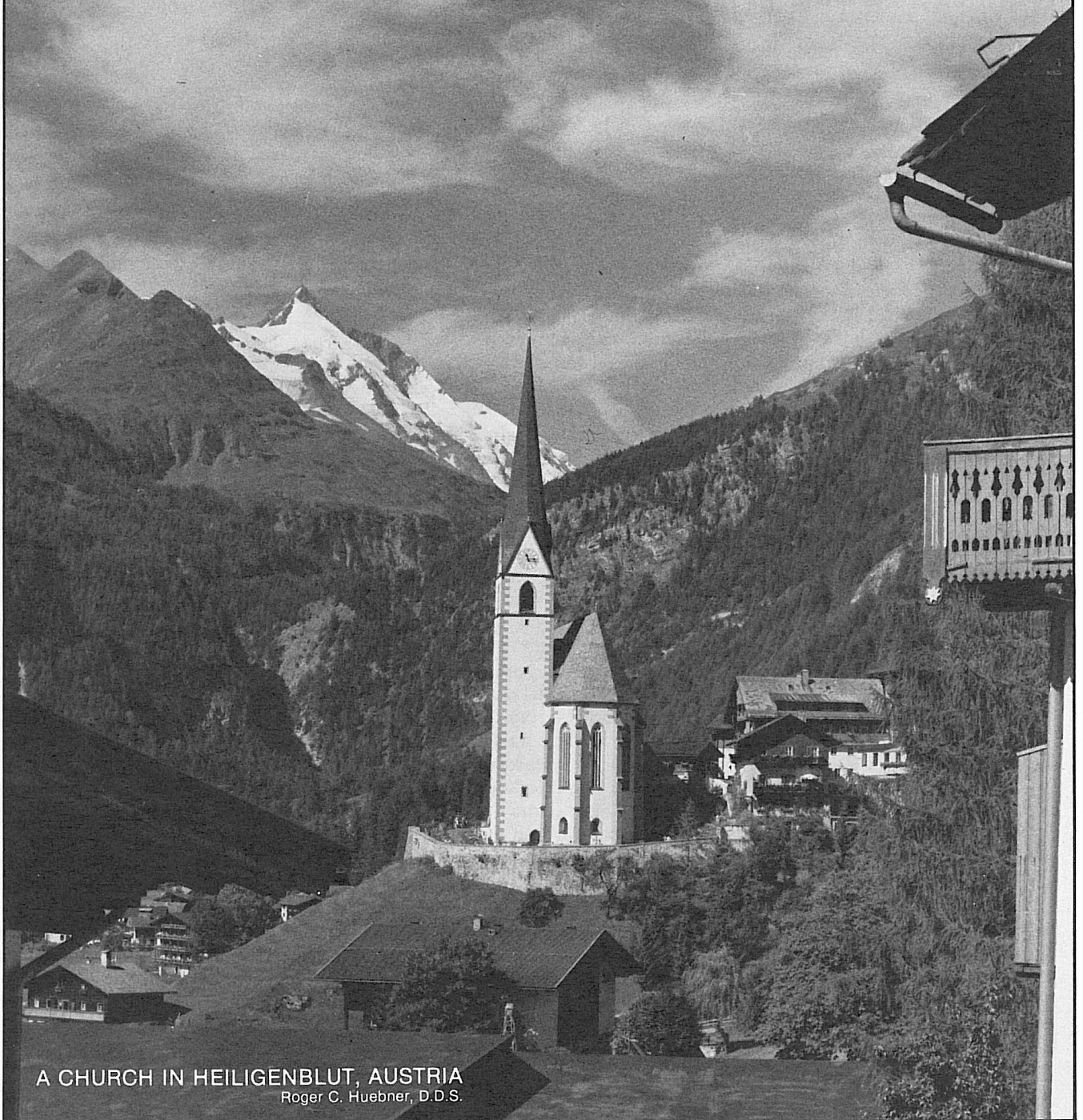


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Reverence the Lord's Day

"Blessed are those who hear the word of God, and observe it" (Luke 11:28).

The Third Commandment, like the rest of the moral law, was meant for all time. So that the Israelites would know what He meant when He said, "Remember the Sabbath Day, to keep it holy," God told them that on that day they were to stop their work. Exodus 34:21 reads, "You shall work six days, but on the seventh day you shall rest; even during plowing time and harvest you shall rest." In chapter 35, verse 2, we read, "... on the seventh day you shall have a holy day, a sabbath of complete rest to the Lord; whoever does any

work on it shall be put to death." Numbers 15:32-36 relates an incident in which a man gathering wood on the Sabbath was stoned to death by the people with God's approval. God is a jealous God and will not allow those who tamper with His commands to go unpunished.

Martin Luther, in his Small Catechism, explains the meaning of the Third Commandment in these words, "We should fear and love God so that we do not despise His Word and the preaching of the same, but deem it holy and gladly hear and learn it." The Christian, because he has come to know the grace of God in the forgiveness of his sins, will want to do the will of God. He will be happy and thankful for the opportunity given on the day of rest to attend worship services and hear the preaching of the Word.

One of the greatest joys for a pastor is to see people under his spiritual care growing in their faith. When people begin to see spiritual truths more clearly and experience greater obedience and assurance in their walk with God, the pastor's heart is gladdened. Invariably, the people who experience this increased depth in their spiritual lives are those who faithfully attend worship services. Unfortunately, others do not experience this blessing because, by their sporadic attendance, they despise the Word and the preaching of it.

There is no shortcut to spiritual growth. Growth and spiritual victory come only through the Word of God. Anything we allow to take up our time when we should be where the Word is

preached is robbing us of fellowship with God. To despise the Word of God is to cut ourselves off from the very source of faith and life. To do so must eventually lead to spiritual death, for apart from the Word, faith cannot live (Rom. 10:17).

It is tragic when work keeps a person from gathering with the Christian congregation. Some work is unavoidable: cows must be milked, meals fixed, etc. But much work considered necessary is unjustifiable, particularly when we note God's will, "Even during plowing time and harvest you shall rest." To go against the revealed will of God in this area is a sign of poor management or greed or lack of faith in God's ability to care for His own, or perhaps all three. It certainly brings no honor to God.

In the first petition of the Lord's Prayer we pray, "Hallowed be Thy Name." We ought to be concerned about *how* God's Name can be hallowed among us. Answering the question of how His Name can be hallowed among us, the Small Catechism states, "When the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity and we, as God's children, lead holy lives, *in accordance with it*. This grant us, dear Father in heaven! But whoever teaches and lives otherwise than God's Word teaches, profanes the Name of God among us. From this preserve us, heavenly Father!"

