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Bible Faith Lutheran Church of Boddulurupadu, India

We conduct missions simply because Jesus has died for all and because God wants to save all . . . The witnesses of Jesus must go out into all the world as messengers in His stead, inviting all to come and receive salvation in Jesus' name.

Carl F. Wisløff

at the MASTER'S FEET

Christian citizenship

This month we observe President's Day. May it be an occasion for special thanksgiving and prayer.

In Psalm 85, we have a prayer that God will restore favor to the land. It is a prayer of a true patriot for his nation. A patriot is "one who loves his country and zealously supports its authority and interests" (*Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary*).

Scripture clearly states that human government has been established by God to make and enforce good laws (read Romans 13). Christians have obligations toward their government. We must submit willingly to authority—that is, unless it would force us to disobey the will of God as revealed in the Bible. We must then say with Peter and the other Apostles: "We ought to obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29).

Christians are obliged to be intelligent and faithful witnesses to the nature of God. As Christian citizens we must bear witness to God's moral laws as revealed in the Bible even though it may cause ridicule and possible persecution. Peter said to fellow persecuted believers: "But sanctify the Lord God in your heart: and be

ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear" (I Peter 3:15).

Scripture admonishes us to pray for all men in general and particularly for our leaders (I Timothy 2:1-2). Those who hold positions of leadership carry great responsibilities. The decisions some of them make influence the lives of millions of people. Our leaders face many intricate and difficult problems and the temptations that come with authority—power are great. Scripture states clearly that evil spirits working behind the scenes try to manipulate earthly leaders (Read Daniel 10:13 and Ephesians 6:12). Our leaders, therefore, desperately need our daily prayers.

I am so thankful to be an American, so glad for the privilege of our freedom. I am grateful for a political system that permits me to be a part of the nomination and election process, so grateful for the freedom to openly worship our Lord, so thankful that some of our government leaders have been and are God-fearing people who acknowledge Him as Lord and seek His guidance and wisdom.

Our nation is great because it was founded on Biblical principles. We have read from good and reliable sources that when the leaders of our country assembled to write our nation's Constitution, Benjamin Franklin proposed that each session be opened with prayer. Franklin said, "I have lived a long time, and the longer I live the more convincing proof I see of this truth—that God governs the affairs of men." James Madison, who then wrote the Constitution, said that we cannot govern without God and the Ten Commandments. George Washington said it would be impossible to govern without God and the Bible. The founders of our nation never intended that our nation should be neutral toward God. They did not hesitate to mention God when they spoke in public buildings.

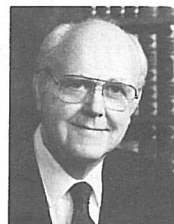
They did not hesitate to mention God and offer thanksgiving for His goodness and providence and set aside special days of praise and prayer and established Christian chaplaincies for the Senate and House of Representatives and the Armed Services for our nation.

A story is told of an incident during the Civil War. A friend of Abraham Lincoln who was a visitor in the White House said, "One night I was restless and could not sleep . . . From the private room where the President slept, I heard low tones. Instinctively I wandered in, and there I saw a sight which I have never forgotten. It was the President, kneeling before an open Bible. His back was toward me . . . his prayer: 'O, Thou God that heard Solomon in the night when he prayed and cried for wisdom, hear me . . . I cannot guide the affairs of this nation without Thy help. Hear me and save this nation.'"

Now we return to Psalm 85, a prayer that God would restore favor to the land. In this prayer we have acknowledgement for past blessings of forgiveness of sin, a prayer for restoration and prayer that God's believing people would *not* turn back to folly so the Lord would give what is good, and the land yield its increase, and the people walk in righteousness, following God's footsteps.

May this be our prayer also, because as a people we have sinned. We need to acknowledge our sin before God. We need revival. We need to humble ourselves and obediently walk in our Savior's footsteps. Then we can claim His promise that He will heal our land (II Chronicles 7:14).

by Pastor
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inviting all to come and receive salvation . . .

the work in India

Greetings,

I am very thankful for this opportunity to share with you our common joys and concerns in following the great commission of our Lord.

I bring you, your families and congregations, the warmest Christian greetings from our fellow sisters and brothers in Christ from the Bible Faith Lutheran Church of India.

Having visited India in June, July and August, I come with a joyful heart because of the Lord's hand of blessing upon the BFLC.

History: The church was organized as BFLC in 1980. The work originally started with one worker in 1978. The work is located in the Guntur and Krishna Districts of A.P. State, which is the fourth state from the south. The church is located close to the Bay of Bengal. Our headquarters is at Guntur and the work is spreading in the 60-mile vicinity around Guntur. We have 20 workers, which include lay pastors, evangelists, and Bible women. We have five Bible women among our workers. The women can more effectively enter new areas as compared with men. We are working in nearly 30 congregations and 20 preaching points through our Gospel workers. Much growth is hindered by the lack

of facilities for worship and other needs.

Ministries: Bible Faith Lutheran Church is the fulfillment of the great commission in preaching, teaching and baptizing. The Word of God is inspired and inerrant in its entirety. The Holy Spirit is the author of Scripture through human agencies. The Holy Spirit works salvation of people through the Word of God alone. We are saved by grace alone through faith alone as revealed to us in Scripture alone. The church is being built upon the Word of God through the Lutheran Confessions.

