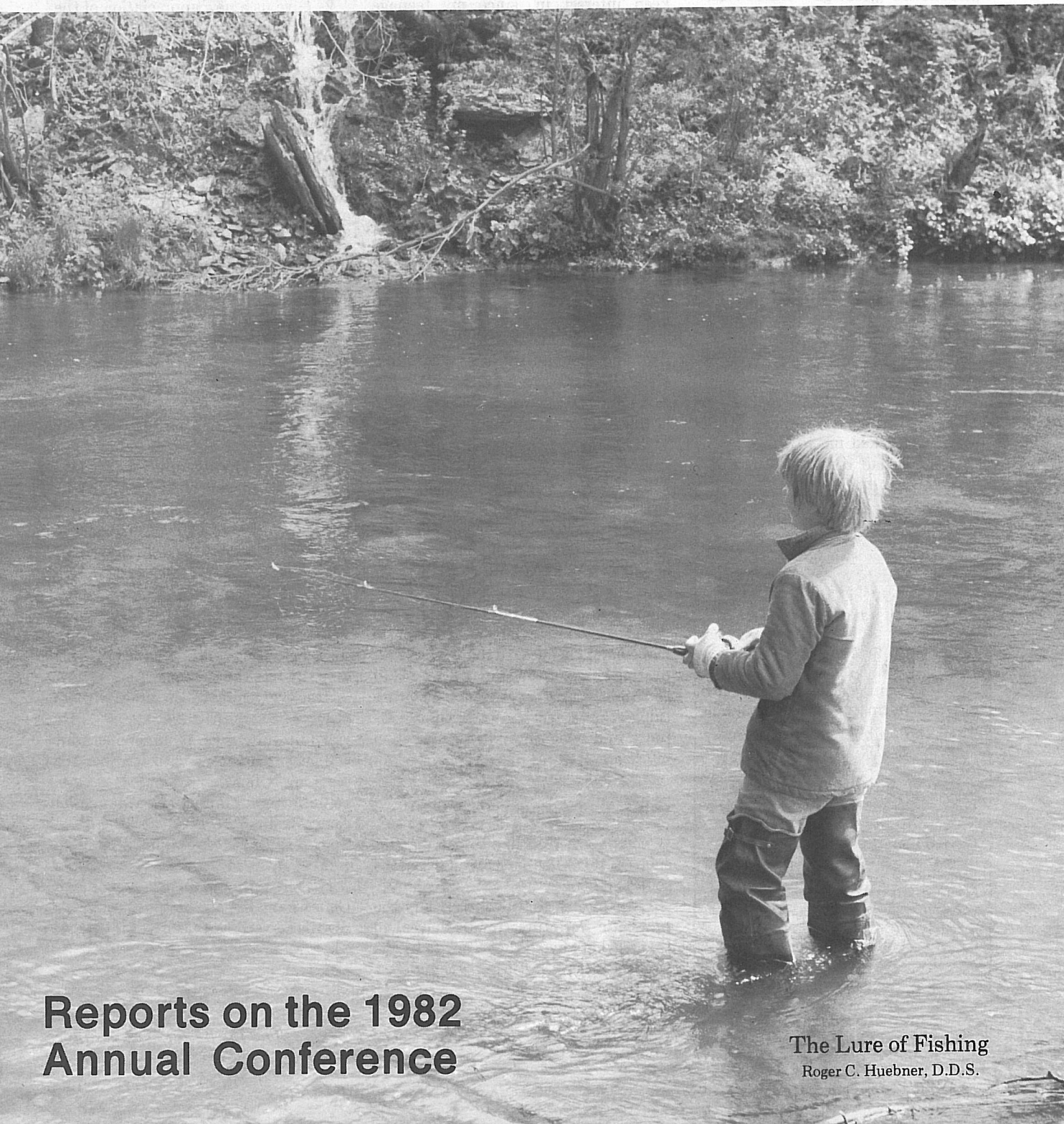


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**Reports on the 1982
Annual Conference**

The Lure of Fishing
Roger C. Huebner, D.D.S.

AT THE MASTER'S FEET

by Pastor Harvey Carlson

PROPHECY—Some Introductory Thoughts

This first article will not be typical of the others to follow. Usually, we will be looking at specific passages of Scripture and note what they state and reveal. This time we will rather touch on some preliminary matters and seek to lay some groundwork for the further articles.

A Personal Word

Since there is so much of personal testimony in God's Word, it may not be out of order for me to begin on a personal note.

The subject of Biblical prophecy, on which our editor and the editorial board have asked me to write, is one that I have had contact with, and a

keen interest in, since my teenage years. The Augustana Synod, in which I grew up, had a strong emphasis on prophetic teachings and I heard much of this teaching in my home congregation in south Minneapolis, Minn. Contact with the Lutheran Bible Institute movement brought more of this same emphasis. Also, I recall how my heart was stirred by studies in I Thessalonians at a Bible camp on the Iron Range, the summer after I finished high school. For a good many years now, I have been among those "who have loved His appearing" (II Tim. 4:8).

So, though I am not an expert in this field and though there is so very much about Biblical prophecy that I do not know, it is a joy to work on this series of articles.

Of course our theme will not be: "A summary of all of the prophecies of the Bible." Even if I were qualified to so write, it couldn't be done in 12 brief articles! Nor will our theme be: "The final word on the return of Christ." There is only one place to find that and that is in the Bible itself!

But I do want to try to set forth a few things that have moved, convicted, helped and encouraged me. I will be repeating some of the things I have said at Bible conferences, but they are things that I feel are of great importance and which are very much upon my heart.

Possible Goals

How might God like to use a series such as this? See if these suggestions sound right:

1. Inspire us to diligently study the prophetic Scriptures for ourselves, so that we don't avoid them, nor go by the word of others, but see firsthand just what God's Word says.

2. Give us a new appreciation of the far-reaching program Jesus will carry out at His return and of how all-important this program is in the total redemptive purposes of God.

3. Make us aware of some significant happenings in our period of history. Jesus rebuked those of His generation for not discerning the signs of those days. (Matt. 16:3). We want to avoid receiving a similar rebuke.

4. Bring about a definite difference in our personal lives. A consistent awareness of our unavoidable personal accounting to the Lord Jesus Christ should have a profound effect on the way we think, speak and act.

Some Don'ts and Do's

As we pursue these studies together, please *do not*:

— accept anything as true just because I or any other person says or writes it. This sort of thing is done far too often.
— reject anything as false just because it may be something you have not heard before.

But, please *do these things*:

— test everything you read by the Scriptures, and by all of the Scriptures. Notice *exactly* what the Bible says. Be like the Bereans (Acts 17:11).
— test everything by the inner witness of the Holy Spirit (I Jn. 2:20, 27). He will faithfully give an inner restraint or release, in accord with whether the teaching is false, or true.
— definitely claim the promise of Jesus in John 16:13—"He (the Holy Spirit) will disclose to you what is to come."

