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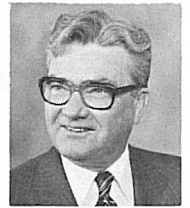
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*Thou crownest  
the year  
with thy bounty.”*  
*Psalm 65:11*



Roger C. Huebner, D.D.S.

# AT THE MASTER'S FEET



Rev. John Strand

## Lord, I am thankful

God bless our native land,  
Firm may she ever stand,  
Through storm and night;  
When the wild tempests rave,  
Ruler of wind and wave,  
Do Thou our country save  
By Thy great might.

For her our prayers shall rise  
To God, above the skies;  
On Him we wait;  
Thou who art ever nigh,  
Guarding with watchful eye,  
To Thee aloud we cry,  
God save the state.

Lord, at Your feet today I pray for  
my country. You have given us a great  
nation. I love the U.S.A. You have  
blessed her greatly. But she is in deep

trouble. Lord, have mercy on my country.

Master, we have just held an election. Many leaders gave expressions that they could and should lead our land. We thank You for the many who can lead. We pray for those who were elected. Humble them. Use them for Thy glory.

Our nation has many wonderful roots and traditions. One of them is our Thanksgiving Day. We as a people are to pause to remember our blessings, and give You thanks. It is only right that we do this.

Praise the Lord!

"Oh give thanks to the Lord,  
for He is good;  
For His lovingkindness is  
everlasting"  
(Ps. 106:1).

Your lovingkindness has been great to me and to my nation. Our blessings are truly great. Help us to give appropriate thanks.

Yesterday we took a walk in the woods. It was wonderful walking on the fallen leaves among the trees, in the beautiful sunshine. The smell was fresh. The colors were beautiful. The sounds were peaceful. *You were there.*

Master, it was fun to descend to the little stream as it wound its way to the lake, to cross it, and to scramble up the other side. We wondered at what had been as we came to only foundations, with everything else destroyed. Who had lived there? What sorrows and joys had been experienced in those homes now destroyed? And then the log house now in ruins. One day it had been a substantial home, now it was only a few decaying logs slowly crumbling.

Our nation is young, yet old. It had

wonderful foundations. We thank You for our founding fathers' spiritual concerns. They built well. We pray that our generations will not yield to that which causes decay.

O beautiful for pilgrim feet  
whose stern impassioned stress  
A thoroughfare for freedom beat  
across the wilderness.  
America! America! God mend thine  
ev'ry flaw,  
Confirm thy soul in self-control,  
thy liberty in law.

The pastor where we worshipped this morning told the fairy tale of the ugly duckling. The duckling was made to feel so ugly and useless by the words and attitudes of others. I could not help but notice the special young man, perhaps classified as retarded, and his enjoyment of the story. Did he in a special way know the feelings of the duckling? Was he looking to the day when he, too, would be that beautiful swan, as in the fairy tale? Lord, help me be kind and loving to all people.

Master, there are people who are suffering and have severe struggles. Thank You for the lesson learned from my neighbor's poodle. With only three legs, he is nevertheless playful and frisky, enjoying life. Thank you for the many people who have overcome so many handicaps, who have not given up, who have not despaired.

But God, I have my legs and my arms. I can see, I can smell, I can hear, I can speak, I can think. My lines have fallen in pleasant places. I can enjoy so many of your blessings. *Thank you, Thank you!* But for Your Grace, it would not be so. Your lovingkindness is very real to me. Praise your Holy Name!

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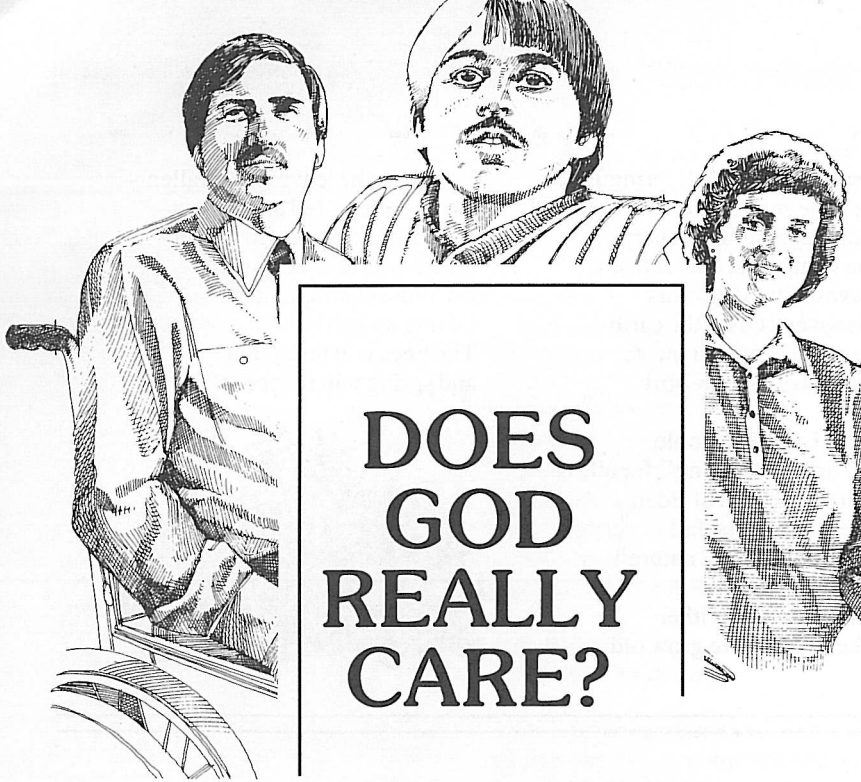
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## DOES GOD REALLY CARE?

We are living in a time when men are asking questions as never before. One question that presses itself forward is this: Does God Really Care for Me? This question rises out of the heart of thousands of good people to whom life has become hard and disappointing. They have never disbelieved the existence of a good and almighty Providence. Since their early childhood and through the years of youth they have just taken God for granted. There has been nothing to test their courage and faith. They have just lived on. Now they find a new situation. Many of the things they thought permanent are shaken, even gone. Their investments have taken wings. Health is perhaps slipping. Friends cannot be depended on. There they stand driven back to God; and they ask, bewildered, fearful, anxious: Does God Really Care for Me?

In such a question there is expressed a sense of need. Do we dare to speak the answer: *I need God*. Last year, year before last, in the days of great material prosperity we said: I can take care of myself. But today I say: *I need God*.

Friend, such a confession may be a bit shocking to our ears. You are not quite familiar with such a sound. It is not just what you like your associates to hear. And, your old *self* is so terribly humiliated by such a confession. *Self* is

outraged. But, just hold on to that admission, that confession.

We are living in a world that has put God into the background. Our horizon has been greatly enlarged to what it was in a former generation. All our modern means of travel have made us touch elbows with most distant world citizens. Our modern means of communication have made us next door neighbors to those living on the very opposite side of the globe. Science, while opening up new fields of knowledge, has in some ways made us feel that God is far distant and has no concern with human affairs. All this largeness of the universe, the hurrying and the scurrying, the whirl in which we have been living has placed a smoke screen between us and God. Where former generations had a few interests in life, and religion occupied the center, we have many, and with each added interest God has been pushed that much further away. We have not stopped to get our bearings. In our intoxication God has become of indifferent importance. But, now, coming to our senses, in hours of distress,

timid and fearful, we are asking: *Does God Really Care for Me?*

Let us turn to Christ for an answer to our question. He is the true source of knowledge. He says: "Be not anxious for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on" (Matt. 6:25).

