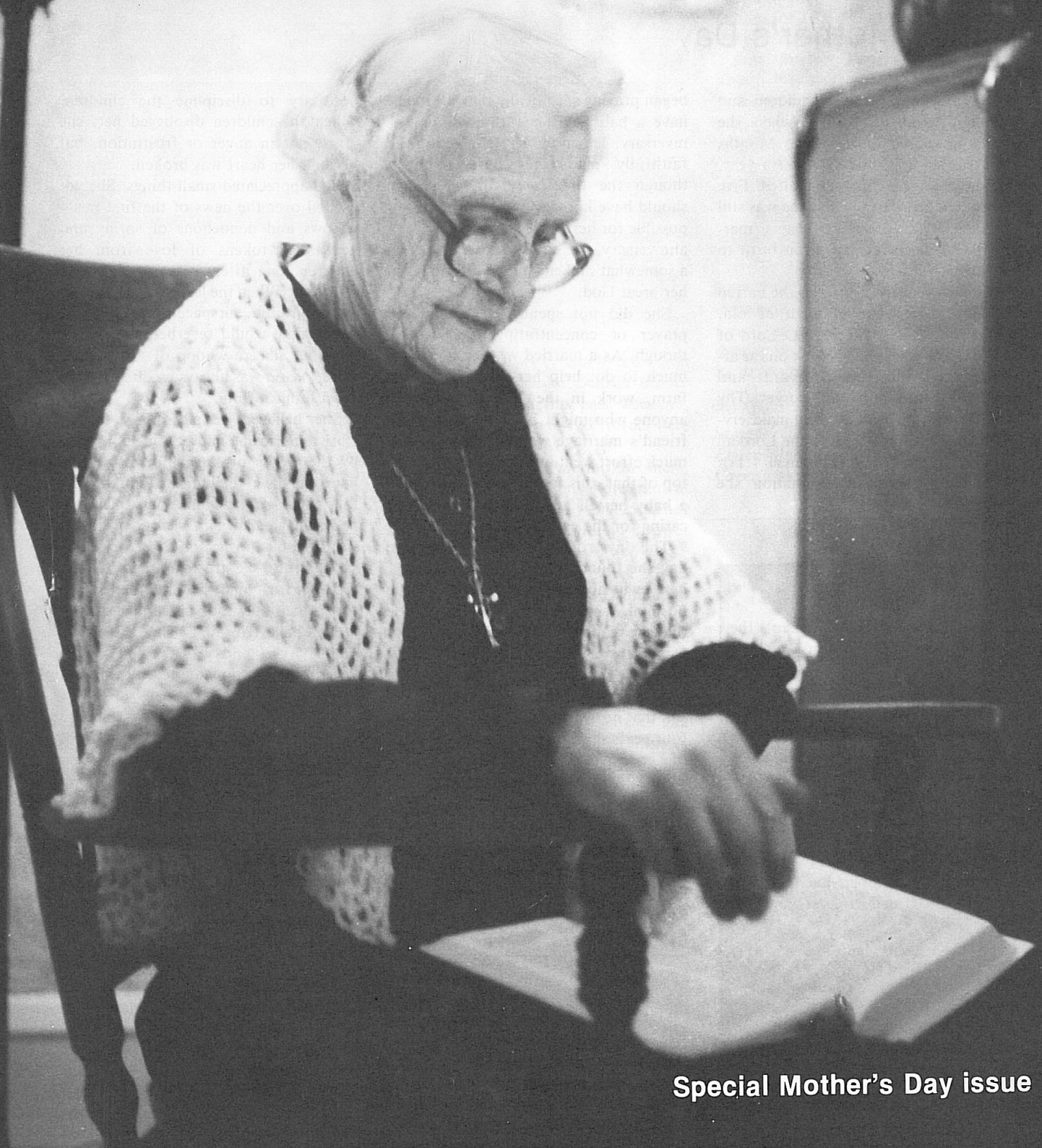


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Special Mother's Day issue

AT THE MASTER'S FEET

Rev. Bruce Dalager



Happy Mother's Day

A young woman loved children and longingly awaited the day when she would have one of her own. Months passed after the wedding, then a year. She prayed for a child and waited. Five years stretched into ten and she was still childless. By this time her sisters, married later than she, had given birth to children.

A dozen years went by and the barren woman, feeling like Hannah of old, took up Hannah's prayer, "O Lord of hosts, if Thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of Thy maidservant and remember me, and not forget Thy maidservant, but wilt give thy maidservant a son, I will give him to the Lord all the days of his life" (I Samuel 1:11). With even greater determination she

began praying specifically that she might have a baby by her 13th wedding anniversary. The months rolled by and she faithfully made her request. Even though the time went by when she should have known that it would be impossible for her to give birth by her 13th anniversary, she continued to pray with a somewhat shaken, yet childlike faith in her great God.

She did not spend all her time in prayer or concentrating on her lot, though. As a married woman there was much to do: help her husband on the farm, work in the church, and help anyone who might be in need. A close friend's marriage was breaking up and much effort went into trying to help. On top of that, this friend was soon to have a baby herself and would need help in caring for the child.

The days rolled by quickly until one day she found herself carrying a baby, her own adopted baby, out of the hospital. It wasn't until she was outside that she realized it was June 16, her 13th anniversary. Tears of joy flowed freely. God had granted her request.

At every opportune time she told her son that he was a gift from God. Within four years she gave birth to two children of her own and later adopted a fourth. All of them were told they were gifts from God.

Like many godly mothers she wept with them that wept and rejoiced with them that rejoiced. She cried when anyone died. She often left the room to hide her tears when her husband found it

necessary to discipline the children. When the children disobeyed her, she cried, not in anger or frustration, but because her heart was broken.

She appreciated small things. She got excited over the news of the first pussy willows and dandelions of spring and kept such tokens of love from her children long after their visible beauty was gone. When the last garden seed was in the ground, airspace within at least half a mile would reverberate with her loud but sincere whoop of "Praise the Lord!" God was always credited for the good things of life.

She believed people. Early in her Christian life she had become convicted by the words of Revelation 21:8, "all liars (will have) their part . . . in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone" and had struggled to gain victory over that sinful habit in her life. Because she spoke truth she trusted others would, too. Her trust made her children feel like fools when they took advantage of it.

She believed God. The Bible was God's Word and was thus to be believed; not questioned or even completely understood, just believed.

Some people would say that such a woman was naive, and unsophisticated, a gullible victim of circumstance, unfulfilled. While it is true that she never occupied the halls of higher education or hobnobbed with elite society, she received her degree in mothering at a better place: at the Master's feet.

Happy Mother's Day! Bless you, Mom.

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MOTHER'S EXAMPLE

by Pastor E. J. Langness
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"I am mindful of the sincere faith in you, which first dwelt in thy grandmother Lois, and in thy mother Eunice, and I am sure that it is in you as well" (II Timothy 1:5).

One of the greatest blessings we have in this life is that of a godly mother who sacrifices of her time and pleasures in life to give love, security and spiritual training to her children. A wise mother realizes that the early years of life are formative and consequently spends a great deal of time with her children. She also realizes that her children are a heritage of the Lord.

We would have a much stronger nation morally and spiritually if our children were given the love and concern they need. We cannot leave the training of our children to the school or even the church. The mother's example is needed.

