

FIRST LUTHERAN LADIES AID SOCIETY

The First Lutheran Aid of Wittenberg continues its work with its regular monthly meetings held on the first Thursday of the month. The meetings are opened with Scripture reading and prayer by the pastor and devotional programs are given after which the business meeting is conducted.

In 1933 it was decided to give a gift of \$10.00 at Christmas to the Homme Children's Home, Homme Old People's Home and Indian Mission, and this is to be a standing rule throughout the years.

The annual business meetings are held in January in compliance with the request from the W M F. In 1933 it was decided that the Cradle Roll Fee should be paid by the Ladies Aid and Mrs. Lillehei was appointed secretary. The Aid sponsors some activity every year in order to raise funds for the society. Money was used to buy robes for the senior choir.

In June 24, 1936, the ladies aid entertained the W M F convention which was its tenth anniversary. The organization meeting was held at Wittenberg in 1926. One of our projects in 1937 was remodeling the parsonage for the new pastor, Rev. P. A. Wahl and his family who came to Wittenberg in June 1938.

In the year 1939 a committee consisting of Mrs. Christensen and Mrs. Wahl was appointed to purchase a new altar cloth and pulpit hanging.

The church basement was remodeled in 1941 by putting in a new tile floor and new kitchen cupboards. In June 1941 one of our members, Mrs. E. W. Sihler was elected national cradle roll secretary.

In June 1946 a birthday and farewell party was given by the ladies aid in honor of Mrs. Anna Lee Wold who left for China to continue her work there as a missionary. During the past year at the request of the pastor, several members have conducted devotions at our ladies aids.

The First Lutheran Aid has shown a spiritual and material growth, especially have the members become more interested in missions, due to the fact that we have had the opportunity of having several missionary speakers on our programs, Miss Theressa Peterson, retired missionary to China; Mrs. Anna Lee Wold, missionary to China; Mr. Pernie Pederson, missionary to Zululand and Rev. Farup also a missionary to Zululand and others.

In 1942 it was decided that we use the W M F programs at our aid meetings. It was decided that the dues should be 20 cents to the aid and 5 cents to the cheer committee. Two members of our aid are to serve on the altar committee and furnish flowers for Sunday services.

The 60th Anniversary of the Aid was held in June 1942. The history was read by Mrs. Lawrence, the historian. Rev. L. L. Masted of Stoughton was the guest speaker. Our aid pledged \$200.00 to the Centennial appeal and this was paid in full in 1942.

An "In Memorial" of \$10.00 was given for Rev. Lillehei, a former pastor of First Lutheran Church, who passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Clarence Loken in October 1946.

May the Lord continue to bless our aid, so that we may become blessings to others. "The Lord has done great things for us whereof we are glad." Psalm 126:3.

January 10, 1946

Historians: Mrs. Mathilda Lawrence
Mrs. P. A. Wahl

During the past two years the First Luthern Ladies Aid has met as usual on the first Thursday of the month. In November 1947 a rummage sale was held and clothing collected and sent for Norwegian relief. Members who were able to, met at the C. Sundet home and sewed new Junior Choir gowns under the direction of Mrs. Sundet and Mrs. S. Iverson.

A notable contribution to the Christmas party to which the men were invited was the dramatic reading of "The Other Wise Man" by Mrs. Malcolm Rosholt of Rosholt.

In January 1948, the by laws were clarified to read that all members were expected to serve their turn if not excused on account of age or illness or pay equivalent of their share. Mrs. J. Gjermundsen and Mrs. William Gates were elected secretary and treasurer to serve two years. The usual gifts to the local homes for the Aged, Childrens Home, Indian Mission, Bible Camp Christian Summer School have been given as the need arose as well as remembrances to absent or ill members. In memoriam gifts, recognition of golden wedding celebrations and Christmas cards and gifts. Also throughout the years the Aid has contributed to needy missions and church sponsored appeals of many kinds.

Mrs. Laurie Peterson prepared the poster for the W. M. F. Contest. One of our members Mrs. E. Sihler was chosen new president of Central Wisconsin District of W. M. F.

