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# The Lutheran Ambassador

Association Free Lutheran Seminary Minneapolis, Minnesota

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of the AFLC June 14-18



# MEDITATION MOMENTS

## “FOR JONATHAN’S SAKE”

Please read II Samuel 4:4 and 9:1-13. Pray that the thought of this meditation might become yours as an attitude toward life.

Saul's son Jonathan was a real and true friend of David. The friendship began when Saul was king over Israel. It began when David killed the giant, Goliath. Since that day, Jonathan and David were the best of friends. Jonathan protected David from Saul, thereby delivering his life from Saul and the armies which were at his command.

Jonathan was killed in Saul's final battle and Saul had taken his own life. So David became the king over Israel. David, even though he was a great warrior, was also a humble, faithful man of God.

At this time, of course, the households of Saul and David became the possession of the king. Also, the children of these who were dead became someone else's responsibility. The same for their wives and servants.

David had many good memories of his friend Jonathan. Now, as the king, he was in a position to do something significant to help. Something which would honor Jonathan's memory. "And David said, 'Is there yet any that is left of the house of Saul, that I may shew him kindness **for Jonathan's sake?**'"

Now this kindness David wanted to

do was not to be a kindness done in the name of David. This would give honor only to him. David wanted this kindness to be done **in God's name**. David expressed this to the servant, Ziba.

How tremendous! Here was a member of Saul's household benefiting from David. This is incredible kindness when you think that David had been hunted by Saul and that Saul wanted David dead! No wonder Mephibosheth trembled in fear. He was aware that David could have made a spectacle of him.

Jonathan's son, Mephibosheth, had been lame since he was five years old. Now both his grandfather and father were dead. He was now to be the recipient of an act of kindness done in God's name. The youth was given the right to live with David as one of the king's own sons! He was to have Saul's land returned to him and he was to have the necessary servants to make a living!

What blessed memories of departed loved ones do you have today? There are certain to be several people whom we can remember. Can we not do acts of kindness in God's name and for the sake of these precious people? Certainly we can as the Lord gives us the remembrance and the ability to do such. Let King David be our example!

On Memorial Day we remember those who have fallen in battle for our free-

dom. There are many courageous young men who died that we might live in this free country! Is there some family where an act of kindness can be done? A family which gave of one of its sons for the sake of freedom? Can you not do something which would say "thank you" and "we do remember your son and what he has done"?

There are others, too! Our parents, sisters, brothers, grandparents, uncles and aunts. Maybe a special friend you worked with at one time. A pastor, camp counselor, Sunday school teacher, a deacon who meant something special to you. Someone who has passed on to the heavenly reward. Can you not say "thank you" for that person by doing an act of kindness in God's holy name? An act of kindness to the family of these loved ones?

Yes, we can give money in memory or flowers for the altar and this can be very meaningful. Would it not be more meaningful to ask the Lord to lead you to give something no one else knows about, except Jesus? And, of course, the persons involved?

Kindnesses like these will not be printed in the church bulletin, or the monthly newsletter, saying, "In Memory of . . ." but will be noted by God in a special way when done to His honor and glory.

—Dennis Gray

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# THE SIXTEENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE ASSOCIATION OF FREE LUTHERAN CONGREGATIONS

June 14-18, 1978

With the Association Congregations of the  
Twin Cities and the Association Schools as  
hosts.

The sessions will be on the campus of the  
Association Schools, 3110 East Medicine Lake  
Boulevard, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

**THEME: WALKING WORTHY OF OUR CALLING**

**CONFERENCE TEXT: EPHESIANS 4:1-16**

## Wednesday, June 14, 1978

- 9:00 a.m. — The Conference Committees meet for devotions, instructions and room assignments in the Junior Classroom in the Girls' Dormitory.
- 8:00 p.m. — The opening service of the Conference, with the sermon on the conference text by Pastor Francis Monseth, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Pastor J. G. Erickson will lead the service. The opening of the Conference and the appointment of necessary committees, by Pastor John P. Strand. Offering to the General Fund.

## Thursday, June 15, 1978

- 9:00 a.m. — Report of the Credentials Committee. Election of Committee on Nominations for the 1979 Conference. The President's Report. The report of the chairman of the Coordinating Committee, Pastor Wendell Johnson. Financial Report, Pastor Albert Hautamaki. Report of the Treasurer of the Family Bible Camp, Mrs. Harold Erickson, New York Mills, Minnesota. Report of the Budget Analysis Committee, Ronald Miller, Minneapolis. Report of the Nominating Committee, always in order. Election of nominees for the Missions Corporation and the Schools Corporation. Report of Committee No. 1.
- 11:30 a.m. — Prayer Hour. The Prayer Hours will be led by Pastor Harvey Carlson, Grand Forks, North Dakota.
- 2:00 p.m. — Devotions. Report of the Credentials Committee. Election of the President, Vice-President and Secretary of the AFLC. Election of nominees to the Mission Boards and the Board of Trustees.

- Continuing discussion of Committee No. 1. Election of nominees to the Coordinating Committee. Election of Committee No. 1 for the 1979 Conference. Report of the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Pastor Robert Rieth, Kirkland, Washington. Report of the Dean of the Theological Seminary, Pastor Amos Dyrud. Report of the Dean of the Bible School, Pastor Kenneth Moland. Report of Committee No. 2.

- 5:30 p.m. — The Schools Corporation will meet at the Jolly Troll Cafeteria, 5418 Wayzata Boulevard, Minneapolis.
- 8:00 p.m. — The Mission Festival Service conducted by the Women's Missionary Federation.

## Friday, June 16, 1978

- 7:00 a.m. — The Mission Corporation meets at the Morgan Avenue Lutheran Church, at Morgan and 2nd Avenue North, Minneapolis.
- 9:00 a.m. — Devotions. Report of the Credentials Committee. Continuing discussion of Committee No. 2. Election of Committee No. 2 for the 1979 Conference. The report concerning the Schools Corporation meeting. The report of the chairman of the Foreign Mission Board, Pastor Eugene Enderlein. The report of the chairman of the Home Mission Board, Pastor Herbert Franz. The report of the Home Mission Director, Pastor Elden Nelson. The report of the chairman of the Evangelism Commission, Pastor Terry Olson. The report of Committee No. 3.
- 11:30 a.m. — Prayer Hour.
- 2:00 p.m. — Devotions. Report of the Credentials Committee.

Continuing discussion of the report of Committee No. 3.

The report concerning the Missions Corporation meeting.

7:00 p.m. — Banquet honoring Pastor and Mrs. John Strand, at the Radisson Hotel, downtown Minneapolis.

#### Saturday, June 17, 1978

9:00 a.m. — Devotions.

Report of the Credentials Committee.

Continuing discussion of the report of Committee No. 3.

Election of members to the Commission on Evangelism.

Election of Committee No. 3 for the 1979 Annual Conference.

Report of the chairman of the Board of Publications and Parish Education, Pastor Howard Kjos.

Report of the Executive Secretary of the Department of Parish Education, Miss Judith Wold.

Report of the chairman of the Youth Board, Pastor Rodger Olson.

Report of the president of the Luther League Federation, Pastor Dale Mellgren.