A group of men were discussing various translations of the Bible. Each one was relating why he preferred a certain translation. One had not expressed himself so they asked him which translation he preferred. He replied, "My mother's translation is the best translation I have ever read." She by her life and conduct had made this impact on her son so that he could see the beauty of Jesus in her daily living. Friends, this is what counts. Mothers by their sincere and godly living have had great influence on their children. Paul in writing to Timothy realizes that his, Timothy's, faith could be traced to the godly living of his mother and grandmother. Timothy's mother was one of the women of that day who sought first the kingdom of God and whose ministry was to teach him the ways of the Lord and to live a godly life so that when the opportunity for greater service came Timothy was well qualified for that service of traveling with the Apostle Paul and ministering with him in the congregations which Paul had started and revisited.

What was that which prepared Timothy for this special service? His mother's instruction in the Scriptures. Chapter 3, verse 15, is the key: "And from a child thou hast known the holy Scriptures." These Scriptures were primarily from the Old Testament, as much of the New Testament had not been written. Timothy's mother was a Hebrew and regarded it as one of the duties of her religion to train her son in the knowledge of the Word of God. The Hebrews regarded this as an important rule of their religion and there is reason to believe that it was commonly and faithfully performed. The Jewish writings abound with lessons on this subject. Rabbi Judah says, "The boy of five years of age ought to apply to the study of the sacred Scriptures." Solomon, in Deuteronomy 11:19, says, "And ye shall teach them your children." What a marvelous opportunity you have as a godly mother to teach your child at a young age about Jesus and how He loved little children and blessed them and had a concern for them.

Thinking of the expression of Paul again, "that from a child," it is not certain at just what age Timothy was when his mother taught him the Word. I am sure it was a day by day learning. This verse says that Timothy had been taught at an early age, as soon as he was capable of learning. The piety of Timothy is traced by the Apostle to the

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fact that he had been taught to read the Scriptures by his mother.

What did this really mean to Timothy, "Which is able to make thee wise unto salvation"? There is no other book that has that power. Only the Bible can change the heart and life and move the heart and conscience and intellect of mankind. Wise unto salvation through Jesus Christ.

Behind great men in history there have been devout, God-fearing mothers who have guided and directed their children. The mother of George Washington taught her son the Biblical ideas of a political and social morality which he kept before the nation throughout his life. Family prayers were held twice a day with regular reading from the Bible.

James Garfield's mother was an earnest Christian who taught her children, "That the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." A widow with four children, she not only managed her farm but built with her own hands a log house which also served as a church. There she taught her own children as well as others the Holy Scriptures.

The mother of England's famous William E. Gladstone led her son to faith in God when he was nine years old. He chose as his motto: "In practice the great thing is that the life of God may be the supreme habit of my soul." He also wrote, "All that I think, all that I write, all that I am is based on the divinity of Jesus, the central hope of our poor, wayward race."

There are many other mothers whose godly influence and prayers for their sons, who later proved to be honorable and God-fearing men who have influenced many people, have brought blessing and honor to our nation. We realize many of these men had godly mothers whose lives guided and directed them to become God-fearing leaders of our nation.

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EXAMPLE . . .

We are thankful for every godly mother who realizes the greatest gift she can give her children is the knowledge of the Word of God by daily living before them an example and giving her love as she teaches them the greatest things in life, knowing Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, who received them in Holy Baptism and wants them to live for Him. It is a real joy to see young people yielding their lives to Christ and living for Him and many times this has become a reality because of their mother's prayers and faith in God.

In contrast to the example of a godly mother is this mother's influence for evil. A boy was brought into criminal court. As a small boy he had started out by stealing small articles, but as time went on he went from bad to worse. He was now in court because he was accused of committing a bad crime. He saw his mother in the crowded court room. When he saw his mother he pointed his finger at her and cried, “Mother, this is your fault. The first time you sent me to steal potatoes you laughed and said it was well done.” If it was bad for the mother to set a bad example for her son, when he knew nothing about Jesus, how much worse is it for one to set a bad example for a child who loves Jesus!

I am especially thankful for my mother's prayers, which have especially been an inspiration in my ministry. At 97, she is still with us but is eagerly waiting to go home to be with her Lord.

I would like to encourage mothers that if you have never prayed with your children and teenagers begin now! It is sad to hear of young people who have said that they have never heard their mother or father pray with and for them. I trust that by the grace of God you will follow the example of Timothy's mother and grandmother. Never give up praying. As time goes on your prayers will be answered.

Before a young man went away to school, his mother talked with him

about the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

“I love the Lord, and am never ashamed of His Gospel,” she told her son, “and I do not want you to be ashamed of the Gospel either.”

But he got interested in the things of the world and had formed some worldly companionships. One Sunday morning he went with some of the students of his school to the woods for a wild party. As they were walking along he heard the church bells ring. Hearing the bells made the boy sober-minded, and he asked the boys to excuse him from the party. The boys insisted on knowing why he did not want to go with them. When he told the boys that he wanted to leave and go to

church they ridiculed him.

“If you want to know why I want to go to church, I will tell you,” he said in answer to their ridiculing. “I have a crippled mother at home. Every Sunday morning between the hours of eleven and twelve, my mother is praying for me.”

When he had finished talking to the boys, tears came to their eyes, and they said that they, too, would go to church. What a blessing it is to have a mother that is not ashamed of the Gospel!

Mothers, pray and live for God. Your reward will come in heaven!

1. *Altar Steps*, R. P. Haakonson
2. *Ibid.*

Where is my wandering boy tonight?

Where is my wandering boy tonight?
the boy of my tend'rest care:
The boy that was once my joy and light,
the child of my love and prayer.

Chorus:

Oh, where is my boy tonight?
where is my boy tonight?
My heart o'erflows, for I love him, he
knows,
Oh, where is my boy tonight?

Once he was pure as the morning dew,
as he knelt at his mother's knee;
No face was so bright, no heart more
true,
and none was as sweet as he. (Chorus)

Oh, could I see him now, my boy,
as fair as in olden time,
When prattle and smile made home a joy,
and life was a merry chime. (Chorus)

Go, for my wandering boy tonight,
go search for him where you will:
But bring him to me with all his blight,
and tell him I love him still. (Chorus)

Anonymous

MINISTERING TO THE PRISONER'S FAMILY

by Allen D. Hanson

Whenever someone is sent to prison, there is almost always a family of some kind that is left behind to wait. It may be a wife, parents, brother, sister, almost any close friend or relative who cares about the new inmate. These people represent an unusual opportunity for dedicated Christians to minister to the family of a prisoner while he is in jail. There is probably no better time in the life of the prisoner's family to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to these relatives than during this critical period. They really need our love and concern. These people represent an excellent opportunity for evangelism and Christian outreach and they will be much more receptive to the Gospel than usual.