A new Altar cloth to be used for the advent season was purchased by the Ladies Aid.

In June 1948 a cradle roll graduation complete with caps and gowns and diplomas was held.

Two rummage sales and lunch served at the Norbom Auction together with a food booth at the Wittenberg Homecoming in August were extra activities sponsored by the Aid to make money.

In November 1948 the Aid met at Upper Home for the Aged bringing pot luck lunch and gifts for the home as a thanksgiving remembrance. Rev. Mason, manager, expressed thanks.

In December 1948 after much hard work, the Ladies Aid held their first meeting in the remodeled basement complete with new wash rooms, clack rooms, furnace room, new kitchen with hot and cold running water, two double sinks, cupboards, and gas and wood combination stove. After the many years of inconvenient and cramped quarters, we rejoice that our church has prospered and grown. We hope to see new improvements to church proper and exterior in the next few years.

At the January business meeting Mrs. A. J. Laurence and Mrs. F. B. Anderson were elected President and Vice-president respectively.

It was decided to limit meetings to 40 minutes--20 for business, 40 for program.

May we continue to work in good fellowship in Thy cause.

Let Thy work appear unto Thy servants and Thy Glory unto their children.-----Psalm 90-16

May 1949

Mrs. Andrew Nelson

Historian

"And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands ~~upon-us,~~ establish thou it. ps. 90-17

May 1949--An In Memoriam booklet was presented to the family of Mrs. Hans Johnson and a Life Membership pin to past president Mrs. Gust Norrbom--following a precedent recently established of giving each past president such a gift.

In June a large Cradle Roll class presented the program and were given diplomas in an effective ceremony.

The Ladies Aid ran a stand during the Wittenberg Homecoming in August and cleared \$160.

The high point of the November Thank Offering meeting held as usual at Homme Home for the Aged was a Historical Sketch in costume of an 1880 Ladies Aid meeting. Members brought gifts and pot luck lunch to the Home.

At the January 1950 meeting it was decided to adopt the worship offering instead of set dues for a one year trial.

During March the ladies Aid together with the Sunday school and Mens Club purchased venetian blinds and draperies for the new primary room. A rummage and bake sale netted \$121.17.

Mrs. Willim Berbaum was presented with a Life Membership pin. In November the Ladies Aid helped the Men's Club put on a lutefiske supper--the first in ten years.

Our president, Mrs. Lawrence, donated an electric coffee maker to the church in memory of her brother, Oscar Torgerson.

In January 1950 the time of the Ladies Aid meeting was changed from 2:30 to 2:00.

Mrs. Lawrence and Mrs. F. B. Anderson were reelected unanimously to be president and vice president respectively.

The printed programs prepared for the last years by Mrs. F. B. Anderson and Mrs. E. J. Bentson were again given out to members adding much to the interest and efficiency of the Aid as well as being a valuable record.

Donations have been made the past two years to Lutheran Welfare, Christian summer school, United Christian Educational Appeal, Bible Camp, Red Cross, Salvation Army, Childrens Home, Home for the Aged, Indian Mission as well as the many gifts of flowers, fruit and literature to the older members, to the sick and to the needy.

The January 1951 list of members is as follows: Mesdames J. Abrahamson, F. B. Anderson, Geo. Anderson, E. J. Bentson, Wm. Berbaum, Gust Berglund, Harry Briggs, Elmer Brunner, T. C. Carlson, Earl Cowles, Lester Dobbe, A. Dommersnaes, David Downing, John Englund, J. W. Gates, Lena Gilbertson, T. Gjermundson, O. B. Hagen, Eric Hanson, Henry Hanson, Oscar Hanson, Vena Hanson, H. Hoffman, M. Innerebner, S. P. Iverson, Carl J. Jacobson, Emma Jacobson, Ida Jacobson, Guy Jenson, Arne Johnson, Gerhardt Johnson, K. M. Johnson, Wm. Johnson, Wm. Kirberger, Emil Kunzak Arthur Larson, Carl Larson, M. Lawrence, H. M. Mason, Leonard Miller, Andrew Nelson, Norman Nelson, Gust Norrbom, Nels Paulson, Eunice Peterson, Laurie Peterson, R. G. Peterson, R. Schoepke, W. A. Shaw, E. W. Sihler, C. J. Sundet, T. M. Swenson, N. B. Ursin, Norman Ursin, P. A. Wahl, S. Westgor, Ed. Westlund, Anna Wold and the Misses Grace Dommersnaes, Cora Helgeson and Clara Reed.

