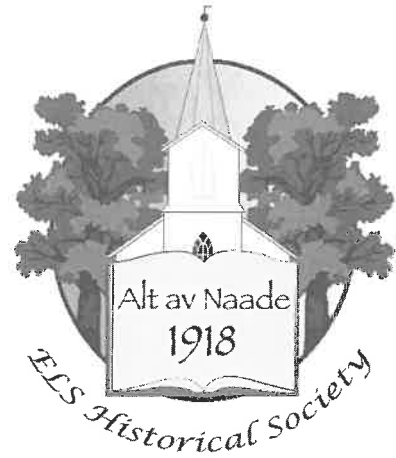


Oak Leaves

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THE ELS SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING

June 15, 2025, 6:30 p.m.
Bethany Lutheran College

The annual meeting of the ELSHS was held in the Lee Theater of the Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center. Pastor Michael Lilienthal, president of the ELSHS, welcomed everyone in attendance and gave a special welcome to two pastors visiting from Kenya, Rev. President Evans Mokuia Gwachi and Pastor David Ongwaye Ombogo. They are attending synod convention this week. His opening devotion was based on Proverbs 14:30. After his remarks, hymn # 56, "Ye Lands, to the Lord" was sung by the Norseland singers. They were directed by Katie Sulzle. Alicia Madson provided piano accompaniment.

The program, The First Decade of ELS Growth, was presented by Pastor Paul Webber, pastor of Concordia Lutheran Church in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. He spoke about the events that led up to the 1918 meeting of the reorganized synod at Lime Creek. The following year, 1919, the synod met at Albert Lea, Minnesota where a constitution was adopted. The fourteen congregations who sent representatives to the 1919 convention are considered to be charter-member congregations.

In addition to the charter-member congregations, there were a number of congregations who joined the synod after 1919. The PowerPoint presentation focused on the brief history of some of those congregations.

Among the congregations joining the synod during her first decade were:

1920— Hartland, Our Savior's (Madison), Western Koshkonong;

1921— Our Savior's (Princeton);

1922— Holton, First (Suttons Bay), Forest, English; East Paint Creek

1923— Jerico, Saude;

1924—Norseland, Pinewood; West Paint Creek (today King of Grace, Waukon)

1925— Rock Dell, Immanuel (today St. Paul's, Lengby)

1926— First South Wild Rice (became Calvary, Ulen)

1927— Holy Cross

1928— Mt. Olive, Emmaus (today King of Grace, Golden Valley)

1928— Manchester, Our Savior's (Belview)

The business meeting was called to order by Pastor Lilienthal. He thanked the Norseland singers for their beautiful singing of "Ye Lands to the Lord." He also thanked Jorgen and Anders Anthony for playing their

BRING YOUR GROUP TO THE OTTESEN MUSEUM!



Have you wanted to visit the Ottesen Museum but don't want to come alone? Bring your friends! Over the last several months the Museum has hosted several groups for tours. There have been confirmation classes, church groups, and even a public social group that have arranged for tours of the museum. Some have come to learn about ELS history, some to learn about the Synod's Norwegian roots, and one even came to learn about how we store and display our artifacts. Some groups are small with just a few people, but this year we hosted a group of 43 eager guests.

So, load up your car and make a day of it. You can also arrange to visit the Bethany Lutheran College campus.

If you're coming from a distance, we can also help you find other points of interest in our area or on your route.

Email us at museum@blc.edu to schedule your visit.

Stay tuned: The Museum's Christmas Open House is scheduled for Tuesday, December 9, from 2:30 to 5:30pm. We'll have more information in the next Oak Leaves.



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Check out the Historical Society website - <http://www.els-history.org/>

Oak Leaves welcomes articles of both Synodical and local significance for publication. Articles may be edited for style, clarity, or length to allow for publication. Each issue will be deposited in the archives of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod

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cellos prior to the start of the program. The secretary's report, having been made available at the door, was approved as written. Pastor Lilienthal reported that the board held its regular meetings on November 2, 2024, and February 8, 2025. Treasurer Larry Rude reported that the balance on hand as of June 16, 2024, was \$5,469.76. Income for the year was \$715.25. Expenses were \$987.67 leaving a balance of \$5,197.32. It was moved, seconded, and passed to accept his report.