But Jesus knows that you and I are apt to forget such a precept, so He goes on to give two illustrations. These we are more certain to remember, for we see these things before our eyes frequently. He tells us of the birds of the air, how God cares for them. "Behold the birds—your heavenly Father feeds them." True, they gather their food. They are not improvident. They are busy, alert; but the spirit in which they gather their food, build their homes flit about is all in a spirit of trust. God watches over them, He cares for them.

Again Jesus points to the lilies. We are familiar with the lilies. Or take some other flower in your garden. Here they are today, so beautiful, so fragrant, and tomorrow, withered, dead. They spend no time worrying about what they shall wear. God provides all.

Here then is Jesus' answer to our question. He says: Look to the birds. Look to the lilies. See how God cares for them. See how abundantly He provides. *Yes, God really cares for you and for me.*

May we have Christ's ability to see God in nature. As you go about your work, do you see nothing but the black earth and your own toil? If so, I am not a bit surprised that you are fearing and anxious. As you harvest your grain, pick your corn, gather your vegetables and fruit, do you not see the almighty Creator and Provider? How came it all there? Ah, God! God provides.

But after all there are great limitations in our ability to see God in nature. If you and I are to see God, we must see Jesus. If you want to know God's love and solicitous care then look to Jesus. "For God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son." Friend, it is God's love and care that caused Jesus

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*"Look to the birds. Look to the lilies. See how God cares for them."*

# GOD'S SEASONS

by Verna Kammen  
Badger, Minn.

God made the world a "springtime,"  
He made the summer, He made the fall.  
He made the beautiful autumn  
And the winter that comes to all.  
The leaves of varied colors  
Drift down and cover the earth—  
All nature dies, as so it must,  
For spring to give new birth.

When God created people  
T'was a time of "spring" for all,  
There in the Garden of Eden  
So perfect before the fall.  
It was there our sinful nature  
began to take its toll—  
Our earthly bodies wither  
And like summer we grow old.

But when the leaves have fallen—  
Gold, yellow, red and amber—  
When autumn turns to winter—  
God wants us to remember:  
As long as earth remains  
Of this we can be sure,  
The trees will bud again  
and spring will reappear.



## CARE . . .

to leave His joy and glory in heaven and come to earth. It is God's love and care that caused Him to live a life of privation and service. It is God's love and care that brought Jesus to the terrible agony in the garden and the unspeakable suffering on the cross. Take your position at the foot of the cross and you see the awful blackness of sin. But right there you also see the love and the care God has for you. The cross is Jesus' answer to your question: Does God Really Care for Me? The fact of Jesus Christ—His earthly life, His work, His death on the cross, His resurrection, all is Jesus' answer to your timidly uttered question: Does God Really Care for Me?

Let us also call to mind one of Christ's statements about Himself. He says: "I am the Way." Jesus Christ is the Way to God. He is the Way to all that is good, noble, pure. He is the Way to peace, joy, hope, patience, love, courage, humility. He is the Way to victory over sin, the devil, the world, the flesh. He is the Way to the home above.

Yet, you say: "I am worrying. I know I should not. I am struggling to overcome this difficulty." Yes, friend, I am sure that you have struggled. But, listen, *as long as you go on struggling you are going to go on worrying.*

Many good people would not steal, nor lie, nor swear, but they go on worrying. It is so common among folks

who attend church regularly that it has come to be regarded as a respectable sin, some sin of which we cannot get rid. Yet, it just as sinful as theft. For it is distrust in God. It is idolatry. Worry is really a denial of God's care. Whenever we worry we virtually say, if not in words, yet in deed: "God does not care for me."

Do you really want to get rid of your worrying? Do you really? You say: "Yes."

What did you do when you became a Christian? You surrendered yourself. You gave yourself as you were, with your faults and your sins to Jesus. You looked to Him for help from your lost condition. You trusted Him to make things well. And, in some way you came to realize that Christ Jesus is your Savior. You had peace with God. You were filled with joy. You had confidence in Jesus. You knew you were saved. You were justified.

But, you must advance in perfection. As you go on in your Christian life you find there are sins that still cling or make their appearance. One of them is worry. Now, all that you need to do with this happiness destroyer is to let

Jesus take care of him. Turn him over to Jesus. Just look to Jesus. Confess this sin to Him and He will deal with it as with other sins. "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). Leave worries to Jesus, the Guest in your heart, and you shall have no worries. You shall know: *God Really Cares for You.*

There is an old story told about a little girl in a storm at sea. It runs something like this: The boat on which this girl happened to be was tossed about by the wild breakers. The passengers had all gathered in one large room down below. Their faces were anxious and pale with fear. The little girl continued to play on the floor with her toys and with every toss and lunge of the ship she laughed in delight. Then one of the men, as he had watched her, called her to himself and said: "Aren't you afraid?" Looking up at him in surprise, she replied: "Why no! I'm not afraid. My father is the captain on this ship."

Yes, here is the secret to a life of restful faith. When storms rage and winds blow, when seas sweep high and billows lash and toss our little bark, when we fear our little craft is sinking, when we cannot see the sun, peace will come into our hearts as soon as we can say: "My Father is the Captain of my salvation. *He Does Care for Me.*"

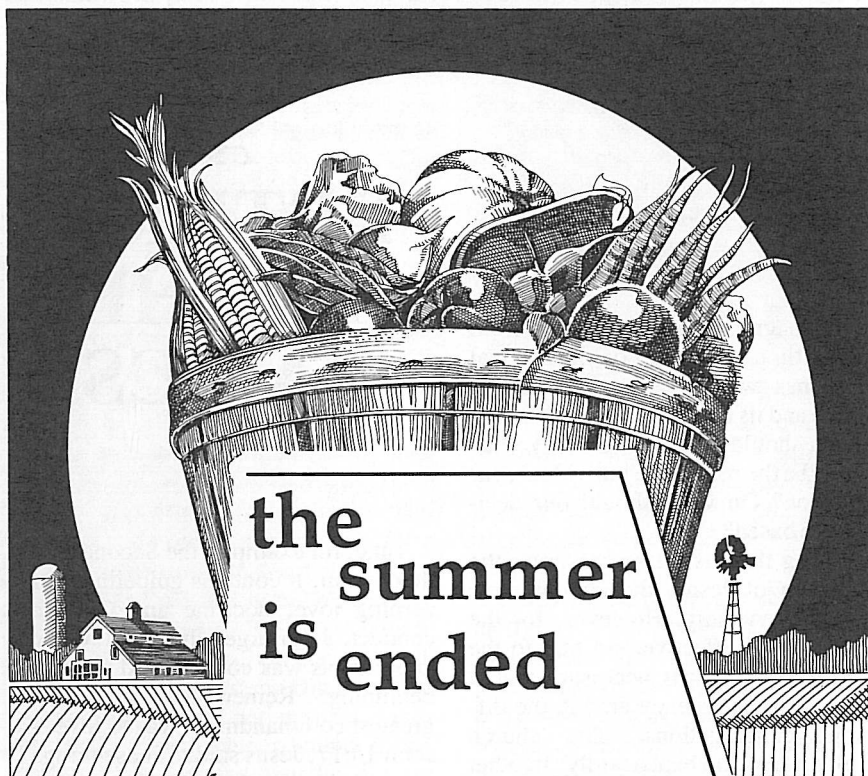
—Lutheran Herald

"Worry is really  
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*"The  
harvest  
is past,  
the summer  
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and we  
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saved."*

*Jeremiah 8:20*



It seems like I must have used this passage of Jeremiah for the meditation for the Parish Voice some earlier year. I am not sure. However, this verse came to mind as I was listening to the news this morning (Sept. 23) on TV. "This is Thursday, September 23rd, the first day of autumn." Sure enough, we have just passed the autumnal equinox, fall is here and the summer is ended!