Report of Committee No. 4.

11:30 a.m. — Prayer Hour.

2:00 p.m. — Devotions.

Report of the Credentials Committee.

Report of the Colloquy Committee.

Election of members to the Board of Publications and Parish Education, and the Youth Board.

Election of Committee No. 4 for the 1979 Annual Conference.

Election of the Colloquy Committee for the

1979 Annual Conference.

Report of the chairman of the Stewardship Board, Pastor Edwin Kjos.

Report of the chairman of the Pension Board, Mr. Clifford Holm.

Report of Committee No. 5.

Election of members to the Stewardship Board and the Board of Pensions.

Election of Committee No. 5 for the 1979 Annual Conference.

Reports of special committees.

Election of the Budget Analysis Committee for 1979.

Report of Committee No. 1, as the Committee on General Resolutions.

8:00 p.m. — Youth Night at the Conference.

The service will be led by Pastor Dale Mellgren.

Pastor Donald Greven, Radcliffe, Iowa, will bring the message.

Offering to Home Missions.

#### Sunday, June 18, 1978

8:00 a.m. — Communion Service.

Pastor Dennis O'Neil, liturgist.

Pastor Gary Skramstad, preacher.

10:30 a.m. — Worship Service, with the message by Pastor Raynard Huglen.

Pastor Amos Dyrud, liturgist.

Offering to Foreign Missions.

2:00 p.m. — Ordination Service and closing of the Conference.

Message by Pastor John P. Strand.

Offering to the Schools.

Conference Committee:

Pastor Einar Unseth

Pastor John P. Strand

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#### BUDGET RECEIPTS (3 months)

Should

FUND	Total Budget for 3 months	have received	Rec'd during April	Total Rec'd to date	% of Current
General Fund	\$ 78,630.00	\$ 19,657.50	\$ 6,207.03	\$13,365.04	68 %
Schools	143,190.00	35,797.50	13,764.37	22,345.48	62.4
Home Missions	75,000.00	18,750.00	4,568.47	9,480.69	50.5
Foreign Missions	113,512.00	28,378.00	6,118.48	14,201.65	50
Praise	35,797.50	13,764.37	1,467.90	5,243.18	60 %
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$445,332.00</b>	<b>\$111,333.00</b>	<b>\$34,126.25</b>	<b>\$64,636.04</b>	<b>58. %</b>
1977-1798	\$382,477.00	\$ 95,619.24	\$27,964.69	\$64,109.24	67 %

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#### ANNOUNCEMENT RE: ANNUAL CONFERENCE TRANSPORTATION

If you are wondering how to get from the airport to AFLC headquarters for the annual conference, or whatever your transportation needs may be, call or write: Mr. DeWayne Larson, 4658 7th St. N.E., Columbia Heights, Minn. 55421, 612-560-6324.



# INVITATION TO THE 1978 CONFERENCE

Through the night of doubt and sorrow  
Onward goes the pilgrim band  
Singing songs of expectation,  
Marching to the promised Land.  
Clear before us, thro' the darkness,  
Gleams and burns the guiding light.  
Brother clasps the hand of brother,  
Stepping fearless thro' the night.

The above is a part of a hymn often sung at the closing of our annual conferences. It is a stirring hymn of confident faith. We quote a part of the hymn as an invitation and an encouragement.

There is work to be done today. The whole of creation is writhing in change.

Peoples are confused. The answers of man are not adequate. We as individuals and a church have tremendous responsibilities. Into the hands of the Christian Church, God has given the only answers and remedies that are adequate for eternity. The 1978 conference will, I trust, grapple with some of the issues of the day. What part is our congregations to have in meeting global and local needs? Are we aware of the needs? Do we understand the correct answers, or are our answers only human? Are we aware of the resources at our disposal?

As we grow in our awareness of the needs, we can become overwhelmed and discouraged. We can give up in despair. We need to see the hosts surrounding us, and among us, those who have gone on before, and those who will follow after. With them we would march to that certain victory. But greater even than this, we need to see before us the One Who saves and keeps, Who gives wisdom and power, and Whose love never fails. Nothing can separate us from His love. He is before us, in us, and with us.

Our conference, then, is to be a meeting to inspire courage, faith and confidence, to cement loyalties and convictions, to strengthen for the tasks ahead, to give joy and confidence.

This will be my last conference as the president of the Association. We remember how God has wonderfully blessed and guided our church. We look forward to returning to serve the heart of the Church, a Christian congregation. It is our prayer that the convictions and truths so precious in the formative years might never be lost. We, like the church of Ephesus (Rev. 2:1-8), can be so busy doing good, yet lose our first love. Then all is lost.

The conference will be on the campus of our Bible School and Seminary. Many have not seen this fine campus. Changes are also taking place now on this campus that are further beautifying it. Come and see what is yours. The conference facilities will be excellent.

Come with a prayer on your heart that God will lead and guide as brother clasps the hand of brother, and step fearless into the future.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Pastor John Strand



Rev. John Strand

## OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED BY THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

\*designates incumbent

**President** (3-year term)

\*Rev. John P. Strand, Minneapolis, Minn.

Pastor Strand has notified the church of his wish to retire from the presidency at the end of this present term (Sept. 30) and has therefore removed himself from consideration for re-election.

**Vice-President** (1-year term)

\*Rev. Francis Monseth, Minneapolis, Minn.

**Secretary** (1-year term)

\*Rev. Einar Unseth, Ortle, S. Dak.

## NOMINATIONS BY THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

\*designates incumbent

(Elections by respective corporations)

**Co-ordinating Committee**

(3-year term)

Vacant upon the resignation of Dr. James Gerdeen, Minneapolis, Minn., now a student at Free Lutheran Seminary.

(5-year term)

\*Rev. Kenneth L. Anderson, McVillie, N. Dak.

**Board of Trustees, Schools**

(5-year terms)

\*Rev. Robert Rieth, Kirkland, Wash.  
Mr. Kenneth Rolf, McIntosh, Minn.

**Board of Foreign Missions**

(5-year term)

\*Rev. Eugene Enderlein, Thief River Falls, Minn.

**Board of Home Missions**

(5-year term)

\*Mr. Paul Flaten, Newfolden, Minn.

## ELECTIONS BY THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

\*designates incumbent

**Youth Board**

(5-year term)

\*Rev. Rodger Olson, Grafton, N. Dak.

**Commission on Evangelism**

(5-year term)

\*Rev. Kenneth Pentti, Bessemer, Mich.

**Board of Publications and Parish Education**

(5-year term)

\*Mrs. Melvin Walla, Fergus Falls, Minn.

**Board of Pensions**

(5-year term)

\*Mr. Melvin Gravgaard, Tioga, N. Dak.  
**Stewardship Board**

(5-year term)

\*Rev. Stephen Odegard, Eugene, Ore.

### THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE FOR THE 1978 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Mr. Joel Rogenes, Buxton, N. Dak.  
Mr. Arthur Olson, Tioga, N. Dak.  
Dr. Wayne Sletten, Faith, S. Dak.  
Mr. Sheldon Mortrud, Thief River  
Falls, Minn.  
Mr. John Arlen Johnson, Sacred  
Heart, Minn.  
Mr. Lyle Twite, Cloquet, Minn.  
Rev. Amos Dyrud, Minneapolis,  
Minn.  
Mr. Kenneth Williams, Ishpeming,  
Mich.  
Rev. Gerald F. Mundfrom, Nogales,  
Ariz.  
Mr. Clarence (Bud) Haugen, Everett,  
Wash.

### MISSIONS CORPORATION

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(The following persons are eligible to attend the annual meeting of the Corporation on June 15.)

\*denotes World Mission Board member. \*\*denotes Home Mission Board member.

#### Terms expire in 1978:

Rev. Fred Carlson, Sebeka, Minn.  
Lay Pastor Verle Dean, Culbertson,  
Mont.  
Mr. Soren Engevik, Eden, S. Dak.  
Mr. Elmer Gravgaard, Spicer, Minn.  
Rev. Philip Haugen, Minneapolis,  
Minn.  
Mrs. Birdeen Holt, Fosston, Minn.

Rev. Gerald F. Mundfrom, Nogales,  
Ariz.  
Rev. Kenneth Pentti, Bessemer,  
Mich.  
Rev. Robert Rieth, Kirkland, Wash.  
Mrs. Gene Sundby, Outlook, Sask., Can.

#### Terms expire in 1979:

Mr. Andrew Anderson, Radcliffe, Ia.  
Mr. Alver Christopherson, Grand  
Forks, N. Dak.  
Mr. Paul Flaten, Newfolden, Minn.\*\*  
Rev. Julius Hermunsle, Fergus  
Falls, Minn.\*\*  
Mr. John Arlen Johnson, Sacred  
Heart, Minn.  
Mr. Ed Mathison, Bagley, Minn.  
Rev. Elden Nelson, Dickinson, N. Dak.  
Rev. Stephen Odegard, Eugene, Ore.  
Mr. Harry Rorvig, Dalton, Minn.  
Rev. Alvin Grothe, Astoria, Ore.

#### Terms expire in 1980:

Rev. Trygve F. Dahle, Spicer, Minn.  
Mr. Ronald Willand, Ferndale,  
Wash.  
Mr. Kenneth Williams, Ishpeming,  
Mich.\*  
Mrs. Amos Dyrud, Minneapolis,  
Minn.  
Mrs. Herbert Presteng, Grafton,  
N. Dak.  
Mrs. Esther Farrier, Kenyon, Minn.  
Rev. Forrest Swenson, Tioga,  
N. Dak.  
Rev. Larry Severson, Boscobel,  
Wis.\*\*  
Rev. Albert Hautamaki, Minneapolis,  
Minn.  
Rev. Frank Miller, Kasson, Minn.

#### Terms expire in 1981:

Rev. Richard Anderson, Lake  
Stevens, Wash.  
Mr. Joel Rogenes, Buxton,  
N. Dak.\*\*  
Mr. Melvin Gravgaard, Tioga,  
N. Dak.  
Rev. John Rieth, Kalispell, Mont.  
Mrs. Aini Myking, Minneapolis,  
Minn.  
Mr. Eldor Sorkness, Sand Creek,  
Wis.\*  
Rev. L. C. Dynneson, Nogales,  
Ariz.  
Mr. Robert Knutson, McVile,  
N. Dak.  
Rev. Amos Dyrud, Minneapolis,  
Minn.\*

Rev. Dale Mellgren, Abercrombie,  
N. Dak.

#### Terms expire in 1982:

Mr. Martin Bjornson, Valley City,  
N. Dak.  
Mrs. Reuben, Emberson, Esko,  
Minn.  
Rev. Eugene Enderlein, Thief River  
Falls, Minn.\*  
Rev. Herbert L. Franz, Cloquet,  
Minn.\*\*  
Rev. Edwin Kjos, Faith, So Dak.  
Rev. Merle Knutson, Newfolden,  
Minn.  
Mr. Kenneth Nash, Colfax, N. Dak.  
Mr. Vernon Russum, Grafton, N. Dak.\*  
Mrs. Rodney Stueland, Buxton,  
N. Dak.  
Miss Judith Wold, Thief River Falls,  
Minn.

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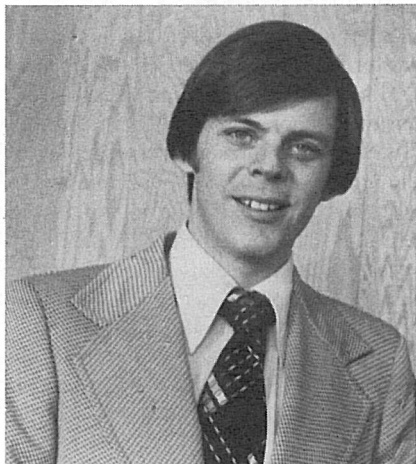
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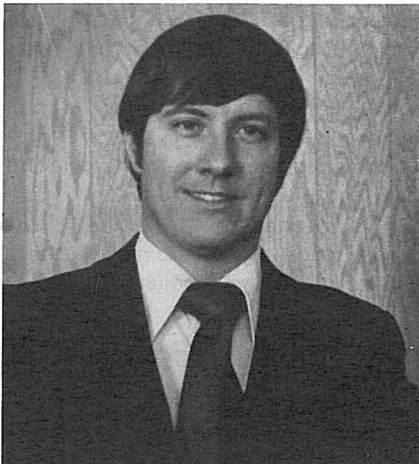
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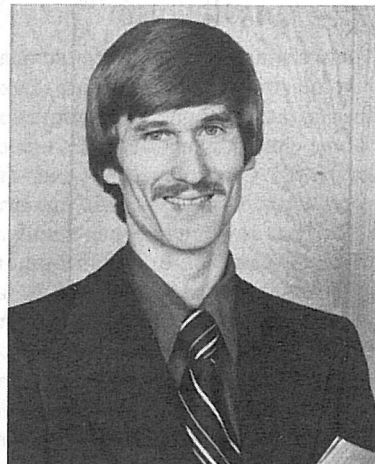
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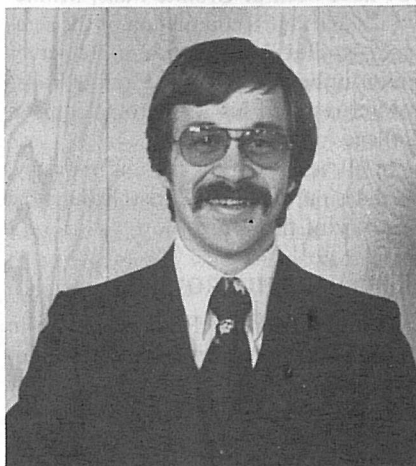
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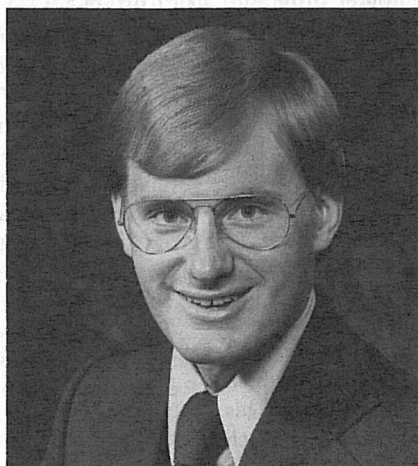
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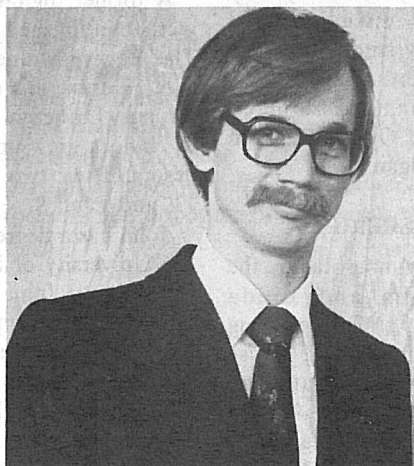
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William Moberg



