

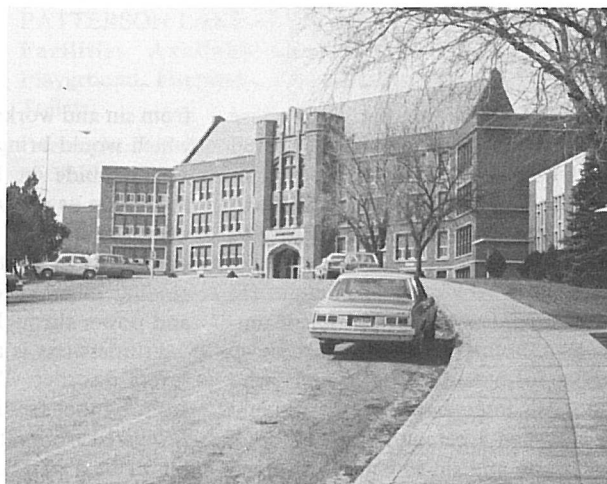
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THE LUTHERAN AMBASSADOR

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Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
Host to the Conference



May Hall
Where Conference sessions will be held.

**“Abounding
in the work
of the Lord”**

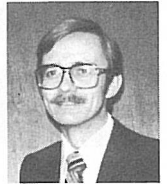
I Cor. 15:58

**Dickinson State College
Dickinson, N. Dakota
June 16-20**

In this issue: Conference agenda, elections, etc.

AT THE MASTER'S FEET

Rev. Bruce Dalager



Bearing fruit

"You did not choose Me, but I chose you, and appointed you, that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain; that whatever you ask of the Father in My name, He may give to you" (Jn. 15:16).

God works to glorify His Name. He demonstrates His characteristics of omnipotence, holiness and graciousness by bringing forth fruits from people who without His intervention are barren and useless. When a person is called from a life of waste and sin to Christ, is joined to Him, and thus becomes fruitful, God's reputation is enhanced.

It is for the purpose of fruit bearing that Christ chooses and appoints us. He came to separate unto Himself a people equipped for good works. He calls us

from sin and works to produce in us that which would bring praise to God. Only as we abide in Him and have Him abiding in us can we bear fruit for God. To abide in Him is to rest only in His merits for salvation. To have Him abiding in us is to know His presence and power through the Word of God.

Fruitlessness is a symptom of a most severe disorder. The one who bears no fruit, by that fruitlessness shows that he is severed from Christ, for it is impossible to be a partaker of Christ's blessed graces and remain fruitless. The person in the right relationship with Christ will bear fruit. "He who began a good work in you *will perfect it. . .*" (Phil. 1:6). God hates fruitlessness.

As I look closely at these verses I note that Jesus never mentioned little fruit. He speaks of "more fruit" and "much fruit" but never "little fruit." Is it possible that there is no such thing as a small degree of fruitfulness? It appears so. Jesus said that those who abide in Him with Him abiding in them bear *much* fruit. He leaves no middle ground. We are either in the right relationship with Christ resulting in much fruit or are not right with Him resulting in no fruit.

The much fruit in the life of the believer is accomplished by his union with Christ. The fruits of Christ's holy life and all His merits become the possession of the one who trusts in Him. That is much fruit.

The believer's union with Christ also results in a changed life—a life of good

works which bring glory to God (Matt. 5:16). The power of Christ in the life of the believer is no mean power. The vine, Christ, is not limited in its supply of fruit-producing juices. So much grace comes to the believer as a result of His union with Christ that the result is always much fruit. God is glorified with much fruit, He desires much fruit, He is able to bring forth much fruit. He is "able to do exceeding abundantly beyond all that we ask or think" (Eph. 3:20).

While much fruit does exist in the believer's life, God desires more and to that end faithfully works. So that His faithful ones might bear more fruit He prunes or purges or cleanses them. He knows how much fruit they are capable of bearing. He knows when they need pruning. He knows how much and what kind of pruning they need. The faithful branches resign themselves to the will of the Vinedresser. They submit to His reproofs and respond to His corrections. They realize their knowledge is limited and their desires often selfish and short-sighted so they joyfully give consent to the wishes and methods of the Father. They rejoice in all that God does to produce more fruit. They even rejoice in tribulations and trials (Rom. 5:3-5, Jas. 1:2-4). They mean it when they pray, "Thy will be done."

Father, glorify Thy name through us. For the sake of Thy name purge us, and grant us Thy grace. Amen.

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Dickinson, N. Dakota

June 16-20, 1982

Wednesday, June 16, 1982

9:00 a.m. The Conference Committees meet for devotions, instructions and room assignments.

8:00 p.m. Opening service of the Conference, with the sermon on the Conference text by Pastor John Strand, Fargo, N. Dak.

Pastor David Molstre will lead the service.
The opening of the Conference and appointment of committees by Pastor Richard Snipstead.
Offering to the General Fund.

Thursday, June 17

9:00 a.m. Report of the Credentials Committee.
Election of Committee on Nominations for the 1983 Conference.
The President's Report—Pastor Snipstead.
Report of the Chairman of the Coordinating Committee, Pastor Kenneth Anderson.
Report of the Director of Development, Mr. Ernest Miedema.
Report of the Director of the ARC, Mr. Robert Dietsche.
Financial Report, Miss Linda Butterfield, Book-keeper.
Report of the Treasurer of Lake Bronson Family Bible Camp.
Report of the Treasurer of Osceola Family Bible Camp.
Report of the Budget Analysis Committee.
Report and recommendations from the study of Corporation Bylaws.

Report of the Nominating Committee, always in order.

Election of nominees for the Missions Corporation and the Schools Corporation.

Report of Committee No. 1.

11:00 a.m. Prayer Hour. Prayer Hours will be led by Pastor Francis Monseth, Minneapolis, Minn.

2:00 p.m. Devotions.

Report of the Credentials Committee.

Election of the Vice-President and Secretary of the AFLC.

Election of nominees to the Mission Board and the Board of Trustees.

Continuing discussion of Committee No. 1.

Election of nominees to the Coordinating Committee.

Election of Committee No. 1 for the 1983 Conference.

Report of the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Pastor Michael Brandt.

Report of the Dean of the Theological Seminary, Pastor Francis Monseth.

Report of the Dean of the Bible School, Pastor Kenneth Moland.

Report of the AFLBS Alumni Director, Mrs. John Schlenk.

