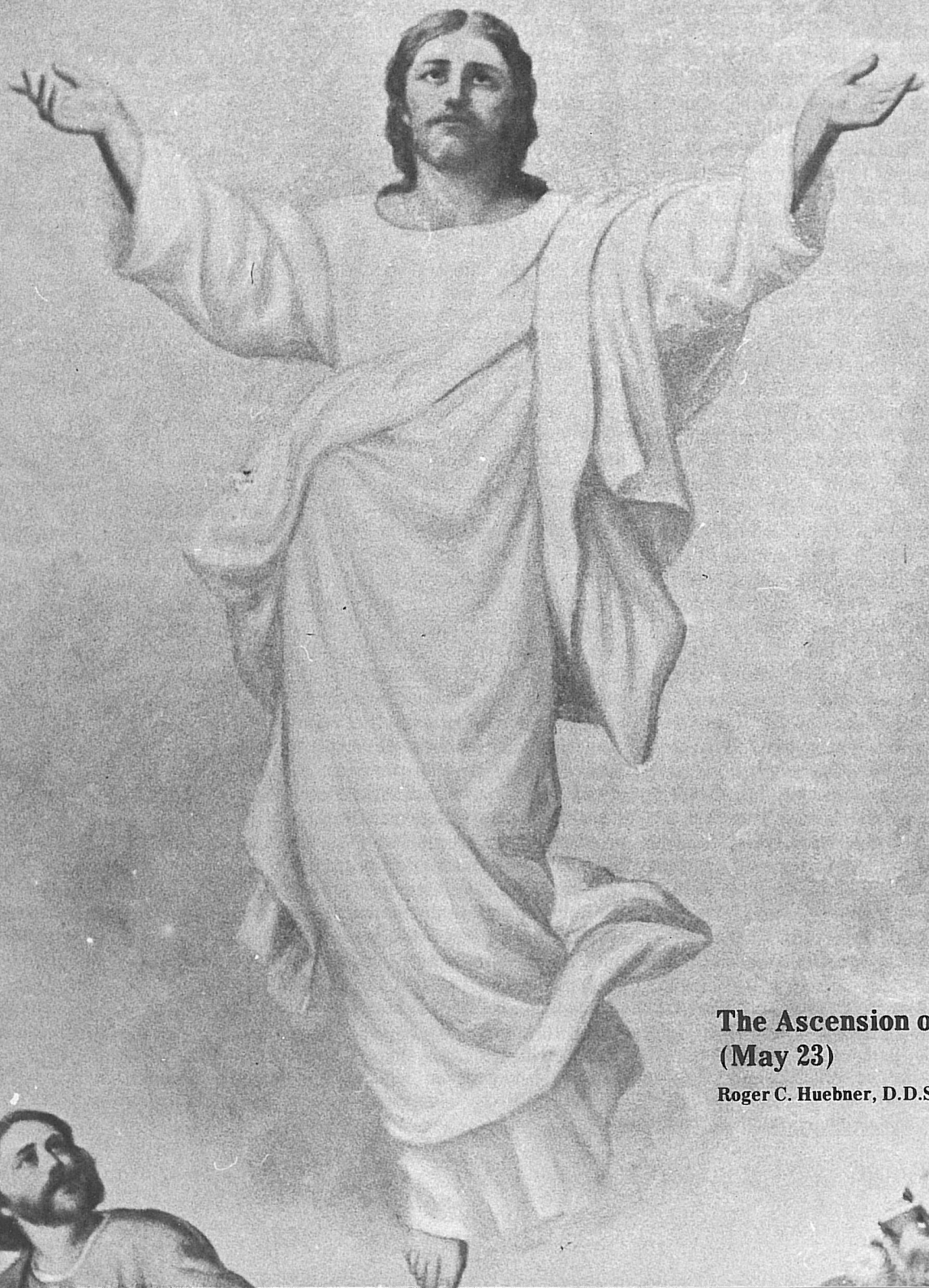


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**The Ascension of Jesus
(May 23)**

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MEDITATION MOMENTS

SANCTIFY US IN THE TRUTH

Pentecost is almost here again. At this time we think in a special way about the coming of the Holy Spirit to perform His present ministry among men.

There is a great deal of confusion concerning the work of the Holy Spirit. People are often reactionary and extreme in their viewpoints. In this brief meditation we will share just a few thoughts on the Spirit's work of sanctification gleaned from the Scriptures and our Lutheran Confessions.

Through His atoning work Christ has redeemed us. The Holy Spirit then applies the Gospel to our hearts so that we may be born again. Then as soon as a person is regenerated, the indwelling Spirit begins His work of sanctification. According to his fleshly nature man does not love God, nor His Commandments. Though in an outward way man may keep certain works of the law, this is by compulsion and is not of faith. It does not please God (Rom. 8:8). But the new nature which is born within us of the Holy Spirit loves God and delights to do His will. In the Formula of Concord, we read, "This impulse of the Holy Spirit is no coercion of compulsion because the converted spontaneously does that which is good." The Christian's new nature, unlike his old nature, gladly responds to the spiritual guidance of the Holy Spirit who dwells within him. Even the Christian does not keep the law perfectly, of course; but his incipient keeping of the law pleases God because of faith. The Christian's obedience to the law is not really a work of the law, but a work and fruit of the Spirit.

The work of sanctification is never complete in this life. The old sinful

flesh continues to be present and the "flesh lusteth against the Spirit and the Spirit against the flesh" (Gal. 5:17). In this struggle the child of God is often tempted to trust in his own ability to stand firm against evil. The Holy Spirit battles against this impulse of man to place confidence in the flesh. He points the believer to the Word which says, "...If by the Spirit ye put to death the deeds of the body, ye shall live" (Rom. 8:13).

In spite of the power of the Holy Spirit dwelling within, the Christian, because of a lack of faith, often stumbles into sin. The Holy Spirit then brings the law into action once more to rebuke and convict the erring one so that he may be brought to repentance. The same Spirit then raises him up again and comforts him through the Gospel. So the Holy Spirit "kills and brings to life, He brings down into Sheol, and raises up" (I Sam. 2:6). Though the Christian may grow in grace, he will nevertheless, experience this struggle against sin all his life and will often need this two-fold ministry of the Holy Spirit, to convict and to comfort.

The work of the Holy Spirit is inseparably connected with the Word of God. "Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God" (Rom. 10:17). The Word is the Sword of the Spirit, the means whereby He works conversion and renewal. Through the Word He convicts and convinces the sinner of his sin so that he no longer resists the grace of God but is brought to repentance. Through the Word the Holy Spirit works faith and regeneration in the heart. Through the Word the Holy Spirit Himself comes to dwell in the believer's heart. In the believer the Holy Spirit uses the Word to work

renewal and to impart spiritual gifts. This includes the command to evangelize the whole world and the power to do it (Acts 1:8). Our Confessions also are uncompromising on this point. They declare "...we must hold firmly to the conviction that God gives no one His Spirit or grace except through the external Word." Whatever is attributed to the Spirit apart from God's external Word is of the devil.

While the Spirit does all His work through the Word, it is by faith that man receives Him and His sanctifying power. By faith alone he receives the gracious promises of the Gospel: the forgiveness of sins, justification and regeneration. This faith is accounted for righteousness (Rom. 3:4, 5). The heart, thus encouraged and quickened by faith, receives the Holy Spirit, who continually works renewal in the Christian's heart through the Word.

How completely dependent upon grace man is. Through the Word, the Holy Spirit offers to man salvation full and free in Christ. But man in himself does not even have the ability to receive this gracious gift. So the Holy Spirit must give to him even the faith which is necessary to receive the promises of the Gospel, plus the gift of the indwelling Spirit Himself.

How men ought to thank God for the Holy Spirit who thus saves and preserves him. Man cannot take credit in the minutest degree for anything that is done for his salvation or sanctification. The fear of God, conviction of sin, faith in Christ, regeneration and completion of the Christian life are altogether and alone the divine operation of the Holy Spirit. Thank God for Pentecost!