Paul Persson



Philip Rokke



## THE 1978 SEMINARY GRADUATES

### DAVID ABEL

David claims Hitterdal, Minnesota, as his home town and Medicine Lake Lutheran, Minneapolis, Minnesota, as his home church. Janet, his wife, comes from North Olmsted, Ohio, and the Church of the Open Door. Six months ago, Tamara Joy entered their family.

King's College in Briarcliff Manor, New York, awarded David a B.A. in history. David will be serving Medicine Lake Lutheran as a summer intern to complete his requirements for graduation. The Abels have applied to go to Brazil under the Association's mission board.

David's purpose in life is found in Philippians 3:10: "That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection."

### JAY EBERTH

Jay and his wife Sue are from Jackson and Rumley, Michigan, respectively. They claim Eben Junction's Calvary Lutheran Church as their home church. In June, their Sarah Joy will be two years old.

Jay studied business administration at Jackson Business University and Northern Michigan University in Marquette. Moody Bible Institute and AFLBS provided formal Bible training previous to his entrance at AFLTS. Besides serving four years in the U.S. Navy, Jay was an agent for Prudential Insurance Company in Chicago.

After three years of seminary, Jay believes he is better disciplined and equipped to effectively study and teach God's Word. The Eberths have accepted a call to Maranatha Lutheran Church, Chassell, and Grace Lutheran Church, Pelkie, Michigan.

### JIM FUGLEBERG

Roseau and Salol, Minnesota, are the home towns of Jim and Linda Fugleberg, respectively. While growing up, they were members of Rose Lutheran and Norland Lutheran Churches, respectively. God blessed them with Racheal 22 months ago.

After two years at AFLBS, Jim attended Northwest Christian College,

Eugene, Oregon, and received a B.A. in vocal music from Bemidji State University, Bemidji, Minnesota.

By God's strength and grace, Jim desires to lead by godly example and teaching, so that others may come to faith and life in Christ.

The Fuglebergs have recently accepted a call to Redeemer Lutheran Church, Ontonagon, Michigan.

### LARRY HAAGENSON

North Dakota is the home state of Larry and Jan Haagenon. Trinity Lutheran of Minnewaukan claims Larry, and Jan was reared in Cleveland and its United Methodist Church. They are anticipating the arrival of their first child before long.

Before Larry was a civil and an electrical technician, he graduated from Wahpeton's (N. Dak.) State School of Science and Fargo's NDSU with a Bachelor of University Studies degree. He also spent one year at AFLBS.

After three years at AFLTS, Larry appreciates the instruction in some of the tools necessary to function effectively in his life's ministry. The study has led him to a deeper, more coherent view of Scripture.

Immediate plans for Larry and Jan are not definite.

### JOHN KOSKI

A former digital computer programmer, John finished AFLTS last January. The Bovey, Minnesota, native and his wife, Eldora, are members of Morgan Avenue Lutheran Church, Minneapolis. Eldora grew up in Glenwood, Minnesota. Their two children are Rachel, 13, and Paul, 8.

John has a degree in accounting from the University of Minnesota.

Currently, John is deciding whether to continue in a formal office of Christian work or using his seminary training and insights as a layman. No matter which route he chooses, he has established his life's aim to effectively study and teach the Word of God for the Kingdom's growth.

### BILL MOBERG

Bill and Pauline Moberg were reared in Astoria, Oregon, and were members of Bethany Lutheran Church. Their two children are Peter James and Rebekah Evelyn.

Bill taught school after his graduation from the University of Oregon.

His goal in life and ministry is to bring unsaved people to Jesus Christ through His grace and through the preaching of the Gospel and by personal ministry so that each may have the joy of life in Christ our Savior. During his seminary years, Bill's appreciation and love for the Bible has grown, as has his vision for the needs of lost mankind.

Bill will be completing an internship requirement this summer before accepting a call or going on to further study.

### PAUL PERSSON

Paul, Lois, and one-year-old Karina Joy have been at Granite Falls, Minnesota, since Paul's completion of the seminary studies last December. He serves Faith Lutheran Church in Granite Falls.

Paul received his B.A. from Simpson College in San Francisco.

In all aspects of his life and ministry, Paul desires to glorify Christ through the ministry of the Word.

### PHIL ROKKE

Phil and Marlene Rokke grew up in the neighboring communities of Strandquist and Newfolden, Minnesota. They were members of Bethania and Westaker Lutheran congregations, respectively, of Newfolden. Their son Joshua was born two years ago.

After spending one quarter at AFLBS, Phil went on to graduate from Bemidji State University, in Minnesota.

His three years of concentrated seminary study has, by God's grace, molded his philosophies and understanding to be more conformed to God's will and revelation. Phil is more convinced of his need, as well as that of each believer, to grow in knowledge of God's will, in greater obedience, and in more Christ-likeness.

The Rokkes have accepted a call to serve Slim Buttes Lutheran Church, Reva, South Dakota.



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# editorials

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## NOTHING DEFINITE YET

Our next issue may carry different information but as of the beginning of May there was little news of concrete value concerning the process of publishing the names of men suggested as candidates for the office of the presidency of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations in advance of the 1978 Annual Conference. The Conference is charged with the responsibility of naming a new president to succeed the Rev. John P. Strand, who has served for soon 16 years and told delegates last year that he would not accept another term.

What we do know about what has happened is largely this. The names of eight men were suggested to the Co-ordinating Committee. Six of the eight men, all pastors, said that they would consider the call to be president if it came to them. But there is a much greater reluctance among them to have their names printed in **The Lutheran Ambassador** before the Conference. It appears unlikely that any names will be made public, at least before the Conference. The Co-ordinating Committee was to meet on May 11. The final word will have come on the matter then, but too late to be of help to us in this issue of the **Ambassador**. But we say again, it doesn't look promising that any names will be made public in advance of the Conference, and likely not then either.

We're not mentioning any names, but it can be said that the two men who felt led to declare themselves unavailable for the presidency at this time are both involved in theological education in the church and feel their contribution to God's work and the Association lies there at this present time. It is certainly possible to respect those feelings.

There is a strong tradition among us that the office seeks the man, not the other way around. We prefer to put it this way, that the Lord chooses the man.

Someone will be chosen next month to take over the reins of leadership from Pastor Strand. When the balloting is over, and it may take several ballots, may the will of the Church be clear and may everyone rally to the support of the one chosen

for this important and demanding task.

