all of which had to be cleared before the contractor would come in with his equipment. Grover Frady, R.A. Coon, Mr. Jones and his faithful and gentle horse and myself, performed this time-consuming and difficult task.

Mr. Ray Kluttz, Organ Lutheran Church had the contract to clear the basin of deep sediment and then to haul in dirt to build the dam which provides a foundation for the sewer and water lines as well as impounding the water for the lake.



*The cleared basin, with Kimsey's water slowly flowing.*



*Group of swimmers at Royal Pines swimming pool.*



*The dam completed and the basin began filling.*



*Sand was hauled in and spread for a beach for beginners.*



*The completed job with Grover's hydrangeas adding beauty.*

# 1956 Mission Hall

United Lutheran Church Women of the owning synods, supporters and participants in the programs and activities at Lutheridge, provided funds with which to erect this beautiful, unique and functional building located between Ebird Hall and the Whisnant Memorial Chapel. The gifts were to honor and memorialize missionaries who had gone out of the area to serve the Church in its worldwide ministry.


It was called "MISSION HALL" for it was to stand as a constant symbol of world missions. A large assembly with a stage and platform up front, a porch extending across the east side, a powder room, the conference room with rustic stone fireplace, a small kitchen, two finished bedrooms with connecting bath furnished by Mrs. Doris Thornburg and Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Cannon, where returning missionaries and guests from foreign lands could be accommodated and another twin bedroom which served temporarily as a class room. A porch from the main entrance extended to the end of the building. There was a prayer room, rest rooms and a storage unit with a concrete floor extending the full length of the unit and was used for classes and group meetings.

In the foyer is a statue of the Christ with extended arms, inviting all to come unto Him—and around this octagonal arrangement were the words of the Great Commission. The statue was a gift of the United Church Women of St. Barnabas Lutheran Church, Charleston, S.C.

The presidents of the owning synods, along with the Executive Director, participated in the dedication ceremonies with Mrs. John B. Moose, President of the United Lutheran Church Women delivering the dedicatory message. She said in part, "The purpose for which this building has been designed and given is that all who come here may catch a vision. Go into all the world and as they come into contact with our missionaries and nationals, this will enable us to see that we are all brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus."

*Formal Opening  
and  
Dedication of  
Mission Hall*

Lutheridge, Arden, N. C.  
JULY 6th, 1956 — 3:00 P.M.



*This beautiful and functional building is a gift to Lutheridge by the United Lutheran Church Women of North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia-Alabama Synods. It stands as a symbol of the missionary zeal and outreach of our southern Lutheran Church. We acknowledge again our deep and abiding appreciation for this generous contribution.*



Left to right: Mrs. J. B. Moose, Thornburg, Kinard, Conrad.





## 1957 Pioneer Camp

Boy Scout Retreats under the sponsorship of North Carolina Men had grown and expanded over the years. These men provided funds with which to build a number of permanent shelters in an area near Lake Lewthorne, and later to be designated as "Pioneer Camp". Funds were provided by this same group of men to erect a number of lean-tos across the lake in an area to be marked, "Outdoor Camping" with bathrooms and shower facilities for both men and women.

Lodging facilities on "the Hill" were being taxed and many were being turned away from some of the summer sessions. A Lutheran layman, H. D. Nilson, Walterboro, S.C., approached me at a meeting of the Lutheran Synod of South Carolina being held that year in Charleston. "Pastor Thornburg, by the time our people get their reservations sent we are advised that there are no vacancies. What can we do to change this?" Our response was prompt and simple, "Provide some money to erect cabins in the Pioneer Camp area." Mr. Nilson was equally prompt and with his gifts, the first cabin was built. The word spread and friend after friend came forward with support and we are pleased to list their names herewith. In addition to Mr. Nilson:

- Mr. and Mrs. Peter Schaefer, Church of the Ascension, Savannah, Georgia.
- Schroder Cabin given in loving memory of their Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claus Schroder, and an uncle, Herman Schroder by Lillie Schroder Schwalbe and Annie Schroder Sisichlo, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Savannah, Ga.
- Hugh E. Fritts, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Hickory, N.C.
- J. E. Fisher, Wittenberg Lutheran Church, Granite Quarry, N.C.
- Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Tiece, Kimball Memorial Lutheran Church, Kannapolis, N.C.
- Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Goodman, St. John's Lutheran Church, Salisbury, N.C.
- Mr. H. D. Fry, Sr., St. Stephens Lutheran Church, Hickory, N.C.
- Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Ketner, Sr., St. John's Lutheran Church, Salisbury, N.C.



Boy Scout Shelters



Mary Wise (counsellor) and Mary Kopin (camper)



Bishop Hans Lilje speaking to campers

**1958  
Lakeside  
Pavillion**

Invitations and announcements were sent out to members and friends that the lake and Lakeside Pavillion had been finished and in use, and it was time for the Dedication Ceremonies. This celebration took place on July 3, 1958 at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Mrs. Thad Harrison, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Charlotte provided funds for both facilities and requested that the lake be called "Lake Lewthorne". Her request is preserved in her own handwriting.

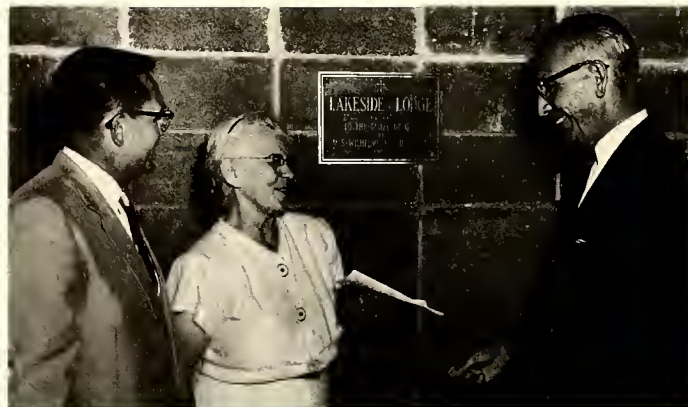
The Board of Trustees  
of  
Lutheridge Assembly Grounds  
cordially invites the membership of the owning Synods  
and friends to attend the dedication services of  
The Lake and Lakeside Pavillion  
on Wednesday afternoon, July 30th.,  
at two thirty o'clock  
Please announce to congregation

*Lake Lewthorne*

The Service of Dedication  
for  
Lake Lewthorne  
and  
Lakeside Lodge  
Lutheridge Assembly  
Grounds  
Two Thirty O'clock  
1958  
Presiding

The Rev. J. Lewis Thornburg, D.D., Executive Director  
HYMN—"This Is My Father's World"  
Versicles and Responses:  
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.  
Amen  
Let us worship God the Father,  
The Creator of mountains and far-flung oceans;  
of fertile plains and rolling rivers;  
of wide blue skies and drenching storms;  
Let us worship God, The Almighty  
Whose hands shape the lily and tint the rose;  
gives trees their life and bids their flight;  
sustains the mighty pulsarbeat of the universe and causes the  
earth to bear fruit.  
Let us worship God the Son,  
The Redeemer of mankind, our Lord,  
Who loved the birds of the air and the flowers of the field,  
and sought the beauty of the holiness in every human life.  
Let us worship God the Spirit  
Who with the Father and the Son, one God,  
breeds over this fair earth  
and dwells in the hearts of men.  
Response by everyone:  
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts  
Heaven and earth are full of Thee!  
Heaven and earth are praising Thee!  
O Lord most high! Amen.

The Scripture Lessons and Prayer: Rev. Bernard L. Trexler, Pastor  
of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Asheville and Chairman of the Board  
HYMN—"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" Rev. Karl W. Kinard, D.D., President of the  
The Dedicatory Message: Rev. Karl W. Kinard, D.D., President of the  
South Carolina Lutheran Synod, and Vice Chairman of the Board  
Special Dedicatory Water Festival: Miss Sylvia Wyrick, Water  
Front Director in Charge  
The Act of Dedication: The Rev. J. Lewis Thornburg, Executive  
Director of Lutheridge  
Inscription on Bronze Plaque Mounted on Cross  
LAKE LEWTHORNE  
Developed with funds donated  
by  
Mrs. Wilhelmina R. Harrison  
Inscription of Bronze Plaque in Lakeside Lodge  
LAKE LEWTHORNE  
given  
To the Glory of God  
by  
Mrs. Wilhelmina R. Harrison  
Announcements and Remarks 1958  
HYMN—"Now Thank We All Our God"  
Benediction  
The Rev. Bernard Trexler



The Plaque. From left to right: Pastor Trexler, Mrs. Harrison and Pastor Thornburg.





*Pastor Thornburg presiding at the dedication of Lake Lewthorn and the Lakeside Lodge. At his right are Pastor Bernard Trexler and Dr. Karl Kinard.*



*Water Festival under direction of Sylvia Wyrick, member of the staff.*



*Edwin VanPoote, Salisbury Waterfront Director at the Buddy Board.*



*Swimming for beginners & intermediates during another season at Lutheridge.*

The Pioneer Camp area was developed in two areas. A recreational area with softball diamond and a flag pole serves as a gathering for the two groups for flag raising and lowering ceremonies as well as assemblies for other activities in which the two groups were involved.