Rebecca DeGarmeaux, Ottesen Museum director, provided her report. She reported on museum regular hours for visitors as well as special hours during convention. The Christmas open house was very successful, 39 visitors attended. The theme was, "You gave me what?" It highlighted some of the more unique and unusual artifacts. She attended the Lutheran Historical Conference in Baltimore, Maryland and Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. The museum has a new logo, very nicely designed. It was moved, seconded, and passed to accept her report. Since there was no Old Business, we moved directly to New Business.

Board positions: It was moved, seconded, and passed to ratify Larry Rude as a board member replacing Marge Lillo whose third term as a board member was completed. Marie Aaberg completed her second term of three years as a board member. She was nominated for a third term. It was moved, seconded, and passed to elect her again.

Pastor Lilienthal read a letter from Grace Lutheran Church, Lake Mills, Iowa. Congregations from Lime Creek, Somber and Lake Mills have merged into one congregation – Grace Lutheran, which meets in lake Mills. The Lime Creek church building has not been in use, but property is managed by Grace Lutheran.

In June 2026, the Saturday before Synod Convention, there will be a decommissioning service for the Lime Creek building. Anyone interested may attend. A "Friends of Lime Creek Society" has been established. A "Friends of Lime Creek" website will be produced and will include history, information about events, etc. as well as opportunity to support financially online.

Because the location is significant to the ELS history, the Historical Society is being asked if they would like to provide any assistance with planning or financing the decommissioning service, and/or the website. Further details and information were provided.

Following discussion, it was decided that the ELS Historical Society Board of Directors will discuss opportunities further at their November meeting.

Mark DeGarmeaux made a motion to authorize the ELSHS Board to decide an amount up to \$1,000 to support the costs associated with requests included in the letter. The motion was seconded and passed.

A reminder was given to everyone to renew annual memberships for Oak Leaves, \$15 annually. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Marie Aaberg, recording secretary

The ELS Historical Society depends on the membership/subscription fee to fund our projects and produce Oak Leaves. Even without the annual meeting our work still goes on. If you pay your membership annually, you may send your check to

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THE E.L.S. CHURCHES OF WINNEBAGO COUNTY, IOWA: GRACE IN LAKE MILLS



Grace Lutheran Church, Lake Mills, Iowa

Leaving the Lime Creek church going East, you come to U.S. Highway 69. Going south in about 4 miles you will come to the town of Lake Mills, Iowa. Lake Mills was incorporated in 1869. It currently has a population of 2143, making it the second biggest city in Winnebago County.

Lake Mills got its name because a grist (to grind grains into flour or meal) and lumber mill had been built on the old town lake before the town was formed. A big part of this lake was drained to make farm land. What remains of the lake a couple of miles south of town is Rice Lake, which now has a state park on its south side.



Norwegian immigrant monument near Lake Mills

Just on the eastern edge of Lake Mills there is a statue commemorating Norwegian

immigration into the United States. It is called the Promise of America (also known as the Norwegian-American Immigrant Family Monument). It shows a family of four looking optimistically toward their future in America.

Early History of Lake Mills Lutheran Church

The Lake Mills congregation was begun in "Pleasant Township" in 1965 by the Rev. T.A. Torgerson, who had also begun the work at Lime Creek and many other congregations in the area of Freeborn County, Minnesota, and Winnebago and Worth Counties in Iowa. The first services were held in members' homes and in a school house.

In 1873 the Rev. Jens M Dahl succeeded Rev. Torgerson. He served many scattered members. Those who lived in the town of Lake Mills formed a separate congregation in 1877.



Interior of Grace Lutheran Church, Lake Mills, Iowa

The Election Controversy

In the 1880's the "election controversy" caused a division in the congregation. The Rev. Dahl and a majority of his parishioners seceded from the Norwegian Synod in 1887. They joined the Anti-Missourian Brotherhood and then the United Norwegian Lutheran Synod. Dahl was a highly influential member of the United Norwegian Lutheran Church, and served as vice-president of the board of trustees of St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn.

After Jens Dahl left, Pastor Torgerson served once again as pastor to continue the work of the Synod in

Lake Mills. In 1889 this group built a church, with other Lutherans in town. This plan did not work out too well, so the Norwegian Synod church made plans to build its own church. This reorganized congregation took the name, "Our Savior's Lutheran Church."

