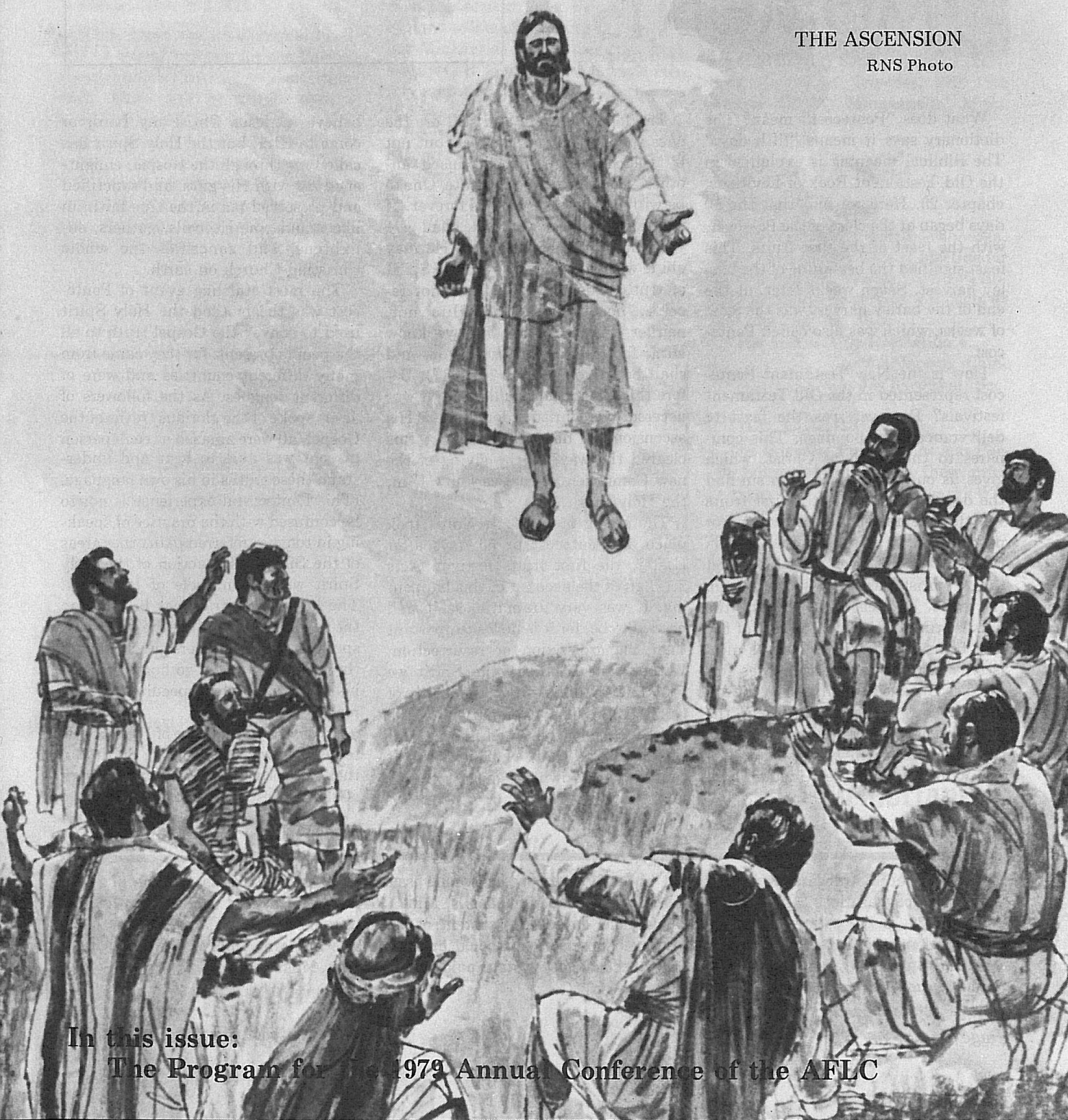


May 15, 1979

# The Lutheran Ambassador

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# MEDITATION MOMENTS

## *Pentecost*

What does "Pentecost" mean? The dictionary says it means "fifth day." The Biblical meaning is explained in the Old Testament Book of Leviticus, chapter 23. Here we find that the 50 days began at the close of the Passover, with the feast of the first fruits. This feast signified the beginning of the barley harvest. Seven weeks later, at the end of the barley harvest was the feast of weeks, which was also called Pentecost.

How is the New Testament Pentecost represented in the Old Testament festivals? Passover was the feast of deliverance from bondage. This compares to the death of Christ, which gives us our deliverance from sin and the devil. The feast of the first fruits was the celebration of the new grain or new life. Christ arose from the tomb on the day after Passover, the feast of first fruits. Christ was the first fruits from the grave. The feast of weeks was the harvest time, when the fullness of the first fruits was realized. Christ's ministry, after His resurrection, was fulfilled as He revealed Himself to His followers, and confirmed in them the glorious truth of His resurrection. This truth is necessary in witnessing or harvesting of souls for the Kingdom.

The followers were and still are the ones to carry on this harvest, but not by themselves. Christ promised another "Comforter" or Advocate, One to be with us and stay with us forever. "I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him: but ye know Him; for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you" (John 14:16-17). Before this Comforter could come, it was necessary for Christ to depart, thus His ascension, 40 days after Easter; this cleared the way for the giving of the new Comforter, or, as we know Him, the Holy Spirit.

The giving of the Holy Spirit took place on Pentecost or 50 days after Easter, the first fruits festival. Acts 2:1-3 gives the account of this happening. It was very dramatic, as it well needed to be, for it is no less important than the crucifixion or resurrection. Without the filling of the Spirit we could never understand the truth of God's word. The explanation of the Third Article of the Creed in our Catechism tells us that, "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, enlightened me with His gifts, and sanctified and preserved me in the true faith; in like manner as He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth. . . ."

The most startling event of Pentecost was the method the Holy Spirit used to convey the Gospel truth to all the people present, for they came from many different countries and were of different tongues. As the followers of Jesus spoke of the glorious truths of the Gospel, all were amazed as each person present was able to hear and understand these truths in his own language. (This Pentecostal experience is not to be confused with the practice of speaking in tongues referred to in other areas of the Bible.) This action of the Holy Spirit was the miracle of Pentecost. The language barrier was broken and the process of spreading the Word was speeded up. Each person who heard the good news could go home and tell his own people, thus speeding the outreach.

To us, the importance of Pentecost is to be filled with the Abiding Spirit and then be motivated to carry on the work of the harvest laid before us.

—Philip Featherstone

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# The Seventeenth Annual Conference of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations

June 13-17, 1979

With Faith and Stillwater Lutheran Churches of  
Kalispell, Montana, as hosts.

