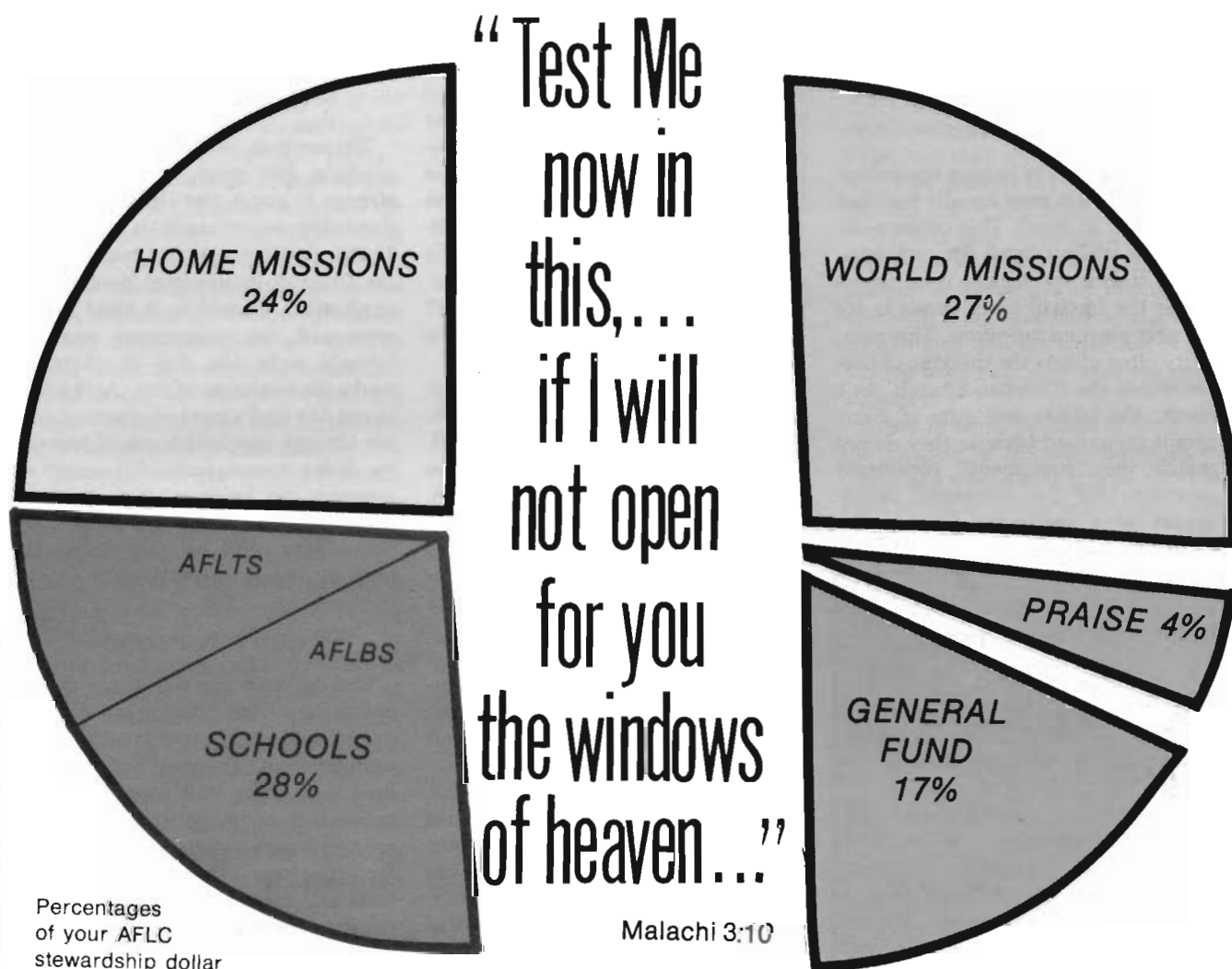


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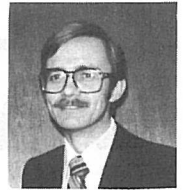
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# AT THE MASTER'S FEET

Rev. Bruce Dalager



## The foolishness of God

(I Cor. 1:20-31)

God works in amazing ways. How can He use us?

### GOD'S TOOLS

When man works he uses equipment which he feels is most equally matched to the task at hand. This concern determines which utensil the cook uses, which tractor the farmer uses, which player the football coach sends in for the next play, *ad infinitum*. This mentality often affects the thinking of people within the Christian Church. As a result, the talents and gifts of many people go unused because they do not match the "equipment" considered necessary for the successful performance of a particular duty in the church program. Many members feel

untalented and thus unneeded or of little worth.

We often act as if the work of God's Kingdom is to be done in the power of the flesh. Do we not often think that the church which has the greatest potential for success is that one whose pastor is multi-talented and whose members are attractive, talented, well-educated or wealthy? In God's work is the orator of more value than the stammerer? The athlete than the paralytic? The wealthy than the poor? The movie star than the housewife or farmer?

When God chooses His tools, He purposely sets out to create a mismatch. Consider Moses, armed with a staff, demanding the release of the Israelites before the mighty Pharaoh. Or Gideon, reducing his army to 300 because God has said, "You are too many for me to give Midian into your hands." Or David, refusing armor and confidently walking out to meet Goliath.

Scripture gives several examples of people who, in man's eyes, were adequate for a task, but who became unusable because of self-sufficiency and pride. The tall, handsome, influential Saul failed because of insubordination as king. Strong Samson became useless when he took matters into his own hands. Solomon was spoiled by the life of ease which his wealth made possible. Certainly, gifted people were not all of little use. Yet, the mere possession of those qualities that seemingly made a person qualified for a job did not make him a person God could successfully use.

There is no person so great that God is handcuffed without him. Neither is there any person so insignificant that God cannot use him. God has chosen the foolish to shame the wise, the weak

to shame the strong, things that are not to nullify things that are.

### GOD'S METHODS

The methods God employs in accomplishing His purposes often seem strange to us. A tree thrown into undrinkable water made it good (Ex. 15:25). Jericho's mighty walls fell at the shout of an obedient people. The application of mud to a blind man's eyes and the subsequent washing brought sight (Jn. 9:6, 7). Baptism works the remission of sins (Acts 2:38). In our day God's method of saving people through the foolishness of preaching does not seem successful enough so attempts are being made to improve upon it. God's ways are indeed far above ours. Will we dare in simple faith to rely on God's Word?

### GOD'S PURPOSE

God desires praise. We often rob God of His praise and boast in our own accomplishments. If a task is successfully completed and the tools and methods used were those which were expected to result in success, that use of "proper" tools and methods is often credited for the success. When God chooses His tools and methods He does so with a mind to the praise which He desires. So when God's "weak, inadequate" tools are used and God's "improbable" methods are followed, success results, and no one but God can be given the glory.