A large structure, with both sides open, a fireplace and chimney at one end and living quarters, a snack bar with a utility room at the opposite end. A large bell, a gift of the Southern Railway was placed on a firm stand at this end of the building to be called Unit Lodge. Two loyal, generous friends from the Columbia, S.C., area, Mr. Hart Kohn Jr., and Mr. Ed Cave, solicited funds from friends in the area to pay for construction of this unit.

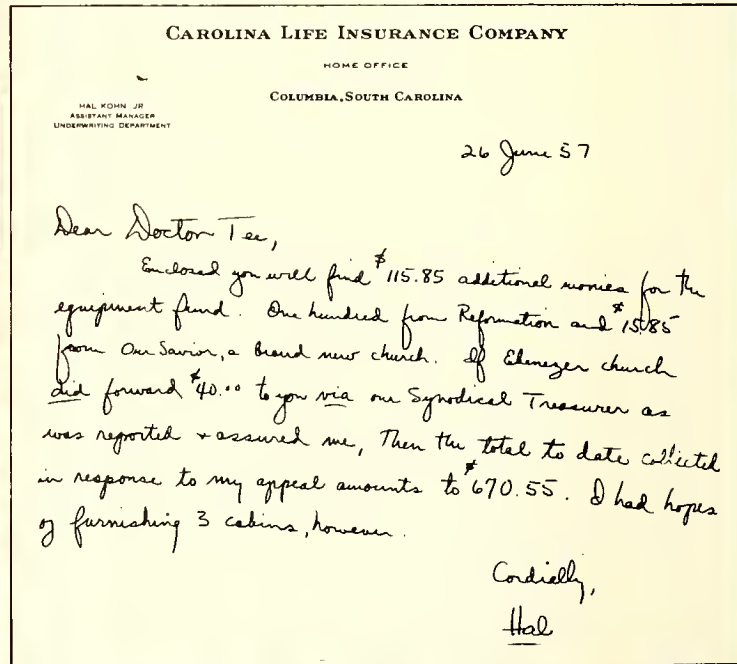
The same pattern of erecting small cabins like those previously mentioned for the boys area. We proudly and gratefully list their names:

- Dr. L. R. Zimmerman, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, High Point, N.C.
- Members of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, High Point, N.C.
- Mrs. Cora Bostian Gray, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Asheville, N.C.
- Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Voight, St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Summerville, S.C.
- Mrs. Charles Sleigh, Ebenezer Lutheran Church, Columbia, S.C.
- Mrs. Thad L. Harrison, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Charlotte, N.C.
- Mr. J. B. Baker, St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Charlotte, N.C.
- Mrs. E. O. Black and daughter, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Columbia, S.C.
- The Lorick Cabin, by members of the Lorick Bible Class,  
Church of the Resurrection, Augusta, Ga.
- Mrs. J. C. Johnson and family, Bethany Lutheran Church, Hickory, N.C.

These eleven small cabins provided lodging for 152 campers and nineteen counsellors or a total of 171 persons.



Recreation



Softball diamonds and flagpole



Unit Lodge

# 1958 Lineberger Memorial Hall

The second stage of the Lineberger Memorial Dining Hall-Kitchen is completed with a seating capacity of over five hundred persons, including the private dining area.

The spacious and attractively furnished lounge with chimney and fireplace with bronze plaque above, all incites warm and friendly fellowship before meal time or at any time one should choose to linger there.

In addition to providing facilities for preparing and serving delicious meals, the building now provides large storage space on the lower level. Beyond this area is a bookstore and a snack bar. The lengthy veranda on the first floor along with a porch at the west end of the building provides accommodations for those who enjoy rocking chairs for relaxation.

*The Service of Dedication*  
for  
**Lineberger Memorial Hall**  
*Lutheridge Assembly*  
ARDEN, N. C.

July 2nd                      Two O'clock                      1958

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The Rev. J. Lewis Thornburg, D.D., Executive Director                      Presiding

**PRELUDE**  
HYMN—"Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"

Versicles and Responses:  
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost  
Amen  
Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
Who made heaven and earth,  
I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills,  
From whence cometh my help.  
How amiable are Thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts!  
My soul longeth, yea even fainteth for the courts of the Lord.  
Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it.  
Except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.

Gloria Patri (sung by all)

The Scripture Lessons and Prayer                      Rev. Cyrus Frazier, Pastor  
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Mt. Holly, N. C.

Hymn—"Love Divine, All Love Excelling"

The Dedicatory Message                      Rev. F. L. Conrad, D.D., President of  
the United Evangelical Synod of North Carolina

Special Music                      by Staff Quartette

The Act of Dedication                      Rev. Bernard Trexler, Pastor of  
St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Asheville; and  
Chairman of the Lutheridge Board of Trustees

**INSCRIPTION ON MEMORIAL PLAQUE IN LOUNGE**  
This Building  
is given  
To the Glory of God  
and in Loving Memory of  
Abel Caleb Lineberger  
and  
Martha Jane (Hippi) Lineberger  
By Their Children  
Archibald Lineberger                      Elisabeth Ramberg  
Henry Lineberger                      Martha Brand  
Harold Lineberger                      Frances McDonald  
Joseph Lineberger

\*Deceased                      Dedicated July 2nd, 1958

Announcements and Remarks  
Hymn—"Now Thank We All Our God"

The Benediction                      The Rev. Harry Robinson, Pastor of  
The Holy Comforter Lutheran Church, Belmont, N. C.

LINEBERGER FOUNDATION  
INCORPORATED  
BELMONT, NORTH CAROLINA

July 10th, 1958.

Dr. J. Lewis Thornburg,  
Executive Director,  
Lutheridge, Inc.,  
Arden, North Carolina.

Dear Dr. Thornburg:

July 2nd was a pleasant day for all of us.

We enjoyed the splendid program that you had arranged for the Dedication Exercises, as well as the nice meal that had been prepared.

As you already know, we are happy to have a part in your Lutheridge program. We are not only pleased with the way you and your Trustees have planned and spent the funds we have made available for the Dining Hall, but we are also pleased with the overall planning and administration of Lutheridge.

You have our continuing good wishes.

Sincerely yours,  
*Harold Lineberger*  
mlb                      J. Harold Lineberger



Reading from right to left: Dr. Harold Lineberger, Mrs. Joseph Lineberger, Mr. Joseph Lineberger—and Mr. Henry Lineberger, and Executive Director, J. Lewis Thornburg.



A capacity crowd of diners enjoying one of those good meals which Mrs. E. A. Moore (Aunt Grace) and her staff are famous for serving.



The lounge, looking into the dining hall.

## 1959 Director's Residence

At last, after nine long years of waiting, living in Hickory and working at Lutheridge during the early spring, summer and fall, Pastor and Mrs. Thornburg moved into this wood and stone dwelling, so well planned and arranged by architect Carroll Abee for relaxed and gracious living.

The main entrance to the right leads to a den, powder room and fireplace, then into the kitchen, with modern equipment, a serving area and an outside door.

Going to the left you enter the hall, the spacious living room and dining area with doors and windows opening onto a porch. A stone chimney and open fireplace adds warmth and liveability to this part of the residence. As you enter another hallway, a guest bedroom is to your right and a bathroom to the left. As you proceed further, you enter a door leading into the master bedroom with private bath.

On the ground level, there is a large room which lends itself to large groups, with an open fireplace, a well-proportioned area for the pastor's office and a study. And adjoining that, the furnace and utility rooms.



Exterior of the residence showing the double garage.



The group assembled for the opening and dedication of the residence.



The participants in the dedicatory service with Pastor Thornburg at the lectern, Dr. R. D. Wood, who delivered the address, the Rev. L. C. Bumgarner, the Rev. W. C. Boliek, and Mr. C. Miller Sigmon, Chairman of the Board of Trustees.



Scenes of the interior of dwelling.

**1962**  
**Cora Sifford**  
**Shepherd Stone**  
**Terrace**

The Cora Sifford Shepherd Terrace between Luther Lodge and Leadership Hall was erected with funds left to Lutheridge in her estate. We remember her as a daughter of J. R. Sifford, Secretary for the First Sunday School Convention, marking the beginning of our story.

A vesper service is held on this terrace as a part of the devotional life of those who come here for a spiritual enrichment.

This landscaping and beautiful stone work was done by Mr. Edgar Coleman, Asheville and facing the Henry A. Lineberger Swimming Pool.



**1962  
Beide  
Craft Lodge**

The need for enlarged facilities for the Craft program at Lutheridge became evident as the attendance increased year after year. As in the past, God raised up friends to supply the funds for such a need. Mrs. Beidenmiller, her daughter and son in law, Mr. and Mrs. Walter R. Bacott were the friends who made the construction of "Beide Craft Lodge" become a reality.

On August 22nd. 1962 at three o'clock a service of dedication was held when the Rev. Vernon Frazier, pastor of St. Mathews Lutheran Church, Charleston, S.C., delivered the message. A goodly number of persons were present for the service. The future of an expanding craft program at Lutheridge was now assured.