God's children will seek to obey the will of God not because of the blessings it brings them but because of the glory it brings to the Name of God. Will you let God's Name be honored through your obedience?

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A message on missions

by Pastor Herbert L. Franz
Cloquet, Minn.

It is my prayer that the Lord of the harvest will burden our hearts for the work of Missions. The Home Missions Department of our AFLC has set a goal of establishing three Home Missions congregations a year for the 1980s. That means 30 congregations by the year 1990, if the Lord should tarry.

I don't believe that we can blame God if we as an AFLC are not keeping up with these Home Missions goals. God has told us in His Word, "Where there is no vision, the people perish" (Proverbs 29:18). Surely that is true. But the Lord will give vision if we but lift our eyes to see that there are fields white unto harvest. Once we have seen the Lord and the white harvest fields, it is really difficult to settle back into what the world calls an ordinary or normal life. Our normal life is a life under emergency measures, under a priority system. I recall when World War II was raging, our country set up emergency measures and we accepted these measures without complaining. Our country was fighting the battle for freedom for other countries of the world and we were willing to pay the price for freedom. In a spiritual sense, we are still in a battle. It is a battle against the forces of evil. It will be a fight right to the finish with an enemy who seeks to keep precious souls from repenting of their sins and turning to Jesus Christ to receive Him as Lord and Savior.

We must remember that as believers in Christ, we have been born into the Kingdom of God to do battle. We have a

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commission that we must fulfill. Paul said, "I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the barbarians; both to the wise, and the unwise" (Romans 1:14). Paul insists that each one of us has a spiritual debt to our communities and people in other areas of our great land.

We have answered the call of God, not only to pray and give to missions, but are we willing to give ourselves first, as the Macedonians did, II Corinthians 8:5, and then our sons and daughters to missions at home or abroad? You and I know that genuine Christian faith revealed in full surrender of our lives to Jesus Christ will cost us something. The devil cannot tolerate a church nor a Christian who is allowing his light to shine wherever he goes. For there is a battle that continually goes on between righteousness and unrighteousness, between Christ and Satan. And it is not whether we will fight but the question is "Whose side are we on? Satan or Jesus Christ?" We cannot remain neutral in our service to our Lord. For Jesus said, "He who is not with Me is against Me" (Luke 11:23). Christ is looking for militant Christians. Some people are afraid of that word "militancy." I know that the word militancy has a strange connotation today because of the many "offbeat movements." But we need militant Christians who are willing to go out for Christ and let people know that God loves them and wants to save them.

A missionary returning from the mission fields overseas was very sad, impatient and thoroughly disgusted because of the lack of interest and support by people on the home front. He had been overseas for years waiting for people on the home front to send their sons and daughters to assist him in the work. When he arrived in America, he heard over a Christian radio station the missionary song, "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations." He said that he had to turn the radio station off for that song was hollow mockery to his ears, because no one had come to help him bring the story of Christ to the little nation where he was serving.

We write books on missions, on evangelism, on soul-winning. We make

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sound films on these same subjects. We have missionary conferences, we send out literature trying to encourage people to come out wholeheartedly and serve the Lord. But sad to say, what we sing in our churches, "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations," is not a part of our daily lives. We leave the message and challenge of that song in our hymnals when we leave the church because we are not sold out to the call of missions ourselves!

If we are to be Christians like Paul, then we also are indebted to all people. We no longer can "pass the buck" or place the blame on someone else. We cannot say we have no money to give, no sons or daughters to give. First of all, Christ is asking us as parents to become missionaries in our own homes, in our churches, in our communities, in our own neighborhoods. How can we encourage our sons and daughters to become missionaries and pastors if we are not sold out to missions ourselves, if we are not involved ourselves in speaking to people about Christ and praying for missions and then giving to missions! I know that it is difficult for us as parents to give our sons and daughters to God for Him to use as He sees fit. It is much easier to place a ten dollar bill in a Mission offering than to say to Jesus, "Here Lord, is my son or my daughter. I give him or her back to You for You to use. They are yours to do as You see fit." But then I think how difficult it must have been for God to give up His Son Jesus Christ for us.

Priorities is the question facing the AFLC today. What is our number one priority in the Church? Is it to be satisfied with the status quo? Is it to be content with what we have as a church, or is our commission to reach out to

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A new baby is born! What a miracle! Praise the Lord of Creation!

People are excited about the birth of children, they care for them, love them, and spend a lot of time and money on them as they grow. Why? Because most people consider children very important. But this is good since God, too, seems to place a great deal of emphasis on children.

In the Bible there are over five hundred references concerning children where God tells us about stories and events that involve them. Also, many times He is attempting to advise us about them. In the following paragraphs I want to share some of those verses and the implications that they produce.

One of my favorite passages is John 4. "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth." In my work in parish education this is a guide for my attitudes. Through my efforts if any children using our Association Sunday school materials learn to walk in the truth of Jesus, my joy is complete and my job has been successful. But this verse applies equally well to parents, teachers, pastors, and even our congregations. Both our biological and spiritual children's soul welfare is of the utmost importance. And the salvation of those souls should cause the greatest joy.

Remember when Jesus rebuked the disciples and said, "Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not: for of such is the Kingdom of God" (Mark 10:14)? Here Christ not only strongly encouraged the people to bring their children to Him but He also said that the Kingdom of God was made up of people such as children.

NO GREATER

When working with them it has been easy for me to see that children have some qualities that make it easier for them to come to know the Lord than for adults. Innocence, trust, imagination, creativity, affection and curiosity are just some of the traits that get "watered down" as children become adults. How good it is that we can bring our children to him in baptism! There is no better time to begin a life of fellowship with Jesus than as a child.

Without considering God's marvelous plans of salvation for individuals at whatever age, I believe this statement of timing is supported if we look at a few

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others who are not in fellowship with God and endeavor to win them to Christ?

Our commission as a Church has not been altered. It is still to go out and tell people about Christ. We have a task to do. We have the means at our disposal. We have an all-powerful God. We have a fine Bible School and Seminary to train our young people. But sad to say, we have many Christians who are not completely sold out to missions. Some have quit running. Others have quit praying fervently and earnestly, and the result? Our Home Mission program is lagging.

Christianity is a matter of the will. Soul-winning likewise; missions likewise. Do we *will* to follow Jesus? Do we will to give to missions? Do we will to pray for missions? Jesus said, in John 4:34, "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me, and to finish His work." Jesus was not a quitter. He was not one to lay His all on the altar at some missionary conference and then because of

suffering, or other interests, take back some of His commitments as some Christians are doing. So many Christians allow other interests, other priorities, other things to get in the way from being all that Christ wants them to be.