Let us not rebel when God desires to make us weak and empty so that our sufficiency would be found only in Christ. Only then can God use us to the praise of His Name.

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*"But prove yourselves DOERS OF THE WORD, and not merely hearers who delude themselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the Word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at himself in a mirror; for once he has looked at himself and gone away, he has immediately forgotten what kind of a person he was. But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the law of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man shall be blessed in what he does" (Jas. 1:22-25).*

This text in James tells me that we are to be doers of the Word in the area of giving as well as other areas of our Christian life. It also tells me that we need to hear the Word on "giving." This gives a special challenge to pastors. If a pastor is going to preach the whole council of God, then being "doers of the Word" includes preaching and teaching Biblical principles on giving whenever it comes in the text for the day and other times as well. I've heard there is something mentioned about giving in the Bible over 300 times. God must have had a real concern for all of us in this area.

When pastors are criticized for always preaching about money, there must be a guilty conscience involved. Pastors need to preach and teach these principles even if they are criticized because it is their responsibility if they are to be doers of the Word. Then we laymen need to respond to the Word by being doers and not hearers only. A pastor does not stop preaching the message of salvation just because some are offended by it. Jas. 1:25 says, "He shall be blessed in his doing." I am sure pastors will be blessed by preaching and teaching Biblical principles on giving. We lay people will be blessed by being doers, not hearers only.

I would like to share some Biblical principles on giving that have become very real for me. II Cor. 8:1-7 has many good points on giving, but the one found in verse 5 really needs to come first for all of us. "First they gave themselves to the Lord and to us by the will of God." This is very important! Unless we let Christ be Lord of our life, we cannot understand the other principles on giving. Then, "giving themselves to

# A Layman Looks at Biblical Giving

by Arlo Kneeland  
Summit, S. Dak.

Paul's ministry," would be comparable to giving ourselves to the ministry of our church today.

For me, the next step in Biblical giving was to start to tithe. Before that, I had a light feeling of reluctance and gave somewhat grudgingly. I was really amazed at the different feeling about giving when I gave over the ten per cent. I was released from the guilt of robbing God. Praise the Lord!

house, so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this,' says the Lord of hosts, 'if I will not open for you the windows of heaven, and pour out for you a blessing until there is no more need. Then I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it may not destroy the fruits of the ground; nor will your vine in the field cast its grapes,' says the Lord of hosts."

Perhaps it's because I'm a farmer that these promises are so precious to me, plus the fact that I have seen them come true. For many years in my Christian life there was no emphasis on tithing. It was put off as an Old Testament law that didn't apply any more. It was also put off as legalism. I learned later that Jesus mentioned the tithe in Matt. 23:23 and Lk. 11:42, where He says that we are not to neglect the tithe, but that we should also do the weightier matters of the law which are justice, mercy and faith.

We have faith to accept many promises of the Old Testament. I believe this promise in Malachi is too wonderful to overlook. If we take God at His word, we can give God the tithe that is His, be free from guilt and have our needs supplied.

I find in many portions of Scripture the promise of material blessings to Christians when giving is done with the right attitude. James says (1:25), "He shall be blessed in his doing." Mal. 3:10 says, "Test Me now, if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until there is no more need." In this text, God wants us to test Him and see if He will not supply all our needs. He will even rebuke the devourer.

Let's look at some other Scriptures where we are promised blessings. II Cor., 9:7-8 reads, "Let each one do just

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This brought new meaning to II Cor. 9:7 and especially Mal. 3:8-11. "Will a man rob God? Yet you are robbing Me! But you say, 'How have I robbed Thee?' In tithes and contributions. You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing Me, the whole nation of you! 'Bring the whole tithe into the store-

as he has purposed in his heart; not grudgingly or under compulsion; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed." This prom-



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ise came to the Corinthian Christians because of their willingness to share material blessings with the needy saints in Jerusalem.

Paul also tells the Philippians what God will do for them because they graciously supported him financially even though he didn't ask for it. Phil. 4:19: "And my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus."

Then Jesus tells us, in Lk. 6:38: "Give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, they will pour into your lap. For whatever measure you deal out to others, it will be dealt to you in return."

There are possibly other portions of Scripture where promises of material blessings are found but I think this is enough to show what God can and wants to do.

I am not trying to say that we should give to the work of the Lord so that we will be blessed personally. But, when we give with the right attitude of love for God and man and out of a deep appreciation to God for His unspeakable gift, Jesus Christ, then we will be blessed both materially and spiritually. The gracious gift of giving is just another work that comes because we have faith.

Another very important requirement in having the right attitude about giving is to realize that everything we have is God's and we are to be faithful stewards of His material gifts to us. I am sure we have all sung the song, "We give Thee but Thine own, What-e'er the gift may be: All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee." This was hard for me to really believe for many years.

The story is told about a pastor who came out to visit a certain farmer. The farmer had just fixed up a rundown farm into a beautiful place. The pastor said, "You and the Lord have surely made a beautiful place here." The farmer replied, "You should have seen it when the Lord had it alone."

I really thought that story was funny until God allowed me to have an almost total crop failure in 1976. I had done everything possible for a good crop, but without rain there was very little harvest. I heard God loud and clear, "See, Arlo, what you can do all alone!" The phrase of the song that says, "All that we have is Thine alone," meant a lot more to me after that.

I found out that God doesn't do His accounting from Jan. 1 to Dec. 1 like most of us do, because in the next three years He gave back the total loss of 1976 plus an average crop each year. God proved to me that I can't do anything without Him. If I am a faithful steward, God will keep His promises. There are many places in the Word where we are taught not to be anxious about anything. When we really learn that all things are God's and we are His stewards, it is much easier to not be so anxious.

My family and I have experienced many of these promises over the years and it is such a real joy to see God's Word come to life. I would pray that every Christian knows the joy that comes from sharing material blessings in the ministry of our Church—locally as well as nationally and world-wide.

For me to really feel the joy of sharing I had to give beyond the tithe. Then, as one gives more, God blesses more; then we can give more again and God blesses more and more again. Pastor (Trygve) Dahle is right in saying, "You can't out-give God. He has a bigger shovel."

Let us all be "doers of the Word and not hearers only." ✚

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## *A seminarian's testimony*

by Gary L. Jorgenson

Most people would agree that the decision to enter seminary is a major one, involving significant changes and adjustments in many areas of life. Not the least of these changes is in the area of finance.

