

FIND TIME FOR SAYING PRAYERS CHRISTMAS DAY

Rev. Fackler Makes Plea to Follow Way of the Wise Men.

EVERY one is planning for Christmas," Rev. L. C. E. Fackler said Sunday in his sermon at St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church.

"We are making preparations for that day," the Rev. Mr. Fackler said. "Some people consider Christmas well spent when they have enjoyed much merry-making."

"Others will spend it reveling. Children will spend it in examining their toys and playthings. There are many ways that people may spend the day, but there is only one way to spend it acceptably, and that is to celebrate Christmas as the wise men did."

"The Wise Men were moved by the star which they saw to inquire where is He that is born King of the Jews?"

"The men that asked this question were Gentiles, who lived in an eastern country. They had only a small opportunity at that time to hear the truth, yet they prized the light that was revealed unto them, and they came to seek the light, for that reason they asked the question."

"These men were scholars, philosophers, perhaps astronomers. Though they were learned, there was still need of rounding out their education by learning of Christ. An education without a Christian understanding is incomplete. Good scholars should be

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Mrs. Edith Lessing

Mrs. Edith Lessing of Los Angeles, used the mails to distribute a pamphlet advocating free love and abolition of marriage. As a result she'll spend two years in the Federal Prison at Leavenworth, Kas.

good Christians and they should complete their learning by learning of Christ.

Not in Doubt

"The Wise Men were not in doubt whether Christ was born, but they were ignorant of the place wherein he was born. On account of this they came to Jerusalem expecting

the learned of the Jewish people to have at hand the ready information which they sought. The scribes and the Pharisees and the chief priests had to first search the scriptures in order to tell them the important truth about the 'Wonderful King of the Jews.'"

"This was a visible evidence of gross ignorance in the world and in the church. Many whom we think should direct us to Christ are themselves strangers to Him. They bear the name Christians, but they are from Him and from knowing anything about Him."

"The Wise Men were not discouraged on account of the distance neither about the trouble they encountered in seeking an answer to their question. They were determined to come into the presence of Christ; for that reason they sought the answer to the question: Where is He that is born King of the Jews?"

Right Desire

"When in the presence of King Herod they confessed that they sought this wonderful King for the purpose of worshipping Him. The light which they saw, the star which they followed, the impression which was made upon their soul created in them the desire, O let us fall down before the Lord our maker. Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving and enter into His courts with praise. The Lord is God and mighty to be praised."

"I fear that this fact is being lost sight of by our people when they celebrate Christmas. Christmas today has become commercialized. Many because they do not give the truth deep and serious consideration fall to permit their soul to leap for joy in worshipping Christ on the day of His birth."

"At a time when men's hearts are falling from them let us at least carry

out the spirit of the Wise Men in celebrating the Savior's birth."

"Do not let any hindrances or obstacles prevent us from coming into the presence of the Lord and then when in His presence let us worship Him with a consecrated soul," the Rev. Fackler said.

MEMBERSHIP DISCUSSED

United Brethren Plan to Double Roster in Four Years.

Plans whereby the United Brethren denomination would double its membership in four years were discussed Sunday by the Rev. S. S. Hough of Dayton, Ohio, stewardship secretary, at a meeting at the First United Brethren Church, 702 Park Ave. Representatives from the eight local churches were present.

A full benevolence program, in which the members would tithe their earnings, raising the contributions by a million dollars next year, was advocated.

"MOST JOYOUS RELIGION"

Clariss Adams Gives Address Before Christian Men Builders.

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"America waited for Lincoln; Christianity waited for Luther and the world waited for Christ," he said.

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Immanuel Reformed Church Collects \$213 for Home.

It will be a happy Christmas for the children at the Reformed Church Orphans' Home at Ft. Wayne, Ind. At a Christmas entertainment at the Immanuel Reformed Church, Prospect and S. New Jersey Sts., Sunday night a cash offering of \$213 was collected for the orphans. Dozens of gifts also were brought to be forwarded to the institution.

The Rev. William H. Kierlin will preach at the church at 10 a. m. Christmas Day.

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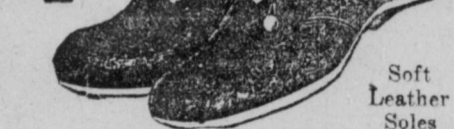
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