Front row: l. to r., Mrs. W. R. Bacott, her mother, Mrs. Beidenmiller;  
back row: l. to r., Walter R. Bacott and Executive Director Thornburg.



L. to r., Pastor Thornburg, Mrs. Beidenmiller and Mrs. Thornburg.



Part of group attending this service.

# 1963 Children's Activity Building

We often remarked, "Each building on the grounds of the Lutheran Assembly has its own unique story to tell."

If there is any truth to the phrase "a little child shall lead them", then this building stands as a testimony to that remark. A father, mother and a little daughter, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Schumpert, and daughter Helen Marie, members of Trinity Lutheran Church, Greenville, S.C., were thrilled with joy and excitement in providing the funds for this distinctive building dedicated to children for their instruction and growth in Christian faith.

The bulletin for this service of dedication will serve as a source of interesting information about the beginning and the culmination of the project.

## The Service Of Dedication

For

## Children's Activity Building



Lutheridge Assembly

Ardur, N. C.

June 26th

Three O'Clock

1963

### PROGRAM

THE REV. J. LEWIS THORNBURG, D.D., *Executive Director* Presiding  
PIANO PRELUDE Miss Kathia Ishida, Japan  
Member of 1963 Lutheridge Staff

HYMN—"Beautiful Saviour"

VERSES AND RESPONSES—

*In the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost*

*Amen.*

*The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof;*

*The world and they that dwell therein;*

*For He hath founded it upon the seas;*

*And established it upon the floods.*

*Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord?*

*Or who shall stand in his holy place?*

*He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart,*

*Who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn*

*deceitfully.*

*Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting*

*doors;*

*And the King of glory shall come in.*

*Who is this King of glory?*

*The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.*

*Lift up your heads, O ye gates, even lift them up, ye everlasting*

*doors;*

*And the King of glory shall come in.*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.*

*As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS AND PRAYERS The Rev. J. Milton Frick, Pastor  
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Anderson, S. C.

SPECIAL MUSIC—"God Bless This House" Miss Janice Weaver, Hickory;  
Mr. David Ripel, Greenwood, S. C.  
Members of 1963 Lutheridge Staff

THE DEDICATORY MESSAGE The Rev. Marcus Osterheim, Philadelphia  
Parish Education Board of L. C. A.

SPECIAL MUSIC—"Children of the Heavenly Father"  
Susan Wilson  
Ricky Mann  
Robert Porter  
Accompanist  
Miss Sarah Gaug

THE ACT OF DEDICATION—The Rev. J. Lewis Thornburg, D.D., Executive  
Director of Lutheridge

RECEPTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS

HYMN—"Now thank we all our God"


BENEDICTION

The Rev. J. Milton Frick



**1964  
KohnJoy Inn**

Someone once remarked, "It is a short distance from the Conference Room in Mission Hall to KohnJoy Inn; but a longer period in time". Miss Erin and Miss Nell Kohn had expressed interest in Lutheridge by furnishing the Conference Room in Mission Hall in memory of their parents. Their interest was kept alive through contact and ultimately these two dear friends and their brother Mr. Hart Kohn Sr., and his wife provided the financing for this spacious, comfortable and attractive motel-type building. The contractor was Mr. George Burgin Morrow who was a contractor for a number of buildings on the Assembly Grounds. There are sixteen connecting bedrooms with private bath in each, two double beds in each room, carpeted floors, and electrically heated. The south end of the building has a comfortable lounge with stone fireplace, wide windows and sliding doors and a porch to the rear. In this same area is a registration desk and a snack bar and one bedroom with private bath for the host and hostess. Beneath the lounge area is a completely furnished kitchen and a dining area to accommodate approximately sixty four people—again with an attractive stone fireplace. There are public rest rooms, and a linen closet on the second floor. The building is classified as a complete functional unit, giving Lutheridge it's most prestigious building.

<p><i>Dedicatory Service</i></p> <p>for <b>KohnJoy Inn</b></p> <p>Sunday, June 14, 1964 1 P.M.</p>  <p><i>This beautiful building is a gift from Miss Erin Kohn, Miss Nell Kohn and Mr. and Mrs. Hart Kohn Sr., Columbus, N.C.</i></p> <p><i>Lutheridge Assembly Grounds, Arden, N.C.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Order of Service</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">in <b>Whitman Memorial Chapel</b></p> <p><b>Organ Prelude</b></p> <p>Liturgical: Rev. Carroll Wagoner, Pastor, Newcomer Lutheran Church, Arden</p> <p>Hymn No. 416: <i>Reverie the Lord is King</i></p> <p>Order for Vespers: page 141</p> <p>The Invocation</p> <p>Psalm 112, page 202</p> <p>Gloria Patria</p> <p>The Lesson: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15</p> <p>The Reading of <b>KohnJoy Inn</b>, The Rev. J. Lewis Thornburg, D.D., Executive Director Lutheridge</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Introduction of Architects: Mr. D. Carroll Aber, Hickory</li> <li>2. Introduction of Builder: Mr. George Burgin Morrow, Asheville</li> <li>3. Greetings by Mr. G. Milton Sigmond, Chairman of the Board, Morganton</li> <li>4. Presentation of Program Committee</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: center;">(By: L. E. Zimmerman, Chairman (Decorated) A. J. Sisk E. J. Sisk Rev. C. A. McCaskey Rev. I. Nelson Reed)</p> <p>"My Neat Doot Neighbors" Mrs. T. B. Staibhouse</p> <p>Hymn No. 421: <i>Praise to the Father</i></p> <p>The Address: Dr. James Ronald Newberry</p> <p>The Offering</p> <p>The Name Donations</p> <p>The Prayers</p> <p>Hymn No. 493: <i>Lord with glowing beam I'd praise Thee</i></p> <p>The Presence of <b>KohnJoy Inn</b> (With in silent procession)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>At KohnJoy Inn</b></p> <p>Officiant at the Blessing: Dr. J. Lewis Thornburg</p> <p>Our help is in the name of the Lord Who made heaven and earth. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end Amen.</p> <p>The Lord be with you And with thy spirit Let us pray.</p> <p>"O God, who has commanded every man to offer unto Thee of Thine own gifts according to the purpose of his heart, be pleased to accept the offering of this building, now set before Thee by Thy servants, and grant that it may be used unto Thy glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord." Amen</p> <p>"O God by whose Word all things are sustained, pour out Thy benediction upon this building that wherever in thanksgiving enters Thy shall use it according to Thy purpose and will, may glorify Thy holy name through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen"</p> <p>BLESS be this building, <b>KohnJoy Inn</b>, to the praise of Almighty God and the well being of His people.</p> <p>Unveiling of the Memorial Plaque, Mr. Hal Kuhn, Jr., Secretary of the Board</p> <p>Hallowed be this building as a MEMORIAL to the sacred memory of <b>ARTHUR H and MARY BIRGE KOHN</b> "The Minors of the year is blessed".</p> <p>The Benediction</p> <p>Trust and inspection of the building</p>
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The Board of Trustees  
of Lutheridge Summer Assembly Grounds  
Arden, North Carolina  
cordially invites the membership of the  
owning Synods and other friends to attend  
the dedicatory services of  
**Kohn-Joy Inn**  
on Sunday afternoon, June 14th,  
at three o'clock

Please make public announcement to congregation





Unveiling of plaque at Kohnjoy Inn. L. to R. Thornburg, Carroll Wessinger, Melandie Kohn, and Patricia Kohn.



DONORS of the new Kohn-Joy Inn at Lutheridge pose before the structure following its dedication at the Lutheran assembly grounds on June 14. Shown left to right, they are Miss Nell Kohn, Mr. and Mrs. Hart Kohn, Sr., and Miss Erin Kohn, all of Columbia, S. C. Dr. J. Lewis Thornburg (in clerical robe) conducted the service of blessing as executive director of Lutheridge.

## Lutheridge Opens New Building

Lutheridge dedicated its newest structure, an 18-unit motel-type building, at a special dedicatory service held on the Lutheran assembly grounds on June 14.

Kohn-Joy Inn represents a new type of facility for Lutherans staying at Lutheridge. In contrast with bunk-style quarters typical of Lutheridge and other summer assemblies, the new inn features private rooms (or suites) with wall-to-wall carpeting, lounge chairs and individual baths. Each room has two double beds, and the cost of the room (\$9 for two) includes bed linen, towels, soap, and the other supplies (except TV) typical of a motel.

When fully furnished, the building will outdo most first-class motels; it will have an adjacent kitchen and dining room under the same roof as the rooms. The food service, however, is not available yet; to keep in harmony with the "no debt" Lutheridge policy, the kitchen and dining room will be completed when funds are made available.

Kohn-Joy Inn is too plush for the youthful, adventuresome camper, but it does meet a Lutheridge need. It offers the comfort many vacationing adults seek even when attending one of the adult weeks at Lutheridge. With

its individual heating units in each room the inn also offers facilities for small Lutheridge retreats, even during weekends in the cold winter.

