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"Have mercy upon me. O God, according to thy loving kindness."—Psalm LI

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OUR FIFTY-FOURTH ANNIVERSARY.

The fifty-fourth anniversary of Grace Sunday School was held in the new church at 10:30 on Sunday, February 28, 1908. A special service was prepared for the occasion. Superintendent Leachey was in charge. Hymns, invocations and prayer by the pastor, recitations and an essay on Martin Luther were some of the main features.

The address of the day was delivered by H. Frank Eshleman, Esq., and it was very pleasing and instructive. Many comments of a favorable nature were heard concerning this address.

The church choir rendered a solo. This was followed by the regular order of closing. A pin for perfect attendance was awarded to 29 persons.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The following persons have been present at every session of the school during the year of 1908: Miss Minnie Werner, Miss Flora Jacobs, Miss Hetty Bruner, Miss Bessie Jacobs, Miss Ada I. Brubaker, Miss Mabel R. Brubaker, Miss Amanda Rutter, Miss Florence Hartman, Miss Aletha Kepperling, Miss Mabel Ruth, Miss Jeanette Aukamp, Miss Annie Beck, Miss Esther C. Wolf, Miss Carrie Raum, Miss Mary Beck, Miss Naomi Ruth, Mrs. G. M. Hambrigt, H. E. Brailier, M. L. Heisey, William L. Rineer, F. A. Slaugh, Aaron Ginder, Donald Rohrer, David Gibson, Walter Marlon, Henry Schutte, James Schutte, John W. Wolf, Fred. Goos; total, 29.

Missed one session: W. S. McGlinn, W. Z. Roy, Charles Sann, Miss Cressie Dunwoody, Horace Bomberger.

Special mention: Miss Esther C. Wolf, five years; Miss Mary Beck, five years; Miss Amanda Rutter, three years; Miss Carrie Raum, three years; Fred'k Goos, three years; Ada Brubaker, two years; Mabel Brubaker, two years; Hetty Bruner, two years; Aletha Kepperling, two years; Naomi Ruth, two years; Mrs. Hambrigt, two years; F. A. Slaugh, two years.

Largest attendance April 19, 414; smallest attendance August 9, 190; average attendance, 347; average increase over 1907, 31; enrollment new members, 24; officers, 11; teachers, 47; scholars, 467.

During the past six months 36 members of the school have been present every session; teachers and officers, 15; boys, 8; girls, 13; total, 36.

Offerings for the year, \$271.89; expenses for the year, \$266.79; largest offering, \$7.65; smallest offering, \$3.07; average offering, \$5.33; volumes in library, 957; average number of books taken out per Sunday, 42.

WEEKLY PEW RENTS.

For the convenience of our members who wish to pay their pew rent weekly in the envelopes we publish the following table: \$6.00 equals 12 cents per week; \$7.00 equals 14 cents per week; \$8.00 equals 16 cents per week; \$9.00 equals 18 cents per week; \$10.00 equals 20 cents per week; \$11.00 equals 22 cents per week.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL, Sunday, 9:30 A. M.
 MORNING WORSHIP, Sunday, 10:45 A. M.
 CATECHETICAL CLASS, Sunday, 6: 5 P. M. and Friday, 7:30 P. M.
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 EVENING WORSHIP, Sunday, 7:30 P. M.
 LUTHER LEAGUE, Second and Fourth Tuesday.
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 PRAYER MEETING, Wednesday, 7:30 P. M.

Monthly

CHURCH COUNCIL, First Tuesday.
 AID SOCIETY, First Wednesday.
 THE GUILD, First Friday.
 ALTAR SOCIETY, Third Monday.
 DEACONESSES, Third Thursday.

A CARD.

With this number of "Grace" we complete our second volume. The Publication Committee, which has remained unchanged from our first issue, has been re-organized owing to the resignation of Associate Editor James I. Pyle.

William L. Rineer has been chosen editor, and will be assisted by Messrs. Stafford and Heisey as heretofore.

We trust the change will prove beneficial to the paper and that the new staff may have the cordial support of the entire congregation.

ANOTHER YEAR.