There has been considerable prayer offered to the Lord about the selection of a new president. But there must be much more prior to decision day. Individually and in the church prayer meeting, let us seek the Lord's guidance.

## SURVEY ON FOLLOW UP

Perhaps you have looked back also to see what has happened to some of the major resolutions calling for action which were passed by last year's conference in Fargo, N. Dak. We did just that and will refer to some of them.

Creating a lot of discussion last year, you will remember, were resolutions concerning pornography, homosexuality and abortion. The conference asked for papers on these subjects representing the AFLC position on these troublesome social and moral questions of today. The Co-ordinating Committee and the Board of Publications and Parish Education were given the responsibility of preparing these papers or documents. The conference this year will be told how that project is going and when we will have these position papers for study.

The Stewardship Board and the administration of the Bible School will be able to report some success in the debt retirement drive for the Bible School. More than \$100,000 in cash gifts came in during the drive last fall and winter, but the goal of another \$100,000 in pledges fell far short of realization. The Stewardship Board and the Board of Trustees will report to the conference on the status of debt retirement now and their projections for the future.

In regard to our Schools, it will be interesting to learn how the Seminary has fared this year financially. Last year the conference was loathe to give much consideration to a plan in which all seminary students would be charged tuition, even though the Seminary had run up a deficit of about \$20,000 in the previous year's operation.

In 1977 at Fargo, the annual conference encouraged the Board of Foreign Missions to plan to send out one missionary couple and one single lady worker in 1978 and at least one other couple in 1979. The unexpected return of the Dean Casselton family for health reasons this year makes the sending of another couple yet this year all the more necessary, from a personnel standpoint. Of course, there was also unexpected expenditure in the unplanned for return of a missionary family. But the Board will tell the conference what can be done. Prospects are good that the two couples mentioned above will be available.

These are perhaps the three major items from last year that have some carry over to the 1978 Conference. But you may think of others. Always remember, if you have questions about decisions of a previous conference, or about something which has taken place during the year, feel free to ask appropriate persons about it at the proper time in the conference proceedings.

# School News

## EVENING CLASSES

by Candi Weinkauf

Though AFLBS is largely known for scheduled morning classes, a new dimension is taking shape. Moving from its exclusively morning schedule, evening classes have now been designed to help part-time and current students learn more about their Savior.

The birth of this concept was introduced during winter quarter 1977-78. Two classes, Personal Evangelism and Job were offered as supplements to the regular AFLBS curriculum. Professors for these courses, Rev. Francis Monseth and Rev. Kenneth Moland, met with ten eager students to spend a short, but enlightening five evenings together studying the Word of God.

This vision did not stop at its birth last winter. Though still in infant stage, two new classes were held this spring on Monday evenings. As inspirational study, Rev. Philip Haugen instructs 17 students in the study of the First Epistle of Peter. Centering their thoughts on inner growth, these students are learning of the Christian's obligation to submit, trust and rest in God.

As Pastor Haugen teaches of personal growth, Miss Solveig Larson trains eight students in a practical way of serving the Lord. Her instruction revolves around the purpose, preparation and procedures of operating a successful Daily Vacation Bible School.

Preparation for evening classes to convene next fall are presently underway. Evening classes in practical and in-

spirational studies can be anticipated for the 1978-79 school year.

Being held on campus at AFLBS, evening classes give interested persons an opportunity to gain Bible knowledge to be better equipped for Christian service, and to become better acquainted with AFLBS. Praise be to God for opening this door of ministry to the Twin Cities area.

## CHOIR TOUR

by Kraig Lerud

The 33-member AFLBS Concert Choir, along with director, Mr. Don Rodvold, and Dean Kenneth Moland, recently returned from two weeks of praising God with singing and testimony on a tour to the West Coast. Including the weekend tour to South Dakota and Minnesota, the choir sang a total of 24 concerts of sacred music throughout the Association. States toured included North Dakota, Montana, Washington, and Oregon.

Triumphant songs with brass ensem-

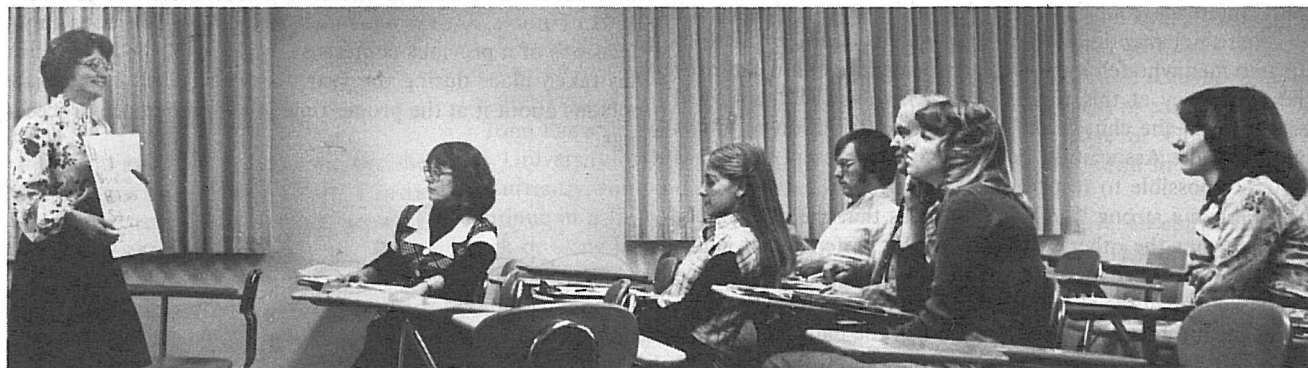
ble opened each program. Following was a group of a capella songs with a slide presentation of Christ's passion and resurrection which ended with the "Hallelujah Chorus." Familiar guitar songs and testimonies seemed to warm hearts in Christian fellowship each evening. A grand finale of the "Battle Hymn" closed the program. Pastor Moland gave a meditation and greeting at each concert.

Perhaps some of the most personal contacts were made after the concert in fellowship with host families. Blessings through the tour were innumerable. The grandeur and majesty of God's marvelous creation were displayed in the mountains and ocean. Even though some days became wearisome, a bond of fellowship developed as the choir drew close together in Christ's love.

A very special home concert highlighted the tour as spirits soared in exaltation to God for His goodness throughout the tour. "Praise ye the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—praise ye the triune God!"



Heidi Gruber, Everett, Wash., left, and Lynn Sletten, Faith, S. Dak., anticipate a good tour as the Choir prepared to leave AFLBS on March 25.



A Monday evening DVBS class.



## The Sin of Omission . . .

by Margaret E. Sangster

It isn't the thing you do, dear, it's the thing you leave undone,  
That gives you a bit of heartache at the setting of the sun.  
The tender word forgotten, the letter you did not write,  
The flowers you did not send, dear, are your haunting ghosts at night.

The stone you might have lifted out of a brother's way;  
The bit of heartsome counsel you were hurried too much to say;  
The loving touch of the hand, dear, the gentle winning tone  
Which you had no time nor thought for with troubles enough of your own.