The sessions will be at Big Mountain Ski Resort,  
Whitefish, Montana

*THEME: "God's Word for Today's World"*  
*CONFERENCE TEXT: II Timothy 3:14-17*

The seventeenth Annual Conference of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations will be held at the Big Mountain Ski Resort, Whitefish, Montana, from June 13-17. We trust that the beauty of God's creation in that area will increase our awareness of His Presence, power and grace as we meet for our business and inspirational sessions.

The theme of the conference is "God's Word for Today's World," based on II Timothy 3:14-17. Modern technology is seemingly incapable of solving the gigantic problems created by our affluence. The people of God need to be reassured that the promises in God's Word are sure. The purpose of God for His people on earth has not changed, and will not change, regardless of the changes that take place around us. We come back to the Word to be directed by God's Spirit through that Word. Our theme ought to give us many opportunities to be inspired and challenged as we meet for Conference.

The key-note address of the conference will be given by Pastor John Strand on Wednesday evening at the opening session. We feel we have no one better qualified to bring the message on the theme that night than Pastor Strand.

Our AFLC is a growing fellowship of congregations. New doors of opportunities and service are continuing to open to us. This increases the responsibility on each of us to try to be present at the conference that we might help formulate the decisions and mold resolutions that will continue to make us effective in the work of Christ's Kingdom.

Annual Conference is a time of rich fellowship around the Word and the work of the church. We trust that the location will make it possible for many more of our West Coast people to be at the conference. We look for a good representation from all areas of our church.

Annual Conference is a time when we become better acquainted with the common endeavors of our church, that we might pray and give intelligently. It should help each of us to become better stewards of those gifts entrusted to us.

We would invite you to come to Big Mountain for our Conference in June. We would acknowledge our need of your earnest prayers for each speaker and for the important decisions facing the conference.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Pastor Richard Snipstead,  
President, AFLC



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INVITATION  
TO YOU**

# Schedule

## Wednesday, June 13

- 9:00 a.m. — The Conference Committees meet for devotions, instructions and room assignments in the Chalet Dining Room.
- 8:00 p.m. The opening service of the Conference, with the sermon on the conference text by Pastor John Strand, Fargo, North Dakota. Pastor John Rieth will lead the service. The opening of the Conference and the appointment of necessary committees by Pastor Richard Snipstead. Offering to the General Fund.

## Thursday, June 14

- 9:00 a.m. Report of the Credentials Committee. Election of Committee on Nominations for the 1980 Conference. The President's Report. The report of the chairman of the Coordinating Committee, Pastor Wendell Johnson. Financial Report, Miss Linda Butterfield. Report of the treasurer of the Family Bible Camp, Mrs. Harold Erickson. Report of the Budget Analysis Committee, Pastor Wesley Langaas. Report of the Nominating Committee, always in order. Election of nominees for the Missions Corporation and Schools Corporation. Report of Committee No. 1.
- 11:30 a.m. Prayer Hour. The Prayer Hours will be led by Pastor Merle Knutson, Newfolden, Minnesota.
- 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 Boards and the Board of Trustees. Continuing discussion of Committee No. 1. Election of nominees to the Coordinating Committee. Election of Committee No. 1 for the 1980 Conference. Report of the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Pastor Jay Erickson. Report of the Dean of the Theological Seminary, Pastor Amos Dyrud. Report of the Dean of the Bible School, Pastor Kenneth Moland. Report of Committee No. 2.
- 5:30 p.m. The Schools Corporation will meet at Alpin-snack, Lower Terminal.
- 8:00 p.m. The Mission Festival Service conducted by the Women's Missionary Federation.

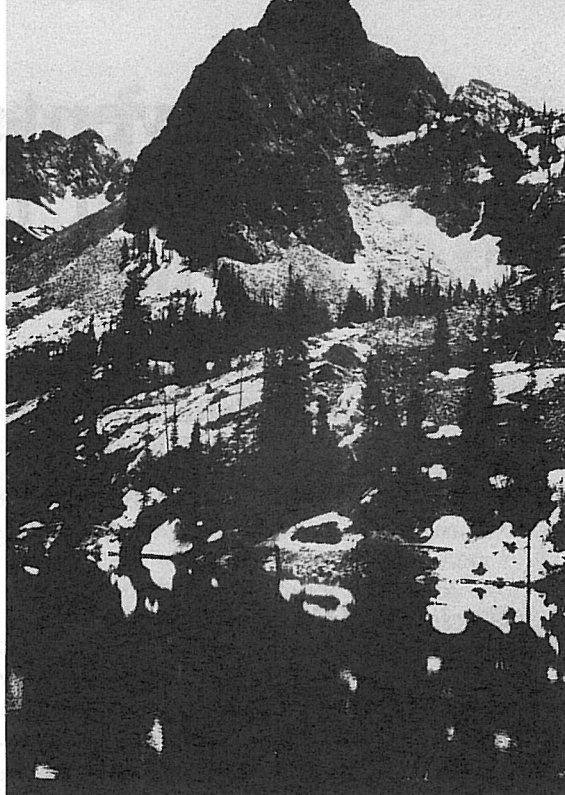


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## Friday, June 15

- 7:00 a.m. The Mission Corporation meets at Alpin-snack, Lower Terminal.
- 9:00 a.m. Devotions. Report of the Credentials Committee. Continuing discussion of Committee No. 2. Election of Committee No. 2 for the 1980 Conference. The report concerning the Schools Corporation meeting. The report of the chairman of the Foreign Mission Board, Pastor Eugene Enderlein. The report of the chairman of the Home Mission Board, Pastor Herbert Franz. The report of the Home Mission Director, Pastor Elden Nelson. The report of the chairman of the Evangelism Commission, Pastor Terry Olson. The report of Committee No. 3.
- 11:30 a.m. Prayer Hour.
- 2:00 p.m. Devotions. Report of the Credentials Committee. Continuing discussion of the report of Committee No. 3. The report concerning the Missions Corporation meeting.
- 6:00 p.m. — Pastors' Banquet at Alpinglow Inn Dining Room
- 8:00 p.m. Laymen's Service. Sheldon Mortrud, Thief River Falls, Minnesota, leader. Roy Mohagen, Grafton, North Dakota, will give the message. Offering to Praise Program.

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by Rev. James Fugleberg,  
Ontonagon, Mich.

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

#### *The Day of Pentecost*

When we read in the Bible the account of Pentecost Sunday and the days that followed, we cannot help but be amazed at the mighty spiritual empowering of the disciples that took place, resulting in the salvation of thousands of souls and the phenomenal growth of the church. It must have been exciting to see 3000 souls come to Christ in one day and to have added to the church daily such as were being saved. The things that were happening were certainly unusual, but wonderful. Think of a ministry among a group of Christians that results in the bringing of so many souls into the Kingdom of God! Certainly any truly living congregation would love to see such a thing happen in their community.

Jesus' promise of Pentecost in Acts 1:8 affords us an insight into the basis for such widespread and effective evangelistic activity. There Jesus told His disciples, just before He ascended to heaven, that the Holy Ghost would come upon them with power and this would yield the result of their being effective witnesses for Him. The Holy Spirit, then, was responsible for the marvelous things that occurred at Pentecost.