If only we could get our eyes off the things of the world and focus on Jesus. If only we could do what Jesus said, lift up your eyes and see that the fields are already white unto harvest (John 4:35). Then we wouldn't need much exhortation, urging and pleading to get busy in fulfilling the commission that Christ gave us. Let us lift up our eyes, let us take heed that we fulfill the ministry given us by the Lord. Let us endeavor to fulfill the goal set by our Home Mission Board to have 30 congregations established in the decade of the 1980s. Do we take up the burden? Do we fulfill our ministry? God help us.

(Ed. note: Pastor Franz is the former chairman of the Board of Home Missions.)



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other examples from God's Word. Proverbs 20:11 says, "Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure and whether it be right". This almost indicates an urgency, a sense that no child is too young to be brought to Jesus in baptism and to be taught about Him.

God also directly commands us to teach our children about Him and His Word.

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Prov. 22:6).

"And ye shall teach them (commandments) your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up" (Deut. 11:19).

Although the formal spiritual training of our children may only take place once a week on Sunday mornings, God didn't intend for it to end there. The training of our children is supposed to be so pervasive in our lives that it is ingrained in



our children and becomes second nature to us and them.

So how should these verses affect every one of us? As parents we have the most important responsibility, that of overseeing our children's entire spiritual upbringing. But I believe each of us can do our part towards helping those children who come under our influence. By our examples of God-centered living, forgiveness and love we teach them a great deal about what it means to be a Christian.

Also, the development of our Sunday Schools is essential. Of prime importance is prayer. No Sunday School can

*"Even a child is known
by his doings . . ."*

survive and grow without the "effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man" (James 5:16). We must pray for the students, teachers, neighborhood children and those involved with writing or choosing material that will be used in Sunday school.

We must give financial support. An effective Sunday School will cost money but the eventual outcomes will be worth it. Our classes should have good materials, visual aids and teaching helps.

Can we give our time? Could we be teachers or superintendents? Are we good at telling stories, playing instruments, or being with kids of certain ages? Let God speak to us. Is He asking for our time to help our Sunday Schools?

My last concern is for our teachers. We have a great calling (Eph. 4:11-12) that will sometimes be frustrating, yet joyful, too! Are we adequately prepared? Have we been abiding in God and His Word? Are our lessons varied and interesting? Are we getting to know our students, listening to their needs? Are we participating in teacher-training activities? These are just a few of the questions that we all must ask ourselves.

Children *are* important and they should be a joy; the greatest joy is knowing that they know the Savior.

Renee Regnier
Executive Secretary
Parish Education

A PAGE FOR CHILDREN

Conclusion of Missionary heroes

Missionary sayings that became classic

Prayer and pains, through faith in Jesus Christ, will do anything.—*John Eliot*.

Now let me burn out for God.—*Henry Martyn*.

We are playing at Missions.—*Alexander Duff*.

The prospects are bright as the promises of God.—*Adoniram Judson*.

The end of the exploration is the beginning of the enterprise.—*David Livingstone*.

I have seen in the morning sun the smoke of a thousand villages where no missionary has ever been.—*Robert Moffat*.

Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God.—*William Carey*.

I'll tell the Master.—*Eliza Agnew*.

The word discouragement is not in the dictionary of the kingdom of heaven.—*Melinda Rankin*.

Let us advance on our knees.—*Joseph Hardy Neesima*.

The world is my parish.—*John Wesley*.

Keep to work; if cut off from one thing take the next.—*Cyrus Hamlin*.

I die for Baganda, and purchase the road to Uganda with my life.—*Bishop Hannington*.

I will go down, but remember that you must hold the ropes.—*William Carey*.

God helping me, I will go myself.—*Melinda Rankin*.

We can do it if we will.—*Samuel J. Mills*.

Oh, that I could dedicate my all to God. This is all the return I can make Him.—*David Brainerd*.

(End of a Series)

HOME MISSION NEWS

Escanaba Lutheran Church

A new mission with an old message

Pastor Gary Skramstad

The well packed U-Haul truck arrived at 1211-4th Avenue South in Escanaba, Mich., during the first week of October, 1981. The large empty gray parsonage was soon to be filled with the belongings and activities of the Skramstad family.

The former Wisconsin Synod church and parsonage were purchased by the Home Mission Board just two months earlier. The church had been rented for the summer months with an option to buy as Seminarian Peter Franz conducted services and canvassed the area with the assistance of a Home Mission Barnabas team.

The call was now extended to us to prayerfully consider being part of another congregation in its first years. Moves are never easy. Much work is involved and emotional ties need to be examined. Yet the Lord opens doors of ministry and promises to be with us always. We dare not go with our own goals and strength for both are so limited.

Entering the well-kept church one discovers that there are indeed many empty pews. The nave and balcony can seat well over 200 worshippers. The beautiful stained glass windows remind

Church parsonage



the worshipper of Christ's life, death and resurrection. The handsomely-carved woodwork on the pulpit and chancel furnishings help establish a reverent attitude in being in this special place set aside for the worship of our Lord.

Services are conducted. Bible studies are held weekly. Sunday School begins with our own children, and then Holly. She brings her friend Jenny. Others come from time to time to hear about the friend, Jesus, who loves them so. The attendances vary as contacts are made and some come to see who we are and how we worship. Some come to satisfy their curiosity and some to encourage. Some find that it takes too much faith to join us and decide not to come again. Others find that we do believe in the Lutheran expression of Christianity with the heritage and

Escanaba Lutheran Church



understanding of our AFLC. But they decide that another congregation might best suit their needs.

And then there are those who come because they have been invited. God leads them to us in our everyday lives. They find out who we are and what we are doing. They sometimes ask "why" another Lutheran congregation. They come, they hear and they come again. They become friends. We love them and they love us. We accept them, pray for them, and share our lives with them.

We believe that God will prosper His church. We endeavor to be faithful and expect God to bring the increase. We are not pressured to force people into a religious experience. We keep occupied trying to reach the unchurched. We welcome everyone and appreciate those who hunger for the Word and desire to have the emphasis that we have. But we do not plan to take sheep from other congregations to build this one.

We trust that as we exist in our homes and church the residents of this community will see what we believe being lived out in our lives. Let this stand to draw people to the light of Christ in us and the church. We use available opportunities to expose ourselves to others. We attend the county and evangelical ministerials. We try to contribute to the needs of the community by sharing whatever and whenever we can with a clear conscience. We have utilized the newspaper by submitting articles about our activities. We have also purchased ads that share a spiritual message and are identified with our church name. People need to know that we stand positively for something. This is one means that has been beneficial in letting people know who we are and that we are ready to help people in their spiritual lives.