Here is an assignment: go through Genesis and list all the times that God reveals something that is yet future. †

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Report of the 19th Annual Conference

Church Officers

Rev. Richard Snipstead, 53, was elected to his second three-year term as president of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations in the church's 19th Annual Conference held at Medicine Lake, Minneapolis, Minn., June 17-21. Three years ago he succeeded Rev. John P. Strand, who had held the post for almost 16 years.

In the other constitutional offices, Rev. David Molstre, Dickinson, N. Dak., was elected to his third one-year term as vice-president and Rev. Hubert DeBoer, Colfax, Wis., to his second one-year term as secretary. Pastor Molstre also serves as chairman of the Board of Home Missions.

The Opening Night Service

The opening service on Wednesday was led by Rev. Francis Monseth, who later in the conference was elected dean of the theological seminary to succeed Rev. Amos O. Dyrud. The sermon was preached by Rev. Terry L. Olson, Minot, N. Dak., who spoke on the conference theme, "Behold the Multitudes" (Matthew 9:35-38).

Pastor Olson said that Jesus was moved as He saw the multitudes in their needs, distressed, troubled, physically weakened, scattered. They were like a field ready for harvest. So we also see the multitudes perishing physically and spiritually in our time. Unfortunately, he declared, many do not realize their spiritual condition and what makes for peace. And many are being given stones for bread.

As Jesus taught and proclaimed the truth and healed sick bodies and spirits, Pastor Olson asserted, so He sends forth workers now to minister to needs. He is particular about those who go. We are to pray out the workers for the

harvest, Mr. Olson emphasized. These workers are to preach *Christ* and trust also in the grace which comes through the Sacraments. Those who go out in the Lord's name and at His command have his authority to serve the multitudes.

In greeting the conference on the opening evening, Pastor Snipstead used Isaiah 44:1-4. He told the full church that all shared one common thirst for God's blessings. And God has promised to bless, he reminded the delegates. "For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty" (v. 3a).

The AFLBS summer Gospel team, the Ambassadors, sang several songs at the service.

Congregations, Pastors

The report of the Co-ordinating Committee, given by Rev. Wendell E. Johnson, Stacy, Minn., chairman, revealed that there were 98 ordained pastors on the clergy roster, one on the fellowship roster, and 12 lay pastors. The ordination of two men on Sunday raised the number of ordained pastors to an even 100.

Pastor Johnson reported that there are 133 congregations in the church. That total was reached by the addition during the year of four churches: Christ is Lord, La Crosse, Wis., Calvary, Bismarck, N. Dak., Faith, Burlington, N. Dak., and Bethany, Brodhead, Wis.

Focus on Canada

For the first time in a long while more than passing note was made of the existence of Canada as a possible place for work by the Association. Two resolutions were passed. One resolved "that we remember to pray and to thank God for the interest and concern

of people in Canada for the work of the Association." Another declared "that the Home Mission Board be given authorization to check out potential interest in Canada" (in having AFLC congregations established).

Mr. Gene Sundby, Outlook, Sask., a lay pastor in the AFLC, but who has been prevented from working in that capacity for some years due to a health problem from which he is now recovering, attended the conference and challenged it in the direction of Canada. He was accompanied at the conference by his wife Sylvia.

The Schools

Rev. Amos Dyrud is retiring after 12 years at the Seminary and Bible School, ten of them as dean of the Seminary. He and his wife plan to remain in the Cities and he will do occasional teaching at the Schools. They were honored at a coffee break on Thursday and received cards and gifts in appreciation of their service to the church (she has served as secretary to the president for some years).

His successor as dean, Rev. Francis Monseth, 39, is a teacher at the Schools and a graduate of the Seminary. He has master's degrees from Seattle Pacific College and Concordia Theological Seminary, St. Louis, and has completed most of his work for his doctorate from the latter.

There is an unusually large turnover in personnel at the Bible School this summer. Leaving, in addition to Pastor Dyrud, are Miss Orpha Flaten, Mr. Anker Harbo, Mrs. Solveig Larson Hjermstad, Mr. John Mundfrom and Mr. Clifforn Holm. Miss Flaten will be moving to the Association office as secretary and receptionist. Her duties will also include work for the *Ambassador*.

Only three replacements have been named thus far. They are Pastor Eugene Enderlein (teaching) and Mrs. Enderlein (teaching in Christian Education), and Mrs. Esther Larson (secretary to the dean). Other replacements are being sought.

Missions

The Conference gave thanks to God for the safe arrival of Pastor and Mrs. Charles Knapp and family in Paraguay. They are the AFLC's newest missionaries. Thanks was also given for Pastor Eugene Enderlein's assumption of a larger role as Director of World Missions this summer.

It was voted to establish a fund which will be used to start an orphanage in India. Projections are that such an institution would take care of 25 or 30 children. Funds for the project will have to be above and beyond the regular budget for missions.

The Board of World Missions protested the cut of some \$28,000 from its request for 1982-83 by the Budget Analysis Committee. But the Conference sustained the BAC actions and granted the lesser figure of \$218,880.

Rev. Elden Nelson, Executive Director of Home Missions, told the Conference that 15 congregations are presently receiving Home Mission support. He said that Jamestown, N. Dak., will be a new start for 1981, work has already been commenced in Escanaba, Mich., and a future prospect is Beltingham, Wash.

Elections

Elections are reported elsewhere in this issue. It should be kept in mind that whenever someone is elected to serve a corporation, that election is made by the corporation. That fact is not always stated in news reporting because it is cumbersome to do so, but in practice it is carried out. The Conference only does the nominating.

Minimum Goals

The Annual Conference adopted a minimum goal for ingathering from the congregations and individuals in 1982-83 of \$914,003. That compares with the current goal of \$809,206.

Next Conference

Invitations for the 1982 annual conference were extended by Mr. Robert Dietsche on behalf of the Association Retreat Center, Osceola, Wis., where he serves as manager, and by Rev. David Mostre, Dickinson, N. Dak., where he is pastor. By slightly more than two to one the delegates chose the western North Dakota city as the site for 1982. The conference will be held on the campus of the State College in Dickinson.

More news from the Annual Conference next time.

CONFERENCE ELECTION RESULTS

*denotes re-election

President

Rev. Richard Snipstead, Minneapolis, Minn.*

Vice-President

Rev. David C. Molstre, Dickinson, N. Dak.*

Secretary

Rev. Hubert DeBoer, Colfax, Wis.*

Co-ordinating Committee

5 years

Rev. Ronald Knutson, Ferndale, Wash.*

Mr. Sheldon Mortrud, Thief River Falls, Minn.*

Board of Trustees

5 years

Rev. John P. Strand, Fargo, N. Dak.