Edwin M. Kjos

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Here Is The Answer

by Rev. Karl G. Berg, Salem, Oregon

Problems! Problems! Problems! The world is full of problems. There is the energy crisis. The gas crisis. The food crisis. Then there is a problem that seems to stand out as a sore thumb, bringing heartache and separation. That is the problem of a lack of communication. Oh, the means of communication are more plentiful than ever. Word can be sent from one planet to another. And still there are gaps that seemingly cannot be covered. Obstacles are in the way. There is the generation gap which seems insurmountable. The problem is very real and the world is probing for an answer. Psychiatrists are going all out trying to find the solution and the cause of it all. Over the past several years educators have tried their best to prevent the problem. They have been very confident that they had the answer. Self must have a chance to express itself. Ignorance and "taboos" must give way to more modern insights. Man had the answer but it must be given a chance to develop. It must be given freedom of expression. Eventually, as the light of higher education seeped in, darkness would give way to a new and glorious day. They no longer are as confident. They don't say too much anymore, only scratch their balding heads and go back to their old fossilized theories.

Now psychiatrists are working at the situation. The educators have stepped aside and the "repairmen" are taking over. What went wrong? is the big question. And the answers come and go—and are all different. God has the answer but He isn't being asked. There was no generation gap when He was in control. The connection was good. Very good. But someone else took over. Sin took over and the "Line" went "dead." Now we meet the Author of life calling across the sin-created gap: "Where art thou?"

As I see God holding on to a broken connection, I am reminded of a picture I saw the other day in a local

newspaper. It was the picture of a lonesome young man sitting along the roadside. In his lap was a mongrel dog—being loved. The idea of the picture was to bring out a problem but I saw instead an answer. The Answer. Both characters in the picture were in need but both had found the answer. The answer psychiatrists as a whole haven't seen. Communication had been established between two in need. On the one side was love. He may have tried to give it away before but there were no takers. Now his real need had been met. He had found another life in need, responding to his love. The two seemed so meant for each other. Together they were finding fulfillment.

God is still searching for that boy and girl of His. He has an abundance of love to give away but there are so few takers. All are in need of that love but so few acknowledge their need. So few respond to that love. Instead the air is filled with alibis. It's the "Watergate" all over again. "Where art thou?", God cries out. In His nail-scarred hands He holds the Pardon that covers all their need, if acknowledged. But—there are few takers. Instead of coming out of "the woods" most folks go into a huddle with the modern psychiatrist and seek that way out. You ask me: "Where are you?" "I plead the fifth amendment on that." "But—why am I here?" "After all it was the woman YOU gave me that brought all this on. She is the one at fault—or you." The modern psychiatrists aren't so modern after all. We find their "modern" solutions to the problem on the first pages of history. In reviewing the stand of modern psychiatrists, Dr. Karl Menninger, a world-famous psychiatrist makes a sad summary of modern thinking. He says: "There are no bad children, only bad parents." The story of the alibis of Eden all over again. "I'm OK—HE's Not OK."

What is the answer? The answer that would open communication again between God and man, and man and

man? Dr. Karl Menninger, in his book, **Whatever Became of Sin**, points to the answer. Or part of one at least. A personal acknowledgment of guilt. He doesn't seem to see Him who with His broken body made it possible for the broken gap to be overcome and restored but even so he points the way for others to follow. Where men and women come out of their "woods" of their need with a cry for help, the communication is restored. The gap is bridged. David tried alibis for a long time. After all, Bathsheba was alluring and she had "exposed" herself. Like so many modern Bathshebas do, she had put out the "bait" and he was "only human." And then that husband of hers was no Romeo either. But the alibi didn't work. "Passing the buck" wasn't the answer. The mental and physical strain deep down told him that. He was falling to pieces but instead of salvaging the pieces with stimulants and drugs, he "came out of the woods." He tells the story himself: "I acknowledged MY sin unto Thee, and MINE iniquity did I not hide." And what happened? Listen: "Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin." The guilty soul responded to God's love and communication was restored. Life was restored. Peace was restored.

Wherever folks come out of the "woods" they find God waiting. He has so much love to give away. Calvary proves that. The fact that He is still standing outside of your "woods" calling in a voice saturated with love, "Where are You?"—proves that even more. And wherever hearts respond with a personal acknowledgement of need—pardoning grace is experienced. That's the ultimate proof. The Prodigal was deep down in need. He had asked for all and took all—and spent it all. I wonder what his alibi was out there in his "riotous living." I'm sure he had some. He didn't need the advice of a modern psychiatrist on that score. After all, that stuffy, religious brother of his at home—who could ever stand him? and that "sad

sack" existence at the father's house. What did that have to offer anyway? So out he goes to find life, as he sees it. The line of communication is broken. We need not go any further. It is familiar ground for so many. And it led down, down, down. It always does. But, one day he saw The Answer. The answer modern psychiatrists are groping for but refuse to see. "I will go back to my Father, and say, "I am not worthy to be called thy son." The "Innocent" defendant takes his place as the guilty one. But he never got a chance to say what he intended. God SAW—and ran to meet him. Well, you have heard the story so many times. But—do you know it by experience? That is what counts. Communication lines opened that day between two so far apart. Here was no "generation gap" any more. No sin gap. The son couldn't meet the condition of restoration but the Father did. He put on him a "new Robe." It covered the old filth completely. He was given "new shoes" enabling him to walk in them—in Him. Ahead was a life made anew and a walk restored—all by grace.

This is no worn-out religious thought. It worked then. It works today. The Holy Spirit is stirring hearts these days. We hear of tremendous revivals among our young folks and others. And whenever hearts come out of the "woods" of their need, to Him, they find the ANSWER.

"Amazing Grace! how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found—
Was blind, but now I see."

Letters TO THE EDITOR

LOOK UP THESE PASSAGES ON DIVORCE AND REMARRIAGE

I would like to comment on the article (Letter to the Editor, "Divorce and Remarriage," April 9, 1974). Je-

sus did not say this man had committed any sin. So why don't you also read Matthew 19:10-12, and be sure you look up in the dictionary what a eunuch is, so you can understand this text in verse 4 (God made them male and female). This man can't function as a male (verse 10—his disciples say unto Him if the case of a man be so with his wife, it is not good to marry). This man shouldn't have gotten married in the first place. Verse 11—Jesus said all men cannot receive this saying, save they to whom it is given. Verse 12—Jesus tells about the different ways men became eunuchs.

And if anyone thinks a man can put away his wife, even if she commits adultery, read I Corinthians 6:16. You will see they are made one flesh as long as they shall both live.

Harold Nygaard
Grenville, S. Dak.

I AM ALONE

I am alone,
All by myself.
Lord, take my life
Down from its shelf.

In all the world—
There is no love,
'Cept that from God
Sent from above.

Send me Thy Word
Each day by day.
Teach me to live
By what you say.

Sustain my faith,
Lord, every day.
Keep me e're true
And be my stay.

Grant me the peace
That is Thy love.
Send Thy Spirit
Down from above.

Lord Jesus Christ,
Be Thou in me—
That I might live
Fore're in Thee.

Garrett B. Frank
St. Paul, Minn.

(Written by the poet for his three
young daughters.)



SCHARLEMANN QUILTS SEM POST, CITES "NERVOUS EXHAUSTION"

St. Louis—(LC)—Dr. Martin H. Scharlemann, acting president of Concordia Seminary here since January, resigned April 15 due to what he termed "nervous exhaustion."

The 63-year-old seminary professor will remain on the faculty of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod school but is expected to seek an "extended rest."

Dr. Robert Preus, academic vice president at Concordia, will handle administrative duties until the seminary's Board of Control names another acting president.



Dr. Robert Preus

Dr. Scharlemann was appointed acting president when Dr. John H. Tietjen was suspended from the seminary presidency on charges of false doctrine and administrative malfeasance. More than 40 faculty members went on strike to protest the suspension and were later dismissed by Concordia's Board of Control.

Followed by about 400 students, the dismissed faculty members formed SemineX, the "seminary-in-exile" which is now sharing the facilities of St. Louis University Divinity School, a Roman Catholic institution, and Eden Theological Seminary, affiliated with the United Church of Christ.

The doctrinal controversy in the 2.8 million member denomination has focused on the teaching at Concordia, which until January was the nation's largest Lutheran seminary.

