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# AT THE MASTER'S FEET

Pastor Gary Skramstad



## Persuasive Preaching

"Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day" (Acts 2:41, NIV).

Wouldn't the people of our congregations and our pastors be thrilled to see such results from their services and preaching ministries? We rejoice with the angels over one sinner who repents in our midst. Certainly we all desire to see souls saved. We pray for it to happen among us. We establish programs of evangelism. We encourage reading of good books, especially the Bible. We attend seminars to learn different ways to approach people with the Gospel. All of this is good. But today we desire to look at the reason why so many came to Christ on that day of Pentecost so many years ago.

The verses preceding our text contain a sermon delivered to the crowd that had gathered because of the mira-

culous events of Pentecost. Peter was going to use the opportunity to share a God-given message that would bring the results of so very many believing in the risen Savior. Peter would use the same outline and approach as he would preach from place to place. Someone has suggested that his outline had five parts.

1—Peter talked about Jesus. It was Jesus who did miracles, wonders and signs (Acts 2:22). No other has done what Jesus did. 2—Peter talked about what the crowd did. They put Him to death by nailing Him to the cross (Acts 2:23). 3—Peter talked about what God did. "But God raised Him from the dead, freeing Him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on Him" (Acts 2:24). 4—Peter talked about what the disciples were doing. "God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact" (Acts 2:32). The response to the question the crowd asked is point number 5. Peter replied: "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call." With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation' " (Acts 2:38-40).

There are indeed many interesting things to talk about in the church today. There are subjects that fascinate many minds. There are theological truths that are being expounded. No matter how interesting or sound and solid these messages might be there must be the frequent echoing of Peter's sermons.

People need to know about Jesus and what His life was really like. People

today need to understand that it was their sins that brought Christ to that cross. People truly need to comprehend that Jesus Christ is the living God. He is Risen! People today need to get busy sharing Christ. Those who have been made new creatures in Christ need to let others know that the living Christ is working in and through them. And people need to hear the bold challenge in our corrupt generation that they can come to Christ and have their sins not just compared and talked about but truly forgiven.

Peter's message is good for us today. The reality of the resurrection so captivated the lives of those early believers that they could not contain the good news. They lived victorious lives. They brought the message home that God loves sinners. He would receive all who call upon His Name. Those believers pleaded with their friends and neighbors to be saved.

What does Peter's message do for you? Can you remain aloof to the call of the Gospel? Can you still reject this Christ who died for your sins? Can you look around you and realize that your sins are great—so great that you deserve nothing but everlasting condemnation? Do you look around you and see the corruption that is brought to our attention by the news media? Do you see that you must be saved and can be saved today? O, friend, come to Jesus now. Save yourselves from the wages of sin and this increasingly godless and corrupt generation. Be ready for the Lord when He has promised to come and receive His own.

I thank God for the doctrines that we believe and teach. These truths make our Church unique in many ways. But let not our satisfaction rest in this purity as souls rush on to hell. Use the persuasive message, that simple message, that is able to save men's souls.

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# The Place of Bible Camp in Youth Ministry

100 years  
of camping

by Pastor Bruce Dalager,  
Chairman of the Youth Board

God's people have been camping for a long time. The programs have changed over the years but some of the experiences have remained constant. Abram camped as he headed westward out of his father's homeland. Moses was director of what may have been the largest family camp ever when for 40 years he led Israel in the wilderness. For many Old Testament people camping was a daily experience.

## Modern Day Camping

Modern day church-sponsored camps trace their roots back to 1880 when a pastor, Rev. George Hinkley, took seven boys from his church out camping. He felt that the informal living in God's great outdoors would help break down the barriers so that he could get closer to his boys and win them to the Lord. He was right.

Bible camp may be one of the most useful tools in the Christian education program of the church. In the weekly program of the church the impression is often given that church life is to be separate from the rest of life: what takes place at church is holy and the rest of life is more secular. Despite our efforts to the contrary, children often find it difficult to see church activities as integral parts of the believer's existence. For many children (and adults) church life is extra-curricular. Children need to be taught that the experience of being with God can and does exist outside the church building. Bible camp offers a rare opportunity to demonstrate that all phases of a Christian's life can be Christian. The experiences offered at camp, hiking, warm friendships, Bible study, campfires, swimming, etc., can all contribute toward Christlikeness.

Christian education which deals with everyday experiences is difficult to teach effectively in a classroom one or two hours a week. Probably the best locales for giving and demonstrating practical Christian education are godly homes and Spirit-led camps, where elbows and dispositions rub constantly. In such places godly parents or leaders and counselors will tell as well as show what the Christian life is like.

## Goals of Bible Camping

When the program for a Bible camp is being developed it is important that the leaders keep the right goals in mind: the evangelism of unsaved and the nurturing of believers. Yet, they must also realize that the young person often comes to camp with a different goal: to have fun. If a camp is to be

The spiritual needs of the young people who attend Bible camp are many and varied. Some of the younger ones, with hearts that are yet tender and open to God, have not yet come to conscious faith. Others have fallen away from the grace of God and need to be brought to repentance. Some, tragically, have become calloused and hardened in their rebellion against God. Some young souls are struggling with lack of assurance, while others are well grounded and maturing greatly in the faith. A wise counselor will realize these differences and seek to meet each child where he is. The ministry of the Bible camp will need to be varied also if it is to address each need. Above all, a clear-cut proclamation of the Law and Gospel needs to be carried out for it is only that which can bring the

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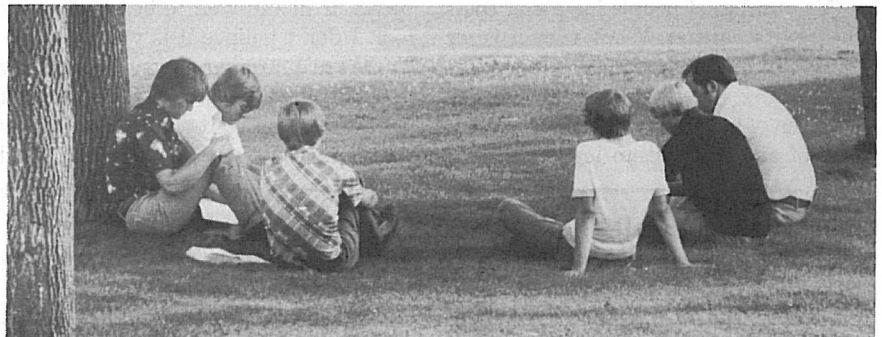
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successful, this goal must also be given consideration. Bible camp is an excellent place to teach that great fun can be enjoyed without compromising Scriptural principles. When staff and faculty members join the young people in recreational activities they do much to counteract the idea of many people that Christianity is a dull, lifeless existence.

young people to repentance and faith. Care must also be exercised so that the many other activities of the camp do not overshadow or smother the preaching of the Word and thus hinder the working of the Holy Spirit.