Mr. Ralph Peterson, Portland, N. Dak.*

Board of World Missions

5 years

Mr. Kenneth Williams, Ishpeming, Mich.*

Board of Home Missions

5 years

Rev. Philip Haugen, Minneapolis, Minn.

Commission on Evangelism

5 years

Rev. Terry Olson, Minot, N. Dak.*

Stewardship Board

5 years

Mr. Norman Olson, Willmar, Minn.*

Youth Board

1 year

Rev. Allen Monson, Tioga, N. Dak.

5 years

Mr. Donald Rodvold, Minneapolis, Minn.

Board of Pensions

5 years

Rev. Fred Carlson, Wadena, Minn.*

Board of Publications and Parish Education

5 years

Rev. Ralph Tjelta, Minneapolis, Minn.

CORPORATION ELECTIONS

The following persons were elected by their corporations to membership after nomination by the Conference on June 18:

Schools Corporation

5 years

Mr. Morris Borstad, Tioga, N. Dak.*

Dr. Philip Dyrud, Middle River, Minn.*

Mr. Richard Hinderaker, Radcliffe, Ia.*

Mr. LeRoy Knutson, Newfolden, Minn.*

Mr. Sherman McCarlson, Webster, S. Dak.*

Rev. Terry Olson, Minot, N. Dak.*

Mr. Michael Rudebusch, Ortle, S. Dak.

Rev. Mauritz Lundeen, Bagley, Minn.

Mr. Lyle Twite, Cloquet, Minn.

Mr. Orville Qualley, Brockton, Mont.

Missions Corporation

1 year

Rev. Robert Lewis, Abercrombie, N. Dak.

5 years

Rev. Richard Anderson, Lake Stevens, Wash.*

Rev. Amos Dyrud, Minneapolis, Minn.*

Mr. Robert Knutson, McVile, N. Dak.*

Rev. Dale Mellgren, Kalispell, Mont.*

Mrs. Bernard Myking, Minneapolis, Minn.*

Rev. John Rieth, Williston, N. Dak.*

Mr. Joel Rogenes, Ely, Minn.*

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Prepared and delivered by Pastor R. Snipstead

The President's Message

(Continued)

Conferences and Camps

The past year was one of the richest we can remember for our AFLC as far as camps and conferences are concerned. Last summer two family camps were conducted by our AFLC in the Midwest. The first was at Lake Bronson and the second was at The ARC, our new Retreat Center. Both weeks were very well attended. As we have said before, "Camping is not dead in our AFLC." Both of these Family Camps will be in operation again this summer. Literature is in your packets for both camps. We would encourage all of our families to try to be at one of these camps if at all possible.

A bit of a different camping opportunity is being planned as well, this summer. There will be a Weekend Wilderness Camp at our AFLC property near Lake Park, Minnesota. The dates are July 31-August 2.

Our Pastors' Conference in January held out at The ARC was the best attended one, with 100 pastors and lay-pastors present. We sensed a tremendous oneness of Spirit those days among our pastors.

Two mid-winter Bible Conferences were held simultaneously. One was on the West Coast at Everett, Washington, and the second at Tioga, North Dakota. The same theme carried through for both conferences. Attendance was excellent for both and the fellowship was the finest. Suggestions have been made and consideration will be given to having three area mid-winter conferences next year.

Evangelism

We are thankful for the spirit of evangelism that continues to be evident in our church body. This is not something that allows us the luxury of becoming proud. It is a matter of ne-

cessity. We are a spiritual movement, and we need to be constantly seeking for and praying for awakening and renewal among our people.

We are grateful to God for Evangelist Kenneth Pentti's ministry. We rejoice as the good reports of meetings come in, and to hear that the Spirit of God has been at work as souls are saved.

The ARC

Tremendous changes have been taking place at the Association Retreat Center at Osceola, thanks to the directors: Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dietsche. They have worked tirelessly this past year and have almost accomplished the impossible. The facilities are just becoming known in the Twin Cities area, and we are sure that it will soon become one of the most sought after Retreat Centers.

Many of our own groups have used the center. We would encourage even a better use of it by our own people. We look forward to the day when most of the apartments can be occupied by AFLC people, and perhaps the possibility of a congregation being started there.

Schools and Missions

Fairly detailed reports will follow on all areas of the work of our Schools and Missions. However, I would also like to add just a few of my own feelings about these, the major endeavors of the work our congregations accomplish together.

Our schools have had another good year. The two past years we have had resolutions praying for God to call out men for the ministry. We saw a marvelous answer to that prayer with eleven new students last Fall at the seminary. The new class this coming year may equal that of last year. We thank God

for each of these men, and we will need every one of them for the future ministry of our Church.

Let us also pray for more students for our Bible School. We have the finest faculty available for these young people to become knowledgeable in the Word. We have the facilities to care for them.

Mission work has now expanded to four foreign countries with the Charles Knapps in Paraguay. It will be good to have Pastor Enderlein at headquarters, and able to devote more time to World Mission affairs.

There is a great need and urgency for a continued strong emphasis on Home Missions. The very life of our church depends on a strong Home Mission program. If we ever cease to have concern for those about us, and stop growing, we will begin to die.

Pastoral Supply and Salaries

Our supply of pastors is as critical as it has ever been. At the present time we have nine vacancies. Many congregations have sent call after call without success. An increasing number of our pastors will not consider a multiple parish. This presents some real concerns for us at this particular time when we have a number of vacant parishes with three and four congregations.

Many of our pastors continue to struggle to support their family on meager salaries. Congregations need to remember the tremendous costs involved with the pastor having to own and operate a motor vehicle. His salary ought to reflect a living wage above travel expense. A survey of pastors' salaries will again be conducted this January. We will be making the results of that survey available to all our congregations.

Health Insurance and Pensions

Through the efforts of our Board of Pensions, our pastors, and now all full-time employees of our AFLC can participate in our Group Health Insurance and Pension Plan. Medical costs have been rising more rapidly than in almost any other field. During the last two years, our group has also experienced extra heavy claims. This has placed a burden on the Pension Board to try to find a group plan that will provide the adequate coverage at a price our pastors can bear. This is the second year that we have switched companies for Health Insurance, but we have been able to keep the costs for Health care at the cost that it was at two years ago. We are now with a National Group Health Care Plan designated for Ministers and Church workers, and we are optimistic that we will not need to go shopping for a health care plan next year.

The Pension Board recommends that the congregations pay 2/3 and the pastor 1/3 of the cost of the Health Care and Pension Plan. Some of our pastors are on the 18% of the salary for Health Care, recommended by our Conference two years ago. Many of our men are still only on a 15% of the salary for medical care and pensions. We would hope that for the men still on the lower percentile, the congregations would go to the higher figure. It will make such a difference in the pension that your pastor will be able to draw after retirement.