Dr. J.A.O. Preus, president of the church, and conservatives in the synod believe that some of Concordia's former faculty departed from synod doctrine in their teachings about Scripture.

The Printed Page in the Christian Warfare

by Rev. Gerald F. Mundfrom, Grafton, N. Dak.

There is an urgency in these latter days to sow the good seed and proclaim the truth of God's Word in every way and area possible before Jesus comes again. When Jesus walked on this earth He said, **"I must work the works of Him that sent me while it is day; the night cometh when no man can work."** This applies to every Christian, as well as to Jesus. The urgency in so doing is more acute now than ever.

The printed page is only one method in which the Law and the Gospel of God's Word can be spread, but it has been proven to be a most effective method. Truly God realized this when He gave us His Word, the Bible, in printed form.

But the devil, too, realizes the power of the printed page and has greatly used it to his advantage throughout the ages in order to hinder and stop the Christian in his warfare. The devil has greatly used the printed page to directly and indirectly discredit the claims of the Gospel. Great masses of people have been led astray through the publications of false religions, false doctrines, false philosophies of life, and wrong emphases. The printed word is a power for good and evil. Like gun powder it can and is used by both sides in the battle for souls.

We live in a day when ecumenical and liberal theology, together with worldly thinking, has stormed our society and churches. We are saddened because of the effect this has had on the mind and heart of man. It has swept our age like wildfire. It has surrounded us like a flood. This has all taken place right under our nose as we were busy preaching and teaching the truth in a Biblical, conservative way from our pulpits. (And we have been successful, as an association of churches in keeping ourselves clean of this onslaught of untruth. We do not subscribe to these strange teachings.) But it is all around us, and it has somewhat isolated us as an island (along with other conservative groups) in a sea of false, modern thinking. We are like an island that

by God's grace has succeeded in keeping itself dry while everything around us has been flooded and seriously affected by that which is false.

And it is the printed page, as a tool in the hands of the devil, more than any other method, directly and indirectly, that has caused this to happen. It should have been the other way around. The truth should be on the offensive rather than the defensive. We believe truth to be more powerful than error, but nevertheless we have failed in stemming the great tidal wave of falsehood which has engulfed our age.

This should tell us that the mere preaching and teaching of the Word of God by word of mouth only is not sufficient in stemming that which is false. Perhaps our error has been in spreading the Gospel with little or no thought of meeting the onslaughts of the evil one. This has greatly limited us in spreading and sowing the Good Seed everywhere. The devil has backed us up in a corner. He has done it through the printed word. The proclaiming of the Word of God by means of preaching and teaching has served to fortify us against that which is false. We have not been captured, but neither have we won the war against untruth. Our advancements have been limited.

We, as an Association of Free Lutheran Congregations, have been called apart by God in this age to take a stand for conservative theology and against worldly living. God has been with us and He has given us a place under His sun. We have been blessed, and we have gained courage in that we are not ashamed of that which we believe. We have gained in strength and are stronger than when we first began. We are most ready to teach and preach what we believe. We stand as an unmovable rock against the waves and winds of modern, liberal theology. We have God with us.

Nevertheless, we are at a disadvantage because we have only used the printed page in a very limited way compared to those who differ with us.

I believe God will be with us if and when we become more armed with the printed word. He would bless such an effort on our part.

If we had more works written and published by our own people it would do two things for us. One, it would extend and strengthen our front in the Christian warfare against untruth. Two, it would serve to strengthen and clarify our own position and continue to unite us as a body in a unified belief and purpose.

God has given the desire to write and to be heard through writing to some in our Association. There are those who have written and who desire to have their writings published and read by others. They are not ashamed of what they believe. Still others are burdened to write and would be inspired to get started if they had some hope of getting their works published. As a church body it is needful that we use every gift and talent that God has given to us as a church.

But this, too, is a warfare, and there are dangers and pitfalls we must avoid. Much prayer and leading of the Lord is needed. We have been ridiculed and attacked by those who disagree when we preach from the pulpit our beliefs and stand. Those who proclaim the ecumenical, liberal views have scoffed at us, insinuating that we are not abreast with the trend of our times. However, if we go to print, we will leave ourselves open to attack much more so by the critics. But this is no reason for not going to print. The battle will never be won by refusing to fight. David never hesitated to step out against Goliath, because he knew that God was with him. As long as we take our stand on the inerrant word of God, we need have no fear. God is with us.

Now it might be better if we could get some other Christian printing company to publish what we write, and then receive a royalty from each book sold. These companies have a market. Therefore, if they would publish what we write, we would immediately have a reading audience. Whereas, if we publish, we need also to establish a market at the same time—our present market being very limited. This truly doubles the load

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NEWS of the Churches

ASTORIA PASTOR INVENTS MULTIPLE SPEED BIKE BRAKING METHOD

As a result of a "header" accident on a ten-speed bicycle, the Rev. Ray S. Persson of Astoria, Oregon, has invented a safer method of braking for multiple speed bikes. Mr. Persson was catapulted over the handle bars of a ten-speed bike when in a tight situation he had a "death grip" on the hand brake, resulting in facial lacerations. Also, his thinking was greatly stimulated when a young man of Astoria suffered grievous brain injury as a result of poor brakes on his multiple speed bike. Two leading bicycle manufacturers have expressed interest in the device and requested models for testing.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission of Washington, D.C., have determined that the bicycle ranks as the worst hazard in home-related acci-

dents and are now establishing stringent laws governing bike manufacturing. Mr. Persson, inventor of the "Combined Front & Rear Bike Brake," is convinced that most accidents resulting in brain injuries are related to the handbraking method so much in vogue in the present bike craze.

The invention, the first of its kind, utilized the old-fashioned leg power to brake the bicycle, which in addition to providing more power to the braking effort, also works in combination to brake the front wheel at the same time. In addition there is a greater leverage factor in the force applied to the brake shoes.

Before entering the ministry, the pastor was a tool-designer and die maker, having been employed by the John Deere Company, the Rock Island Arsenal and also was the co-owner of a die making enterprise in California. The pastor serves the

Bethany Lutheran Church of Astoria and is heard every Sunday morning on the "Glad Tidings" broadcast over radio station KVAS, 8:45 a.m.

He speaks of those who have been an encouragement to him in the matter, the Bike Shops of Astoria and Norman Junes, who is a local inventor. A neighbor, Andrew Honcharenko, greatly assisted in fabricating some of the parts.

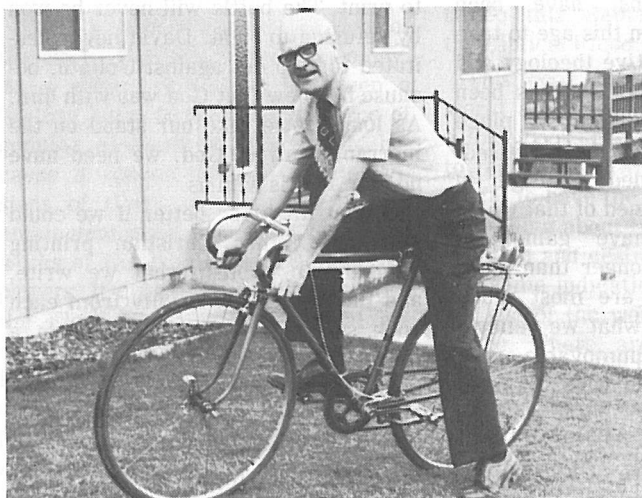
In addition to the greater braking force, it is thought that there are faster reflexes in braking with the feet rather than the hands. That is, it takes a considerably longer time to get one's hand to the handbrake instead of the simple time-proven method of reversing the pedals. However, it is recognized that the older generation only knew of the braking of a bicycle by reversing the pedals.

Of interest to would-be inventors, it is interesting to note that pastor-inventor Persson has filed his own application for patent thereby eliminating costly legal services. It is reckoned that already he has realized over a thousand dollars in eliminating the patent lawyer's fee.