An experience common to many men entering the seminary is that of leaving a well-paying, secure position in exchange for a period of apparent financial insecurity. This is a fundamental issue of concern for many prospective seminarians. Many have family responsibilities (myself included); classes and study demand much of one's time. How will the seminarian be able to support his family and pay the bills?

When we determined that God was indeed calling me to seminary, my wife and I also realized that the financial change would be more than we apparently could endure. But we believed that if God calls someone to a task He will also equip the individual to accomplish it and to meet every need along the way. With this in mind, we committed our situation to the Lord.

We also believed that we must have our priorities straight before entering seminary, and then stick to them. Our priorities were God first, family second, school and studies third, and work fourth. This would mean only 15-20 hours a week for work . . . obviously, not enough for a family of four!

Yet we had committed our future to the Lord, and so we forged ahead (although not without considerable apprehension).

The last two and a half years have been amazing! The Lord has provided adequately for us in every area of life. What began as a scary experience has been transformed into an exciting adventure, just seeing how marvelously our Heavenly Father has cared for us.

The Lord provided me with a job which allows the flexibility in schedule I need in order to keep my priorities straight. Also, He has led numerous



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people to minister to the financial needs that have arisen above what I earn.

Someone whom we have never met has given us \$500 during each of my school years. We have received numerous anonymous cash gifts. My home congregation (Zion, Tioga, N. Dak.) has sent us financial support, and the congregation to which we presently belong (Faith, Mpls.) has supported us financially on a monthly basis. Other friends have given gifts of money and food. Our parents have been most generous also, helping us out of numerous tight spots. The congregations where we interned (rural Tioga, Thief River Falls, Minn.) showered us with generous "going-away" gifts, expressive of their love and support.

The first two years were planned by the Lord so that we could live rent-free in an apartment provided by Rosedale Church. We continue to make our home there this year, paying only toward the expense of utilities.

Our seminary's policy of not charging tuition to regular AFLC students has been another major blessing. The gifts from AFLC congregations which makes this policy possible are a special reason for us to be grateful.

It is my privilege to have this opportunity to share our experiences with you, in order that those who so quietly but generously have ministered to our needs as the Lord led might be acknowledged and thanked. Each one of the seminarians could tell a similar story, and so the thanks is on behalf of us all.

My other reason for writing is to encourage you to continue your support of our seminary and students and to encourage others to consider someone else who might stand in similar need. My time at seminary is soon over; others are ready to begin.

It is good to see the body of Christ respond in Christ-like love to the leading of her Head. In this He is glorified. We praise Him for His blessings! ✠

## TAKE COURAGE

*You may be a sternly tested person. Your hidden and visible perplexities may mount to the skies. You may feel that, judged by human standards, you have the right to be gloomier than other men. But you are a child of the resurrection. That hope lives and breathes in you. That light penetrates into every Valley of the shadow. The traveler does not estimate his happiness by the discomforts of his journey. He reckons his success and his cheerfulness by the attaining of his goal.*

*Richard C. Caemmerer*



## a look at three congregations

*by Mrs. Wayne  
Hjermstad*

## tithing...for churches?

The Lord promises blessings to those who return a portion of the material resources given them by a gracious God. Though this promise is usually thought of in relation to individuals or families, it also applies to the local congregation. God honors the congregation that in faith returns a proportion of its income to the Lord.

Three congregations were studied and their pastors were interviewed regarding the reality of God's promise, "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over . . . for with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again" (Luke 6:38).

Zion Lutheran, Tioga; Bethel Lutheran, Grafton; and Emmanuel Lutheran, Williston, all in North Dakota, are the congregations used in this study.

The oldest and largest congregation studied is Zion of Tioga. Three years ago at a council retreat, the decision was made to give 25% of the Sunday offerings to the AFLC. This was an increase over the previous 10-15%. Zion is growing in attendance and in membership, which presently is 418 baptized. According to Rev. Allen Monson, Zion's pastor, giving to the local church is "up drastically this year." And they now find an additional blessing in assisting the new congregation in

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the neighboring town of Stanley.

Pastor Monson is grateful for the growing practice of tithing. An adult Sunday School class, studying "Scriptural Finances," encouraged many families toward proportionate giving. Within his stewardship messages, Pastor Monson has been stressing the responsibility of giving to the local

to return 10% of their offerings to the AFLC, retroactive to their first service.

Their pastor, Rev. John Reith, believes that when a family lives on 90% of their income, God guarantees His protection. The church family unanimously voted in faith that this principle applies to the congregation as well.

Some people have questioned why a

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church as a priority. Zion members are now informed quarterly of the congregation's financial condition. The church family is thrilled to see how the Holy Spirit is changing hearts, and they are excited to see one another grow spiritually and thus to see the congregation prosper.

The second congregation examined is Bethel of Grafton. As one of the early AFLC Home Mission congregations, Bethel has discovered financial prosperity since that time four years ago when they voted to give 10% of their Sunday morning offering to the AFLC. It was a step of faith, considering the fact that the small congregation had always struggled financially. "Skeptics became big supporters and now we are increasing in attendance and membership," reported Pastor Rodger Olson.

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The approximately 165 baptized members never hear their pastor preach on tithing. Rather, they hear of the need to be totally committed to the Lord in every area of life. Pastor Olson firmly believes that when "the Lord gets a hold of hearts, the pocket-book automatically changes."

Another congregation which never has heard a sermon on tithing is Emmanuel Lutheran Church of Williston. This 15-month old congregation decided during a Sunday evening discussion

young Home Mission congregation returns an offering. Pastor Reith, however, is thrilled that the concept of tithing is being practiced immediately.

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He exclaimed, "Now families start tithing and this has been exciting." Pastor Reith is quick to add, "It's not a law, but it is a place to start. And these things are personal."

With 45 charter members, the congregation is developing a very commendable practice in giving. Without even a suggestion, they raised \$750 to give to a pastor in need. They have moved ahead of the Home Mission Board's deadline and took over part of their pastor's salary. They are anticipating what the Lord will do as they make plans for a building.

These three congregations truly are testimonies of God's honoring His promise. As one pastor stated, "Nothing delights the Lord more and invites God's blessing than when we give in faith." ✝



by Ernest J. Miedema  
Director of Development, AFLC

Many people have asked me to write something concerning wills and the importance of them. In my position as the Director of Development for the AFLC, I have always felt that one of the most important things in our lives, next to salvation, is the giving of our tithes and offerings unto the Lord. We are then doing what the Lord has asked of us, then we can receive His blessing and claim His promises for ourselves. I realize that there is a fair amount of risk involved in printing this type of article in our *Ambassador*. I have had some people state openly to me that they would resent having an article on giving printed in our church publication. This article, and others to follow if requested, will be somewhat boring for the average reader. Therefore I will try to make this as informative as I can.