The seasons come and go, each one, so it seems, passes a little faster than the one before. For some reason it seems that the trees have kept their foliage a little later this year. This can be due to the cooler summer and sufficient rainfall. Here in the last part of September nature has taken on the full display of color. It is truly a beautiful sight, especially when the sun rises on a clear day.

October will change all that! Soon the trees will stand stark and bare, and will be silhouetted against a cold moon on a nippy October night. Now for certain we will know that summer is ended.

Much more than the passing of a season, Jeremiah speaks of the passing of time of harvest. This harvest is a reaping of the fruits of our lives. When the time of opportunity passes there may never be another of the same.

There is a very sad note in the last

part of verse 20: "And we are not saved." This brings us face to face with the challenge that confronts us in the work in the church. Will there ever be a time when we can say, as did Jesus, in John 17:4, "I have finished the work which Thou gavest me to do"?

Not only is there a time for planting, but a time for reaping what has been sown. A farmer will say when looking over an abundant crop: "It's not in the bin yet." So much can happen to the plant during the growing season.

While on our vacation trip we were on the way home to our host's place from a side visit to a provincial park. Coming into Prince Albert (Sask.) we drove through a heavy downpour of rain. When we came into the city the streets were flooded by water flowing down hill to lower levels. Along with all the water was washed piles of ice. There had just been a hailstorm. Further out in the country we saw fields where the crops had been hammered into the ground. Crops destroyed just

before harvest can be such a disappointment! In the hymn "Abide With Me," William Monk and Henry Lyte put it well:

"Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day,  
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;  
Change and decay in all around I see;  
O Thou who changest not, abide with me."

Jesus speaks of the difficulties for His followers in Matthew 10: "And ye shall be hated of all men for My name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved" (v. 22). Should Jesus come soon, or call us in death, are we ready to go? If we are not right with God, and with our fellowmen, we are not ready to go. Our summer may have ended. "Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near (Isaiah 55:6).

Lay Pastor Gustav Nordvall  
Parish Voice, Badger, Minn.

*"Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near."*

*Isaiah 55:6*

# A RETURN TO THE BASICS

All congregations should stop from time to time and reflect on the original guidelines which were given to the church and its leaders by God. What direction should it take, especially what should be the role of the individual congregation? On what should our decisions be based?

During the first few years after the ascension of Jesus, the church grew rapidly—even daily. However, for the church to be effective and true to the will of God, it was necessary that it grow with consistency among the different congregations. The church couldn't develop haphazardly. In other words, guidance was needed to assure correct doctrinal teaching and belief throughout the original church. We see later in church history how wickedness and false doctrines made their way into the church. False doctrines are still a part of some of today's denominations and are practiced in the name of Christianity, only to lead many astray.

The purpose of Luther's Reformation was to return to the original and Scriptural truths and to do away with false doctrines which plagued the church. The AFLC was formed to again return to these God-given doctrines and truths. Only through the Bible can we find our answers. We must, as the living body of Christ, be true to His teachings and be responsive to His guidance.

To help guide the early development of the church, the apostles wrote letters to be read in the different congregations. Letters addressed to a particular congregation were circulated to many others. The letters presented and clarified church doctrine along with guidelines for Christian living. They also helped solidify separate congregations into a oneness in Christ. Those letters are as important to us 2000 years later as they were when they were written. They were written under divine guidance and are inerrant. It is imperative that we believe this.

Take, for example, the Second Epistle of John. It contains guidelines concerning love, doctrine and Christian conduct. John urges that we love one another "as was commanded from the beginning." Remember, Jesus said the greatest commandment was to love. In John 15:17, Jesus said, "These things I command you, that you love one another." Without the spirit of love, we have nothing, no witness, no lasting joy of living. Once we have love we can start being effectively used by God, and not before. Also, our love of God must be the greatest love we possess. A desire to do His will should be present and we should use every opportunity avail-

*"And I pray . . .  
that ability  
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availability."*

able to serve Him, within or without the church. A hunger and thirst for righteousness should motivate every Christian. When these characteristics are present within the church, others will desire to know God. Like it or not, the Christian is on a pedestal and the whole world is watching. His example speaks louder than his words and a lukewarm Christian can be a great hindrance to the church.

Another thing John speaks of is doctrine. If we don't abide in the doctrine of Christ, we have not God. Christ said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life, no man comes to the Father but by Me." We need to believe that Christ is our Lord and Savior, and to abide by His teachings. *We must not tolerate false doctrine within the church.* The Word of God must not be altered, whether for convenience, to ease the conscience or any other reason.

The Association has many truly dedicated men of God behind the pulpit, but I believe, by far, the bulk of the responsibility for reaching souls for Christ lies with the congregations - the people. And I pray that we will endeavor to be receptive to the leading of the Holy Spirit, and that ability not be our main concern, but availability. We are all part of the body of Christ and can be used of God, whatever our lot in life. However, God cannot force us. It must come willingly and from the heart.

If the church of God is to have a valid, soul-saving and soul-strengthening ministry, it must be true to God's word. Only then can it give God the honor which is His. Yes, we need faith, love and a willingness to yield to God's will and to live for Him. However, we must "return to the basics" and hold up Scripture as the inerrant guide for the church, congregation and individual Christian.

Joel Zeltinger  
Fargo, N. Dak.



## Where do you get your bread?

Text: "Give us this day our daily bread" (Matthew 6:11).

Did you ever say this in your prayers, "Give us this day our daily bread"? One day a Sunday School teacher was explaining this text to her class. She tried to tell the class how truly we are dependent upon God for our daily bread. But, before she could fully explain how the flour came from the wheat and how the wheat came from the sunshine and the rain and the fertile earth, and how it was God who provided the sunshine and the rain and stored the fertility in the earth, a little girl, in a very matter-of-fact way, spoke up and said, "God doesn't give us our bread; we buy ours at the corner bakery."

Now, of course, she was only a little girl who was away down in the Primary Department and didn't really know how the bread got to the bakery. The day before she went to the bakery to

buy her bread, the baker said, "A little girl will need some bread tomorrow," so he went to the miller to buy some flour.

And the day before the baker went to the mill to get his flour, the miller said, "The good baker will need some flour tomorrow to bake a little girl her loaf of bread," so he went to the farmer to buy some wheat to grind into flour.