#### **"Pentecost Day marked the beginning of the age of the Holy Spirit."**

Pentecost Day marked the beginning of the age of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit on that day undertook His particular part of the salvation of sinful man. Jesus had accomplished the redemption; now the Holy Spirit's role is that of applying the work of Christ to the hearts of men. Jesus said, "He shall glorify me: for He shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you" (Jn. 16:14).

# empowered for witness

#### *How the Spirit Works*

The Holy Spirit accomplishes His mission in one aspect by working directly upon unbelievers. Through the Law He works upon their consciences to convict them of sin. Then He calls them to Christ through the Gospel and applies to their souls the saving merit of Christ and the soothing words of forgiveness. Thus are those who believe "born of the Spirit" and are made children of God.

But He also accomplishes the winning of the lost to Christ by working indirectly; that is, He enables and empowers believers to do the work of witnessing and evangelizing. This is the work of the Holy Spirit that Jesus spoke of in our text. Let us consider briefly a few of the ways in which the Holy Spirit empowers and enables believers to be witnesses for Christ.

#### *The Spirit Empowers*

The Holy Spirit empowers a believer for witnessing, first of all, by giving him the assurance of his own salvation. "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God" (Rom. 8:16). How important it is for us to have this assurance! One who doesn't know for sure that he is a child of God cannot possibly give a positive witness for Jesus Christ! But if we have this assurance, let us recognize that we have a responsibility to witness for our Lord. "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so!" (Ps. 107:2).

The Spirit also produces in believers' lives the fruits listed in Galatians 6:22, 23, all of which are beautiful adornments for the one who bears the message of salvation. Not only are they

beautiful to behold in the life of a believer, but without them our witness to the world would be worthless. How essential love, the first-listed of the fruits, is! Just as the love chapter, I Corinthians 13, tells us, without love, all of our speech, all of our knowledge, all of our faith would be entirely useless in relating to the world. But how love attracts people to Christ! We may have the most broken speech, the most meager knowledge of the Bible, our faith may never have moved a molehill, but if people sense the love of Christ in us and flowing through to them, they will want what we have: they will want Christ.

It is the same with the other fruits. They are things the unbeliever does not have, and when he sees them in the life of a believer, how he wishes to know the secret of such graces! All of these beautiful fruits which the Holy Spirit produces in our lives make us more effective in winning the lost to Christ.

The Holy Spirit also works to make us victorious over sin. Because we have been set free from the law of sin and of death, we are not obligated to obey the lusts of our sinful natures. Instead, we are able to lead holy lives because through the Spirit the deeds of the body are put to death. It may be that through our weakness we will slip into an occasional sin, but the Holy Spirit within us will not allow us to remain in it. Thus we will not make a practice of sinning. In this way the Holy Spirit keeps us "in good repair" so that we can be effective and fervent in our witness. Nothing so destroys a Christian's witness as sin in his life.

## WITNESS . . .

The Holy Spirit not only enables a Christian for service by giving him the assurance of salvation, victory over sin, and the fruits of the Spirit, but He directs the believer as to where and how these blessings ought to be used. He directed Philip to the Ethiopian eunuch and the result was that the eunuch went on his way rejoicing in the Lord. He forbade Paul and Timothy to go to Asia and Bithynia, but directed them toward Macedonia. The Lord also promises that He will direct our paths if our trust is in Him (Prov. 3:5, 6).

### *He Is Able to Work Now*

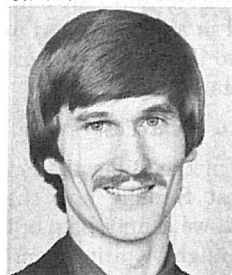
We mention only these few things, although there are other facets of the

Spirit's work that could be mentioned. In summary, all things necessary for our being effective witnesses have been given us by the Holy Spirit. His is the work of empowering us for witnessing.

**"Is the Holy Spirit any less powerful or willing to work in believers now than He was then?"**

As we compare ourselves to the believers of the first century, do we see in ourselves the degree of effectiveness that was in them? If not, why not? Is the Holy Spirit any less powerful or willing to work in believers now than He was then? No, the fault lies in us. We have resisted His work or disobeyed His guidance.

But it's exciting to realize that the Holy Spirit is able to work just as effectively now as He was in Apostolic days. Think of the great things that are possible if He is allowed to work! Let us pray that in all ways we be open to the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives and be obedient to Him, so that our witness will spread to the uttermost part of the earth.



Rev. James Fugleberg

## SCHEDULE . . .

### Saturday, June 16

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| 9:00 a.m.  | Devotions.<br>Report of the Credentials Committee.<br>Continuing discussion of the report of Committee No. 3.<br>Election of members to the Commission on Evangelism.<br>Election of Committee No. 3 for the 1980 Annual Conference.<br>Report of the chairman of the Board of Publications and Parish Education, Pastor Howard Kjos.<br>Report of the Executive Secretary of the Department of Parish Education, Miss Judith Wold.<br>Report of the chairman of the Youth Board, Pastor Bruce Dalager.<br>Report of the president of the Luther League Federation, Pastor Dale Mellgren.<br>Report of Committee No. 4. |
| 11:30 a.m. | Prayer Hour.  |
| 2:00 p.m.  | Devotions.<br>Report of the Credentials Committee.<br>Report of the Colloquy Committee.<br>Election of members to the Board of Publications and Parish Education, and the Youth Board.<br>Election of Committee No. 4 for the 1980 Annual Conference.<br>Election of the Colloquy Committee for the 1980 Annual Conference.<br>Report of the chairman of the Stewardship Board, Pastor Edwin Kjos.<br>Report of the chairman of the Pension Board, Mr. Clifford Holm.<br>Report of Committee No. 5.<br>Election of members to the Stewardship   |

8:00 p.m.

### Sunday, June 17

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| 8:00 a.m.  | Communion Service.<br>Pastor Stephen Odegard, Eugene, Oregon, liturgist.<br>Pastor Howard Kjos, Roslyn, South Dakota, will bring the message.                            |
| 10:30 a.m. | Worship Service, with the message by Pastor Wallace Jackson, Wallace, South Dakota.<br>Pastor Alvin Grothe, Astoria, Oregon, liturgist.<br>Offering to Foreign Missions. |
| 2:00 p.m.  | Closing Service.<br>Message by Pastor Richard Snipstead.<br>Offering to the Schools.<br>Closing of the 17th Annual Conference of the AFLC.                               |

Conference Committee:

Pastor Einar Unseth

Pastor Richard Snipstead

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# Nominations, elections by the Annual Conference

## Officers to be elected

\*designates incumbent

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

\*Rev. Francis Monseth, Minneapolis, Minn.

Pastor Monseth has served three consecutive terms and if re-nominated must receive a three-fourths majority on the first ballot to be re-elected.