Our Pension Board has worked hard with the interest of the individual pastor at heart. Mr. James Bjorgan of Wood Nelson has been of great assistance to our Pension Board.

AFLC Church Highway Marker

During the past few months much work has been done on a highway marker design that could meet the needs of our congregations and be uniquely AFLC. We are pleased that through the efforts of Miss Solveig Larson a sample of this marker is on hand at the Conference. Quantity ordering would make these signs available for around \$20.00 per sign. Each congregation would have to add its own name and directional information.

Youth Worker

Our Annual Conference has for several years called on our Youth Board to call a Youth Worker as soon as it can be done. I am sure that we all are desirous of seeing that day. I want to express appreciation to the Youth Board for the responsible way they have dealt with this resolution. The solution certainly has not been to rush out and find someone to fill this spot. Unless we have the right man for the job, we are better off with no one in this position. Our pastors will still be the key people in the work among youth even after a youth worker is found.

If it is desired to have a pastor fill the role of youth worker, then we are some time away from filling this position. We cannot afford to take another pastor out of the parish ministry at this time.

World Relief

We are pleased to report that \$6,809.48 was contributed to the World Relief Commission last year by our Association people. We are thankful that we have this reliable organization, an arm of the National Association of Evangelicals, through which to channel funds to needy peoples in the world. We have had a share in helping to meet the needs of the suffering in East Africa, Southeast Asia, Haiti, Central America, and other areas of intense suffering. May the love of Christ for the hungry, the homeless and helpless so move us in the year ahead that we might seek to do more to meet these needs.

Twentieth Anniversary

Next June will be the 20th Annual Conference of our AFLC. Our Board of Parish Education is to be commended for consideration of ways to commemorate this milestone. They are proposing an anniversary book with a history of our church, a listing and pictures of pastors and congregations. We believe this would be a good project, but will demand complete co-operation.

A second project for this anniversary year could be a special anniversary offering for debt reduction, and the various endeavors of our AFLC for special needs above the budget goals.

Necrology

The Rev. G. H. Spletstoesser of Pine River, Minnesota passed away on January 31, 1981 at Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis. The funeral was held on February 4 at the Northland funeral Home in Pine River, Minnesota. Pastor Spletstoesser had never served one of our congregations, but was an administrator of a Nursing Home in Pine River. He was on our Clergy Roster.

In Conclusion

Another year has come and gone. Failures and shortcomings mar the pages of yesterday. We thank God for His unchanging and infinite grace. With the hymnwriter we look to the future—

*O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come
Be Thou our guide while life shall last*

And our eternal home

I want to express my appreciation for the privilege of serving you as president these last three years. There have been times of joy and times of sorrow. Not all the path has been smooth. God's grace has been more than sufficient. I have had the full support and cooperation of our boards. It has been a joy to work with the pastors of our AFLC. Many of them serve in hard places, and I have felt so often that I have failed many of them.

There are challenging days ahead for the Church. Our greatest struggles may well be with secularism which makes a profession of faith but ignores Biblical imperatives. A second danger, that is cropping up all about us is from the new religion of Humanism, which asserts that man's own reason and efforts are man's best and only hope.

The Church is a living organism, the body of Christ, of which He Himself is the head, and we severally are members of His body. Our dedication and commitment to Him are our joy and our surety.

We look for the day when Christ shall come, and we shall join with the saints of all the ages to become the Church Triumphant. For now we must be true soldiers of Christ, the Church Militant, marching on to victory through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Conclusion)

Mrs. H.C. Mullens

**“The Apostle of the Zenanas” and
“The Lady of the Slippers” (1845-1861)**

You know what a zenana is, don't you? That close-shut apartment in an Indian house, where the wives of the husband are shut in, and not allowed to so much as peep out of a crack? (Ed. note: These apartments may not exist in India today, or at least not in the same form.)

The women in the zenanas, whether rich or poor, have always been sadly ignorant, often very idle, with nothing to do but comb their hair, look over their jewels and talk gossip, or quarrel with each other. They have always been unhappy. How to reach and teach these imprisoned women, many of them very young, was one of the first missionary puzzles. The women could not get out, and the missionaries could not get in—that is, not for a long, long while, till the lady of this story came. If you have never heard about the “slippers” you shall hear now.

The lady was born in India. Her name was Hannah Catherine Lacroix, and she was a missionary's daughter. Her birthplace was Calcutta, and the year was 1826. Her father was intensely interested in his work, and was especially anxious about the women of India. The daughter seemed to breathe

the spirit of her parents from childhood.

She had not a chance to receive a very finished education, but she was very bright, and made the best use of the opportunities that she had. She spoke Bengali very fluently, and was so intelligent, loving, and sympathetic, that when she was only twelve, she was able to help her mother by taking a class of children in the day school, started in the missionary's garden.

When about 15 she gave her heart to the Lord Jesus, and became much more earnest about helping others to know Him. She gathered the servants and taught them, and had other classes. At 19 she married Rev. Dr. Mullens, of the London Missionary Society, and the two were very happy in the work they loved so dearly. The wife became so well acquainted with the language that her father said that he might be able to preach a better sermon, but his daughter could carry on conversation much better than he could. A little book that she wrote for native Christian women was printed in 12 dialects of India.

But how about the zenana and the slippers? Well, there is a very close

connection. Mrs. Mullens had great skill with her needle, and did beautiful embroidery. One day a native gentleman was visiting the house. Mrs. Mullens was working a pair of slippers. The gentleman noticed and admired her work very much.

“I should like my wife taught such things,” he said, finally. Quick as a flash the missionary said, “I will come and teach her.” The slippers thus opened the way to the zenana in the first place. Next a school was planned, and by and by, after the first opportunities, the missionary ladies had access to many shut-in women, and the work grew.

In the midst of loving labours, Mrs. Mullens' life ended at 35, in 1861.

The embroidery needle that she used so skillfully is lost, and the work of the busy fingers worn out long ago. Both answered their end, simple as they were. Doors are open today, and stand wide, against which Mrs. Mullens pushed her little needlepoint.

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

OUR MEMORY VERSE

“When he (Peter) had come, they brought him into the upper chamber: and all the widows stood by him weeping, and shewing the coats and garments which Dorcas made, while she was with them” (Acts 9:39).

Expanding Our Horizons

Faculty, school board, classmates, parents, family and friends:

Today is a very special, important day for all of the seniors. We all have waited for this day for a very long time. I'm sure that all of my classmates have mixed emotions. There are feelings of excitement, happiness, relief, and, yes, even sadness.

