

THE ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

CHURCH OF PEACE

1957

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P A S T O R ' S R E P O R T

To the Members of Friends of Church of Peace.

As we gather for the 2nd Annual Congregational Meeting of our Church of Peace we find ourselves moving into the third year as a young congregation. The past year has found us continuing to worship in the Sheridan School. This has been a great help to us. However, it has had its limitations as far as developing a program to meet the needs of our Church Family. In spite of this we have experienced gains in every department of our church work.

<u>Membership January 1, 1957.....</u>	<u>61</u>
Members gained by confession of faith....	7
Members by transfer for other EUB. churches	8
Members from other churches	<u>5</u>
<u>Total Gained</u>	<u>20</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>81</u>
<u>Two members transferred to other EUB Church</u>	<u>2</u>
Membership January 1, 1958	79

Now that we can occupy our church providing such excellent facilities our big job in the days ahead is the work of evangelism. This is the task of everyone in the church. It is the job of laity and clergy alike. Every Christian counts in reaching others for Christ and His Church. In the very near future we will endeavor to carry on an extensive Visitation Evangelism Program. Many of our people have done visitation in behalf of the church during the past year. This has brought results to those participating as well as to the growth of our church. In the near future some will ask you, "Will you lend a hand?" Everyone will want to respond readily and willingly.

The pastor and family wish to express deep appreciation to all of you for your excellent cooperation, your thoughtful words of encouragement, your prayers. You have accepted so well the limitations under which we have had to operate. A hearty thanks to those in their respective offices who have served so well: our building committee, our trustees, church treasurer, financial secretary, board of stewards, communion steward, class leader, building fund treasurer, director of Christian Education, Sunday School officers and teachers, ushers, choir members and pianist and all others who have diligently worked for the cause of our church.

Our congregation is pleased to have Dr. and Mrs. Spong in our fellowship. We thank them for their counsel through these past days when many decisions have had to be made. We appreciate the fine conference leadership our Superintendent has given in the past years. Living in our midst he has brought us much closer to the work of the conference.

During the past year the pastor has preached 78 times; baptized 6 infants and 3 adults and has made 503 calls. He serves on some conference committees and also as a conference representative to the Minnesota Council of Churches.

The year 1958 holds a great potential for us. As workers together with God let us dedicate heart and soul and mind to this wonderful Cause of Christ and His Church.

Your friend and pastor,
Lowell A. Reinking

REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Not because we intend to minimize the work of the Sunday School, but for the sake of brevity, this report has been put in outline form.

S. S. enrollment (teachers and children) Jan. 1, 1957	57
Loss during year	<u>10</u>
Total	47
Gained during year	<u>42</u>
Total S. S. Enrollment, Dec. 3, 1957	89
Total offerings received through the S. S. Offering	\$263.12
Special Easter Cross Offering	41.30
<u>(to be used for S. S. equipment)</u>	

S. S. Events of note during the year 1957.

Pre-Easter Party on March 29, with departments meeting at different locations. Excellent attendance.

Children's participation in Easter service

Rally Day, September 22. Children participated. Recognition and installation of teachers under direction of our Director of Christian Education, Rev. Leo Kisrow.

Caroling and Christmas Party on Friday, December 20, 1957

Parties well attended at various locations.

Children's Christmas program Following morning worship service on Dec. 22.

S. S. Council met on the 2nd Mon of each month with one or two exceptions.

Several attended the Children's Workers Institute and 9 enrolled in the Life and Leadership School with 7 earning credit. We wish to again thank the Church Council for defraying the expense of the teachers who attended.

Again we wish to thank the teachers who have diligently worked and conscientiously taught in our Church school. We realize it was not always easy nor convenient but we are sure that the cause of Christ has been helped by your efforts.

REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S SOCIETY

Period from March 1 - December 31, 1957

Number of members 24

Average attendance 17

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>
March.....	\$ 18.93	
April.....	16.01	
May.....	12.40	\$ 28.41
June.....	12.00	
July.....	10.60	
August.....		19.61
September.....	9.60	
October.....	16.30	
November.....	40.93	36.98
December.....	17.23	
Total	<u>\$154.00</u>	\$135.00

For Missions...\$52.25

Contingent Treasuere \$12.00

Thankoffering \$23.06

Local Expenses 47.69

Balance\$19.00

Geraldine K. Ramaker, Treasurer

Trustees' Report:

Valuation of Church	\$120,000.
Insurance on Church (With Travelers Insurance Company)	\$120,000.
Valuation of the parsonage	\$ 20,000.
Parsonage Rental Value	125. per month
Insurance on the parsonage	\$ 15,000
\$7500 at Mutual Benefit Insurance Society	
\$7500 at Hardware Mutual Insurance	

The deed of the parsonage is in the Conference Safe at Calvary Church, St. Paul.