Many people in our congregations look back to an experience at Bible camp as the time when they came to assurance of salvation. Even though I



# AFLC SUMMER

## Lake Bronson Family Camp

Place—Galilee Lutheran Bible Camp, Lake Bronson, Minn.

Dates—July 21-27

Camp rates—Children, 3 to 11—\$14; Teens—\$24; Adults—\$30; Maximum family rate—\$95. Registration: Individual—\$1; Family—\$2. Camp vehicle, no meals at camp, \$2.50 per day.

The information given here is not complete, but here are some of the summer Bible Camp opportunities available in our church. Please write to the respective camp deans or registrars for further instruction.

Dean—Rev. Bruce Dalager, Mentor, Minn. 56736

Asst. Dean—Rev. Merle Knutson

Manager—Mr. Sheldon Mortrud

Evangelist—Rev. Kenneth Pentti

Youth Bible study leader—Rev. LeRoy Flickinger

Confirmation—Rev. Merle Knutson

Children—Miss Judith Wold

Mission Hour—Rev. Yeddo Gattel and Rev. Eldon Nelson

Camp theme—"Continue in the Faith" (Col. 1:22, 23).

## Osceola Family Camp

Place—The Association Retreat Center, Osceola, Wis.

Dates—Aug. 13-17

Camp rates—Children, 3 to 12—\$12; Teens—\$20; Adults—\$25; Maximum family rate—\$95. Camp vehicles, no meals at camp, \$2.50 per day. Registration: Individual—\$1. Preregister if possible.

Dean—Rev. James Fugleberg, 801 Michigan St., Ontonagon, Mich. 49953

Asst. Dean—Rev. Ralph Tjelta

Manager—Mr. Bob Dietsche

Registrar—Mr. Art Arneson, Spicer, Minn. 56288

Evangelist—Rev. Donald Greven

## CAMPING . . .

was raised in a Christian home and attended a church where the Word of God was faithfully preached, it was, as I recall, at Bible camp where I was first led to consider the possibility that I might not be right with God. A faithful counselor simply asked, "Are you a Christian?" I, like Samuel, was being called to conscious faith. At Bible camp, where a young person sits daily under the preaching of the Word and also daily hears the testimonies of others his age he is compelled to examine his own life and determine whether or not he is right with God.

### New Friends

Bible camp is an excellent place for making new friends. It is a place where a fair number of people have met their future life partner. What a joy it is for Christian parents to know their child is developing friendships with other children of like faith under the supervision of adult Christian leaders!

### Challenge to Service

For many young people the call to "full-time service" for the Lord comes at Bible camp. While at camp they hear the experiences of pastors, missionaries and other servants of God. They see the humanness of those God has called in the past. They are confronted with the Great Commission. God uses these factors in readying a young person for His call and whether or not the call is to "full-time service" the instruction received through Bible camp will aid the young person in finding God's will for his life.

### Sponsor Campers

Because God has used the ministry of Bible camps in reaching many young people for the Kingdom, the local congregation should continue to utilize this means in its ministry to youth. It has proven to be an effective tool. I don't believe it is yet worn out. There are a number of ways of assuring its continued success. First, support your Bible camp, its staff and faculty with much prayer. Unless the Lord

runs the camp, they labor in vain who operate it. Secondly, get every young person in your congregation to camp. Some congregations provide "camper-ships" for the young people, making it easier financially for them to attend. In other churches, older members whose children are grown up provide support either with a direct gift or by hiring some young person to do some work for them. See, too, that transportation to camp does not become an obstacle for anyone willing to go. Thirdly, provide opportunity for those who attend camp to share their experiences with the congregation. It is good to require some kind of report from them especially if they were given financial assistance. Many young people return home from camp with a strong desire to live for the Lord, but soon lose their zeal in the humdrum routine of home and church life. Leaders in the congregation must make efforts to nurture this new-found faith and life so that it is not lost.

God's Word says that children are a heritage, or gift, of the Lord. We parents or adults are therefore accountable to God for our children's training. Let us, with great care, tend their souls. Give God the opportunity to work in your child's life through the ministry of Bible camp this summer.

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# BIBLE

# CAMPS

Adult Bible teacher—Rev. Gary Skramstad

Youth—Rev. Yeddo Gottel

Confirmation—Rev. Curtis Emerson

Children—Miss Judith Wold

Music director—Mr. Don Rodvold

Camp theme—"God's Rx for Family Wholeness" (Eph. 3:14-21).

## Bethany Youth Bible Camp

Place—Bethany Bible Camp, Grace Lake, Bemidji, Minn.

Sponsored by—South half of the Northern Minnesota District

Dates—Senior camp: June 18-22; Junior camp: June 22-26

Dean—Rev. Bruce Dalager, Mentor, Minn. 56736

Registrar—Mrs. Birdeen Holt, Foston, Minn.

Bible teacher—Mrs. Esther Farrier

Evangelist—Rev. Dennis Gray

Manager—Pastor and Mrs. Ray Persson

Music directors—Rev. and Mrs. Dalager

Cost—\$20 (includes physical and full insurance coverage)



Galilee Lutheran Camp, Lake Bronson, Minn.

## Minneapolis District Youth Camp

Place—The Association Retreat Center, Osceola, Wis.

Dates—July 6-12

Costs—\$30 or \$6 per day. Preregister by June 23.

Dean—Rev. Donald Greven, Radcliffe, Ia. 50230

Bible teacher—Rev. Kenneth L. Anderson

Evangelist—Rev. Kenneth Pentti

Camp theme—"Conformed or Transformed" (Rom. 12:1-2)

## Northwestern Minnesota Youth Camp

Place—Galilee Lutheran Bible Camp, Lake Bronson, Minn.

Sponsored by—North half of the Northern Minnesota District

Dates—Pre-teen camp: June 16-20; Family retreat: June 20-22; Youth Camp: June 23-29

Deans—Lay Pastor Burton Rygh, Greenbush, Minn., and Rev. Merle Knutson, Newfolden, Minn.

### Pre-teen Camp

Cost—\$20

Bible teacher—Rev. George Knapp

Mission hour—Mrs. George Knapp

Evangelist—Mr. Don Jonnson

Music director—Miss Eunice Rokke

### Family Retreat

Cost—Free-will offering

Adult teacher—Lay Pastor Gustav Nordvall

Children—Miss Judith Wold

### Youth Camp

Cost—\$25

Bible teacher—Rev. Kenneth Moland

Mission hour—Rev. and Mrs. George Knapp

Evangelist—Rev. Kenneth Pentti

Music directors—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Knapp and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Abel

## SW Central Minnesota District Youth Camp

Place—Faith Haven Youth Lodge, Battle Lake, Minn.

