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ADVENT-CHRISTMAS: 1973

The altar draped in purple, the hanging of an Advent wreath with symbolic candles, the marching of flickering light from candle to candle around that wreath, the singing of ancient hymns of longing and yearning for a Savior to come, and, finally, by candlelight, a worship joyously celebrating the birth of a child, of a Hope, of a Savior. And yet all this, which is our present experience, is of the past. How can we justify this seeming "play-acting"? How can we seriously expect to find relevance in a rehearsing of history? And it surely must be relevance we want as we confront a troubled present and a threatened future!

But wait! The future toward which we Christians look--is that future not the future of our Lord? Is that future not, therefore, a future of promise? Is it not a future of hope? The future of hope and promise and possibilities is the possession we presently hold in common with all who have ever lived. The yearners after a Savior centuries before the birth of Jesus had in common with us a future of possibilities. This it is we share as we repeat the Advent-Christmas rituals and traditions year after year.

Here is the way Jürgen Moltmann expressed the idea of a shared openness to possibility, although

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CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

The second annual Christmas Candlelight Service of the Lancaster Theological Seminary will be held on Wednesday evening, December 19, 1973, at 9:00 pm in the Santee Chapel. Our guest speaker for this year's service will be the Rev. Earl R. Marks, Assistant Conference Minister, Penn Northeast Conference, U.C.C. Rev. Marks is an alumnus of LTS, class of '50. Special music will be presented by the Seminary Choir.

This service is open to the entire community--students, faculty, staff, administration, spouses, families, and friends, so please make an effort to join us in this service.

The guest preacher for this Monday, December 17, morning chapel service will be LTS's own Dr. Lee Gable. (more on page 3)

CHRISTMAS CAROLLING

WHEN? Monday, December 17, 1973
WHERE? Meet in the Academic Build.
TIME? 7:30 p.m.

WHO? Anyone and everyone can come along.

We will leave the Academic Building about 7:45 pm and will go to faculty homes, St. Joseph's Hospital, etc., returning about 9 or 9:15p.m.

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Advent-Christmas observances were not the topic on which he was writing!

"It will no longer be possible to regard the past only archaeologically and take it merely as the origin of the particular present. The past will have to be examined in regard to its own future. All history is full of possibilities--possibilities that have been profited by, seized and blocked. In that perspective it appears full of interrupted possibilities, lost beginnings, arrested onsets upon the future. Past ages will thus have to be understood from the standpoint of their hopes. They were not the background of the now existing present, but were themselves the present and the front-line towards the future. It is the open future that gives us a common front with earlier ages and a certain contemporaneity, which makes it possible to enter into discussion with them, to criticize and accept them. That is why past positions in history and the traces of vanished hopes can be taken up once more and awakened to new life." (Jürgen Moltmann, Theology of Hope, N.Y.; Harper & Row, 1967. p.269)

May we all--you and your families, the Shepherds of Bethlehem, the wandering Magi--find blessings at a quiet manger once more!

Francis E. Ringer

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BOOK SALE

There is a book sale in the book store--20% off on cash sales only on all books with the exception of American Bible Society and denominational publications. This sale will continue until December 21st.

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NATHAN'S PARABLE UPDATED
(read II Samuel 12:1-4)

There lived in a certain city two men, one rich and one poor. The rich man was called King of Sunday Afternoon and possessed vast quantities of whale oil. The citizens of that city had cleverly discovered that whale oil would light and heat their homes as well as run their their put-puts to their jobs.

All that the rich man did with his whale oil was light great concrete stadia on the holiest day of the week while thousands of the citizenry sat in cold and snow and rain to worship the Brown Ball. Twenty-two selected men of great moral probity, who exemplified to the highest degree the Christian virtues of turning the other cheek walking the second mile, and forgiving one's enemies had been chosen to struggle for the Ball, cheered on by the fans (read "fanatics"). Six arbiters, armed with whistles, decided who should be carted off the field, more dead than alive.

On the other hand, all the poor man had was a little oil can which he needed to give his family heat and light and the only means of getting to his place of work.

There arose in the Kingdom a great dearth of whale oil. But the rich man did not us any of his vast store to light the stadia for the weekly sabbath ritual of assorted mayhem, but took the only can of oil which the poor man had, thus causing his home to be dark and cold and his little put-put to remain in its garage.

Then arose a prophet in the land whose name was Ralph N. who brought the needs of the poor man to the king. He dramatically pleaded the poor man's case for this little can of oil but the king was adamant. Was he not the #1 Fan in all the kingdom?