In the beginning of the year, we were very excited about being seniors but it almost seemed like a dream. Could we possibly be the class that everyone looks to for help, that sets the examples, that leads in groups and clubs and that receives special privileges? It really didn't seem possible. In fact, graduation seemed very far away. When senior privileges began, we all realized that the time was going by very fast and that we only had a short time before we would all go our separate ways. And now, graduation is here.

The class of '81 is a class with many interests and hobbies, such as sports, music, FHA, yearbook staff, cheerleading, arts and crafts, and the list could go on and on. Every person has different interests, and I think that is good. We also have different values and goals. It is very important to be your own person. You shouldn't be afraid to be different. Since we are going out into the world, we must learn to make up our own minds because our mother, dad, best friend, or whoever it may be is not going to be there to help you make up your mind. There is one who is there at all times. He is all-knowing, loving and caring. That one is God. Even though you may feel alone, you never are because He is always there no matter what the situation is.

There are many opportunities in the United States. The job market is wide open. The most important thing to remember when considering a job is education. Without education one's horizons are limited occupationally, socially and culturally. Education provides access to better positions in jobs. Children from less privileged backgrounds who are persistent and successful in school can expand their horizons. Through education, people are judged by their scholastic and technical

competance more than by their social backgrounds. There are many opportunities in this world and we must not let them pass us by. Set your goals high and try as hard as you can to reach that goal.

We have so many decisions to make. What do we really want out of life? I know that some people will go to college, some will get jobs, and some will get married. Whatever you choose to do, give it your best shot. Every one of us has some God-given talent, even if we haven't discovered it yet. Each one of us can do what we want if we just put our mind to it. We all must expand our horizons. Don't let a challenge frighten you, but give it all that you have. We should never underestimate our abilities. I know that we all will fail at one time or another because we are all humans. When that happens, we must pick ourselves up and start all over again. Life is a challenge. In every field of endeavor there is plenty of room at the top. The world is crying for leaders, but only those who set for themselves lofty and noble goals will be the leaders of tomorrow. Concentration always pays off. In living the Christian life, concentration is also important. Paul the Apostle underlined this fact when he said, "This one thing I do. . . I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus". Paul set for himself a high goal. He concentrated all of his talents, thought and effort to attain that goal. As we know, he achieved that goal and has gone down through history as chief of saints. You, too, can achieve your goals. God is always near to those who call upon Him.

I want to wish all of my classmates and everyone best wishes in whatever you decide to do. I know that everyone has potential to succeed. And remember, don't be afraid to expand your horizons.

Valerie Meyers

Hatton, North Dakota

Sent in by her pastor, Rev. Orville T. Olson.

(Ed. note: Valerie was baptized by me during my brief pastorate in Hatton in 1963)

Dr. Henry Brandt to Headline Summer Institute

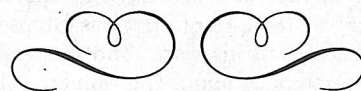
Dr. Henry Brandt, Singer Island, Fla., noted Christian clinical psychologist, will teach 15 hours in Counseling and Management in the second week of the annual Summer Institute of Theology at Association Free Lutheran Theological Seminary, Minneapolis, Minn. The dates are August 3-7.

The other course offered in the second week is one in Thessalonians and will be taught by Rev. Amos Dyrud, who is retiring as dean of the seminary this summer.

Pastor Dyrud will also teach the course in the first week and two other teachers in the seminary will lead lectures: Rev. Robert Lee, in American Church History, and Rev. Francis Monseth, the dean-elect, in the Lutheran Confessions. The first week will be in session July 27-31.

The Institute in Theology is open to all—pastors, lay pastors, laymen and seminarians. There is a ten-dollar registration fee. Housing is available on the campus at \$3.00 per day. Limited cooking facilities are at the disposal of the students.

Through grants from Lutheran Brotherhood, Aid Association for Lutherans and the AFLC Women's Missionary Federation, financial assistance can be given to AFLC pastors, lay pastors and seminarians. For the two weeks, \$100 grants are available, for one week, \$50.



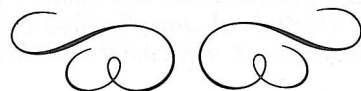
IN MEMORIAM

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.

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Norma Haney, 74, May 12, Trinity
Francis Frazier, 75, June 12, Trinity



editorials

A GOOD CONFERENCE

The 1981 Annual Conference leaves good memories. There have been more inspiring conferences, but there have also been those where problems reared their heads very definitely. This conference falls in the in-between category.

We didn't get to attend the whole conference and therefore don't have the feel for all of it, but we expect that the tone of the first evening and the next two days prevailed through the last day and a half.

Pastor Terry Olson of Minot certainly laid the conference theme clearly before us as he preached his sermon, "Behold the Multitudes." We liked his renewal of the emphasis that new workers should be *prayed* out, not recruited out. Still, that shouldn't keep a Christian brother or pastor or mother or father from talking to a young man about the harvest fields and the work to be done. We all know there is a place for that.

The conference theme, "Behold the Multitudes," brought to mind the theme of our first conference, in Fargo in 1963. Then we thought about "An Open Door" (Rev. 3:8). There's quite a similarity between them. The multitudes speak of the open door. The open door reminds us of the multitudes. It is good if we haven't moved away from that vision of a world in need.

We were blessed by the prayer hours in which Pastor Allen Monson of Tioga centered our thinking on the one theme of worship. He correctly pointed out in his first presentation that the emphasis on worship is left out in some churches, when actually all other aspects of the Christian life, such as the devotional life, serving, witnessing, evangelism, missions, etc., ought to be by-products of worship.

The prayer sessions this year, we thought, were more spontaneous, with many taking part. The spirit was good. The recovery of Pastor John Kjos from his serious injuries last winter and of Mrs. John Rieth from her recent illness

(infectious hepatitis) also aided the note of praise to God.

As to business, an item which will provoke much interest in the next year or so is the publication of a book on the AFLC as a 20th anniversary project. The idea seems to be that it will contain pictures of all the pastors and churches in the Association with some data on each, some history of the AFLC and documents expressing the faith and polity of the fellowship. There should be a word of caution. Perhaps it won't be possible to get such a book out by conference time next year, but October, 1982, would be a logical target date, too, since that is the anniversary of the Special Conference which brought the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations into being, even if the name came later.

It was interesting that Canada entered the discussion of AFLC work in a larger way than perhaps ever before. When the Association began it was thought there might be one or more congregations in Canada affiliating with us, but that didn't get to be the case. Now after some 20 years it would be a thrill if our Home Mission efforts could include Canada. There are great cities in the prairie provinces and British Columbia which have enough Scandinavian population to give us a natural starting place. We think of Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Camrose, Saskatoon, Regina and Moose Jaw. And there are others. Western Canada is a prosperous area and the next decades are going to be booming ones.