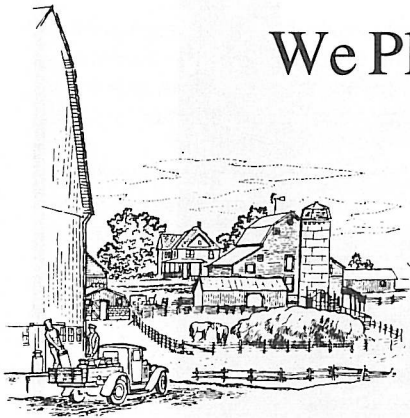
And the summer before the miller came to buy the wheat, the farmer said, "Next winter, the jolly miller will come to buy some wheat to grind into flour for the good baker to bake into bread for the little girl who will come to buy her bread at the corner bakery." So he plowed and planted his fields and prayed to God to send the sunshine and the rain that he might grow the wheat to make flour, to make the bread which the little girl would buy at the corner bakery. Suppose the sun should not shine nor any rain fall, would the little

girl be able to buy her bread at the corner bakery then? Wise men tell us that if the fields should stop producing at any time, all the people of the earth would starve to death within six months.

"Back of the loaf is the snowy flour  
And back of the flour, the mill,  
And back of the mill are the wheat and  
the shower  
And the sun and the Father's will."

Now you know the answer to the question, "Where do we get our bread?" God gives it to us. That is why we pray, "Give us this day our daily bread."

God is our partner in all we acquire. We are not originators or creators apart from Him. His raw materials, stored away in the earth, are the great source of all our wealth. Many people help us to get our daily bread from God. We must be happy to help God prepare His bread for everybody else.



sing and  
memorize  
this hymn

—Stewardship Stories by  
Guy L. Morrill, Harper and  
Brothers Publishers

## We Plough the Fields and Scatter

*We plough the fields and scatter  
The good seed on the land,  
But it is fed and watered  
By God's almighty hand;  
He sends the snow in winter,  
The warmth to swell the grain,  
The breezes and the sunshine,  
And soft refreshing rain.*

*He only is the Maker  
Of all things near and far,  
He paints the wayside flower,  
He lights the evening star;*

*The winds and waves obey Him,  
By Him the birds are fed;  
Much more to us, His children,  
He gives our daily bread.*

*We thank Thee, then, O Father,  
For all things bright and good,  
The seed time and the harvest,  
Our life, our health, our food,  
No gifts have we to offer,  
For all Thy love imparts,  
But that which Thou desirest,  
Our humble, thankful hearts.*



# *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful—  
The Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens,  
Each little bird that sings,  
He made their glowing colors,  
He made their tiny wings.

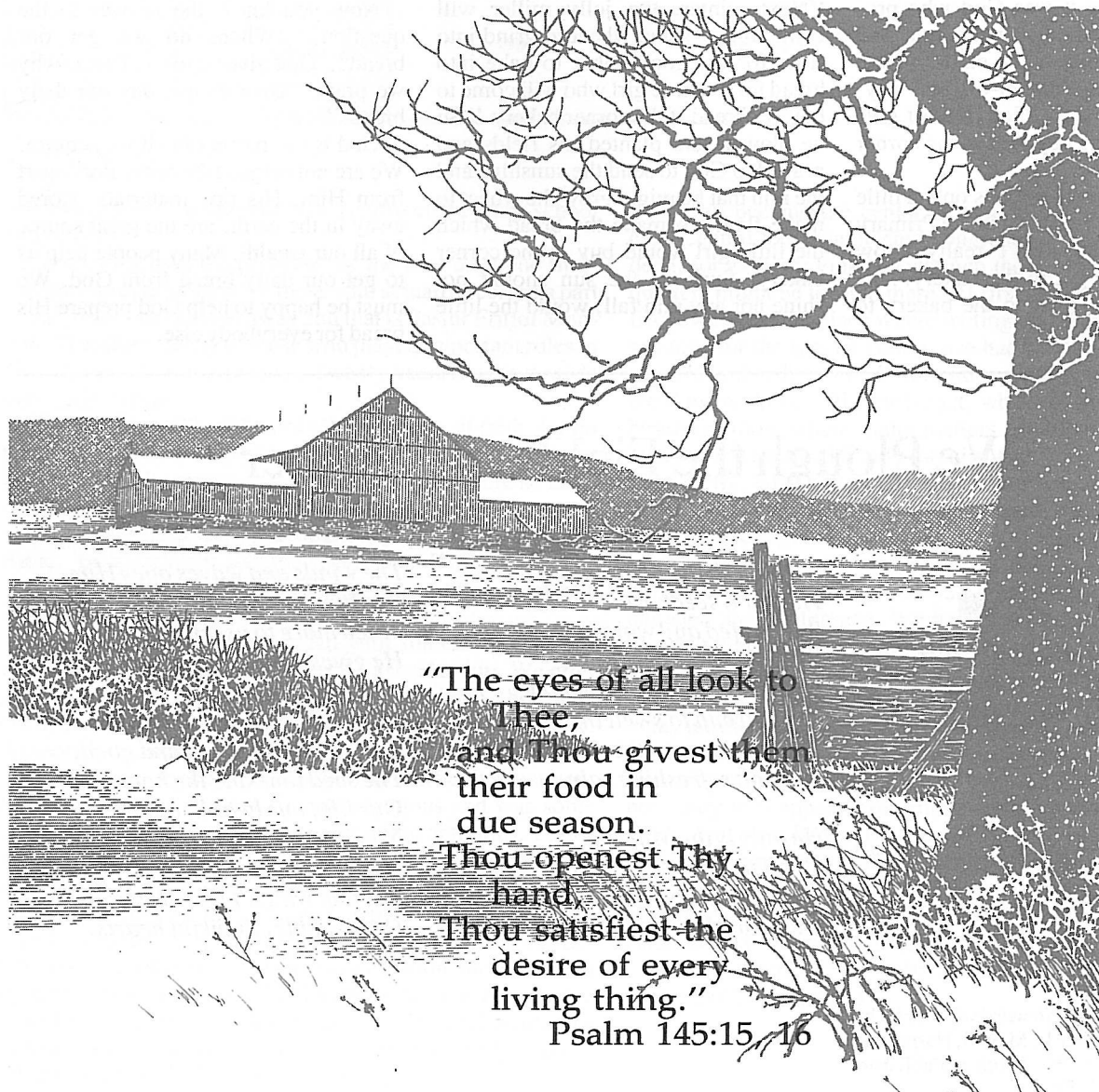
The purple-headed mountain,  
The river running by,  
The sunset, and the morning  
That brightens up the sky,

The cold wind in the winter,  
The pleasant summer sun,  
The ripe fruits in the garden,  
He made them every one.

The tall trees in the greenwood,  
The meadows where we play,  
The rushes, by the water,  
We gather every day,

He gave us eyes to see them,  
And lips that we might tell  
How great is God Almighty,  
Who has made all things well.

