

Early in 1958 the regular June entertainment committee of the All Two's Club began to make plans for a special program to celebrate Rev. Lambarth's 10th Anniversary of his ministry in our midst. The Committee, comprised of Mr. & Mrs. Earl Dunn, Mr. & Mrs. Harold Head, and Mr. & Mrs. Larry Schoon, with the concurrence of the officers, planned and then executed with singular dispatch and finesse a most interesting and impressive "THIS IS YOUR LIFE" program for Rev. Lambarth. In spite of the many detailed plans, elaborate preparations at the church, and a general invitation to the entire congregation, the event was a complete surprise to the guest of honor. On Saturday evening, June 21, the assembled guests, over 200 in number, were being led in fellowship singing by Mrs. Head, when Rev. Lambarth was escorted by his family, purposely tardy, into an alleged get-acquainted gathering of the evening. An announcement soon informed him that he was in a "THIS IS YOUR LIFE" program, and in a few moments he learned that he was to be the subject of the take-off of a popular TV show.

Earl Dunn served as Master of Ceremonies, assisted by the other committee members. Among the guests in attendance, the following out-of-town friends were present: The parents of Rev. Lambarth, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Lambarth of Saline; his sister, Doris Christman and her husband, Weimar (Ann Arbor); his cousins Florence and Emerson Ehnis (Saline;) and the mother of Mrs. Lambarth, Mrs. Flora Treu, of Villa Park, Ill. Mr. Carl W. Carr and his family (Williams Lake,) a high school friend of Rev. Lambarth, and former parishioners from Union, Ill., Mr. & Mrs. Leon Northrup and Mrs. Anna Miller (age 80), who also attended the services at Detroit on Sunday morning. As is customary in a "This is Your Life" program, the main events of Rev. Lambarth's life were accented, in which many persons were featured, and which are permanently recorded in the THIS IS YOUR LIFE BOOK given to him along with other gifts at the end of the program. The Pastor was presented with a gold replica of his auto key in the form of a tie clasp, and Cuff links with the Rotary Emblem, and Mrs. Lambarth with a charm bracelet with two hearts and three little booties, emblematic of the Lambarth family, both designed and made by Nick Petrocy. A delicious luncheon was served to all guests to complete a wonderful evening of good fellowship and Christian friendship. As is customary, the program was interrupted by three witty "commercials" by Larry Schoen.

In this context it must be recalled that earlier in 1958 Rev. Lambarth was also honored with a celebration of his anniversary in a morning service in which the president and vice president, the choir and several organizations took part and for which Dr. Koch sent a special written message. At that time, Consistory presented Pastor Lambarth with a Schaeffer's Desk Set and Snorkel Pen. Another event, planned not for as long, but carefully, and executed with equal smoothness, finesse and success, was a special morning service at Detroit on Sunday, June 22 at 10:30 A.M., in celebration of Dr. Koch's 35th Ordination Anniversary. Dr. Koch had planned his service as usual and intended to preach his sermon appropriate for Church and Ministry Sunday regularly scheduled for this date. He opened the service with the Call to Worship and when the congregation finished singing the opening hymn, instead of following the printed order the choir sang, "Happy Anniversary, Dr. Koch" and four men proceeded down the aisles toward the altar. It was obvious that they intended to interrupt the service for a moment and reverently to inject a few features of their own. President Claude Saum presented Vice President John Schumann, who extended felicitations and good wishes of the congregation to Dr. Koch and immediate past-president, James Keith, who read a most appropriate letter from the Pastors brother, the Rev. Walter A. Koch of St. Peter's Church, Detroit, by whom Dr. Koch was ordained in their home church, St. Peter's, Tripoli, Iowa, on Sunday, June 24, 1923. President Saum then presented him with a very attractive gift from Consistory, a Schaeffer's Desk Set with Snorkel Pen, and announced that Rev. Lambarth would continue to conduct the service and preach the sermon.

The service was conducted in Rev. Lambarth's usually forthright and cordial manner, in which with inspiring prayer and Scripture readings and eloquent sermon he celebrated the solemn significance and exacting requirements of the Christian ministry and paid a warm tribute to his colleague's co-ministry in First-Bothany Church and his labors in previous pastorates. The organist, Mrs. Helen Engelsdorfer with fine

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foresight had arranged for special music for the occasion. The choir rendered with exceptional skill and beauty the beautiful anthem, "Let MOUNT ZION REJOICE" by Herbert; and Miss Phyllis Engelsdorfer, lyric soprano, contributed an unusually appropriate surprise number, a solo by Harker on the text, "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace" (Isaiah 52:7 and Romans 10:15,) which added a unique festive touch at the close of the service. Rev. Lambarth called on Dr. Koch for such remarks as he might wish to make and to pronounce the benediction. The Guild expressed regrets that the women were unable to carry out their desire to serve a dinner after the service, because our faithful Guild members of both locations had to be on duty early in the afternoon to serve the meal at the Home Festival. The Brotherhood furnished the lovely altar flowers which were given to Dr. and Mrs. Koch. Mr. Calvin Bonner, son of our own Mrs. L. D. Bonner, who assists in the ministry at St. Matthew's and St. Peter's Church, preached at the St. Clair Shores service for Rev. Lambarth. Several of the families which regularly worship at the Shores attended this service at Seminole. Mrs. Koch was invited to leave her place in the choir loft and to be seated with her husband and the committee in the congregation. The Rhodora Society had provided her with a lovely white orchid and also presented Dr. Koch with a cash gift of ten dollars. The Detroit Sunday School Staff had ordered and subsequently gave him a handsome Pastor's Private Communion set. The Pastor's son, Dr. Robert Koch and his family, were unable to be present and therefore also communicated their sentiments and good wishes by letter. One of the aspects of the fine cooperation of so many people of the congregation in planning these events is the secrecy with which it was done, and also the diligence with which the pastors mutually worked for each other's celebration, not knowing that honors were being planned for themselves.

We, your Co-Ministers at First-Bethany, desire to take this opportunity to express our delight, appreciation and profound gratitude for the two wonderful events which were planned for us, respectively, on Saturday, June 21, and Sunday, June 22, reported above. We and our spouses were deeply moved by the fine Christian spirit of friendship, loyalty, and devotion which these two occasions and your gifts conveyed to us, and also gratefully acknowledge that the work of planning and carrying out of these programs were a most impressive labor of love. We include all who had any part in planning and presenting the above events; likewise all who were in attendance, and also every private expression of good wishes. We are grateful to Almighty God and our Lord Jesus Christ, for the many blessings which have been bestowed upon us, our families and our congregation.

Arnold R. Lambarth
Edwin J. A. Koch

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arranged to adjust the fall and winter schedule.

DETROIT JUNIOR AND SENIOR YOUTH

At Seminole location no outing dates have been established. The Youth Committee, comprised of Glen Flor, Christina Zimmermann, and Sallie Ann Buckman will meet soon with Dr. Koch to make plans for the summer.

THANKS TO OUR CHOIRS

On Sunday, June 8 the Shores Choir sang for the last time until the fall. Our choir is to be sincerely thanked for its many fine anthems through the church year and for many other services so generously given. Our Choir has made