### Secretary (1-year term)

\*Rev. Einar Unseth, Bismarck, N. Dak.

## Nominations

\*designates incumbent

(Elections by respective corporations)

### Co-ordinating Committee

(5-year term)

\*Rev. Wendell Johnson, Stacy, Minn.

### Board of Home Missions

(5-year term)

\*Rev. Julius Hermunslie, Fergus Falls, Minn.

### Board of World Missions

(5-year term)

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

### Board of Trustees

(5-year term)

\*Mr. Stanley Holmaas, Newfolden, Minn.

## Elections

\*designates incumbent

### Board of Publications and Parish Education

(5-year term)

\*Miss Eula Mae Swenson, Fargo, N. Dak.

(Miss Swenson is ineligible for re-election, having served two consecutive terms.)

### Board of Pensions

(5-year Term)

\*Mr. Walter Lien, Minnewaukan, N. Dak.

## Missions Corporation

The Nominating Committee of the Annual Conference will present two (2) names for every vacancy on the Missions Corporation. Nominations may also be made from the floor. The Conference membership will then by secret ballot choose one person for each vacancy, sending the names of those persons to the Corporation for decision at its annual meeting on June 14. Members of the World and Home Missions Board must come from the membership of the Corporation. Failure to be re-elected to the Corporation while serving on either Board will automatically remove one from membership on that Board.

### Commission on Evangelism

(5-year term)  
\*Mr. Haldor Hegg, McIntosh, Minn. (Records not clear; Mr. Hegg may have served two full consecutive terms and thus be ineligible for re-election.)

### Stewardship Board

(5-year term)

\*Mr. Arlo Kneeland, Summit, S. Dak.

### Youth Board

(5-year term)

\*Mr. David Russum, Grafton, N. Dak.

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

\*denotes World Mission Board member.

\*\*denotes Home Mission Board member.

### Terms expire in 1979:

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

### Terms expire in 1980:

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

## The Nominations Committee

Mr. Robert Knutson, McVile, N. Dak.  
Mr. Oscar Folden, Minot, N. Dak.  
Rev. Philip Featherstone, Pukwana, S. Dak.  
Mr. Paul Flaten, Newfolden, Minn.  
Mr. Howard Nelson, Starbuck, Minn.  
Rev. Ronald Knutson, Drummond, Wis.  
Mr. Ray Jacobson, Minneapolis, Minn.

Rev. Kenneth Pentti, Bessemer, Mich.  
Rev. Lawrence Dynneson, Nogales, Ariz.  
Rev. Richard Anderson, Lake Stevens, Wash.

All committee members are open to suggestions and recommendations concerning nominations to be made at the Annual Conference. They welcome your interest.



## Missions Corporation . . .

### Terms expire in 1981:

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

### Terms expire in 1982:

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

### Terms expire in 1983:

Mr. Rober Gabbert, Lefor, N. Dak.  
Rev. Einar Unseth, Bismarck, N. Dak.  
Mr. Edwin Swanson, Pukwana, S.  
Dak.  
Mr. Timothy Korhonen, Esko, Minn.  
Mr. Leland Nelson, Thief River  
Falls, Minn.  
Mr. Jerome Stulen, Spicer, Minn.  
Rev. Philip Haugen, Minneapolis,  
Minn.  
Rev. Kenneth Pentti, Bessemer, Mich.  
Rev. Fred Carlson, Sebeka, Minn.  
Lay Pastor Verle Dean, Ferndale,  
Wash.

## Schools Corporation

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(The following persons are eligible to attend the annual meeting of the Corporation on June 14.)

\*denotes Board of Trustees member.

### Terms expire in 1979:

Rev. Wendell Johnson, Stacy, Minn.  
Rev. Kenneth L. Anderson, McVile,  
N. Dak.  
Mr. Raymond Jacobson, Minneapolis,  
Minn.\*  
Rev. Robert L. Lee, Valley City,  
N. Dak.\*  
Rev. David C. Molstre, McIntosh,  
Minn.  
Rev. R. Snipstead, Minneapolis,  
Minn.  
Rev. Bruce Dalager, Mentor, Minn.  
Dr. Wayne Sletten, Faith, S. Dak.  
Dr. Iver Olson, Minneapolis, Minn.  
Rev. Philip Featherstone, Pukwana, S.  
Dak.

### Terms expire in 1980:

Rev. Michael Brandt, Amery, Wis.  
Mr. Kenneth Rolf, McIntosh, Minn.  
Mr. Irvin Hodnefield, Radcliffe, Ia.  
Mr. Lawrence Dahlgren, Lake Park,  
Minn.  
Mr. Arlo Kneeland, Summit, S. Dak.  
Rev. Ralph Rokke, McIntosh, Minn.  
Mr. Lyle Twite, Cloquet, Minn.  
Mr. Leonard Swanson, Nogales, Ariz.

Rev. Ragene Hodnefield, Dalton,  
Minn.

Mr. Arthur Olson, Tioga, N. Dak.

### Terms expire in 1981:

Rev. Terry Olson, Minot, N. Dak.  
Dr. Philip Dyrud, Middle River,  
Minn.\*  
Mr. Bruce Wolla, Minot, N. Dak.  
Mr. Le Roy Knutson, Newfolden,  
Minn.  
Mr. Sherman McCarlson, Webster, S.  
Dak.  
Mr. Richard Hinderaker, Radcliffe, Ia.  
Mr. Morris Borstad, Tioga, N. Dak.  
Mr. Roger Rasmussen, Pennock,  
Minn.  
Mr. Lester Davidson, Ortle, S. Dak.  
Mr. Allen Hjermstad, Zumbrota,  
Minn.

### Terms expire in 1982:

Rev. Dennis Gray, Spicer, Minn.\*  
Rev. J. G. Erickson, Minneapolis,  
Minn.\*  
Rev. Francis Monseth, Minneapolis,  
Minn.  
Mr. John Mundfrom, Fargo, N. Dak.  
Mr. Wayne Pederson, Roseville,  
Minn.\*  
Mr. Roger Strom, Saudi Arabia  
Rev. Howard Kjos, Roslyn, S. Dak.  
Rev. Orville T. Olson, Hatton,  
N. Dak.  
Mr. Howard Johnson, Astoria, Ore.  
Mr. Gerald Anderson, Ishpeming,  
Mich.

### Terms expire in 1983:

Mr. Stanley Holmaas, Newfolden,  
Minn.\*  
Mr. Ted Hanson, Mason, Wis.  
Mr. Arne Berge, Binford, N. Dak.  
Rev. Donald Greven, Radcliffe, Ia.  
Mr. Sheldon Mortrud, Thief River  
Falls,  
Minn.  
Rev. Raynard Huglen, Newfolden,  
Minn.  
Rev. Leslie Galland, Everett, Wash.  
Mr. Ralph Peterson, Portland, N. Dak.  
Mr. David Russum, Grafton, N. Dak.  
Rev. Trygve Dahle, Spicer, Minn.

