

Lutheran To Raise War Fund.

Hannaford Enterprise: Rev. P. A. Thoreson was called to Fargo last Thursday to represent Griggs County at a meeting for organizing the campaign for a Lutheran War Fund.

Initial steps for the opening of the campaign to raise \$25,000, North Dakota's share of the \$750,000 war fund which will be provided by the Lutheran churches of the United States, were taken at the meeting held at the Gardner Hotel. A majority of the counties of the southern half of the state were represented and much enthusiasm was shown for the plan.

R. A. Nestos, of Minot, state chairman, president. He named chairmen for 15 counties and these in turn will take charge of the organization of the campaign in their respective counties. Rev. Thoreson being appointed chairman for Griggs county. Mr. Nestos also outlined details of the plan for the drive which will be conducted strictly among members of the Lutheran churches who are over fourteen years of age.

The campaign for the raising of this fund will be conducted from Feb. 18 to Feb. 26, and for this purpose the county will be thoroughly organized. The county chairman will appoint chairmen in each community in the county and they in turn will appoint as many assistants as they will need up to ten. Paul O. Troseth has been appointed the local chairman for Hannaford.

It is stated that there are 200,000 young men of the Lutheran church now in the service of the United States. These young men need and deserve the ministrations of the church and it is for this purpose that this fund is to be raised. John R. Mott, the noted International Y. M. C. A. man says: "The Association cannot perform the functions of the pastor. Its desire and purpose is to strengthen the hand of the pastor in every way in its power." When this fund is raised the Lutherans will be able to send an adequate number of pastors to look after the welfare of the soldiers and sailors both in the camps in this country and France.

Surely, if there ever was a worthy cause, this is one, and it is hoped that every one connected with the Lutheran church will respond liberally when the solicitors come for the contributions.