Dates—July 13-18

Cost—\$30

Dean and Registrar—Rev. Larry Haagen, Rt. 1, Sedan, Minn. 56380

Bible teacher—Mr. Gilbert Schroeder

Evangelist—Lay Pastor Verle Dean

Assistant Dean—Rev. Gordon Grage

Music Director—Mr. Frank Rutherford

Camp theme—"Saved by Grace" (Col. 2:8)

## Upper Peninsula Family Camp

Place—Little Lake, Mich.

Sponsored by—Northern Michigan District

Dates—Aug. 20-24

Costs—Children, 3 to 8—\$22; 9 to 12—\$33.50; all 13 and over—\$44

Dean—Rev. Jay Eberth, Chassell, Mich. 49916

Registrar—Mr. George Johnson, Eben Jct., Mich. 49825

Bible teacher—Rev. Robert L. Lee

Mission hour—Rev. Yeddo Gottel

Evangelist—Dr. James Gerdeen

(Ed. note: we regret that we couldn't include all the information sent to us, including some of the local pitches. For instance, the Upper Peninsula Camp advertises "the best family-style home cooking in the north.")



Pickerel Lake Lutheran Camp, Grenville, S. Dak.

## India, New Mission Field

**Pastor Eugene Enderlein,  
World Missions Director**

A Moslem mosque glistening in the afternoon sunshine . . . stacks of red chili peppers piled in the fields . . . delicious rice and curried chicken served on banyan leaf "plates" . . . vast crowds of people thronging the streets . . . sacred cows roaming freely . . . congregations of earnest believers . . . faithful pastors following after our boat into knee-deep water to wave "Good-bye" as we sailed away . . . a blind Bible-woman leading her class of children to recite long sections of Scripture . . . these are just a few of the scenes that met us when we traveled to India in December and January.

As our "flying carpet" taxied down the runway, Pastor Richard Snipstead and I could hardly imagine the interesting experiences and beautiful people that awaited us in India. First London, then Frankfurt, Germany . . . on to Delhi, then Bombay, and finally Hyderabad, where we were graciously met by Pastor Bushana Rao Dasari his brother, Satyanadam Dasari and other gentlemen of that city, who placed lovely floral leis around our necks in Christian friendship.

What had brought us to this predominantly Hindu and Moslem country teeming with millions of people? For many months we as an Association of Free Lutheran Congregations, through our Board of World Missions and at our Annual Conferences, had seriously considered investigating Christian contacts in India who had expressed a desire to affiliate with a Bible-believing, Christ-honoring Lutheran body. Now a personal investigation was at hand! After a good time of personal contacts with the local Christian leaders and their congregations, we certainly would know God's leading in the matter.

Sure enough, God faithfully opened our eyes to the beauty of these dear



Pastors, wives and Bible-women prior to a commissioning service.

# WE PREACHED

Christians in India! After earnest consultation with many of them in many locations, and careful consideration later at AFLC Headquarters, the AFLC Board of World Missions voted unanimously to officially become involved in the great land of India. Our AFLC sister congregations there have adopted the name BFLC, meaning "Bible Faith Lutheran Church." All the workers within the BFLC were commissioned for service in our Savior's name just two days before I left India for Minneapolis. These 14 leaders are seven pastors, three evangelists, and four Bible-women.

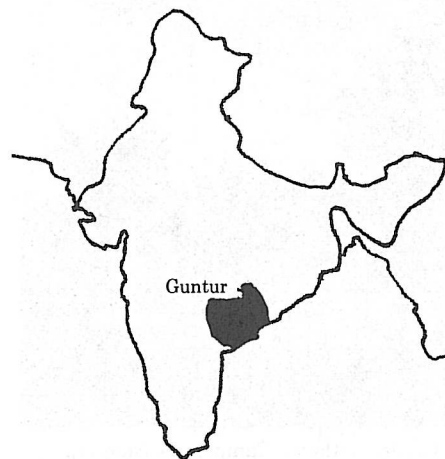
Would you like to learn more about our Christian friends and their homeland of India? I'd be glad to tell you personally, along with my slides, but meanwhile, allow me to paint a picture of words for you as I share some of our experiences.

Our days started early with the 6:30 Moslem prayer call resounding throughout the city of Guntur. Indian food is extremely hot and spicy, so we were happy for a breakfast of bread, eggs and coffee. Mrs. Satyanadam Dasari and her sister traveled with our company wherever we went and prepared special food for us that was less spicy. What a blessing these dear ladies were as they willingly gave their time along the way. It was amusing to hear Santyanadam exclaim that our food was "cold," because *we* still thought it was "hot"!

After breakfast we enjoyed a "washing up" with a pail of water and were

extra grateful if it was hot. Most days were spent traveling in and visiting towns where Christian contacts were waiting for us. We traveled via rented raxi, secured by Pastor B. Dasari for our visit, for many hours over narrow, rough roads. Often the roads were so narrow or had been eroded so badly that we had to "abandon car" and walk. When we traveled by fishing launch the gentle waves seemed a welcome relief from the rough roads. As we traveled along we passed fields of cotton, castor beans and chilies. Farmers customarily lay out huge piles of stalks of grains on the roadways and wait for passing trucks and cars to drive over them and do their threshing for them. These piles often proved to be quite a challenge for our compact car.

It was most impressive to be in the large cities of India and view the an-





Pastor Snipstead baptizing a believer.

# WE BAPTIZED

cient mosques and museums and admire the grandeur of these old cities. The "sacred cows" roam freely, and serve no purpose for profit to their owners, except as a "symbol" of wealth. Many beautiful houses grace the cities, where the well-to-do people reside, but just as obvious are the entire sections of the city where lean-tos or pole houses are crudely erected as dwellings for the poor. Along the river are the rows and rows of the peoples' freshly washed belongings drying in the sunshine.

Within the villages we were able to stay in homes and actually visit with people and fellowship with Christians. Meals of curried chicken, rice, curds and tapioca were brought to us on ban-yan leaves. It was a pleasure to "warm up" to the children, show photos of our own families at home, make friends via a "life saver" treat, or my tape recorder and exchange some "get-acquainted" words. Almost every evening we held worship services in the villages, with both Pastor Snipstead and I preaching, and Pastor B. Dasari translating. It was an inspiring experience to see the people come from near and far and assemble together for the service, with no thought of hurrying the service. Usually the service lasted for two and one-half hours, and then scores gathered afterward for an encouraging word or for prayer. It was our privilege to baptize many who had waited for our visit, and to personally encourage these faithful believers. We

found that the believers in India seem to demonstrate a pure and beautiful love for our Lord Jesus Christ. Perhaps persecution has already purified their love for Christ! Certainly it is a difficult thing to break with Hinduism and turn to the Lord Jesus Christ.