The preaching is done not only on Sundays but also on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Each worship service is an occasion to preach the Word of God. Some congregations do meet every day in the evenings for prayer. Since people live so close to each other, within walking distance, gathering is not difficult. Every occasion's purpose is to make the hearers realize the importance of personal faith. The believers are encouraged to be witnesses to their families and neighbors.

All three Scripture portions, Old Testament, Epistle and Gospel, as chosen by the AFLC, are used in the BFLC also, to have uniformity. Speakers are exhorted to preach from these texts. In addition to this, our congregations are practicing the habit of having the Scriptures read by individual believers, starting from Genesis, for a period of 10-15 minutes at every gathering, especially on Sundays.

Sunday School is very encouraging in many places. The schools concentrate on the memorization of Scripture portions and hymns. Some Sunday Schools make a habit of recitation before the elders what was learned on that day in Sunday School.

Women's fellowship is strong in all our congregations. In many cases women have a testimony that strengthens and refreshes us as they live the Christian life among their trials. Women try to help the pastors by bringing their humble gifts. Before cooking each meal, some ladies have a habit of setting apart little portions of rice as an offering. Vegetables, butter, eggs are brought as the first fruits into the church.

The women's ministry is strong in our congregations. Most of our members are women in many congregations. The Lord is working miracles in these days to convict the Hindus and Muslims that Christ is the healer of bodies and, more so, of souls. People who have experienced the healing touch of the Lord are very faithful. We always stress the importance of the salvation of souls. There are some women among the workers and believers whose faithful prayers have been answered by God to remove the poison from scorpion bites.

Some women who are seasonal workers have the habit of giving their first day's wage to the Lord for that season. They also try to raise some money to help the evangelistic meetings and to buy certain needed things for the worship place, such as mats, communion vessels, cloth to cover the elements, chairs or tables, fans, etc. One lady gave a PA system to one of our pastors to be used in the service. This same lady promised to give 5,000 rupees for the construction of the church. This lady is very willing to give to the Lord. Of course, we do not have many ladies that could give like this. There are people who can give, but we always wait upon the Lord to work in their hearts and realize that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

The greatest strength for the church is the prayer life of women. There are certain women who plead before the throne of grace for their unconverted children, husbands and

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by Rev.
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Bible Faith Lutheran Church of Bapatla

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extended family members. The testimony and witness of these precious women is heart-warming.

We had the privilege of witnessing, sharing, visiting congregations, counselling and encouraging in many areas. We had the real privilege of participating in all the important occasions in our church.

We thank God for the property which we bought for our orphanage and headquarters. It is a modern building situated five miles from a bus station, two miles from a railway station, and about three miles from the heart of the city of Guntur. The property is located in a fine, affluent neighborhood. The building is located in a total area of 1,050 yards (4,840 yards an acre). The property is surrounded by a nice compound wall with two iron gates. The whole property is covered with slate. We have a well and two lavatories. The building is four-five years old. It is a modern building with nine rooms, with beautiful wood and iron work in the building. Its roof is made of iron and concrete. We can easily raise two more floors over this building.

The proposed orphanage will have 30 to 40 orphans. We are looking forward to the Lord raising up sponsors who want to show Christ's love through their prayers and monthly gifts of \$20 to cover each orphan's expenses. The purpose of the orphanage is to raise these children for God and society with Christ's love, being rooted and grounded in the Word of God.

The needs of our church are im-

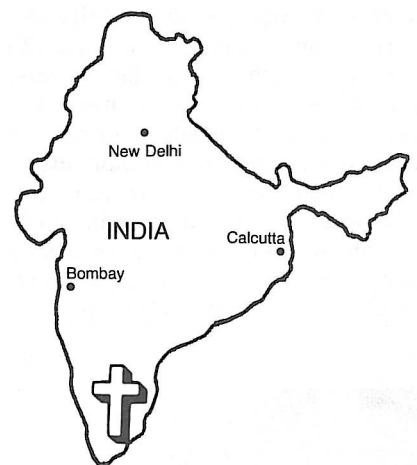
mense. Our work is being started at a time when everything is unbelievably expensive. The price of the land increased almost three times in one year alone! There is inflation in every area. Some of our needs: (1) We need sites in several villages to have places of worship and places for the Gospel workers, with adequate space for people to sit for evangelistic gatherings. (2) We have to build churches and Gospel workers' houses. (3) We need to strengthen evangelism. We have evangelistic meetings every month in one congregation. In addition, almost all congregations will have special evangelistic meetings once in a year for two or three days. We need money to conduct these. (4) We are planning to develop an evangelistic team with a van, PA system, etc.

We have to help our Gospel workers with partial salaries, traveling allowances, transit from place to place, in sickness, in accidents of health and to property. We want to also help victims of fires and other natural calamities. We need to buy musical instruments like drums and kanjas. We need lights, office supplies, travel for guest speakers, and more. These are some of the needs before we can *extend* the *present* work. What about the *extension* of the work? What about the social programs, such as Christian schools, digging of wells and other social ministries? How weak will be the church if there is no Bible School/Seminary to train the future Gospel workers and help the present workers with continued education? What help

can we perform for the betterment of the Gospel workers and deserving believers who are in dire need of financial help?

As a family, we are very much troubled over our own separation, especially because my growing teenagers need my presence with them. We cannot disturb the education of the children, at least until they finish high school. We ask your prayers for His leading. Since we do not have any money provided for expenses other than partial salaries of the workers and the building for the orphanage, I am spinning my wheels without much desired progress in many areas.