I wish I could report a happy ending for the sad plight of the poor man's little can of oil but

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the last I heard was that, come spring, another god will be worshipped, mostly at night, using vast amounts of precious whale oil and employing 18 brown (?) men, 9 in one costume and 9 in another, throwing, hitting, and catching a little white ball. And all the poor men's houses will be dark and their little put-puts will remain in their garages.

Donald M. C. Englert

TWO IN A ROW!!!!

Yes, sports buffs, LTS's roundballers have set a new seasonal record of two wins in a row! The first victory came over Phi Kappa Tau's "B" Team by a 51-31 score. This victory primarily was aided and abetted by a new student, one Jack Seville, despite the help from "Traitor" Dave Martin who played for the other! (On second thought, maybe that's the real reason we won?)

Tuesday night the other team must have learned of our new recruit and were so scared that they did not "show", thus losing to the Seminary Stars by forfeit.

Don't forget to come and cheer our heroes on to their third victory Friday night, December 14, at 9:30 in the F&M gym.

Doc Englert, A.D.

The big sports news this week came from the nimble fingers of Karl "Smoothy" Jones. Karl waited until the last night of the bowling season for the First Semester to make a new record score of 222 for a single game. Doc Englert and he were neck and neck until the 8th frame when old age took over (or youth could not be denied) and Doc ended up with a 172. Dandy Don Wetzell added some excitement with a season personal high game of 198

this week. Jack Seville finished with the top average of 161.9. Penny Bechard's 3-game high of 585 is not likely to be matched. The next bowling will be in the New Year: Saturday, January 5, at 1 pm; and Monday, January 7&8 at 9 pm.

Doc Englert
Lee Jessup

PLURALISM AND CHRISTIAN FAITH

We have been called into a world of tremendous diversity, and we have no choice about it. Out of this diversity come sharply conflicting demands upon us. It is our task in Christian mission and ministry to decide how we will respond to these diverse demands, and at the same time remain faithful.

The Seminary community will be invited to worshipful consideration of this task in the chapel service Monday, December 17, with William Moses and Lee Gable as leaders of worship.

I cannot change this world
This world I cannot change
But God can change me in

this world
through patience,
tolerance, and love.

R.M.

Friendship kept is
is like friendship in debt
Friendship given
is like friendship living
and friendship strong
is friendship that
that can't go wrong

Robert Morse

THE JESUS BEYOND LIBERALISM

As I read Bill Darling's well-written article entitled "An Alternative View," I felt the need to respond in print as the question he raised is a vitally important one for us, as future ministers, to come to grips with. Was Jesus a liberal? Bill thinks so, and derives courage and confidence in his proclamation so far as he views George McGovern as a modern-day disciple of Christ. Although I am sure that Mr. McGovern is a sincere and honest man, I am still unable to draw the conclusion that Jesus was a liberal.

In his Letters and Papers From Prison, Dietrich Bonhoeffer states, "The question is: Christ and the world that has come of age. The weakness of liberal theology was that it conceded to the world the right to determine Christ's place in the world; in the conflicts between the church and the world it accepted the comparatively easy terms of peace that the world dictated." Bonhoeffer was of course addressing his remarks to the predominant liberal Protestant theology of the nineteenth century, but it seems to me that the same criticism might validly be placed upon political liberalism and especially upon Christian liberals, such as Mr. McGovern. As the liberal Christian faces the world armed with Jesus' commandment to "feed my sheep," he is forced to allow the world, the government, the community and the church to shape the nature of the way in which he tries to minister to God's people. He is forced to dilute Christ's injunctions in order that they might be made acceptable to the world. If the message and commandments are not (a) economically feasible for the rich, who clearly control the government for their personal benefit, (b) socially acceptable - i.e. not too drastic, not too innovative and not too costly in terms of personal resources, or (c) in keeping with worldly views of what Christianity is, then the world (political, social, and religious) has the "right" to alter the message and commandments to the point of acceptability, which always seems to curiously correspond to the point of ineffectiveness and sterility. In other words, the liberal must not allow the world to temper his Christian judgments upon it to the point at which he ends up either praising and lauding the world (and its actions) because it allows him to exist, or meekly condemning its evil actions against its victims while condoning the world structures and processes which continue to produce victims.