We even visited remote fishing villages where we were told no white man had ever been. You can well imagine that people pressed in all around us wherever we went to study these curious strangers! Often we would sit down wearily on a porch to relax a bit after a long, hot afternoon of travel and to close our eyes briefly, only to open them a moment later and find a crowd of onlookers gazing at us closely. After the evening services we would drive back to our place of lodging and by the wee hours of morning gladly crawl into bed under the protection of mosquito netting. The mosquito netting is a welcome cover, and the popular lizard is a read friend, because they hang on ceilings at night, alertly waiting to gobble up every mosquito that attacks! (Perhaps we need a shipment of those friendly lizards in Minnesota!)

Thanks to World Vision, some of the villages have a three-sided "prayer shed," where people can meet for worship services protected from the hot sun. What a luxury real church buildings would be! Thanks to a Christian Canadian, Roger Kent, some coastal villages have tall, block buildings which serve as places of refuge when the raging cyclones strike these villages

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and the waves are well over the levels of the homes.

Pastor B. Dasari guided our way to villages where the local pastor or evangelist welcomed us warmly and discussed their earnest hopes of uniting with us. The spread of the Gospel is greatly enhanced by Bible-women, who can freely approach houses in a town with Gospel literature, whereas it is culturally taboo for a man to do so. A typical pattern within the church is to have a Wednesday prayer service. Saturday is a day of fasting and prayer and Sunday is set aside for Sunday School and worship. The Bible-women joyfully train childrens' classes in Scripture study and memorization.

As I think of India, precious faces come to mind . . . pastors, evangelists, Bible-women, precious friends. Wherever we traveled we found beloved brothers and sisters in Christ. As we would leave a village and the people



Pastor Enderlein with the blind Bible-woman on his left in the island fishing village of Elachetla Dibba.

would wave good-bye and ask us to write and not to forget them, I would think to myself, "Two days ago they were strangers and now I love them." I found it extremely hard to leave them and felt that I left part of my heart in India. Just before my departure for the USA, a dearly-loved young man named Jacob arrived to say good-bye all the way from a remote fishing vil-



# Ernest Miedema Man with a Burden and a Vision

"We are sitting on a threshold as a Lutheran group for we are in a unique position as a conservative church, preaching the inspired Word of God. As we move into the '80s, our nearly 20-year-old Association of Free Lutheran Congregations needs to grow. We need to be adding souls to the Kingdom in the remaining time God grants. We should be well organized with solid planning. In spite of the economic condition of our nation, we need to plan to return that portion for Kingdom work which God has entrusted to us."

AFLC's newly appointed full-time Director of Development added, "The future of the AFLC, by God's grace, is based on faithfulness to sound doctrine and sound planning if we are to be available to be used as God intends." The Lord has given Mr. Ernest Miedema a burden and vision for the work of the AFLC.

When the Co-ordinating Committee called Mr. Miedema to serve as director, they defined his function, in part,

as "to give guidance to individuals in the area of annuities and wills." He is also "to provide spiritual motivation to AFLC congregations for financial support of our benevolences."

Already Mr. Miedema has worked with many people. He is happy to advise any person or church upon request. The AFLC annuities program is registered with the State of Minnesota and with the International Annuities Association (a group established to aid non-profit organizations).

Along with his Director of Development duties, Mr. Miedema works as property supervisor. In cooperation with the deans and custodial people, he is responsible for the maintenance



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## AFLC Director of Development

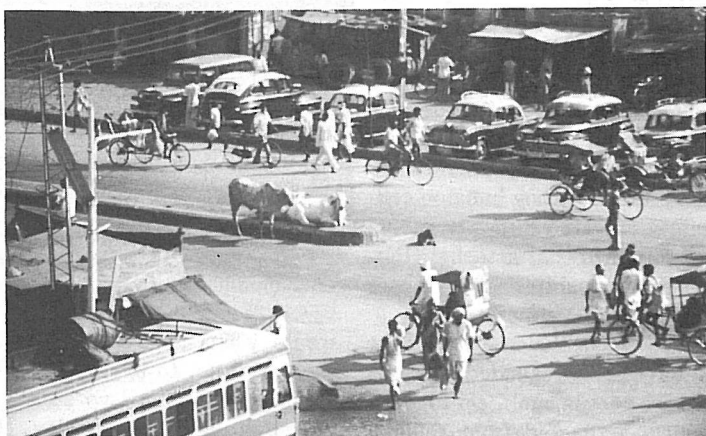
of the AFLC properties which include three houses, one cabin, two dormitories, and the all-purpose building (church, dining facility, offices and library) on approximately 23 acres of land.

Ernest Miedema is accustomed to hard work. He left his Litchville, North Dakota, family farm to start a furniture business in Valley City, North Dakota, in 1957. He has been active in the North Dakota Republican Party, serving six years in the State Legislature and four years as Valley City mayor. He continues to serve on various boards, including the local hospital, Northwest Bank, and as an AAA state director.

His local church has always been a priority and he is a charter member of Grace Lutheran. Twenty-nine years ago he married Darlene. God blessed the Miedemas with Larry, Darryl (members of Grace Lutheran), and Gwen (Schmidt) of Minot (member of Bethel Lutheran).

May the Lord continue to bless Ernest Miedema as he embarks on this new area of work in the AFLC. His call into full-time service for the Lord caused him to respond, "I consider it a privilege to serve God in this capacity. I have no desire but to be fully used by Him."

S.L.



City street scene in Guntur. Note the sacred cows on the median.

## INDIA . . .

lage . . . miles away! This is an example of the love these believers show. Dear friends, please, will you pray for

these dear ones in India, and give of your means so that we as an Association may aid them in furthering the saving Gospel of our precious Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

## OFFICIAL NOTICE

The Board of World Missions, with thanksgiving to God, announces that after the completion of an investigative trip to India, and in accord with a resolution passed by the 1978 Annual Conference of the AFLC, it has unanimously approved the establishment of a work in India. With great joy in the Lord we present this new field to the Church at large and covet your prayers for the efforts that will be put forth to spread the Gospel in India. We will be working with the Bible Faith Lutheran Church (BFLC). Support for this work should be sent to the Minneapolis office marked "India."

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# editorials

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## WHERE WE ARE

Mentally we should all assess our church as we are on the eve of the 1980 Annual Conference to be held on the campus of Valley City State College in North Dakota, June 11-15. This is the eighteenth conference; thus we are nearing the completion of two decades of work, as the Lord tarries.

How far have we come, other than in years, and by what paths? Do we continue to follow the paths which seemed so right when we originally set out in 1962? Or to go back still further, do we love and hold to the faith delivered to the saints and conduct our church life and work according to the convictions hammered out through four or five generations of American experience?

We trust that all is well. We all want it to be so. In thinking of the grounding of our faith, some time this summer we will have in our hands the book the Association is publishing, *The Augsburg Confession: Its Meaning for Today*. If our congregations aren't observing the 450th anniversary of the *Augsburg Confession* on the suggested date, Trinity Sunday (June 1), perhaps they can plan to do so in the fall when this fine book can be available to interested persons.