Mrs. Andrew Nelson, Historian

Prayer

Lord, help us, we pray Thee, to know Thee more
To invite Thy comfort--to open the door.
Help us to know that
In Thee is love
By Thee is grace
With Thee, from above
Comes strength and peace to help us bear
Not only the tearing griefs that wring the heart
But the constant wear of living, Lord,
The cares
And tensions
Small hurts that smart.
Help us to know that prayer
Fills the heart
Strengthens our will
Gives each one a part,
Each one a place--a service to give
Help us, O Lord-- in Thy way to live.
Mamie Westlund Nelson.

The high point of 1951 was the Silver Jubilee Celebration of the WMF in this district which was held here where it was organized 25 years ago with our present president, Mrs. Mathilda Laurence as the first president. It was fitting that we could also have the Silver Anniversary here where it began. The other churches in the village cooperated with us in serving dinner to the large crowd that attended so as to free our ladies to attend also. It was a very successful meeting and we thank God for His many blessings.

Besides the usual bake and rummage sales and the annual contributions to the many charities and missions we help support, the ladies packed boxes for our soldiers in service, and served the wedding supper for the Jane & Hanson- Philip Hellestad wedding in March, and also served dinner for the installation of Mr. Ingvald Larson as manager of the Homme Home for the Aged.

A life membership pin was presented to Mrs. F. B. Anderson when she left to take charge of the Eau Claire Cottage after many years of faithful service at the Children's Home here and vital work in our Aid.

We were happy that Mrs. Arthur Larson of our Aid was chosen to succeed Mrs. E. Sihler, also of this aid as circuit WMF president.

New members taken in were the mesdames Olin Hagen, Oliver Bergelund, and Allen Jensen.

1952

Mrs Gerhard Johnson and Mrs. Olin Hagen were elected as secretary and treasurer, respectively, for the next two years. In February we were privileged to have Miss Belva Nerlien from New Hope who is the missionary at Columbus, S. America as our special speaker to tell of her work in that country.

In March we served supper for the Circuit Sunday school teacher's Institute held at our church.

In March, we had a special speaker, Mrs. Norman Torgerson of Iola, spoke of Temperance

In April, we presented our Pastor's wife, Mrs. P.A. Wahl, with a life membership pin and also a Mixmaster as a token of our love and appreciation for her active participation in all the work and projects of the aid during their 14 years here, and with good wishes for their happiness in their new charge at Lake Mills.

In May, Mrs. Everett Martin of Tigerton spoke on Christian Nurture to our aid.

Many of our aid members were able to spend some time at the Adult Bible camp and received much benefit from the inspirational messages and fellowship there.

In October we welcomed our new pastor Rev. Leon Holm of Arkdale and his wife and the Ladies Aid is in some measure helping with the new parsonage the congregation is building.

The Aid served the wedding supper for the Esther Norrbom - John Laude ^{Wittenberg} in October and at our regular meeting we presented our president Mrs. Olson nee Mathilda Laurence with a life membership pin and also with a Swedish "Smorgasbord" plate on the occasion of her marriage to Rev. Olson and moving to her new home in New Hope.

In November we packed 10 bags of good clothing and sent to the Lutheran World Relief Clothing Drive.

In Memoriams were given to the families of former members Mrs. Ed. Westlund and Mrs. Arne Johnson and with the other aids of the parish to former pastor P. A. Wahl in memory of his mother, Mrs. Karen Wahl. In addition, Life membership pins were given to the following old members of our aid in recognition of their years of faithful service. Mrs. Emma Jacobson, and Mrs. T. C. Carlson

At the business meeting in December, Mrs. Gerhard Johnson was Elected president and Mrs. Carl Larson vice president of the aid. Mrs. Gust Norrbom was elected secretary to fill Mrs. Johnson's unexpired term.