The financial experts of today have stated that estates today may be much larger than we think. No one likes to think about death and many people delay drawing up a will in the mistaken belief that they don't need one or don't have enough money to worry about. But according to the experts at the nation's second largest commercial bank, Citibank, everyone—married or single, with or without children—needs a will.

The rising value of real estate has made many people rich, on paper at least. Add the worth of your house to personal property such as an automobile, jewelry and furniture, and you can easily find yourself with an estate topping \$100,000.00. Your savings account also is part of your estate. So are employee benefits.

If you die without a will your assets will be distributed according to state law. The court will appoint an administrator to handle the job and the way the money is divided could surprise you. In some states, for example, if you are married, have no children, and die, your estate will be shared by your



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# Where there's a will

spouse and your parents if they are surviving. In some states, a distant relative can take precedence over a husband or wife.

The recent tax bill passed by Congress may affect your will. Until now, an individual could transfer half the value of an estate, up to \$250,000.00, to a surviving spouse without paying taxes on it. The new law removes the limit. It also increases the size of an estate which can be passed on to heirs, without taxes. By 1987, an estate worth \$600,000.00 will be tax free. The current limit is just over \$175,000.00.

As a general rule, you should have your will drawn up by a lawyer. Costs vary, depending on the complexity of your financial affairs, but you should be able to get a simple will for \$100.00 to \$200.00. Don't be shy about asking the price before you come to an agreement.

Do-it-yourself wills are risky. More often than not these wills are invalid and may not represent your wishes.

Prepare for your first meeting with the lawyer by putting together a list of all your assets and their current value. Plan a tentative division of property,

considering family needs and expectations, and select a guardian or guardians for minor children.

List everything you own—stocks and bonds and everything that would be due on your death: pensions, for example, or insurance benefits. A complete picture can help your lawyer plan for your family's future, even if some of the items are not actually included in the will.

Life insurance, for example is considered part of an estate, even though the disposition of the payment generally is not subject to the provisions of a will. The benefit automatically goes to the beneficiary named in the policy. Here is a new way of giving for those on a fixed income or retired. You can buy a policy of a desired amount and make your church or the AFLC the beneficiary.

Property that is owned jointly also is excluded from most wills. If you and your spouse have a joint bank account, for example, the balance usually goes automatically to the survivor when one of you dies.

Many couples assume that they can avoid a will by joint ownership of all

property. The Citibank guide points out, however, that a will is still necessary in case the husband and wife die at the same time.

All wills are subject to probate, which is the procedure of proving in court that the document is a person's valid last will and testament. The term probate has come to encompass everything that is required to settle an estate—collecting assets, paying debts and taxes and distributing money or property.

The settlement will be handled by the executor you name. If your estate is a small one, you may want to have your spouse or a friend act as executor; if it is complicated, you probably will want to appoint a lawyer or bank to act as executor.

One of the new regulations in the new Reagan Tax Proposal or Federal Law which became effective January 1, is that there is no gift tax on gifts of \$10,000.00 or less per donee per year or \$20,000.00 or less per married couple. Before January 1 the limit was \$3,000.00 per donee, and \$6,000.00 per married couple.

As I have traveled and visited many of our churches, it has been a warm experience for me. Yet I have driven home many times wondering what has been lost by people not having their wills in order. ☩

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## *Approach, My Soul, the Mercy-seat*

Approach, my soul, the mercy-seat,  
Where Jesus answers prayer;  
There humbly fall before His feet,  
For none can perish there.

Thy promise is my only plea;  
With this I venture nigh:  
Thou callest burdened souls to Thee,  
And such, O Lord, am I.

Bowed down beneath a load of sin,  
By Satan sorely pressed,  
By war without and fears within,  
I come to Thee for rest.

Be Thou my Shield and Hiding place,  
That, sheltered near Thy side,  
I may my fierce accuser face,  
And tell Him Thou hast died.

O wondrous love! to bleed and die,  
To bear the Cross and shame,  
That guilty sinners, such as I,  
Might plead Thy gracious Name!

John Newton  
(from *The Church Hymnary*)



# CAMPUS NEWS

## The winter season

Winter is a growing season.

At least that has been true this year at Association Free Lutheran Bible School. With winter quarter enrollment up to 110—a 26 percent growth from the end of last school year—visions of a heightened interest rise at the Medicine Lake campus.

Just what kind of evidence marks the interest in studying the Word at AFLBS? This year's junior class has assembled as one of the largest in the school's 16-year history. Winter quarter tallies for the first-year students come to 76, over twice the size of this year's senior class.

Even more significantly, every junior student who began in the fall re-registered for winter courses. Not even one cancellation. In fact, every student in the entire school who completed the fall quarter signed up for the winter classes. Call *that* continued interest.

So the rooms fill up and empty seats thin out. Even the library space grows sparse. "It's always full," said AFLBS Dean Kenneth Moland. "Now we see guys studying in the cafeteria. And the (library's) circulation has outgrown our space," he stated.

(The AFLC's seminary, which shares library facilities with the Bible school, has added to this lack of space. As of the first semester it stood as the largest group in the seminary's history, numbering 30.)

While thoughts of impending growth at AFLBS abound, questions of future building plans likewise loom. According to Pastor Moland, any such plans are purely in the "talk stage," however. He admitted that as dean his role in any future building decisions is limited, but conceded that "it wouldn't be impossible within the next five years to begin considering a new building."

Other "long-range" goals include an additional year of curriculum. The third year, said Pastor Moland, would likely involve more specialized training—especially in the areas of Christian education, parish work and world missions.

Such outward growth and development is important indeed. Said Pastor Moland, "Our church (the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations) is growing, and so our schools should correspondingly be growing." Yet he also stressed the goal of inward growth. He spoke of the "commitment to make our Biblical Studies Department continually better," and of a "Christian service awareness that permeates all of school life."

Growth in Christ through the Word. Real heart-changing growth. The essence on which AFLBS was founded. Because no matter what the time of year, the life-changing power in God's Word is never out of season.

James Lyell Johnson

## Student body officers

New student body executive officers were elected at the start of AFLBS' winter quarter. Results brought forth these quarterly leaders: President—David Fugleberg, Roseau, Minn.; Vice-President—Scott Elmquist, Cloquet, Minn.; Secretary—Grace Quam, McIntosh, Minn.; and Chaplain—Jonathon Unverzagt, Kasson, Minn.

They succeed these fall quarter officers: President—Marlow Nash, Abercrombie, N. Dak.; Vice-President—Michael Wagar, Lake Stevens, Wash.; Secretary—Keeley Wittmer, Ferndale, Wash.; and Chaplain—Jay Lund, Wyoming, Minn.