Those little acts of kindness so easily out of mind,  
Those chances to be angels which we poor mortals find—  
They come in night and silence, each sad reproachful wraith  
When hope is faint and flagging and a child has fallen on faith.

For life is all too short, dear, and sorrow is all too great,  
To suffer our slow compassion that tarries until too late,  
And it isn't the thing you do, dear, it's the thing you leave undone  
Which gives you a bit of heartache at the setting of the sun.

## WMF REMINDER

Dear WMF Co-workers,

June is an exciting month for our AFLC as we gather for the 16th Annual Conference. Ladies, will you fill cars and join us for WMF Day on Wednesday, June 14, beginning at 9:00 a.m., at Medicine Lake Lutheran Church? Our Bible study leader will be Mrs. John Strand and your presence would be a fine way of showing appreciation to her as Pastor Strand leaves the office of AFLC president this year. Our offerings will go to AFLC Schools and Church Extension. Please give generously. You may send your offerings if you cannot attend. On Thursday evening, June 15, is the WMF Mission Festival Service. Please come!

We are asking our ladies to send cookies or donations again this year. Thank you ahead of time for your wonderful cooperation!

Let us be in earnest prayer together for our WMF, that we will be glorifying our Heavenly Father with our attitudes, energies, activities and gifts. Pray for God's choice of a new AFLC president and that His perfect will may be accomplished as we gather together as one body in Christ. God bless each one of you!

Sincerely in Christ,  
Mrs. Eugene Enderlein

# W.M.F. BIBLE STUDY



## W.M.F. BIBLE STUDY

June, 1978

### PRESENCE

Read Psalm 16.

Nearness is the definition of presence. In contrast, absence is being away. In Genesis 5:24, we read: "Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him." What was there about Enoch that pleased God? He had no special qualifications that we know about from this account. God's Word tells us that we are all children of wrath because of our evil nature. In Hebrews 11:5, we read: "By faith Enoch was translated that he would not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God." What was it about Enoch then that won him God's favor? These four simple words give the key: "He walked with God." This is very revealing. Enoch simply and

directly walked with God in the daily affairs of life. He lived 365 years and in all these years, in his home, at his work, and on the long trips between grazing lands, he walked with God.

1. What was God's promise to Moses in Exodus 33:14? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Moses has still more concern in verse 16. Why? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Moses had an interesting experience with the personal presence of God. Describe this scene from Exodus 33:18-23. \_\_\_\_\_
4. In Psalm 16, the Psalmist describes three responses in his relationship to God. What are they, in verses 1, 7 and 8? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What do we find unexpectedly in return? v. 1, 5, 7, 8. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Who is the one most benefited? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Give the summary of God's grace found in Psalm 16:11. \_\_\_\_\_

How can we be certain that we are in God's presence? In Psalm 100 there is complete praise, gladness and thanksgiving. We are constrained to serve the Lord with gladness. When we are fully surrendered to Him in heart and mind and life, He gives to us the joy that is here described. This gives us a joyful victory.

Dead faith does not confess sin, but only seeks comfort in sin. The evil one is clever in deceiving us. He causes us to think that all is well, when all is not well with us spiritually. It might be well to read II Peter 1:1-10. Then take note of verse 10. This is a good examination to pass. Where do you stand?

Anything worth having should be able to stand a test. Testings will come, but when they come, God can and wants to lift us above our circumstances. Read Job 23:10. What a testimony and vote of confidence in the Lord. The first part of verse 14 also gives strength. There is also an account of God's loving concern for His children, as recorded in Isaiah 63:7-9. He prays and yearns for their salvation. History tells us how the children of Israel rebelled. But God was and still is so very patient with us. We must continue to pray and work for the salvation of precious souls. Then, too, we who profess to be Christians must practice the presence of God in every detail of our lives. He is real! He is so very personal!

8. What message from God did Jeremiah proclaim concerning the false prophets at that time? Jeremiah 23:16-40 (especially vs. 22) \_\_\_\_\_

9. Peter's preaching was very clear and direct. Read Acts 3:19. \_\_\_\_\_

When sinful thoughts plague us we are urged to replace them with Bible verses and Christ-centered songs, thus saturating our minds with God's truths.

10. Read II Corinthians 10:1-5. What are we admonished to do as stated in the last part of verse 5? \_\_\_\_\_

Paul speaks of the strife in our two natures. As long as we are in this life we will have a constant battle. Whom are we to obey? But there is **victory** in the Lord's presence. He does not want us to live defeated lives. He has promised to give grace and guidance when our hearts are open to Him.

11. Paul has a comforting message for us in II Thessalonians 1:11, 12. What does it say to you? \_\_\_\_\_

12. Read Hebrews 9:23-26. What encouragement have we in verse 24? \_\_\_\_\_

13. There are always lessons to learn. How are we to respond to chastening or correction? Hebrews 12:10, 11 \_\_\_\_\_

Verses 24 and 25 of Jude bring to a conclusion the exhortation in verses 20 and 21. We are urged to build up our faith, pray in the spirit, keep ourselves in the love of God, and press on to eternal life with Him. God has established a new dimension of living for us, a level to which we have never attained. As we grow in the grace of God, we will experience a greater peace, more satisfaction, and an exceeding joy that we have never experienced before. He is just waiting to give us abundant blessings, but there is a condition to be met. We must make ourselves available to receiving them.

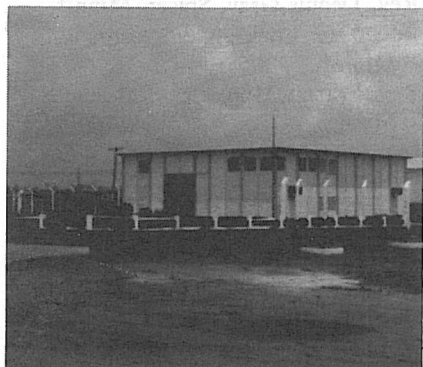
14. What is our ultimate goal? \_\_\_\_\_

Read I Thessalonians 4:14-18.

# WORLD MISSIONS

## TELEPHONE RONDONIA

Yes, that is what TELERON means. You can see it on the big sign to the left of the building. This is the most modern building in town, we guess. Inside there is a lot of sophisticated machinery for sending and receiving telephone calls the world over.



There are four booths which give you bodily privacy. But your telephone conversation surely is not private. You shout to be heard and at the other end they also shout because you can't be heard.

But the four booths are busily occupied from 8 o'clock in the morning until 10 at night. From what we've heard (you can't help it), most of the calls are business transactions. There is a lot of movement of logs from this area to the south, where the land has been deforested. Truckers call in to find out if the mill is ready to receive more logs.

Would you like some mahogany logs? Our first days here Pastor George bought some planed boards. He made beds, tables, book cases and benches. We didn't bring things like these with us as it is a long journey from Parana to T.F. Rondonia. Items like these don't travel well in an open truck.

The furniture-making went well and the boards were easy to work with. At the finish a coat of varnish brought out the red glow and we really do have mahogany furniture!

TELERON sits in the middle of a block, its front yard neatly landscaped.

Maybe the little building out front is even more modern! To make your waiting hours go faster, people are ready to serve you a HOT DOG. That's just what it says.