The work goes slowly. But we see the hand of God at work. On Easter Sunday we had seven teenagers give a choral reading of the resurrection and sing. They meet every week for Bible study and they are growing in interest in the Lord's way. Except for our own children, they were not involved in any church. But they and their families numbered 20 who worshipped for our first Easter service. For this we praise God. Thank you, dear ones of the AFLC, for your prayers and support that souls can be reached here in Escanaba.

CAMPUS NEWS

Reflections of the Choral Club tour

It has been said that it takes a person who has barely been in a country to write a book about it—to him everything is new and impressionable. (However, a veteran of many years would give deeper insights and produce a better book!) This little article about the 1982 AFLBS Choral Club tour is written by one who experienced the joys of such a tour for the first time and shares some of the “feelings” and observations.

Pastor Amos Dyrud was asked to ac-

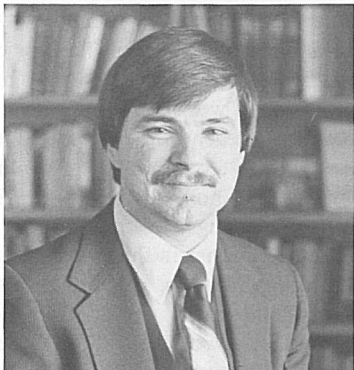
company the group, give the meditation and with his autoharp sing a song at each of the concerts. Happily, I was also invited to go along. So on Wednesday afternoon, March 31, we boarded the almost new chartered bus driven by Curt Koch (who soon seemed like “one of the family”), Mr. Donald Rodvold, and the 30-member choir, and headed for Kenyon, Minnesota. Our tour took us from there to South Dakota where concerts were given at the parishes at Pukwana,

Faith, Webster, Wallace, Ortley, Summit, and then into Minnesota to Spicer, Brandon, Dalton, Fergus Falls, and ending up at Cloquet on April 8th.

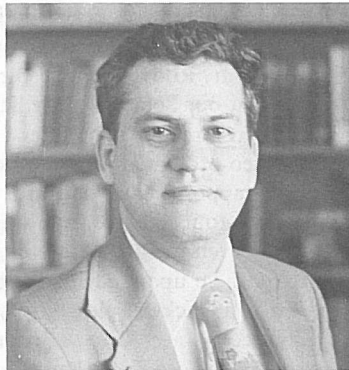
It is hard to resist the desire to give details about *each* place we came to and to give names and relate incidents about *each* place. They were all so precious. After the bus ride, and perhaps some time at a shopping center, it was so refreshing to arrive at the church and be greeted by old and new friends and to smell the aroma of what was cooking for supper. Banquets were treated us at each place. The accounts of the hospitality of the many homes that took in one, or two, or more of our group for the night were echoed throughout the bus the next

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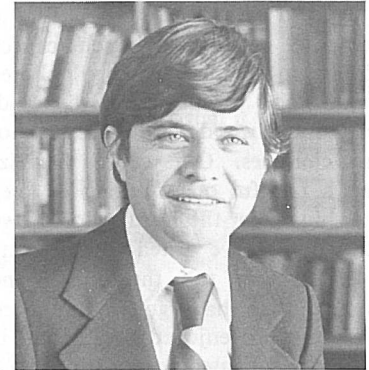
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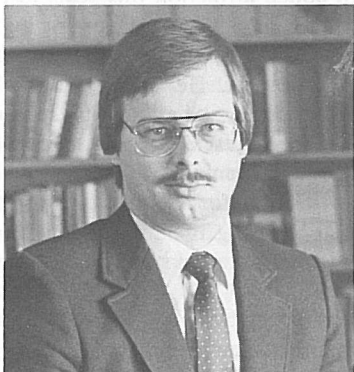
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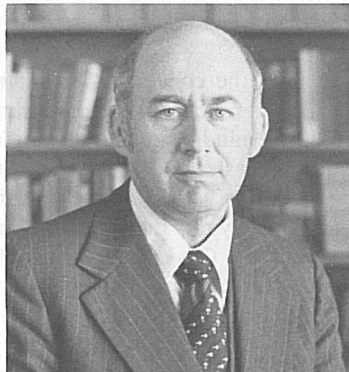
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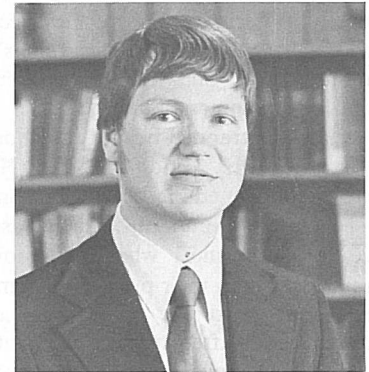
EDMUNDO HASSENTEUFEL
Home town: Santa Cruz, Bolivia.
Called to WMPL Mission service.



GARY JORGENSON
Home town: Tioga, N. Dak.
Called to Our Savior's Lutheran
Church Stanley, N. Dak.
To be ordained July 18,
Zion Lutheran Church,
Tioga, N. Dak.



HARRIS VAN SOMEREN
Home town: Baldwin, Wis.
Will graduate in December.
Available for call in September.



JON WELLUMSON
Home town: Bloomington, Minn.
Called to Ortley Lutheran
Church, Ortley, S. Dak.
To be ordained at the Annual
Conference.

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morning as the young folks related the wonderful times they had just had.

It was interesting to visit these congregations and parishes and to see the church buildings, too. Each was unique. Each had its own history. One's imagination could take us back several generations and cause us to thank God for faithful forefathers and faithful pastors leading up to the present time. We could sense within each church that there have been years of hardships and blessings, of deep sorrows and deep joys. As we see the ongoing work of the church, the fine young families dotting the pews—many of them former Bible School students, we look hopefully to the future, too, knowing that the future is as bright as the promises of God. We pray that the Word of God may continue to go forth in its truth and purity till the Lord returns. How good, too, to enjoy the beauties of each church building, to see the well-kept polished natural wood or the clean white-and-gold painted wood of the chancels of these churches. One could visualize many a faithful one working to keep these shining for the Lord's glory. Two of the churches we visited were new and we felt in them, too, the thought and planning that had gone into their building and we enjoyed worshipping in the beautiful contemporary furnishings and architecture portraying glory to God.