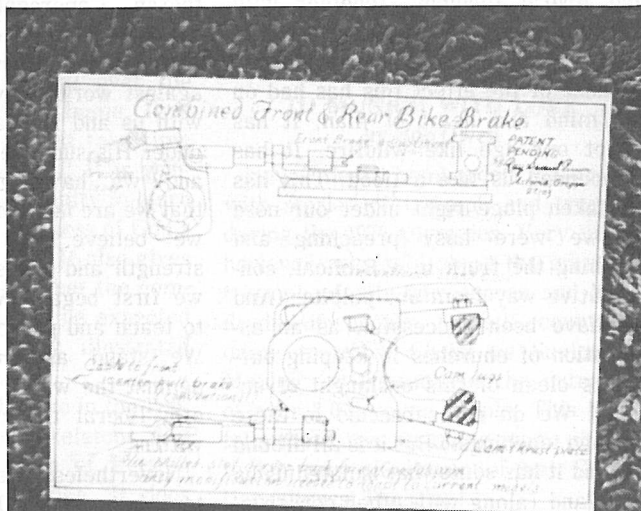
—The Columbia Press
(Ed. Note: Bethany Lutheran Church is a congregation of the AFLC).

BOSCOBEL CHURCH IN PREACHING MISSION

A preaching mission is being held at Trinity Lutheran Church, Bosco-
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Pastor Ray Persson with his bike with the braking equipment he is patenting. In the background, beyond buildings and trees, lies the Columbia River. The house is the parsonage in Astoria.



Pastor Persson's drawing of the braking mechanism for bikes, which he has invented.

Nearly all the students attended the Institute in Basic Youth Conflicts held at the Civic Center in St. Paul, Minn., Apr. 22-27. For most of them it was the second time they had attended, for others the third or fourth. Classes were dismissed on Friday because of the institute.

The Choral Club, under the direction of Mrs. Kenneth Moland, sang its home concert at Medicine Lake Lutheran Church on Sunday night, Apr. 21. The group returned that afternoon from its spring tour. Pastor Moland brought a meditation.

The Choir, directed by Mr. Donald Rodvold, presented its spring concert at Medicine Lake on Sunday, May 5.

At Bible School chapel on Apr. 8, four student speakers were featured. Taking part were Debbie Rudebusch, Ortley, S. Dak., Gene Finstrom, Buxton, N. Dak., Judy Salge, San Juan, Tex., and Harold Nelson, Brooten, Minn.

Pastor R. Snipstead, Karen and Anne motored to Camrose, Alta., to attend the funeral of Pastor Snipstead's mother, Mrs. Kaspar Snipstead, on Apr. 8. She had passed away on Apr. 4. Mrs. Snipstead had spent part of the winter in Minneapolis, returning to Camrose in early February, being hospitalized almost immediately upon her return home. The Schools family joins in expressing its sympathy to the Snipstead family.

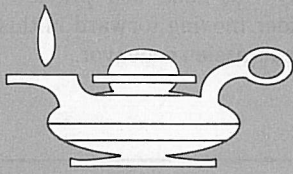
If more popcorn than usual hasn't been consumed this past winter in our communities, it hasn't been the fault of AFLBS students. For a number of weeks they have been engaged in selling popcorn, and popcorn clusters, as a way of reducing past debt on school annuals, the Conqueror. A team led by Vonnie Kylo, Zumbrota, Minn., sold the most of these products in a competition which was carried on. Congratulations.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 13-15—Final Exams, 3rd Quarter
May 17—Syttende Mai and Commencement

BUILDING PROJECT BUSTLES AFTER SLOW APRIL START

Activity at the building site of the boys' dorm at AFLBS picked up in



SCHOOL NEWS

APPRECIATION, AND A SUGGESTION

"Always be full of joy in the Lord; I say it again, rejoice," (Phil. 4:4, Living Bible)

The Board and Staff of the schools of the AFLC thank God for the great interest and concern that is shown for this work. We are thankful for your involvement in service and prayer. It is a privilege to be able to serve you through your sons and daughters. We are thankful to have the opportunity to share the living word of God with them. We trust that it will result in their coming to saving faith and that they will be deeply rooted and grounded in that faith.

We rejoice as we watch the new dormitory being constructed. We rejoice also in remembering your decision and support at the last two Annual Conferences. We rejoice in the extended opportunities that are available through this facility to train more individuals for active lay-participation in our congregations as well as laying the foundation for future missionaries and pastors.

We are thankful to see your continued interest and concern shared by your comments and evidenced by your continued gifts and loans to the schools. May we make one request? So often we find that congregational giving is done on a quarterly or annual basis. If that is a necessity in your situation, we certainly understand, but it is possible that your giving could be done monthly or, at least, quarterly. As you watch the receipts on our budget you probably notice that we run behind a long way all year

and then finally begin to catch up near the end. This often means that we have to borrow funds in order to carry on until the end of the year. If your situation would allow regular monthly giving, we would appreciate this consideration.

Thank you again for your interest, efforts, prayer and support of our Bible School and Seminary. It is with great joy and expectation that we look to the future.

In Christ,
Robert Rieth,
In behalf of the

Board of Trustees of the
AFLC Bible School and Seminary

ROOMMATES GAME

Patterned after the Newlyweds Game on TV, eight sets of AFLBS roommates took part in a Roommates Game on April 4. Pattie Erickson, Roseau, Minn., and Duane Haugen, Canby, Minn., were quizmasters. The Mission Club sponsored the event.

Half of the players were first asked a series of questions about their roommates' habits, likes and choices. The other half were then brought in and asked the same questions about themselves. Whenever answers agreed, points were scored. Needless to say, the program provided many hilarious moments.

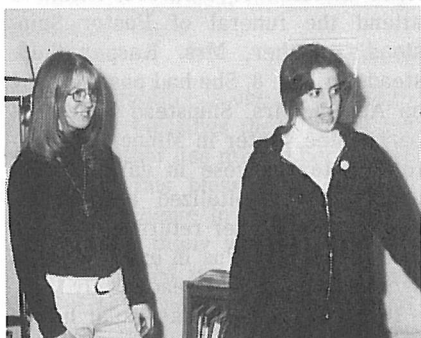
Another fun event for the school and other friends was a faculty-student basketball game at a junior high school gym on April 2. Masterminded (?) by Don Rodvold, it was a situation in which the faculty literally let their hair down. A more serious basketball game followed in which the Medicine Lake church team edged the students.

the last week of April after three weeks of virtual inactivity. The Spancrete strike was ended, bond was posted for use of the roads to haul heavy material and Spancrete was put in for the second floor on April 24.

Wet weather made ground conditions impossible at the building site early in April. The strike continued and road restrictions were in effect. But all that has changed now and it is hoped that the work can go on to completion without further major delays.

The week after Easter the men did begin placing exterior brick for the first floor.

The structure will be three stories high with basement when finished. It will provide accommodation for 60 students, an apartment for the dean of men, a faculty lounge, a student lounge, classrooms, music room, recreation area, etc. Construction is being financed by cash gifts, pledges, and loans from individuals.



Debbie Bjorgaard, left, Newfolden, Minn., and Vonnie Kylo, Zumbrota, Minn., inspect a boys' dorm room during one of the open houses held during the school year.



Dr. Iver Olson, left, a member of the Schools faculty, with his uncle, Rev. J. I. Kaardal, retired missionary to Africa, who spoke at a joint chapel service this past winter.

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we must carry if we go into printing.

However, it is very difficult to get a large Christian publishing company to publish a book for you. They receive far more manuscripts than what they are able to publish and they have their own idea as to what type of writing they want to publish. Nevertheless, we need to keep trying to get some of our works published through these companies. Whatever can be accomplished in this way would be to our advantage. Perhaps in due time, if we continue to pray, God will open such a door for some of us who want to be heard through writing.

As an Association, we are unique. We are an individual group, called by God, and accountable only to God. We have been called to speak for Christ and against that which is false to this age. Our uniqueness makes it needful that we print, representing Christ and our church body in that which we stand for. We have a special message for our age. This is why we exist. This is why we need to publish in print, as well as preach.

We are very limited in what we can do as a small church body at this point, with what we have. But we have had a healthy growth. We are bigger than when we first began. It is time that we make a bigger start than what we have made so far. We need to launch out in this way.

There is much that we still lack in the way of knowledge, wisdom and means, but we have an all-wise God to work with. He will provide. However, in whatever start we make, we need to walk slowly and carefully, ever drawing on God for the wisdom needed in each step we take. And the God who has helped us in the past will also be with us in the venture of printing. He will help us because we stand on the truth.