There are four things that you should remember as you minister to the family of a prisoner. First, most of the necessities of daily life are furnished by welfare for needy dependent family members of any inmate. This is part of the high cost of incarceration in our society today. As Christians we can help with the *special* needs of the prisoner's family like moving or automobile repair or prison transportation, but the daily necessities of life such as food, clothes and housing are usually furnished by welfare. Second, the trauma and emotional effects of arrest, trial and incarceration are shared by the inmate's family and friends. They go through the strain of lock-up and the brutal reality

of the justice system with their loved one. Although they may not show it, they will be under this strain when you contact them. Third, relatives feel "locked up" with their loved one who is in prison and they will continue to have this feeling to some degree until that person is released from jail. There is no way that anyone can adequately explain what it is like to have a loved one in prison without going through that experience personally. We must try to put ourselves in their place and try to understand how they must feel so that we can successfully minister to a prisoner's family. Fourth, it is well to remember that marriages are under a terrible strain at this time due to the total separation of the marriage partners. Survival of the marriage may depend on your Christian understanding and concern. If the prisoner can come home to a loving and waiting family, he has a much greater chance to avoid crime and stay out of prison in the future.

The family of the prison inmate is deeply concerned about the absence and lock-up of their loved one. There are ten things that you can do to ease the terrible burden they carry and deliver the message of salvation at the same time.

- (1) Pray for the prisoner and pray for his family. Nothing is more important than prayer.
- (2) Specifically testify to the prisoner's family about your personal faith in Christ Jesus and invite them to share it.
- (3) Welcome them into your church without condemning them for what their loved one may have done.
- (4) Visit the inmate at the prison and tell the relatives how well the visit went for you.
- (5) Include the prisoner's family in community and church affairs to help them lead a normal life while they wait.
- (6) Assist the prisoner's family with *special* needs such as moving or car repair.
- (7) Help the family arrange transportation to the jail for regular prison visits.

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(8) Keep yourself fully informed by subscribing to the prison newspaper or joining an established prison service organization so you can better understand the family's needs.

(9) Teach others about the special requirements of a prisoner's family and invite them to help.

(10) "Remember the prisoners, as though in prison with them" (Hebrews 13:3). Also, remember the prisoner's family and try to understand how the members feel.

There is nothing that will benefit an inmate more after his release than a waiting Christian family that is ready to take him back and help him start his life over again. You can accomplish a dual purpose by bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the prisoner's family and helping the inmate readjust to society when you minister to the family of someone in prison.

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“What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost, until he finds it?” Luke 15:4



CHRIST IN THE HOME

“If you have no time for Jesus, make time for Him! If your bowling club, your service club, your political club, and, again, even your church club keep you away from home and restrict your spiritual direction of your family, drop some of these activities! Remember, you must first “learn to show piety at home.”

Children of America, help to keep Christ first in your family! Obey your parents gladly and willingly! Learn about Jesus! Recall how he provided for His mother during His last hours on the cross! Pray to Him morning and evening! Ask your parents to have family prayers!

—Walter A. Maier, Sr.

When Mothers of Salem

*When mothers of Salem
Their children brought to Jesus
The stern disciples drove them back
and bade them depart;
But Jesus saw them ere they fled
And sweetly smiled, and kindly said,
‘Suffer little children
To come unto Me.’*

*How kind was our Saviour
To bid these children welcome!
But there are many thousands
who have never learned His name;
The Bible they have never read;
They know not that the Saviour said,
‘Suffer little children
To come unto Me.’*

*O Soon may the heathen,
Of every tribe and nation,
Fulfill Thy blessed word,
And cast their idols all away;
O shine upon them from above,
And show Thyself a God of love;
Teach the little children
To come unto Thee.*

William M. Hutchings
(from *The Church Hymnary*)

Melinda Rankin

The first protestant missionary to Mexico (1812-1888)

Have you ever heard the date "1812" mentioned as an important one in history? There was war in our country then, and when you study history, you find some generals mentioned who became famous. But in that year a baby was born among the hills of New England, who helped to bring peace to many, even in the midst of wars and troubles. It was Melinda Rankin, who found her life-work in the sunny land of the Aztecs in old Mexico, the land (at that time) of adobe huts and degraded people.

She said of herself, in later years of life, that when she gave her heart to the Lord Jesus she was filled with a desire to tell others about Him where His name was not known. She could not settle down in comfort and quietness in her New England home. But it was not till she was 28 that her first chance came. Then there came a call for missionary teachers to go to the Mississippi Valley. Miss Rankin responded, and went first to Kentucky and then on to Mississippi.

When the war between our country and Mexico was over, the soldiers coming home told much of the Mexican people, how ignorant and priest-ridden they were. Hearing these things, Miss Rankin was much stirred up. She wrote articles for the papers, and tried to rouse an interest among churches and missionary societies. She did not succeed very well. No one seemed ready to go to the needy field. At last she exclaimed, "God helping me, I will go myself."

But Mexico was in a lawless state. It was positively dangerous for Protestants to go there, for they were forbidden by the government to bring Christianity in any form whatever. As Miss Rankin could not get into Mexico, she decided to get as near to it as she could. She went to Texas, and settled down at Brownsville, on the Rio Grande River, just opposite Matamoras, Mexico.

Not a hotel was to be found, and it was hard to find shelter of any sort. Miss Rankin never once thought of giving up.

The boys would say that she was "a plucky sort." Finally she found two rooms which she was allowed to rent. She took one for a bedroom and the other for a schoolroom. But she had no furnishings whatever. She was taken care of and her wants supplied, though not luxuriously. She wrote, "A Mexican woman brought me a cot, an American sent me a pillow, and a German woman said she would cook my meals; and so I went to my humble cot with feelings of profound gratitude."

There were many Mexicans in the city of Brownsville, and when a school was opened, the day after Miss Rankin found rooms, the Mexican girls came to her in numbers that really surprised her. It was very encouraging.

One day a Mexican mother came to her, bringing "her saint," as she called it.

"I have prayed to this all my life," she said, "and it has never done me any good. May I change it for a Bible?"

Miss Rankin was so pleased that she gave her two Bibles, because the woman said, "I have a friend over in Matamoras that wants a Book, too." This was the first Bible that the missionary got across the border, but it was not the last. This little beginning made her think deeply about going on. If only she could get God's Word across the river into the country, it would be the best possible thing. There was a law against it, but Miss Rankin thought that no power on earth had a right to keep out the Bible. She decided to give herself to the work of getting it across the river.

"You'd better send bullets and gunpowder to Mexico instead of Bibles," said a man on this side, who had little faith. But the missionary did not think so, and did not take his advice. Somehow she found means to send over hundreds of Bibles, and hundreds of thousands of pages of tracts, which the American Bible Society, and Tract Society, furnished to the intrepid distributor. For you may know that it

took dauntless courage to do it.

Mexicans came over to the missionary's door, asking for God's Book. Orders for books, with money in payment, came from Monterey, and other towns. A Protestant portrait painter helped on the work of carrying over with him great quantities.

Not being able to get a Christian colporteur speaking Spanish, she herself went out as agent for the American and Foreign Christian Union, with great success. Her school was left with her sister. But troubles came. The sister died. Miss Rankin was stricken with yellow fever, and was near death. Mexican women nursed her lovingly, and she recovered. But the Civil War in our land came on, and the missionary was driven out of Texas. She went across the river, and her work on Mexican soil began.

In Monterey, with 40,000 people, she founded the First Protestant Mission, under difficulties and dangers uncounted. She was driven from house to house, but came back home and collected money for buildings for the Missions. Converts multiplied, and went themselves from house to house, and from ranch to ranch, teaching others. The work spread. Some Bible readers wrote, "We can hardly get time to eat or sleep, so anxious are the people for God's Word."

