

AT THE CHURCHES

EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 11:00 a. m. Preaching.
 15—The Story of Blind Bartimaeus.
 22—The Raising of Lazarus.
 25—The Fulfillment—not the Destruction—of the Old.
 29—The Way of Life.

Services 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays of each month at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. First Sunday in each month at 11:00 a. m. Sunday School every Sunday at 10:00 a. m. Junior Auxiliary, Chapter A, meets every Tuesday at 7:30 p. m. Junior Auxiliary, Chapter B, meets at 2:30 every Sunday afternoon.

The subject whence the sermons for the morning services will be gathered during the next three months will be, "The Miracles of Jesus," with the view of grasping their meaning as one of Christ's methods of teaching the principles of a new life.

GEO. G. WARE, Missionary.
 Phone 93.

CHRISTMAS AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Christmas service at the First Presbyterian church will be of unusual interest this year. A children's choir of thirty or more voices will sing two Christmas anthems. The service will be held on Sunday evening, Dec. 22, and the program will be as follows:

- Organ Voluntary.
- Anthem, "Holy Night," by Children's Choir.
- Invocation.
- Hymn, "Joy to the World."
- Scripture Lesson.
- Prayer.
- Special Music (to be arranged).
- Notices.
- Offering.
- Anthem, "O Little Town of Bethlehem," by Children's Choir.
- CHRISTMAS SERMON.
- Hymn, "Angels Rejoiced and Sweetly Sang."
- Benediction.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

10:00 a. m. Sabbath School.
 11:00 a. m. Public worship.
 3 p. m. Junior and Intermediate C.E.
 6:30 p. m. Christian Endeavor.
 7:30 p. m. Public worship.
 Rev. J. B. Brown, Pastor.
 Phone 710

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Following is the program which will be given at the Christian church on Christmas eve:

- Processional.
- Song, "Sing the Praise of God."
- Invocation.
- Responsive reading.
- Song, "The Merry Bells."
- Recitation, "Joy Bells are Ringing."
- Scripture lesson.
- Prayer.
- Recitation, "Sing of the Star."
- Song by Primary department, "The Time of Christmas."
- Primary exercise, "Star of Love."
- Song, "Hail to the Child."
- Exercise, "Unseen Voices."
- Song, "One Blessed Holy Night."
- Recitation, "Love's Lesson."
- Singing and recitation, "The Mother's Song."
- Exercise, "What the Star Brings."
- Song, "The Children's Savior."
- Short address.
- Song, "The Children of Light."
- Recitation, "A Christmas Thought."
- Song, "Christ, the Lord, is Born."
- Benediction.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

10:00 a. m. Bible school rally.
 11:00 a. m. Preaching. Subject, "Prayer, the Dynamic of the Christian Life."
 6:45 p. m. C. E. Miss Mattie Workman will lead.
 7:30 p. m. Preaching. Subject, "Jesus, the Savior of All."
 FRANK ALLAN WOTEN, Minister.
 Phone 752.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

10:00 a. m. Sunday School. Graded Bible Classes.
 11:00 a. m. Public worship.
 6:30 p. m. Young people's Epworth League meetings. The leader will be William Lamson.
 7:30 p. m. Public worship.
 Prayer, Bible study and social hour, Wednesday evening at 7:30. The doors of this church are open to all people at all services. A cordial and home welcome extended to all to worship with us, if you have no other church home in the city.

Olin S. Baker, Pastor
 Phone 90

U. P. CHURCH

10:00 a. m. Sunday school, Graded Lessons.
 11:00 a. m. Preaching.
 7:30 p. m. Preaching.
 Prayer meeting, Wednesday evening, at 7:30.
 Phone 458

A. L. GODFREY, Pastor.

BAPTIST CHURCH

10:00 a. m. Sunday school.
 6:30 p. m. B. Y. P. U.
 There will be no preaching services Sunday on account of the illness of Rev. Witte.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

Sabbath school at the residence of Mrs. Pilkington every Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.
 MRS. JOHN PILKINGTON, Supt.

A. M. E. CHURCH

Services at the home of Mr. Richmond on Platte Avenue.
 Sunday school, 2 p. m.
 Preaching service at 7:30 p. m.

CHRISTMAS AT IMMANUEL'S GERMAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Christmas festival will be ushered in at Immanuel's Lutheran church by a special children's service on the eve before Christmas, Dec. 24, commencing at 7:30 p. m. with Christmas tree and Christmas carols. A program will be rendered in this service by the pupils of Immanuel's German-English Lutheran school, special features of which will be:

- Anthem by the choir, "Come all Ye Faithful" (German)
- "The Story of Our Saviour's Birth," A catechism by the pastor with the pupils of the parochial school, interluded with songs of praise and declamations by the children. (German)
- Declamation, "Hark, the Angels Singing." (English)
- German and English address by the pastor.

We kindly ask all our friends both German and English to be with us on that evening and partake of our joy.
 On Christmas day, Dec. 25, there will be a regular festival service in German, with sermon by the pastor, beginning at 10:30 a. m. To this service also all German Lutherans of this city and community are cordially invited.