Its dedication was a "high-water mark" in the history of Lutheridge, Executive Director J. Lewis Thornburg told the 200 Lutherans assembled in the Lutheridge chapel for the special service.

Plans for such a building date back to the pre-Lutheridge era, he said. The need for other types of buildings and the lack of funds for an inn delayed its erection.

The couple memorialized in the name of the building were "two singing hearts," said Dr. James Kinard, former president of Newberry college and a close friend of Arthur H. and Mary Birge Kohn (rhymes with Don). "They were two devoted servants to Christ who knew how to spread joy," he added.

Mr. Kohn, founder of a large insurance company in Columbia, S. C., was a trustee of Newberry college for 30 years and treasurer of the South Carolina synod for 22 years.

The fact that Mrs. Kohn "was always in her pew at St. Paul's church and during the week walked with God in her treasured garden" was recalled by a next-door neighbor, Mrs. T. B. Stackhouse of Columbia.

Special recognition was given during the service to the three children of Mr. and Mrs. Kohn who gave the building: Hart Kohn, Sr., and Misses Erin and Nell Kohn, all of Columbia.

Also introduced were the architect (D. Carroll Abee of Hickory), the builder (George Burgin Morrow of Asheville), and the chairman of the Lutheridge board of trustees (C. Miller Sigmon of Morganton).

Following the worship service, the congregation processed to the inn for the unveiling of the memorial plaque, led by Dr. Thornburg and the service liturgist, the Rev. Carroll Wessinger, pastor of Nativity church at Arden.



Miss Erin Kohn speaking during the dedication ceremonies of Kohnjoy Inn.



Guests arriving at Kohnjoy Inn.

# 1966 Wilderness Camp and Bischoff Youth Center

Mr. J. C. W. Bischoff, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Charleston, S.C. had sent contributions in response to the Annual Thanksgiving-Christmas Appeal though he and Mrs. Bischoff had never visited here. Their children insisted that they come and see, and registered them for Senior Citizens Week. They came, they saw and Lutheridge won. Shortly after their arrival, Mr. Bischoff asked if we had time to show them over the grounds—and of course we were happy to accommodate them. In the Lutheridge Plymouth station wagon, we slowly began the drive pointing out things of interest. When we arrived in front of the Childrens, Activity Building, Mr. Bischoff was quite interested and as we drove away he asked, "Pastor Thornburg, what do you need now?" We passed Unit Lodge and stopped at the location where Wilderness Camp was being developed. "We need the central unit to provide program facilities for those who would be housed in the five small cabins." Mr. and Mrs. Bischoff did not hesitate very long to give their response to this need. A pertinent question: "What will it cost?" The response: "We will provide the necessary funds."

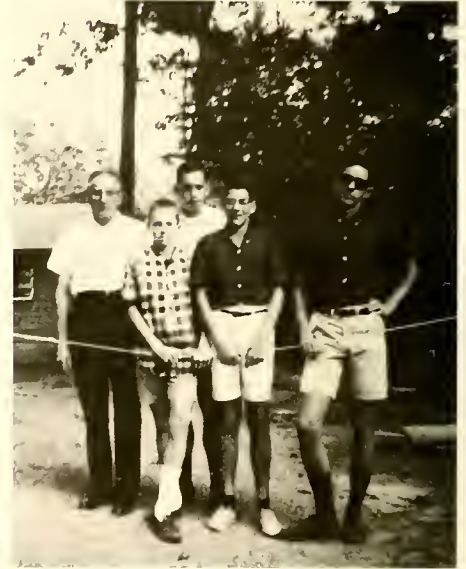


A photo of the exterior facing Laurel Drive.

When Wilderness Camp was opened, plans were made to construct SEVEN small type cottages similar to those in the Pioneer Area. Five of these were completed, providing lodging for eight campers plus one adult leader.

1. Graham-Linn, given by Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Graham, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, China Grove, IN MEMORY of their parents.
2. Lipe, given by Miss Josephine Lipe, Trinity Lutheran Church, Landis, N.C.,
3. Dreher, given by Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Dreher, Sr. Ebenezer Lutheran Church, Columbia, S.C.,
4. Sam Sox, given by members and friends of First Lutheran Church, Greensboro, under the leadership of Vance Eller, a member of the congregation.
5. Zimmerman, given IN MEMORY of Dr. L.R. Zimmerman, by members and friends of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, High Point, N.C.,

Gifts were also given by Mr. and Mrs. Deems Haltiwanger, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Columbia, S.C., Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Rudstall, St. John's Lutheran Church, Cherryville, N.C., and others in order to complete the project.



Rev. and Mrs. J. Virgil Long who served as the program directors with some of the campers.

### PROGRAM OF DEDICATION

**PRERING:** The Rev. R. D. Wood, D.D. President  
Southern Board and Past-Chairman  
of Lutheridge Board, Atlanta

**PERILL:** PIANO Selections Miss Mary Louise Haskin Member of  
Lutheridge Staff

**INOCATION:**

**SCRIPTURE READING:**  
Hymn, "God Is Our Father"

**GREETING (By Welcome):** Dr. Wood

**ADDRESS:** The Rev. S. W. Hahn, D.D. Former  
Member of the Board

**THE LUTHERIDGE HYMN:**

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE BUILDINGS:**

**THE ACT OF DEDICATION:** The Rev. J. Lewis Thornburg, D.D.  
Lutheridge Director of Lutheridge

**PRESENTATION OF DEDICATION MESSAGE BY THE LEADER:**

**THE BLESSING:**

OPEN HOUSE 1:00 - 5:00

### The Act of Dedication

**Rev. THORNBURG:**  
THE BISHOP'S YOUTH CENTER, GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD BY Mrs. J. C. W. Bischoff and the late Mr. J. C. W. Bischoff, Charleston, S. C.

THE GRAHAM-LINN MEMORIAL COTTAGE, GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD BY Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Graham, China Grove, N. C., and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. John Albert Graham and Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Linn

THE JOSEPHINE LIPE COTTAGE, GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD BY Miss Josephine Lipe, Landis, N. C.

THE J. E. DREHER COTTAGE, GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD BY Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Dreher, Columbia, S. C.

THE SAM SOX COTTAGE, GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD BY THE CLERGY AND PEOPLE OF FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH, GREENSBORO, N. C.

THE ZIMMERMAN MEMORIAL COTTAGE, GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD BY THE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF EMMAUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH, HIGH POINT, N. C.

Also and dedicate these buildings, in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, Amen.

### Rev. THORNBURG:

### THE DESIGNERS AND BUILDERS

Mr. D. CARROLL ALEX, Lutheridge Architect  
GEORGE BURGER MORGAN CO., Builder Contractor  
DAVIS ELECTRIC CO., Electrical Contractor  
Mr. ECKEN GOLLMAN, Stone Mason  
Mr. ALBERT BALDWIN, Plumbing Contractor

### THE BUILDINGS

The Bischoff Youth Center is a very interesting building, functional in every respect. It was designed and built to be the Center for the camping program, with provisions made for future use for winter. The five small cottages have been designed and built to provide for a very close knit counselor camper relationship. The purpose of this entire Unit is to provide for a two week camping experience in which the camper and leader may learn some of the skills of outdoor living. The total capacity of Wilderness Camp is sixty four campers and eight adult leaders. Five of the eight cottages have been built and money has been provided for the erection of two more. Someone may want to provide funds for the eighth and final cottage. The approximate cost is FIFTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS. The Youth Center has now been furnished as of now and it may be some of you would like to share in this project.

### L U T H E R I D G E

A Southern Lutheran Youth Center for  
Lutheridge Leadership Training  
United Youth Vacationing  
Lutheridge Youth Service  
Hospital Activities  
Frustrating Experiences  
Religious Institutions  
Inspiring Leaders  
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Guiding Youth  
Enriching the Kingdom of God

Lutheridge—Has as its chief purpose the training of Christian leaders.

An investment in LUTHERIDGE TODAY is an investment in the Christian Leadership of Tomorrow.



## DEDICATION

of the

Wilderness Camp Buildings

Lutheridge, Arden, N. C.

MONDAY, JULY 18th, 1966  
3:00 P.M.

# 1966 Oscar Pitts Memorial Water Fountain

On our very first visit to this place with the Rev. J. L. Norris and his family, we hoped to find a stream gushing out of the springs on the crest of the plateau. Instead, we found a large yellow jackets' nest.

As years passed, we still longed for that stream flowing through the property, and so the idea of a fountain and a miniature waterfall surfaced. The first treasurer, Mr. Oscar Pitts had died and a more fitting memorial could not be erected in his memory.

The water fountain with a rustic wooden structure and the short waterfall is located between Efrid Hall and the Lineberger Memorial Dining Hall-Kitchen.

## DEDICATION

of the

Oscar Pitts

Memorial Water Fountain

Lutheridge Assembly

Arden, N. C.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON, JULY 24TH, 1966

3:00 P.M.

### PROGRAM OF DEDICATION

PRESIDENT: Mr. C. Miller Sigmon, Chairman of Board, Morganton, N. C.