Cecil Francis Alexander



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# editorials

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## THANKSGIVING DAY

"Over the hills and through the woods, to Grandmother's house we go—." It is easy to get nostalgic in thinking about Thanksgiving Day. The day calls forth visions of festive, well-laden tables and families and neighbors gathered in warm and pleasant friendship. Never will this writer forget those Thanksgiving Days when he drove to his mother's home for a late afternoon meal, passing various farm and town homes where the cluster of cars told of Thanksgiving entertaining.

Let us enjoy the good food and togetherness of Thanksgiving Day. But let us also pay more attention to what the day is all about. It is a national day for giving thanks to God for His bounty to us. So we ought to be in church that day and lift our corporate hearts and voices in praise to the Giver of every good and perfect gift. And in our homes we should make some special effort to enumerate our blessings from the Lord and thank Him for them. As a table grace that day, don't be content to recite, "Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest, and let Thy gifts to us be blest." Use a free prayer. Say thank you to God in your own words. Gladden His heart with something original. If your group isn't too inhibited, sing a hymn together. Let someone read a Scripture portion of praise to the Lord.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving. Give glory to God.

## LUTHER BIRTHDAY

Elsewhere in this *Ambassador* there is an advertisement about a commemorative plate and commemorative trays being issued to mark the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's birth in Eisleben, Germany, on November 10, 1483.

Whether or not you buy any of these items or any other special commemorative items which will appear in the course of the year is up to you. But it does seem as though there will be a surge of interest in Luther and the Protestant Reformation in the next twelve months.

We are at present reading a book which was put out to note the 400th anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation. It is appropriately entitled *Four Hundred Years*, Concordia Publishing House, 1916. In one of the essays in the book, W. Dallmann quotes these famous words of Luther: "I believe neither the pope nor the councils alone, for it is plain they have often erred and contradict one another. I am overcome by the Scriptures quoted by me, and my conscience is bound in God's Word. I cannot, neither am I willing to, take back anything; for to act against conscience is neither safe nor upright. Here I stand; I cannot do otherwise; God help me! Amen."

You may see that statement in slightly different translation, but still carrying the same impact. It is Luther's famous "Here I stand!" declaration. Mr. Dallmann writes,

"This speech is one of the greatest ever spoken by the lips of man."

Few of us see ourselves as hero-types. It is doubtful Luther did either. But it would be good if all convinced Lutherans were able to speak up for the Bible as the determiner of one's actions and faith as the peasant from Eisleben and Mansfeld did.

There may be more opportunity to write concerning Luther and the Reformation in the coming year. And to share quotations from the great Reformer and others. Another item which will keep these things before us, too, is the Roland Bainton-narrated film, "Where Luther Walked," which is made available to us by Aid Association for Lutherans. Some of you have already seen it.

We don't know what sort of special attention the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations will give to the observance of Luther's birth. Ultimately it will really depend upon what emphasis the local parishes and pastors will want to give. But if we may make a suggestion, why not make an effort in 1983 to raise the consciousness of not only Martin Luther's contribution to the world, but also of our Lutheranism and what that means? A first step toward that would be for all of us, pastors and people, to do some Luther and Reformation reading just as soon as we can. Check out your church library to see what is available there.

We will find it stimulating, inspirational, rewarding.

## OUR OWN BIRTHDAY

Aside from the early celebration of the Association's 20th birthday at the Annual Conference in Dickinson last June, replete with cake, and a birthday observance in the Badger, Minn., parish even earlier (see the photo elsewhere in this issue), the event seems to be passing with little fanfare.

We forget one thing, the publication of the commemorative book, *The AFLC: Twenty Years of Beginnings and Blessings*. That certainly was the highlight of the year. Approximately 200 copies of the book remain and if anyone intends to buy a book it had better be done very soon.

But in outward observance of our birthday, there has been little. Twenty years have passed since some 200 people gathered in special conference in Thief River Falls, Minnesota, to discuss the possibilities of maintaining an unmerged portion of the Lutheran Free Church. Unfortunately, the registration list for that conference has been lost. Maybe it will turn up some day. We hope so. It would be terribly interesting to have.

At any rate, an encouraging number of people came. And they came from various states. Some were onlookers, but most felt they would be a part of the movement if at all possible. So many came that the conference sessions



**“Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God”  
(Philippians 4:6).**

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Feb. 1 - Sept. 30**

	<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>TOTAL REC'D TO DATE</b>	<b>% of TOTAL (Ideal 67%)</b>
General Fund	\$170,000.00	\$ 81,172.91	48
Schools			
AFLTS	86,381.00	42,911.99	50
AFLBS	154,162.00	59,029.43	38
Home Missions	254,380.00	86,813.53	34
World Missions	218,880.00	100,586.57	46
Praise Fund	30,200.00	20,591.66	68
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$914,003.00</b>	<b>\$391,106.09</b>	<b>43</b>
1981-82	\$809,206.00	\$340,263.43	42

## EDITORIALS . . .

eventually had to be moved to a nearby elementary school gymnasium.

In looking over the program for the four days one finds that only one participant, of those who actually became a part of the AFLC, has passed away and that is Pastor Fritjof Monseth. Therefore, many of those who played important roles in the program are yet among us. Twenty years have not made that much change.

Those days at Thief River Falls were days of faith. By no means was the make-up of the group auspicious. Of the congregations tending toward this movement there were no large city churches, in fact, no large ones at all. There weren't any agencies or institutions. One might say there were only the Bible, the Catechism and the *Concordia Hymnal*. That is simplifying things, but we mean to bring out that there was very little of resources.

The special conference ended with something the congregations hadn't had before—an official leadership. We refer primarily to Pastor John Strand, who had been chosen as president, Pastor Monseth, vice-president, and Pastor R. Snipstead, secretary. Those men faced, then, new demands on their time in already busy and perhaps difficult situations. Pastor Strand was serving six congregations and was some hundreds of miles west of the center of the activities. Pastor Monseth had two congregations, his largest one tearing apart over the merger question. Pastor Snipstead was serving eight congregations. But these men, together with other board members began immediately to tackle the organizational details that needed attention. If we may mention one other man by name, let it be Pastor Julius Hermunslie, who became the chairman of the Board of Administration, later called the Coordinating Committee. He was a tower of strength to these other men and to the fledgling fellowship.

Fargo became the center of activity, being geographically central to the interested congregations nearest by. Indeed, for a time it looked as though the Association's headquarters might be located there. At first the Powers Hotel on Broadway was the place where meetings were held. Planning sessions for the special conference had been held there. Afterwards other board and committee meetings convened at the Powers. Who will ever forget, who was there, the large basement room where many matters of policy were prayed over, talked over and finally established?

Shortly, what is now St. Paul's Lutheran, our church in Fargo, was secured by the Misison Board and that became a place of meeting, too, before the move to Minneapolis.

The first annual conference was held at the church in Fargo. The record shows that 435 laypeople and 21 pastors attended that conference. We had forgotten that attendance was that high. It, too, was a forward-looking assembly. And now there was even more reason for optimism, for feeling that the Association could go, could make it. Nevertheless, many hurdles remained and the way was often hard.

In this coming year all of those initial steps in the formation of our church will be 20 years behind us. Ten years from now they will appear even more shadowy than they seem today. But they happened and we must never lose track of that road we have travelled to come to where we are now.