Let us as individuals and as a church body pray and look to God for that which is needed in order to enlarge our beachhead in printing.

Let us see what we can do with what God has given us in the way of talent and means.

Soon we will meet again for annual convention at Thief River Falls, Minnesota. I believe it would be pleasing to God if we considered printing in a bigger way at that time. There will

be some proposals presented relating to printing. Come prepared to pray and think through these proposals and be ready to vote on them. In the meantime if you have any ideas or thinking regarding printing feel free to share these with the writer of this article.

May God lead and provide as we consider moving forward in this much needed mission endeavor.

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bel, Wis., this week, May 5-9, with Rev. Edwin M. Kjos, Faith, S. Dak., as the speaker. Rev. Frank A. Miller is the pastor of Trinity Church.

NEW CONGREGATION AT WADENA TO DEDICATE CHURCH BUILDING

Zion Lutheran Church, Wadena, Minn., one of the newest congregations in the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations, extends a welcome to all to attend dedication festivities for the church building which has been purchased and which is situated at 606 S. Jefferson. The service will be held on Sunday, May 19 at 3:30 p.m. Guest speakers will be Rev. John P. Strand, Minneapolis, Minn., president of the AFLC, and Rev. Herbert Franz, Cloquet, Minn., chairman of the Board of Home Missions of the AFLC.

Pastor of the church, Rev. Fred Carlson, gives further direction in locating Zion Church in Wadena. The church is six blocks south of Highway 10 on Highway 71. No. 71 becomes Jefferson Street in Wadena.



Bemidji, Minn.

Bethany Lutheran Church
Charles Kvanvig, student pastor
May 28-31

Rev. Kenneth Pentti, Bessemer, Mich., speaker

editorials

THE ASCENSION OF JESUS

Forty days after Easter, the festival of the resurrection, the Christian Church observes a much less heralded event, the bodily ascension of Jesus into heaven. This year the festival is on May 23. Ten days later the celebration of Pentecost occurs.

While we do not pay much attention to Ascension Day, it is well for us to think for a while about it. We are very much aware of the coming of Jesus, God's Son, into the world. We observe that event at Christmas and a great church observance has been built around that. Unfortunately, the celebration has suffered from a great deal of commercialization. At His coming, His incarnation, Jesus took upon Himself human flesh. He became the God-man, having a nature both divine and human. This is a mystery for which we have no rational explanation.

At His ascension, His earthly ministry completed, Jesus returned to heaven, going to the Father's right hand, still the God-man who had sojourned for approximately 33 years on this earth. Only now the humanity of Jesus is not the impediment to Him that it was during those three decades.

In His ascended, glorified state, it may be said that at least three great works occupy our Lord. First, He reigns over the creation and all things. "Who (Jesus Christ) has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers subject to Him" (I Pet. 3:22). In this rulership. He also is Lord of the Holy Christian Church, which is His Body (Eph. 1:22, 23). Second, He is actively engaged in intercession for His followers (Rom. 8:34) and goes with them wherever they are and throughout life (Matt. 28:20). It is this assur-

ance which heartens and strengthens the people of God and enables them to be "more than conquerors" and to do all things through Him who provides the wherewithal.

Third, Jesus Christ is preparing a place for His own against the day when they shall be with Him forever. Jesus spoke of the many rooms or mansions in the Father's house. He is making them ready for those who shall occupy them. He promised that His disciples would be with Him forever. Because of this assurance, Jesus could counsel, "Don't be troubled or afraid; trust Me" (Jn. 14:1-3).

Our Lord is active **now**. There is also a tremendous promise for the future. He will come again to take His own unto Himself, and to judge the living and the dead, as the Apostles' Creed testifies. His return shall be in like manner as His ascension (Acts 1:11), that is, He will descend out of the heavens. John says that "every eye shall see Him" as He comes with the clouds (Rev. 1:7). Paul reveals that Jesus will descend "with a cry of command, with the archangel's call, and with the sound of the trumpet of God" (I Thess. 4:16). These are grand and glorious insights into an event toward which true believers eagerly look and unbelievers try to ignore.

On Ascension Day, and during these days between Easter and Pentecost, let us think anew on what our Lord Jesus Christ does now and the promise of His coming again. Such reflection will give new courage and new resolve in the midst of many less hopeful circumstances.

The earliest Christian creed was a very simple one (and it is still **the** basic one): Jesus is Lord. Notice the verb. Jesus **is** Lord. Now, today, forever. If you believe and so testify, live with confidence. Christ is victorious.

NEXT TIME

It is almost unreal to think that a year has soon elapsed since our church, the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations, met in annual conference in Ferndale, Wash.

There was a certain excitement about going to that conference, for those of us who don't live on the West Coast. There was adventure in travelling one or two thousand miles to get to the conference and excitement in seeing something of our congregational work out West. That element will be missing for many of us this year, but not, we trust, for delegates who come East to be with us at Thief River Falls, Minn., June 12-16.

Going to Thief River Falls will be like coming home for AFLC folks because that's where it all began back in October, 1962. But perhaps more can be said about that later.

In our next issue we will carry the conference program for 1974, plus some other preparatory material. Watch for it.

And lest you haven't made your room reservations yet, the lodging or housing information for the conference is being reprinted in this issue. Better take care of that matter right away.

Pray for Annual Conference, 1974. We trust that much intercession has already taken place. We must not expect a forward-looking conference or a spirit of good fellowship if we neglect prayer.

Women For Christ

MUSINGS OF A MOTHER

Mrs. Herbert Presteng,
Grafton, N. Dak.

"Train up a child" is more than just teaching."
"Correct a child while he is young."
"Use the willow when and where needed."
"Talk about spiritual things morning, noon and night."

—Proverbs

To be a mother is one of the greatest earthly blessings there is and yet many a mother has missed her chance to receive this blessing all because she has not come to Jesus for salvation. I know many women who have not experienced physical motherhood and yet God has given them a spirit of motherhood, which they in turn have shared with many children. God bless these women.

A Christian mother has blessings, joys, responsibilities and sorrows. As God is a part of her life she is always able to face the future with the comfort of the Savior's constant presence and is able to point her children to Christ. They are a gift from God and He loans them to us to train and teach them in the ways of the Lord. They are the only gifts we can take with us to heaven. It is so very important that we talk to them about God's Holy Word. This we must begin to do at a very early age. Yes, even before they learn to talk. They are God's jewels and they have no doubts until they see and learn misgivings from adults. They have a way of seeing into our very inner being so it

behooves us to walk close to our Lord.

It was the habit of a certain family to share Bible verses and sing hymns for their devotions at the supper table. A favorite was "Trust and Obey." One day the five-year-old girl said, as she hid her crust of bread under the edge of her plate, "Mother, how come we sing 'Crust and Obey'?" See how we need to know what our children are hearing? Let us always take time to listen to them and explain words and talk plainly.

One summer day an eight-year-old boy was playing in the yard with three of his friends just outside the kitchen window. A busy mother of five had a chocolate cake in the oven. The boy smelled the cake and called out, "Mom, can we all have some cake when it's ready?" Tired Mother somewhat reluctantly replied, "Yes, Son, I guess so." Then came the joy when she overheard her son say to his friends, "See, that's why I love my Mom!"

And what do you say to a six-year-old girl who comes weeping her heart out because the neighbor's dog just killed three of her pet kittens. "Mother, will the kittens go to heaven? Will they, Mom?" Mother not wishing to hurt her said, "Honey, I don't know. Do you think you will need them there to make you happy?" Still crying, she said, "I don't know, but I hate that dog. Will there be any dogs in heaven?" Again Mother said, "Do you think you will need dogs in heaven to make you happy?" By this time some of the tears were gone and she answered, "Maybe just our dog." Then Mother asked again prayerfully,

"Do you really think you would need a dog in heaven to make you happy?" Resting in her Mother's arms, she replied, "No, Mother, all I need in heaven is Jesus and I **know** He will be there." What joy the Spirit gives at a time like that.