MUSICAL PRELUDE

THE INVOCATION: The Rev. J. White Iddings, D. D. Institutional Chaplain, Durham, N. C.

HYMN, "THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD"

VERSICLES—

Our help is in the name of the Lord  
Who made heaven and earth  
Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good,  
Sing praises unto his Name, for it is pleasant  
O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.  
I will offer unto thee the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and  
will call upon the Name of the Lord  
In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David  
For the Lamb, which is in the midst of the throne shall lead  
them unto fountains of water.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,  
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world  
without end. Amen

HYMN, "THERE IS A FOUNTAIN"

SCRIPTURE READING AND PRAYER: The Rev. Bernard Tixeront, pastor Trinity Lutheran Church, Greenville S. C.

DEDICATORY MESSAGE: The Rev. Albert Keck, Jr. D. D. Pastor St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Hickory, N. C.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE FOUNTAIN: Mr. C. Miller Sigmon, Chairman of Board of Trustees

THE RITE OF DEDICATION: The Rev. J. Lewis Thornburg, D. D., Executive Director, Lutheridge

HYMN, "BEAUTIFUL SAVIOUR"

BENEDICTION: The Rev. J. W. Iddings, D. D.



OSCAR W. PITTS  
1899 - 1957

THE FOUNTAIN is given by members of the family and friends in loving MEMORY of a faithful, devoted husband and father, an esteemed citizen and a good neighbor, OSCAR W. PITTS

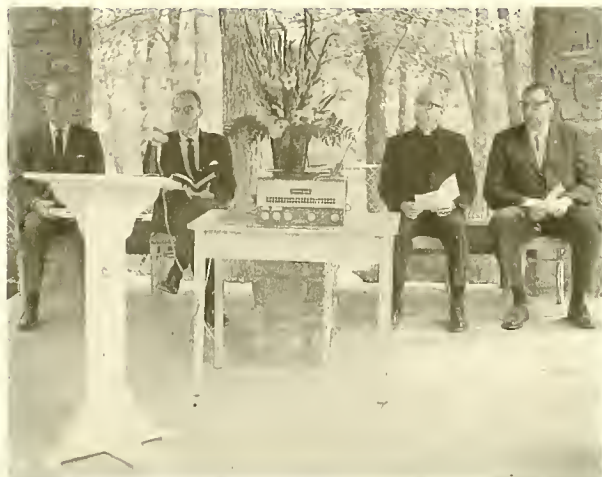
A man who served his Church, State and Community with unstinted devotion and loyalty. A State Legislator, Member of State Highway Department, Director of Prisons where he made an outstanding record. His business interests were many and varied; he was never too busy to serve his Church and community. He was one of the pioneers in establishing the Lutheran Assembly Grounds, Lutheridge, served as a member of its first Board of Trustees, and at such was treasurer until 1954. He was a delegate to the Dec. Motus Convention of the United Lutheran Church in America.

### HYMNS

- 1 This is my Father's world,  
And to my listening ears  
All nature sings, and round me rings  
The music of the spheres  
This is my Father's world, I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas  
His hand the wonders wrought  
This is my Father's world,  
The birds their carols raise,  
The morning light, the lily-white  
Declare their Maker's praise  
This is my Father's world  
He shows in all that's fair,  
In the rustling grass I hear him pass  
He speaks to me everywhere  
This is my Father's world,  
O let me never forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong  
God is the ruler yet  
This is my Father's world,  
Why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is King, let the heavens sing  
God reigns, let the earth be glad!
- 2 There is a fountain filled with blood  
Drawn from Immanuel's veins,  
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,  
Loose all their guilty stains.  
Dear dying Lamb, thy precious blood  
Shall never lose its power,  
Till all the ransomed Church in God  
Be saved to sin no more.  
Ever since by faith, I saw the stream  
Thy flowing wounds supply,  
Redeeming love has been my theme  
And shall be till I die
- 3 Beautiful Saviour, King of Creation  
Son of God and Son of Man  
Truly I'd love thee, Truly I'd serve thee  
Lamb of my soul, my joy, my crown  
Beautiful Saviour, Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man  
Glory and honor, praise adoration  
Now and for evermore be thine



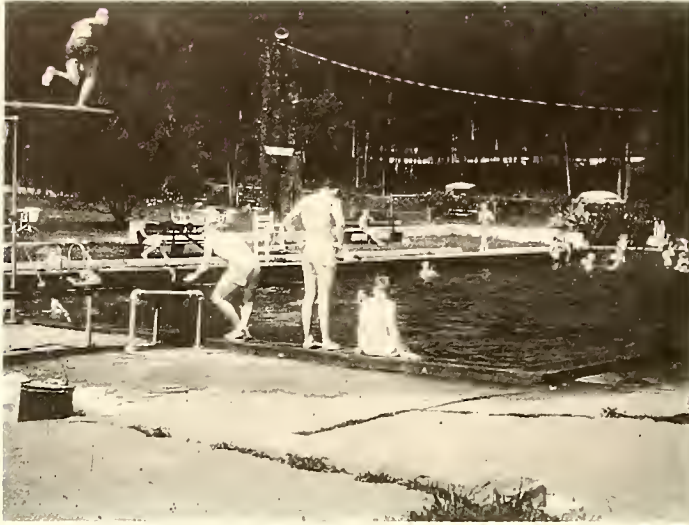
The Pitts family.



Thornburg, Keck, Iddings, Sigmon.

# 1966 Swimming Pool

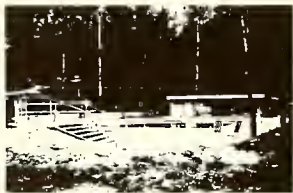
The growth in weekly attendance was taxing the capacity that the health department had established for the lake to be used for swimming and the time for building a swimming pool to supplement the facilities at the lake was here. How excited we were to be advised by the Lineberger Foundation that they would finance this project in honor of Henry Abel Lineberger, a long-time interested and generous friend of Lutheridge. How pleased and delighted we were that this happened during my administration and Mr. Lineberger's lifetime.



Scene at the lake



The pool



## DEDICATION of the POOL AREA

Lutheridge Assembly  
Aids, N. C.

Wednesday afternoon August 10th 1966  
3:00 P. M.

### Program of Dedication

Musical Prelude

The Invocation The Rev. J. Lewis Thornburg D.D.  
Executive Director, Lutheridge.

Hymn "God of our Fathers"

The Scripture Lessons and Prayer The Rev. Cyrus Frasier Pastor  
Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd Mt. Holly

Dedictory Address The Rev. George R. Whitecar D.D. Presiding  
North Carolina Synod, The Lutheran Church in America

The Lutheridge Hymn

Acceptance of the Gift

Unwinding of Plaque and Act of Dedication The Rev. J. Lewis Thornburg D.D.

The Benediction The Rev. Cyrus Frasier

WATER FESTIVAL PRESENTED BY 1966 STAFF



HENRY ABEL LINEBERGER

Henry A. Lineberger was born in Belmont, Gaston County, North Carolina in 1902 and has lived in that area during his entire lifetime. He prepared for college at Furberne Military School, Waynesboro, Virginia and was graduated from the University of North Carolina in 1924 and from the Philadelphia Textile School in 1926. His business career has been spent in textiles in which he has a broad background. His particular interest has been in the manufacture and sale of women's hosiery. He is a member of the Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter in Belmont.

### The Bronze Plaque

This Pool Area is given to  
The Glory of God  
And

As a Tribute to  
Henry Abel Lineberger,  
A long-time interested and generous  
Friend of Lutheridge  
By  
The Lineberger Foundation  
1966

### THE DESIGNERS AND BUILDERS

Mr. D. Carroll Abee Hickory  
Runcos Construction Co., Asheville

Lutheridge Architect  
General Contractor

### LUTHERIDGE

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Lutheridge—Has as its chief purpose the training of Christian leaders  
An Investment in Lutheridge TODAY is an investment in the Christian  
Leadership of TOMORROW

# Scenes from Lutheridge

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*Beaucatcher Mountain to the East.*



*Two youths looking into the unknown future.*



*From Veranda of the Eflrd Hall.*



*Fall in all of its colorful splendor.*



*A late summer scene on the lake.*



*Spring with azalea beauty everywhere.*



*Two winter wonderland transparencies.*



*And we would not leave out the dogwood.*



*Visitors on Efird Hall terrace.*

One who has come to Lutheridge should find no difficulty in understanding the sweet singer of Israel who said "Beautiful for situation is Mount Zion." Truly every prospect is pleasing to the eye.

It would be very pleasing to us if we could enable you to enjoy the four seasons at Lutheridge in the scenes we present. Mr. Parrot, one of Asheville's tree surgeons, was employed by the Board of Trustees to visit Lutheridge and open some vistas, a window or two, so that you might enjoy some distant scenes from Efird Hall, the Lineberger Memorial Dining Hall, Mission Hall, Whisnant Memorial Chapel and Kohnjoy Inn. After a while one begins to realize what Rudyard Kipling meant when he wrote about keeping "the wilderness out"; for nature keeps sending out new branches here along the vistas, the windows are closed once more.