A little later on we hope to have our president and our agency leaders share with us their glimpses into the next decade, as the Lord grants us the time.

But for now, Happy Birthday, Association of Free Lutheran Congregations.



## Fall WMF Rally report . . .

### EASTERN N. DAK.

Grace Free Lutheran Church, Valley City hosted 146 guests for the Fall Rally held Sept. 25. National president Grace Syverson led the Bible study and national treasurer Betty Nelson spoke on the WMF projects. Priscilla Wold showed slides of Brazil. Mrs. Darline Bjornson presided and Mrs. Karen Knutsvig was elected president and Mrs. Carol Haugen was elected treasurer.

Music during the day was provided by Mrs. Linda Mohagen and Mrs. Ann Presteng. A WMF workshop took place in the afternoon.

Mrs. Henry Mohagen, sec.

### SW CENTRAL MINN.

The Fall Rally of the Southwest Central Minnesota District WMF was held at Scandia Lutheran Church, Sedan, on Tuesday Oct. 5, 1982. Mrs. George Hartman was the singspiration leader and Mrs. Julius Sondral led in devotions.

Special music was provided by Mrs. Jerome Stulen, Mrs. Danny Nelson, and Mrs. Hal Knapp, in the morning. During the afternoon the district choir sang under the direction of Mrs. Norman Haugen.

Rev. Robert Lewis, Abercrombie led the morning Bible Study and Lay Pastor Merle Fagerberg gave the afternoon message. Mrs. George Hartman gave the Missionary Secretary Report and Mrs. Harlow Berg gave the cradle roll report. Mrs. Melvin Walla led the afternoon Prayer Fellowship. Miss Priscilla Wold, our missionary home from Brazil brought greetings from Brazil to the 160 registered guests.

Mrs. Roger Rasmussen, sec.

### WEST COAST

Calvary Lutheran Church, Everett, Wash., hosted the Fall Rally on Sept. 21. Galatians 5:22 provided the theme, "The Fruit of the Spirit is . . . Faithfulness." Mrs. Stephen Odegaard, Kirkland, led the morning Bible study. Pastor Bill Moberg of Eugene spoke at the afternoon session.

Kathy Olson, sec.

### LAKE SUPERIOR

"To God be the Glory," was the focus at Moland Lutheran Church, Mason, Wis., on October 2. Thirty-eight women attended the Fall Rally.

Ruth Hokanson presented the Bible study on the life of Peter. Student pastor, Harris VanSomerens spoke in the afternoon on I Peter 4:7-11. Also during the afternoon a skit entitled, "Mirror, Mirror" was presented by Rachel Tuura, Gladys Younggren, Stella Cook, Anne Eletson, Myrtle Risdall and Beata Becker. We were re-

## UNKNOWN RICHES

Some years ago an old man living in New Jersey discovered about \$5,000 in a family Bible. The bank notes were scattered throughout the Book. In 1874 the aunt of this man had died and one clause of her will was as follows:

"To my beloved nephew, Steven Marsh, I will and bequeath my family Bible, and all it contains, with the residue of my estate after my funeral expenses and just and lawful debts are paid."

The estate amounted to a few hundred dollars, which were soon spent and for about thirty-five years his chief support had been a small pension from the Government. He lived in poverty and all the time within his reach there was the precious Bible containing thousands of dollars, sufficient for all his wants. He passed the Bible by. His eyes rested on it, perhaps his hands handled the old leather-bound Bible, with its brass clasps, but he did not open it once. At last, while packing his trunk, to move to his son, where he intended to spend his few remaining years, he discovered the unknown riches which were in his possession. What thoughts of regret must have come to his mind. If he only had opened that Bible years ago, he then might have used the money to great advantage. Instead of it the treasure lay idle for thirty-five years. And he might have

had it and enjoyed it all that time.

This is a sad story. But there is something infinitely sadder than the experience of this man. It is the neglect of the Bible by God's people. Our God has given to His people a costly treasure in His own Word. In this Book of books the riches of the wisdom and knowledge, the love and grace of God are made known. All the child of God needs spiritually is to be found on its pages; all wants are there supplied. And yet these riches, put at our disposal by a loving Father, are unknown and unused riches. Instead of being enjoyed, used, and in using them multiplied, they are neglected.

Many of God's people are dragging along in a spiritually impoverished state, when they might have all their need supplied and constantly increase in the knowledge of God. Occasionally we receive letters from aged Christians, including preachers. They tell us how they deplore the fact that they did not know certain truths thirty or forty years ago. "How different my Christian life and experience as well as my service might have been," is what an old Christian wrote to us recently. And all this time these riches were in the Bible, they might have enjoyed them. Oh, the neglected Bible! May we arise and possess our possession.

—Selected

mind how discontent, pride, selfishness, criticism, gossip, worry and fear can keep us from a happy and fulfilling life.

Mrs. Bonnie Roberts presided. New officers elected were June Kakowski, vice president, and Anne Eletson, secretary.

Verona Krohn, acting sec.

### MINNEAPOLIS

The Minneapolis District Fall Rally was held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Zumbrota, Minn., on October 16, "Redeeming the Time" was the theme taken from Ephesians 5:15-16.

Mrs. Marlin Benrud led the hymnsing. Organists during the day were Mrs. Mary Lyon and Miss Jan Benrud, all of Zumbrota. Mrs. Kenneth Moland, Mpls., provided the special music. Mrs. Clifford Nelson, Kenyon, led in devotions. Pastor and Mrs. Harvey Calson, St. Paul, spoke at the sessions. We were encouraged to be aware of

the times in which we live and importance of living a life in total obedience to the Lord in these last days.

Mrs. Burton Boyum presided with 126 ladies attending. Special love offerings were given to the ARC and to the work in Paraguay.

Mrs. Ronald Horn, sec.

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*"Bless the Lord, O my soul;  
and all that is within me,  
bless His holy name!  
Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and forget not all His benefits."*

*Psalms 103:1, 2*

## With our evangelist-youth worker

"Oh send out Thy light and Thy truth; let them lead me, let them bring me to Thy holy hill and to Thy dwelling!" (Psalm 43:3). Pray for these coming appointments of our evangelist, Rev. Kenneth Pentti. Attend these services if you can.

### **Thief River Falls, Minn.**

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

Nov. 28-Dec. 2

Leslie Galland, pastor

### **Leeds, N. Dak.**

Lebanon Lutheran Church

Dec. 5-9

LeRoy Flickinger, pastor

## Evangelism institute planned for 1983

A Lutheran Institute of Evangelism has been planned for the summer of 1983 by five Lutheran organizations. To be held in the facilities of World Mission Prayer League, 232 Clifton Avenue, Minneapolis, Minn., it will run for five consecutive weeks, July 18-19.

Sponsoring groups are Good News for Israel, Minneapolis; the Lutheran Bible Institute in California, Los Angeles; the Lutheran Bible Institute of Seattle, Issaquah, Wash.; Lutheran Evangelistic Movement, Minneapolis; and World Mission Prayer League, Minneapolis.

In-depth training in evangelism will be provided in such areas as the Bible basis for evangelism, the place of evangelism in Lutheran theology, evangelism in church history, concrete methods of evangelism and supervised field practice.