We were very proud of having recruited 10 new members to be taken into the aid at the January meeting. They are Mesdames Leon Holm, August Sampson, Morris Nelson, Howard Stoltenberg, Frank Doering, Marvin Olson, Gordon Gavin, Norman Torge rson, Sigurd Westlund, and Clifford Saari.

History up to January 1953

Mamie Westlund Nelson

Historian

First Lutheran Ladies Aid
Wittenberg, Wis.

First Lutheran Ladies Aid
Central Wisconsin Circuit

Wittenberg, Wisconsin
Rev. Leon Holm, Pastor

Our officers for this year were Mrs Gerhard Johnson, Pres.; Mrs Carl C. Larsen, Vice-Pres.; Mrs Gust Norrbom, Sec.; Mrs Olen Hagen, Treas

A Pageant was given in August depicting the settlement of Wittenberg and its institutions.

Pastor Arthur Anderson of Sudan mission spoke to us in September.

Life Membership Pins were presented to Mrs. Dommersnaes, Mrs O.B. Hagen, Mrs Eric Hanson and Mrs Vina Hansen.

We contributed aid to following during year:

The Delegates Fares Fund
Indian Mission Summer School
Seamens Mission
Publications & Gift to Indian family
Lutheran Students Ass'n.
Book Mission
Indian Student Aid Fund
Home Home for the Aged



The Parade of Brides

The above picture is a scene from Pageant of Wittenberg presented by our Aid at the High School Gymn August 1953.

First Lutheran Ladies Aid
Central Wisconsin Circuit

Wittenberg, Wisconsin
Rev. Leon Holm, Pastor

Our officers for the year are Mrs Gerhard Johnson, Pres.; Mrs Carl Larsen, Vice-Pres; Mrs Gust Norrbom, sec; Mrs Norman Nelson, Treas.

The Aid served the dinner for the Father & Son Banquet held in April.

Mrs Sydney Lean of Iola, Christian Nurture Sec. presented a fine program for us in April.

A lovely silver service set was received from the Berbaum family and given to Aid in memory of their Mother.

Our Aid served dinner for the Worker's Conference held in October at the Indian Mission and also served for Looking Glass Conference in Nov.

Missionary and Mrs Norlie spoke to us on their work in Madagascar at our Nov. meeting held at the Homme Home for Aged.

A Christmas Party was held Dec.26 for the young folks home for Christmas.

Life Membership Pins were presented to Mrs Ida Jacobson, Mrs Jacob Abrahamson and Mrs Anna Lee Wold.

We contributed aid to following during year:

Dr. Martin Anderson Fund
Indian Mission Summer School
Indian Student Aid Fund
Homme Home for Aged
American Bible Society
Homme Childrens Home
Lutheran World Action

Mrs Anita Ursin
Historian

First Lutheran Ladies Aid
Central Wisconsin Circuit

Wittenberg, Wisconsin
Rev. Leon Holm, Pastor

Our officers for the year are Mrs. Stella Peterson, Pres.; Mrs Mamie Nelson, Vice-Pres.; Grace Donnersnaes, Sec.; Mrs Mildred Nelson, Treas.

Our Aid voted to adopt the Worship Offering instead of the dues system for the year. The WMF Bible Study from the Gospel of Luke will be used for the year.

The Morris Aid were our special guests in the month of February at this meeting a Choral Reading "The Promise" was presented by nine Ladies with Mrs Mabel Larsen in charge.

A dinner was served by the Aid for the Milton College Choir, they presented a concert at our church the evening of March 11. The St. Johns Ladies Aid were our special guests at our March meeting.

A panel discussion on Lessons from Martha and Mary was presented in April with five Ladies participating.

The Mothers Club presented the program in June. There were four graduates who received their Cradle Roll Diplomas and fourteen Cradle Roll certificates were given to the newly baptized babies. The offering given by the Cradle Roll youngsters was sent to Sitak, Alaska

The Ladies served a dinner on June 16 in honor of the Sihler family. The reception was held in our church basement. We truly regret to see the Sihler family and Mrs Wold leave our midst, but wish them Gods richest blessings in their new work.