Some of us have lived in Canada. Among the pastors the list would include Richard Snipstead, Robert Lewis, Iver Olson, Trygve Dahle, Rodney Stueland, Marius Haakenstad and the writer, Raynard Huglen. Gene Sundby is presently living there. Gustav Nordvall, while living in the U.S. all the time, has aided congregations across the border and is presently taking care of one at Wampum, Manitoba. So there is a reservoir of interest. May the Lord lead us to the steps which might be taken in getting involved in work in Canada.

In earlier years the conferences sometimes started off very sluggishly when it came to making nominations to the Nominating Committee for the following year. We are glad to report that the nominations come much easier now. In fact, this year four districts ended up with, not the usual two nominees, but four, and four other districts had three each. All to the good. We continue to be amazed, however, that Triumph Lutheran at Nogales, Ariz., rates one member on the committee each year all by itself. We wonder why some other isolated congregations don't object. If Nogales continues to rate district status, the situation will be helped if a new congregation is started at Tucson. Pastor Ted Kennedy is going to begin holding meetings there now.

More on the Conference next time.

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

WORK BEING STARTED IN ESCANABA

The first Sunday worship service of a group of people who are interested in establishing an AFLC congregation in Escanaba, Michigan, was held on May 31.

A church building, the former Salem Ev. Lutheran Church (Wisconsin Synod), has been leased with an option to purchase, and provides a fine home for the new fellowship.

Preliminary contacts were made in Escanaba, a growing community of about 17,000, by Home Mission Director Eldon Nelson during a visit to Upper Peninsula congregations last fall.

Then, on May 3-6, Pastor James Gerdeen, St. Paul, who was raised in the community, conducted special meetings in the Lemmer School auditorium. Sufficient interest was expressed during these services to plan for regular worship to begin. Also, many friends from the Eben Jct., and Ishpeming congregations encouraged the new work with their attendance and prayers during these first meetings.

Serving the fellowship group during the summer months is Seminarian Peter Franz, whose time is being shared with Calvary Congregation, Eben Jet., where he is interning.

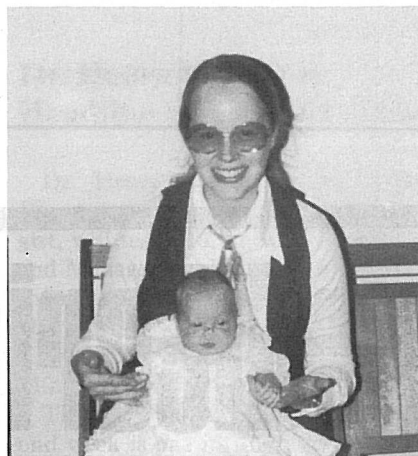
Sunday worship hour is at 9:00 a.m., and the church is located at 502 South 12th Street. AFLC friends who may be vacationing in the area are cordially invited!

NORTHERN MINNESOTA LAYMEN TO MEET

The Northern Minnesota Lutheran Laymen's Society will meet on Sunday, July 26, at Ny Stavanger, Lutheran Church, Buxton, N. Dak., 2:30 p.m. The text for discussion will be Romans 2.

All are welcome.

Art Joppru, Chairman
Joe Jacobson, Secretary



CUMBERLAND CRADLE ROLL

The members of the Cradle Roll of Section Ten Lutheran Church, rural Cumberland, Wis., are Joline, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Duane Wigcher; Adam, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Mellem; Heather, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Bartley; Sherlyn and Miranda, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Merry; Angela, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Mackrel; Michael, son of Mr. and Mrs. Loris Hustad; Cory, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Riebe; and Sara, daughter of Pastor and Mrs. John Kjos. Mrs. Kjos and Sara are pictured above.



NEW MEMBERS AT EVERETT

Shown here are new members received at Calvary Lutheran Church, Everett, Wash., on Sunday, May 31. Left to right, front row, Calista Bryant, Jeremy Oshie, Scott Oshie, Nathan Bickle and Matthew Bickle; middle row, Linda and Melanie Bryant; Susan and Jamie Oshie, Jeannie and Sarah Bickel, Harry Bickle and May Olson; and, top row, Jerry and Dallas Bryant, Jacob Bantz, Lucille Bantz and Margaret Whit. Not pictured: Joan Wilde. Rev. Leslie Galland was the pastor at Calvary at the time.

Can you explain this mystery to the younger ones in your group?

Growing older is an experience common to all that is meant to be enjoyed, not endured. The attitudes you are building today will definitely influence your enjoyment of old age, but you are never too old to allow the Lord to sanctify your attitudes and character. The special tasks of old age will become more natural to us if we participate in them now. What kind of an old person do you want to be? What are you doing now to prepare for a good old age? What could you do today to brighten old age for someone else?

"So we do not lose heart. Though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed every day" (II Corinthians 4:16).

GETTING OLD

You tell me I'm getting old;
I tell you that's not so.
The house I live in is worn out
And that, of course, I know.

It's been in use a long time,
And weathered many a gale;
I'm not surprised that you should think
It's getting rather frail.

The covering o'er my head is scant,
The windows tired and dim,
The walls a bit transparent,
Not so sturdy nor trim.

The foundation's not as sturdy
As once it used to be,
But that's my house, only my house,
It certainly is not me.

My few short years can't make me old,
I feel I'm in my youth.
Eternity lies ahead—
A life of joy and truth.

I'm going to live forever there;
Life will go on, it's grand;
You tell me I'm getting old!
You just don't understand.

The dweller in my little house
Is young and bright and gay,
Just starting on a life
To last throughout eternal day.

You only see the outside;
It's all that most folks see;
You tell me I'm getting old?
You've mixed my house with me!

—Origin unknown

NEXT MONTH: I Enjoy My Trials and Troubles

—Mrs. Michael Brandt

WMF Bible Study

I Enjoy Being a Woman

August, 1981

I Enjoy Growing Older

Today we live in an age that seems to glorify youthfulness. Entertainment opportunities and the advertisement world are geared toward youth and beauty. Health care products and clothing are designed to make us look and feel younger. Exercise programs are emphasized to help us avoid growing old as long as possible. Now, attractive clothing, beauty products, edifying entertainment and regular exercise may all be profitable in themselves, but a focus that causes us to dread old age denies the joy of Christian living and the simple truth that from the moment we are born we are growing older. Body cells age and die and new ones are formed every day of our lives. Aging is a natural process of the body's groaning and longing to shed what is perishable and one day put on immortality (II Corinthians 5:1-4, I Corinthians 15: 53-54).

I was startled by an article I read recently that profoundly advised me to be prepared by age 30 for old age. It is the aim of this month's study to encourage that preparation and the continuing enjoyment of growing older.