Mr. McGovern apparently felt that a negative income tax and a limit upon the amount of wealth that could be inherited were two measures necessary to improve the lives of the poor and suffering in this country. He was forced by his party, however to drop the latter innovation and to revise his negative income tax policy to the point where it would have been of no value to improving the plight of the victims of the system, had it been implemented (which is doubtful). These issues are moot points, however, since Mr. McGovern's quest for the Presidency was opposed and defeated by the champions of big business and the wealthy, Emperor Richard I and his court, who entered that office through a campaign of lies, tricks and misinformation underwritten and promulgated by the aforementioned.

Jesus' Message and his directives do not have a chance of being put into operation by liberals, since it requires much more than they are willing to sacrifice to make them realities. No, liberals, be they politicians, "prophets," or priests, will never succeed in doing the will of Jesus Christ. Jesus' commandments require the willingness to expend one's self in His behalf. to die, if necessary, in order that His Message might become a concrete reality. Liberalism will never allow us to accept the full cost of discipleship. Jesus, in His willingness to die in behalf of the will of God, shows us that we must go beyond liberalism to proclaim His Message.

John R. Specht

LIVING THE WAY WE PRAY

I knelt to pray when day was done,
And prayed, "Oh Lord, bless everyone;
Lift from each saddened heart the pain,
And let the sick be well again."
And then I woke another day
And carelessly went on my way.
The whole day long I did not try
To wipe a tear from any eye;
I did not try to share the load
Of any brother along the road;
I did not even go to see
The sick man just next door to me.
Yet once again, when day was done,
I prayed, "Oh Lord, bless everyone."
But as I prayed, into my ear
There came a voice that whispered
clear:

"Pause, hypocrite, before you pray---
Whom have you tried to bless today?
God's sweetest blessings always go
By hands that serve Him here below."
And then I hid my face and cried,
"Forgive me, God, for I have lied.
Let me but live another day
And I will live the way I pray."

Let us all take a good look at
ourselves and try a little harder. Let
us work together as a community to do
the Lord's will, for he has given us
so much to be thankful for.

Lynn Wetzel

MERRY CHRISTMAS PARTY :

The annual Christmas Party will be
held this year on Tuesday evening, ^{at}
Dec. 18, at 7:00 pm. An after-dinner
is planned with dessert, singing, and
a special visitor for the kids.
Parents are asked to bring a small
present for each of their children so
that they can be given out that evening.
Please include the name of each child
on the present. Students, faculty,
administration, staff, spouses, and
children are invited. This will be
our last function of the year 1973,
so let's make it one to be enjoyed by
all. So have dinner at home, and then
come to the Refectory for dessert!

Tony Szilagyi and Bonnie McDowell

UNDER THE CHEF'S HAT

"Pepernoten"

1 $\frac{1}{4}$ cups flour
1 $\frac{1}{4}$ cups self-rising yeast
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup brown sugar
1 egg yolk
2 tablespoons water
 $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon cinnamon
 $\frac{1}{4}$ *teaspoon grated nutmeg
 $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon ground cloves
 $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon powdered anise
1/8 teaspoon salt

Knead all ingredients together into a
soft ball. Butter two baking sheets.
Form about 7 marble-sized balls and place
them on the sheets. Bake in a preheated
350° oven for about 20 minutes or until
rather hard.

Barry Lohman

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT

To all faculty, administration, staff,
and seminarians---

The copy deadline for the February
Bulletin will be Jan. 3 - immediately
after the Christmas vacation. If you
have any material for the February
Bulletin, please try to prepare it and
give it to me before Dec. 21, if at all
possible. If not, please get it to me
by Jan. 3. Some of the proposed subject
matter includes: progress of the colle-
gia (I welcome student and faculty
comments); progress of the D. Min. pro-
gram in its first year; Sesquicentennial
plans; any other news from seminarians,
faculty, administration, staff, trustees,
and alumni.

Nancy Payne

Due to Christmas vacation (sigh!),
there will be no issue of THE SEMINARIAN
next week. However, the staff of this
illustrious newspaper will resume publi-
cation with the New Year (that is, in
January).

ULTIMATUM TO THE MONEY CHANGERS - U.S.A.