In July, Mrs Russel Van Fleet, missionary to the Dominican Republic spoke on her experiences there.

The Aid served a supper for the Circuit Brotherhood Convention held in our church on Oct. 23 .

The motion was made and carried that our Aid take over sponsorship of basket and bead work sale for the Indians for one year.

The Aid met at the Homme Home for the Boys in Nov. Mr. Haanstad spoke on the work of the Home and Miss Beulah Folkedahl spoke on the findings in the writing of the history of the Homme Institutions.

Mrs Eva Rae Johnson was presented with a Life Membership Pin.

We contributed to the following during the year.

Indian Mission Summer School
Zion Society for Israel
Mission for Deaf and Blind
Plymouth Christian Youth Center
Student Aid Fund
Lutheran Bible Institute
Book Mission of ELC
Lutheran Welfare Society
Circuit News

I wish to close this History with the poem written by our Vice-Pres. Mrs Mamie Nelson.

LET US GROW

Lord, help us then, to grow in grace,
In grace, and knowledge of Thee.
Let us not keep our God in the church on the hill
But let Him soar through our lives full and free.

Each day let us look through the windows of faith,
That the reading of scriptures afford.
Let us grow in the light that shines from each page,
New knowledge our richest reward.

"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God
who gives to all men generously-----
and it will be given to him" if His glory we seek
Let us humbly, then, ask of Thee.

Mamie Nelson

Mrs Anita Ursin
Wittenberg, Wis.
Historian



First Lutheran Ladies Aid
Central Wisconsin Circuit

Wittenberg, Wisconsin
Eugene Peterson, Pastor

Our officers for the year are Mrs Stella Peterson, Pres.;
Mrs Mamie Nelson, Vice Pres.; Grace Dommersnaes, Sec.; and Mrs
Mildred Nelson, Treas.

Our Aid served for the Pocket Testament League held January 29th.
Mrs Peterson gave introduction of the WMF Bible Study for year
on Peter.

Our Aid served lunch to the Luther College Choir which presented
a Concert in February.

Our May meeting was held at the Homme Home for Boys. The movie
the "greatest of These" was presented, Mr. Kalliainen showed movies
of his travels through Norway, Finland and Sweden.

The Mothers Club gave program in June,

Our Missionary Sec. Mrs Nelson told of need of Hospital and baby
clothes in South Africa and a committee was appointed to take
charge of sending clothing there.

Mrs Mrytle Cowles was appointed chairman of Indian Adoption Comm.
which our Aid was to sponsor.

In September a group of Ladies from the Scandinavia Ladies Aid
presented our program.

The Ladies Aid served a dinner at the new Homme Home for Aged on
September 23. A Recognition Banquet in honor of Mr & Mrs Ingvald Larson.

At our November meeting Mrs Iver Nelson was a guest, she served
each a treat of her Golden Wedding Cake, It was 50 years ago that
day that she joined the Wittenberg Ladies Aid.

We also served a Father and Sons banquet in November.

Our December meeting was held at the new Homme Home for the Aged.
Mrs E.J. Bentson sang several Norwegian Christmas songs dressed in
Norwegian costume, Mrs Nelson presented the Christmas Story on
flannelgraph and a group of Christmas songs and poems were given
by Mrs Gjermundsons class in school.

Mrs Gust Berglund was presented with a Life Membership Pin.

Mrs Anita Ursin
Historian

History Continuation

1957

First Lutheran W.M.F.
Central Wisconsin Circuit
Eastern District

Wittenberg, Wisconsin
E. L. Peterson, Pastor

Our officers for this year were: President, Mrs. R. G. Peterson; Vice President, Mrs. E. J. Bentson; Secretary, Miss Grace Dommersnaes; Treasurer, Mrs. Norman Nelson.