There was still more doctrinal controversy with the coming of Opgjor –the Madison Agreement in 1912. In 1917 there was another division. A majority of the congregation decided to enter the merger of Norwegian Lutherans. Those who wanted to remain faithful to the teachings of the Scriptures had to reorganize again, and they formed "Lake Mills Evangelical Lutheran Church."

1918:

After reorganization Lake Mills Lutheran Church was one of the founding members of the reorganized synod. Its pastor was one of the pastors that met at the Aberdeen Hotel in 1917 (a portion of an interview of him concerning this meeting is in A City Set on a Hill, page 76) and he participated in the reorganization of the synod at Lime Creek in 1918.

Since 1918:

During the years following the reorganization of the synod in 1918, Lake Mills Lutheran Church formed a parish with Lime Creek Lutheran. This parish was served by several pastors, but two of them served for about 35 years each. Henry Ingebritson was the pastor at the time of the reorganization. He was pastor of the parish from 1911 until 1944. During that time he served the new organization on many committees and then as vice-president of the synod (1925-1926 and 1935-1937), and as president of the synod from 1937 to 1942.



Rev. Henry Ingebritson

Rev. Alf Merseth served Lime Creek and Lake Mills from 1966 to 2001. First Shell Rock in Northwood, Iowa, and Somber Lutheran, a country congregation with a Northwood address, joined Lime Creek and Lake Mills to form a parish with four congregations in 1966. Immanuel Lutheran Church in Riceville, Iowa,

was organized in 1969 and joined the parish in 1971, making it a five-point parish. Pastor Merseth was elected synod secretary in 1972, serving in that important synod office until 1996. He was a busy man.



Rev. Alf Merseth

Merger to form Grace in 2024

In 2024 Lake Mills merged with Lime Creek Lutheran and Somber Lutheran to form a new congregation called "Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church." The congregation now shares a pastor with Forest Lutheran in Forest City and Zion Lutheran in Thompson. It meets in the church building that is in the town of Lake Mills.

In coming issues of Oak Leaves, we will look at the other E.L.S. congregations in Winnebago County, Iowa.



LETTER FROM HELGA KUSTER

Here is a letter from Helga Kuster. When the mission in Peru began in 1968 Helga's husband, Rev. Theodore Kuster, was the first pastor to accept the call. This letter was written about three years after that beginning.

May 1971

Dear Friends of the Mission:

Every now and then, at least once a year, it seems that our mail piles up and we just can't find time to write to everyone individually. So please excuse this

duplicated letter which will go out to so many of you who have remembered us since we came to Peru 35 months ago.

We of the Kuster family are in good health. Sometimes we do fall prey to job-related and country-related “bugs,” but our Heavenly Father continues to answer our prayers and cares for us constantly so that we may continue the work which you have sent us to do.

Our new little Lutheran Church in Peru is growing. In numbers it is not very significant when compared to most of the sects which have been active in Peru for many years. Rather than try to gather a “big crowd,” we are teaching and instructing so that the members will have a firm foundation. It is easy to gather a crowd here in Peru by passing out free food surplus products or clothes; but we have managed to stay away from that except in instances where we very well know we can help an individual with what we ourselves have. The 16 confirmed adult members, along with the mission staff, are strengthened in faith as they gather once a month for Holy Communion. In addition they have their regular Sunday church services, in whichever area they may live, and their weekly evening Bible study. And each one of them has some other activity during the week, such as teaching in the Christian Day Schools or one of the Sunday Schools. Some are wonderfully strong in their faith, others are not so strong. But all have expressed a strong commitment to bear a Christian testimony to their friends and especially to their families. The growth of their church is very important to them, and as some move off to different barriadas they plant new little groups, as they witness to their new friends and neighbors.

We are presently witnessing a very exciting phenomenon in the barriadas. A very large “invasion” is going on since the past week in and around the areas we have been working for nearly three years. Thousands of land-less families are claiming vacant government land as their own. The government is helping them. Overnight, the barriada Mariano Melgar, where the school Gloria Bublitz taught is located, has doubled in size. This is only one of three such invasions that we have witnessed in this past

week, and we hear that more are taking place in other parts of the city. This is a tremendous opportunity. We simply stagger at the possibilities presented by this mass movement of people into the new areas. In the area of Mariano Melgar, for instance, there are no other missionaries. Overnight our “parish” has doubled in size. The members in Melgar are eager to begin Sunday Schools in the new section. This is the method they know and understand and can do. This is the way they became acquainted with the Gospel. Their children brought it home from those first open-air schools that we held in their own barriada.