I appreciate the active participation of the churches of the AFLC for providing for our needs. I also appeal to all the Bible-believing Christians to grab this opportunity to contact me to find out about our ministry. Our desire is to establish a seminary/technical training school to provide training for a three-year period. Curriculum the first year would be the teaching of general knowledge of the Bible and doctrine; the second and third years would be for specializing in the ministry of the Gospel with technical education according to the calls given to various people. I request the churches and believers to contact me for more information about us and about the BFLC of India.



JUSTIFIED BY FAITH

by Scott Elmquist

Justification by Faith Alone. This was one of the main issues of the Reformation. Yet, so often we find people (myself) struggling time and time again with its simplicity. Therefore, we will consider how Scripture points out the truth and meaning of this vital doctrine in relation to our daily lives.

First, let us consider Martin Luther's relationship to the Roman Catholic doctrinal posture. Luther was a monk and priest devoted to the sacramental and doctrinal establishments. He tried through works to satisfy his inner being and to be at peace with God. One such experience was that at the Erfurt Monastery where Luther, out of exhaustion, collapsed on the altar after fasting and praying to the point of physical dehydration. Even then he wasn't at peace and satisfied, for there was still a struggle seething inside which drove him into spiritual despair and confusion. Luther traveled to the Holy City of Rome where he discovered that he could never be satisfied and at peace with the "works right-

eousness" doctrine. His son Paul remembers him telling about climbing the holy stairs in Rome, troubled and in despair, trying to work out his justification. He remembered from his earlier Bible reading, "That one is not justified by works but by faith alone." He then got up and walked away from this "meritorious" work. From this time on he diligently pursued God's will from the Word alone concerning the doctrine of justification by faith.

In Dr. Luther's discussion of faith, he first states, "Faith only comes by hearing the preached Word of God." This coincides with Romans 10:17, "So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ." But we may ask, can't we help in carrying out our salvation? By no means! For if we consider such things to be means by which God thus finds us more acceptable, what have we done with Christ? He (Christ Jesus) is left hanging on the cross, dying just for a good cause, for martyrdom or, as Luther states, "we have buried Christ." If we have justified ourselves by reason and works, what need is there for Jesus or for regener-

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ation? Actually, what we would be saying then to God is, "Your Son is not good enough; let me help You." There is not much more one could say to this doctrinal proposal, but that it is of all the greatest heresy!

What we have to believe is that Jesus has justified and redeemed us on the cross and in Him we are righteous and perfect. Romans 5:1 and 4:5 are verses we can truly take hold of when considering and defending this doctrine: "Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." "But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is reckoned as righteousness." Therefore it is by faith and faith alone in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ that we are declared righteous before God. No works justify a man. ♦

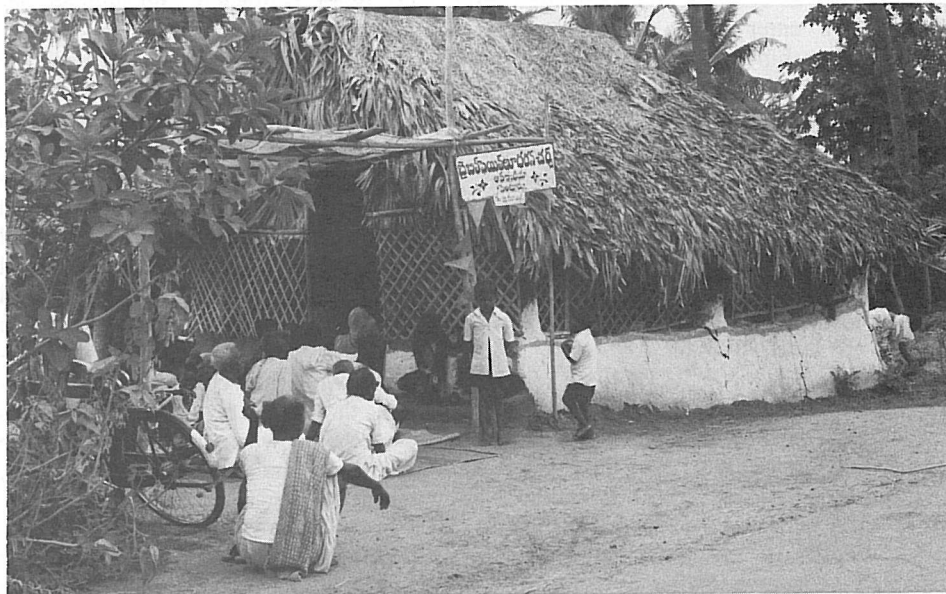
Missions news briefs

Recent seminary graduates Paul Abel and Dan Giles have been called by the World Missions Committee to serve in AFLC missions.

Mr. Abel is to be ordained at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Thief River Falls, Minn., on Sunday, Mar. 3, and will be going to Brazil soon after.

Mr. Giles is doing deputation work at present and will be serving in Mexico, with an arrival date there of about April 1.

Rev. Bhushana Rao Dasari recently returned to India after some time in the U. S. with his family and in deputation work.



