ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PASTOR TO UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH
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In Exodus 14:15, we find a challenging word for our Congregation at this time. We have come to the end of era begun in 1934 and a new êra is to begin. When Moses found himself in a difficult position with his people at the Red Sea, the Lord in answer to his prayer said ; "Tell the people to go forward." That is what we are suggesting at this time to United Evangelical Church.

We are thankful to a gracious and good God for having been with us this past year. We appreciate the guidance of God the Father, our Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. We appreciate the fine work of the Church Council, the various organizations of the Church,of our Church Secretary,who has had a busy year; of our organist, Mrs. Naomi Binko,who has served since the beginning of 1961; of volunteer helpers, of our caretakers and many others who served, including Mrs. Lehmann

The pastor was enabled to carry on the " Multiple Ministry" of the Church, in preparing worship folders, in conducting services and preaching, in baptizing, teaching in Vacation Bible school, in confirmation instructions, in confirming, in officiating at weddings, after interviews about the importance of marriage; in speaking words of comfort at burials and funerals; in counseling with hundreds of people; in conducting " Quiet Hours" for the purpose of finding healing for the mind and spirit and in calling upon sick and shut-ins and others,making about 1950 of such visits. We were privileged to administer Communion to 3313 communicants,including 165 shut-ins and sick.

This has been a year of transition, since your present Pastor had indicated his desire to retire and the congregation voted to make him Pastor-Emeritus. The congregation through its Church Council has been searching for a pastor. We feel that we have found a faithful pastor in the Rev. Paul A.Rasche, who moved here from Chicago, Ill.this past week with his fine family.He will need our prayers, our support and our cooperation. He will have full charge of the affairs of the congregation after his installation on November 26; and the Pastor-Emeritus will be willing to serve as called upon, at the request of the new pastor

There has developed- after long years of urging by the pastor - a greater interest in the larger Kingdom work,such as missions and seminary support and the varied activities of the United Church of Christ. Keep it up!

We are looking forward,we are looking upward and we are looking inward and outward to do a better work for Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sincerely Yours,
Rev. Titus Lehmann