ASSOCIATION OF FREE LUTHERAN CONGREGATIONS			Current	Received	Received	% of	% of
3110 East Medicine Lake Boulevard Minneapolis, Minnesota 55441			Budget	in March	to Date	Current	Total
BUDGET RECEIPTS							
February 1, 1978 to March 31, 1979							
	Fund	Total Budget					
	General Fund	\$ 90,775.00	\$15,129.16	\$ 5,484.18	\$10,755.72	71.1%	11.8%
	Schools	150,105.00	25,017.50	6,205.89	15,974.17	63.9	10.6
	Home Missions	85,000.00	14,166.66	4,438.90	7,475.29	52.8	8.8
	World Missions	128,755.00*	21,459.16	6,761.91	14,607.12	68.1	11.3
	Praise	27,000.00	4,500.00	1,850.12	3,586.85	79.7	13.3
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$481,635.00*</b>	<b>\$80,272.48</b>	<b>\$24,731.00</b>	<b>\$52,399.15</b>	<b>65.3%</b>	<b>10.9%</b>
*Adjusted since previous report							
	1978-79	\$445,332.00	\$74,222.00	\$16,863.65	\$30,509.79	41	%

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# editorials

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## BIG DECISIONS AT BIG MOUNTAIN

Oh, not as big decisions as some annual conferences have been called upon to make, like electing a new president or putting up a new building at the Bible School. But there are some big enough things to determine when delegates assemble for the 17th Annual Conference of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations at Big Mountain Ski Resort, Whitefish, Montana, June 13-17.

For instance, this conference will vote the first one-half million dollar budget in the Association's history. That is a foregone conclusion what with normal growth in the church, to say nothing of our difficult rate of inflation nationally. How much above \$500,000 we should go this year will have to be decided by the delegates.

Tied in with budget also are most of the decisions of substance regarding the Schools and Missions. As to Schools, a larger enrollment at the Bible School would mean more money available for salaries and physical plant upkeep. Some costs remain the same whether there are 75 students in attendance or 150. But with or without an increase in enrollment the question must be asked, are salaries adequate for those employed by the Schools? Little has been heard of late about the debt on the dormitory buildings except that many of the loans are being renewed. That's good, but it means that considerable interest must be paid out annually.

World Missions is in an expansionary state. From now on there will be a Mexico section of the budget, as well as Brazil. There will likely also be one for India, although the status of that field is not wholly clear to us at the moment.

In Brazil, one new missionary couple has been added and one single worker, although the latter may be only a temporary addition. A second couple is being held in abeyance until a medical problem is resolved.

This year there will be much more information available concerning all three areas—Brazil, Mexico and India, because of personal visits by board members to the first two, and because Pastor Rao Dasari hopefully will be in attendance and can speak from firsthand knowledge of the India situation.

Men and means remain the perennial problem in Home Missions. A number of pastoral vacancies exist in the Association. Are men most wisely used at the present to reduce the number of those vacancies or to begin new work? Something for the conference to decide.

Also, the Home Mission department is learning many valuable lessons from the new work started in Bismarck, North Dakota, for it is the first mission started from scratch, that is, with no interested persons asking us to come to begin work in a place. Some of these lessons will be shared with the conference next month and then we'll have a better idea of "where we go from here."

The conference will be the first one chaired by Pastor R. Snipstead, although he did a few stints at presiding when he was vice-president of the church some years back. The setting will be distinctly different. We will be at a fashionable ski resort and for this writer at least it will be his first one, fashionable or otherwise. The setting will be extraordinary. We will be at a place apart, close to God's handiwork, to do God's business.

It will be a unique experience, to be sure. What with rising travel costs and a possible gasoline shortage, this may be the last annual conference outside the heart of the Upper Midwest in a long while. Therefore, a good many AFLC members are going to try to get to this one.

We will attempt to gather more thoughts on the upcoming conference next time. In the meantime, and always, pray for the Annual Conference that God's hand be upon it in every way.

## LEST WE FORGET

Some time this past winter a man named Iver Solberg, of Ray, North Dakota, passed away. We learned the simple fact, nothing more, always hoping that other information would be forthcoming which could be passed on to *Ambassador* readers. But nothing did and now, in order that his departure from this life not go completely unnoticed, we make mention of him.

To quite a few Association people now the name of Iver Solberg is unknown. That isn't the case to those who were along in the early years of the Association or those whose roots are in the Lutheran Free Church. For Iver Solberg was a faithful attender of the annual conferences and played a steady role in the proceedings. The fact that he had been a member of the North Dakota Legislature added weight to what he said, yes, to his very presence among us. He was elected a member of the Nominating Committee for the 1964 conference.

Poor health in recent years prevented Iver Solberg from participating in AFLC work and so he had literally dropped out of sight for all except fellow members of the Tioga parish. But it wasn't right that he leave this life without being remembered. Those of us who knew him recall him with fondness and we feel a little more lonely when another who covenanted with us is here no longer.

May we make this plea. Please let us know when some lay person who has been active in AFLC work on the church-wide level passes away so that the information can be shared with the church and thanks be raised unto God for the life lived, as well as the eternal rest entered into. Let someone take it upon himself to make the information available to us.

## EDITORIALS . . .

How often the words of Paul apply: "I am a debtor." Yes, he used the words in the sense that he must bring the Gospel to all kinds of people, but we can also think of the words as meaning we are in debt to various people for what they have put into our lives. And this writer is, to Iver Solberg and Rachel Quanbeck, whose death is also noted in this issue, and to many, many others. And you can say the same, although perhaps in reference to other people.

Let us not forget.

### FLOOD VICTIMS

This has been a difficult year for many people in the U.S. We know of the thousands in the South who have suffered great loss due to unexpected flooding. Television has brought their plight so close to us.

In Minnesota and North Dakota in the North, even Association people have suffered inconvenience and perhaps loss due to the rampaging Red River and its tributaries, perhaps also from the Mouse or Souris River at Minot. As this is written the Red River is cresting at Grand Forks and East

Grand Forks. The people have put up a gallant fight to contain the water within dikes. We'll hear more about it when the crisis is over.

Those of us spared problems with runoff water ought to thank the Lord for that. And we should sympathize with those who have suffered. Maybe there are tangible ways in which we can aid them to recover. Even those deeply involved and affected will find some things for which to be thankful and some lessons learned. The way in which people work together in emergencies, how they are drawn together, is something that leaves a good feeling in spite of the heartache a flood can bring.

Floods, as well as earthquakes, tornadoes and other perils, are part of that "groaning in travail" of creation (Romans 8:22). They are general, ever-present signs of the return of the Lord Jesus. They speak of the uncertainty of life here and the struggles through which we must pass as we journey to the Celestial City. And they cause many problems for those most touched by them.