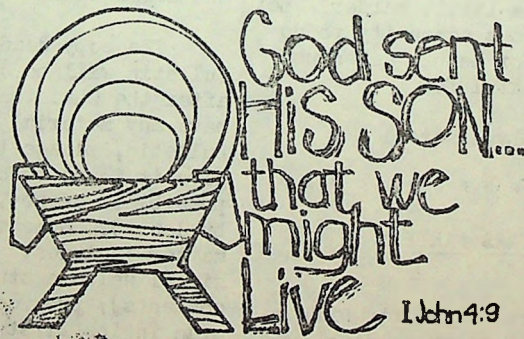
They travel the endless, dry expansion -
the dusty, migrant highway -
beaten in body-sick in spirit.
The beaten spirits of choking, desperate men and women
suffering from the death weariness
of broken backs and wills.
Their blood's only a transfer payment
to the capitalist's bank account.
God only knows their red
makes possible renewed green circulation.
They do not know the basic difference
between Hegelian and Marxian dialectic processes
or the economic balance required
for capitalism to continue to function.
Merely looking for a piece of their own private dirt,
the Bank of America, however, keeps the property private.

Matthew 25:40 "... as you did it to one of the least of
these my brethren, you did it to me."

As you did it to the least of these -
The least you did to one of these -
If some have,
then, all or none.

P.E.Clark

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The staff of THE SEMINARIAN wishes you
and your families a very merry and
joyous Christmas, and may the new life
which is ours through the birth of our
Lord Jesus Christ be with you through-
out the coming New Year.

LANCASTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
PARKING REGULATIONS adopted by the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE December 12, 1973

Published 12/13/73; conditioned until 12/21/73; effective 1/2/74

When effective these regulations supersede those printed in the 1973-74
Seminary Handbook

1. The Seminary has two areas available for parking.
 - (a) The lot to the rear of houses in the 500 block of North Pine Street.
 - (b) Lined spaces on the main campus including several spaces on the West Frederick Street side of the campus between the boiler room and the sidewalk.

2. All Seminary Students, faculty and staff who intend to use the Seminary's parking facilities are required to register their vehicles and purchase an identification bumper sticker for \$1.00. Stickers do not guarantee parking space, but they do identify the vehicle. They must be placed on the rear bumpers. When cars are exchanged stickers must be removed if possible, and the Business Office should be advised for cancellation. New stickers must then be obtained.

3. RESERVED PARKING SPACES FOR FACULTY & STAFF AND REGISTERED VISITORS.

All spaces on the north side of the Academic Building, the three spaces at the south end of Richards Hall and the two spaces parallel to the boiler room and Frederick Street are reserved between 8 A.M. and 5 P.M. Monday through Friday. Spaces # 10 and # 11 are reserved for the Librarian and the Business Manager at all times except between the hours of 9 P.M. and 7 A.M. and on Sundays and Holidays. Except on Frederick Street, these spaces are numbered for assignment purposes and are marked "RESERVED"

Other faculty and staff living less than four blocks (approximately one-half mile) will not be assigned reserved spaces unless required for health reasons.

Unassigned "RESERVED" spaces will be for registered, temporary visitors and for registered faculty and staff who drive occasionally and for registered part-time faculty. These are on a first come first served basis. This flexibility permits a feasible method of control because of change in personnel and needs from semester to semester.

4. Resident Seminarians (Richards Hall and Apartments)

Seminarians living in Richards Hall and in the Seminary Apartments will be issued red and white stickers. Proper display of these stickers permit use of available campus parking spaces and Pine Street Parking spaces. Single students living in Richards Hall are encouraged to use the Pine Street lot as much as possible to enable married students whose wives work at night to be able to park on campus when they return home late.

5. Pine Street Residents

These students may register to park on the Pine Street Lot only. Purple and white stickers are issued for this lot. It is suggested that these residents park as much as possible on the street to offer more flexibility in our parking.

6. Commuting Students

These students may register to park on the Pine Street Lot.

7. Franklin & Marshall College Single Students

Because of limited space, we cannot permit parking privileges in Seminary parking spaces. These individuals will park in spaces provided at the college or on the city streets.

8. Married F. & M. Students Living in Seminary Apartments

Because of limited space we cannot permit parking in Seminary spaces between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. Upon registering vehicles and purchasing a Seminary sticker these people may park on campus between 7:00 P.M. and 7:00 A.M. if spaces are available. Failure to adhere to seminary parking regulations will void this privilege. For identification purposes, these people will display red and white stickers which will be altered by having the lower line removed.

9. Persons and/or Families With More Than One Car

Only one car per person and/or family may be parked on campus at the same time.

10. Parking on Campus for Extended Periods

Cars may not be parked on campus continuously for more than two days.

11. Visitors

Visitors on campus for Seminary business for more than two hours will be required to obtain a temporary parking permit from the Business Office, President's Office, Dean's Office, Career Center or Development Office. These permits will be displayed in the front window of cars.