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OUR MEMORY VERSE

*"I have rejoiced in the way
of Thy testimonies, as much
as in all riches"*

Psalm 119:14

WORLD MISSION NEWS

News from the David Abels

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits; who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases (Ps. 103:2,3).

Many of you friends have been concerned about our health and praying for us. We thank you for this and would like to give you a short report on the problems which led to our return to the U.S. for part of the months of December and January.

Janet had been experiencing digestive problems during the months of October and November and I had had a constant bout with dysentery since July. After treatment in Campo Mourao we made a trip to Curitiba and underwent exams and consultation with a fine Christian doctor. Upon our return to Campo Mourao our symptoms did not clear up and Janet had to be hospitalized. We talked with Janet's parents in Cleveland and they felt that we should return to the U.S., and have exams and treatment in Cleveland. They graciously offered to pay for our round trip ticket.

Pastor and Mrs. John Abel (my parents) suggested they could have their Christmas in the chapel in Curitiba early and come to Campo Mourao for final practices and the Christmas activities in Central Church. Since we were due for vacation and in need of medical help, this trip was finally decided on in con-

sultation with the Mission Director. We left the church elders in charge of the church activities during our absence, thankful to the Lord for their willingness to help.

When we arrived in Cleveland we were treated at the Cleveland Clinic where the doctors diagnosed that I had amebic colitis and Janet had gastro-enteritis. After treatment in December and January, we returned to Brazil on January 23, seemingly in good health.

We thank each one of you who prayed for us during this time and thank God that He has answered prayer.

Pastor David H. Abel

How you can help us with the Dorcas Room

As we have been travelling, visiting our churches, many people have asked about sending clothes and other items to the "Dorcas Room" in Brazil.

Since we started the Dorcas Room some years ago, many pieces of clothing have gone through that room and many of our Brazilian church members have been able to buy good clothing, which they would not otherwise be able to afford. They are so thankful and grateful for the Dorcas Room and for those in the States who are helping to support Dorcas with the many boxes that have been received.

As we have mentioned before, the Dorcas Room has also been a great help in supporting our national pastors and helps in the building and upkeep of our Brazilian churches.

You can see the Dorcas Room is one of many important parts in our ministry in Brazil in which you can personally share. And we would like to thank those of you who are helping with this part of the work.

Many have asked us just what type of clothing can be made use of. Well, we do



Four generations present at the Women's Retreat. The girls at the left, Zelia and Zeli, are graduates of our Bible Institute.

Brazil Women's Retreat

The 12th Annual Ladies Retreat of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations of Brazil was held at the Bible Institute in Campo Mourao on Jan. 28-30. There were 32 ladies in attendance, representing eight churches. The theme of the conference, "Cristo Tesouro Precioso," was based on the theme of the last WMF Conference in the United States, with the theme verse being II Cor. 4:7.

Mrs. John (Ruby) Abel taught the keynote Bible study using an outline by Mrs. Michael Brandt. Presentations on various themes were also made by Mrs. George (Helen) Knapp, Mrs. Karen Knapp Santos, Miss Priscilla Wold, and Mrs. David (Janet) Abel. The ladies made patchwork pillows with material scraps that were graciously sent by various WMFs in the States. They took these pillows home as a remembrance of the retreat. Continue to remember these ladies in your prayers, that they might be treasures for the Lord in their homes and communities.

Mrs. David Abel

HEROES...

In 1871, through disturbances and battles, she was kept safe, but next year returned home, where, after telling her story often, she passed away, in 1888, aged 76. It was she who said, "The word discouragement is not in the dictionary of heaven." A church of one hundred and seventy Mexican members was handed over to the Presbyterian Board of Missions when she left Mexico.

—Julia H. Johnson, *Fifty Missionary Heroes Every Boy and Girl Should Know*,
Fleming H. Revell Company

make use of all kinds of clothing and all sizes. There is, however, a need of some items that seldom get sent. Some of these are:

- 1) Rain and shine jackets and coats
- 2) Warm sweaters
- 3) Pajamas for men, women and children
- 4) Stockings (men and boys); knee-highs for girls
- 5) Double-size quilts
- 6) Used toys

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editorials

FOR SUCH A WORM AS I

Some hymnbooks, no doubt the older ones, carry these lines in the first stanza of Isaac Watts' great hymn, "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed": "Would He devote that sacred head for such a worm as I?"

It is interesting that other versions of the song have this ending for that first stanza: "For sinners such as I?" While we rather think Isaac Watts did use the word "worm," we think the second wording given here is the better one.

The word worm is meant to convey the unworthiness of man in himself, a concept with which we all agree. Man is lost without Christ and unable to save himself, in fact, to do anything toward his salvation. He is in a pitiable condition, his "righteousness" is as filthy rags or a polluted garment (See Isaiah 64:6).

Some will argue that the word worm is Biblical, too, and to be sure it is. Job, in one of his lamentations, said to the worm, "Thou art my mother" (Job 17:14). He was speaking out of the depths of despair. And in the Messianic 22nd Psalm, the Son of God is even quoted as saying, "But I am a worm, and no man; a reproach of men and despised of the people" (v. 6). Jamieson, Fausset and Brown rightly state that these words "express not His real, but esteemed value." It is as if a person's name and character had been so besmirched by false report that his integrity was destroyed in the eyes of men, even though in his own conscience he was at peace with God. And that was very well Job's situation, wasn't it, although his relationship with God actually wasn't peaceful for a time.

Any returning sinner, coming by way of contrition for sin and repentance, as all must do, has no exalted opinions of himself. In fact, he is very low, bringing nothing in his hands save his own wretchedness. He may well think of himself as a worm or as a dog. "I was *nothing*," he may testify in retrospect of his experience of conversion.

But here is where we must see the other side of this word worm. We are not tiny creatures slithering along the ground, mulchers of soil and bait for fishhooks. We are beings created in the image of God. "In the image of God created He him." And while the 8th Psalm supremely speaks of Jesus, God's Son, it may also be taken to refer to mankind. And therefore we read the words, "What is man that Thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that Thou visitest him?" (v. 4).

The Bible is the record of God's dealings with mankind and of His great gift of His Son to redeem all people. It is the testimony of Scripture that Jesus Christ took the sins of mankind upon Himself and was the atonement for them. So the point is this, Jesus didn't die for worms, but for people, rational, intelligent creatures, capable of communing with God.

This is how Leander S. Keyser has put it: "How important man must be in the sight of God that He would send His only begotten Son into the world at infinite sacrifice to redeem him! Surely such a sacrifice would not have been made for a worthless creature." Not for a worm, or a dog.

So we have a worth, but a worth which loses its real meaning unless it is sanctified in Christ Jesus. Indeed, we can say, what a calamity, what a waste for any of God's rational creatures to go into eternity without appropriating the salvation which is available! To be forever out of tune with God's great purpose, that is the ultimate tragedy of life.

"O seek the Lord today; today He has salvation!" You are worth something. Christ died for you.

DISTRICT LUTHER LEAGUES

Someone commented recently that the Luther League in his district was not functioning any more, no district conventions are being held.