In February our Society had a Norwegian Supper to help finance remodeling in our basement. At our March meeting we had as our guests four exchange students from Stevens Point Teachers College. They were: Catherine Melbye of Oslo, Norway; Margarita Vanderloof, Netherlands; Gertrude Rosencraz, Vienna, Austria and Rosemary Staenfest, Berlin, Germany.

Our May meeting was held at the Home for Aged. Mrs. Ingvald Larson gave the Bible Study and several musical groups from the High School sang a number of selections.

In June our congregation celebrated its 75th Anniversary at which time our Society served a dinner on Saturday evening and a cafeteria lunch on Sunday noon to all present. Our guest speakers were Pastor P. A. Wahl and Pastor Orwoll Anderson.

Our Aid had a stand down town for Maxwell Street day in August.

In September we had as our guests members of the Morris W.M.F. who gave the program. Mrs. Everett Martin gave the Bible Study. A skit "Family Altar" was thought provoking and enjoyed by all.

On October 29th our Society were hosts to the Workers Conference.

Some of the ladies from our Society gave the program at Scandinavia W.M.F. in November. Those taking part were: Mrs. R. Peterson, Mrs. O. Paulson, Minnie Robinson, Mrs. Norman Nelson, and Mrs. Ingvald Larson.

The December meeting was held at the Home for Boys. Mr. Joe Haanstad and Mr. Kalliainen gave the devotion and showed slides on activities at the Home.

Life Membership pins were presented to the following during the year: Mrs. L. E. Peterson, Mrs. Frank Doering, Mrs. Norman Ursin, and Mrs. Clara Kirberger. The first three mentioned have moved away so have withdrawn membership from our W.M.F.

During 1957 we have sent infants wear to Mission hospital at Hlabisa, Zululand and clothing to Lutheran World Relief and gifts of money to:

- Eight boys in Service
- Home Boys' Home and Home for Aged
- Christmas gift to our Pastor and family
- Promotion and Literature
- Seminary Appeal
- Cradle Roll

Mrs. Norman Nelson, historian

History Continuation
1958

First Lutheran W. M. F.
Central Wisconsin Circuit
Eastern District

Eugene L. Peterson, Pastor
Mrs. R. G. Peterson, Pres.
Wittenberg, Wis.

Our officers for this year were: Mrs. R. G. Peterson, President; Mrs. E. J. Bentson, Vice President; Mrs. Gust Norrbom, Secretary and Mrs. Olin Hagen, Treasurer.

Our regular place of meeting is our church parlors but in July we met at Bible Camp, in May we met at the Homme Home for Boys and in December at the Homme Home for the Aged.

At our Cradle Roll Program in June we had nine graduates.

A film on Norway was shown at the September meeting and a talk on the churches of Norway was given by Mrs. Carl Larsen.

Ladies from the Rosholt parish were our guests in November at which time our circuit W. M. F. president Mrs. Lester Peterson of Rosholt showed a film on Alaska. Our Pastor Kermit Rye gave the Bible Study.

Our Aid served the dinner for the Pastoral Conference on March 11 when the pastors of the Central Wisconsin and Green Bay Circuits were guests of the Homme Homes.

On April 20th we served the Brotherhood Convention.

Our ladies helped prepare and serve food at the Smorgasbord at the Boys Home in August.

September 21st we had a dinner and reception for our Associate Pastor Kermit Rye.

Our W. M. F. was asked to serve the annual dinner given by the Badger Plant at Christmas time for its workers. Eighty people were in attendance.

At Halloween we assisted the local Community Club with the U.N.I.C.E.F. program.

Life Membership Pins were given to Mrs. Ole Johnson and Mrs. Chris Sundet.

A new electric roaster was bought with part of the money received for helping serve the 50th wedding anniversary dinner for Mr. and Mrs. Ole Johnson.