Jean Swanson of Canton, S. Dak., was elected to the year-long post of treasurer.

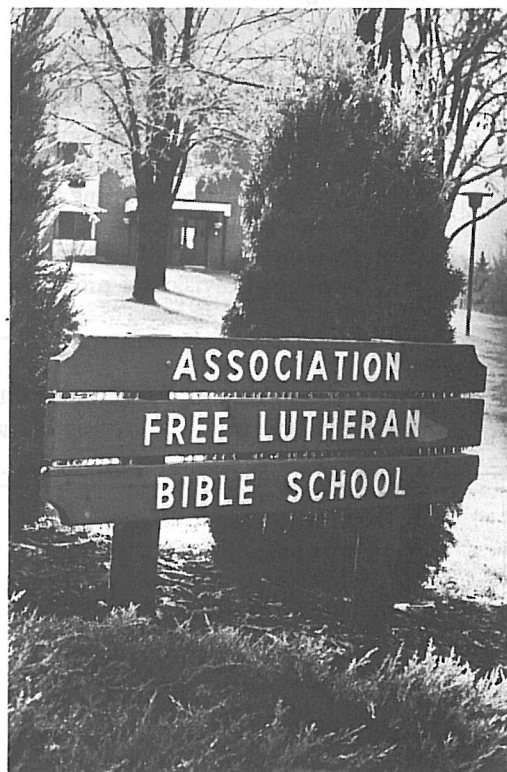
## from the cook . . .

Dear Friends,

It is with great joy that I have been given the opportunity to serve the Lord by working on the AFLC campus. During the vacation months I help get the dorms ready for school and during the school year I cook and manage the kitchen. I am in my second year of working for the Association. May the Lord help me to do what is expected of me in this work. Being able to live in a house on the grounds is another blessing.

Yes, I do love to prepare food for the students. Most of the students are so appreciative. My problem is that I cannot prepare all of the foods I would like to, as the budget will not allow it. I want to thank all of you who have donated food to our kitchen. This saves on my budget which makes it possible to prepare something special now and then. May I add that we would be happy to accept whatever you have to give to our kitchen. Stop by and have a cup of coffee with us!

Mary Sward



# editorials

## STEWARDSHIP

The idea of bringing gifts to God is an old one. The Bible reader gets no further than the fourth chapter of Genesis before coming upon offerings to the Lord. To move on, the Israelites in the wilderness were to bring gifts for the erection of the Tabernacle. The prophet Malachi quotes God as directing the people to bring "full tithes into the storehouse" (3:10).

In the New Testament, Jesus commended a poor widow for risking her very livelihood in the tiny offering she brought. But it is not until we get to the Pauline writings that we find reference made to giving to causes comparable to our own day, that is, for the bringing of Jesus Christ to all peoples. And Paul said some fine things about giving and we take much of our information about Christian stewardship from him.

Recently, *U.S. News and World Report* showed how the typical American spent each \$100 he had in 1980 after taxes. That average American contributed \$1.40 to religious and welfare activities. That was twenty cents more than he spent for tobacco. For recreation (books, radio, TV, newspapers, spectator amusements, etc.) he spent \$6.40. (If taxes were included in the \$100, the proportion used for religious and charitable causes would drop significantly.)

If the unchurched and uninterested were left out of the estimates, the figure for contributions to religious and welfare work would surely rise above the 1.4 per cent mark. And yet we can't help but wonder if many people on church rolls aren't at that figure or below. We can even say we are sure that they are. Even people who claim a commitment to Jesus Christ may be lagging back around that level and it isn't right.

In the Association itself there are all the levels of giving you would care to name. There are some, no doubt, who give well beyond the tithe. There are some who perhaps gave nothing during the past year, at least the local church treasurer has no record of any contributions.

While we have personally made the decision on tithing, it is something each has to decide for himself or herself. Cer-

tain it is that every Christian must take at least two things into consideration: that he must share with the Lord in proportion to how he has been blessed financially and one's giving must also be viewed in relationship to what is spent for other things, such as recreation, transportation, clothing, etc. How much am I justified in spending on an automobile, a house, recreational equipment, furniture, clothing, and so on, in relationship to what I bring to the Lord to help support the most important work in life, the evangelization of the world?

What we are trying to say is that our giving must reflect the importance we place on God's work in the world. No one can decide for another what is to be given. But we can hold Biblical principles before one another and encourage each other.

We are happy to present material in this *Ambassador* provided by our Stewardship Board for your consideration and inspiration.

## THE BIBLE CONFERENCES

While this editorial must be written with almost no knowledge as to program details for the three Winter Conferences next month, we know from past experience that they can be endorsed sight unseen. And you would be well served by attending one or more of them.

Three conferences are to be held: Valley City, N. Dak., Osceola, Wis., and Astoria, Ore. While the idea of three conferences permits more people to attend one, the staggered dates will make it possible for some to go to all three if they wish.

Information about program and housing for each conference is to be found in this issue. We trust it will be helpful to you.

In the midst of many problems and problem areas in our society, there is also a renewed interest in searching the Scriptures. The AFLC shares that desire for Bible study and Bible-based preaching. She has never lost it and takes increased interest in them.

Give earnest consideration to attending one of the Winter Bible Conferences. †

## OUR HIGH CALLING

The truth is that no man ever did or ever will, this side of the grave, justly estimate the value of our "high calling." Even the Apostle Paul failed of words to express "the unsearchable riches of Christ" and was content in the simplicity of his gratitude to bless God for "His unspeakable Gift." And as he realized this, so did he realize his obligation freely to give what he has freely received, enduring labors, hardships, afflictions, distresses, that he might by all means gain some for Christ. Have I made my point clear? Our appreciation of our Christian privileges reflects itself in our giving. As we appreciate what we have received, so shall we give. As we are insensible to our privileges, so shall we also be insensible to our obligations and duties.

D. H. Steffens

# 1982 LUTHERAN AMBASSADOR SCHEDULE

## EDITOR'S DEADLINES FOR 1982

Here are the deadlines for *The Lutheran Ambassador* for February 16 through December, 1982. All those who plan to submit material during the year should pay special heed.