1.) How does one reach a happy old age?

a.) Proverbs 3:1-2

b.) Proverbs 9:11

c.) Proverbs 10:27, 19:23

d.) Exodus 20:12, Ephesians 6:2-3

e.) Psalm 91:14a, 16

- 2.) How does the Bible regard the aged in the following proverbs: Proverbs 16:31, 20:29, 31:25? _____
- 3.) What is a proper attitude toward any person older than myself, Proverbs 23:22, I Peter 5:5? _____

I. Helpful Attitudes

Each of us probably knows at least one elderly woman who seems to glow with a radiance that befits her age. We sense that she deserves honor. Certain qualities attract us to her. Ponder what those attitudes may be.

- 4.) Colossians 1:28 states a healthy goal for every Christian that is often confused with age. a.) What is it? _____ b.) Looking at Proverbs 22:6 from the perspective of the aged, what insight do you see that will assist you toward that goal? _____
 - 5.) The mature Christian has learned the principle expressed in John 15:4-5. a.) Express this principle as best you can. _____ b.) How is this most readily achieved? John 15:7a, II Peter 1:4, Psalm 130:5 _____ c.) What is the sobering exhortation of Hebrews 5:11-6:1a? _____
 - 6.) Peace of heart and mind is another attitude that will help us enjoy growing older. Peace is the result of two choices described in Isaiah 32:17 and Isaiah 26:3. Explain them. _____
 - 7.) Another attitude worth building will greatly enrich our years and make us a pleasure to be with. Notice it in Colossians 3:16b and I Thessalonians 5:18. Contrast the effects of the attitude shown in Romans 1:21 and Psalm 50:23. _____
 - 8.) What is the attitude that is to be exercised continually? Hebrews 13:15 and Psalm 71:8 _____
- Psalm 71 is the prayer of an old man. Please use it for your next private devotional time and note this attitude.
- 9.) A specific stewardship important in aging is mentioned in I Corinthians 6:20 and III John 2. In what practical ways can we enjoy growing older by applying this attitude? _____

II. Special Tasks

In order to maintain a sense of worth every person desires to be useful. This desire is only enhanced with age. It is painful to be aware of an older person who feels he is no longer needed.

- 10.) Read about Anna in Luke 2:36-38 and notice two tasks in which every old person can participate: a.) _____ b.) v. 38 _____. (The senior citizen in Psalm 71:15, 17, 18, and 22 will clarify this for you!)
- 11.) One delightful task is mentioned in Joel 1:2-3. What is it and how are you enjoying it now? _____
- 12.) Realistically, how can the three special tasks of Titus 2:3-5 be accomplished? _____
- a.) _____
- b.) _____
- c.) _____
- 13.) An older person is often tempted to "rest now, and let the younger ones take over." What happens when we yield to that thought and what does the Bible say about it? Psalm 92:12-14 _____

III. Abundant Comfort

One very real accompaniment to growing older is the increasing probability of temporary separation from one's life partner and siblings and friends. Our response to widowhood, especially, depends deeply upon the healthy attitudes God has built into our characters previously, for the widow is faced with a loneliness that is difficult to compare with any other. The Lord is an abundant Comforter.

- 14.) How is this expressed in Psalm 94:17-19? _____
- 15.) Spell out the responsibility of the widow's children and the church. I Timothy 5:3-8, 16, and James 1:27 _____
- 16.) Our holy God has a special interest in the widow and her children. What intimate promises do you see? Psalm 68:5, Proverbs 15:25, 23:10-11 _____
- 17.) What unique comfort for the aged is mentioned in Psalm 128:6, Proverbs 17:6, and Ruth 4:14-15? _____

The American Festival of Evangelism in Kansas City, Missouri, July 27-30, will offer the following seminars in evangelizing:

- Evangelizing Children
- Evangelizing Youth
- Evangelizing College Students
- Evangelizing Singles and Formerly Marrieds
- Evangelizing Senior Citizens
- Evangelizing Young Adults
- Women in Evangelism
- Using Neighborhood Bible Studies
- Evangelizing for Men and Women
- Evangelizing Women Through Home Bible Study Groups
- Creative Models of Church Life for Evangelism
- Hispanic Evangelism
- Evangelism Among Ethnic Minorities
- Intercultural Evangelism
- Evangelizing the Deaf and Blind
- Evangelizing the Jews
- Evangelizing Muslims
- Evangelizing the Cults
- Evangelizing Followers of Eastern Religions
- Evangelizing the Black Community
- Evangelizing the Refugees
- Evangelizing the Poor
- Evangelizing Homosexuals
- Cross-Cultural Evangelism
- Evangelizing the Secularist
- Coffeetime Evangelism
- Evangelizing Intellectuals
- Evangelizing Political Persons
- Evangelizing Industrial/Factory Workers
- Evangelizing Residents of High Rise Apartments/Condominiums
- Beach and Vacation Evangelism
- Evangelizing Military Personnel
- Evangelizing Handicapped People
- Evangelizing College Athletes
- Evangelizing Business People
- Evangelizing Alcoholics and Drug Addicts
- Spontaneous Evangelism
- Evangelizing Seamen
- Evangelizing Through the Home
- Evangelizing on the Campus
- The Institutional Chaplain as an Evangelist
- Prison Evangelism
- Friendship Evangelism
- Using the Telephone to Evangelize
- Visitation Evangelism
- Evangelizing Through Cell Groups
- Evangelizing Through the Media
- Evangelizing Through Entertaining
- Using Direct Mail to Evangelize
- Using Bus Ministry to Evangelize
- Evangelizing Through Social Action
- Evangelizing Through City-Wide Crusades
- Evangelizing Through Scripture Distribution
- Evangelizing Through Open Air Festivals
- Evangelizing Through Radio and Television
- Evangelizing Through Christian Writing

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FELLOWSHIP CORNER

GO AND TELL

Matthew 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-8; Luke 9:28-36.

Today these verses have a new meaning for me, I believe. Mostly I am thinking of the time when Peter (impulsive Peter) said, "Master, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three tabernacles; one for Thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias." He did not know what to say.

For some time now I have been pondering some things in my mind. One of these things is why we as God's children have it so tough, as the saying goes. Why can't we just sit and worship God?

While mowing the grass I do a lot of thinking. It seemed to sort out. I believe the Lord showed me this. Aren't we like Peter in this experience of the Transfiguration? We, too, want to just sit and worship, and even build our type of tabernacle to worship in, not for Christ and Moses and Elias, but for us.

Now the Scriptures here don't say it, but all through our Bible it teaches what I am going to say. So maybe Christ did say it to Peter, James and John at this time, too, but we don't have it recorded.