Report of Committee No. 2.

5:30 p.m. The Schools Corporation annual meeting.

8:00 p.m. The Mission Festival Service conducted by the Women's Missionary Federation.

Friday, June 18

7:00 a.m. The Mission Corporation annual meeting.

9:00 a.m. Devotions.

Report of the Credentials Committee.

Continuing discussion of Committee No. 2.

Election of Committee No. 2 for the 1983 Conference.

Schools Corporation meeting report.

Report of the Chairman of the Board of World Missions, Mr. Kenneth Williams.

Report of the Director of World Missions, Pastor Eugene Enderlein.

Report of the Chairman of the Board of Home Missions, Pastor David Molstre.

Report of the Director of Home Missions, Pastor Elden Nelson.

Report of the Chairman of the Commission on Evangelism, Lay Pastor Verle Dean.

Report of the AFLC Evangelist, Pastor Kenneth Pentti.

The report of Committee No. 3.

"ABOUNDING IN THE WORK OF THE LORD"

I Corinthians 15:58

SCHEDULE . . .

11:30 a.m. Prayer Hour.

2:00 p.m. Devotions.

Report of the Credentials Committee.

Continuing discussion of the report of Committee No. 3.

Missions Corporation meeting report.

8:00 p.m. Laymen's Service.

Leader: LuVern Thompson

Speaker: Carmen Tweeten

Offering to the Praise Program.

Saturday, June 19

9:00 a.m. Devotions.

Report of the Credentials Committee.

Continuing discussion of the report of Committee No. 3.

Election of members to the Commission on Evangelism.

Election of Committee No. 3 for the 1983 Conference.

Report of the Chairman of the Board of Publications and Parish Education, Pastor Ralph Rokke.

Report of the Executive Secretary of Parish Education, Mrs. Philip Regnier.

Report of the Chairman of the Youth Board, Pastor Bruce Dalager.

Report of the President of the Luther League Federation, Pastor Allen Monson.

Report of Committee No. 4.

11:30 a.m. Prayer Hour.

2:00 p.m. Devotions.

Report of the Credentials Committee.

Colloquy Committee report.

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

Election of Committee No. 4 for the 1983 Conference.

Election of the Colloquy Committee for the 1983 Conference.

Report of the Chairman of the Stewardship Board, Pastor Ernest Langness.

Report of the Chairman of the Board of Pensions, Mr. Clifford Holm.

Report of Committee No. 5.

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

Election of Committee No. 5 for the 1983 Conference.

Reports of special committees.

Election of the Budget Analysis Committee for 1983.

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

Invitations to the 1983 Conference.

Invitation to the 1982 Annual Convention

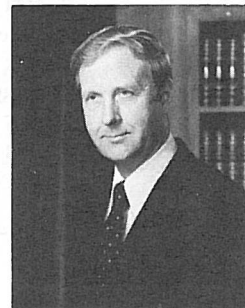
Very soon representatives of the congregations of our AFLC will be gathering for another Annual Conference. Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, David

Molstre, pastor, will be our hosts during the days of June 16-20. This will be the first time for us to hold an Annual Conference in the prospering community of Dickinson, North Dakota. We look forward very much to coming to Dickinson. The development and growth of Our Saviour's congregation has matched the boom in this oil-rich area.

As we meet for Annual Conference this year we shall be reflecting on 20 years of blessings experienced by the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations. We have a tremendous theme, "Abounding in the work of the Lord," I Corinthians 15:58. As the business of the church awaits us, may we be blessed, inspired and strengthened to go forward as God leads us. We shall know continued times of blessing if our prime concern will be that of doing God's will in every item of business before us.

We would invite as many of you as possible to come to Dickinson, June 16-20. There will be ample room, as housing will be in the college dorms. The sessions will be in the college auditorium. Hard work awaits you, but there will be the rich times of blessing and fellowship.

Let us come to Dickinson expecting great things from God and daring to do great things for His Kingdom work.



Richard Snipstead
President, AFLC

8:00 p.m. Youth Night Service

Leader: Pastor Allen Monson, Tioga, N. Dak.
Speaker: Pastor Verle Dean, Sedan, Minn.
Offering to Home Missions.

Sunday, June 20

8:00 a.m. Communion Service.

Liturgist: Pastor LeRoy Flickinger, Leeds, N. Dak.

Speaker: Pastor Karl Stendal, Minneapolis, Minn.

10:30 a.m. Worship Service.

Liturgist: Pastor David Molstre, Dickinson, N. Dak.

Speaker: Pastor Raynard Huglen, Newfolden, Minn.

Installation of Pastor Francis Monseth as Dean of the Seminary.

Offering to World Missions.

2:00 p.m. Ordination Service.

Leader: Pastor Kenneth Anderson, Kenyon, Minn.

Speaker: Pastor Wendell Johnson, Stacy, Minn.

Offering to Schools.

Conference Committee:
Pastor Hubert DeBoer
Pastor Richard Snipstead

Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove

Come gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove,
With light and comfort from above;
Be Thou our Guardian, Thou our Guide;
O'er every thought and step preside.

The light of truth to us display,
And make us know and choose thy way;
Plant holy fear in every heart,
That we from God may ne'er depart.

Lead us to Christ, the living Way;
Nor let us from His pastures stray:
Lead us to holiness, the road
That we must take to dwell with God.

Lead us to heaven, that we may share
Fulness of joy for ever there;
Lead us to God, our final rest,
To be with Him for ever blest.

Simon Browne
(from *The Church Hymnary*)

Welcome from our host congregation

Dear Members and Friends of the AFLC:

It is our privilege and pleasure to host the 20th Annual Conference of the AFLC. We welcome you to Dickinson and trust that your stay with us will be comfortable and enjoyable as well as interesting.

Dickinson is a growing city of about 18,000 people. Much of this growth is due to our location in the Williston Basin which has a vast reserve of oil, gas and coal. We see new businesses and new families moving into our city every day.

I believe that you will find Dickinson a friendly city with a wide range of services and shopping. Dickinson has three pools and 29 parks. There is a golf course open to the public and a large lake for your enjoyment. Dickinson is the home of Dickinson State College, a four-year college with an enrollment of

over 1,000 students. We are only 45 miles south of the Killdeer Mountains and about a half-hour drive from the Badlands and Theodore Roosevelt National Memorial Park. Suggestions for things to do and see will be in your packets when you come.