The general condition of the property is good.

Improvements made during the year:

Exterior of the parsonage painted.

The term of office for the trustees is:

Oscar Mueller	Elected 1956	for 3 year term
Harold Lindahl	Elected 1956	for 3 year term
Emmet Wegner	Elected 1957	for 3 year term
Norman Johnson	Elected 1956	for 2 year term

Oscar Mueller, Chairman
Emmet Wegner, Secretary

Class Leader's Report:

	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Midweek</u>
Number of Services	52	52	40
Average Attendance	60	51	10
Total Average per Sunday	111		
<u>Total Persons that took Communion</u>	209		

Building Fund:

Balance January 1, 1956		\$723.00
Receipts 1st quarter	\$406.50	
2nd quarter	313.31	
3rd quarter	460.84	
4th quarter	<u>2129.15</u>	
Total Receipts		\$3339.80
Receipts and Balance		<u>\$4062.80</u>

On deposit at Northwestern National Bank of
Bloomington-Richfield, 78th and Penn, South.
Kenneth Hausauer, Building Fund Treasurer

Annual report of the
Financial Secretary for 1957:

FIRST QUARTER

Budget envelope contributions	Pledge money.....	\$1327.00	
	Non-Pledge.....	<u>77.50</u>	
Number of contributors by envelope: 28			\$1402.50

SECOND QUARTER

	Pledge money.....	\$1295.37	
	Non-Pledge.....	<u>50.95</u>	
Number of contributors by envelope: 32			\$1346.32

THIRD QUARTER

	Pledge money.....	\$1238.23	
	Non-pledge.....	<u>10.75</u>	
Number of contributors by envelope: 33			\$1248.98

FOURTH QUARTER

	Pledge money.....	\$1301.50	
	Non-pledge.....	<u>51.75</u>	
Number of contributors by envelope: 35			\$1353.25

The above report includes budget envelopes only
Special occasion envelopes (Christmas, Easter, etc.)
not included.

	Pledge	Non-Pledge
First Quarter	\$1327.00	\$ 77.50
Second Quarter	1295.37	50.95
Third Quarter	1238.23	10.75
Fourth Quarter	1301.50	51.75
	<u>\$5162.10</u>	<u>\$190.95</u>

Total Contributions By Budget Envelopes.....\$5353.05

Contributions for 1956 3253.53

\$2099.52 Increase

Lloyd E. Avery
Financial Secretary

CHURCH OF PEACE TREASURER'S REPORT
January 1, 1957 to December 31, 1957

Balance at beginning \$1978.39

Receipts:

Envelopes	\$5360.05
Loose Offering	673.93
Initial Offering	3.00
Sunday School Offering	330.39
Gideons Offering	15.60
Hymnal Purchases	57.75
Koronis Improvement Offgs.	14.00
Purchases of Conf. Journals	5.50
Special Gift Fund	29.65

Total Receipts \$6494.87

Receipts and Balance \$8473.26

Disbursements:

<u>Rev. Reinking-Exp. & Salary</u>	<u>\$1050.00</u>
Richfield Public Schools-Rent	993.35
Pianist	260.00
Telephone	105.83
Postage, Stationery & Pub.	127.63
Otterbein Press	381.16
Church Budget Envelopes	31.38
Augustana Book Concern	38.05
Farnham Stationery Co.	64.87
Augsburg Publishing	64.18
Evangelism Book Center	35.31
Missions & Benevolence	207.00
United Crusade	104.50
Financial Aids	15.89
Upper Room	5.95
Real Estate & Sewer Taxes	23.99
Parsonage Repair & Material	200.79
Greater Lpls Council of Churches	44.00
Meeting Expense	23.41
Audio-Visual Library Membership	10.00
Lorenz Publishing	5.50
Annual Conference Expense	20.00
Addo-X Sales-Typewriter	186.00
Gideons Offering	15.60
Koronis Improvement Offg.	17.50
Evangelical Press	11.74
Insurance-Parsonage & Church	469.84
Missionary Expansion Fund	77.00
Official Records	7.00
Richfield Prot. Minister. Ass.	1.57
Bibles	54.60
Pulpit Supply	10.00
Board of Christian Education	8.55
Calvary Christian Svc. Guild	5.00
Board of Pensions 9%	56.70
Gift for Rev. Reinking	200.00

Total Disbursements \$4933.89

To Be Carried Forward \$3539.37

Joseph Urista, Treasurer