Thanks to all of you who made our trip so rich. Your many kindnesses are so much appreciated. Thanks, too, for chuckles along the way by "fun things" you thought up and by unintentional unusual happenings—like the time a custodian was trapped behind the choir for the whole first section of songs! (He went to tend something before the concert began and hadn't finished his task there in the chancel when the choir marched lustily to their places and completely obstructed the whole chancel there at Tabor. After they marched out, the custodian came quietly down, too, and took his place with his wife in the audience!)

We were impressed by our choir and its director to see how smoothly all went. Unloading and loading the bus, setting up and taking down the displays and risers, organizing this and that—all went

like clockwork! Christian love and respect and responsibility showed all around. These are the kind of young folks that don't make the headlines in daily news, so it is good to remind ourselves that we have many fine young folks in our land. We thank God for them. We became acquainted with them in a special way by traveling together and how we did enjoy each one as we visited and shared. It was good to hear of their hopes and dreams for their futures and to know how they wanted the Lord's leading in their lives. Their Bibles were dear to them, we could see. May God bless you, every one! And thank you for being such a pleasure.

Another big excitement of the trip was meeting parents and families of our group as we came to their home churches or as they traveled many miles to come to the concert of their loved one. A special joy it was, too, to meet Don Rodvold's parents in Fergus Falls.

We have been grateful through the years to have Mr. Rodvold as the Director of Music at our Schools at Medicine Lake. We have seen his abilities, his finesse, his co-ordinated organization, and also the rapport he has had with his students. On a tour like this, one sees it more clearly, even to such details as his admonishing them upon leaving the bus to "put on your jackets, please, so you won't catch cold—a cold to a singer is like a broken leg to a ball player." He shows good discipline and good humor—both such needed ingredients to make a tour so enjoyable to all. Thank you, Mr. Rodvold, and may the Lord continue to bless you and use you for many years.

And then the concerts—What blessings! The refrains still keep running through my mind. Our tour was before and during Easter Week. The brochure we used begins with, "And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives" (Matt. 26:30). And on the concert went—God the Almighty, Jesus the Savior, the Holy Spirit, our Guide and Comforter, prayer and supplication, repentance, praise and adoration, thanksgiving and joy—all were there in music! The testimonies of the choir members and the message of the Cross by Pastor Dyrud, what blessings! Thanks be to God for His unspeakable gift, Jesus Christ, and for the finished work of redemption.

Thanks be to God, too, for the freedom in our land to travel about and to gather to praise His Name together. It all makes us want to sing:

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Mrs. Amos Dyrud

Dr. Ralph Turnbull featured in AFLTS Summer Institute

Dr. Ralph G. Turnbull, Portland, Ore., Scottish-born author and teacher, will be featured lecturer at the annual Summer Institute of Theology at Association Free Lutheran Theological Seminary, Minneapolis, Minn., August 2-6 (the second week).

A former teacher of Rev. Francis Monseth, AFLTS' dean, Dr. Turnbull will conduct 15 hours of classes on Expository Preaching.

The other teacher in that week will be Rev. Philip Haugen of the faculty, teaching Philipppians.

In the first week, July 26-30, Rev. Robert L. Lee of AFLTS will teach History of Christian Doctrine and Rev. Monseth, Eschatology, a study of last things.

An added attraction this year, in the second week, will be three evening hour-and-a-half lectures by Rev. Walter Lang on Creationism. He is director of the Bible-Science Association. The sessions will be on August 2, 3 and 5, beginning at 7:30 each evening.

Registration for the Institute is \$10. Campus housing is \$3 per night. Text-books for both weeks will cost approximately \$25.

Grants will be available for pastors, lay pastors and seminarians through Lutheran Brotherhood Society and Aid Association for Lutherans. Laymen may also attend.

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editorials

AND NOW DICKINSON

Next month several hundred members of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations will converge on the fast-growing southwestern North Dakota city of Dickinson, county seat of Stark County, for the Annual Conference of the church, June 16-20. All sessions will be held on the campus of the State College.

The traveller coming from the west on Interstate 94 will find Dickinson the first city he reaches in North Dakota. Conversely, the traveller headed west finds it the last city before he comes to the Montana line, although the communities of Belfield, Medora and Beach do have considerable services to offer.

To the north, on the way to Killdeer, lie the Killdeer Mountains, which are not really mountains at all, even as the Turtle Mountains aren't, but for North Dakota they are. To the south, beyond the State's smallest county seat town, Amidon, one will find the highest elevation in the State, White Butte. That highway, U.S. 85, will also take one to the Black Hills of South Dakota, a trip many convention-goers will want to combine with the one to Dickinson.

And certainly the delegates ought to drive west on I-94 to Medora and the beautiful North Dakota Badlands, quite a unique area, really, in the U.S. Just west of Medora there is the Chateau de Mores, once the home of a French nobleman (the town is named after his wife) and in town one can still see the smokestack from the packing plant he built there. And, of course, the Badlands were once the haunt of Theodore Roosevelt, before he became president. Out in that country they nicknamed him "Old Four Eyes" because of the spectacles he wore.

Those approaching Dickinson from the east will want to stop in Bismarck and see the State Capitol, which will be visible long before you get there because it is one of the few skyscraper capitol buildings in the country. Also, in turning in to Bismarck on Exit 36 to go to the Capitol one will drive very close to the AFLC church, Calvary, off to the left as the descent is made toward town.

But to go back to Dickinson, those who attend the conference will find a thriving city. Local estimates place the population as high as 20,000. The 1980 census said 15,924. The Grand Forks *Herald*, in an article last winter, used the headline, "Dickinson: Portrait of a Boom Town." Then the lead paragraph: "The mining camp has settled in Dickinson. Some people are getting rich and some people have died."

The mining camp refers to the mining of lignite coal in the area, and to the oil drilling. It is these activities which have brought the people in. As indicated in our last issue, maybe the bloom is off the boom right now because of the nation-wide recession, but we will still see the evidence of a great deal of activity because of these mining-drilling operations.

And then there is the farming and the ranching, two industries which were there before men came to drill for oil or to dig for coal commercially, and which will still be there after the others are gone.

In Dickinson we have one of our fastest-growing congregations, Our Savior's. Whereas many of our Home Mission churches have experienced slow growth, Our Savior's has developed at a good pace. Already it has gone off Home Mission support. Rev. David Molstre is the pastor of Our Savior's, host congregation to the conference.