Our conference will be held at Dickinson State College. All the sessions will be there as well as meals served and housing. We have reserved Woods Hall for housing and you can stay there for \$5.00 a night. There will be a \$1.00 charge for bedding. This includes sheets, pillow slip, towels, wash cloth, but *does not include* blankets. This you will have to bring. I believe that you will find Woods Hall very comfortable and there will be no need for reservations. If you plan to stay in a motel, I would strongly suggest making reservations a number of weeks in advance.

The college will also serve three meals a day and will provide special meeting places and meals for the corporation meetings and pastors' banquet. There is a good variety of eating places in Dickin-

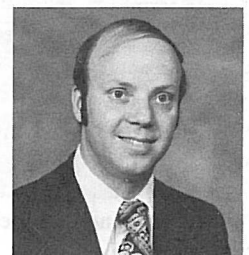
son, but I think that you will find the college meals good and more reasonable.

The sessions will be held in May Hall, which has a large comfortable auditorium that seats well over 600 on the main floor.

If you have any questions, please write Box 843, Dickinson, N. Dak. 58601.

Again, we welcome you to Dickinson this summer, and to our 20th Annual Conference.

Sincerely,
Pastor David Molstre and
members of Our Saviour's
Lutheran Church



Elections at the Annual Conference

Officers to be elected

*designated incumbent

Vice-president (1-year term)

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

Pastor Molstre has served three consecutive terms. To be re-elected, he must be nominated and secure a three-fourths majority or more on the first ballot.

Secretary (1-year term)

*Rev. Hubert DeBoer, Colfax, Wis.

All nominations for these two offices are made from the floor. At least two nominations are required for the above offices.

Elections by Corporations

Co-ordinating Committee

(5-year terms)

*Mr. Robert Dietsche, Osceola, Wis.

*Mr. Ernest Miedema, Valley City, N. Dak.

Board of Home Missions

(5-year term)

*Mr. Joel Rogenes, Ely, Minn.

(Mr. Rogenes has served two consecutive full terms and is ineligible for re-election.)

Board of Trustees (Schools)

(5-year term)

*Mr. Kenneth Rolf, McIntosh, Minn.

Board of World Missions

(5-year term)

*Rev. Amos Dyrud, Minneapolis, Minn.

Elections by the Conference

Stewardship Board

(5-year term)

*Mr. Harvey Dyrud, Newfolden, Minn.

Board of Pensions

(5-year term)

*Mr. Clifford Holm, Minneapolis, Minn.

(Mr. Holm has served two consecutive full terms and is ineligible for re-election.)

Youth Board

(5-year term)

*Rev. Allen Monson, Tioga, N. Dak.

Commission of Evangelism

(5-year term)

*Mr. Ed Mathison, Bagley, Minn.

(Mr. Mathison has served two consecutive full terms and is ineligible for re-election.)

Board of Publications and Parish Education

(5-year term)

*Mr. Palmer Haugen, Portland, N. Dak.

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The following persons are eligible to attend the annual meeting of the Corporation on June 17:

*denotes Board of Trustees member.

Terms expire in 1982:

Mr. Gerald Anderson, Ishpeming, Michigan

Rev. J. G. Erickson, Minneapolis, Minn.

Rev. Dennis Gray, Spicer, Minn.

Mr. Howard Johnson, Astoria, Ore.

Rev. Howard Kjos, Roslyn, S. Dak.

Rev. Francis Monseth, Minneapolis, Minn.

Mr. John Mundfrom, Minneapolis, Minn.

Rev. Orville Olson, Hatton, N. Dak.

Mr. Wayne Pederson, Roseville, Minn.

Mr. Roger Strom, Saudi Arabia

Terms expire in 1983:

Mr. Arne Berge, Binford, N. Dak.

Rev. Trygve Dahle, Spicer, Minn.

Rev. Leslie Galland, Thief River Falls, Minn.

Rev. Donald Greven, Radcliffe, Ia.

Mr. Ted Hanson, Mason, Wis.

Mr. Stanley Holmaas, Newfolden, Minn.*

Rev. Raynard Huglen, Newfolden, Minn.

Mr. Sheldon Mortrud, Thief River Falls, Minn.

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

Mr. David Russum, Grafton, N. Dak.

Terms expires in 1984:

Mr. Donald Carter, Lake Stevens, Wash.

Rev. Bruce Dalager, Grand Forks, N. Dak.

Rev. Philip Featherstone, Pukwana, S. Dak.

Mr. Wayne Floan, Fertile, Minn.

Rev. James Fugleberg, Ontonagon, Mich.

Mr. Raymond Jacobson, Wadena, Minn.

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

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

Rev. Gary Skramstad, Escanaba, Mich.

Dr. Wayne Sletten, Faith, S. Dak.

Terms expire in 1985:

Rev. Richard Anderson, Lake Stevens, Wash.

Mr. Arthur Anderson, Spicer, Minn.

Rev. Michael Brandt, Amery, Wis.*

Dr. James Gerdeen, Chassell, Mich.

Mr. Eldon Hermunsle, Wahpeton, N. Dak.

Mr. Arlo Kneeland, Summit, S. Dak.

Rev. Philip Rokke, Reva, S. Dak.

Rev. Ralph Rokke, Minneapolis, Minn.

Mr. Kenneth Rolf, McIntosh, Minn.*

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

Terms expire in 1986:

Mr. Morris Borstad, Tioga, N. Dak.

Dr. Philip Dyrud, Middle River, Minn.*

Mr. Richard Hinderaker, Radcliffe, Ia.

Mr. LeRoy Knutson, Newfolden, Minn.

Schools Corporation . . .

Rev. Mauritz Lundeen, Bagley, Minn.
Mr. Sherman McCarlson, Webster, S. Dak.

Rev. Terry Olson, Minot, N. Dak.
Mr. Orville Qualley, Brockton, Mont.
Mr. Mike Rudebusch, Summit, S. Dak.
Mr. Lyle Twite, Cloquet, Minn.

WORLD MISSION NEWS

One whole year

by Missionary Charles Knapp

"How time flies," even here in slow, "siempre mañana" (always tomorrow) Paraguay, and we have been here for a whole year now. We have been through the hot/humid and cold/rainy seasons. Our first three months here, when we were without contact with fellow missionaries in Brazil and the Mission Board in the States, seemed very long. Yet, the Lord saw to it that we had plenty to do with setting up housekeeping in Ciudad Presidente Stroessner and beginning inquiries into what was necessary for the document process.