### Luther League Activities

## The Work of the Holy Spirit

### Part III

In our continuing "visit" about the work of the Holy Spirit, we have been discussing His work in bringing us to salvation. The Holy Spirit shows us our lost condition and then reveals Jesus to us in His tremendous salvation accomplished at Calvary's cross. How thankful we should be that the Holy Spirit does not leave us after we have been brought to Christ! We would be helpless without Him.

### The Indwelling of the Spirit

When Jesus was here on earth, He told the disciples, "... He (the Holy Spirit) abides *with* you, and will be *in* you" (John 14:17). This promise was fulfilled on the day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit came into the lives of the "120" who had gathered in obedience to Christ's command, "... but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high" (Luke 24:49b). In Acts 2:4, we read that they were "all filled with the Holy Ghost..." That same day, after the

Spirit-filled Apostle Peter preached, people came forward and asked him what they should do to be saved. Peter replied to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost" (Acts 2:38). In other words, if you will repent and be baptized, you will have what we have, forgiveness and the indwelling Holy Spirit. They would lack nothing. Peter's message to them was complete.

Since Pentecost, whenever people are brought to Christ, they receive the Holy Spirit. The Apostle Paul writes to the Corinthian believers, some of whom are described as spiritual babies (I Corinthians 3:1-3), "For by one Spirit are we *all* baptized into one body ... and have been *all* made to drink into one Spirit" (I Corinthians 12:13). Every true Christian has the Holy Spirit indwelling his life.

### The Blessings of the Spirit's Indwelling

What does the indwelling of the Holy Spirit mean for us? First, it *makes it possible for us to please God*. Yes, it is true that we still have the old nature within us after salvation and that there is an unending struggle in this life between this nature and our new nature (Romans 7:15-25). It is the Holy Spirit allowed-to-control Who gives us victory in this battle.

Second, the indwelling of the Holy Spirit *gives us security in Christ*. As the "earnest money" or down payment, we are assured of our spiritual safety. Martin Luther said, "For the Holy Spirit does not dwell in our hearts as we dwell in our house, independent of it, walking through it, shortly to leave it; but He so inheres and cleaves to us that, though we were thrown into the hottest crucible, He and we could not be separated. The fiercest fire could not dissolve the union." While the strongest person or even Satan cannot rob us of our salvation, we ourselves through willful sin, with no repentance, can grieve the Holy Spirit out of our lives.

Third, the indwelling Holy Spirit *gives us the relationship of son or daughter to God*. The Apostle Paul writes, "And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father" (Galatians 4:6). The Spirit's "Abba, Father" becomes our "Abba, Father," as we read in Romans, "... but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father." (Romans 8:15). The preciousness of the love of our heavenly Father is continually made real to us by the Holy Spirit.

In our final "visit" on the work of the Holy Spirit, we shall consider the meaning of the fullness of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer.

Pastor Francis Monseth



8. What specific prayer requests does Paul make here? \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- Note the number of times Paul uses "Lord" in these verses. What does "in the Lord" signify? \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

In summing up this portion, let us think back over what we have just studied.

Can we become so busy in the community and church that we neglect our own children? (Notice the order because when we start to cut some activity, where do we frequently begin?) Have your children heard you pray? This can be one of the most treasured memories of a child. It is well to remember that we might not find joy in a task but we can find it "in the Lord." The heart of the Gospel is that Christ has redeemed us. Only in Him can we do all things. Never let bitterness or resentment come into the family. If we believe that Christ has forgiven us, then we must forgive others.

A life that is true and strong,  
blessed and useful in every part,  
will do more than anything else to glorify God  
and win others to Him. Matt. 5:16

### WMF Project Calendar:

June: This is the time for the National WMF Convention. Please plan to attend. If not, have your local send a delegate. The convention offerings are for PRAISE PROGRAM and WORLD MISSIONS. Let your local WMF have a part, and also you, in this very important offering.



## W.M.F. Bible Study

June, 1979

### WORKING HEARTILY AS SERVING HIM

Study Assignment: Colossians 3:18-4:6  
Review Col. 2:6, 7

Which of the lessons thus far do you remember the best? Let us take time to share with one another some specific things Christ has pointed out in our lives as we have read the Book of Colossians. Do I feel that the study has been worth my time and energy? Has the knowledge I have had of Christ become more real and personal to me? What does it really mean to have Jesus as Lord? You may ask, "Why all these questions?" It is good for us to personally answer these questions and give serious thought to them. It is our prayer that these studies have drawn us to Christ in a new way and that as we fellowship together as women of the church, we will be conscious of growth in one another and as a result, growth in our congregations. Above all, we would pray that others would desire what we have found.

In our study this month, Paul is dealing with specific relationships.

1. Women, what does Col. 3:18 mean to you? \_\_\_\_\_

Submission is a recognition of authority, which is essential in all human social situations. Someone must be the head in a well-ordered household.

2. Isn't it strange that what is stated in v. 19 does not come before v. 18?

Can you see any reason why?

What is Paul saying to husbands?

The Christian husband is to accept his place of headship as a sacred responsibility put upon him by God Himself and is to exercise his authority for the blessing of his home in the love of Christ.

Think of the preceeding verses in regard to your family relationship. Wives, are you willing to submit to your husband as head of the house—even as Christ is head of the church? Are you thanking God for the love of a husband? Are you praying for your husband as the head, that he might be submissive to Christ? Bill Gothard says that your husband is your protective umbrella. Remain under its protection and covering.

3. What does the Holy Spirit say to our children?

Why are children to obey their parents?

In childhood days parents stand in relation to their children as God Himself in relation to the parent. Children who do not obey their parents when young will not obey God when older. The natural heart is ever rebellious against authority and perhaps never more strikingly has this been manifested than in these demonic days in which we live.

4. What is the basis for the relationship of parents to one another and also the children in the home? Eph. 5:21

Something To Think About:

Is the lack of respect a contributing factor leading to rebellion?

Why do you as an adult rebel? Or don't you?

5. Who would be compared to the slave today?

Note Paul's specific admonition in regard to our work for others and those who labor for us. What marvelous principles are these which we have seen so simply stated. Only one who knows something of the conditions prevailing in the Roman Empire at the time this letter was written can realize how revolutionary they were. In those days wives, children and slaves had practically no standing before the law, except as husbands, fathers or masters might desire to recognize them, but this glorious truth of the new man, this blessed unfolding of the new creation, tinged with glory every earthly relationship in which the Christian was found. 6. Can our ordinary household duties take on a "heavenly perspective" according to these verses, 3:22-4:1?

The reality of home life is here specially emphasised and it is impossible to exaggerate the value of a true Christian home. But the most striking feature of all is the way in which everything in the home is *related to God*. Seven times over this thought of everything being done in His sight is presented in this passage.