With this issue we close our second year. By the blessing of God it has been a successful one, and we have been able to accomplish much. The retiring editor wishes to express his appreciation of the loyal support given him by his associates on the staff and bespeak for the new staff, the hearty support of the congregation.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD.

	All.	Col.
February 7	398	\$6.91
February 14	381	5.95
February 21	387	5.99
February 28	357	4.45
Average	381	\$5.59

CALENDAR FOR MARCH.

3. Aid Society.
5. The Guild.
7. Reminiscere Sunday. Infant Baptism. New envelopes begin.
11. Martin Luther Brotherhood.
14. Oculi Sunday.
15. Altar Society.
16. Missionary Society.
18. Deaconesses.
19. St. Joseph, the Carpenter's day.
21. Laetare Sunday. Equinox.
25. The Annunciation.
28. Judica Sunday.
30. Teachers' Association.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING.

The semi-annual congregational meeting was held Feb. 10. The report of the Building Committee was read and the committee was authorized to issue bonds to the amount of \$40,000 in denominations as they deemed necessary. The financial secretary has given us the following: Total membership, 926; number using envelopes, 583; contributing but not using envelopes, 29; total contributing, 612; do not contribute at all, 314.

If each member would contribute weekly 10 cents it would amount to \$4,815.20. Then if the weekly plate offerings would amount to \$13.09 the combined amount would be \$5,500—the amount needed for current expenses.

NOTES.

Two beautiful oak cabinets have been placed in the church to receive the new church books. These cabinets are surmounted by receptacles for the weekly envelopes.

The combination is very pleasing and we compliment the committee who purchased them.

ORGAN RECITAL.

Our church was crowded to the doors on February 11, the occasion being the inaugural recital on our new pipe organ, given by Frederick Maxson, of Philadelphia, assisted by Miss Bessie Gingrich, of Lititz. To say that everyone was pleased would be putting it mildly.

THE PINK TEA.

The ladies of the Altar Society desire us to extend their sincere thanks to all who took part in the pink tea for their assistance.

The room was very prettily decorated by Mr. William M. Dorwart.

On both evenings the room was taxed to its capacity, and the ladies were kept busy catering to the many wants of their friends.

As complete returns have not yet been made we are unable to state the amount realized.

THE BROTHERHOOD.

The Martin Luther Brotherhood of Grace Lutheran church have effected a permanent organization and adopted a constitution and by-laws. They will hold monthly meetings on the second Thursday evening of each month at 8 o'clock. All the men of the church, young, middle aged and old, are cordially invited to join. Dues are five (5) cents per month.

The Martin Luther Brotherhood celebrated Lincoln's and Washington's Birthdays on Tuesday evening, February 23. The service consisted of several patriotic hymns and addresses by Hon. J. P. McCaskey and Rev. Chas. E. Roth. Notwithstanding the inclement weather there was a very fair attendance.

EXCHANGES.

We welcome to our exchange table "The Trinity Lutheran," of Coatesville, prettily dressed in red, packed from cover to cover with good things.

We copy the following:

Stir.

"The thing that counts in all spheres of human achievements is willingness to stir. That means move along! Get around and do. There is more walk and less talk in all kinds of business today than ever before. This is particularly true of religion. The Saviour did as much walking as talking—yes more. 'He went about doing good.' The minister who preaches, but never visits, does only half his work. The gospel appeal on Sunday must be followed up with a personal appeal on Monday."

THE CHURCH.

The beauty of Zion, is the people therein,

When bowing before the Lord,
In his temple so fair, the house of
their king;

With hearts that love and adore.

The beautiful pictures, on the windows so fair,

Tell of the Lord when on earth,
While the choir in white vestments, in
their hymns adore;

The Lord, His greatness and worth.

The lovely white marble aisles seem to
say how cold,

The temple so fair would be,
If in loving adoration, the young and
old;

Forget the dear Lord to see,

The fine tone organ, with its rich trim-
mings of gold,

Reminds us of the city fair,
That city of light, where lies riches
untold;

And glory beyond compare.

The church filled with souls, that love
and adore,

With worshipful hearts and true,
Make a beautiful temple to the Lord
above;

Enriching pulpit and pew.

—Hettie Bruner.

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