*How peaceful just strolling through luxuriant forest.*

# What Others Think

Our files are full of letters and newspaper clippings in which others have expressed their thinking and evaluation of our Lutheran Assembly Grounds and some of the things which take place here.

We can only include a few, but we think they are typical and representative of most of the others.

8 ■ ASHEVILLE CITIZEN-TIMES, Asheville, N. C.  
Sunday, August 9, 1964



A RUSTIC CHAPEL sits on a mountainside overlooking Lutheridge.

## Lutheridge Is One Of Nation's Most Beautiful Summer Camps

ARDEN — Sprawling in rugged splendor across a mountainside near Arden in the western North Carolina mountains is one of America's most beautiful summer camps — Lutheridge.

As far back as 1918, when the first Sunday School Institute was held at St. James Lutheran Church, Concord, Lutherans of North Carolina had envisioned a summer meeting place. The idea that was first born in Concord was rekindled in the years that followed in one-week summer sessions at such places as Mt. Pleasant Collegiate Institute, Lenoir Rhyne College, Newberry College and Summerland College.

Joint Summer School for Church Worker was held at Blue Ridge and Kanuga.

Then, in 1946, the dream became a reality. A new and beautiful mountain camp was born.

Lutheridge had its first organized program during the summer of 1951 when a seven-week camping session was offered for juniors, intermediates and seniors.

Lutheridge is jointly owned by the North Carolina, South Carolina and Southeastern (Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee and Mississippi) Lutheran synods. It is operated and governed by a Board of Trustees elected by those Synods.

The Rev. J. L. Thornburg has served as executive director of the 200-acre camp since its organization. He resigned as pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran church, China Grove, to take the Lutheridge post.

It is estimated that more than a million dollars have been

South participate in the organized youth programs each week. Children ages 9 through 17, take part in these activities.

A staff of more than 50 college students looks after these programs, with Mrs. J. Virgil Long of West Columbia, S. C., as director.

Among its varied activities, Lutheridge also has a School of Church Music for adults; an annual Boy Scout Retreat; a Senior Citizens' Week; a Junior Week; and a Seminar on Theology in Life.

With its 14th season now nearing a close, Lutheridge officials feel that only two things are lacking — more quarters and a larger

new building, which is much needed and will be built. But every year, thousands of people who would like to visit and learn something at Lutheridge are disappointed.

### WHAT OTHERS THINK OF LUTHERIDGE

"All around easy, gradual approach and entrance. Generous well-elevated grounds with fine views of surrounding mountains. Lutheridge wisely and adequately developed will afford all out people what they have long desired and need."  
The Rev. R. L. Fritz, D.D. Hickory, N. C.

Lutheridge surrounded by stately mountains gives an ideal setting for our summer assembly. Its location and surroundings are ideal and give one that feeling of nearness to God which is so necessary for the Church."  
The Rev. L. C. Bumgarner, Gastonia, N. C.

It is a mountain-top experience to struggle by foot around and up the slopes of the Lutheridge grounds to the top-most point—where you step from the wooded path to a clearing where someday will be erected the Chapel which is only heaven above you seems so clear enough to touch while the world below seems small and insignificant, where in keeping with the precedent set by other visitors, you pause to meditate and pray.  
Miss Betty Rice, Newberry, S. C.

My first glimpse of Lutheridge on that clear, crisp and freezing day in March wained me with an inner warmth that did my heart good. Then, I caught that panoramic view of mountains and meadows, rocks and ridges, which comes with an easy climb to where the Chapel will one day be built. I saw at once that our southern Church has at Lutheridge an assembly grounds, the beauties of which are unsurpassed and the possibilities of which are unlimited. Lutheridge should make every southern Lutheran heart glad. Surely, many will find God a little closer to them here. I did."  
The Rev. Raymond D. Wood, Savannah, Ga.

"The more I see of Lutheridge grounds and the more I think of the program which can be carried on there, the more I am convinced of the importance of it to the Church. Lutheridge deserves our hearty support."  
The Rev. Karl W. Kinard, D.D., Columbia, S. C.

August 23, 1961.

The Rev. J. Lewis Thornburg, D. D.,  
Executive Director of Lutheridge, Inc.,  
Lutheridge, Inc.,  
Arden, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Thornburg,

You and Mrs. Thornburg are to be commended for your unselfish service to the church as you both work to continue to hold Lutheridge on high standards and to beautify and improve it as you continue to increase its monetary value.

As I walked with Mr. Dooley over the greater area of Lutheridge I commended to him on the little and the great things that you had done since you picked the whole area up out of deserted woods; like the flowers along the drives, the growing white pine that you planted in a great area; the Pioneer development, Lake, all the fine unexcelled buildings all of which you raised from the rough woodland.

The whole of Lutheridge will permeate the spiritual life of the whole church at large and will stand as a monument to you and Mrs. Thornburg forever.

I know that you have called Sigmon, but it would be good for both of you to have a copy of Board action on the urgent matters which I am enclosing.

Sincerely yours,

B. T. Bodie.

332 Sumter Street  
Charleston, S. C.  
July 4, 1961

The Rev. R. D. Wood, D.D.,  
Juniper Street, N. E.,  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Wood:

I have recently returned from two weeks at Lutheridge helping with program and feel compelled to write to the members of the Lutheridge board to tell them what an inspiration it has been to be there. The staff is composed of a fine group of young men and women who are willing to learn and took every suggestion with enthusiasm. The counsellors and teachers were excellent, willing and most cooperative.

I wish you could have heard the unit representatives and the five Lutheridge means to them, how much inspiration for all that we have received from you, how much fun and fellowship they enjoyed, and how much the camp enlightened them. They cannot help but go down the mountain changed youngsters. I quote from a letter I received from one of the senior girls, "the poems helped me to think the way I should, the songs helped me to get the spirit of happiness, and the games helped me to have some fun...I learned so many things and I had a wonderful feeling of being in the company of God."

I have camped in California, South Carolina, Georgia, New York, and Massachusetts and know well the many problems that can arise. The director's job is a difficult one in all camps, — they have to be sure the plumbing works, the staff is happy, — they have to be top-notch, the buildings are clean, the food is good, the help is satisfied, etc., etc. At one camp I attended valuable tools were left out to rust, at another camp I attended valuable these is true at another staff problems were enormous. None of the campers respect the buildings and have kept them almost like new, and he is enthusiastic when new program ideas are suggested. The courage to keep the standards high, and campers in line, inspiration to all who attend. I hope all of the people in the supporting synods realize what a gem we have in him, the one entrusted with our lovely and valuable camp. I pray that he has many more years to give to Lutheridge.

Very sincerely yours,

Ethel Hockemeyer



# In Appreciation

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## 1987 Some Expressions of Gratitude and Appreciation

This pictorial story of the Lutheran Assembly Grounds, officially named, "Lutheridge" would not be complete without some expressions of appreciation and gratitude on our part.

Praise and thanksgiving to the Almighty God and gratitude and appreciation to a host of others have been a recurring theme in our ministry here. We longed for this final expression to reach a high plateau. We are well aware that even now we cannot thank every one individually, but we hope each one will see themselves as a part of the corporate group.

Those first intermediates and their leaders, memorializing my father, Lorenzo A. Thornburg with the painting of "Christ and the Rich Young Ruler" which hangs on the wall in the outer office of Efrid Hall.

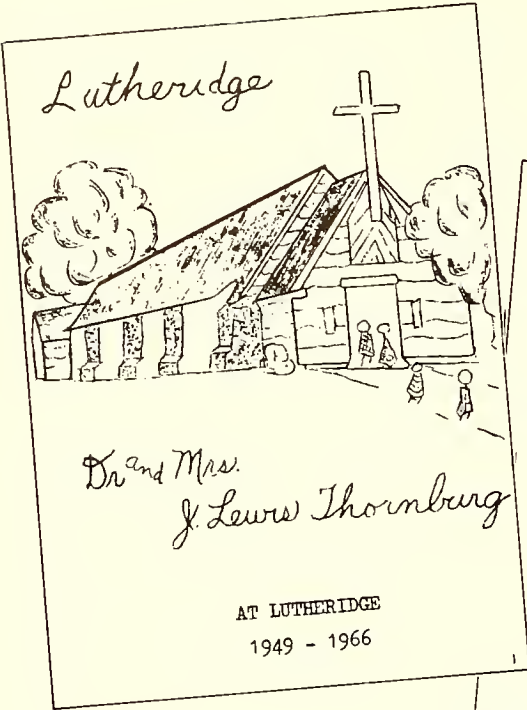
The support, understanding, cooperation and wisdom of the Board of Trustees, not always unanimous, but always in the majority.

The donors of time, talents, finances and leadership are placed under the same umbrella. There were small and there were large contributors of money, but all counted and all were thanked personally and individually. In our imagination, a host of summer staff, counselors, public school teachers, resource persons, the caretaker, the giving of time, and on and on these volunteers come. We never asked anyone for money, but as the needs were presented by word of mouth and with the annual Thanksgiving one-page letter, the response was generous and liberal, and God multiplied what was given.