*Our Relationship with Christ Our Personal Relationships*

a. Salvation (v. 18) to "in the Lord"

b. Sanctification (v. 20) to "in the Lord"

c. Sympathy (v. 21) to "the Lord"

d. Submission (v. 23) to "as 'unto the Lord'"

(v. 24) will receive their "from the Lord"

e. Service (v. 24) they "the Lord Jesus Christ"

f. With Christ (v. 4:1) have a "in heaven"

7. In verses 3-6, what imperatives do we have?

# SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION WOMEN'S MISSIONARY FEDERATION

*of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations*

June 13 and 14

**THEME:** *"The Lord Our God—Serve—Obey"*

**THEME VERSE:** *"The Lord our God will we serve, and his voice will we obey" (Joshua 24:24b).*

**THEME SONG:** *"Make Me a Blessing"*

**HOST CHURCH:** *Kalispell Lutheran Parish, Kalispell, Montana*

**CONVENTION SESSIONS:** *Big Mountain Ski Resort, Whitefish*

## CONVENTION PROGRAM

<b>Wednesday Morning</b>	June 13
Registration	9:00-10:00
Prayer Service:	9:00- 9:30
Leader: Mrs. Erling Brekke, Antelope, Montana	
Prelude	Mrs. Ed Fuller and Mrs. Dean Flansaas Faith Lutheran, Kalispell
Singspiration	Leader: Mrs. Robert West, Stillwater Lutheran, Kalispell
Devotions	Miss Hildur Nordin, Minot, North Dakota
Welcome	Mrs. Robert West
Response	Mrs. Eugene Enderlein Thief River Falls, Minnesota
Special Music	Mrs. Robert Rieth, Kirkland, Washington
Bible Study	Mrs. Heinz Klausli, Ferndale, Washington
Hymn Sing	
Business Meeting	Mrs. Eugene Enderlein, presiding
Special Music	Mrs. Rieth
Memorial Service	Leader: Mrs. Solveig Hayes, Everett, Washington
Offertory	PRAISE PROGRAM
Announcements	
Closing Prayer	

## Wednesday Afternoon

1:30 p.m.	
Prelude	
Hymn Sing	Mrs. Robert West

Devotions	Mrs. Paul Bjornson, Valley City, North Dakota
Duet	Mrs. Robert Wodal and Mrs. Leslie Galland Everett
Unfinished Business	
Duet	Mrs. Wodal and Mrs. Galland
Message	Rev. Stephen Odegaard, Eugene, Oregon
Hymn	
Offering	PRAISE PROGRAM
Greetings	
Comments	
Benediction	
<b>Thursday Morning:</b>	WMF Fellowship Breakfast

## FESTIVAL SERVICE

<b>Thursday Evening</b>	June 14
Prelude	
Singspiration	Leader: Mrs. Robert West
Devotions	Mrs. John Abel, Brazil
Solo	Rev. John Rieth, Kalispell
Message	Rev. Leslie Galland, Everett
Duet	Rev. and Mrs. Richard Anderson Lake Stevens, Washington
Offertory	WORLD MISSIONS
Installation of Officers	Rev. Richard Snipstead Minneapolis, Minnesota
Solo	Mr. Dick Christenson, Everett
Presentation of Honorary Membership Pins	
Benediction	Rev. Snipstead



# Conference housing and

The primary purpose of this letter is to give you pertinent information regarding the 1979 Annual Conference of the A.F.L.C. Due to a change in policy at Big Mountain Ski Resort, our registration deadline is set at May 25. Enclosed you will find information covering registration costs including meals at Big Mountain and also a list of facilities at Whitefish (8 miles below Big Mountain) and Kalispell (25 miles below—south—of Big Mountain).

Let's start with registration first. Big Mountain should have enough space to house all who wish accommodations there. There are three facilities housing people on the mountain. BIG MOUNTAIN CHALET and BIG MOUNTAIN SKI LODGE have the same room rates. Together they have 48 rooms accommodating up to 104 people. Of those rooms, 7 have private bath, 18 have adjoining bath, and 23 have detached bath (somewhat like a Bible School dorm). The rates are least expensive for these two facilities. They are as follows:

#### With Private Bath

- 1 person \$15.00
- 2 persons 18.00

#### With Adjoining Bath

- 1 person \$13.00
- 2 persons 16.00

#### With Detached Bath

- 1 person \$11.00
- 2 persons 14.00

The above two facilities house *two* persons per room only.

The third and largest facility is the ALPINGLOW INN. It has 54 rooms accommodating up to 226 persons. There are 29 of those rooms that can accommodate 4 persons, 3 rooms that can accommodate up to 5 people, and 22 rooms that can accommodate 6 persons. All the rooms in this facility have private bath. Room costs for this facility are listed below.

#### Per day:

- 1 person \$21.00
- 2 persons 25.00
- 3 persons 30.00
- 4 persons 32.00
- 5 persons 35.00
- 6 persons 39.00

The last day registrations can be made for the Conference is *May 25*. This will allow Big Mountain to process those that trickle in between the 25th and the 31st. This deadline does not preclude reservations at any of the facilities in Kalispell or Whitefish, however. Should there be people who register after that time they could find accommodations either place. May 25 is also the deadline for registration for meals at Big Mountain, so those either not staying on Big Mountain or those in recreation vehicles of some sort should designate their meal preference no later than *May 25*. There will be no other eating facilities open on the Mountain during the conference.

REGISTRATION will be handled

directly by Big Mountain and both meals and rooms should be booked through them. People can call and ask for reservation for the Annual Conference. When they do so, they should have two choices of rooms in case their first choice is taken. Also, they should have decided which meals of the food plan they wish to take. The Convention Menu enclosed is set up so you can take all or none or as many as you choose of the meals offered. The only stipulation is that they must know before you come and meal tickets will be issued to the registrant when he or she arrives and registers for the conference. There will be *no meals served on Tuesday, June 12*. Those arriving then should make plans to provide for their meals in some other way.



## MENU

### Big Mountain Lodge

#### Wednesday—6/13

##### Breakfast

Sweet Roll, Juice and Beverage \$1.50

##### Lunch

Ladies: Chicken Salad and Beverage \$3.75

Men: Hamburgers, Fries and Beverage \$2.75

##### Dinner

Sweet and Sour Pork, Rice, Rolls & Butter, Salad, Dessert, Beverage \$5.50

#### Thursday—6/14

##### Breakfast

Diced Ham, Scrambled Eggs, Sweet Roll, Beverage, Juice \$2.95

WMF Fellowship Breakfast

##### Lunch

Soup and Cold Turkey Sandwich \$3.50

##### Dinner

Spaghetti Feed \$3.95

#### Friday—6/15

##### Breakfast

Sweet Roll, Juice and Beverage \$1.50

# meals

## REGISTRATIONS:

Big Mountain Ski Resort  
P. O. Box 1215  
Whitefish, Montana 59937  
Phone: (406) 862-3511

While there are no electrical hook-ups or dump facilities for the Recreational Vehicles coming to the Conference, there will be ample parking available for all who bring them. The grounds are not so spread out as to put a burden on any who walk anywhere. The closest adequate tenting and recreational vehicle hookups are in Kalispell. However, some tenting is available at Whitefish.