On the Sunday after Christmas, Dec. 29, commencing at 10:30 a. m., there will be an English Lutheran Christmas service with sermon by Rev. O. L. Lang of Crawford, Nebr. At the same time Rev. Titus Lang of this city will conduct an English-Lutheran Christmas service at Berea. An invitation to these services is hereby extended to all English-Lutherans of Alliance and vicinity.
 TITUS LANG.

IMMANUEL GERMAN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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9:30 a. m. Sunday school.
 German and English services alternately Sunday evenings, upon announcement.
 German-English parochial school from September to June, five days of the week.
 TITUS LANG, Pastor.
 703 Niobrara Ave., phone 359.

LAKESIDE

C. E. Crowther is erecting a new cottage in the west end of town, which will be occupied by the family of S. E. Hollers during the remainder of the school year.

R. A. Cook shipped 400 head of cattle to the Hord feed yards at Central City last Friday. Mr. Cook and Mr. Crowther accompanied the stock, returning Sunday noon.

Tully, McLaughlin and Mosler shipped thirteen carloads of cattle to the Chicago market Sunday. Mr. McLaughlin accompanied the shipment.

The U. S. surveyors are now occupied in checking up the Sixth Standard Parallel north, thru Ranges 43, 44, 45 and 46 west. After completing this work they will leave for Nelegh, Nebraska, their winter headquarters.

Sunday evening a small blaze in the store of the Lakeside Mercantile Co. was the cause of quite a little excitement. A piece of cloth caught fire from the lamp, but the flames were extinguished before any damage was done.

The masquerade ball, given on Thanksgiving night, under the auspices of the Modern Woodmen lodge, was a great success in every respect. The attendance was large, the costumes good, and the supper, consisting of fresh oyster stew, celery, olives, ham sandwiches and coffee was excellent. Mephistopheles, a sailor boy, a cow girl, Spanish dancing girl, day and night, Mexicans, Indians, and numerous "hayseeds" of different nationalities, were seen among the costumed dancers. Supper was served at midnight, shortly after the unmasking, but dancing continued until 3:30. Everyone enjoyed themselves and are looking forward to as good a time at the Christmas ball.

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Mrs. Wayne Zediker entertained a number of friends Wednesday evening, at a dinner party, in honor of Mrs. Wm. Neik of Lead. S. D. Mrs. Neik was a resident of Alliance some ten years ago. Her mother, Mrs. A. M. Dally of this city, will return with her to Lead, where she will make her home.

On last Monday Mrs. I. W. Wright gave a Kensington in honor of her sister, Miss Alice Carlson, of Alliance. A very delightful luncheon was served and a very pleasant time was enjoyed by all. Those present were Miss Francis Gage, Mrs. L. G. Crampton and Mrs. E. H. Kennedy. Darning Posters, Dec. 5.

A SANTA CLAUS FROM THE SEA



NAN and Jack and little black Topsy rubbed their eyes and stared about them. A big wave had landed them high and dry on a sandy island.

"All shipwrecks are horrid," said Jack. "But I think I can find something to eat, and if you are cold, why, you and Topsy can lie down and let me cover you with warm sand, and then I'll go and look about."

"Now, goodbye," said Jack. "I'm going to look for food." And he marched off like a man, with his hands in his pockets.

"Topsy," said Nan after he had gone. "do you know it is the day before Christmas and we won't get a single present tomorrow?"

But Topsy was not despondent. "What's de matted wid Marse Santa Claus?" she demanded. "Ain't he comin' to dis island? Dat's what I ask."

"Why, Topsy," explained little Nan patiently, "how could he? His reindeer couldn't cross the water."

"Let him come in a boat, den. Dat's what I say. Let him come in a boat," said Topsy fiercely.

"Ob," said Nan, "but I am afraid he can't."

Suddenly Topsy sat up and pointed a skinny black finger toward the sea. "It's a boat," she said, "a little boat, and it's coming here."

Nearer and nearer came the little boat, and presently Topsy shrieked: "It's Marse Santa Claus. Miss Nannie, it's Marse Santa Claus, and he's comin' straight to dis yer island. Didn't I tole yer? Didn't I tole yer he'd come?"

The man in the boat had a nice white beard. He had on a red sweater and wore a soft hat pulled well down over his ears. As he climbed out of the boat they saw that he was very round and fat and had a jolly red face.

When he had pulled the boat up out of the water he leaned over and picked up a great bag and slung it over his shoulder and came trotting up the beach.

"It truly is Santa," said Nan breathlessly, "and he is coming straight toward us. I am going to run right down and meet him."

Away she sped, her golden curls flying behind her, and when she reached the old man she slipped her hand into his confidence.

"I'm awfully glad you came, Santa," she said. "We were so frightened and lonely, and maybe you can tell us what to do."

The old man stood still and stared at her. Then he chuckled. "Well, well!" he said. "Where did you come from?"