We are happy to tell you about the Christian Day Schools. In addition to the school in Melgar, mentioned above, Judy Myrlie is conducting another in Reynoso with a young Peruvian girl teaching. Recently Bill Krug, Lutheran Collegian volunteer, has opened another in Villa Maria. In all, about 60 children are receiving Gospel-centered daily education in all their 3 R's. The school effort is the “jewel” of our mission, and we consider it very important because here we work with the little ones whom Jesus considers so important. Herein lies the future of Peru and our work.

Missionary lay worker, Orlin Myrlie, has set up the complete printing shop package sent to us by Rev. Bob Moldstad and members in his congregations. This shop will now begin turning out much needed Lutheran materials in Spanish. The shop is located in one of the barriadas, almost next-door to the apartment into which the Myrlies recently moved so as to be “nearer the action.”

Pastor Jim Olsen is entering into some very exciting and promising work with the beginnings of the seminary. He is in charge of the whole school picture, which keeps him busy all by itself, but his main thrust is toward the sem program. He is meeting with prospects all during the week, morning, noon, and night. He even goes to meet the fellows where they work, in one case a fruit stand in one of the neighborhood markets. By adapting and adjusting much of the material being used very successfully in other Latin American areas under the general heading Extension Education, he is moving along

with a handful of students. We ask your special prayers for these young people, so that they be well grounded in Scripture and receive a full measure of the Holy Spirit. Pray that also here in Peru the prophecy be fulfilled that these sons and daughters might speak. Joel 2:28

We have finally been able to gain official recognition as an organization legally entitled to conduct business here in Peru. Here in the land of “wait” it has taken over a year and a half for something which is actually fairly simple. Right now the books of the organization are being “legalized.” A judge must pass over all 6 of them putting his rubber stamp on and each and every blank page. This takes almost 2 months. We are also applying for tax-free status, which takes 3 months. But there is a saying in Spanish which goes, “You must be patient with the most patient people in the world.”

A crew of eight men, plus one “maestro,” a man who knows the trade well, is building a mission house in a barriada called San Gabriel. This barriada is right in the middle of the fast expanding southern area. The project is made possible, again by aid from Pastor Moldstad and his people. When the house is completed there will be room for a missionary family, a nurse, and five Peruvian mothers with sick babies, plus assorted meeting rooms. Five of every 10 babies born here die before reaching 5 years. We feel we can help with this situation in a God-pleasing way if we would be able to care for any malnourished-dehydrated baby we encounter in our regular activities in the barriadas.

Most of your gifts, unless otherwise specified in your cards and letters, have gone for Bibles and tracts, which have been distributed in all the places where work is now being done. Here is the list of Sunday Schools: Jose Olaya, Reynoso, Carmen de la Legua, La Trinidad, Villa Maria del Triunfo, Mariano Melgar, Tablada de Lurin, Pamplona Alta, San Gabriel, Santa Rosa. There are 5 Sunday Services. It takes a large quantity of literature to keep the “seeker” supplied in all these meetings and to supply the members with Bibles and tracts for their own evangelization work. One of our most interesting outlets for Christian Literature has been the bookstall in the market of

Melgar. It has been a complete flop business-wise, but has gained many new friends among the ladies who pass by every morning on their daily shopping trips.

We have been wonderfully blessed and taken care of here in Peru. We think not only of the regular never-failing little slips of paper sent out by Synod Treasurer Lee, which I am sure you have all had a hand in, but also we think of the way you have helped us both personally in direct contributions to the work. Our policy is that everything goes into the work, and we even try to sweep up the crumbs, so that nothing will be lost. We know, above all, that you have all received your “thanks” already, because that is the way the Lord works. But, once again, allow us to express our very heartfelt thanks.

Helga Kuster



PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

100 years ago

The 1925 Convention of the Norwegian Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church (which later was renamed the Evangelical Lutheran Synod) was held at Nicollet Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church (became Norseland Evangelical Lutheran Church) of St. Peter, MN, 11 to 17 of June 1925.

The President of the synod was George Albert Gullixson. This is the third part of the address he gave at the convention. It is a continuation from the last issue of Oak leaves. J. Herbert Larson translated it in 2004.