## Seminary announces plans for summer Short Course

The annual summer Short Course at Free Lutheran Seminary will be held July 23-August 3, ten class days, it was announced recently by Rev. Amos O. Dyrud, dean.

Only the Book of Revelation will be taught both weeks, by Rev. Dyrud. Ten hours of Doctrine of the Church will be taught by Rev. Francis Monseth in the first week and ten hours of Worship in Israel by Rev. B. Rao Dasari in the second week. Rev. Kenneth Moland will teach a course in Conducting Ministerial Acts in the first week and Rev. R. Snipstead will teach History and Aims of the AFLC in the second week of the short Course.

Registration for the Course is \$5.00. Room is available at the Bible School dormitories at \$3.00 per day. No bedding is provided. Books will cost approximately \$20.00. Meals can be obtained in area restaurants.

Application should be made by July 17. The Short Course is open to all pastors, lay pastors and interested laymen. Write to Rev. Amos O. Dyrud, Free Lutheran Seminary, 3110 E. Medicine Lake Blvd., Minneapolis, Minn. 55441.

## Position open

NEW HOPE CENTER, Lutheran non-profit halfway house, providing spiritual counselling for chemical dependents, has an opening for assistant superintendent. Send resume to President, Board of Trustees, 212 11th Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minn. 55415.

## Laymen to meet at Wannaska

Salem Lutheran Church, Wannaska, Minn., will be the place of meeting for the Northern Minnesota Laymen's Society in May. The service will begin at 2:30 p.m., on the 20th.

The text will be Revelation 4.

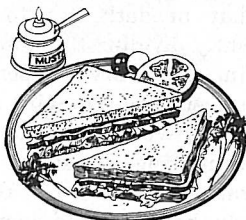
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June 13-17

Wednesday-Sunday

All meal reservations

due May 25.



Lunch	
French Dip w/AuJus, Fries, Salad, Beverage	\$3.50
Sirloin Tips w/Noodles, Rolls & Butter, Vegetables, Salad, Dessert, Beverage	\$5.50
PASTORS' BANQUET—Sirloin Steak w/Baked Potato, Sour Cream, Vegetables, Shrimp, Salad, Dessert, Rolls & Butter, Beverage	\$8.25
<b>Saturday—6/16</b>	
Breakfast	
Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Toast, Cereal, Juice, Beverage	\$3.25
Lunch	
Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Beverage and Salad	\$3.25
Dinner	
Chicken a la King, Roll, Salad, Vegetables, Beverage, Dessert	\$4.75
<b>Sunday—6/17</b>	
Breakfast	
Sweet Roll, Juice, Beverage	\$1.50
Lunch	
Lasagne, Garlic Toast, Salad, Beverage	\$3.75

## Price Changes

The Board of Publications and Parish Education announces these price changes. The cost of *Waters in the Wilderness*, AFLC devotional book published in 1971 and edited by Dr. Iver Olson, has been reduced to \$1.50 per copy. It is available at the church office at Medicine Lake.

All Sunday School student quarterlies in the Lutheran Ambassador series and all confirmation materials will now be \$1.50 each. This includes the Catechism and Bible History for Home and School.



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.

NORTH DAKOTA

McVile

Miss Rachel Quanbeck, 80, Apr. 1,  
New Luther Valley

May 15, 1979

## LESSON FROM A RESTAURANT

A Christian farmer was spending the day in a large city. Entering a restaurant for his noon meal, he found a table near a group of young men. When his meal was served he quietly, with bowed head, gave thanks for the food.

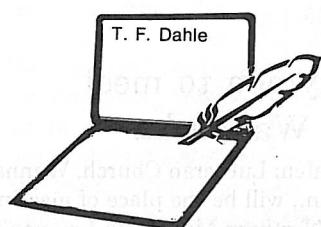
The young men saw it and decided to ridicule the old fellow. "Hey, farmer!" one yelled out, "does everybody do that where you live?"

The old man looked at the callow youth. "No, son," he said, "the pigs don't."

—The Belltower, St. John's and Grace Lutheran Churches (LCA),  
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### PENTECOST

"Be not drunken with wine, wherein is riot, but be filled with the Spirit" (Eph. 5:18).

The Bible very emphatically denounces drunkenness as a sin. Alcoholic beverages have no business passing the lips of a Christian. On the other hand, the Bible says, "Be filled with the Spirit." What a contrast! Every Christian has the Holy Spirit, for it is impossible to have the Father and the Son and not the Holy Spirit. God cannot be divided. "If any man hath not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His" (Rom. 8:9). It is one thing to have the Holy Spirit and another thing to be "filled" with the Holy Spirit. All who have been baptized have been baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Many are asking, "How may I be filled with the Holy Spirit?" It is God who fills us with His Holy Spirit and He will not fill anyone with His Spirit who wants to have one foot in the world. We must be willing to go all the way with Him. "If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me" (Matt. 16:24).

We must be obedient to the light we have, before He will give us more light. The Word of God will give us light. "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (Ps. 119:105), and Col. 3:16: "Let the Word of Christ

## Thoughts from Tryg

dwell in you richly." In the measure that we are filled with the Word, we are filled with the Holy Spirit, for the Spirit works through the Word. "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (II Tim. 2:15, KJV). A person can never be filled with the Spirit and be ignorant of the Word. It is amazing how many confessing Christians are nearly illiterate in the Word of God. We must study the Word, and memorize the Word, so that we are full of the Word, and in the measure that we are filled with the Word, we are filled with the Holy Spirit.

Jesus said, "I tell you the truth: it is expedient for you that I go away; for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I go, I will send Him unto you. And He, when He is come, will convict the world in respect of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they believe not on Me." It is amazing how many confessing Christians do not have assurance of salvation. If they would take God's promises at full value, they would have assurance. Have you ever felt convicted? That is a proof that the Holy Spirit is still at work in your heart. That is His first work. Also, "He shall guide you into all the truth" (John 16:13).

Trygve F. Dahle

## Thoughts on a Woodland Trail

Have you ever walked a woodland trail when the sky is gray and the air smells full of rain which you can almost feel? Oh, to breathe this air! like breathing a drink of love into the soul.

You can only see the sky above the trail. Elsewhere are woods, towering giants with furry arms and bearded faces.

Proud.

And yet through them comes the ever-gentle sighing; the song that awakens; the song that revives memories of long ago or rather, dreams, when these same trees stood and sang to others. And somehow one feels they will be here long after we are not.

Today I breathe, smell and touch.

Today I see the velvet greenish moss marked with rust and gold—

Today I crunch beneath my feet grayish moss all dry and old.

I suddenly realize that the light is growing dim, I pause to see just where I am and know I've not gone far. Only a few steps back to the other world.

To this retreat I come when my soul seeks something akin to itself.

I go back satisfied.

Susan M. Nordvall  
Roseau, Minn.