*Registration desk in Efrid Hall. The painting of the rich young ruler which hangs on the wall was given by the "first intermediate campers" in memory of L.A. Thornburg, father of J. Lewis Thornburg, the first Executive Director of Lutheridge.*

The resolutions, an appreciation, both expressions by the Board of Trustee, and the J. Lewis and Mary Lee Thornburg Day with unveiling of portraits with funds provided by Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Drejer, Sr., Ebenezer Lutheran Church, Columbia, S.C.



APPRECIATION BANQUET  
 December 16, 1966  
 Greenville, South Carolina  
 Holiday Inn  
 6:00 p.m.

For  
 THE REV. & MRS. J. LEWIS THORNBURG, D.D.

upon  
 Dr. Thornburg's retirement  
 as  
 Executive Director

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PROGRAM

Toastmaster - The Rev. L. C. Bumgarner  
Invocation and Welcome  
Dinner

A BIT OF HISTORY. . . .

1918...First S.S. Institute, St. James, Concord.

1919 - 1952...Week-long summer schools at various places

1946...Purchase of 172 acres of undeveloped mountain land at Arden, N.C., by N.C., S.C., Ga.-Ala. synods. Cost - \$35,214.09.

1949...Dr. Thornburg becomes Executive Director - March 15.  
 ...Lutheridge is incorporated, March 31.

1949-1953... Many buildings erected -- cottages, dining hall-kitchen, Efirid Hall, Luther Lodge, chapel, recreation building, lake work begun.

1951...First organized summer program: 7-week camping for juniors, intermediates, seniors.

1952...First adult program and choir school.  
 ...Mississippi Synod joins in support.

1953...Summer School for Church Workers moves to Lutheridge.  
 ....1,434 persons involved in programs at Lutheridge.

1953 - 1957...More buildings: Mission Hall, director's home, Pioneer, Leadership

1957...Pioneer area opened.

1958...Lake and pavillion, dining hall, completed.

1963...Swimming pool completed.

1964...Kohn-Joy Inn first used - first winterized facilities.

1965...Wilderness Camp program begun- Laboratory School for adults begun.

1966... 7,002 persons involved at Lutheridge  
 ... property and equipment valued at \$1,000,000.

THOSE WE HONOR . . . . .

Dr. Thornburg is a native of Gaston County and St. Paul's, Dallas, a graduate of Lenoir Rhyne College in 1920, Southern Seminary in 1923, and Mt. Airy Lutheran Seminary, Philadelphia, in 1924. He received his doctor of divinity degree from Lenoir Rhyne College in 1951.

He served as pastor of three churches in N.C. over a period of 23 years. He began his ministry at St. Paul's, Durham, movsd to St. John's, Statesville, in 1930, where he served for 15 years. He served St. Mark's, China Grovs, from 1945 to 1949. Early in 1949 he accepted the call of the board of Trustees of Lutheridge to become its first Executive Director.

Through the years he has been a devoted and consecrated servant of the church. He has made Lutheridge into one of the most outstanding church assembly grounds in the LCA. The church is greatly indebted to him for his foresight, his hard work, his care of ths property, the deep interest in developing the spiritual lives of our young people, and his love and devotion to one of the impor-

tant institutions of our church.

His wife is the former Mary Lee Barnhardt of Salisbury. She has also worked hard for the development of Lutheridge and the two, working together, have left marks of a memorial to their Christian labors at Lutheridge. The have one daughter, Mrs. John R. Cauble of Santa Monica, California.

# Thornburgs Honored With Portraits



CHURCHMEN FROM THREE LUTHERAN SYNODS joined in paying tribute July 12 to a couple who presided for 17 years over the development of the Lutheridge conference center at Arden. Representatives of the two Carolina synods and the Southeastern synod hailed the accomplishments of Dr. Lewis Thornburg and his wife Mary Lee Thornburg. Thornburg became director of Lutheridge in 1949, before ground was broken on any building. When he retired in 1966, the conference center contained 40 buildings worth more than \$1 million. In his tribute to the Thornburgs, when portraits of the two were unveiled, the Rev. Bernard Trexler of Greenville, S. C., said the couple had the "persistence and the vision of the pioneers of our nation in their pursuit to turn funds and efforts into stone and mortar at Lutheridge . . . their influence can never be measured . . . it is far greater than they could dare to dream." The portraits, unveiled by C. Miller Sigmon, president of the board of trustees, were provided as a gift from Mr. and Mrs. Julius Clarence Dreher, Sr., of Columbia, S. C. Dr. and Mrs. Thornburg reside at Lutheridge and Dr. Thornburg serves as vice-pastor of Good Shepherd, Brevard.

The Board of Trustees of Lutheridge  
cordially invites you to the  
observance of  
J. Lewis and Mary Lee Thornburg Day  
Friday, July 12, 1968  
Lutheridge, Arden, North Carolina

Unveiling of Portraits Five P. M.  
Dinner in Lineberger  
Dining Hall Six P. M.

R.S.V.P.

## Lutheridge Director Resigns

Dr. J. Lewis Thornburg has resigned as executive director of Lutheridge, it was announced last week following the regular meeting of the Lutheridge board of trustees at the summer assembly.

His resignation becomes effective on Dec. 31.

Thornburg is the only executive director to serve Lutheridge in its 20-year history.

### Began In 1949

He assumed the duties in 1949 when the 172-acre wooded tract was still undeveloped. During his 17-year administration, the assembly has grown into one of the largest summer camps of the Lutheran Church in America.

Its property and equipment is valued at \$1,000,000, the highest among the 90 LCA summer camps. Its per week capacity of 300 residents is also the highest.

The Lutheridge site was purchased for \$35,000 in 1946 by Lutherans in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Alabama. In 1952, Lutherans in Mississippi joined the project.

Major buildings at the assem-

Thornburg  
Ends  
17-Year  
Term



bly include Efir Memorial Building, the chapel, Lineberger dining hall-kitchen, Luther Lodge and Leadership Hall dormitories, recreation building, Mission Hall, lakeside pavilion, an activity building, and Kohn-Joy Inn.

Prior to assuming the Lutheridge duties, Thornburg served as pastor of three North Carolina churches over a 23-year period. He began his ministry as pastor of St. Paul, Durham, in 1923. In 1930, he moved to St. John, Statesville, where he served for 15 years. He also served as pastor of St. Mark, China Grove, from 1945 to 1949.

A native of Gaston County, Thornburg graduated from Le-noir Rhyne College in 1920, and Mt. Airy Lutheran Seminary,

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RESOLUTION

While recognizing Lutheridge to be a gift of God through the generosity of a host of His people, the Board of Trustees, also, acknowledges that much of what Lutheridge has become is directly the fruit of the labors of our first executive director; therefore, this board

RESOLVES:

First - That the Board of Trustees record its abiding gratitude to God for the gift of Lutheridge; and

Second - That its sincere appreciation be expressed to the Rev. J. Lewis Thornburg, D. D., for the seventeen years of self-giving service he has contributed to the building of this assembly and the development of its program of education, recreation and spiritual enrichment;

Third - That we thank Dr. Thornburg for the many friends he has won for Lutheridge, and for the liberal contributions he has encouraged;

Fourth - That we assure Dr. Thornburg that those who have been board members will always remember gratefully the guidance he has given this board in its work;

Fifth - That, on behalf of the owning and supporting synods, we register the grateful appreciation of the church for the fruitful ministry of Dr. Thornburg at Lutheridge and throughout the territory it serves;

Sixth - That we note with thanksgiving the kindnesses which have been extended to those resorting to this place of blessedness and which have prompted many to thank God for giving this good minister to Lutheridge;

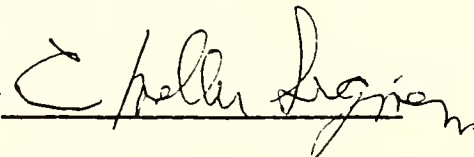
Seventh - That we say to Mrs. Thornburg how genuinely we appreciate her devotion to Lutheridge, and her services everywhere that her talents have been needed; but most of all, we would thank her for the support she has given her husband under the heavy demands which Lutheridge has made upon him;

Eighth - That we show our grateful appreciation to God and to Dr. and Mrs. Thornburg by continuing the good work which has been begun here, and that we do so in the prayerful hope that it may be performed unto the day of Christ Jesus; and

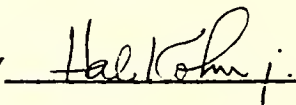
Ninth - That we pray that these good servants of Jesus Christ be followed by the Heavenly Father's finest favors as they walk into the future together, and that God will go on using them to the blessing of many.

9 November 1966

PRESIDENT



SECRETARY



# BOB TERRELL

## Lutheridge: A Monument

Dr. J. Lewis Thornburg looks at the land, the rolling, forested hills, the green meadows, the service buildings and dwellings of Lutheridge, and swells with pride.