And we hope that during this next year, in connection with that anniversary and those of the *Book of Concord* (400th), the Sunday School (200th), and Bible camping (100th), there will be additional attention paid to our spiritual and doctrinal roots. How good that would be.

What open doors there are for our missions, at home and abroad. In these last several years we have literally made ourselves responsible for additional hundreds of thousands of people, if not millions, as we think of outreach in Paraguay, Mexico and India. Of course, we can't reach so many, but we are at least represented now where there are so many souls for whom Christ also died. What *shall* we do? What *shall* we do to meet our obligation?

And in Home Missions the objective is to establish 30 new congregations in ten years. From where will the pastors come and how shall all this be supported? It is exciting to learn that the AFLC will soon be involved in work in Williston. What a natural place for us to be! And there are opportunities in many places.

But we trust that someone in the Association is keeping track of all this so that we build wisely and well. God has given us consecrated young people, too, feeling called to serve, wanting to test the waters. How can we help them and utilize them? To some extent we can. But there is a limit to how many we can make use of, if we are thinking in terms of financial support. What direction can we give to the others?

These are only some of the matters which come to mind. We will know more when we get a chance to read and hear the President's report and those of other agency leaders in the church. Discussion at the Conference itself will indicate the thinking within the church fellowship. We do hope that there will be full, free and frank consideration of all matters which come before the annual session.

May the Lord lead and guide in all items of business. He has a way for us to go and if we walk in it all will be well. On the other hand, following our own designs we could get into all kinds of trouble. Prepare for Conference now by much prayer.

## BIBLE CAMPING

It is our privilege to share with our readers today some of the information which has come to our desk about Bible camps sponsored by the Association itself or AFLC districts or congregations. Unfortunately the list is not complete, but future editions may provide more.

We hope that you will also read Pastor Bruce Dalager's fine article on page 3 in which he informs us that the Bible camp movement is 100 years old this year. Among us and our antecedents it is much younger, less than 50 years really, but still a part of our experience for a long time, too.

A new feature in 1980 for us is having two Association-sponsored family camps. One will be at a traditional spot, Galilee, Lake Bronson, Minn. The other is a first-time one at The Association Retreat Center, Osceola, Wis. There is some question whether the AFLC should sponsor any family camp or not, whether or not the need still exists for it to do so, but time will answer that debate. The alternative would be to let district-sponsored camps meet the need, or combinations of districts.

All of the camps mentioned in this issue are open to all interested campers, as far as facilities permit. For all district camps it would be good to preregister if you are outside the area normally served by the camp.

God bless all of our camping opportunities. It is thrilling to contemplate what can happen for the spiritual good of all who are touched by them.

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## SILVERTON CHURCH TO HOST LAYMEN

The Northern Minnesota Lutheran Laymen's Society will meet at Silvertown Lutheran Church, four miles north-east of Thief River Falls, on Sunday, June 29, at 2:30 p.m. Text for discussion will be Revelation 14. All are welcome.

Art Joppru, Chairman  
Joe Jacobson, Secretary

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## QUANBECK INELIGIBLE; JACOBSON RESIGNS

Mr. Clarence Quanbeck, McVille, N. Dak., whose term on the Co-ordinating Committee expires this year, is ineligible for re-election, having served two consecutive terms. Mr. Raymond Jacobson, Wadena, Minn., has resigned from the Board of Trustees and someone must be elected at the coming Annual Conference to fill out the remaining year of his term.



## Our work in Leeds, North Dakota

Matthew 4:16: "The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up." Our endeavor is to proclaim that the great light has come for all mankind. To this end we labor in the Lord.

Lebanon congregation has its roots in the Lutheran Free Church, having been organized in 1897 and affiliated with it. The original pioneer church was built on ground donated by Ole Jacobson. The first church was completed in 1899 and served its community for several years until struck by lightning on August 9, 1937, when it burned to the ground. Many of the original fixtures, however, were saved. The next year another church building was purchased and moved to its present site in the country. The congregation did not go into the merger even though they were to be included, but through legal action removed themselves from the American Lutheran church and then affiliated with the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations in 1967, becoming a part of the Minnewaukan Lutheran Parish the same year. This rural congregation purchased the Christian and Missionary Alliance church building in Leeds in 1976 and held its first service in town on Easter Sunday morning of the same year. The work in town has shown faith enough to call their own pastor and has become Lebanon Lutheran Parish as of July 1, 1979.

The women's group, now called the WMF, has been active from even before formal organization of the church and is still one of the mainstays of the work here in Leeds; Sunday School is held from September through May; Bible Study and Prayer Hour is held on Wednesday evenings with confirmation instruction earlier in the afternoon. The Sunday worship is held up as the focal point of our serving our

Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and is held every Sunday possible as well as on special days. We praise God for the opportunity to serve Him here in Leeds.

As pastor, I have had the privilege to see several souls grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This could never happen with only my feeble efforts, but it is the product of God's working in the hearts and souls of people from the proclaimed Word of God and the many faithful ones who pray for the work, both in our congregation and without. I am also thanking the Lord for giving us about 100 people for our Easter service this year and since then we have had several more visitors in regular attendance. I praise God for the helpmate He has given to me for without her working with me none of this would have been. The children God has given to us have also given a lift to the work. For all of this I can but thank God for His marvelous gifts and helps along the way.

To try to cite any number of people who have been of special help in the work would be to leave out those who have faithfully worked behind the scenes and as a result the work goes on. One special sacrifice the congregation at Leeds has made is to allow its pastor to start working with the Tunbridge Lutheran Free Church people at Rugby, 22 miles to the west. That work in Rugby has now commenced with regular Sunday services and about 16 would be their average attendance since beginning February 17, 1980.

In conclusion, as pastor, I would like to say, it is indeed a pleasure to serve our Lord among His good people! God bless all of you fine people of the Association.

Pastor Leroy Flickinger

## Preparing for Conference

Annual Conference is a time of fellowship, inspiration and decision-making as the people of the AFLC come together to lay plans for the ongoing work which our Lord has given us to do. Prayer is the best preparation for any task we undertake.

There are several items which the Home Mission Board will be bringing to the attention of the Conference and which we ask the people of our AFLC to be in prayer about before arriving in Valley City.

1) The Board senses the urgency and importance of expanding the base of the AFLC with an increase in the number of new congregations being established. In light of this the Board has set a goal of 30 new churches over the next ten years. It is necessary that the entire AFLC "own" this goal and give it their full support.

2) The Church Extension Fund needs to be built up. Requests for loans are more in number and larger in size due to inflationary building costs. At least 50-75 thousand dollars is needed to help each new congregation in purchasing property. A special fund drive is being planned by the Home Mission Board, and again, we need the full support of every member and congregation of the AFLC.

3) Pastor Herbert Franz has been chairman of the Home Mission Board for 12 years and thus is not eligible for re-election. Please pray that the man of God's own choosing be elected for this position on the Home Mission Board.