Date of issue	Editor's Deadline	Special Emphasis
February 16	January 23	
March 2	February 6	Lent
March 16	February 20	Lent
March 30	March 6	Easter
April 13	March 20	
April 27	April 3	Mother's Day
May 11	April 17	Pentecost and Pre-Conference
May 25	May 1	Pre-Conference
June 8	May 15	Father's Day
June 22	May 29	
July 6	June 12	Youth
July 20	June 26	Conference Reports
August 3	July 10	
August 31	August 7	
September 14	August 21	
September 28	September 4	Bible School
October 12	September 18	Reformation
October 28	October 2	
November 9	October 16	Thanksgiving
November 23	October 30	Seminary
December 7	November 13	Christmas
December 21	November 27	Year's End
January 4, 1983	December 11	New Year

The WMF Bible Studies will usually appear in the first issue of each month (for the following month).

All communications concerning material for the *Ambassador* (except for the Women's Page or that arranged by one of the church agencies) should be sent to the Editor, Rev. Raynard Huglen, Box 128, Newfolden, Minn. 56738.

All material for the Women's Page should be sent directly to Mrs. Wayne Hjermstad, 16980 Duck Lake Trail, Eden Prairie, Minn. 55344. All requested material must meet her deadlines.

**The Twentieth Anniversary Album of the AFLC is being prepared for summer availability. The project is under the direction of the Board of Publications and Parish Education.**

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# Letter to the editor

## NO "SCANDAL SHEETS"

It has been my experience in the past, both as a layman and now as a pastor, to find that the "scandal sheet" is, in my opinion, a tool of Satan to keep people from giving to our Lord's total work as they should. In my home town in Oklahoma, after I returned from World War II (1946), we stopped having the scandal sheet and to our joyful surprise our budget doubled both for missions and for home the very first year.

Could you urge our people in the AFLC who still have the scandal sheet to stop it for a few years and see the God-blessed results they will have? We are to give cheerfully and in proportion as to how God is blessing us, not according to how much our neighbor gives and not as little as we possibly can "get by" with. We are to be as a horse with blinders on, looking at Jesus and His cross when we give to Him and not to be seen of men. God loves a cheerful giver and it is more blessed to give than to receive.

Please urge each congregation in the AFLC to give a special offering for World Missions between now and Jan. 31, so that we can at least keep the missionaries we already have on the fields.

There are over 2,000 promises in our Bibles that God will *bless us* for being *good stewards* of all that our Lord so graciously gives us daily. He looks at what we *keep*, as well as at what we give.

Rev. Carl Hort  
Brooten, Minn.

(Ed. note: Pastor Hort's letter speaks for itself. We are sorry it comes out so late in the fiscal year, but trust that some can still act on his plea for World Missions before the month ends.)





## Meet the new Parish Education Secretary

Mrs. Philip (Renee) Regnier took over duties as the new Executive Secretary of Parish Education for the AFLC on November 1. She was called to this position, formerly held by Miss Judith Wold, by the Board of Publications and Parish Education.

Renee is a native of Minneapolis. She has a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education from the University of Minnesota. Her minor at the University was in the field of English. She graduated with high honors in 1979. Renee has also previously worked for Lutheran Brotherhood and for the Lutheran Evangelistic Movement.

Renee became a Christian in 1977, and a member of Rosedale Lutheran Church, which is located in south Minneapolis. She has served as both a Sunday School teacher and as church treasurer at Rosedale. She and her husband Phil were united in marriage at Rosedale on July 11, 1981, and are faithful members of the congregation.

Renee works half of each day for the Parish Education Department of the AFLC and the other half of each day as assistant to the bookkeeper of the AFLC.

All of the inventory and equipment

of the Parish Education Department which has been stored in Judith Wold's home at Thief River Falls, Minnesota, has now been moved to an office at Medicine Lake. The inventory which is worth approximately \$26,000 is still being sorted out and put in order on new shelves at the office.

As soon as this work is completed, Renee will begin the most important part of her new job which is to design teaching aids and visual aids for use with the *Ambassador Series* Sunday School materials and to work in revision and improvement of the materials. She will also be contacting volunteers with artistic abilities and other gifts that can be used in this task.

The Board of Publications and Parish Education owes an enormous debt of gratitude to Miss Judith Wold for her faithful service over the past ten years. She has given richly of herself to the work of providing Biblical and doctrinally-sound Sunday School materials for use in our AFLC churches.

We give thanks to God for his provision of a new Parish Education Secretary. Let us support her with our prayers and encourage her in her work in every way possible. ✕

## Honorary Memberships recently given . . .

### Pukwana, S. Dak.

Mrs. Vandella Lundell was recently honored at a Elim WMF meeting. Her daughter is Mrs. Philip Featherstone, Elim's pastor's wife.



### Sedan, Minn.

Scandia Lutheran WMF honored Lila Schwendemann, Myrtle Thompson, and Irene Nelson.



### Roslyn, S. Dak.

Mrs. Thorlief Hovland was honored at Saron Lutheran. Mrs. Ida Folkestad pinned her sister.



### Colfax, Wis.

Mrs. Hubert DeBoer and Mrs. Dagny Peterson were honored at Faith Lutheran.



### Astoria, Oregon

Bethany Lutheran honored Nora Johnson, Betty Kujala, Alma Stone, Sally Pedersen and Agnes Jeppeson.



## Honorary Memberships . .

### Spicer, Minn.

Green Lake Lutheran WMF honored Mrs. Allays Anderson, Mrs. Alfred Swanson and Mrs. Art Hegreberg. Mrs. Art Arneson, president congratulated the ladies.



## Kirkland WMF sponsored festival

Everett and Lake Stevens, Wash. congregations joined Our Redeemer Lutheran in Kirkland for their annual Fall Festival on Nov. 15.



## Personalities

The address for **Pastor and Mrs. Yeddo Gottel** and family is 2950 Edgewood Ave. No., Minneapolis, Minn. 55427. Pastor Gottel serves Morgan Avenue Lutheran Church in Minneapolis.



## 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.

### MICHIGAN

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**Mr. Herman J. Peterson**, 69, Sept. 30, 1981, Redeemer

### MINNESOTA

Thief River Falls

**Mr. Simon Breiland**, 82, Oct. 25, 1981, Our Saviour's



Margaret Anderson seated with her sister Evelyn in the church.

## Margaret Anderson honored at Faith

On Sunday, July 12, Margaret Anderson was given special recognition at Faith Lutheran Church of Running Valley near Colfax, Wis. Miss Anderson had been the choir director at Faith since the church became a part of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations in 1963. Preceding these years, she had served as choir director at Zion Lutheran Free Church in Sand Creek, Wis., and had been the choir accompanist for 18 years before becoming the choir director there.

All in all, Margaret contributed 45 years to music in the churches, not counting the years she sang in the choir. She returned as choir director in October of 1980. However, Margaret continues to serve in many capacities. Just last fall she wrote the program for our Advent service and a ladies' chorus for that special family event.