Before we left the States, we met with the Vice-Consul of the Paraguayan Consulate in Chicago. He stamped our documents free of charge and wished us well in Paraguay. With that we praised the Lord and said, "Now we shouldn't have any problems getting our documents in Paraguay." But we had a feeling as we said those words that it wouldn't be that simple. In those first three months we found out that the documents we brought with us were only a few of the papers needed for the work of registering our mission with the Paraguayan government.

The following six months, May to November, we waited for documents concerning the AFLC to arrive. Then we had to have them translated. But the Lord gave us plenty to do while we "waited." Every three months, until we get our permanent visas, we must leave the country for at least 24 hours. So we have made four trips to Brazil, where we visited the AFLC missionaries and shared in their work while there. Those trips have been times of spiritual, emotional and physical revitalization, as well as times to encourage the missionaries and churches.

At the end of June we left Rebekah in Ciudad Presidente Stroessner with some Free Brethren Missionaries from New Zealand, while we went to Asuncion to await the birth of our second child. On June 27, 1981, after only three hours of

labor, God blessed us with Rachel Louise. She has been such a good, happy, healthy baby, for which we truly thank the Lord.

In September, while in Campo Mourao on a visa renewal trip to Brazil, we had the privilege of preparing the "little red house" for occupancy and meeting Charles' parents, Rev. George and Helen Knapp, in Maringa, as they returned from a furlough in the States. This was a very joyous reunion. Grandpa and Grandma seemed very happy to meet their new little granddaughter.

On November 4, arrangements were finalized for us to move to Hernandarias, a city 16 kilometers north of Stroessner. This city already has one hydroelectric dam. But when the Itaipu dam construction is complete, this city will truly be the "hydroelectric capital of the continent." With three days' notice, we packed up and moved on November 7. This house is much larger and is closer to the Brazilian people, with whom we feel the Lord has called us to work, for now. It is our prayer that the Lord will open the way, providing the necessary financing in order to purchase this place unto the glory of His Name and the work of His Kingdom.

From the middle of December through January, Joyce and the girls were in Campo Mourao, while Charles made several trips back and forth to Asuncion for document work. Finally, the last week in January our documents were ready to present to the various government offices. Now the process has truly begun! It is only a matter of time before we will be called in for an interview. Much depends upon their impression of us at that interview. But we know that God has this under control, too.

As we look back over this year, we see that many things are just beginning for us. We are only beginning to make friends in our new neighborhood. We are still waiting for the money, which

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**denotes Home Mission Board member.

Terms expire in 1982:

Mr. Martin Bjornson, Valley City, N. Dak.

Mrs. Reuben Emberson, Esko, Minn.

Rev. Eugene Enderlein, Minneapolis, Minn.

Rev. Herbert Franz, Cloquet, Minn.

Rev. Edwin Kjos, Culbertson, Mont.

Rev. Merle Knutson, Lakefield, Minn.

Mr. Kenneth Nash, Colfax, N. Dak.*

Mr. Vernon Russum, Grafton, N. Dak.*

Mrs. Rodney Stueland, Roslyn, S. Dak.

Miss Judith Wold, Thief River Falls, Minn.

Terms expire in 1983:

Rev. Fred Carlson, Wadena, Minn.

Lay Pastor Verle Dean, Spicer, Minn.

Mr. Roger Gabbert, Lefor, N. Dak.

Rev. Philip Haugen, Minneapolis, Minn.**

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by Pastor Gary Skramstad
Escanaba, Michigan

"But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of Truth, which proceedeth from the Father, He shall testify of me" (John 15:26).

Who among us doesn't need or like someone to bring comfort our way? Life can present some very trying and emotional situations. During these times of loneliness, emptiness, depression, anxiety, misunderstanding, accusation, sorrow and a host of other emotions often felt, we need to remember that Jesus has sent a Comforter to us. The Holy Spirit comes to us to minister as only the Spirit of Truth can minister.

Sometimes there are well-meaning friends who attempt to open themselves to us and share insights or answers to our problems or needs. Many times God uses them to bring help and healing to an aching heart. But the Holy Spirit is at a distinct advantage in that he really knows us. He really knows the truth about us. The truth is His specialty.

The Comforter calls us. The Holy Spirit comes to awaken us to our need of Christ Jesus. The Catechism teaches us that even our coming is inspired by the Spirit of Truth. "I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to Him: but the Holy Spirit has called me through the Gospel . . ." Yes, it is the Holy Spirit who has convicted you of your sins. Truth reveals that you are indeed a sinner. And the Holy Spirit has convinced you that you are saved by the good news of salvation through the death of Christ. Some resist the call of the Holy Spirit to come to Jesus because they do not want to own up to their sins.

The sins of omission and commission are more easily remembered when they belong to others. But when the Spirit of Truth comes to us personally we really know that is for *my* sins that Jesus died. "It's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer." That Spirit of Truth needs to continue His work in our lives. The Father of Lies will attempt to convince us that our sins are too great or grievous for God to forgive and cleanse. What joy comes to us when we truly

THE COMFORTER COMES

believe that Jesus came to be our very own personal Savior. This is the comfort that no one else can give. Troubled souls can find rest in Jesus. "The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us" (Romans 5:5).

The Comforter comes to gather us. How good it is to have family gatherings. The holidays mean so much more when we have the privilege of spending time with our loved one. We are so thankful that in our years of ministry, usually many miles from our parental homes, that there have been those in the congregations we have served that have opened their hearts and homes to us. We have felt like we really belonged to them. Sometimes families can have disagreements, tensions, differing priorities or other problems, but yet the Lord has placed each in that family. And so it is with the family of God. The Psalmist tells us that it is good and pleasant for us to dwell in unity. Think of that first church. What a mixture of people were gathered by our Lord to learn of Him. Yet they loved one another. Today the Holy Spirit is needed to bring comfort to many a hurting believer within the particular family where God has placed him. It seems that to many the Golden Rule has become the forgotten rule.

"He, (the Holy Spirit) really knows the truth about us. The truth is His specialty."