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Of this faith Luther writes: "Faith is a living, daring confidence in God's grace so sure and certain that a man would stake his life on it a thousand times. A man is then ready and glad, without compulsion, to do good to everyone, to serve everyone, to suffer everything, in love and praise to God, who has shown this grace" (Commentary to the Epistle to the Romans). What a definition for us believers! Do we really have this faith? Do we have the "daring confidence?" We must realize that we cannot give ourselves faith or work out the unbelief that exists in our hearts, but rather that it is totally and truly a gift from God.

But then what is the believer's relationship to the law which, as we have already learned, does not justify one before God? Romans 7:1 states: "Or do you not know, brethren (for I am speaking to those who know the law), that the law has jurisdiction over a person as long as he lives?" Yes, as long as one lives there is jurisdiction. But as believers we have died to the law in the baptism of Christ's death (Romans 6:3). So we are free from the marriage to the law, as Romans 7:2,3 illustrate. We now enter into a new marriage relationship, a marriage to Christ. Romans 7:4 states: "Therefore, my brethren, you also were made to die to the Law through the body of Christ, that you might be joined to another, to Him who was raised from the dead, that we might bear fruit for God." We have died that we might bear fruit and serve in the newness of the Spirit rather than the oldness of the letter (Romans 7:6).

In Galatians 5:13,14, we read "For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the statement, 'you shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" So then we fulfill the law in love be-

cause of God's grace and favor in placing this love in our hearts. Also concerning this love, Galatians 6:2 states: "Bear one another's burdens, and thus fulfill the law of Christ."

If we truly belong to Jesus, receiving Him and loving Him for what He has done in providing our salvation, we will fulfill the law in love. We will want to love one another and bear one another's burdens, not as an act of our own, but of God's, in placing that desire in us.

Scripture has shown that we are free from the law, but we by no means can disregard it. We will look to it from a different perspective. It has now become our guide and tutor. The Greek word for tutor means, not a teacher, but an attendant, a custodian, usually a slave whose job it was to insure the safe arrival of the child to school. When we stumble into sin the law will once again reveal it to us and in times of question we can look to the law as a guide. However, we are no longer judged according to the law. C. O. Rosenius wrote, "I had for years been attached to my Saviour before I had the least idea of the glorious state, that I am simply free from the law, that I am no more estimated and judged according to the law, but only according to the righteousness acquired for me by my Lord, Christ. And I say that with this light there dawned in my soul a new glorious day of the Lord, that my inward man entered by this light, into a new, happier period of life and peace, of holy zest and power, though to be sure it again and again becomes obscured and weakened, until the Lord afresh quickens me . . . And in that quickening we again come to the realization that we are justified by faith alone. For when Jesus spoke these words on the cross, "It is finished, that it was."

(Scott Elmquist is a former student at Association Free Lutheran Bible School.)

to be a Christian

toward the hills of God

Part II

by Bernhard Christensen, 1901-1984

IV. Daily Repentance

In spite of all our desire to be obedient, it is our experience that we often fail. For sin has not been completely rooted out. The Christian has two natures, one good and one evil. But Christ has provided a means of victory over the evil within and around us, namely, *repentance*: that is, the confessing and forsaking of sin. Whenever the Spirit convicts of sin, we must both *confess and forsake it*. Not one alone, but both. If our sin has been against another person, we must ask his forgiveness, too. Always we must ask the forgiveness of God. And then we must *put away* that sin. Willingness to put away sin proves that our repentance is sincere. And only then do we really enter into the blessedness of being constantly cleansed and renewed by the forgiving grace of God. To walk thus with Christ is to be truly free.

Do I let the Spirit search my heart and lead me daily to repentance?

V. The Way of Love

Christ summarized all the commandments in the twofold commandment of love to God and man. Love is the law of the Christian's life. "Love and do as you please," said Saint Augustine. If we are to be kept from falling into sin, we need a very simple principle like this which will apply to every circumstance we meet. Whatever we do in Christ-like love is not sin. But whatever we do in any other spirit is sinful. For "Love is the fulfillment of the law." Of course we need Christian intelligence. We must grow "in wisdom



and all discernment." But love is more fundamental. For "God is love; and he that abideth in love abideth in God, and God abideth in him."

Does the love of God have an ever-open channel through my life?

VI. The Communion of Saints

The Christian life is a life of fellowship. We need one another's help along the upward way. We are members one of another, says the New Testament. As the hand or the eye cannot live without the rest of the body, so each Christian needs the help of his fellow-believers. We need to worship together. We need to work together. We need to pray together. We need to converse together about the things of Christ. Perhaps the most effective form of all Christian fellowship is where "two or

three" are gathered together in the name of Christ. Often such meetings will be wholly unplanned. Sometimes, though, we should definitely plan them. Could we not often invite a group of friends to our house for the purpose of sharing with one another our common problems and joys in the Christian walk? Such intimate fellowship in Christ will ever be a means of renewing our vision and rekindling our zeal.

Every church service, too, should be an experience of real fellowship. And most sacred and wonderful of all is the hour of Holy Communion at the table of our Lord.

Am I gratefully entering into the blessings of Christian fellowship?

VII. Spiritual Reading

There is a larger "communion of saints" that is open to us through the medium of the printed page. The experience of hundreds of sinners saved by grace is unfolded to us in the Word of God. That Word is a constant lamp for our feet and light on our pathway and we should search out and treasure its truths as our most precious heritage on earth. God's message to us, however, is found not only in the Bible but in the life and works of men and women who have drawn their inspiration from the Book of books. Oftentimes a barren and discouraged life can be quickened and renewed by the reading of a Spirit-filled book or article. Christian biographies have proved espe-

cially helpful in thousands of cases. For few things are more inspiring than to see how God's Spirit has worked in other lives.