When a ten-year-old girl comes to you, crying, and tells you that she tries to be good but can't, and feels the Spirit convicting of sin, can you show her I John 1:9 and pray with her and then have her thank Jesus for saving her soul. Oh, the joy that fills a mother's heart as she knows "that as many as receive Him to them gave He the power to become the sons of God."

Picture yourself driving down the highway on a warm summer day with your three-year-old son standing at your side. He is eager to talk but you are tired from a hard day of work, so you hardly answer his many questions. It may go like this. "Mom, who is on that tractor?" Mother answers, "I don't know." "Mom, who was in that car?" Mother replies, "I don't know." After many similar questions and answers, the little boy rather disgustingly says, "Mom, you don't know very many people, do you?" Mom answers, "No, Son, I guess not." The boy says, "But Dad knows lots of people, doesn't he?" Mother still tired answers, "Yes, I guess so." Then she felt the little arm go around her neck and he reassured her of his love and said, "But, Mom, you know Jesus, don't you!" Happiness and new strength came into her heart again.

I found this prayer many years ago and I prayed it many times. Now I'll share it with you.

A MOTHER'S PRAYER FOR HER CHILDREN

Ezra 8:21

O Father, in Heaven, grant that I may be
A mother worthy of Thy gifts to me.
May my children, so dear in Thy sight,
Be bought with the blood of Jesus Christ.
Help me always to look to Thee
For guidance, wisdom and patience to correct
My little ones, whose lives I would protect;
Help when others come to tell

Of the things my children did, and
 fell,
 That I may be just and glad
 To take those children and show them
 well
 The path which they should walk;
 And that they may always know
 That God can see them all the time,
 Yes, even knows their thoughts and
 minds;
 That God forgives, forgets and blesses
 When we come to Him our sins
 confessing,
 For God abhors sin in all its ways.
 Help me to know that my children
 may err,
 Yes, even lie to get their way,
 That they may stray and disobey;
 Then give me wisdom, love and
 understanding
 To guide, not rule, dictate nor scold,
 Realizing that I must first obey God
 myself,
 Before I can expect obedience from
 my child.
 Finally, at Thy call and welcome
 home,
 When I lay down my work, to know
 That round about my children are
 His Guardian Angels
 And underneath them are the
 everlasting arms,
 To care for those who are left behind,
 And carry on the work I have left
 undone. (from **Morning Glory**)

BEAVER CREEK CHURCH SITE OF SPRING WMF MEETING

The spring workshop of the Western North Dakota-Eastern Montana District Women's Missionary Federation was held at Beaver Creek Lutheran Church of the Tioga, N. Dak., parish, Rev. Forrest Swenson, pastor, on Saturday, April 6.

Seventy ladies from the district and several guests were registered. The workshop theme was from Phil. 4:1: "Therefore, my brethren, stand firm thus in the Lord!"

The opening hymn, "How Great Thou Art!", was sung and Grace Hartsoch, Beaver Creek, welcomed the group. Devotions were given by Elvira Sundhagen, St. Olaf. LaVonne Anderson and Beatta Gilbertson, Zion, favored us with a duet.

Mrs. Forrest Swenson brought the morning Bible meditation, based on John 21:15-17. Her thoughts stressed

the importance of feeding the lambs, and as adults we should stand firm by feeding on and digesting the Word of the Lord.

After some business was conducted a number of favorite hymns were sung before dinner. The noon offering was given to Church Extension and amounted to \$135.50.

The hymn, "Lord, Speak to Me," opened the afternoon session. Grace Syverson, Zion, read a report from the Winter Conference held at Valley City, N. Dak., in February. Reports on the projects each Aid has had and plans to do for the coming year were given by the local presidents. A duet was sung by Ellen Fox and Ardyce Zurich, Norman.

Iona Hartsoch, Beaver Creek, gave a report on Home Missions. She stated that there is a great need in this phase of the work if we are going to be able to give help to the new churches being started.

The guest speaker for the afternoon was Miss Priscilla Wold, presently a student at Association Free Lutheran Bible School in Minneapolis, Minn. She had spent two and one-half years in Brazil teaching missionary children. She showed slides of Brazil, its people and their ways of living and working.

The closing hymn, "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee," was sung and Rachel Berglee, Bethel, district president, closed the workshop with a few reminders for the year.

Ardyce Zurich, Norman, gave the invitation for the final rally. Closing benediction and prayer were given by Mr. Arley Hartsoch, lay assistant in the Tioga parish. Afternoon coffee was served by the host ladies aid before the guests departed for their homes.

The afternoon offering of \$142 was given to Home Missions.

Mrs. Eilert Haakenson
 Secretary

NEW WMF OFFICERS AT ROSE



Pictured here are the new officers of the Rose Lutheran Church WMF (Roseau, Minn., parish), who were recently installed. Left to right, they are, Mrs. Hilbert Pfeifer, president; Mrs. Kenneth Broten, vice-president; Mrs. Neil Nikunen, treasurer; and Mrs. Floyd Olson, secretary. Rev. Jerome Nikunen is pastor of the congregation.

CAMPO MOURAO: AN OASIS IN THE DESERT

Truly, Campo Mourao was like an oasis in the desert for 13 weary travellers. Here we found rest and restoration for body and soul. We were greeted by friendly, familiar faces. We could accept their hospitality without question. What a relief to be able to enjoy a meal and not have to ask the questions, is it safe to eat? do we dare try this? is it well cooked? The good clean water from the missionaries' artesian well was so refreshing. It was good not to have to brush our teeth in orange crush or get carbonated water delivered to our room when we thought we had ordered "sem gas agua mineral" ().

Here in Campo Mourao we could sense how the "Living Water" was flowing out to people of all ages and walks of life through the love of Christ in the lives of our missionaries and their families. We saw how this love influenced the relationship between the missionaries and the Brazilian laborers in the community. I saw how this love of God comforted and encouraged the fatherless and widows as I went calling one afternoon with Carolyn Dyrud and Ruby Abel. We sensed that the love of Christ was the answer to all the problems of the youth as they gathered for recreation on Saturday afternoon and again in the evening when about 100 young people from the area gathered for a rally in the Central Church. Debbie Abel is a real asset to the youth work on the mission field.

Again on Sunday morning the love of Christ was presented to about 57 in Sunday School. Although we could not understand the words, we recognized the melody and were able to join with them in spirit as they sang "Jesus Loves Me." We experienced the enduring quality of Christian love



Some of the tour group which gathered in Minneapolis for a reunion on April 7. They are, left to right, front row, Judith Wold, Adeline Paulson, June Bodsberg and Olive Jacobson; second row, Ray Jacobson, Gene Smith, Harry Bodsberg and Howard Paulson.



Mrs. Jacobson, left, a Swedish Laplander, and Mrs. Nubgaard near the adobe brick temple of the Sun god Pachacamac near Lima, Peru. The temple was unearthed in 1948 and is believed to have been built about 300 years before Christ.

as we visited with Yeddo Gottel in his home on Sunday afternoon. We had learned to know Yeddo when he was a student in our Bible school and seminary in Minneapolis. We heard the testimony of a fellow who had accepted Jesus as His Savior and was now so burdened for others that he was organizing a congregation and providing a place of worship. He had travelled a long distance over very difficult roads to share this with the members of the two churches in Campo. We could witness the same

love of God as Connely Dyrud came out of the church carrying a very sick boy who had to be taken to the hospital with a very high fever. This gave someone in our group an opportunity to show their love when the hospital was unwilling, or hesitated, to admit the boy because his mother was poor.

In just the short time that we lived on the compound, we sensed how the Water of Life was flowing from Christ through our missionaries to a thirsty and needy community.

We are thankful to the Lord for the opportunity to go on this trip to South America and visit our missionaries and their families.

Mrs. Raymond Jacobson

(Ed. Note: In addition to Mr. and Mrs. Jacobson, AFLC members on the tour to South America were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bodsberg, Clayton, Wis., Mr. and Mrs. Newman Nubgaard, Ferndale, Wash., Mr. Gene Smith, Minnetonka, Minn., and Miss Judith Wold, Thief River Falls, Minn. The tour took place in early February.)