Gifts this year were given to the following:

Homme Home for the Aged	Homme Boys Home	Lutheran Student Fund
Promotion and Literature	Lutheran Vespers	Good Samaritan Fund
American Bible Society	Ephatah Mission	Zion Society for Israel
Lutheran Bible Institute	Book Mission	8 of our servicemen
Plymouth Youth Center	Cradle Roll	Our pastor and family

Mrs. Norman Nelson, Historian

HISTORY CONTINUATION

1959
(Dec. 1, 1958 - Dec. 1, 1959)

Name of W.M.F.	Place
<u>First Lutheran W.M.F.</u>	<u>Wittenberg</u> , Wisconsin
<u>Circuit Central Wisconsin</u>	<u>Pastors Eugene L. Peterson</u>
<u>District Eastern District</u>	<u>and Kermit Rye</u>

Our officers for this year were:

Mrs. Norman Nelson	--	President
Mrs. Andrew Nelson	--	Vice President
Mrs. Gust Norrbom	--	Secretary
Mrs. Olin Hagen	--	Treasurer

Our W.M.F. meetings are held the first Thursday of each month in the church parlors. February and March are party months with half of Aid members serving each time. Our December meeting was held at Homme Home for Aged and our July meeting at our Bible Camp.

New members for the year were Mrs. Robert Adams and Mrs. Quentin Goodrich.

We served for the Pastoral Conference in February and for Karen Joubert's wedding in May.

Our ladies helped prepare and serve food at the smorgasboard at the Boys Home in August.

We served meals for seven funerals.

At Halloween we helped the local Community Club with the U.N.I.C.E.F. program.

In June the Mothers' Club presented the Cradle Roll program. There were two graduates - Sharon Thorson and Paul Dobbe. Cradle Roll Certificates were presented to sixteen babies who were enrolled during the year.

A bake and rummage sale was held in November.

Pictures taken in Germany were shown by Rev. Holten of Rosholt at our November meeting. He also gave a talk on the subject "Will Germany be free or under Communism?"

During 1959 we sent clothing to Lutheran World Action and contributed gifts to the following:

HISTORY CONTINUATION - First Lutheran W.M.F., Wittenberg, Wisconsin

Home Home for Aged
Home Home for Boys
Promotion and Literature
First Lutheran Church - Debt retirement
First Lutheran Church - Budget
Wisconsin Lutheran Student Foundation
American Bible Society
Lutheran Bible Institute
Book Mission
Indian Adoption Plan
Nine of our Servicemen
First Lutheran Church - L.E.A.F.
Our pastors
Our custodian

Mrs. Henry Henson, Local Historian
Wittenberg, Wisconsin

HISTORY CONTINUATION

1960

Name of W.M.F.	Place
<u>First Lutheran W.M.F.</u>	<u>Wittenberg, Wisconsin</u>
Circuit <u>Central Wisconsin</u>	Pastors <u>Eugene Peterson</u>
District <u>Eastern</u>	<u>Kermit Rye</u>

Our officers for this year were:

- President Mrs. Norman Nelson
- Vice President Mrs. Andrew Nelson
- Secretary Mrs. Gust Norrbom
- Treasurer Mrs. Olin Hagen

Our W.M.F. met the first Thursday of each month in the church parlors. Three hostesses served at each meeting except in February which was party month and all served. In July we met at Bible Camp.

In June the "Mother's Club" presented the Cradle Roll program. Cradle Roll certificates were presented to eight babies who were enrolled during the year.

St. John's Aid members were our guests in November and presented the program at that time. Our W.M.F. gave the program at St. John's Church parlors at their December meeting.

Our W.M.F. is divided into five groups and each takes its turn at serving for funerals or other special occasions.

This year we served for two weddings, one golden wedding, eight funerals and the American Legion banquet. We had a bake sale in November and donated cookies for the dedication of the Chapel at the Homme Home for the Aged in June.

Layettes were furnished for the needy in Korea, Taiwan, etc. Used clothing was collected for foreign countries in November and gifts in money were given to the following:

HISTORY CONTINUATION -- First Lutheran W.M.F., Wittenberg, Wisconsin

Home Home for Boys
Home Home for Aged
Promotion and Literature
Our boys in service
American Bible Society
Mission in Brazil
Building Fund - First Lutheran
Budget
Zion Society for Israel
Book Mission
Our Pastors
Our Custodian

Mrs. Henry Hanson - Local Historian
Wittenberg, Wisconsin