"Prior to 1929," he said, "this was a land development by Florida people, but the depression caught them, and the land lay here unused for 20 years until Oscar Pitts learned of it and our church was able to buy it for a church assembly ground."

Under Dr. Thornburg's direction for 18 years, Lutheridge grew from a \$35,000 investment (the cost of the land) into a million dollar institution that annually serves thousands of Lutherans from all over the southeast.

They gather here to worship and study and play, and they learn many things through association with others that benefit them in their own church work back home.

This weekend, Lutheridge, located in Arden just south of the U.S. 25-25A intersection, will celebrate its 25th anniversary with a Founders Day celebration and banquet on Saturday and a Sunday service in Whisnant Chapel.



BOB TERRELL

### Dream Of The Far-Sighted

For many years, Lutheridge was a dream of far-sighted persons in the Lutheran church. Oscar Pitts, an auctioneer at the Asheville stockyards and a devoted Lutheran layman, was one of those.

He relayed information about the 172-acre tract of land to the first meeting of the board of Lutheridge at St. Mark's Church in Asheville in 1947, and the assembly made the purchase. Later, 20 more acres were added, giving the assembly roughly 200 acres.

Several factors favored construction of Lutheridge on this site. Accessibility was immediate. The railroad brought people from the directions of Charleston and Cincinnati and dropped them practically at Lutheridge's doorstep. Bus service was adequate on nearby U.S. 25, and the Asheville-Hendersonville Airport was "just over the hill."

Too, Mr. and Mrs. John S. Efrid of Albemarle, lay people who had seen other denominations develop assembly grounds and profit by them, believed so strongly that they bequeathed \$30,000 to the North Carolina Synod for this purpose, and the church put the money into trust. By the time Lutheridge was ready for its first assembly building, this money had grown to \$46,000.

"All this," Dr. Thornburg said, "put me into my 'adventure of faith.' My thoughts were that this had to be an assembly ground FOR the people. We had to get the people to feel 'This is ours,' and we succeeded in this. Consequently, they had a pride in taking care of it and contributing to it.

"Because of this, and because we chose to let Lutheridge grow in small parts, every building here was paid for when completed. At no time did we carry a mortgage. At no time did we have an extremely large capital outlay. But now we have a capital investment of one million dollars."

### No Stones Unturned

The first building at Lutheridge was Efrid Hall, an all-purpose building completed just before the Korean War. The center of social and fellowship life at the assembly, it contained administrative offices, classrooms and assembly rooms.

As time passed, other units were added, living quarters, dining areas, the chapel, an outdoor altar, various recreation facilities — many of them contributed by wealthy Lutherans who had a deep and abiding faith in the value of the work being done at Lutheridge.

"Lutheridge," said Dr. Thornburg, "has grown to the point that it has the potential of serving a lot of people, and the buildings have been winterized to make the assembly a year-round facility."

Dr. Thornburg was the perfect man for the position of executive director of Lutheridge. He took his first pastorate at the age of 24 at St. Paul's in Durham. There were only 12 persons in his congregation at the start, and he had time on his hands. So he did something he had wanted to do all his life: he joined the Boy Scouts. He was a 24-year-old tenderfoot, and proud to be one.

"My experience in the Boy Scouts," he said, "helped me tremendously at Lutheridge because many of our activities center around camping.

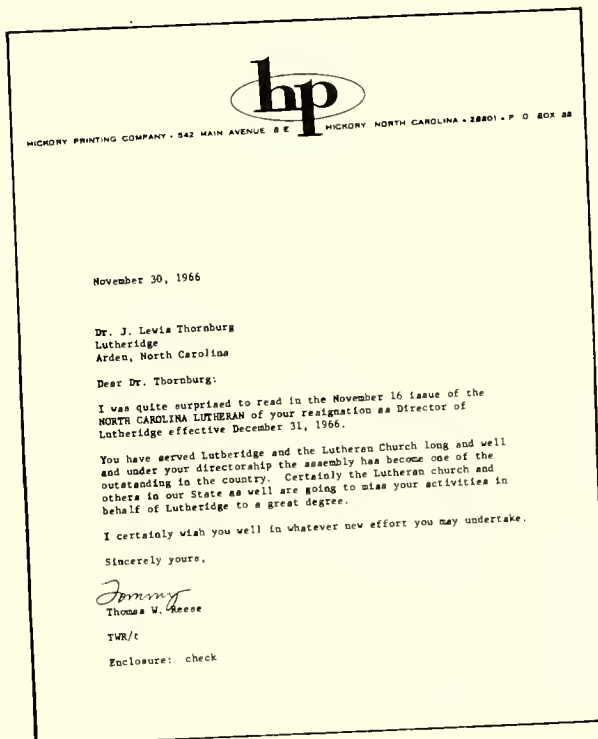
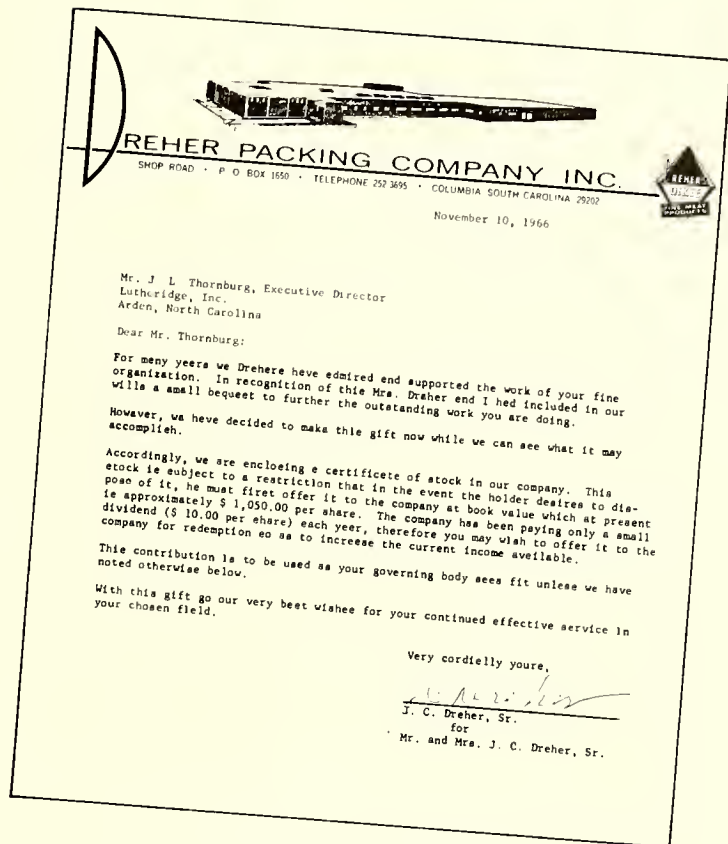
"But the thing that helped me most," he added, "were three words given me by a state editor of The Charlotte Observer. The first was 'visualize.' He told me I had to dream dreams for this place. The second word was 'organize.' If my dreams were not tied to a plan, he said they wouldn't get off the ground. The third word was 'energize.' It takes energy to make a place like this go. Over the years, I found those three words invaluable."

He put those words to use. He left no stone unturned. And the people pitched in. Together they built Lutheridge into an assembly ground they are extremely proud of.

Dr. Thornburg retired as executive director in 1967 and has been serving the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Brevard. He will terminate that service June 30 and retire again, at the age of 75, to live contentedly on the grounds of Lutheridge.

To show their appreciation of the job that Dr. Thornburg did, the people of Lutheridge will announce this weekend the change of the name of Leadership Hall on the assembly grounds to Thornburg Hall.

The honor is most deserved.



## The Story is ended—

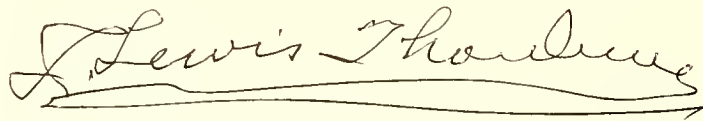
Every story has a beginning and ending. This has been true of "A Pictorial Story", with narratives, of Lutheridge. The story ended when I terminated my ministry as the first Executive Director of the Lutheran Summer Assembly at Arden, N.C. Miss Ethel Hockemyer, a member of the summer staff, wrote of the event as "An era ended".

I did my best using the talents and skills God had given me to dream dreams, to visualize the type of facilities which would be needed for leadership training for which the Church had purchased the property. Facilities were needed for comfortable housing; for preparing and serving good, delicious food, and last, but by no means of lesser importance, space and equipment for a well-rounded recreational program. This required careful, detailed planning and organizing by the Board of Trustees and myself to see that financial and leadership resources provided the most and the best.

If these splendid facilities were unused our work and labor were unproductive. The children, youth and adults of the owning synods and to be energized, excited, and challenged with a yearning to fill every available space to capacity, week after week, all summer long. The pictorial story seeks to record how it all grew and developed.

My *visualizing*, my *organizing*, my *energizing* has come to an end with this story. . . . .

. . . . .TO BE CONTINUED.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lewis Thordson". The signature is written in dark ink and is underlined with a single horizontal line.



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