On her day, she was presented with a corsage. At the close of the worship service, Christie and Betty Freeberg sang, "How Gladly I My Place Have Taken." Then our new choir director, Mrs. Diane Madison, read a poem and sang "Beautiful Savior."

On behalf of the congregation, Gerald Madison presented her with a token of appreciation.

Following Margaret's response, the audience sang one of her favorite hymns, "My Heart Is Longing to Praise my Savior."

A potluck dinner was held following the morning worship service when friends had an opportunity to fellowship with her.

Rev. Hubert DeBoer is the pastor at Faith Lutheran.

—Corr.

## No more coupons

A hearty thanks has been expressed by Mrs. Alice Kinnunen of Minneapolis, Minn., to all the folks throughout the Association congregations who have responded to the need for "cents off" coupons for the benefit of the Northern Colony for Retarded Children in Chippewa Falls, Wis. Now Mrs. Kinnunen is phasing out her part in this program. She will yet take those coupons that folks have on hand presently, but after that people do not need to collect them any longer for that project.

Corr.

## Bike-a-thon for Missions at Reva

The Slim Buttes Lutheran Sunday School held a Mission Bike-a-thon on Sunday, Oct. 18, 1981. At 3:00 p.m. the 26 bikers left the church and headed east for Prairie City, 11 miles away.

The bikers collected pledges totaling over \$1000. The entire amount of the proceeds will be used to pay for Bibles and Sunday School materials to be used by the missionaries of the AFLC.

The youngest peddler was four and he traveled by tricycle one mile. Two five-year-olds made a two-mile ride, and one almost five year old managed to ride over 8 miles before "throwing in the towel." The other bikers made the whole distance and the Lord has blessed their efforts beyond anything that we could have imagined.

The bike-a-thon was followed by supper at the church and at 7:00 the WMF sponsored a family night which included showing the movie, "More Than a Champion" starring Wilbur Plautner from the Cowboys for Christ.

In all it was quite a day at Slim Buttes!

(Most of the bikers are pictured)



YOU CAN HELP when sending news to the *Ambassador*, typed notes help assure proper spelling of names. Also, we appreciate your help in using formal names for women (i.e.,) Mrs. John Smith. Thank you.



## Ortley Lutheran celebrates 10 years

On December 6th, Ortley Lutheran Church, Ortley, S. Dak., celebrated the tenth year since the church was founded. In 1971 Ortley Lutheran Church began holding regular services with pastors supplied by the Association headquarters in Minneapolis, Minn.

John Reith served the church for two years while attending seminary and after graduation he continued to serve the church as its first regular pastor.

Others who have served the church are Rev. Einar Unseth, now of Bismarck, N. Dak., and the present pastor, Bill Moberg.

Two services were held. In the morning, the Home Missions Director, Rev. Elden Nelson, brought the message, representing the AFLC. Following the morning service, a fellowship dinner was held. Pastor Unseth brought the message for the evening service.

The first president of the congregation, Arlo Kneeland, shared blessings of the first ten years. The history of the church and the WMF were shared by Mrs. Bob Rudebusch and Mrs. Raymond Miller. Brian Davidson, our first seminarian, Debbie Rudebusch, our first missionary, and Mike Rudebusch, Sunday School superintendent, were among those who shared what the church has meant to their lives.

A special blessing was the presence of Pastor and Mrs. Karl Stendal of Brooklyn Center, Minn., who were instrumental in the founding of Ortley Lutheran Church.

The theme for the anniversary was "Continue in My Word," from John 8:31.

Pastor Moberg

## A Home Mission Tour to the North Dakota Frontier in 1886

**The third of four parts\***

by J. H. Blegen

(This is the story of a home mission trip undertaken by Prof. Blegen in 1886 in behalf of the Norwegian-Danish Conference. The trip was made by buggy and a strong team of ponies. In the two previous articles Prof. Blegen has told of his experiences in coming to such places as Devils Lake, Cando, Dunseith and the area of the future city of Towner. In this installment he tells of arriving at the westernmost limit of his trip, the vicinity of present-day Minot. His general assignment was to survey the Mouse River region of what would later become the State of North Dakota.)

### Billard

From Antelope Valley I travelled back to Mr. Gilberg by the Mouse River in order that I could go further up the river. In Mr. Gilberg's new log house I found a hospitable night's lodging and a comfortable accommodation comparable to lying high up in the mountains in a cabin made of peat where fleas were an everyday plague.

Before I went further I gave Mr. Gilberg also the promise of a visit by a pastor that fall and that word of his coming would be sent in good time. The address was Newport, McHenry County, N. Dak. Also in that district a Conference congregation was organized. Pastor A. A. Brunsvold later carried on pioneer work as a home mission pastor in that area.

On July 16 my travels took me past Newport to a place called Billard. The Great Northern Railroad, which was planned and already being built, would cross the Mouse River by Newport. And people believed there would be a large town there. I was told that someone had already begun to publish a newspaper there, but I didn't see anything more than two or three tents and a large pile of bones (Ed: buffalo, no doubt).

By Billard a number of Norwegians had settled. But a Synod pastor had just been there and organized a congregation. Sure enough, there were two families who had earlier belonged to a Conference church. But there didn't seem to be any opening for activity on my part in that place. And, of course, I hadn't come out to begin work in opposition in places where the field was already taken up. From one of the two Conference men I received, in the meanwhile, a hospitable reception, which was very welcome to one who had travelled far and was a stranger. The man's name was John Larson and he had earlier lived in Albert Lea,

## Three join Radcliffe

The wives of three young men of the congregation were welcomed as members of Salem Lutheran Church, Radcliffe, Ia., at the Sunday morning service on Dec. 13, 1981. They are pictured, left to right, with their husbands; Mrs. Kevin (Robin) Tuttle, Mrs. Jim (Sandy) Handsaker, and Mrs. Merritt (Marilyn) Reisetter. Pastor Donald Greven is shown at the left.

## New members at Colfax

Mr. and Mrs. George Entzminger and children Erin and Joshua, as well as Mr. and Mrs. Jim Peterson, Eric and Jennifer and Mr. Rodney Maukstad were received into membership at Faith Lutheran Church of Running Valley near Colfax, Wis., recently.

Pastor Hubert DeBoer is pictured center left.





## TOUR . . .

Minn. From him I got the information that there were the beginnings of a Norwegian settlement about 50 miles further on, where it was possible that the people might want pastoral service from the Conference.