Presidential Address 1925

We are not going to expect less of ourselves at this time. God desires the salvation of souls. He wants the boundaries of his kingdom to be extended. His will is that the pure doctrine be spread and constantly capture more souls for him. He expects this fruit from his faithful disciples that they should go and preach the Gospel. We shall pray God to preserve us from dead orthodoxy. No, a genuine conviction that in the Gospel we have the power of God unto salvation, will drive us to a genuine interest in the spread of the kingdom of God. Consequently every true Christian will be a missionary. He will show this in his personal associations with his fellowmen and in a Christian willingness to sacrifice. If he cannot himself enter the ministry, then if it is possible he will see to it that others do. If he is a family-man he will gladly offer his sons and daughters to service in the work of teaching. He will gladly assist financially with their training for this work if he can.

The Lord expects progress from our Synod. He expects that more and more people come to our services and to the Lord's Table. If that does not happen, then we have reason to fear that we are not gaining interest on the pound God has entrusted to us. If our children and youth do not come with us to the Lord's Table, then we must truly examine ourselves as to what the cause of that is. Then something is lacking in our schools or our Sunday Schools, or it is because family devotion is being neglected, or because our personal lives as Christians are weak and sluggish.

We have the joy of being able to report that our synod is debt-free at the close of the fiscal year. We shall thank God for that. But even if we can say that we are debt-free, yet we are far, far behind when it comes to our pledges in love to God and men — if the question is: Have we done everything we have been able to do to further the kingdom of Christ?

I recently attended a meeting of our home mission committee. It struck me then, how difficult it is for this committee to have to say to missionaries and pastors, who have presented reasonable requests

for support for this and that mission or pastoral-call: Because of lack of funds the committee can do nothing for you. I felt that this situation is an accusation against me and my congregation and against most of our pastors and congregations. No, dear brethren, we are hardly debt-free over toward the Lord and the many souls who rightly can make demands on our service. We are not debt-free until every single soul in our synod who has means, has done what they can for this matter — have really sacrificed for our church's affairs, so that it is felt.

It occurs to me that we are lacking well-planned and regular contributions. I will therefore permit myself to remind the synod of an apostolic plan which was introduced in congregations in Asia Minor and Greece by the apostle Paul. This plan is set forth in 1 Corinthians 16:1.2: "Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do you. Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come."

The apostle says that he himself has given orders for this plan in the Galatian congregations, and recommends it to the Christians in Corinth. It is certainly in the Word of God so that it may do us good.

He says: "Everyone, not just the better off, but every man and woman, boy and girl, is to lay aside and to gather a portion of their weekly income or other means, as God has prospered them, at an appropriate time. The apostle has selected a particularly appropriate time, every week, for this good work, the first day in the week, Sunday. The day when children of God gather for worship in order that during the preaching of the Gospel God's children consider God's great love and grace in Christ toward poor sinners. On that day when Christians consider all the benefits of God in creation, redemption and sanctification, then they should bring their gifts as a thank offering to him. On every Sunday when God's command about love to God and men admonish to true deeds of love, they should bring their contributions. When God reminds us of the account

for our stewardship of the gifts he entrusts to us, we are to consider what we ought to give, and give it with a cheerful heart.

We have of course made use of this plan in all the congregations for special Sunday offerings for certain occasions. But the steady weekly use of this plan is not in place in most congregations. Those of us who have followed this plan can testify to the great advantages which follow from its introduction.

This matter will be discussed further during a second essay which will be delivered in English on the theme: "True Christian Progress."

In closing let me refer to the apostle Paul's words in his second epistle to the Corinthians, chapters 8 and 9: "But if you abound in everything, in faith and utterance and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that you abound in this grace also" (namely, in Sunday offerings for the poor).

2 Corinthians 9:6.7 say: "But this I say, He who sows sparingly shall also reap sparingly; and he who sows bountifully shall also reap bountifully. Every man according as he purposes in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver."

Let us take the apostle's words to heart and learn from them a well thought-out willingness to give in self-sacrificing love.