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### IN MEMORIAM

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

### SOUTH DAKOTA

Wallace

Mrs. Lars (Mena) Wrolstad Johnson, 81, Mar. 19, Calvary

Ingvald A. Johnson, 81, Mar. 26, Calvary



## 1980 Choir Tour

# An unforgettable experience

by Arlin Aasness

"O day full of grace, which we behold, Now gently to view ascending; Thou over the earth Thy reign unfold, Good cheer to all mortals lending, That children of light in ev'ry clime May prove that the night is ending."

For this reason we sing! Because we have this day, we share our Savior in word and song.

The 35-voice AFLBS Choir began its spring tour at Trinity Lutheran Church, McIntosh, Minn. The 17-day, 19-concert tour took the Choir into seven states. As usual, the host congregations treated the singers to a large dose of hospitality.

Though the long travel days and nightly concerts caused tired bodies, no one would have missed seeing the beautiful scenes. Whether it was the dairy farms in Minnesota, the enormous grain fields in North Dakota and Montana, the grandeur of the Rockies, or the rugged coast of the Pacific, each member, along with Mr. Rodvold and Pastor Moland could only worship God for His creation.

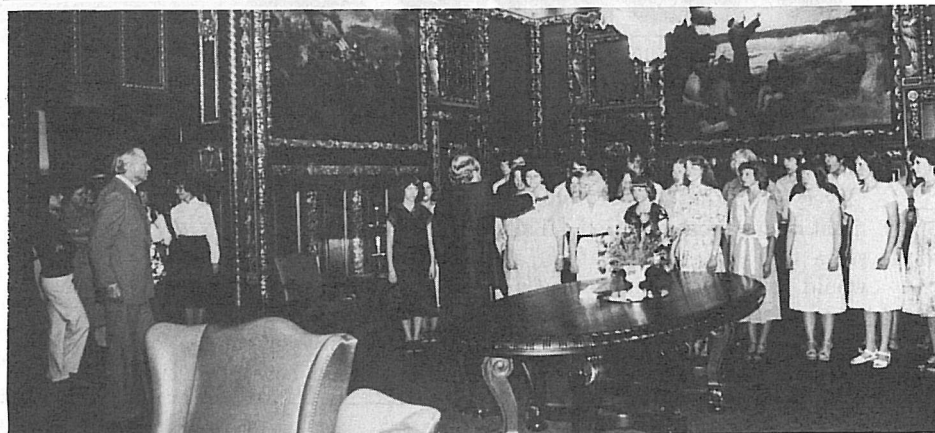
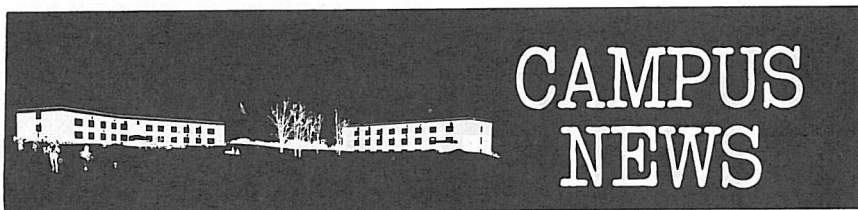
Between concerts in churches along the West Coast, the Choir had the opportunity to sing at Seattle LBI and also at Arlington High School where Lyle Forde (AFLBS '71) is the choral instructor.

After returning home on April 20, the Choir sang at an Augsburg College chapel service, at the Minnesota State Capitol and in the Governor's office, besides going on two weekend trips to South Dakota and Cloquet, Minn.

For each singer, the 1980 Choir tour was a blessing and an unforgettable experience. The words of the songwriter of old, "O day full of grace . . .," will remain in each heart.

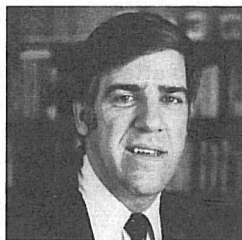
The old sage says that gossip should be spelled "GASSip," as it is inflammable, combustible and should be stepped on.

—The Lamplighter  
Minnewaukan (N. Dak.) Parish



The Choir in the Governor's office.

## 1980 AFLTS Graduates



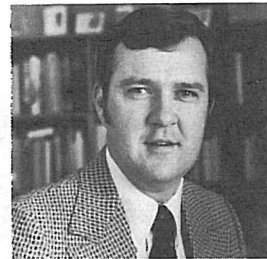
**Dr. James C. Gerdeen**  
Home town: Escanaba, Mich.  
Called to: Victory in Christ Lutheran, St. Paul, Minn.  
To be ordained: Maranatha Lutheran, Houghton, Mich., July 27.



**Mr. Charles Knapp**  
Home town: LaMoure, N. Dak. This summer Charles will do further study in preparation for mission work in South America.



**Mr. Gilbert A. Schroeder**  
Home town: Northfield, Ohio. Eligible for call upon completion of summer internship at Bethany Lutheran, Sebeka, and Zion Lutheran at Wadena, Minn.  
To be ordained: Word of Life Lutheran, Cleveland, Ohio. Aug. 17 (if called by that date).



**Rev. Curtis Emerson**  
Home town: Minneapolis, Minn.  
Called to: Grace and Zion Lutheran, Valley City, N. Dak.  
Graduate of Independent Seminary. Previously ordained. Completed one year at AFLTS for requirements for AFLC Fellowship Roster.

# YOUTH

## Honest to God

Isn't it strange what people will say when they are trying to prove that what they say is true? The story is told about an atheist, who at the end of a long verbal attack on the Bible, said, "Everything that I have told you tonight is true, honest to God." This may seem funny at first, that an atheist would try to establish the truth of his message on the basis of God's testimony. However, there is a real need to consider what we mean by the words, "honest to God," because it is often not the non-Christians, but the Christians who have the hardest time being honest with God.

There are a number of ideas and attitudes that Satan encourages which can destroy or neutralize our open relationship with God. They often come in the form of questions, such as: "Can I do that and still be a Christian? Do I have to witness (go to church, read the Bible, have daily devotions, etc.) to be a Christian? Is it a sin?" (This latter question, when answered with a "yes," is often followed with thoughts like, "Aw, come on; everyone is doing it.") There are a lot of uncertain "gray" areas to be encountered at every age in

life: activities, type of friends, entertainment, music, reading materials, sex, etc. A long list can be made. However, no matter how these questions are asked, they often have the same basic attitude behind them. How much can I get away with, how far can I go and still be able to be a Christian?

Think for a moment. Suppose you desired to be the very best tennis player in your state. Would your goal be to see how little time you could

He made us His children, members of His Body! He gave us His Word through which He teaches us, if we will listen, so that we can *grow*! Yet there is no way a Christian can grow if he is not first committed to being honest and obedient to the will of God in his life. This is the bottom line. Everything that we say about Jesus, everything that we are in claiming to be followers of Jesus Christ will either stand or fall if we are not willing to be honest

*"How much can I get away with, how far can I go and still be able to be a Christian?"*

spend practising and still win your matches, or would it be to sacrifice whatever is necessary to reach the top? The answer seems obvious. No one will ever be able to attain great goals with the attitude of doing as little as possible in order to make it.