Just then Jack came running down the beach. "It's Santa Claus," called Nan as soon as he was within hearing.

But Jack was older than Topsy and Nan, and he had his doubts. "Are you really Santa Claus?" he asked gravely.

The old man winked. "Don't I look like him?" he said.

"Yes," said Jack, "you do."

"Ain't I got a pack on my back?" he asked.

"Yes," said Jack, "but it looks like potatoes and not toys."

Then the old man leaned down and whispered in his ear: "That's jes' what it is, but if them little dears wants to think I'm Santa, why, let 'em think it. It won't hurt anybody, will it?"

"No," said Jack, "it won't."

"Well, then," said he out loud, "that being decided, we will go and have dinner."

"Dinner?" said Jack, in surprise. "Why, where do you live?"

"Follow me," said the man, and they trotted gayly after him.

Away among the sand hills they came suddenly upon a little house. Within was a glowing fire, and a great pot was bubbling on the stove, and each of the little folks had a hot bowl of soup and a big piece of bread, and when they had finished their eyes drooped.

"Now hang up your stockings," said their host, "and go to bed."

Christmas Menus

A PLAIN MEAL.

- Celery Soup.
- Roast Pork, Tenderloin.
- Apple Sauce.
- Turnips in Cream Sauce.
- Mashed Potatoes.
- Celery and Nut Salad.
- Frozen Eggnog.
- Coffee.

A DELICIOUS DINNER.

- Blue Points on Half Shell.
- Celery, Olives.
- Roast Turkey With Oyster Dressing.
- Giblet Gravy, Cranberry Jelly.
- Candied Yams, Mashed Potatoes.
- Pickled Peas and Peaches.
- Malaga Salad.
- Plum Pudding With Brandy Sauce.
- Ice Cream, Cakes.
- Nuts and Raisins.
- Coffee.

A ROAST GOOSE SPREAD.

- Soup, Bread Sticks.
- Olives, Celery, Salted Peanuts.
- Roast Goose, Potato Stuffing, Apple Sauce.
- Glazed Sweet Potatoes, Lima Beans in Sauce.
- Chicken Croquettes, French Green Peas.
- Lettuce, Cheese Straws.
- Plum Pudding.
- Glace Meringue, Bonbons.
- Nuts, Raisins, Fruits.
- Crackers, Cheese, Cafe Noir.

TEMPTING VIANDS.

- Blue Points.
- Cream of Chicken.
- Boiled Sheep's Head.
- Jullienne Potato.
- Rice Croquettes With Curry.
- Roast Duckling.
- Mashed Browned Potatoes.
- Stewed Tomatoes.
- Mince Pie, Biscuit Tortoni.
- Roquefort Cheese and Crackers.
- Coffee.

THE HOLIDAY PARTY.

A Few Suggestions For Enlivening Yuletide Evenings.

In cities balloons are almost always obtainable, so get bright red ones and try this novel scheme for a children's party. Surround the cake with tiny candlesticks or candelabra holding red tapers and sprinkle the cloth with holy sprays and diamond dust (Christmas snow).

From the back of each chair tie a red ribbon on the end, floating gayly in the air a red balloon. Here is the way to give the favors (red snapping motto caps): Tie one to the end of the string of a red balloon and let it go away up to the ceiling.

If the snapper is not heavy enough weight it with a chocolate cigarette or one of the many hard, all chocolate shapes that children love. Then let each little guest catch a balloon and bring it down to earth. To make more fun each balloon may have a card attached bearing the name of a child, and each must find his own.

THE TREE.

You don't dig it up.
 You don't hew it down.
 You don't roam the forest.
 You simply go forth and buy it.
 And that's an easy matter nowadays.

There's only one thing needful, and that's cash.
 The tree may be purchased prospectively of one's grocer.
 More venturesome souls trolley or motor to some freight yard, choosing from original packages.

Yet others literally "shop" for them and when at last their choice is made bear them off in their motors or on their backs or engage an expressman.—Philadelphia Record.

Their Christmas Presents.

I. Little Penelope Socrates, A Boston maid of four. Wide opened her eyes on Christmas morn And looked the landscape o'er.

"What is't inflates my bas-de-bleu?" She asked, with dignity. "The blower in the original. Oh, joy beyond degree!"

II. Miss May Cadwallader Rittenhouse Of Philadelphia town Awoke at noon and yawned and pawned And watched the snow come down.

"Well, I'm glad that Christmas has come again," You might have heard her say. "For my family's one year older now 'han it was last Christmas day."

III. It was Christmas in giddy Gotham, And Miss Irene de Jones Awoke at noon and yawned and pawned And stretched her languid bones.

"Well, I'm sorry that it's Christmas. Papa at home will stay. For 'change in the season, and he won't make A single cent all day."

IV. Oh, windily dawned the Christmas In the city by the lake! And Miss Arabel Washah Broozy Was instantly awake.

"Ah, what's that in my stocking? Well, in two jiff's I'll know!" And she drew forth a grand piano From away down in the tow.

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