A message for Pentecost

May the Holy Spirit remind us of the great truth as we pray the prayer that Jesus taught His disciples: "And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." Remembering this should bring Christians together, not drive them apart. There are many believers who are resisting the Holy Spirit's desire to gather the believers. They forsake the assembling of themselves as Hebrews 10:25 exhorts us. They do not care to bear one another's burdens; they must think that Christ isn't able to help them with that heavy load. It seems easier to allow wrongdoing in the church or believers' lives than to come before them with openness and honesty, so that healing may occur according to Biblical principles.

"He (God) wants you to be productive and happy in the ministry of the kingdom of God."

The Comforter enlightens us. What a joy to see people responding to the truth of God that they really do have potential. They see the gift that God has given them and begin to use it for His glory and honor. How sad it is to see believers who have not been enlightened to the fact that God has bestowed upon them gifts to be used in and for His kingdom. Jesus came that we might have life abundantly. God has good intentions for you. He wants you to be productive and happy in the ministry of the kingdom of God. Don't belittle the gift God has given you or someone else. Every gift and every person is important. A parent is so happy when he discovers that his offspring has finally come to peace about his vocation. Now the serious study and preparation can begin for a productive life. Could it be that God is anxiously awaiting some of His children to be enlightened to finally realize that they can do something and they can influence someone whom no one else can?

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But apart from that an historic event may occur in the Dickinson assembly and that is, the Association may vote her first million dollar budget, for the year 1983-84. We speak of the amount to be raised by the congregations and interested friends. It will happen if the trend of the past two years is anything to go by. There was a jump of over \$200,000 from 1980-81 to 1981-82. The increase was almost \$105,000 from 1981-82 to this current fiscal year. To go to \$1,000,000 in the fiscal year after this one would require an increase of not quite \$86,000. So the possibility is there, all right.

What it goes to show is the size and force of inflation as an economic factor. The LFC operated a theological seminary, a four-year liberal arts college and a high school. She had four well-developed world mission fields, an active home mission program, put much more into world relief and praise program (Forward Phase) than we do and still could do all of that for less than we are spending now. So that's what inflation does.

The one thing that would prevent it happening this year is the stagnant economy. Very likely there will be some evidences of the latter in the Dickinson community when we visit there in June. The oil activity, for instance, won't be as strong as it was a year ago. And there may be other signs of economic slowdown as well.

It would be good if all delegates could think about this matter before coming to conference and also pray about such an important issue. The Lord will lead.

So that was eight weeks in all, in four different locations. Six of the weeks were mornings only and two weeks were for mornings and afternoons. One school was held in a country school, which doubled as the church for the Whetstone congregation, the others were held in churches. In two places I was the only teacher, in the others I had some help. At Bowman I worked at a dry cleaning plant in the afternoons. But that is off the subject.

Anyway, there were nine children in the school, two or three each from four families. They were quiet and well-mannered. At noon we ate our lunches together and then spent the rest of the time playing softball, as we did at recess. I roomed and boarded for two or three nights at each home and so I got to know the families well. That was long ago but the memories are pleasant as they come back across the years.

Plan to attend the annual conference if you can. And pray for this business session of our church.

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COMFORTER...

The Comforter has come to sanctify. Have you tried so hard to attain the standard of holiness that you think that God expects of you? It is God's business to make you holy. He sets you free from false notions and insists on the truth. I remember half a lifetime ago now, how I had encountered a movement that seemed to promise my eager and longing heart some short cuts to having the Holy Spirit. Certainly I desired to have the power, peace and presence of the Holy Spirit in my life. Some weeks after this encounter I sought out my beloved pastor, the late Rev. Fritjof B. Monseth. His wise counsel still rings in my ears. "Gary, remember that it is not how much you have of the Holy Spirit, but how much the Holy Spirit has of you." Throughout all these years I have kept that Holy Spirit busy convicting me of sin and convincing me that Jesus is greater than my sin. He has had to be greater in me than that which is in the world. Helping us to be like Jesus is the task of the Holy Spirit. Bragging about gifts and experiences is not an acceptable substitute for a Christ-like life.

Yes, the Comforter comes as the Spirit of Truth. Oh, how we need Him today in an age of deception and sin. We are exhorted in I Thessalonians 5:19 to "quench not the Spirit." In each of these areas which we have mentioned it is possible to extinguish the flame of God in our lives. We can choose to ignore the claim of God upon our lives. We can forbid the Spirit of Truth to add our ignited life to the fire which can help the flickering ones and make a glorious light for all to see and to praise God. We can wallow in our puddles of self-pity and leave the areas of gifts and talents dormant. We can resign ourselves to a state of futility of reaching a holy life in our own strength. Or we can become

"Gary, remember that it is not how much you have of the Holy Spirit, but how much the Holy Spirit has of you."

about the special offering

We in the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations will be observing our 20th anniversary this year. To mark this special occasion we are asking congregations and individuals to participate in a special "thank offering" to go for the establishment of an orphanage in India, and also to be used in part for debt retirement.

We are setting aside a time at the Annual Conference to commemorate the occasion. This will be at the afternoon coffee hour on Thursday, June 17. A special cake will be prepared to mark our 20th anniversary. There will also be

a basket on the table for special offerings that have been received for the occasion, and for individual gifts.

We would like to encourage our congregations to receive a special "thank offering" prior to Annual Conference and have someone bring it to be given at the Conference during the special coffee hour. Let us make this year, and this Annual Conference, a time of praise to God for His goodness to us as an Association of Free Lutheran Congregations.

Pastor Richard Snipstead
President

MISSION ELECTIONS...

Mr. Timothy Korhonen, Esko, Minn.
Mr. Leland Nelson, Thief River Falls, Minn.
Rev. Kenneth Pentti, Ishpeming, Mich.
Mr. Jerome Stulen, Spicer, Minn.
Mr. Edwin Swanson, Canton, S. Dak.
Rev. Einar Unseth, Bismarck, N. Dak.*

Terms expire in 1984:

Mr. Bernard Dalager, Wannaska, Minn.
Mr. Paul Flaten, Newfolden, Minn.**
Rev. Alvin Grothe, Astoria, Ore.

filled with bigoted pride that we have so much more of the Holy Spirit than others that our lives become unattractive and seemingly cold to the world.

Let us be careful to set aside the sins that make us stumble and fall. Let us accept with appreciation the words of wisdom from the pages of Ludvig Hope's *Spirit and Power*:

"Let us in the first place be aware of this that we do not have to do anything in particular in order to quench the Holy Spirit. A fire can be extinguished without the use of a fireman's hose. A lamp goes out when there is no oil left. The fire dies in the stove when the fuel has been burnt up. The fire within us—God's Spirit in our hearts—will likewise be quenched when our spiritual life no longer is nourished."