Being a Christian is not like joining a club, where we can always skip a meeting or withdraw our membership if we don't like one of the rules. God didn't make us members of a club when we asked Him to be our Lord and Savior;

before God and accept the challenge of being full-time, all-the-way Christians.

The need for us today is to be honest with God. Together let's ask Him to show us what it is that pleases Him so that we can do it. Let's ask to see things more from His point of view and when we do things wrong, let's quickly agree with what He says about the situation. Peace and joy can be *ours* if we will be honest *with* God.

Tad Spading  
LLF Devotional Life Secretary

## Lay school in theology

The congregations of Grace and Rice at Bagley, Minnesota, recently finished a weekend of deep study in the Word and rich fellowship with teachers from our Seminary. This was truly a great privilege.

Pastor Amos Dyrud, dean of the seminary, gave a study on Messianic Psalm 22, which really brought out the

infallibility of God's Word. It was written by David 1,000 years before the crucifixion of Christ, yet prophesied the very acts that took place on Good Friday. Such prophetic utterances do not come from the writer unless the Holy Spirit guides him. The Word and the Spirit work together. This quote was Pastor Dyrud's to us, "Read the Bible as it is written; believe what it says and you will receive from God what you need."

Pastor Francis Monseth, teacher at the seminary, gave the study on the Means of Grace. We learned that God uses means in His works, like when He created man He used the dust, or the woman, He used a rib. The three means of Grace He uses today are the Word, Baptism and the Lord's Supper. He gave Bible verses to prove the

power of the Word. Apart from the Word there are no means of Grace.

Another joy was having two young couples sharing at the informal fellowship in the evening at Grace, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rutherford from the Seminary and Mr. and Mrs. Del Palmer and daughter from the Bible School. They also shared with the Sunday school children Sunday morning, which was a treat to all who came. Pastor Dyrud preached the sermon at the worship service.

The Grace congregation hosted the weekend, serving lunch and a potluck dinner on Sunday.

Because of this blessed weekend it makes our Seminary and Bible School so much more meaningful to us. We would encourage other congregations to arrange to have a lay school in theology.

# Life on the Edge of Town



## Expedition to Clontarf

The recent death of Tilmer Lausness brought to mind again an adventure in which he and I participated.

The year was 1943, at the end of June. At that time we joined a party of some 15 men and boys to go to Clontarf, Minn., to work in the junegrass (Kentucky bluegrass) harvest for the Peppard Seed Company of Kansas City, Mo. The 240-mile trip was made in the back of Elmer Holmos' truck (brother of Stanley Holmaas). We rode in the open, with all kinds of fresh air, until rain forced us to huddle under a tarp.

I said "men and boys." Three of us were 15-year-olds and the oldest man was 40 years or so older than we were. We stayed several nights on our week-long excursion at a rooming house off the southeast corner of downtown Benson. (I have to stop and think about it because I was turned around in directions in Benson.) One citizen, seeing our group on the streets of town, remarked that there didn't seem to be any labor shortage around there. We ate our meals at Mac's Cafe near the rooming house or got lunches to take with us.

When we were at Clontarf overnight, we slept in a barn on the east edge of town. The first time we were all in the haymow, but the other nights we slept

in the stalls down below. (It wasn't being used for cattle at the time, you understand.) A couple of the fellows slept in mangers, which wasn't a bad idea. The last time I went by Clontarf, six miles northwest of Benson, the old barn was still standing, but that was a few years ago. Perhaps you can still see it there, between the railroad and the highway.

Clontarf was a small town. There was a grocery store-post office combination called Perrizzo Brothers. There we could buy summer sausage, bread and other items to make a noon lunch when we were out in the field.

Somehow our hopes for steady work didn't pan out as we had hoped, although we did get to work in the drying yard northeast of town. But it became evident that it wasn't worthwhile for us to stay around more than the week.

On our return trip we stopped outside of Ashby and slept in a gravel pit across the road from Christina Lake. There was a tent available, but some of us slept under the stars. The mosquitoes were bad, but perhaps I was tired enough to sleep anyway. In the morning the sun rose in the west. When we went by, I believe it was Otter Tail Lake, we went for a swim and I remember we could walk far out in the lake before coming to deep water. Later that day we arrived back in New-

folden and it was very good to get home.

I have sometimes kidded Tilmer's brother Stanley that it was on that trip to Clontarf-Benson that he made his money. No, it could hardly have been. I really don't remember what I brought back with me, but at any rate I had to go out to work more that summer. That, then, was the Clontarf expedition.

## Early Registration

As editor I am able to get the jump on most others in reserving lodging for annual conferences, Bible conferences, etc. You see, I get the information about such for publication and can write in for myself before it appears in print.

And so it was, in 1970, before our last conference in Valley City that I wrote early to Hotel Rudolf (now closed) for a room. Upon arriving I told the clerk on duty that I had a reservation and while there seemed to be some confusion, I received my room assignment. I was taken aback to find that my room was an inside one on a warm day and therefore hot, also that it had poor artificial lighting. However, I accepted it, albeit with puzzlement.

When I checked out the following Sunday, I learned that they didn't think Raynard Huglen had ever arrived to get his room reservation, so there had been a mistake after all. I am hoping for better luck this time, at Snoeyenbos Hall on the college campus.

## The Weather

Everybody talks about the weather, and we have been having the most unusual weather in northern Minnesota this spring. Up to this time (May 5) we have had steady above-normal temperatures for a long stretch. They have run 20 degrees or more above average much of the time. It hasn't been uncommon, then, to have readings in the 70s, 80s and even 90s. There was no appreciable rain in April and none so far this month. Most unusual.

—Raynard Huglen



## Invitation to the Conference from the host pastor

### *The Lord Always Before Us*

Dear Friends in Christ,  
Grace and Peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

David has said in Psalm 16:8-9, "I have set the Lord always before me; because He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth." In these verses, David is trying to express what he feels is of extreme importance. He is telling us that his mind is made up, it is set, it is fixed and nothing shall move it away from the position that God is always before him. We could say, in other words, that he has located himself in the spiritual sense, at the

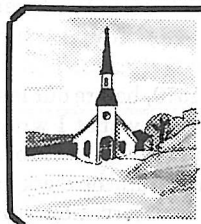
feet of the Lord so that no matter what he thinks, says, or does, the Lord is in complete control of David's life. So now David can say from the bottom of his heart, "I am glad and my glory rejoiceth." Peter, in the Book of Acts (2:26), in his sermon on the day of Pentecost, used this same passage and translated "my glory rejoiceth" with "my tongue was glad." So we say, with our glory or our tongue we can together sing praises to our God. With our glory or our tongue and with the knowledge that "the Lord is always before us" may we also with David rejoice and be glad.