BOOK REPORTS FROM THE DALTON PARISH LIBRARY

THE FLOOD

by Alfred M. Rehwinkel

The Flood is written in the light of the Bible, Geology, and Archaeology. As a whole, this study has been a lifelong labor of love and a source of genuine pleasure to the author, because it opened up ever greater visions of God's most wonderful and omnipotent majesty manifested in the works of His creative and destructive powers. It deals with the world before the Flood. It gives the Biblical account of the Flood. It gives extra-Biblical evidence for the Flood. Every nation of the world has some story to tell about the Flood, even the most remote races on earth.

The most remarkable account of the Flood which was brought with thousands of other clay tablets from

the ancient library of Assurbanipal in Nineveh to the British Museum, where it was accidentally discovered by a British orientalist in 1872. There is a most remarkable similarity between this Babylonian account and the Biblical Flood.

This book takes you all over the world and even close to home. It is a long book, and you must take time to read it all. **This is fact!** It is wonderful to have the opportunity to learn something about the vastness of God's creation and destruction. It also gives one some indication of what the coming end of the world can be expected to be. There are many illustrated pictures and sketches.

(For those of us who live in the Dalton area it tells about skeletons that have been dug up north of Pelican Rapids, near Pelican Lake. It does not indicate in this book whether they are talking about the skeleton found

near Lake Lida or one found near Pelican Lake.)

(Note from our Library—We feel this is a **must be read** book and therefore we have four copies so that one may at all times circulate in each of the four churches in our parish.)

Elma Matson

TO MUNICH WITH LOVE

by Bob Owen

News media bombarded the public with stories of triumph and tragedy during the 1972 Olympics. Very little, however, was said about the greatest triumph of all—how scores and hundreds of people from all countries came to know Christ as Savior in Munich, as a result of the outreach of over 2,000 young people. This book tells the story, including many photos to help relay the impact of their Christian witness. Thrilling!

Easy reading—126 pages. A "one evening book."

FAMILY BIBLE CAMP SETS FORTH MORE DETAILS OF CAMP PROGRAM FOR 1974

Assistant Dean of the 1974 AFLC Family Bible Camp at Alexandria, Minn. Aug. 19-25, Rev. Dennis Gray, has announced further details about the camp program for this summer. He is acting in the capacity of temporary dean while Lay Pastor Gene Sundby, the dean, is recuperating from an illness in Canada.

Lay Pastor Rodney Stueland, Buxton, N. Dak., a former evangelist with the Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation and now serving the Buxton-Portland parish of the AFLC, will be the evening evangelist. Rev. Bruce Dalager, Bagley, Minn., will be the youth Bible study leader while Rev. Eugene Enderlein, Minnewaukan, N. Dak., will fill the adult Bible study leader role.

Seminarian Dale Mellgren, Abercrombie, N. Dak., will serve as dean of boys, assisted by Ralph Rokke, Strandquist, Minn., also of Free Lutheran Seminary. Mrs. Aini Myking, Minneapolis, Minn., former dean of women at Association Free Lutheran Bible School, will be the dean of girls at Family Camp and Marge Benson, Minneapolis, retiring assistant dean of women at AFLBS, will assist her.

Rev. Philip Featherstone, Colfax, Wis., has been named as leader of the adult prayer hours at camp. Other positions of responsibility will be announced at a later date.

Pastor Gray asks that prayer be offered by our people and other friends for the recovery of Pastor Sundby's health, so that he may be restored to his work at Greenbush, Minn., soon and also to his duties as dean of Family Camp.

A CHILD'S PRAYER

Now I lay me down to sleep,
I pray Thee, Lord, my soul to keep;
If there are children far away,
Who have no homes in which to stay,
Nor know where is their daily bread,
Nor where at night to lay their heads,
But wander through a broken land
Alone and helpless,
Lord, take their hand.

Becky Pentti
Age 9
Bessemer, Mich.



"HAPPINESS IS KNOWING JESUS" THEME OF SOUTH DAKOTA YOUTH CONVENTION

The Pukwana-St. Olaf Lutheran parish hosted the annual Luther League Convention of the South Dakota District of the AFLC on April 19-21, with Rev. Dale R. Battleson as host pastor. The convention theme was "Happiness Is Knowing Jesus."

Registration was on Friday evening. About 60 youth, pastors and other guests were in attendance from the Faith-Eagle Butte, Wallace, Ortle and Lake Region parishes, as well as the host leagues.

On Saturday morning the business meeting, the Bible study and the Bible quiz were held at St. Olaf Church, Chamberlain. Winners of the traveling trophy were the Pukwana-St. Olaf leaguers.

A noon lunch was served.

The afternoon was spent at the St. Joseph's Indian School at Chamberlain with recreation and a tour of the school.

On returning to the Pukwana Church, Rev. John Rieth, Ortle, conducted a Luther League workshop and had charge of the convention choir practice.

Guest speaker at the Saturday evening banquet was Rev. John Barkley of Christ Episcopal Church of Chamberlain. This was followed by the showing of the film "3."

The Sunday morning service was held in Pukwana Lutheran Church with special music by the convention choir. Following the worship service a pot-luck dinner was served.

In the afternoon the installation ser-

Luther League Activities

Edited By Wayne Pederson

vice for the new district league officers was held. The officers are all from the Faith-Eagle Butte parish, here the convention will be held next year. New officers are: president—Jayne Sletten; vice-president—Karen Kjos; secretary—Randy McCarlson; treasurer—Lynn Sletten; and devotional life secretary—John Sletten.

We thank and praise God for that weekend of worship, instruction and fellowship.

Alta Hosek
Academy, S. Dak.

WE FOUND OUR WAY OUT by James R. Adair and Ted Miller

This book is a collection of dramatic personal testimonies telling how God led these people from the despair and confusion of false religions and philosophies to a life of peace and joy in Christ Jesus. Some of the cults and religions that these people escaped from were—Mormonism, Jehovah's Witnesses, Armstrongism, Christian Science, Rosecrucianism, Humanism and Agnosticisms.

THE BURDEN IS LIGHT by Eugenia Price

This is Eugenia Price's own story of her conversion. She who wrote the radio program "UNSHACKLED" has a thrilling autobiography of how she became a Christian. You will be thrilled to read how this transformed pagan, as she calls herself, found that Christ meant it when He said—"COME LEARN OF ME, FOR MY BURDEN IS LIGHT." If you haven't discovered the great truth for yourself, read this true account. It may change your life!

Lodging Information for the Annual Conference

Motels: Thief River Falls,
Minnesota 56701, Area code 218

Holiday Hwy 59 681-4053

Single	\$10.00
1 Bed Double	12.00
Double and Single	16.00
2 Double Beds	18.00
Rollaways	3.00
Cribs	2.00

T 59 Hwy 59 681-2720

Single	\$10.00 and \$12.00
1 Bed Double	12.00 and 14.50
Twin Beds	18.00 and 22.00

Noper's Hwy 32 North 681-2640

Single	\$ 9.50 or \$11.50
1 Bed Double	12.00 or 15.00
Twin Beds	18.00 or 20.00
2 Double Beds	20.00 or 22.00
Rollaways	3.00

Hotels

Pennington 681-4771

Single	\$4.75, with bath \$6.50
Double	6.50, with bath 9.00

Thief River 681-4132

Single	\$4.16, with bath \$6.24
Double	7.28

Reservations 2 weeks in advance.
All prices plus tax.

Please make reservations directly with Motels or Hotels.

For additional information write Mrs. Norman Peterson, Route 5, Thief River Falls, Minn. 56701

Campers may park in City Park with a \$2 charge for water, light, etc., hookup.

Some private homes with sleeping rooms available.

ALC'S LUTHER SEM VOICES SUPPORT OF LCMS SCHOOL

St. Paul—(LC)—The faculty of the American Lutheran Church's Luther Seminary here has unanimously voiced its "concern and support for our embattled colleagues and brothers in Christ" at the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod's Concordia Seminary in St. Louis.

"We deplore the fact that men who share our Scriptural and confessional convictions are regarded as unfit to serve as teachers in a Lutheran theological institution," said a statement adopted by the professors at Luther.

Dr. Alvin N. Rogness, president of Luther, said that he hoped the resolution by his faculty would not be interpreted as a "political move."

"Its purpose is to weep with those who weep," Dr. Rogness said.