The city of Dickinson, 100 years old in 1982, boasts of being the State's gateway to the West, a claim a few other cities make also. It has a fine downtown shopping area and the modern Prairie Hills Mall, with over 40 stores. Dickinson is served by Big Sky Airlines and Greyhound Bus. Thirty-five restaurants and drive-ins cater to the desire and need to eat out. A host of recreational facilities are available.

Dickinson will be a great host city to the conference. The State College will provide comfortable and attractive facilities for every conference need. Our Savior's and her pastor will do all possible to make our stay in this western North Dakota city pleasant. The great prairie outdoors of western North Dakota await us.

This will be our first annual conference in North Dakota west of Valley City, but it bids fair to say that it won't be the last one, as the Lord tarries.

THE AGENDA

The agenda of the Annual Conference, which is to be found in this issue, as it was in our previous one, doesn't tell us much about what to expect at the Dickinson gathering. The listing of the various reports is there. Elections will be held. All looks quite traditional and routine.

A couple of points of special interest loom, however. One is the report on a study which has been made on the possibility of the publishing of an AFLC hymnal. It is still early; perhaps more spadework needs to be done before such a project could get underway. But at least some work is being done and that's good. The publication of our own hymnbook would be an exciting thing. The information on this project will come in the report of the Chairman of the Board of Publications and Parish Education on Saturday.

The agenda calls for a report from a study of the Corporation Bylaws. Just what study has been made or who has made it we don't know, but it likely contains legal advice and opinion. It no doubt concerns the question of who shall choose the members of the Board of Trustees for the Schools and the boards of directors for World and Home Missions. In the earlier years the respective corporations chose between two nominees sent to them by the conferences. Later, the annual conference membership sent only one candidate to the corporation for decision. Last year the Missions Corporation did the choosing between the two nominees submitted by the conference for each mission board while the Schools Corporation declined to choose and sent the two nominees back to the conference for decision.

On the one side it is argued that in order for the con-

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ference, hence, the church, to maintain control over the corporations, the conference should strongly guide the selection of board memberships. On the other hand, it is argued that the conference does elect the membership of the corporations and thus any nominees from that membership to the boards ought to be acceptable to the conference and the actual choice can be made by the corporations. Furthermore, the question may be asked, isn't it legally required that a corporation have this right and obligation? And the legal opinion on this matter will weigh heavily on what is finally decided.

As to other issues which will come before the conference, not much is known. It has been one of our failings in the Association that we don't prepare our people well on business which may be brought up for discussion at annual conferences. In many cases the items of business haven't been singled out for discussion beforehand. Delegates come with little idea of what will come up for debate.

The fault for this lies in several places: here at the *Ambassador*, among our agencies, in our congregations. *The Lutheran Ambassador* could do more to try to find out what the issues are. The agency heads could do more to present what they see as special items for conference action. The congregations could insist that they hear more in advance of conferences.

We must never be afraid of information and we must never be afraid of discussion. At an annual conference, if you don't understand something, ask for information and clarification. If you disagree with a resolution or motion, express your judgment on the matter. We are all together, trying to come to the best decisions possible for God's work. Out of the sharing of convictions we have to trust that the right will be done.

Conference days are not only for the disposition of what may be called business, but they are also days for fellowship. Fellowship and inspiration. At Dickinson this year, there will be a number of new people present for the first time. They will be there because the conference is close enough to make it possible for them to come. We are thinking of the friends from eastern Montana, western North Dakota and western South Dakota, and especially the people of Our Savior's Lutheran in Dickinson. Renew old acquaintances, to be sure, and take delight in the new ones.

May our Lord give us a great conference and make it possible for many to attend. Remember the theme for those days, "Abounding in the Work of the Lord" (1 Corinthians 15:58). Prepare the way in prayer. Hold the request before your church prayer group. God is able to act as the spiritual power of prayer warriors is unleashed.

See you at Dickinson, June 16-20, the Lord willing.

Elections at the Annual Conference

OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED

*designates 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.)

20th Annual WMF Convention

June 16

9 a.m.

Dickinson
State College

Theme: To God be the glory

Board of Publications and Parish Education

(5-year term)

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

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

The Lord at work in the lives of singles . . .

God has blessed my life in so many ways. One of the things I value most about being single is the amount of free time I have.

A friend and I have a Christian bookstore in our community. The store has given me many opportunities for meeting people and for being able to share the Lord, not only through the books, but by being able to visit with people. During the year, I also set up book displays at Bible camps and in various churches. I've enjoyed having the time to do this.

My church is also a special part of my life. Being single, I really appreciate and depend on the fellowship of the people there. I'm also a part of two Bible studies in our area. One is a young adults group made up of both single and married people. God has been good to supply the need for fellowship in so many different ways. What a blessing to know that God is in control and that He knows what is best for each of us!

Sue Oien
Bagley, Minn.

(Ed. note: Married on April 17 to Alfred Hoiland, Sue is now beginning a new life of service as she and her husband establish a Christian home in the community.)

Singleness, whether it is a temporary phase of life or permanent, should be seen as a time of opportunity and growth. Singleness should not be classified as better or worse than married life—just different. In being single, I see wide-open opportunities to serve the Lord and others, to know myself better and to develop in various areas of life.

My plans since high school had been to return to Brazil and enter medical

school there. After two years of college in the U.S., I left for Brazil. Nothing seemed impossible. I knew that the Lord could provide for all my needs. So when I arrived in Curitiba (capital of the state of Parana) I went to live with Dona Anna a dear Christian lady in her four-room wooden house. It was a cozy place and filled with love. I found warm Christian fellowship at a nearby evangelical church and met many Christian university students there. Having passed the entrance exams to medical school I was able to participate in a Gospel team and in the local InterVarsity Bible studies. During vacation periods I looked forward to working at the youth camp and being back home where I had spent most of my teen years.

During my second year of school my parents decided to move to Curitiba. I could now live at home and have more time to dedicate to my studies. Learning to live at home again after almost three years wasn't always easy. I left my comfortable Christian fellowship group and became part of the ministry in our neighborhood. At times I would have given anything to get away from the situation, but I couldn't believe that God had made a mistake. There had to be a purpose. And there was. God had to smooth out some very rough edges in my life and show me how much more I needed to depend on Him.

After four years in medical school I decided that it would be good to take a break. I prayed and asked the Lord to show me His will. The challenges in the area of medical ethics would need to be met with preparation and I felt led to come to AFLBS where I would be able to get this preparation.

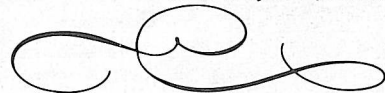
After being at school the Lord has confirmed His leading. It is important to be grounded in the Word. I know it will make a difference in my ministry to people's physical needs.