It is our privilege at Zion Lutheran and Grace Lutheran Churches of Valley City to invite the churches of the Association to the Annual Conference to be held here June 11-15. It is impor-

tant during this present day that we gather in conference to once again reaffirm and strengthen our commitment as a body of believers to one another and to the Lord. Let us gather with the anticipation that as "the Lord is always before us," that He will also lead and guide us in the operation, organization and business of our Association. May we also gather together to express with our glory or our tongue, as David did, our gladness, praise and rejoicing for the way the Lord has protected and directed us in the past. We invite you to Valley City, North Dakota, and encourage you to set aside this time to meet together as an Association.

I will be looking forward to meeting with you and also getting acquainted with you here in Valley City.

Rev. Curtis Emerson, Pastor



## A Minister's Musings

Pastor Einar Unseth



### Growing Old

Isaiah 46:4

"I'm groaning, too—it's hell to get old." I hesitate to even write such derogatory words. However, this is the very statement that a lady wrote to us recently. In her letter she explained that her husband has been unable to work much, due to lack of circulation in one of his feet. This has caused him to have lots of problems with cold, numbness, pains that seem to move around, an aching back, and very unpleasant 'flushes.' Having told of her husband's ailments, this lady added, "I'm groaning, too—it's hell to grow old." When my wife and I read these words, we were greatly appalled at such language and attitude from a lady only 60 years of age.

Many people have a deep fear of growing old. One day a student nurse walked out of a women's geriatric unit and remarked, "I hope I never grow old." That nurse and many other people dread the day when their physical energies begin to wane.

Certainly old age has its attending afflictions. The men of Bible times also

experienced the troubles and weaknesses of old age. Isaac's eyes became so dim that he couldn't see, David's circulation was so poor that he could not get warm, and Asa was diseased in his feet. Those Bible characters knew the toil and trouble that comes with old age; but those who knew God received His help and comfort in those latter years.

For example, David wrote, "I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread." During his entire lifetime David had observed that God never forsakes the righteous, not even in their old age. God honors and blesses us all the days of our lives if we fear Him.

One of the most comforting promises for us as we think of growing old is Isaiah 46:4, "And even to your old age I am He; and even to hoar hairs will I carry you: I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver you." Here God graciously promises that He will be with His children even to old age. After our strength is gone, the almighty God will continue to strengthen us. He who created us will continue to

bear and sustain us. He who loves us will continue to carry us and deliver us from evil. Yes, our God is the God of the aged as well as of the young.

A very dear friend of ours is trusting God to be faithful to her in her old age. After having served for almost 40 years as a missionary, she wrote, "Retirement becomes the last chapter for each of us. Ernest Hemingway says, 'Retirement is the filthiest word in the English language. Whether by choice or by fate, to retire from what you do—and what you do makes you what you are—is to back up into the grave.' No, Ernest Hemingway, you are wrong. You speak for one who has left God behind and lived for the thrills and pleasures of the moment! Retirement for a child of God is a new unfolding of God's goodness. 'He satisfies me with good as long as I live.'"

Yes, for those who have left the Lord out of their lives, it will be hard to grow old, for they are also facing an eternity without Christ. But the person who is trusting Christ as his Savior has the blessed assurance of God's presence and support in old age. He has also the hope of living with Christ in the land where we'll never grow old. Therefore let us place our entire lives in God's hands.

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## Schedule

### Wednesday, June 11

- 9:00 a.m. — The Conference Committees meet for devotions, instructions and room assignments.
- 8:00 p.m. — The opening service of the Conference, with the sermon on the conference text by Pastor Amos Dyrud, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Pastor Curtis Emerson 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 12

- 9:00 a.m. — Report of the Credentials Committee.  
Election of Committee on Nominations for the 1981 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, New York Mills, Minnesota.  
Report of the Budget Analysis Committee.  
Report of the Nominating Committee, always in order.  
Election of nominees for the Missions Corporation and the Schools Corporation.  
Report of Committee No. 1.
- 11:30 a.m. — Prayer Hour. The Prayers Hours will be led by Pastor Timothy Skramstad, Minnewaukan, North Dakota.
- 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 1981 Conference.

Report of the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Pastor J. G. Erickson, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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.

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

### Friday, June 13

7:00 a.m. — The Mission Corporation meets.

9:00 a.m. — Devotions.

Report of the Credentials Committee.

Continuing discussion of Committee No. 2.  
Election of Committee No. 2 for the 1981 Conference.

The report concerning the Schools Corporation meeting.

The report of the chairman of the World 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.

8:00 p.m. — Laymen's Service. Arlo Kneeland, Ortle, South Dakota, leader. Roger Krueger, Amery, Wisconsin, speaker.



# Personalities

*Rev. John C. Rieth*, has resigned as pastor of Faith Lutheran Church, Kalispell, Mont., where he has served since 1975, to accept the call to organize a home mission congregation in Williston, N. Dak. He will begin his work there this summer. Pastor Rieth also served Stillwater Lutheran Church, rural Kalispell, from 1975-79, until the latter formed a separate parish.

After June 3, the new address of *Pastor Gerald F. Mundfrom* will be Route 1, Box 503, Osceola, Wis. 54020. That will also be the address of the Printing Fund with which he is connected.

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### Saturday, June 14

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 1981 Conference.

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

Report of the Executive Secretary of the Department of Parish Education, Miss Judith Wold.

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

Report of the president of the Luther League Federation, Pastor Dale Mellgren.

Report of Committee No. 4.

11:30 a.m. — Prayer Hour.

2:00 p.m. — Devotions.

Report of the Credentials Committee.

Report of the Colloquy Committee.

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

Election of Committee No. 4 for the 1981 Conference.

Election of the Colloquy Committee for the 1981 Annual Conference.

Report of the chairman of the Stewardship Board, Pastor Edwin Kjos.

Report of the chairman of the Pension Board, Mr. Clifford Holm.

Report of Committee No. 5.

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

Election of Committee No. 5 for the 1981 Conference.

Reports of special committees.

Election of the Budget Analysis Committee for 1981.

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

8:00 p.m. — Youth Night at the Conference.

The service will be led by Pastor Dale Mellgren. Pastor Allen Monson, Tioga, North Dakota, will bring the message.

Offering to Home Missions.

### Sunday, June 15

8:00 a.m. — Communion Service.

Pastor Wesley Langaas, liturgist.

Pastor Kenneth Anderson, preacher.

10:30 a.m. — Worship Service, with the message by Pastor Richard Snipstead.

Pastor Wendell Johnson, liturgist.

Offering to Foreign Missions.

2:00 p.m. — Closing Service.

Message by Pastor Kenneth Pentti.

Leader, Pastor Michael Brandt.

Offering to the Schools.

Conference Committee:

Pastor Einar Unseth

Pastor R. Snipstead