Now that's too bad because young people need the fellowship and encouragement which come from associating with youth of other parishes. Local Luther Leagues, in our church, are often small and then there is the more need to have the contacts with others. Relatively few young people get to one of the Federation conventions at the national level. All the more reason that there be opportunity to attend at the district level.

Districts widespread enough to require an overnight convention are fortunate. A longer time to be together means that there can be more things done in program and also there is a better opportunity to get acquainted. The pastors (and they should be there), too, enjoy their fellowship, as well as support their leaguers in the work, by their presence.

But whether a convention is two or three days or only one, some interesting things can be done. It is good if a Federation officer can attend upon invitation and represent the whole Association to the group. Otherwise, outside speakers and teachers aren't necessary, but occasionally may add a spark to the program. Usually, the district pastors will do very well.

It will all boil down to leadership, though, whether a district Luther League is alive and well. Each officer and the pastoral advisor must be on their toes. The thing won't run by itself. And the local pastors must be behind the work enthusiastically. If your district Luther League is lagging and you can do something about reviving it, do that now.

Remember that old Luther League motto: "To help young people know, live and share Christ and His forgiveness."

Letters

TO THE EDITOR

That welfare problem

President Reagan is reported to have suggested that if the churches would each take ten families it might solve the welfare problem!

There are many people on the welfare rolls because of necessity. There are some on the welfare rolls, shirking. Others are "shacking up." Still others, shystering.

The early church was concerned about all four groups, both body and soul! The suffering—by supplying their needs. The shirking—by teaching, "Those who do not work shall not eat" and "If any provide not for his own and especially for those of his own house, he has denied his *faith* and is worse than an infidel" (I Timothy 5:8). By the way, how long

since you heard a sermon on this topic?

"The shacking," the early church taught the great danger to the souls of those involved, by misleading others and damage to the foundation of the family. Violation of the 6th Commandment threatens both body and soul! "The shystering" was taught, "Thou shalt not steal." The early church taught without fear or favor that violation of the Commandments would bring eternal death—but, always with a compassionate plea to repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and live! This is the priceless treasure. This is our challenge today with an added bonus.

This might cut welfare 20% and by the church providing as the early church,

direct to the needs of body and soul eliminating government waste, cutting 30% off the balance.

Church people today are paying for most of welfare through taxation. Why not do it the right way?

Congratulations to Eastern North Dakota District of the ALC for their daring stand against gambling! North Dakota has a high percentage of church people of whom the majority are Lutherans. Yet the people voted in "limited" gambling for "social purposes" and bingo.

At present, it is limited to small bets. I wonder, is this so the little guy can participate? Has anyone calculated how many new customers this will bring to welfare?

—Valdemar Hovde
Minot, N. Dak.

The value of conferences

I remember the first experience I had in attending a winter conference of the AFLC. It was like a bit of heaven! It almost seemed that we were secluded from the noise and pleasures of the world; meeting new pastors and lay people from other congregations of our beloved AFLC and then just resting and feeding on God's word. It was great and I almost hated to go home. And, just returning home from conference at Valley City, I can still say that the fellowship and spiritual food is still just great; but something is wrong! The enthusiasm for attending is not as it was a few years back. I would dare say that first conference I attended had at least 50% pastors and wives as well as the children. This conference, the only pastors present were those with obligations to speak, outside of our president, Pastor Snipstead, the editor of our church organ, Pastor Huglen, and I know one other pastor who came without obligation simply because he wanted to. He and his wife. Maybe there were others!

Agreed! Our weather has not been pleasant. But God did provide very comfortable weather without storm, in which I am sure many on the spur of the moment could have attended sessions for at least one day. Pastor and Mrs.

DORCAS...

Craft items are always made use of. May I also suggest that along with the items could be sent instructions for making the crafts. And if any of you would know of some new crafts, we would welcome new ideas.

Many have asked how to send the boxes. Now the size of the box should be no more than 72 inches all around (four sides) and weigh no more than 44 lbs. (Check with your local postmaster to be sure you agree on what is permissible.) The box should be labeled "No Commercial Value. Used Clothing." It should be addressed to:

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Campo Mourao, Parana
87300 Brazil

If you would like the boxes to be acknowledged by one of the missionaries, you could put that missionary's name in the address and put a *full* return address on the boxes. Then we will be able to acknowledge the arrival of the boxes and thank you for them.

I trust that this will help to answer questions you have had about the Dorcas Room. And once again, many thanks for your faithfulness in sharing the work in Brazil in this way.

"For the ministry of this service is not only fully supplying the needs of the saints, but is also overflowing through many thanksgivings to God. Because of the proof given by this ministry they will glorify God for your obedience to your confession of the Gospel of Christ, and for the liberality of your contribution to them and to all, while they also, by prayer on your behalf, yearn for you because of the surpassing grace of God in you" (II Cor. 9:12-14).

Joy in His service,

Carolyn (Mrs. Connely) Dyrud
(Ed. note: It could be mentioned that the price which is charged for the used items in the Dorcas Room is small, but it has been found advisable to ask a small price. This preserves the dignity of the people and the proceeds are turned over to the church work, as Mrs. Dyrud suggests.)

1981-82 Seminararians

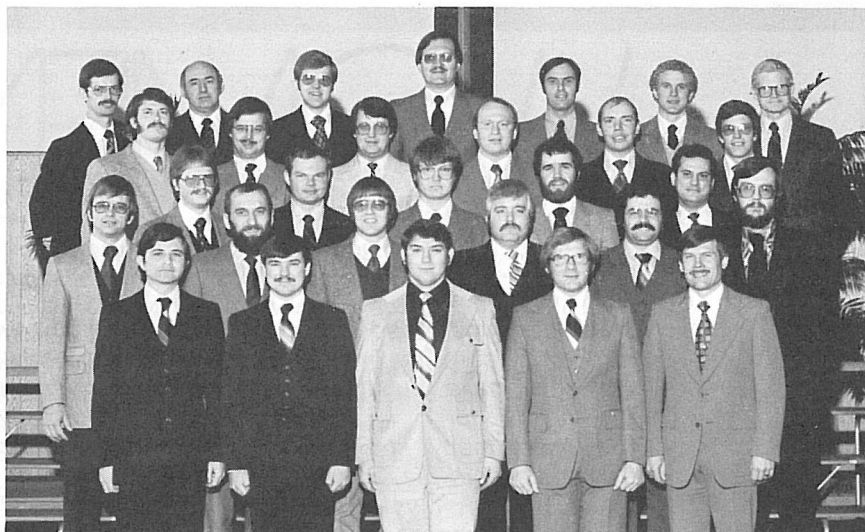
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Row 2: Ralph Erickson, Jake Schaffhauser, Rodney Johnson, Kerwin Sletto, Steve Kneeland, Johan Koren.

Row 3: Del Palmer, Leslie Johnson, Jon Wellumson, Martin Horn, Thomas Baker.

Row 4: Daniel Giles, Gary Jorgenson, Frank Cherney, Peter Franz, Tony Stockman, Lyndon Korhonen.

Row 5: Brian Davidson, Harris VanSomeran, Joel Rolf, John Mundfrom, Mike Klenner, Terry Wold, Ted Berkas.