Am I daily making use of some treasure of Christian literature?

VIII. Witnessing for Christ

"Give, and ye shall be given," said the Lord Jesus. Someone has put it: "You have only as much Christianity as you are giving away." We are called to be the light of the world, and if we hide our candles under a bushel, they will soon go out.

To be a witness for Christ need not be a complicated matter. The main qualification is a willing heart. The Spirit will then give us the words and the attitudes that we need.

A very simple statement of what the Savior means to us will often have an indelible effect in the life of others. And it will always strengthen our own life in Christ. "With the mouth confession is made unto salvation." Likewise, the simplest act of love, spontaneous and unpremeditated perhaps, may arrest and challenge as no words could, and never be forgotten. We are to be living epistles, seen and read of all men. And the high reward for such faithful witnessing is a joy unsurpassed on earth: the joy of leading other souls into a personal fellowship with God through Christ.

Do I, in word and deed, daily bear witness to my Lord?

(To be continued)

There is a measure of self-love and self-respect which is legitimate (I Cor. 4:1-13). Such self-respect does not imply pride but simply a recognition of the fact that we hold ourselves in trust from the Creator. There may be a great deal of conceit connected with an attitude of inferiority. One person may be as proud of his lack of self-assertion as another of some outstanding talent or power.

A. D. Mattson

ONE IN CHRIST

by Arlo R. Kneeland,
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How can we be *one in Christ* as individual Christians, individual congregations, and as a group of congregations in the AFLC?

Our Christian faith and convictions are attacked from many sides these days. There are several instances of apostasy detailed in Scripture, too, so it is not new to our day. One example is in I Tim. 1:19-20, another, II Tim. 1:15 and in II Tim. 4:10, where Paul writes, "for Demas, *having loved this present world*, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica." The influence of the world is such a detriment to the oneness in Christ. Yet we have the promise, "Greater is He who is *in you* than he who is in the world (I Jn. 4:4).

We as a *body of believers* have a wonderful privilege and responsibility to be *one in Christ* as we serve the Lord through the various ministries of the AFLC. These ministries consist of the Seminary, Bible School, World Missions, Home Missions and the General Fund. Our service in these ministries can be in several ways, such as *prayer, time, talents* and in our *giving*.

I would like to share some principles from God's Word that are very special to me on the service of giving.

First, I think of the principle that all we have and all that we are is from the Lord! There are several places in Scripture where this principle is brought out. I like the one in I Chron. 29:11-12: "Everything that is in the heavens and the earth are the Lord's. He is head over all. Both riches and honor come from Thee, and Thou dost rule over all, and in Thy hand is power and might; and it lies in Thy hand to make great, and to strengthen every one."

We spend so much time and effort trying to lay up treasures on earth or trying so hard to make a living and yet Scripture teaches us we should seek *first* the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things (food and clothing) will be added unto us. Matt. 6:21 says, "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." So lay up treasures in heaven.

Then, too, we should be using our first fruits for the Lord's work. The Old Testament is full of examples of the first fruits and their importance. I will quote one from Prov. 3:9: "Honor the Lord from *your wealth*, and from the *first fruits* of all your produce." This proverb is exhorting us to give to the Lord's work from two sources, from our wealth and then from our annual production.

Surrendering our will to God's will is so important. In II Cor. 8:5, Paul is telling the Corinthians how the Macedonians, even with much affliction and poverty, had real joy in sharing with the needy saints. This wonderful attitude came from the fact that "they *first gave* themselves to the Lord." This was only by the *grace of God*, but we do have to surrender our will to *His will*.

I have to mention the principle of sharing ten percent of our income (the tithe) for the Lord's work. Mal. 3:8-12 is very precious. Who would want to rob God? In this portion of Scripture, too, we have a promise of a blessing, as we do in many others, such as I Cor. 9:8, Phil. 4:19, Luke 6:38 and others. I hesitate to emphasize the many blessings God promises because we have a sinful nature that can affect our motives for

giving. We should be giving the tithe of our first fruits because God is *First* and *Best* in our lives. Jas. 4:3: "You ask and do not receive because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend it on your pleasures." If our motives are wrong we spoil the principle.

Finally, the *joy* of giving is so important. II Cor. 9:7 (see 6-8): "Let each one do just as he has purposed in his heart; not *grudgingly* or under *compulsion*; for God loves a *cheerful* giver." I personally feel we need to be sharing in the Lord's work more than ten percent to *find real joy* in it. It is also easier to find *joy* in giving when we get over the strong personal attachment to material things. We need to really grasp the principle that everything is God's and we are His stewards, responsible to Him for how we care for whatever He has entrusted to us. I Cor. 4:2: "It is required of stewards that one be found trustworthy."

How can we be *one in Christ* as individual Christians, congregations and as a group of congregations? By being faithful stewards, guided by God's Word in every area of our lives, as we reach out in the different ministries of the AFLC.

In February now, we start a new church year in the AFLC. We can start with our first fruits for the Lord's ministries with real *joy* in serving Him in our congregations and the AFLC.

May God richly bless you.

(Mr. Kneeland is a member of the Co-ordinating Committee of the AFLC.)