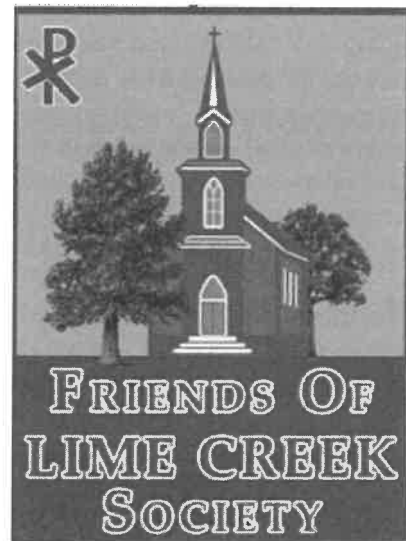
May the Lord our God, then, make us rich in all things: in the word, in confessing it, in faith, in acts of mercy and true love! May he grant in grace that zeal for the orthodox faith and doctrine, and care for a Christian life, well pleasing to God, in self-sacrificing love, may go hand in hand among us. May he grant it for the sake of Jesus Christ! Amen.



THE LEGACY OF LIME CREEK. PRESERVING ITS HISTORY, FAITH, AND HERITAGE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS."

A new organization has been formed to preserve the history of Lime Creek Lutheran Church. You can interact with this information on the web-page:

<https://friendsoflimecreek.org/>



LIME CREEK: A HERITAGE OF FAITH

We are committed to honoring and protecting Lime Creek's rich history and our ELS heritage for future generations, trusting that by remembering God's blessings in the past, we remain steadfast in His Word today. Preserving this heritage is not only about keeping history alive, but also about strengthening our faith, guiding our mission, and ensuring that the truth of God's Word continues to be proclaimed for years to come.



Begin Your History Journey

- Pictorial Timeline
- Video produced about the ELS featuring Lime Creek
- Brief History
- Articles written about Lime Creek's history.

About our Society

The Friends of Lime Creek Society seeks to preserve our rich heritage, care for the historic building, and provide a welcoming place to experience the faith of others and history.

Visit our Photo Gallery

Many historical photos from the archives and from the recent past.

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**“It is the living who give thanks to You, as I do today;
A father tells his sons about Your faithfulness.” Isaiah 38:19**



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FROM THE ELS ARCHIVES



Theodore G. Gullixson - Archivist

This Acorn was written by Rev. Julian Anderson, first pastor of Hiawatha Lutheran Church in Minneapolis from 1949 until 1958. Members from Hiawatha started Heritage Lutheran Church in Apple Valley in 1968, and Hiawatha disbanded in 1987

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House Hunting

“For we know that if the earthly house of our tabernacle be dissolved, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal, in the heavens.” II Corinthians 5:1

The story is told about a man of moderately-wealthy means who found it necessary, towards the end of his life, to move from the rented house he had inhabited for many years because his lease had expired and the landlord was unwilling to renew it. After a considerable search he finally located another home which seemed suitable and prepared to move. When the last van-load of furniture had left the old man lingered on for an hour or so in the old house, moving about nostalgically in the empty rooms where he had enjoyed so many happy moments with his family. At last his servant came to him and said, “Sir, everything’s gone; and the new house is better than this one. Come away!”

In its homely way this little story is a parable that applies to every one of us. The Bible reminds us all that we are merely pilgrims and sojourners here on earth. We are permitted to stay here only for a limited length of time – living on a lease, so to speak. We must face the fact, therefore, that the time must surely come when our lease will expire, when we shall be forced to move.

The question is: Are we preparing ourselves adequately for that future moving-day, the day of our death? Are we

making satisfactory arrangements to provide ourselves with a suitable house in which to spend eternity? Are we taking the precautions to procure a lease on a new home in the Kingdom of Heaven?



Julian Anderson

The fact is that God offers each one of us such a lease. He offers us title to a permanent home in the Kingdom of Glory! As Jesus said, “In My Father’s house there are many mansions” – many eternal dwelling places. And all that is necessary for us to do to assume title to one of these eternal houses is to acknowledge the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior from sin and to commit our lives to Him as our Lord. No other purchase price is necessary!

By that act we become members and citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven. And when it comes time for us to move, we shall move to a much, much better home – our eternal home in the heavens!

Are you looking for a church where the Word of God is taught in ALL of its fullness and purity?

Where the Bible is the sole rule for all doctrine and practice? Where “the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth” is taught? If so, you owe yourself a visit to Hiawatha.

Our chief concern is to be absolutely faithful to the Word of God in every respect; and thereby to insure the eternal welfare of all our members and friends. To minister to the soul is our purpose.

If you and your family are not now regularly attending any church, we invite you to worship with us. If you have no church home, we extend to you the advantages of membership in a conservative, Bible-centered church. For information call the pastor at CO 0775

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