The institute is geared toward candidates for missionary and evangelism ministry, Bible school and seminary students, pastors and lay leaders, such as directors of evangelism, youth workers, parish visitors and others.

Inquiries about the institute may be directed to Dr. Ray Rosales, Director of the Lutheran Institute of Evangelism, 232 Clifton Avenue, Minneapolis, Minn. 55403.

## *fellowship corner*

### **PROBLEMS: WHERE DO THEY ORIGINATE?**

*Scripture Lessons: Hebrew 12:1-3 and James 1:2-4, 12.*

The Bible uses several words that carry the same meaning as the word "problem." Some of those words are: trial, tribulation, affliction, burden and load. Where do these things come from? I would like to share what the Lord has laid on my heart concerning this subject.

As we all know, today's family is in real trouble. We see that over 50% of marriages end in divorce, we see the kinds of things that children get into and we see the conflicts that erupt between parents and children.

I believe the Lord has shown me why families today have so many problems. The answer is, because of the problems that carry over into a family from the family of either parent. Perhaps the problems even carry over from the families of both parents.

May each one of us learn from our Scripture to fix our eyes on Jesus, the Author and Perfector of faith.

### **PRAYER**

Heavenly Father, I come before You and I pray that You will heal the families that are hurting. May each family member come to know You as his or her own personal Lord and Savior. In Jesus' Name I pray, Amen.

### **THOUGHT**

**LOVE AND HAPPINESS ARE . . .**

Knowing that belonging to the family of Jesus Christ is the greatest heritage on earth.

Randy H. Nelson  
Starbuck, Minn.

### **A LESSON FROM RUTH**

A few days ago I learned something I'd like to share with you. I was looking forward with the greatest anticipation to our fall district WMF rally. Then we both, my husband and I, caught real bad colds that were going around. And one morning my husband asked me to help with an outside project. Inside I rebelled and I tried talking him out of either of us doing it. And all he would say was, "I'll do it myself."

I prayed much, by myself, of course. Then a verse or the meaning of a verse came to me: I can do anything in the strength of the Lord, and that He could keep us from catching worse colds, if I went and helped Arnold who needed me.

But the real point of my obedience came as I read our morning devotions' Scripture. It was in Ruth, the second chapter, where it talks about Ruth gleaning the fields from morning until evening for her mother-in-law. Then I said a willing "Yes, Lord," to going with Arnold that day. I was not just willing to go, but happy to go.

You see, a picture came to my mind as I read God's Word of a delicate lady in long dress walking through a stubble field picking up after the harvesters, from morning until evening, to take care of her mother-in-law.

By the way, we got our task done in record time and were home in Hatton in time for our mail. And I had a blessed time at our fall rally, because I had seen the record in God's Word of Ruth's obedience.

Mrs. Arnold Jodock  
Hatton, N. Dak.

## **GOD IS THE GIVER**

As Spurgeon in his quaint way puts it: "Even the little chick never takes a drink of water without looking up and giving thanks!" Let us not fail to look up and recognize God as the giver of every good.

Doran's Ministers Manual

# THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

## Is it possible to find out the will of God?

We have reached the conclusion that it is reasonable to assume that God has a plan for every human life. He who knows all things, and who is deeply concerned about all His creatures has thoughts, we believe, for the career of every human being. The question then becomes supremely urgent. "Is it possible to find out the will of God for one's career?"

The first reply that may be made to this question is that if God has a plan for us, it is certainly reasonable to assume that He will make it known. It would be very strange indeed if God should keep us in ignorance of His purposes with our lives. How then could we come to do His will, if we didn't know it? He who is a wise and loving Father will certainly give His children guidance.

When we say that God will make known His plan for one's career, that does not mean that He will reveal all of it at once and far in advance. That is not usually His method, nor is it necessary. All we need to know is one step at a time. And when we have taken that, we are ready for God's revelation of the next step. And thus we are guided all along the way.

This method in God's direction leads to a consideration of some of the necessary conditions for knowing the will of God.

First, there must be a completely surrendered life—a willingness to receive God's guidance. We have no reason to think that God will reveal His purposes to anyone who is not entirely willing to be divinely led. There must be complete yielding to God's direction. Jesus said of His Father: "If any man willeth to do His will, he shall know."

In the second place there must be trusting faith in God—a faith that God knows what is good for us, that He loves us, and that He directs us wisely.

There must be a disposition to let God take one by the hand and lead him forward, step by step, even though the end of the journey cannot be seen. This is a severe test. How often doubts and misgivings crowd in upon us and would rob us of such implicit trust in God! It takes long years of spiritual schooling for a person to arrive at the point where he can truthfully pray the prayer:

"Show my Thy way, O Lord;  
Teach me Thy paths."

A third necessary condition, related to the above, is unquestioned obedience to God's will in every detail, when made known—an obedience that does not consult one's own convenience or pleasure, but constantly puts God's revealed will in the position of supreme authority. A Christian with such an obedient spirit says, "Lord, show me my task." and when God makes known a duty to be performed, be it ever so insignificant, such a Christian unhesitatingly goes ahead and performs the task to the best of his ability. Faithful obedience in little things is an absolute condition for being entrusted with the larger responsibilities.

The conditions for learning the will of God are admirably expressed in the prayer-hymn which reflects the attitude of a well schooled spirit:

"Lead, Kindly Light, amid th'  
encircling gloom,  
Lead Thou me on!  
The night is dark, and I am far from  
home.  
Lead Thou me on!  
Keep Thou my feet! I do not ask to see  
The distant scene; one step enough for  
me."

"All we need to  
know is one step  
at a time."

I was not ever thus, nor prayed that  
Thou  
Shouldst lead me on;  
I loved to see and choose my path, but  
now  
Lead Thou me on!  
I loved the garish day; and spite of  
fears,  
Pride ruled my will: remember not past  
years."

To a surrendered, trusting, obedient soul God will surely reveal His will and make known the way step by step. His method and the necessary conditions on man's part are most illuminatingly revealed in the career of the Apostle Paul.

When overwhelmed by the vision on the Damascus way he asked: "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" In answer to this prayer Christ told him. "Arise and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do." If Saul had not followed this direction, he would not have come into his life plan. He would not have done his astounding foundation work in the Christian church. In all probability we should never have heard of him again. But he says himself, in speaking of his Damascus way experience, "I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision."

After Paul had spent three days of blindness and perplexity in Damascus God sent Ananias to reveal further the divine will. Again he was obedient; and so step by step he was led from one task to another, until he was traversing Asia and Europe on his amazing missionary enterprises.

A passage particularly rich in illustration is a portion of the sixteenth chapter of the Book of Acts:

"And they went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia having been forbidden of the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia; and when they were come over against Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia; and the Spirit of Jesus suffered them not; and passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. And a vision appeared to Paul in the night:





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Lay pastor Gustav Nordvall and the anniversary cake baked in honor of the AFLC's 20th birthday. The cake was baked by Mrs. Ray Carlson and Mrs. Joni Vacura of Badger, Minn. The celebration and special offering took place at Badger Creek Lutheran Church, Badger, prior to the annual conference last June.

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## Personalities

New address for **Lay Pastor and Mrs. Roger Krueger** is 414 W. Vernon Ave., Fergus Falls, Minn. 56537.