*Seek ye first the Kingdom
of God and His righteousness*

editorials

TIME LAPSE UNFORTUNATE

We have been having some give and take in Letters to the Editor in recent months and this is good. We have long encouraged that. The exchange of ideas and opinions can only be beneficial in the long run, as long as we stay away from attacking the integrity of someone who has a conviction different from our own.

It is unfortunate, however, that the whole matter of dialogue about something must cover such a wide span of time. Take the original letter by Pastor Philip Rokke about whether the agencies of the AFLC are servants of the congregations or vice versa, as an example. It appeared in our Nov. 20 issue. The first replies to and comments on his letter did not get published until the Jan. 1 issue. Now two other letters on the subject are being printed, almost three months after Pastor Rokke's first expression.

We say this is too bad, that there should be such a span of time involved. It's easy to forget what one person's opinion was when one reads a response to it a couple of issues later.

But there's really nothing we can do about it. The best we can suggest is that readers keep their *Ambassadors* handy for reference so they can check back and read for themselves if someone calls something in question or wishes simply to expound further on a matter.

FOR THE SAKE OF CHRIST

It fell to our lot to be reading over Christmas and into the new year (now) Senator Jeremiah Denton's book *When Hell Was in Session*, the account of his imprisonment in North Vietnam as a prisoner of war. Some of you have read this book or others about the POWs of that war. This was our first.

It is a sad, tragic book. We can be grateful that most of the men survived, but some of them were physically impaired for life, others also emotionally. Thousands of Americans died in Vietnam; the POWs sometimes would gladly have welcomed death.

You see, they were tortured, at least in the earlier years of confinement. Tortured so cruelly that at times their guards wept at the suffering they had to inflict on fellow human beings. Oh, the inhumanity of man to his fellows! In addition to beatings and maulings, the men might be bound, hands behind their backs, and their legs bent back on a rod and left until loss of circulation rendered them unconscious. When they were at last unbound they went through excruciating pain as the blood sought its normal course. The Vietnamese did not wish to have the prisoners die in torture, but only to get them to do as they wished them to do.

Jeremiah Denton says that he vowed to not let the tor-

tures cause him to deny his loyalty to his country. But he found, as did others, that when pain became too intense and emotional strength was gone that he would agree to write a "biography" or make some confession. He would do this, though, in such a way as to be of least value to the enemy, never giving away any military secrets. There were some cases, he says, where POWs gave in much too easily and thereby spared themselves suffering and gained better living conditions. Needless to say, they did not have the respect of those who endured the greater tortures.

The Georgia Senator spent four years or more in solitary confinement and for over two of those years lived in a cell that had a standing area of 47 inches square, plus an area the length of a man's body where a pallet of bamboo strips laid side by side was his bed. A dim bulb, ten watts or less, provided almost the only light. Each morning he would be allowed out to dump his slop bucket and take a shower of sorts.

What a debt we owe to men who went through experiences like these. What would we do in such situations?

And we think about Christians who have been tortured, not because they had carried guns on the world's battlefields or dropped their bomb loads from airplanes, but because they were believers in Jesus Christ. They have been shamefully treated because of their faith, because of a commitment they have made to the conviction, "Jesus Christ is Lord!" and there is none other. Many have died for their faith. Others have been tortured, but lived. The name of Richard Wurmbrand, for one, comes to mind.

The thought comes, if we have made a life commitment to Jesus, how much would we go through for His sake? Just think, a Christian cannot "give in" at last when the torture becomes unbearable, as the POWs sometimes did, for that would be to deny the Lord.

We don't presently face such situations, but what if the day came when godless empires raged against believers in Christ where we live? The Lord gives *grace* and glory. That is the consolation. But let us live close to Him this day and in the days that we have.

For these two will always wage war the one against the other; what the devil spoils, Christ must build up and set right; and again, what the devil builds, Christ destroys.

Martin Luther



Letters to the editor

AVOID DEFICIT BUDGETS

I read with interest Rev. Philip Rokke's letter in the Nov. 20 issue of the *Ambassador* and Rev. Dennis Gray's letter in the Jan. 1 issue. I agree with both of these writers on their thoughts as expressed in their letters. I cannot say the same for the last paragraph of Pastor R. S. Persson's letter (also Jan. 1).

I love our Association and am fully cognizant of the responsibilities and the great need of the different areas of labor as given us to do. The Association set up the "machinery" necessary to carry on this work which each congregation could not do separately.

I am deeply thankful for the blessings which have been ours and I pray we may continue to do that work which God entrusts to us.

The intent of Pastor Rokke's and Pastor Gray's letters was not that our Association's work should remain status quo or that we should not pursue the "enlargement of our tents."

Pastor Persson uses the words "embarrassing appraisal" in his letter of response. I cannot accept his use of those words especially in light of the last paragraph of his letter in which he negatively appraises the giving of our Association.

I agree with Pastor Persson that if everyone would tithe or give sacrificially, then great things would be done. But let us forget about Rolls Royces and face reality. Many are tithing and are giving sacrificially but when we constantly run into deficit budgets, we have to take a hard look at the needs which have to be met before we accept expanded ministries and hard-to-meet budgets.

The very heart of our Association is our Seminary and Bible School. Let us be assured that these are provided for. Mission work has always been and is now of major concern to our congregations. Let us do all we can to care for these.

Where we should take care is in any additional building programs or

the acquisition of additional property which we sometimes cannot afford. It isn't only the capital cost but it entails additional maintenance costs in both labor and materials.