Dr. J.A.O. Preus, president of the Missouri Synod, who is seeking the removal of Dr. John H. Tietjen, Concordia president, and some of the faculty majority at St. Louis, is an alumnus of Luther Seminary.

The Luther resolution was sent to Dr. Tietjen and the Concordia faculty.

In Memoriam

Key: The name of the town is the address of the deceased. Following that is listed the name of the deceased, age, date of death and the church in which he or she held membership.

MINNESOTA

Bemidji.

Mr. Reinhart T. Norvold, 69, Feb. 17.

Bethany

Mr. Gustav Moe, 80, Mar. 5, Bethany

COUNSELLORS NEEDED

Counsellors are needed for the boys attending Family Bible Camp at Lake Geneva this summer. Dates for the camp are Aug. 18-25. If you are interested in counselling this year on a full or part-time basis, please contact Dale Mellgren at the Seminary or after May 17th at Box 233, Abercrombie, N. Dak., 58001.

GOD SPEAKS NAVAJO

by Ethel E. Wallis

Suppose we would be forced to read our Testaments in a foreign language? Over 100,000 Navajo Indians—THE PEOPLE, as they call themselves—had this problem. Theirs has been a long history of hardships in white America. Not the least of these has been the active discouragement of the Navajo language. The virility and versatility of their mother tongue accounts for much of the people's enduring strength. Yet for many years Christian missionaries did their evangelizing in their own language, using their own concepts. Christianity remained the white man's religion.

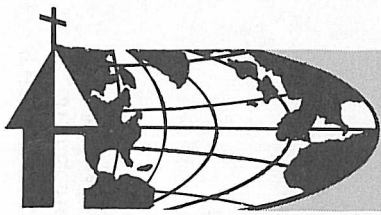
Tiny, fragile Fay Edgerton, a missionary for nearly fifty years to these people, had the dream and desire to give them the New Testament in their own tongue. This book gives interesting insights into the tremendous amount of work, patience, dedication and love that Faye Edgerton and her Christian Navajo helpers put into translating the New Testament into Navajo. And knowing how hungry "THE PEOPLE" were for words in their language which spoke of intangible but eternal reality!

As one who had studied several years in a Bible School said, "It used to be all blurred and dark to me when I read it in English, but now it is as clear as light because I understand it." God does indeed speak Navajo!

TABLE GRACE

Before Michael Faraday, electrical genius, began his dinner, he prayed with such force that another scientist who visited him recalled, "I am almost ashamed to call his prayer a 'saying of grace.' In the language of Scripture it could be described as the petition of a son into whose heart God had sent the Spirit of His Son and who with absolute trust asks a blessing from his Father." How tragic by contrast is the fact that many in our country begin their meals as the animals do, without a word or thought of gratitude to Him from whom all blessings flow!

Walter A. Maier
(in Peace Through Christ)



CHURCH-WORLD NEWS

THE CHURCH AROUND THE WORLD

** Legalized gambling, claimed by sponsors to discourage illegal gambling, doesn't work that way. New York police claim illegal gambling has risen 62 percent since off-track betting was legalized.

** The controversial Children of God sect seems to be dwindling. Leader "Moses" David Berg's young followers are disillusioned by his false prophecies (example: that America would explode as Comet Kohoutek approached earth), and by his friendship with the staunch Muslim ruler of Libya.

** Seventy percent of the 55,000 Protestant missionaries in the world are from North America. Countries receiving the largest numbers of North American missionaries are Brazil, Japan, Mexico, India, and the Philippines.

** Gideons International of India plan to distribute 1,850,000 Bibles throughout that country in 1974. The Gideons' worldwide Bible distribution goal for this year is 15 million.

** **Playboy** magazine was banned in Victoria, Texas, (Pop. 50,000) recently through the efforts of Christians there. They pressed their demands on city officials and threatened boycotts against merchants who sold the magazine.

FULL-TIME EDITOR NAMED BY WISCONSIN SYNOD

Milwaukee, Wis.—(LC)—The Rev. Harold E. Wicke of West Allis, Wis., has been appointed the first full-time editor of the **Northwestern Lutheran**, official magazine of the 380,000-member Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

The **Northwestern Lutheran**, a bi-weekly family magazine which began publication in 1914, has about 43,000 paid subscribers.

Mr. Wicke has been part-time editor of the magazine since 1970 while also serving full time as literary edi-

tor of the **Northwestern Publishing House** in Milwaukee, a religious publishing and ecclesiastical ware firm controlled by the Wisconsin Synod.

Mr. Wicke, 61, is a native of Jackson, Wis. He graduated from **Northwestern College**, Watertown, Wis., in 1934, and in 1937 from **Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary**, Mequon, Wis. After graduation, he served congregations in Hortonville, Weyauwega and Watertown, all in Wisconsin, until he accepted the position as literary editor of the **Northwestern Publishing House** in 1969.

Mr. Wicke, who will assume his new duties July 1, served eight years on the Synod's Board of Trustees, three of the years as its chairman. He is presently a member of the Commission on Inter-Church Relations and author of **Catechism of Differences**, written to show the doctrinal differences among the Lutheran church bodies in the United States.

In 1940, he married Thekla Hanke. They have a daughter Ann (Mrs. Robert Swanson) and a son Timothy, a student at the University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire.

LCMS MISSION HEAD QUILTS TO PROTEST BOARD ACTION

St. Louis—(LC)—The Rev. William H. Kohn, executive secretary of the Board for Missions of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, resigned on April 10 as a protest against actions of the board which he termed "legalistic, isolationist, and separatist."

Dr. Kohn also criticized what he termed the mission board's "arbitrary use of power to achieve greater centralization."

The resignation of the LCMS official was another chapter in the ongoing theological controversy raging throughout the 2.8 million member denomination. The Board for Missions, dominated by conservatives, has been clashing with the synod's mission staff for several months.

Dr. Kohn said that his resignation

was precipitated by the board's refusal to deal with "the real issues" in the struggle and specifically by their refusal to reinstate the Rev. James Mayer as the board's secretary for South Asia. Mr. Mayer was terminated by the Board of Missions last January and, according to Dr. Kohn, "no credible reason was given."

In recent weeks, a number of attempts have been made to mediate the dispute between the mission staff and the mission board, but all have failed. Dr. Kohn said that he would urge the rest of his staff not to take any action "until we see if the board can do a real self-study and come to terms with its own problems."

The LCMS executive has held his present post since 1968. Dr. Kohn was president of the synod's Southeastern District from 1963 to 1967 and formerly served parishes in Maryland. He has been active in a number of LCMS and inter-Lutheran projects.

Dr. Kohn, 59, was a nominee for the synod presidency when the denomination met in New Orleans last summer. He drew the second highest number of votes on the first ballot and was defeated by Dr. J.A.O. Preus.

DR. SVENDSBYE ACCEPTS CALL AS PRESIDENT OF LUTHER

Minneapolis — (LC) — Dr. Lloyd Svendsbye, vice president and dean of St. Olaf College, has accepted the presidency of **Luther Seminary** in St. Paul, effective July 1. He will succeed Dr. Alvin N. Rogness, who will retire in June after serving in that post for 20 years.

Dr. Svendsbye has been at St. Olaf since 1971, prior to which he was editor-in-chief of **Augsburg Publishing House**, the publications unit of the American Lutheran Church.

A native of Hamlet, N. Dak., Dr. Svendsbye was graduated from **Concordia College**, Moorhead, Minn., and **Luther Seminary**. He was ordained by the former **Evangelical Lutheran Church** in 1955. Dr. Svendsbye took

graduate work at the University of Erlangen in Germany and at Columbia University and Union Seminary, New York. He received a doctor of theology (Th.D) degree from Union in 1966.

Election of Dr. Svendsbye to the position of president and professor of church history at Luther took place on March 27. The election panel, designated by the ALC constitution, in-

cluded the church's Board of Theological Education and Ministry, selected members of the Church Council, the Board of Regents of Luther Seminary, and representatives both of the faculty and student body of the school.

Luther Seminary is the largest of the ALC's three schools of theology, having an enrollment of more than 500. Other seminaries are operated in Columbus, O., and Dubuque, Iowa.

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