There is progress in this new town. Fifty phones are to be installed soon. At least one may then have more privacy for shouting.

Psalm 66:1: "Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise!"

Yes, let us SHOUT of the Lord to all the earth.

Let us SHOUT his glorious name.

Let us SHOUT to the world how wonderful He is.

That's what we are doing here in Vilhena, Territory Federal Rondonia. Missionaries George and Helen Knapp

## MRS. BORGHILD AHLNESS

Mrs. Borghild Ahlness, 84, formerly of Milroy, Minn., and more recently a resident of Minneapolis, Minn., passed away in Lae, Papua, New Guinea, on April 25. She was visiting her daughter Miriam (Mrs. Helge Iverson), once a missionary in the Lutheran Free Church.

The funeral service and burial took place in New Guinea. A memorial service was held at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, on April 29.

(Ed. note: Mrs. Ahlness attended various meetings at Faith and Rosedale Lutheran Churches in Minneapolis also. I recall talking with her at Faith last spring when the Chapel Singers from AFLBS presented a concert there. Blessed be her memory.)

## I MET GOD IN THE MORNING

I met God in the morning when the day was young and best,  
And thanked Him for the sunrise and the night of peaceful rest.

I met God in the morning when the dew refreshed the earth,  
And with the birds and flowers rejoiced in spring's new birth.

I met God in the morning and heard all nature sing,  
The songs of praise which echoed would please the heavenly King.

I met God in the morning to bless His holy name,  
To thank Him for His goodness and to know He's still the same.

I met God in the morning and sought His guidance true,  
To find His will for every day is all that I can do.

I met God in the morning and to my knees I fell,  
And praised Him for my Savior who saved my soul from hell.

I met God in the morning with a smile upon my face,  
And from a trusting, believing heart, I thanked Him for His grace.

I met God in the morning to pray for all in need,  
The sick, the lost, the lonely, and those enslaved by greed.

I met God in the morning, from Him all blessings flow,  
The measure of my treasures, I really do not know.

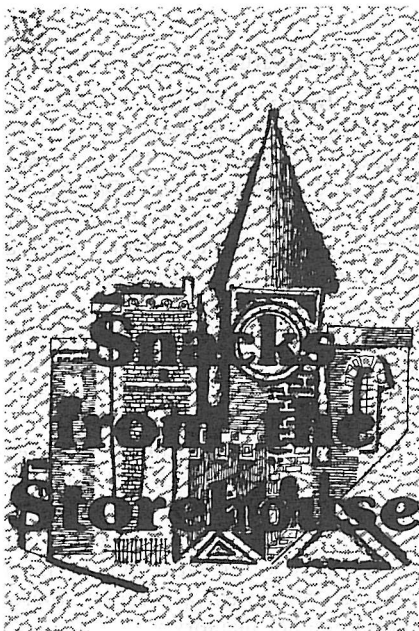
I met God in the morning when the sun was rising fast,  
And prayed for strength and wisdom to finish every task.

I met God in the morning when the air was fresh and clean,  
To come before His presence is more than just a dream.

Will you meet God this morning new, as you began your day?  
Search His Word and find direction, then go your happy way.

Rev. Dale R. Battleson  
Bradley, South Dakota





### HEAVENLY SUNSHINE

"Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow." These well-known words came out loud and clear to me one morning.

I had gone to bed the night before with questions on my mind about the next day. Leaving it all with HIM, I fell asleep. The next day, as I awoke, all was covered with a thick layer of new-fallen snow. That isn't an everyday experience in Oregon, but it can be with God. If we expose our sins, He will cover them. Cover them with His forgiveness. Folks had said, "I'll forgive him, but I will never forget." Real forgiveness is different. When God forgives, He forgets. "I'll remember them no more." Wonderful, isn't it? And our status rating doesn't go down either. He looks on us in Christ as though "we had never sinned." All He asks us to do is to "expose" them. Hang our "dirty clothes" on the line for Him to see, and a miracle happens. As the sunshine of His forgiving love touches them, the tattle gray disappears and fellowship is restored.

What are you doing this morning with your "dirty laundry"? Your destructive thoughts and reactions? If we cover them or "hide" them away in the back of our mind, they will be exposed some day. In the meantime, they do their destructive work in our lives. David tried a "cover-up" and how he suffered. He was silent, he tells us, and his "bones wasted away." Then in despair he brought his sin out into the light for God to see—and the sunshine broke through. The joy of the Lord returned. The wonderful sunshine of God's forgiving love made

such a difference. It made a great difference in the life of King David. It makes a difference in every life where it is tried out. Road maps are changed. A Saul filled with hate became a Paul of love. A fallen woman down by Jacob's well became a missionary for God. Through her testimony a whole town was led to come and listen to Jesus Christ. But most of all, the sunshine of His love and forgiveness can put real meaning into your life and mine. Life can become then what it is intended to be, a daily, exciting experience of His presence day by day.

—Karl G. Berg

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Rev. Leslie Galland, Everett, Wash.  
Rev. Raynard Huglen, Newfolden, Minn.  
Rev. Laurel Udden, Minneapolis, Minn.

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Rev. Ragene Hodnefield, Dalton, Minn.  
Mr. Arthur Olson, Tioga, N. Dak.

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Mr. Bruce Wolla, Minot, N. Dak.  
Mr. LeRoy Knutson, Newfolden, Minn.  
Mr. Morris Borstad, Tioga, N. Dak.  
Mr. Sherman McCarlson, Webster, S. Dak.  
Mr. Roger Rasmussen, Penneck, Minn.  
Mr. Lester Davidson, Ortley, S. Dak.  
Mr. Allen Hjermstad, Zumbrota, Minn.

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Mr. John Mundfrom, Fargo, N. Dak.  
Mr. Wayne Pederson, Roseville, Minn.\*  
Mr. Roger Strom, Minneapolis, Minn.  
Rev. Howard Kjos, Roslyn, S. Dak.  
Rev. Orville T. Olson, Hatton, N. Dak.  
Mr. Howard Johnson, Astoria, Ore.  
Mr. Gerald Anderson, Ishpeming, Mich.

\*denotes Board member.

### BRAZIL FELLOWSHIP

The annual Brazil Fellowship breakfast will be held during the Annual Conference on Saturday morning, June 17, at 7 o'clock in the dining hall at Medicine Lake. We urge all who have visited the Brazil mission field to come and enjoy the fellowship.

Mrs. Ray Jacobson

### SCHOOLS CORPORATION ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Schools Corporation of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations will be held on Thursday, June 15, 1978, at 5:30 p.m., at the Jolly Troll Cafeteria, 5418 Wayzata Boulevard, Minneapolis, Minn.

All members are urged to attend.

Rev. Raynard Huglen, president  
Rev. Richard Anderson, vice-president



# A PAGE FOR CHILDREN

## Happy Acres



### PAUL AND THE BROODY HEN

Paul stared. He was sure there was something moving inside the overturned box. It was the box on which Mark would stand when he reached for eggs in the highest row of nests. One board on the side of the box was broken off, and Paul could see that something had gotten inside that darkened box.