We have a rural-oriented church body and the last few years have been rather lean to many. We must keep this in mind. Then, also, many of our congregations are quite small numerically and as a result are struggling to meet expenses.

What concerns me is that we never place ourselves in a position where we have to resort to a pressurized drive which some other church bodies use to coerce or exact money from unwilling or uncommitted hearts.

Let us do all we possibly can but let us try to keep from the frustration of continued deficit budgets.

Palmer J. Haugen
Portland, N. Dak.

COMMOTION OR PRODUCTION?

I think Pastor Philip Rokke's observations (Nov. 20) are insightful and deserve our sincere introspection. Furthermore, I submit these related personal observations.

Promotion, commotion and competition are obvious elements of our various ministries so each department urgently and piously thrusts its program upon the AFLC, fervently asserting its nobility and need.

A Christian cannot ignore or even disagree with any of the pleas; to do so would be unseemly, a fear that muzzles many of us. So we grease the wheels until they turn smoothly (keeping peace is more important than anything).

But is the machinery much more than a Rube Goldberg contraption? Are we productive beyond that which we consume?

The AFLC does not fulfill its role if it is merely an organization with busy programs. We should test and

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

I am writing in regard to Mrs. Gustav Nordvall's letter "Off My Chest," in the Dec. 18 issue.

There is a paragraph which asks some questions that I think need answering. What are Christians going to Christian schools for? The main reason is because of a subtle religion known as "secular humanism" that is taught in public schools. People are really just becoming aware of what this is all about and that is why there are three to five new Christian schools starting every day. (Incidentally, the number one profession among those sending their children to private or Christian schools is public educators.)

The Scriptures exhort us, as parents, on what we should allow our children to be exposed to (Deut. 6:1,4,5). Prov. 19:27 calls upon a son to cease from hearing instruction contrary to the Bible ("the words of knowledge"—Ed.). Also see Col. 2:8, Rom. 16:19, Prov. 22:6, II Tim. 2:15, to name a few.

When God brought the Israelites out of Egypt, they didn't send their children back there for teaching and instruction. "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you" (II Cor. 6:17).

If you have studied and prayed about it and really feel Christian

evaluate our programs for effectiveness, ingathering, outcome, outgrowth, etc., just as a matter of stewardship.

Good stewardship is good production. It is not enough to merely have a program in place and running without friction.

It must be excellently administered to be productive. It must be productive to be vital. Anything else is foolish and fruitless.

I believe we're guilty of much commotion (appearance) without much production (fruit).

We're sort of a flowering crab.

Don Rodvold
Minneapolis, Minn.

schools are wrong for you, that is between you and the Lord, but why attack those that have different convictions? I feel the main problem came up in the letter—Christians are so busy attacking each other while the lost are dying and going to hell. Let us not forget who the enemy is! In I Samuel 17:28,29, we see David was going to fight Goliath and his older brother questioned his motives and integrity. Most of us would have forgotten about Goliath and had a war with the brother; but not David, who had a heart for God. David knew who the enemy was. Here we are, Christians, fighting in the ranks because of differences in worship, convictions, exhortation, or whatever, while Goliaths are taking over. Does the world see a difference? Do they really see "how they love one another?" "How they minister to one another?" We will not be able to win the lost to Christ if we can't get along in the household of the Lord!

We need a revival, and it must start with me and other Christians so the world may see and so all may come to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

I Cor. 15:58: "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord."

Carter Hedlund
Roseau, Minn.

The Indwelling of God

God be in my head
And in my understanding;

God be in my eyes
And in my looking;

God be in my mouth
And in my speaking;

God be in my heart
And in my thinking;

God be in mine all
'Till my departing.

Sarum Printer, 1558
(Youth's Favorite Poems)

ISSUE BROUGHT BLESSINGS

I just want to share with you blessings I received from the January 1st *Ambassador*.

First of all, there were the words from the song on the cover page, "Thou art the potter, I am the clay . . . mold me and make me after Thy will . . . have thine own way, Lord!" Thank you for this good reminder. It reminded me that in myself I am nothing but clay, dust and ashes. And believe it or not, I am learning to rejoice and be glad in this weakness and emptiness that I am. Because then, and only then, will I cry out from the depths of my heart, "Lord, You be the potter. Lord, You have your own way."

Also, there was the short article, "What are they among so many?" What a challenge to give to God the "half of loaf" that I am, and to really trust Him to go on from there and do for me what I could never do for myself in a million years of self-effort.

Another little article fit right in with this, "All Your Need" by Dr. Maier.

All these articles and others reminded me of another great challenge, that of Psalm 46:10. I know it will take me all of eternity to plumb

the depths of this Scripture. O that my restless soul would learn to be still, to cease its foolish struggles, and to simply in a child-like way let God be God.

Philip Grothe
Thief River Falls, Minn.

WANTS COLUMN RESTORED

I miss very much Rev. Raynard Huglen's columns "Life on the Edge of Town" which appeared for a number of years in each issue of *The Lutheran Ambassador*. I always looked forward to the very interesting observations presented in Rev. Huglen's columns and request that "Life on the Edge of Town" be restored as a regular feature of *The Lutheran Ambassador*. I know of others who have expressed the same opinion.

John O. Pearson
Warren, Minn.

(The "Life on the Edge of Town" columns did not appear in every issue, more likely every other one. They were discontinued in the fall of 1981.—Ed.)