I feel anyway that He, Jesus, wanted them to leave this beautiful, wonderful, holy experience and go back to the tough job of being servants, the Christian warfare we read about in our New Testament. So it seemed to answer some questions of mine at this time. It would be wonderful to just sit at the feet of Jesus all the time, away from all evil and hurt and heartache in our world today. But the Lord says, "Go in the strength of the Lord and tell." Then for all eternity we can sit and worship and fellowship after we have

reached and won to Christ that lost soul He has given us to reach.

So I said, "Thanks, Lord," and I believe our time is so short. So let's fight the good fight of faith. Then we can rest and worship and fellowship forever and ever. Praise God!

Mrs. Arnold Jodock
Hatton, N. Dak.

CREATED IMMORTAL

Man, woman, what are we? We are beings, immortal and spirit. Created in love by the all-powerful, all-knowing God, whose holiness is perfect. He created us for His own desire and purposes, the fulness of which we do not know, indeed, cannot know in this life.

It was His decision that we be given this house, this temple in which we now live. As full men, body, soul and spirit, we now live but a short time, "as a vapor." Our Creator has made it so that we have a free will. This we use to develop and decide what we shall remain for eternity. We must not take lightly this responsibility, this opportunity.

Our potential to develop as born-again sons and daughters of the most high God is in this life awe-inspiring, in the life to come, beyond our reach to comprehend. The most necessary resources on which we must draw to develop this potential are the Word of God and prayer. Without these, and the gift of the indwelling Holy Spirit of God, through Christ, we are and can do nothing.

To the Father of Christ the Lord be glory and praise. Amen.

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UBS President Lauds Worldwide Effort to Spread the Word

NEW YORK, May—"Despite the bad news in the world today, we have one piece of good news, and that is the authoritative Word of a good and loving God."

Dr. Oswald C. J. Hoffmann, president of the United Bible Societies and world-renowned speaker of the International Lutheran Hour radio broadcast, told more than 450 guests and supporters of the Bible cause at their annual meeting recently that the American Bible Society is a going concern with 165 years of history to prove it.

"The heart and soul of the Good Word is Jesus Christ, and He is the same yesterday, today and forever."

Elaborating on the work of the American Bible Society worldwide, Hoffmann said that the highly important work of Scripture translation and distribution requires the best scholarship, the widest cooperation and the deepest commitment available on the part of churches, missions and Bible societies throughout the world.

The Bible Society's annual report presented at the meeting revealed that a total of more than 40 million New Reader Scriptures were shared with new literates around the world during 1980. These Scriptures play a vital role in winning the world's peoples for Christ through Scripture evangelism.

Latest reports show New Reader Scripture Selections have been translated into a total of 348 languages and have been printed in 249 of these languages.

Scripture Circulation in India Tops 85 Million

The Bible Society of India says that Scripture distribution in 1980 reached 85.5 million, according to reports reaching the American Bible Society.

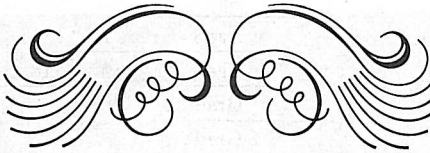
The population of India is nearly 626 million, with more than 40 percent of the population under the age of 15.

A new feature of Scripture distribution in that vast land is the formation of squads which distribute more than

19 million Scriptures in the state of Kerala.

A similar intensive distribution program is currently underway in the state of Bihar.

A popular strategy of organizing mass distribution at Hindu Melas, fairs and temple festivals received special attention by Bible Society organizers.



Election Results . . .

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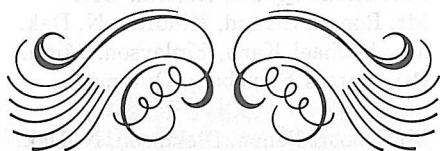
These are the minimum goals for 1982-83 adopted by the Annual Conference:

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| General Fund | \$170,000 |
| Schools | 240,543 |
| Praise Fund | 30,200 |
| World Missions | 218,880 |
| Home Missions | 254,380 |
| Total | \$914,003 |

These minimum goals are \$104,797 higher than those for the current fiscal year.

Evangelizing . . .

- Evangelizing Through Motion Pictures
- Evangelizing Through Communication
- Using the Rescue Mission to Evangelize
- Local Church Evangelism Crusades
- Evangelizing and Inter-Personal Communication



PERSONALITIES

Dr. James Gerdeen has resigned as pastor of Victory in Christ Lutheran Church, St. Paul, Minn., to accept the call to Maranatha Lutheran Church, Chassell, Mich., and Grace Lutheran Church, Pelkie, Mich. He will begin his work there in September. Dr. Gerdeen has also accepted a teaching position at Michigan Tech University, Houghton, Mich., a school where he has previously taught.

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CHURCH TO NOTE ANNIVERSARY

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, rural Greenbush, Minn., will observe its 80th anniversary on Sunday, Aug. 2, with services at 11 and 2:30. Dinner will be served at noon.

Rev. R. Snipstead, a former pastor of the congregation and now president of the AFLC, will speak at the morning worship service.

Rev. Raynard Huglen, Newfolden, Minn., is temporary pastor of the church.

PREACHING MISSION

Newfolden, Minn.

Westaker Lutheran Church

July 15-19

Rev. Wendell Johnson, Stacy, Minn.,
speaker.

Thy Kingdom Come

"It is good that the heart be established by grace" (Heb. 13:9).

It is good that a man should hope and quietly wait for the salvation of Jehovah.

It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth.

Let him sit alone and keep silence, because He hath laid it upon him.

Let him put his mouth in the dust, if so there may be hope.

This does not seem to be good. To get everything we have wished for, to live in well-being and good days, that is what we think is good. When some young people do not have to work, and get everything they want from rich parents, then other young people who must toil, carry loads, and work for a living, think that their case is evil, and think that of others, good.

But God says it is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth. The best inheritance that one takes with him from his home is: to have learned to work; to be satisfied with little; and to believe in God. The world has got its best men and women from such homes. Consult the Bible, look into the history of the world, and you will find that this is true. Jesus did not choose His disciples among the rich in Israel, but among fishermen and working-men.

Never be jealous of the youth into whose hands roses are placed, but rejoice to learn the art of leading a life full of work, opposition and victory. Let the rose appear among thorns, then the sun will shine in an eye wet with tears. While others are dancing their way into the night of death, the grace of God bears you into life. To be privi-

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leged to open your heart to Him who himself fought His way through life, and to be allowed silently and confidently to lay your burdens on Him, that is good. Then you shall not only have the good fortune of tasting the joy of conflict and victory, but shall also have the chance to help many of those who follow on the road that you walked ahead of them.

Keep us on Thy strength relying,
In Thy name the foe defying;
Till Thy coming brings us peace.
O how sweet the thought and cheering,
In the day of Thine appearing
Trouble shall forever cease.

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