Levin Vagle, "Mr. Bible Camp," died

Curtis Emerson along with Grace and Zion Lutheran congregations went all out to make us welcome and comfortable during conference. Fellowship around the table is an important part of the conference. And it is difficult to plan for many and only a few come. Learning to know one another comes by sitting around the table.

Is it not still necessary for our AFLC to set aside a few days to fellowship with the body of Christ and feast on the Word? And, because we have pastors' conference in January, does that mean the winter conference in February is for lay people only? I believe our pastors are shepherds of the flock and we want our shepherds near us. How else can we as members of the AFLC congregations learn to know and love other pastors and members of our church body? Our church organ becomes that much more meaningful and precious when we personally know those who write within its pages.

It is not difficult to find excuses to stay home. But what will happen to our winter conferences if our priorities are not set straight. We need to talk about this.

Mrs. Grace Syverson
Tioga, North Dakota

(Ed. note: We regret that this letter was unintentionally delayed.)

Mr. Levin Vagle, "Mr. Bible Camp" to hundreds of people in northwestern Minnesota, passed away suddenly in St. Paul, Minn., on March 5.

A resident of Lake Bronson, Minn., Mr. Vagle, 73, was the guiding force in the establishment of Galilee Bible Camp at Lake Bronson, a camp now owned by the Northwestern Minnesota District of the AFLC and the site for AFLC Family Bible Camps in recent years. And from its beginning in the early 1950s he had been active in the camp work, serving as chairman of the Board all that time.

Mr. Vagle had left the main floor of the Civic Center in St. Paul shortly after his son's wrestling team from Paynesville had begun its participation in the State Wrestling Tournament. He collapsed and died upon reaching the main hallway. First aid help was available at once but resuscitation was futile. Rev. Roger Ose, Minneapolis, Minn., was with him at the time.

Levin Vagle was born Sept. 22, 1908, in Kittson County, Minn., and lived there all his life. In 1939 he was married to Margaret Gillie. They had, in the course of the years, farmed, operated a bowling alley and maintained a rest home. He was once mayor of Lake Bronson and was a member of Gideons International.

He is survived by his wife; the son, Virgil, of Paynesville; one daughter, Miriam, Mrs. Leland Juhl, Lake Bronson; two foster children, Karen, Mrs. Gary York, Strandquist, Minn., and Adele, Mrs. Ed Boechler, Plymouth,

Minn.; ten grandchildren; two brothers and two sisters.

At the funeral service for Mr. Vagle at Zion Lutheran Church, Lake Bronson, on March 10, Pastor Ose preached the sermon. Greetings were brought by Rev. Bruce Dalager, Grand Forks, N. Dak., and Rev. Keith Carlson, Lake Bronson. Rev. Wallace Leno, pastor of the church, officiated. Mrs. George Gillie, Gerald Vagle and Mrs. Daryl Haugen were soloists. The songs used, all favorites of Mr. Vagle, included "Saved by Grace" and "Faith is the Victory."

Pallbearers were James Carlson, State Senator Marvin Hanson, James Sundby, Ferdie Ristad, Robert Skoglund and Willard Sjostrand. Honorary pallbearers were Sheldon Mortrud, Curtis Thompson, Joseph Jacobson, Arthur Moe, Vernon Russum, Lowell Hogberg, Harvey Dyrud, Rev. Raynard Huglen, Oscar Nyflot, Kenneth Juhl, Wayne Juhl and Kenneth Maleshenko.

Burial was in the Two Rivers Lutheran Cemetery.

Blessed be his memory.

(Ed. note: Yes, Levin Vagle was "Mr. Bible Camp" to many people. A man of many interests, he leaves many different legacies to those who knew him, but I'm sure the one which would make him most happy is the spiritual good which has come into many lives, young and old, through the ministry of God's Word at "his" Bible Camp, Galilee, on the shores of Lake Bronson. Many thanks, Levin.)

THE WOMEN'S PAGE

God's Care

Every day you need to hear about God's care for you. This message will make you secure and happy.

You meet many strange and puzzling things in life. There are many unsolved mysteries. So much of what happens appears to be the result of pure chance. These occurrences seem to have no meaning and therefore serve no purpose.

At such times it is good to be able to rest in the knowledge of God's providential care. It is not blind fate and chance that rules. All my times are in God's hands! I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for good and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

"Why, Lord?" we ask so often. "What is the purpose of all this?" It is not given us to understand God's ways. His thoughts are hidden from us. But the riddles of life do not disturb the security of one who casts his anxieties on Him. A Christian often confronts things he cannot understand, and times when all he can do is remain silent, not in cold resignation but in a childlike confidence in his Father's care.

Do you remember how it was when your children were little and one of them developed a badly infected finger? Mother knew that the finger had to be cut open, but the child thought Mother was hard-hearted when she gave the doctor permission to use the knife. Later the child understood that Mother acted as she did because she cared.

This is the way it is with us now. Often we think that God is hard-hearted when He permits us to be thrown into adversity and affliction, but there will come a time "later" when we will understand that it was concern for our welfare that was behind everything He did. God has never promised to lead us around afflictions and adversities, but He has promised that He Himself will go with us through all of them. He does not bundle us up in cotton batting. He does not hide us in a place where storms never come. Often He hardens His own in the fires of affliction. A child of God is not a hothouse plant, to be handled only with the greatest caution. No, it is quite the opposite. Even as we express it in one of the prayers of the church: "Thou hast appointed us to endure suffering and death with our Lord Jesus Christ before we enter with Him into eternal glory."

To be in God's care is to be secure in the midst of all dangers, because He never abandons us. He asks us to cast all our anxiety upon Him, for He will carry it with us and for us.

Do not bear alone thy burdens,
A single one too much for thee;
I will bear them, I alone,
Thou shalt only rest in Me.

Thank you, Lord, I will do as You say. Help me to live this way every day.

From Safe in His Arms
(Devotions for the Autumn Years)

By H. E. Wislöff

Translated by Joel M. Njus
Augsburg Publishing House

**CAST ALL YOUR ANXIETIES ON HIM,
FOR HE CARES ABOUT YOU.**

I Peter 5:7

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

Is it hard to be a Christian?

From what sort of a background does such a question as this come? I can visualize the thought processes of the asker in some such way as this: "Sometimes being a Christian is pictured as a very easy experience, joyous and exuberant. Then again the Christian life is represented as something very hard, somber, and repressive." What is the truth?

The answer is: There is truth in both ways of looking at the Christian life.

But in order that we may not misunderstand one another in discussing a question like this, let us try to get clearly before us what we are speaking about. Our question, of course, concerns a truly Christian life; not something that passes for Christianity, that isn't the real thing.

There are many people trying to live as Christians without giving God their hearts—trying to keep away from sins, trying to do right, trying to go to church, to pray, to read their Bibles, without ever having made a complete surrender to God. Such living is very, very hard. It is going right against the grain of man's natural self as it has been perverted by sin. "The mind of the flesh is enmity against God." In such a state, of course, it is difficult to keep away from sins, for the heart really loves them; of course it is hard to do right, because there is no hunger or thirst after righteousness; of course it is hard to go to church, to pray, to read the Bible, because the mind and the affections are set on the world.

What such persons need is a complete turning around, a right-about-face from the world to God—a confession of one's perverse nature, of one's lovelessness toward God, of one's condemning

thoughts and desires, and a crying to God for pardon. Such stricken penitents God will receive and forgive on the basis of what Jesus has done for them by His suffering and death.