A common verse shared in testimonial meetings is Galatians 2:20, "I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me . . ."

If we truly allow Christ to totally live in us daily, can there be any greater joy and fulfillment in the believer's life? This contentment far surpasses any feelings or experiences we may have because of a "Miss" or "Mrs." as our title.

Christian bookstore shelves sag with the weight of material on how the Christian woman may find happiness and fulfillment regardless of being single or married. Paul's continued testimony in the twentieth verse simply states all that is needed to possess this contentment. . . . And the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, Who loved me, and gave Himself for me." May our Lord and Savior be allowed in each of our lives to give the faith to daily be crucified with Christ and be completely submitted to His will.

—Mrs. Wayne Hjermstad



This spring I am taking a couple of classes at the University of Minnesota and hope to return to Brazil by the end of August. I have two years of internship left in order to complete the six-year program and then, as the Lord leads, I will decide on a residency in some specialized area.

"If ye abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you" (Jn. 15:7). In all of my experiences as a single woman, I realize the secret of contentment is to daily abide in Jesus. We who claim to be disciples of Jesus whether we be single or married, are called to give our life to the service of His kingdom. There are no limitations to what God can do through us when we abide in Him. I thank God for His gracious direction and protection. A fulfilled life is a life lived for the glory of God.

Deborah M. Abel
Minneapolis, Minn.

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Correction . . .

Here is the correct information concerning memorial gifts given to Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Eagle Butte, S. Dak., as reported in our April 27 issue, page 15. The candleholders were given in memory of Ray Bayless by his friends. The cross was given by his wife Inge and their three daughters, Eileen, Ina and Janet. The offering plates were given in memory of Elmer Johnson by his friends.

We are glad to make this clarification.

\$12. For further information on rates for meals, lodging, camping, etc., contact the LEM Office at 832-2nd Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minn. 55402.

Other U.S. conferences will be held at Mt. Bethel, Pa., July 31-Aug. 7, and Burton, O., Aug. 14-22. There are camp weeks in Canada as well. Contact Pastor Karl Keller, 6655 Beharrell Road, Matsqui, B.C. V0X 1S0, for information on them.

Rev. Laurel M. Udden is the Director of the LEM.

UNTIL THEN

"Well, Roomle...I guess this is it, huh?"

"I guess."

"Two years of Bible School gone by. Can you believe it? It's already been two years!"

"Two years."

"We've got to keep in touch, Brother."

"Hey, we'll keep in touch. All the time. We'll get together. For sure we will."

"Sure, we'll get together. All the time."

"And we've got homecoming and the alumni tournaments. It'll be just like it always was."

"Promise?"

"Promise."

"Be praying?"

"Be praying."

"Write?"

"Sure. All the time."

AFLBS graduation, May 21, 1982

by James L. Johnson

Personalities

New address for *Pastor Samuel Flores* in Mexico is Pbro. Samuel R. Flores, Apartado Postal 756, Leon, Gto., Mexico.

And for *Missionary Charles L. Knapp* it is Casilla 2516, Asuncion, Paraguay, South America.

Rev. Roger Ose, Minneapolis, Minn., a former missionary to Madagascar, spoke at Telemarken Lutheran Church, Goodridge, Minn., Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Holt, Minn., Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Greenbush, Minn., and Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Thief River Falls, Minn., during May 2-4.

LEM announces summer conferences

The Lutheran Evangelistic Movement will sponsor three weeks of Deeper Life conferences at Lake Koronis Assembly Grounds, Paynesville, Minn., again this year. The weeks begin July 5, 12 and 19.

The evening evangelists, respectively, are Don Fladland, Rev. Robert Griffin and Rev. Roger Carlson. The Bible teachers are Ev. Sterling Johnson and Rev. Erman K. Lunder, two weeks.

At each conference there will be a youth section in the mornings.

Registration for youth and adults is \$13.25 and for children, 3 years or more,

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

How may we get spiritual power?

by Martin Hegland

Many young Christian are eager to make a success of the Christian life and to help build the kingdom of God. Knowing something of the forces that are opposed to the program of God's cause and of the obstacles that stand in the way of a thoroughly Christian spiritual life, they realize that they need much strength if they are to succeed. Therefore questions are asked as to the getting of spiritual power.

The basic answer to such questions is that power comes from God. Christians do not operate by virtue of their own strength. They are instrumentalities through whom the Lord works; they are channels through whom the power of God flows.

God has taken great pains to teach His children the essential lesson of utter dependence upon Him. Instruction along this line runs all through the Bible.

It appears with particular clearness in the vision of Zechariah.

The returned Jews, under Zerubbabel, faced a great task. As the chosen people of God they had been made conscious of their vocation to be a light among the nations. But the house of God lay in ruins. In order the better to perform their function of light-giving they must rebuild the temple to be a visible representation of the spiritual Zion.

But there were great hindrances in the way, from without and within. The Samaritans at first offered to cooperate in the rebuilding, but when this offer was rejected, they became bitter opponents of the venture. The Gentiles round about also did all they could to hinder the rebuilding.

The Jews looked at all the obstacles

and grew faint-hearted, despaired of the project and ceased work. But they did not desist from rearing comfortable private homes while the house of God for many years was left neglected. Worldliness and selfishness produced an effortless apathy as to the things of God. It was necessary, then, for the Lord to stir the great prophets, Haggai, and Zechariah, to rebuke the people for their faint-heartedness by showing them the way to success in rebuilding the temple. So the Lord gave to Zechariah that wonderful vision of the candlestick.

"And the angel that talked with me came again, and waked me, as a man that is wakened out of his sleep. And he said unto me, What seest thou? And I said, I have seen, and, behold, a candlestick all of gold, with its bowl upon the top of it, and its seven lamps thereon; there are seven pipes to each of the lamps, which are upon the top thereof; and two olive-trees by it, one upon the right side of the bowl, and the other upon the left side thereof. And I answered and spake to the angel that talked with me, saying, What are these, my lord? Then the angel that talked with me answered and said unto me, Knowest thou not what these are? And I said, No, my lord. Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of Jehovah unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith Jehovah of hosts. Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain; and he shall bring forth the top stone with shoutings of grace, grace, unto it. Moreover the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands also shall finish it; and thou

shalt know that Jehovah of hosts sent me unto you" (Zech. 4:1-9).

In this vision Zechariah saw a golden candlestick, with seven lamps, and each lamp was connected with seven pipes to the bowl of oil, which again was connected with two live olive trees. The seven lamps were kept brightly burning by oil flowing directly from the live olive trees. Zechariah did not grasp at once the meaning of the vision, and so the angel interpreted: "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith Jehovah of hosts." This interpretation by the angel made abundantly clear that success would come not by man's power, but by the Spirit of God, and by that only. And in that way glorious success did come to the Jews in the rebuilding of their temple.