The Comforter comes to you each and every day. He comes to bring the best of God's intentions to you. Trust Him to come to you in every situation and season of life.

Rev. Julius Hermunslie, Fergus Falls, Minn.
Mr. John Arlen Johnson, Sacred Heart, Minn.
Mr. Edwin Mathison, Bagley, Minn.
Rev. Wm. Moberg, Ortle, S. Dak.
Mr. Owen Myhre, Abercrombie, N. Dak.
Rev. Stephen Odegaard, Kirkland, Wash.
Rev. Norman Tenneboe, Eben Jct., Mich.

Terms expire in 1985:

Mrs. Amos Dyrud, Minneapolis, Minn.
Rev. Samuel Flores, Leon, Gto., Mexico
Rev. Gordon Grage, Brandon, Minn.
Rev. Ted Kennedy, Nogales, Ariz.
Mrs. Charles Kvanvig, Osceola, Wis.
Rev. Robert Lewis, Abercrombie, N. Dak.
Rev. David Molstre, Dickinson, N. Dak.**
Rev. Larry V. Severson, Roseau, Minn.
Rev. Forrest Swenson, Tucson, Ariz.
Mr. Kenneth Williams, Ishpeming, Mich.*

Terms expire in 1986:

Rev. Richard Anderson, Lake Stevens, Wash.**
Rev. Amos Dyrud, Minneapolis, Minn.*
Mr. Robert Knutson, McVie, N. Dak.
Rev. Dale Mellgren, Kalispell, Mont.
Rev. Allen Monson, Tioga, N. Dak.
Mrs. Aini Myking, Minneapolis, Minn.
Rev. John Rieth, Williston, N. Dak.
Mr. Joel Rogenes, Ely, Minn.**
Mr. Eldor Sorkness, Sand Creek, Wis.
Rev. Roy Warwick, Aberdeen, S. Dak.

God rewards faithfulness in the performance of the duties of life in rich measure, even here in time.

When we come unto the Lord and find grace and favor in His sight, He does for us more than we can ask or think. Is it not so? He not only invites us to feast at His table, but He gives us special blessings in His providence—handfuls of good things, and tender mercies, all of them foretastes of even better things to come. Praise Him!! What a loving Savior!!

All that I need He will always be,

All that I need till His face I see:

All that I need through eternity,

Jesus is all I need.

—Rowe

Thought: Christ does not always take us out of trials, but He does take us through them.

*"Behold, I stand at the door,
and knock: if any man hear
my voice, and open the door,
I will come in to him, and will
sup with him, and he with me."*

Rev. 3:20

Remember our National Annual Conference will be held at Dickinson, North Dakota. We covet your prayers for that congregation and Pastor and Mrs. David Molstre as they prepare to host that conference. Our WMF-Wednesday offering will be given to the Honorary Membership and In Memoriam and our special Thursday evening offering will be given to the Praise Program. Check your prayer calendar with regards to the disbursement of these funds so that you may give as God leads. Gifts for these conference offerings may be sent with your delegates to conference or sent to our National Treasurer—Mrs. Vernon Nelson, Box 261, Leeds, North Dakota 58346. Make your checks payable to the National WMF. Thank you for your prayer support and faithfulness in your giving. Mrs. Grace Syverson-National President.

Ruth

June 1982

Ruth's Gratitude

Read chapter 2, vs. 12-17.

1. What is revealed in the words of Boaz in verse 12? _____

He prayed the Lord's blessing upon her, but he didn't know that he would be the instrument that the Lord would use in bringing blessing to her.

2. How did Ruth acknowledge the kindness of Boaz shown towards her? v. 13. _____

3. How can we have a full reward? Ps. 36:5-7 _____

4. What reaction did Boaz have toward Ruth's humility? v. 14 _____

5. In what way did Boaz seem to feel about Ruth like our Lord did about those outside of Israel? Matt. 8:10 _____

6. What are the spiritual implications of verse 14? _____

There would not be so many weak, powerless Christians if they would have regular "meal-times" in the Word.

7. Where was she seated at mealtime? Is the spiritual food available to all? I Cor. 10:3-4 _____

Let us have our regular "meal-times" sitting daily at the Master's feet as did Mary of old.

8. In what way did Ruth show her love for Naomi again? vs. 14b and 18 _____

9. Is it not so, the Lord's grace is so abundant? _____

He does for us more than we can ask or think (Eph. 3:20). _____

10. Did Ruth become overly confident amid all these favors? _____

She did not stint in her labor because of the kindness of Boaz who made it easier. She laid something aside for Naomi and continued to work with diligence.

11. Note especially Boaz' concern for Ruth "on the quiet," in verse 16. _____

12. Did the handfuls come in the morning or was the gleaning greater after taking time out to sit at his feet and receive food from him? II Pet. 1:4-8 _____

13. Does verse 17 reveal anything about Ruth? _____

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

How may I succeed in the Christian life?

by Martin Hegland

A great many young people are convinced that the Christian life is the best life. They have seen the peace and gladness that pervade the lives of some true Christians, and they say to themselves, "I wish I could be like that. Some day I am going to be a real Christian." But many a one hesitates about making a start in the Christian life because he is afraid that he will not be able to hold out. He may have tried it once and failed, or he may have seen others start out promisingly but later slip back into the old ways. He says to himself, "If I could be sure that I could make a success of it, I certainly would launch out upon the Christian life, but I am afraid." And so the questions come: "How is it that some people succeed so splendidly in the Christian life and others fail so miserably? What is the secret of success in the Christian life?"

The first condition of success to be mentioned is a recognition of the fact that we do not possess in ourselves the strength to succeed. To depend upon one's own power is a mistake that many make. That was no doubt Peter's main weakness when he gave such bold assurances of faithfulness to his Master. Just a short time later he shamefully denied Him. If we are to succeed, we must get our power from God. Listen to Paul: "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me."

If we realize this, we shall be very glad and eager to make use of the helps God offers us. These are the means of grace, the Word and the Sacraments.

Make use of your Baptism. Remember that by that divine Sacrament you became a child of God. You have the privilege and right of an heir to

the Kingdom of God. Realize these prerogatives. If you belong to God, you are beyond Satan's power. You are within the area of God's kingdom. Surely you may rejoice in this. And you will want to live as becomes a citizen of the Kingdom.