When one has thus turned away from the world to Jesus and has received the full forgiveness of all his sins, there is planted in the heart by the Holy Spirit a sense of profound gratitude and a deep love to the Savior.

Then it is not hard to be a Christian, for then one's own will falls into line with God's will. Then a person hates sin; he loves to do right; he finds the keenest satisfaction in going to church; it is for him a real privilege to bring everything to God in prayer; it is a blessed thing for him to read the Bible; it is a joy for him to spend himself in service for his fellowmen. It is not hard to do things for someone we love.

But even the true Christian is not entirely through with his old perverse

nature. He has a fight on his hands with the old inclinations that are not altogether rooted out. This conflict involves pain and hardship. "The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

The spirit says, "I love God."

The flesh says, "I love the world."

The spirit says, "I am willing to sacrifice for others."

The flesh says, "I want to save myself."

The spirit says, "I want to do God's will."

The flesh says, "I want to do what I please."

It is hard to live as a Christian should, because the Christian has not only the new nature that loves God, but he must contend with the Old Adam that loves sin.

But worth while young people are not afraid of hard things. There is in them something of the heroic that delights in facing difficulties and sacrifice. Young people are not frightened away from the Christian life because of its hardships. If they have been gripped by the Spirit of God, if they have come to a conviction of sin and of their need of a Savior, and if they have surrendered to Him wholeheartedly, and have experienced the profound joy of knowing that they are children of God, all sacrifice and hardships connected with being a Christian will appear small indeed. The joys, the satisfaction, the blessings of the Christian life are so great that by comparison it is not really hard to be a Christian.

—From *Problems of Young Christians*
by Martin Hegland,
Augsburg Publishing House

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Next time: How May I Succeed in the Christian Life?

CAMPUS NEWS

Don Hansen, he came with the property

Faces have come to Association Free Lutheran Bible School . . . and faces have gone. All except one.

As for deans, AFLBS has seen its Strands, its Dyruds, its Snipsteads. For faculty it has seen its Olsons, its Monseths, its Stones, its Huglens, its Uddens, its Hoschs, its Harbos, its Thuts, its Heikkenens, its Larsons, and its Andersons.

Along with other secretaries, and cooks, librarians, and students, they have all come.

And they have all gone.

Don Hansen has not. Unlike the rest, he has come. Period. He's been on campus since day one.

Now in charge of the headquarters' maintenance, Hansen has seen all the faces—both coming and going—and he'll probably see many more. He is AFLBS history.

In fact, Don Hansen is before AFLBS history. History for him on campus began even before the AFLC purchased the suburban Plymouth property in 1964. Working as a bookkeeper for the Hauge Inner Mission Federation, he has looked over the grounds since 1960, when the Hauge organization bought the land and built a chapel on it.

Hansen's history with the AFLC began in 1965, when Pastor John Strand

asked him if he was interested in working for the group as bookkeeper.

"Been here ever since," said the 60-year old Clearbrook, Minnesota, native.

Being "here" has meant various positions around the headquarters for Hansen. For seven years he worked in the office as bookkeeper and business administrator. Then he ran into a problem: the "chair." Too much chair. "Got so I couldn't sit," said Hansen. The obvious solution? Some down-home strenuous labor.

"I went from that to maintenance work in order to get more exercise and rebuild my muscles," he said.

Been doing that ever since.

Ever since the first class of '66 came to AFLBS, Don Hansen has been here. He has seen AFLBS progress from a church-basement classroom and dorm with 13 students to a three-building, 100-plus student body. He's seen the deans. He's seen the teachers. He's seen the students. Every one of them. All 16 years of them.

"You might say that we get the cream of the crop, here," he said. "Oh, ya, we can dream big . . . and we all have our failings, too. There have been many joys working with them," he stated.

The first class?

"They were like all the rest," said Hansen, "eager to learn, full of life, optimistic." Have they changed at all?

"By and large, I don't think there has been that much difference. We face them with the truth of the Scripture every year, that it won't make that much difference whether it's '67 or '82. The Word of God stays the same: if we follow the leading of the Holy Spirit it produces the same effects," he said.

Likewise it stands in Hansen's case. Whether it be '65 or '82, whether as a bookkeeper or custodian, Don Hansen wants to serve Jesus Christ, just as he has done year after year at the AFLC headquarters.

And as the faces come and go, Don Hansen simply continues to come and

keep coming. "I could tell them they better start looking for someone else," said Hansen, "because I don't think I have any more than 20 years left."

(Hansen lives in Bloomington, where he and his wife, Ione, have raised five children; Mark, now 27, Kathy, 26, Paul, 25, Keith, 19, and Carol, 17, who still live at home. Hansen is chairman of the Rosedale congregation in south Minneapolis.)

—James Lyell Johnson

FLY Team organizes

FLY—Free Lutheran Youth Team—an opportunity for the youth of our AFLC to go to Brazil! There, in Brazil, they will have a firsthand account of the missionaries' work involving established churches and newly begun ones, too.

This year's FLY team consists of nine AFLBS students: Ray Crestik, Tom Hill, Mike Wagar, Richard Mickelson, Dave Raimé, Janet Prinzing, Deb Rau, Lynn Yellonen and Floyd Campbell (not pictured).

The cost of the team's six weeks will be approximately \$1500. The team will be raising support through fund raising projects such as a pancake supper, cookie sales, jog-a-thon and church visitation. It's a step of faith and this is also part of learning to know missionary life.

The team is meeting weekly for lessons in Portuguese and preparation of a program which they will present in churches here and also in Brazil. The program will involve skits, songs and testimonies.

Write to us if you have any questions or if your church would be interested in hosting the team. Pray seriously for this ministry and for all the details of travel. The team plans to leave sometime between the middle of June and the first of July.

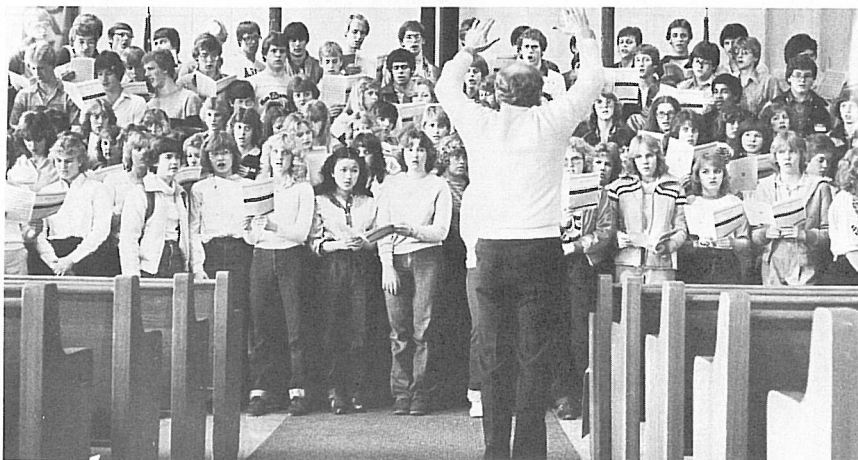
Our address is:

FLY TEAM

c/o Lavonne Torkelson
3110 E. Medicine Lk. Blvd.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55441

Photos by J. Johnson





An excellent number of young people joined AFLBS for Campus Days on the last weekend of March. Pictured are the students rehearsing in a mass choir.