But utter dependence upon God is a hard lesson to learn. Abraham learned the lesson only after repeated and searching testings, and patient instruction. Moses looked out one day and saw his people in bondage. He took things into his own hands and killed an Egyptian. It took him forty years in Midian to learn the lesson of absolute dependence upon God. When Canaan was to be conquered for Israel, the Lord found it necessary to teach by a series of astounding object lessons the placing of trust in the Divine and not the human. In Hosea 1:7, the Lord speaks: "I will have mercy upon the house of Judah, and will save them by the Lord, their God, and will not save them by bow, nor by sword, nor by battle, nor by horses, nor by horsemen." In Psalm 127 we read: "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it; except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh in vain."

So, too, when Jesus stood at the close of His earthly ministry and was about to turn over to His disciples the stupendous task of evangelizing the world, He told them to tarry in Jerusalem "until ye be clothed with power from on high" (Luke 24:49). And just before His ascension He gave them that heartening pro-

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"Christians do not operate by virtue of their own strength."

LIFE...

mise: "Ye shall receive power, when the Holy Spirit is come upon you, and ye shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

That promise was gloriously fulfilled ten days later, on the day of Pentecost. And what a transformation it wrought! Under the all-conquering power of the Holy Spirit the previously weak, fearful, vacillating, and Christ-denying Peter preached with such overwhelming conviction that three thousand souls turned to God with cries of repentance, accepted the offer of God's grace, and through baptism were brought into the Christian church.

The whole book of Acts continues the marvelous story of the power of God working out through weak human instrumentalities.

Under the dynamic influence of the Holy Spirit the Apostles witnessed triumphantly about Christ, healed the sick, raised the dead, defied the most powerful enemies, rebuked kings, rejoiced in scourgings, sang midnight-praises in foul prisons, broke the hampering bonds of Judaism, and planted the Gospel of Christ throughout the Roman Empire.

The combination of Jewish and Gentile opposition—all the wiles of the devil—could not stop them in their onward march. They were Spirit-filled, Christ-compelled, God-driven men.

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God has not changed His method. The principle of utter dependence on Him still holds. "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit," still saith Jehovah of Hosts.

This may be interpreted to mean, in the first place, that in our church work today we shall not succeed by reliance upon anything human. Not by perfection of organization; not by multiplication of boards; not by machinery of administration; not by printing presses, typewriters, letter files, card indexes, or mailing lists; not by automobiles for getting around faster; not by a system of

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

Zion's Easter breakfast supports FLY team

Each year the Luther League of Zion Lutheran Church in Tioga, N. Dak., serves an Easter Breakfast. Hearing of the need that the National Luther League Federation had for the FLY Team, we decided that we would take an offering to be given to that cause.

The Luther League Federation's goal of \$4500 encouraged us to set a goal high enough to present a challenge but not so high that it could not be reached. We committed ourselves to sending \$500 even if the goal could not be met at the Easter Breakfast.

Our breakfast of savory sausages, hot boiled eggs, fresh caramel rolls, juice and coffee attracted about 175 guests that morning. Our guests were generous to a cause that is important to mission work. The offerings given that morning totaled \$718, all of which will be given to the FLY Team fund.

We feel that supporting this group going to Brazil is worth-while in furthering the Kingdom of God and encourage and even challenge other church youth groups to give their support through any

great conventions shall we succeed. Do not misunderstand me. These things can all be used in the service of God's kingdom. But what I want to emphasize is this, that if we place our reliance for success on these things, we shall fail, without the shadow of a doubt.

Neither shall we succeed by reliance upon human wisdom or eloquence. When Paul came to the philosophical Corinthians, he "came not with enticing words of man's wisdom." Anyone depending upon oratory or skillful manipulation to build the Church of God, is doomed to certain failure.

(To be continued)

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

Next time: How May We Get Spiritual Power? (Continued)

type of fund raising method. People are willing to give generously to a worthy cause that has been publicized well.

When we give freely from the heart to the work of God's Kingdom we know that our God shall supply all our needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus (Phil. 4:19).

Arlin Aasness

Youth Director, Zion Lutheran



New members at DeKalb

The following new members were welcomed into the congregation on Sunday, January 31.

These include (front row) Linda Spidle, son Jacob and Benjamin, Michelle Kesterke, Marian Bereiter; (second row) John Dougherty, Don Spidle, Ron Kesterke, Bob Bereiter, and Pastor Rutherford. Also joining our church but not pictured are Linda Kesterke, son Ryan and daughter Kara.

Cradle roll at Willmar

The following children were baptized and entered on the Cradle Roll of the Zion Lutheran Church of Willmar during the past few months.

Pictured from left to right are:

Mrs. Gary Jones and son Jonathan, Mrs. Jeff Dahl and daughter Jeannette, Mrs. Kenneth Biegert and daughter Kate, Mrs. Richard Woltjer and daughter Julie, and Mrs. James Hutson and daughter Sara.



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Twentieth Annual Conference of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations

Dickinson, N. Dakota

June 16-20, 1982



The Student Center at Dickinson State College, where meals will be served.

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.

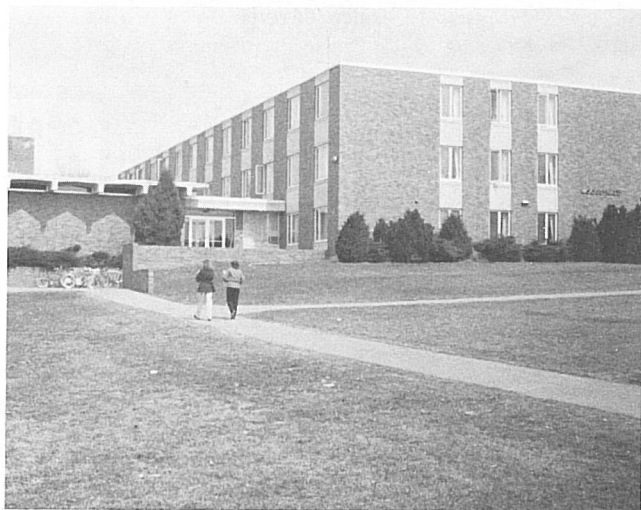
Report of the Dean of the Bible School, Pastor Kenneth Moland.

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.



Woods Hall, where Conference guests will live.

SCHEDULE . . .

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.

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.

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