He watched for quite a while, not quite daring to get close and look right inside. Then suddenly a hen poked her head out, and looked at Paul as if to ask him what he was doing there in the poultry house.

The way she cluck-clucked to herself, Paul knew she was a "broody" hen. She wanted to set on eggs, but at Happy Acres Farm hens were not allowed to hatch eggs because all the chicks were bought at the hatchery.

Now Paul watched the red hen go cluck-clucking as she went over to the water fountain for a drink. Paul decided, then, that he would peep inside the box to see if she might have a nest hidden there.

But just as Paul got down on his knees to look inside the box, the hen came flying straight at him, her wings fluffed out. Cluck-clucking angrily, she pecked him with her sharp bill.

"Ouch!" cried Paul, and he ran out of the poultry house and straight to Mom. Soon he was back with Mom to show the broody hen.

But by this time, the cluck-clucking hen was gone.

"She's very likely out in the yard, getting something to eat," said Mom. "We'll see if she has a nest under that box."

So Mom tipped the box up and there

was a nest of eggs—eleven of them, closely packed together. Mom felt of them and said, "Feel of the eggs, Paul."

"Oh, they're warm—warm like toast!"

"Yes. The hen must have been setting on them for some time. So we won't be able to use the eggs for cooking or to sell. Guess we might as well let her hatch the eggs." And then Mom said, "I think we'll let this hen and her chicks be Paul's chickens!"

Paul's eyes sparkled. "Oh, that would be fun!"

Mom turned the box back over the nest as the red hen returned to the poultry house. Spying Mom and Paul, the hen came running, her wings fluffed out, and she cluck-clucked angrily as Mom and Paul walked away from her nest.

"She's not a nice hen, though," decided Paul. "She could have better manners."

"She thinks she's smart—just like those big roosters."

Mom chuckled. "She is afraid we may be harming her eggs—she just wants to frighten us away from them."

Every day after that, Paul would run many times to the hen house to see his broody red hen. Dad pulled another board off the box so that Paul could see more easily inside without troubling the cluck-clucking hen.

One day as the hen came back to her nest after she had been out feeding, Paul was surprised to see her carefully turning over every egg with her bill. When she had finally settled herself down over the eggs, Paul ran to Mom to report what he had seen.

"Oh, yes," said Mom, "the hen must turn the eggs every day. Otherwise, the little baby chick that is growing inside

the shell may stick to the side of the shell, and it wouldn't grow to be strong and healthy."

"That hen of mine must be extra bright," said Paul.

"I am quite sure it's just like every other hen, Paul, because all setting hens will do that to their eggs."

A few mornings later, Paul saw his hen out in the dewy grass. He watched her as she returned, with wet feet, to her nest. Alarmed, he ran to the house. "Mommie," he cried. "My hen has wet feet—and she's going right to her nest with those wet feet. She'll get the warm eggs wet!"

"Oh, that's perfectly all right, Paul. She's just doing what's best and right for her eggs. When eggs are hatching they need to get a little wet. In fact, at hatcheries the hatchery men not only turn the eggs every day like the setting hens do, but they sprinkle the eggs with a little water, too."

"Did the hatchery men learn from the hens?"

"Yes, I'm sure that's where they learned."

"How did the hens learn?"

"Well, I'm afraid the hens never learned, at all. I'm sure your red hen doesn't know why she turns the eggs, and she doesn't go out and get her feet wet on purpose. She just does those things by instinct."

"What's instinct, Mom?"

"Birds and animals and fish can't think for themselves the way people can. When God first created us, He made us in His own image—that is, He made us so that we can think, and we can choose what we want to do. But birds and animals and fish were not created in God's image—they can't think for themselves."

God gave them instinct instead. Your hen has the instinct to hatch eggs—she does things that are right for her eggs even though she doesn't know why she does those things.

"Some day the baby chicks will break through the egg shells and come out—and they'll do many things that are best for them without knowing why. Little ducklings will go right into the water, but little chicks won't. You'll see your little chicks eating tiny pieces of grit and gravel, and they'll swallow that into their gizzards—they won't know why they eat grit, but they must have grit to grind up their food because they don't have any teeth."

"They do all that—by instinct, don't they, Mom?"

"That's right. By the instinct God gave them."

"I guess nobody—even if he lived to be a million years old—could ever know as much as God," decided Paul.

**MEMORY VERSE:** O Lord, how manifold are thy works! In wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches. Psalm 104:24

#### **Family Discussion**

1. In your Bible you can find many verses to show how right Paul was when he said that nobody can ever know as much as God (Psalm 104:24; Proverbs 3:19; I Samuel 2:3; Isaiah 40:28; Matthew 6:8; Romans 11:33; I Corinthians 3:20).

2. God created all things, and He understands how everything on earth lives and works. Does He know, too, everything each one of us does and says? (Job 31:4, 34:21; Psalm 94:11; 139:1-4; 147:5; Proverbs 15:3; Jeremiah 23:24; Hebrews 4:13; I John 3:20).

3. When Jesus was here on earth, did He, too, know what other men did and thought even without their telling Him? (Matthew 12:25; 22:18; Mark 2:8; Luke 6:8; John 2:25; 4:1-42).

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#### **MISSIONS CORPORATION ANNUAL MEETING**

The annual meeting of the Missions Corporation (Foreign and Home) of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations will be held on Friday, June 16, 1978, at 7:00 a.m., at Morgan Avenue Lutheran Church, Morgan Avenue and 2nd Avenue North, Minneapolis, Minn.

All Corporation members are urged to be present.

#### **THE STRANDS TO BE HONORED AT CONFERENCE**

A banquet and program honoring Pastor and Mrs. John Strand will be held during the AFLC Annual Conference this summer. The date is Friday, June 16, 7:00 p.m., at the Radisson Hotel, downtown Minneapolis. The price is \$6.95.

Reservations should be made by June 1 by indicating how many tickets you would like and enclosing the payment. Checks may be made payable to the AFLC. Tickets will be sent upon receipt of the payment.

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Pastor Ken Moland  
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#### **GREEN LAKE CHURCH SITE OF LUTHER LEAGUE CONVENTION**

The South West Central District of the Minnesota Luther League met April 21 and 22 at Green Lake Lutheran Church, Spicer, Minn., Dennis Gray, pastor. Meals were taken by the group at the church and lodging was at the North Breeze resort on Diamond Lake, Atwater, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Bloomquist, hosts.

Pastor Philip Haugen was the teacher, giving three Bible Studies on the will of God and Pastor Paul Persson presented a Bible Study on the Song of Solomon. A sharing time was also led by Pastor Persson at the resort on Friday night.

Recreation consisting of volleyball and basketball took place at the New London-Spicer Junior-Senior High School. The North Dakota team beat out the Minnesota team in volleyball. About 30 youth attended the rally.

—Corr.

#### **PASTOR ENDERLEIN VISITED FORMER PARISH**

Rev. Eugene Enderlein, Thief River Falls, Minn., spent several days in the Drummond-Mason Parish in Wisconsin, which he served as a student, April 30-May 3. While there he shared some special studies and spoke in the three congregations of the parish on Sunday, April 30. Rev. Ronald Knutson is the local pastor.