Make use of the Word of God. It is a splendid practice to read devoutly some portion of Scripture every day. Remember that your soul must have food as well as your body. The Word, of which Christ is the center, is the manna that God has given for the soul.

Be faithful in your attendance at church where the Word of God again meets you. Do not let a single exception in your Sunday church attendance take place, if you can possibly help it. One slip makes the next one easier, so guard yourself with all your might against the first one.

"To depend upon one's own power is a mistake that many make."

Go regularly to the Lord's Supper. It is given by the Lord for the very purpose of helping Christians to make a success of the Christian life. Are we not then acting ungratefully and unwisely if we neglect it?

Then there is your prayer life. That must be kept active and vigorous. Make use of prayers written by devout Christians, but use also your own words in prayer. Oh, I know very well how at times the spirit of prayer seems lacking. Then let the burden of your prayer be a crying to God for help in prayer. And while I do not want to lay down fixed rules for the how of prayer, I want to suggest that sometimes it will help you to get down on your knees and pray aloud. Try it. It will help your concentration.

Associate yourself with earnest, forward-looking Christians. You will find it very difficult to live your Chris-

tian life alone. You will be liable to become cold and discouraged. Therefore seek out helpful Christian associates who may share with you your problems; perhaps you may be helpful to them also.

And now we come to a matter that is extremely important: Show your colors; come right out into the open and let people know where you stand. This is Scriptural. Notice what Jesus says: "Everyone who shall confess Me before men, him will I also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny Me before men, him will I also deny before My Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 10:32-33).

St. Paul reinforces the same thought: "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth Jesus as Lord, and shalt believe in thy heart that God raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved: for with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (Romans 10:9-10).

It is practically impossible to be a Christian and keep the fact to oneself. Many a young Christian has smothered the life within him by trying to hide it from people round about him. Certainly it is true that a life can be only weak and sickly if it is not allowed the sunshine and fresh air of open confession.

And why should we not let it be known where we stand in relation to Christ? Are we ashamed of Him? Are we afraid of men? To be sure, people may call you Pharisee, "goody-goody," or like names; but what of it? You are not a coward, are you? If Christ gave His life for you, can't you bear a little reproach for His sake?

There are many ways in which you can confess Christ. You can do it by a public statement or by a public prayer; and it will oftentimes give the power of God a better chance to work out in you if you do make such a confession. Many a Christian dates the beginning of a new epoch of spiritual strength in his life from the time of his first public confession.

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CAMPUS NEWS

Confessions of a Choir member

When the Association Free Lutheran Bible School Choir goes on tour, it means many things to many people.

It means music. It means spiritual refreshment. It means a fresh interchange with joyful believers.

And it means food.

We aren't talking about mere "food." We are talking *food*. The real stuff. The stuff made with proud hands and loving hearts. And we are talking about *a lot* of food.

Say "food" with dignity, with respect. Say it like you mean it. This is the kind of food we are talking about.

We are talking about the best. Free Lutheran Style. Besides that, we are talking about 37 choir members who know how to eat it, too. And with the kind of experiences we are having, we are learning how to put it away even better. I say it with a self-condemning smile, the AFLBS choir can eat.

I'll concede that as a member of the AFLBS choir. I have a confession to make. I am being spoiled. In church after church, home after home, at table after table we are being fed. Capitalize the "f."

Can you picture it? The turkey. It is not alone, but it is accompanied with stuffing and cranberries. (Take note of the stuffing. This stuff *is* stuffing. Just like Mother's. Then the broccoli enters into the scene, covered with cheese. And the ham, along with the mashed potatoes. The stuff is good. Don't overlook the Finnish-style tacos and the spaghetti.

I mean, look at the road we've traveled: northern Minnesota, the Red River Valley area, western North Dakota, Michigan's Upper Peninsula (they call it "the U.P., eh?). These people know how to cook.

You see, we are talking pounds. While the potluck dinners fall, the weight rises.

Choir Director Don Rodvold claims that "Free Lutheran hospitality and food are the best in the world." You'll have a hard time convincing the choir members otherwise. You don't hear

complaints. You see smiles. Contented smiles. And you see choir members holding their stomachs and smiling.

And joking.

You can see them poking their stomachs, saying "Eighteen pancakes for Steve Woimanen!" "Looking kind of satisfied there, Chubby," they say. I smile.

You can begin to understand the dilemma when even ever-slim Ruth Tollefson knocks off 12 homemade bars in four days. In Cloquet, Minn., Rob Lundquist explained the situation while on his fourth trip to the potluck table. "I had to," said the tenor, "it was out of my control."

The defense rests. The food is irresistible and is constantly calling. "Eat me. Please, please eat me!" I do.

There is no backing off on either side. The cooks continue cooking (happily), and the choir members continue eating (happily).

—James Lyell Johnson



JUNIORS

Row 1: Robin Peterson, Karen Nelson, Jacklyn Palkie, Marlys Quanbeck, Yvonne Mayer, Kim Erickson, Dawn Tollefson, Ruth Hestness, Laurie Hjermstad, Mrs. Madhuravani (from India), Pam Jones.
Row 2: Jane Nelson, Sheila Jbornrud, Grace Quam, Connie Westergren, Lynn Jalonen, Sue Borck, Darlene Weichert, Laurie Kooplin, Karen Holmstrom, Sue Millett, Cheri Russum, Kary Sletten, Karen Erickson.
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Row 4: Edwin Hoseth, Daniel Johnson, Ray Crestik, Tom Gustum, Robert Hasselbom, Dwayne Hilmo, Tom Hill, David Ramme, Mark Quanbeck, Brian Mickelsen, Michael Matero, Michael Schmidt.
Row 5: Curtis Twedt, Rick Crestik, Saad Boktor, Reuben Unseth, David Blake, John Dahl, Rob Lundquist, Jonathan Unverzagt, Brian Rice, Brian Jensen, Philip Lofthus, Kevin Gerholdt, Steven Broten.
Row 6: Paul Rolf, Ross Johnson, Roger Quanbeck, Dave Rekoske, Kurt Kajjala, Paul Weichert, Stacey Hoiberg, Lance Hammer, Mark Schmitke, Philip Johnson, Steve Woimanen.