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## Minneapolis church burns mortgage

Rosedale Lutheran Church in south Minneapolis, Minn., recently celebrated the retirement of the debt against its church building, as noted previously in the *Ambassador*. A loan had been received from the AFLC in the early 1970s to help with

the purchase of the building. This loan has now been repaid. Also an annuity obligation to the wife of a former pastor has been completed.

A mortgage-burning and thanksgiving service was held at Rosedale on Sunday, September 26. Rev. Richard Snipstead, AFLC president, preached the sermon and officiated at the mortgage-burning.

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## PREACHING MISSION

**Eagle Butte, S. Dak.**

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Ernest Langness, pastor

Nov. 28-Dec. 2

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## LIFE...

There was a man of Macedonia standing, beseeching him, and saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us. And when he had seen the vision, straightway we sought to go forth into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the Gospel unto them" (Acts 16:6-10).

We note here that the Spirit closed the way for the missionaries in two directions, and when they in obedience pursued the only open road, they came to Troas, where Paul was given further definite guidance in the vision of the man from Macedonia with his appealing cry, "Come over into Macedonia, and help us."

Attention is called to the case of Paul not with the idea that everyone should expect to receive similar extraordinary revelations. Paul's experience was exceptional in this respect. But his case is valuable for instructional purposes in that it does show God's definite and progressive guidance of a wholly surrendered, trusting and obedient personality.

—From *Problems of Young Christians*

by Martin Hegland  
Augsburg Publishing House

Next time: How May I Know the Will of God?

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## Annual Reports now ready

The 1982 Annual Reports of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations are now off the press.

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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.

### MINNESOTA

Spicer

**Oliver T. Gjerde**, 83, June 8,

Green Lake

**Magda C. Olson**, 83, August 12,

Green Lake

**Mabel S. Gjerde**, 79, October 8,

Green Lake

**Morgan Kloster**, 91, October 14,

Green Lake

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## Pastors' wife,

**Mrs. O. J. Haukeness**, wife of Pastor Haukeness, now of Bethany Homes, Everett, Wash., passed away on Oct. 5 at age 85. Her funeral was conducted at Central Lutheran Church, Everett, with Pastors Silas Erickson and G. B. Rundstrom officiating. Burial was in Everett.

Mrs. Haukeness, the former Ella Norum, was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sivert Norum and was born April 6, 1897, at Storden, Minn. Later she lived at Simpson, Sask., and Hallock, Minn. She was united in marriage to Pastor Haukeness in 1921. The couple worked in parishes at Ambrose and Fortuna, N. Dak., Holt, Minn., Rose Valley, Sask., Westby and Medicine Lake, Mont., Sebeka, Minn., and Silvana, Wash. Among present day AFLC congregations which they served are Emmanuel, Middle River, Minn., and Bethany of Bluegrass, Sebeka.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by three daughters, Eleanor, Mrs. Russell Nelson, Sebeka, Sylvia, Mrs. Roy Waggoner, Seattle, Wash., and Helen, Mrs. James Ranck, New York City; four sisters, Mrs. Inga Foss and Agnes, Mrs. George Norum, Hallock, Hilda, Mrs. Torkel Forland,

*If, as we sit at our bountiful tables today (Thanksgiving), we were to see pressed against our windowpanes the hollow eyes of the world's starving people, wouldn't we get an uneasy feeling that we are taking our blessing too much for granted? Are we really a thankful people?*

*Felix Kretzchmar*

## HOUSE AVAILABLE TO RENT

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## widow die

Newfolden, Minn., and Mrs. Selma Nystuen, Minneapolis, Minn.; and 11 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her son, Dr. Stanley Haukeness, a brother and one sister.

**Mrs. Johannes Ringstad**, 81, widow of the pastor, passed away on Oct. 17 in Minneapolis. She had been a resident of Ebenezer Field Home there. Calvary Lutheran Church in Willmar, Minn., was the scene of her funeral on October 20.

Born Ella Skovholt, she was married to Pastor Ringstad in 1930. The Ringstads were in parish work at Battle Lake, Minn., Northwood, N. Dak., New York City, Escanaba, Mich., Ashby, Minn., and Superior, Wis. While at Northwood, he served Zoar Lutheran in Hatton, now an AFLC congregation.

Pastor Ringstad preceded his wife in death in February, 1980. She is survived by a son, David, Minnetonka, Minn., and two daughters, Ruth, Mrs. Marvin Larson, Plymouth, Minn., and Elsa, Mrs. David Lindquist, Lindstrom, Minn.

Blessed be their memory.

## Danish plate and trays help to mark Luther anniversary

The 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's birth, to be celebrated around the world during 1983, will be commemorated by several ceramic art pieces commissioned by American Lutheran Publicity Bureau. These fine souvenirs of the Reformer have been created by the American artist Cecile Ryden Johnson.

Bing & Grondahl has produced five mementos of Martin Luther in the world-famous blue-and-white style, similar to the Christmas and Mother's Day plate series which it has issued for many years. The centerpiece of the Luther ceramic pieces is a seven-inch plate which depicts the church leader preaching in the picturesque chapel of the Wartburg Castle during his exile there in 1521. His listeners, in fascinating and authentic 16th century dress, include a cross-section of his contemporaries.

The reverse side of the Luther Plate includes this inscription: "1983 — 500th anniversary of the birth of Martin Luther, Teacher of the Church (1483-1546)" and the quotation from the beginning of Luther's Small Catechism, "We should fear, love and trust in God above all things." This line was chosen by the churches of Luther's homeland as the theme for the 500th anniversary.

A set of four ceramic trays, each 8 cm. in diameter, has also been produced by Bing & Grondahl. Like the plate, the trays are based on old engravings. The subjects depicted include (1) Luther disguised as "Knight George" translating the Bible during his exile in the Wartburg; (2) Luther as pastor, offering the restored chalice of Holy Communion to his people; (3) Luther and his family singing his musical compositions at their home in Wittenberg; and (4) the head of Luther, after a 1526 portrait by Lucas Cranach the Elder. Each tray includes an appropriate inscription on the reverse.

Designer of all five pieces is Cecile Ryden Johnson of New York City. She is an internationally-recognized watercolorist whose works have appeared in many books and national magazines and whose paintings are found in noted private and corporate collections and in distinguished museums. Her facsimile



Luther Plate

signature, as well as the Bing & Grondahl logotype, appear on the reverse side of each ceramic piece.

Both the plate and the trays are pierced for hanging. They are available separately, and in complete sets, for collectors, gift-givers and others who are interested in a fine art memento of the Luther anniversary.

The Martin Luther Plate and Trays are available directly from American Lutheran Publicity Bureau, c/o Celebration Arts, 24 Prospect Drive South, Huntington Station, N.Y. 11746. A color brochure with an order form can be had by writing to American Lutheran Publicity Bureau at the same address.

American Lutheran Publicity Bureau, which conceived and commissioned these Luther commemorative ceramic pieces, is an inter-Lutheran service agency founded in 1914. It is publisher of Lutheran Forum magazine, the Forum Letter, and of tracts and other literature for use by Lutheran congregations and individuals.

Luther Trays



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