News of the Churches

from here and there

Minneapolis, Minn.—The following pastors spoke during Lent on the Seven Last Words of Christ at Medicine Lake Lutheran Church: Laurel Udden, Richard Snipstead, Amos Dyrud, Kenneth Moland, Albert Hautamaki, Francis Monseth and B. R. Dasari. Attendance averaged about 115 per session. Rev. J. G. Erickson is pastor of the congregation.

Thief River Falls, Minn.—"Son-Rise" services were held at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church on Easter morning at 7 and 9:30. The Luther League served a breakfast between the two services.

Badger, Minn.—The Young Adults of the Badger Creek-Oiland Lutheran Parish had a bowling party at Lake Bronson on Saturday, Apr. 24. The group came back to Badger Creek Church for devotions and refreshments afterward.

Strandquist, Minn.—The film "Crucifixion and Resurrection" was shown at Hegland Lutheran Church on Thurs., Apr. 1.

Newfolden, Minn.—Rev. Larry Haagenson was installed as pastor of Westaker and Bethania Churches on Sunday, Mar. 14, by Pastor Richard Snipstead. There was a reception for the pastor and his family on Sunday, Apr. 25, at Westaker.

Roseau, Minn.—The Couples' Club had a snowcat get-together in March. A campout is scheduled for May.

Dalton, Minn.—Rev. Sterling Johnson, evangelist for the Lutheran Evangelistic Movement, spoke at special meetings in Tordenskjold Lutheran Church, Mar. 21-25. Missionary Connely Dyrud visited Tordenskjold and Zion Churches on Feb. 21.

Ferndale, Wash.—Triumph Lutheran hosted the West Coast District Luther League convention this past weekend, Apr. 23-25. From 75 to 100 visitors were expected.

Stacy, Minn.—The Palermo Brothers, Louie and Phil, put on a program at Sunnyside Lutheran on Apr. 25. They also served a spaghetti supper beforehand.

Drummond, Wis.—The parish Good Friday service was held at Drummond Lutheran.

Minneapolis, Minn.—Repairs were made to both the floor and ceiling of the sanctuary in Rosedale Lutheran Church recently, in time for Easter.

Eagle Butte, S. Dak.—The narthex and sanctuary of Emmanuel Lutheran Church have been carpeted. Candle holders, a cross and offering plates were given by Mrs. Inga Bayless in memory of her husband, Ray.



Personalities

The address of *Rev. and Mrs. Forrest Swenson*, presently without call, is 5455 S. Camino De La Tierra, Tucson, Ariz. 85706.

The members of the Board of World of Missions of the AFLC, the Mission Director, Pastor Eugene Enderlein, and Missionary John Abel in Brazil took part in a conference call by means of ham radio on March 30. A suggested budget for 1983-84 was accepted during the conference.

Lay Pastor Verle Dean, Sedan, Minn., was guest speaker at evangelistic meetings in Saron, Buffalo Lake, Tabor and Hope Lutheran Churches of the Lake Region Parish, Roslyn, S. Dak., Mar. 28-31. The congregations are served by Lay Pastor Rodney Stueland.

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

Spicer

Erwen Marten Kloster, 61, February 14, Green Lake

New members at Ishpeming

New members have been received by Hope Lutheran Church, Ishpeming, Mich., Paul Nash, pastor. In the larger photo, they are, left to right, Mrs. John Hegman, Mrs. James Minard, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Jarvinen, and Mrs. John Kohtala. In the smaller picture are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Magnuson.



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KWLM, Willmar, Minn.	1340 AM	4:30 p.m.
KRWB, Roseau, Minn.	1410 AM	8:30 a.m.
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KGEZ, Kalispell, Mont.	600 AM	8:30 p.m.
WWMH, Minocqua, Wis.	96 FM	1:00 p.m.
WMPL, Hancock, Mich.	920 AM	9:30 a.m.
KEYZ, Williston, N. Dak.	1360 AM	8:30 a.m.

With our evangelist- youth worker

Here are Pastor Kenneth Pentti's appointments for May. Pray for these services that God's Spirit might be able to do His good work in hearts and lives.

Fargo, N. Dak.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
May 2-6
Pastoral vacancy

Brodhead, Wis.

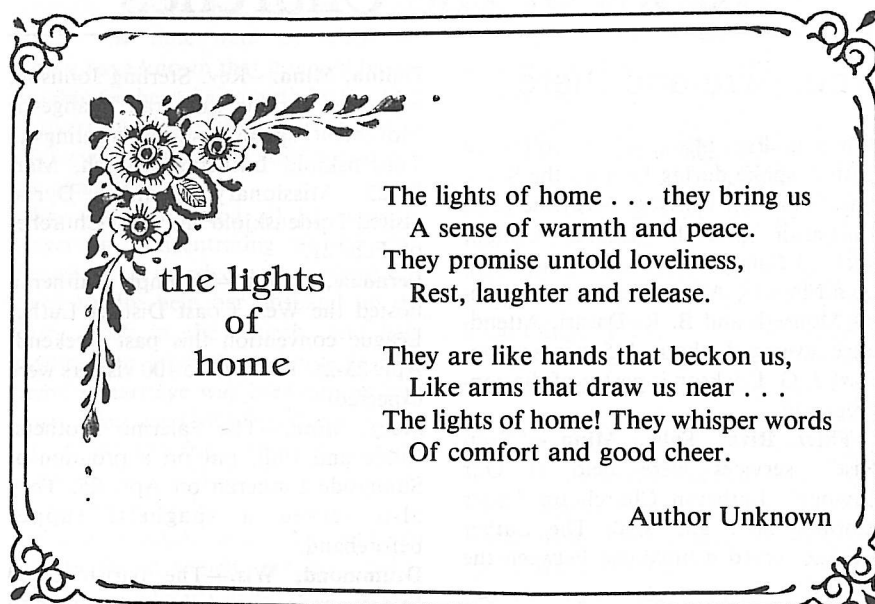
Bethany Lutheran Church
May 16-20
Kenneth Thoreson, lay pastor

Ontonagon, Mich.

Redeemer Lutheran Church
May 23-27
James Fugleberg, pastor

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Carillons dedicated at Faith, S. Dak.

Bethel Lutheran Church in Faith, S. Dak., held a capacity crowd Sunday, March 7, for the dedication of the carillon, which plays melodies seven times a day, pulpit and altar paraments and altar vases.

Special music was provided at the dedication services by Harold Kilness and Dr. Wayne Sletten, Marilyn Langness and Linda Weichert, and a mixed choir composed of members of the Bethel Lutheran congregation. Karen Sletten and Corrinne Schmidt accompanied the groups.

Harold Kilness demonstrated the computerized "Charlie" carillon which

amplifies beautiful chimes throughout the community throughout the week. The computer is set for various times throughout the day. The cost of the system was \$3,000 which came from memorial gifts, in memory of loved ones and friends.

A new pulpit, altar paraments and altar vases were also purchased with memorial gifts.

The capacity crowd attended a social gathering in the church basement after the dedication service.

—The Faith (S. Dak.)
Independent