12. Parking in Undesignated Areas

There will be no parking on campus in other than marked spaces. Please park within lines. There will be no parking in front of Bowman Hall except to load and unload (Maximum of fifteen minutes).

13. Enforcement

Enforcement of parking regulations has been assigned to the Business Office. Services will be hired for this purpose to cover the period between 7 A.M. and 7 P.M., Monday through Friday.

14. Violations

First offenses = Notice

Additional Offences = \$10.00 fine

If fines are paid within five days, the fines will be reduced to \$5.00.

Otherwise, they will be added to students' accounts on the \$10.00 basis and will be required to be paid on the same basis as other Seminary charges.

15. Trespassers

Those with unregistered cars and without parking permits will be subject to trespassing charges through legal channels. Fines and costs are approximately \$25.00.

16. Snow

In the event of snow, please remove cars from the reserved areas until plowing has taken place. Then remove cars from the other areas to enable plowing to be done. The cooperation of all is asked.

LANCASTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - 149:13

December 13, 1973

- * Open to Seminary Community
 - ** Open to General Public
- Numbers in parentheses refer to announcements which follow.

CALENDAR

Monday, December 17

- * 9:10 A.M. Morning Prayers
- 10:00 A.M. Faculty Meeting
- ** 7:30 P.M. Christmas Carolling

Tuesday, December 18

- * 9:10 A.M. Morning Prayers
 - * 6:30 P.M. Choir Rehearsal
- Seminary Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 19

- 8:00 A.M. Executive Cabinet
 - * 9:10 A.M. Morning Prayers
 - * 9:00 P.M. Christmas Candlelight Service
- Mr. Saylor of Ministers Life & Casualty (1)

Thursday, December 20

- * 9:10 A.M. Morning Prayers

Friday, December 21

- * 9:10 A.M. Morning Prayers

Fall Term closes at 5:00 P.M.

DATES AHEAD

1974 -- CONVOCATION -- January 28-29

Are you observing the guidelines to conserve energy?
Are you encouraging your friends to do so?

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Beginning January 3, 1974 with issue # 149:14, the weekly information sheet from the President's Office will have three parts. The Calendar (including dates ahead), The Register, and The Announcements.

The information is prepared each Thursday afternoon for distribution with The Seminarian that evening. All items must be in Mrs. Hafer's hands by noon on Thursday. Each item must be dated and signed.

The Calendar contains all events on campus and are noted as * (asterisk) Open to Seminary Community or ** (two asterisks) Open to General Public. Items without asterisks are for membership of the group involved. In presenting items for the Calendar, please specify the constituency who are welcome to participate.

The Register contains a record of discussions and decisions in process. Any group which wishes to use The Register on a regular basis should see Mrs. Hafer to secure the forms on which official actions are to be reported and recorded. Each group must identify persons authorized to report official actions in detail in paragraphs 2, 3, and 4 of the memorandum on "The Conditional Decision-Making Process."

The Announcements, which may often refer to items in The Calendar and The Register are to be signed and dated, and may be submitted by any member of the community.

James D. Glasse
President

Announcement of Conditional Decision

At its meeting on December 12, the Executive Cabinet adopted a revision of the policies and procedures governing parking on the Seminary campus. A copy of this document entitled "Parking Regulations" and dated December 12, 1973, is attached to this issue of the newsletter. The conditions on this decision are as follows: if before December 21, 1973 fewer than 10 persons object to this decision, or call for its review through written and signed statements to the President's Office, the decision will be considered in effect as of January 2, 1974.

James D. Glasse, Chairman
Executive Cabinet

MEMORANDUM

To: All Faculty, Administration, and Staff
From: James D. Glasse, President

I shall be absent from the campus and unavailable for consultation from 5 P.M. on Friday, December 14 until 8 A.M. Friday, December 21. During my absence Mr. Bricker, serving as Chairman of the Executive Cabinet, will act for me in any matters requiring official decision.

Since no objections were registered to the Residence Policy announcement of November 29, 1973, these policies are declared in effect until further notice.

James D. Glasse
President

- (1) Mr. Saylor of the Ministers Life and Casualty will be in the HUB to talk with students and faculty.

Lyman G. Farrar

The library will hire students full-time or part-time during the January Session to help move books from the first floor to the lower level. Those interested should see Mr. Daugherty.

Geroge H. Bricker, Librarian

The Laboratory for Leadership and Learning is bringing Palmer Hartl to the campus on January 18-19. Fliers have been placed in mailboxes. If you know someone who might be interested, ask me for fliers.

Allen Kroehler