### Tendroi

So I went further in the direction of that settlement and that day drove about 30 miles to a place which was called Tendroi. If I don't remember incorrectly, it was early that day that I saw a large wolf which sat a little way off the trail and looked with eager eyes at my ponies. It wasn't further from the way but that I could have shot it if I had had a rifle, but it sat quietly and didn't run as I drove by. I was afraid that there could be a whole pack of wolves in the vicinity, but no wolves came after me so I came away with only a little anxiety and suspense. On another occasion on that mission tour, I don't remember where, a pretty fox came jumping in on the road and followed the buggy closely for a while, made several great leaps past the buggy and horses, ran ahead of the team for a while and then jumped out in the grass and disappeared.

In Tendroi I was given a night's lodging with an American who in the morning wouldn't take any pay from me, probably because he found out I was on a mission trip.

### A Little Deception

From that place I continued my journey the whole next day, the 17th of July. In the evening I came to a lonely house by the trail. A Norwegian man lived there and in his house a post office had been established called St. Clair. I told the man who I was, namely a representative of the Conference and that I was travelling in the interest of home missions, and I asked him if he knew of any Conference people thereabouts where I could possibly find lodging and information about what opportunity there was for home mission work in that district. The man, who I later found out was a Synod man and belonged to a newly organized Synod congregation, without doubt decided to have a little fun at my expense. He directed me to a house some distance away, where I would cer-

tainly find people who could give me the information I wanted. I went over there and reported there also in all earnestness who I was and why I had come. However, I received quite a chilly reception and in conversation with the man, who met me out in the yard, I found out the following: a Synod congregation had just been organized at that place, the man who talked with me had been elected a trustee in the church, the pastor was going to preach his inaugural sermon the next day and was living for the present in this man's home. Thereupon the pastor was called out and the man pointed to the other side of the river and let me know that there I could find some religious "cranks," but it was added that they hardly needed any pastor because they preached themselves. I thanked him for the enlightenment and said that I would cross the river and try to find some of those "cranks." I didn't take what had been said to me personally. I was, after all, not unacquainted with the fact that in those days a tension existed between the Norwegian Synod and the Conference.

That evening I found a very hospitable welcome at the home of a man named Sevald Johnson, who had earlier belonged to a Conference congregation served by Pastor E. Eriksen.

### Favorable Reception

The next morning, which was Sunday, we went and heard the Synod pastor preach his inaugural sermon before a few hearers in a small log house. In the afternoon I preached in another house where Sevald Johnson and others had arranged a meeting for me, if there were any who wanted to come and hear me. Yes, a considerable number came, and several of them expressed themselves as desiring to get a pastor from the Conference. And it was decided to hold a discussion meeting the next day. First we had a worship service with baptism and the Lord's Supper, and after that discussion was held about future pastoral service with the result that 8-10 men agreed to ask me to do what I could to see that they got a pastor. Also, a family which had formerly belonged to Hauges Synod desired to belong to the congregation. We had some pleasant times together about God's Word and I got the impression from the people that there was

some living Christianity among them. They were waiting to organize a congregation that fall and I promised to write in good time to J. O. Vatne, Andrew Nelson and John Wallin. The address was Burlington P. O., Ward County, Dakota Territory.

It was on the 18th and 19th of July, 1886, that these meetings were held and this was the beginning of the church work which the Conference and the Lutheran Free Church have carried on in that area, where there later grew up a large town which received the name Minot. Pastor J. U. Pederson became the pioneer pastor in these regions and Pastor Nicolay Nilsen continued the work after him.

(to be continued)

\*This series, originally scheduled for three parts, has been extended to four. The final installment will appear next time.

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## LEM Winter Conference

The 46th annual Midwinter Conference of the Lutheran Evangelistic Movement (L.E.M.) will be held January 24-28 at Trinity Lutheran Church of Minnehaha Falls, 5212 41st Avenue S., Minneapolis, Minnesota. For many years it has usually been held at First Augustana, in downtown Minneapolis.

Evening speaker, Sunday-Thursday, will be Dr. Conrad M. Thompson, director and radio pastor of Lutheran Vespers, a Minneapolis-based radio program sponsored by the American Lutheran Church.

Day sessions, beginning Monday at 10:00 a.m., will consist of Bible studies by Evangelist Philip Hanson and Dr. Dan Friberg, and topical electives for study and discussion. Featured speaker on Thursday afternoon will be Dr. John R. W. Stott, Rector Emeritus of All Souls Church, London, England.

Following the conference will be sessions for youth, beginning Friday evening, January 29, and continuing all day Saturday, January 30, at Central Lutheran Church, East Grant and 4th Avenue in downtown Minneapolis.

Evening speaker for youth, Friday and Saturday, will be the Rev. Bill McKee of Mesa, Arizona, well-known youth communicator and conference

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speaker. Also on Saturday will be practical workshops for youth and youth leaders, messages, music by Dave and Barb Anderson and LEM Gospel teams and others, with special features by The Carpenter's Workshop.

The LEM is an independent movement within Lutheranism, serving Lutheran churches of all synods in the USA and Canada through youth teams, Deeper Life family camps and conferences and evangelistic services.

## 1982 WINTER BIBLE CONFERENCES

Feb. 10-13 — Valley City, N. Dak.

Feb. 17-20 — The ARC, Osceola, Wis.

Feb. 26-28 — Astoria, Ore.

**THEME: "GOD'S REST IN TIMES OF TROUBLE" Heb. 4:1-11**

Evening Service Speaker: (Wed.-Fri.) Valley City — Rev. Leslie Galland  
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Bible Study Leader: Valley City — Rev. Philip Rokke  
The ARC — Rev. Ralph Tjelta

### **Thursday**

9:15 a.m. Devotions

9:30-10:30 Bible Study Galatians

11:00-12:00 Lecture "Our Great Need for Rest" Is. 57:20-21  
Valley City — Rev. John Strand  
The ARC — Rev. Paul Nash

2:00 p.m. Bible Study Galatians

3:30- 4:30 Lecture "The Foundation for Rest" Rom. 5:1; Matt. 11:28  
Valley City — Rev. Wesley Langaas  
The ARC — Rev. James Fugleberg

8:00 Evening Service

### **Friday**

9:15 a.m. Devotions

9:30 Bible Hour

11:00 Lecture "God's Rest in Trials and Afflictions" Phil. 4:4-7  
Valley City — Rev. Bruce Dalager  
The ARC — Rev. Richard Gilmore

2:00 p.m. Bible Hour

3:30 Lecture "God's Rest in Times of Affluence" Phil. 4:11, 12; I Tim. 6:17-19  
Valley City — Rev. Robert Lewis  
The ARC — Lay Pastor Roger Krueger

8:00 Evening Service

### **Saturday**

9:15 a.m. Devotions

9:30 Bible Hour

11:00 Lecture "Rest Eternally in Christ" Jn. 14:1-3  
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