SENIORS

Row 1: Jeannette Hanson, Debbie Walty, Stephanie Krueger, Ilona Iverson, Deb White, Dawn Nelson, Elsie Hoseth.
Row 2: Sandy Hilde, Wanda Jacobson, Nancy Burslie, Janet Prinzing, Carrie Cornish, Judy Oscarson.
Row 3: Nancy Woods, Marlys Twedt, Martha Mostad, Rane Stueland, Jean Swanson, Keeley Wittmer, Lavonne Torkelson.
Row 4: Don Nelson, Richard Mickelsen, Kevin Hilmo, Jay Lund, Steve Nelson, Mark Westlake, Dave Fugleberg, Mark Stave.
Row 5: Bruce Warwick, Scott Elmquist, Marlow Nash, Steve Mundfrom, Mike Wagar, Mark Olson, James Johnson.



CONFERENCE HOUSING

Motels & Hotels

Name & Address	Telephone (A/C 701)	Rates	No. of Rooms
City Motel A & A Fettig 1520 West Villard	225-9909	\$14-\$25	14
Dickinson Motel S & E Schmaltz 1554 West Villard	225-6044	\$18-\$24	21
Econ-O-Inn Phyllis Thompson I-94 & ND 22	227-1891	\$20-\$32	59
Holiday Inn Larry LaMont I-94	227-1853	\$33-\$54	149
Ivanhoe Inn Hotel Tom Slavin 21 East Villard	227-0121	\$22-\$24	63
New Oasis Motel Steve Larson 1000 West Villard	225-6703	\$25-\$36	27
Nodak Motel H & M Emme 600 East Villard	225-5119	\$16-\$30	26
Prairie Winds Inn J & N Sumbaum 529-12th Street West	225-9123	\$24-\$35	54
Ramada Inn Zane Paulson 71 West 12th Street	225-6791	\$28-\$36	138
Super 8 Lodge Marian Froehlich 638-12th Street West	227-1215	\$23-\$32	59
Traveler's Motel Robert Penne 711 East Villard	225-5366	\$17-\$25	24
Uptown Motel Debbie Mullan 405 East Villard	225-5149	\$15-\$30	24
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(See Pastor Molstre's "Welcome from Our Saviour's" on page ____ for information about housing on the college campus.)

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BUDGET RECEIPTS February 1-March 31

Fund	Total Budget	Congre- gational Receipts in March	Total Rec'd to Date	% of Total (Ideal 17%)
General Fund	\$170,000.00	\$ 6,755.76	\$14,307.50	8
Schools				
AFLTS	86,381.00	3,779.93	7,812.24	9
AFLBS	154,162.00	5,268.54	12,240.87	8
Home Missions	254,380.00	10,265.92	19,814.19	8
World Missions	218,880.00	11,088.40	30,407.18	14
Praise	30,200.00	1,362.32	2,460.71	8
Total	\$914,003.00	\$38,520.87	87,042.69	10
1981-82	\$809,206.00	\$41,284.64	\$71,440.57	9

PARAGUAY...

was promised by Aid Association for Lutherans for language study. So we are still struggling to learn the language on our own. Our documents are being processed, but nothing is definite yet. Until they are finalized, we may not begin to hold Bible studies or services in our home. We can only build friendships and pray that God will open doors and hearts so that we may proclaim Jesus to them.

We have not been able to accomplish some of the things we had hoped to by this time; however, we can see how God has been leading, guiding and blessing us through this one whole year here in Paraguay. We are so thankful that we can trust God through the coming years as well.

LIFE...

You can also confess Christ by the position you take among your fellows in regard to sinful or doubtful practices. If someone proposes doing something that your conscience condemns, you can confess Christ very effectively by a courageous and firm statement: "You'll have to count me out of that." And be assured of this that while openly people may laugh at you, deep down in their hearts they thoroughly respect you and wish sincerely that they had your courage.

Oh, for a body of consecrated Christian young people who in this day of loose morals and shifting standards have the courage of their convictions.

Finally, if you want to make a success of your Christian life, become active in Christian service. What many young Christians need in order to develop their Christian personalities and possibilities is to get something practical to do for Christ and their fellowmen. Wise indeed is that pastor, league and congregation that gives the young people some worth while thing to do as an expression of their Christian faith. Believing and doing go together beautifully in the Christian life. So, aspiring young Christians, welcome and seek out constantly opportunities for Christian usefulness.

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

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Nominations Committee for 1982 Conference

(These persons were elected to the Committee by the 1981 Annual Conference. In some cases substitutions may have to be made at the time of this year's conference.)

Rev. John Strand, Fargo, N. Dak.
Rev. Terry Olson, Minot, N. Dak.
Mr. Orlo Kneeland, Summit, S. Dak.
Mr. Paul Flaten, Newfolden, Minn.
Mr. Morris Moan, McIntosh, Minn.
Rev. Gordon Grage, Brandon, Minn.
Mr. Lyle Twite, Cloquet, Minn.

Rev. Elden Nelson, Minneapolis, Minn.
Mr. Walter Peterson, Ishpeming, Mich.
Rev. Ted Kennedy, Nogales, Ariz.
Rev. Ronald Knutson, Ferndale, Wash.

Anyone wishing to suggest names to the Committee for consideration for positions on committees or boards of the Church or as members of committees for the 1983 Annual Conference is welcome to do so. Contact one of the persons listed above.

HEMMING LANGAGER DIES

Mr. Hemming Langager, Britton, S. Dak., and formerly of Veblen, S. Dak., passed away in Britton on Apr. 19. His funeral service was held on Apr. 22nd in Veblen. He was a native of Karmøy, Norway.

I attended the party to honor him on his 100th birthday last July.

The Editor

Personalities

New addresses:

Rev. David Molstre
750-8th Ave. West
Dickinson, N. Dak.

Rev. Wm. Moberg
86286 Pine Grove Road
Eugene, Ore. 97402

Pastor Moberg is the new pastor of Spencer Creek Lutheran Church, rural Eugene, having moved from Ortley, S. Dak.

MINNESOTA LAYMEN TO MEET

The Northern Minnesota Lutheran Laymen's Society will meet on Sunday, May 23, at Norden Lutheran Church, approximately five miles west of Thief River Falls, Minn., 2:30 p.m. Text for discussion will be Romans 5.

All are welcome.

Art Joppru, Chm.
Joe Jacobson, Sec.

In Memoriam

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

MINNESOTA

Roseau

Betsy Sherven, 81, Apr. 15, Spruce