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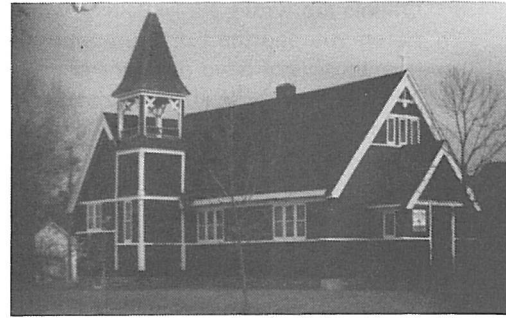
BUDGET RECEIPTS February 1-December 31

FUND	TOTAL BUDGET	TOTAL REC'D TO DATE	% of TOTAL*
General Fund	\$ 193,152.00	\$160,764.34	83
Schools — AFLTS	102,232.66	64,546.20	63
AFLBS	165,251.34	111,318.90	67
Home Missions	237,739.00	168,635.06	71
World Missions	274,720.00	182,063.97	66
Praise Fund	30,000.00	24,507.19	82
TOTAL	\$1,003,095.00	\$711,835.66	71*
1983-84	\$ 963,916.00	\$633,363.19	66

*Goal 92%

NOTE: The fiscal year ended on January 31. The final report will be given as soon as possible. The above report is printed here simply for your records.

Introducing Victory Lutheran Park River, N. Dak.



The Episcopal Church

The newest AFLC congregation in North Dakota was conceived in the prayerful concern of Bethel Lutheran Church, Grafton, N. Dak. Rev. Rodger Olson, then pastor of Bethel, found himself ministering to families who were driving a considerable distance every Sunday from the west to attend the Grafton church. Park River, a town of 1850 located about 17 miles west, was a logical center for a new congregation, and there was evidence of significant AFLC interest in the area. Contact was made with the Home Mission office in Minneapolis and Director Elden Nelson conducted an information meeting in Park River on February 19, 1984. Attendance was encouraging, and a second meeting was held on

April 17 to take the first steps toward organization.

Some of the interested families were former members of the Pleasant Valley Lutheran Church (ALC), a disbanded rural congregation located west of Park River, and their vacant church building was made available for AFLC use.

The first worship service was conducted on the 3rd of June by Pastor John P. Strand, Remer, Minnesota, who continued his ministry there on weekends throughout the summer months. The new congregation moved into Park River in September, and presently shares the facilities of St. Peter's Episcopal Church. Services are conducted by Rev. Robert Lee, AFLC Schools, and Mr. Paul

Abel, missionary candidate, on alternate weekends. Others who have assisted with services are Rev. Elden Nelson, Rev. Amos Dyrud, Rev. Ralph Tjelta and Seminarian Keith Quanbeck.

Members of the local steering committee are: David Clemens (chairman), Gilman Johnson (treasurer), Don Hylden, Harvey Loftsgard and Ron Setness.

A name, Victory, was chosen, and a pastor was called. Rev. Norman Tenneboe, Eben Jct., Mich., accepted the call and will begin his ministry at Park River in March.

Victory Lutheran Church is grateful to the AFLC for helping to turn the dream of a conservative, evangelical Lutheran congregation in Park River into a reality; to Bethel, her "mother church," for continued prayer support and encouragement, including the recent gift of an organ; to Faith-Rosedale Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minn., for the gift of a fine communion set.

But, above all else, "thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!" (I Corinthians 15:57).

Former Home Mission church burns mortgage in Minot

"And my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19).

On October 28, 1984, a special mortgage burning ceremony was held at Bethel Lutheran in Minot, N. Dak. A dinner was served at 6:00, after which the service was held. A history of the congregation was read and Pastor Francis Monseth, dean of the seminary, was guest speaker for the service.

The total cost of the mortgage for land and sanctuary was \$225,000, which was completely liquidated from 1977-1984. With only a handful of adults who were willing to be used by the Lord, a loan of this size was a giant step. We could not do this on our own without the Lord's blessing. We have grown to a con-

gregation of 123 baptized members and a Sunday School of 57 young people. Church attendance is somewhat larger. However, numbers are not our goal, but the salvation of souls.

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Bethel Lutheran



Saving Words

"He (Peter) will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household" (Acts 11:14).

A message consists of words, and "words" is the older translation in this verse. Great is the power of words. Whispered in the ear in an unguarded moment they can besmirch or destroy an innocent soul. Told behind another's back, they can ruin a man's reputation. Shouted in a crowd, they can create a mob, aflame fanaticism and hatred.

Spoken quietly in the power of the Spirit, words can be a message that will save a man and his home.

What message is it that has this rare power? It is the word of forgive-

ness through the shed blood of Christ. How powerfully it speaks! It comes from God Himself and is the utterance of His thoughts; and the Holy Spirit writes its meaning in the soul. And the soul receives it, is saved, and praises God.

Salvation is possible on earth—a salvation that spreads to others, until the whole house is saved.

O God, give Thy Spirit with Thy Word, that it may raise up the fallen, strengthen those who stand, and comfort all who are troubled and distressed . . .

For Jesus' sake. Amen.

—The Home Altar

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MEXICO '85

Have you prayed for opportunities to serve the Lord?

Do you have an earnest desire to influence others for your Savior?

A summer term of mission involvement might be just the right step for YOU!

What is Mexico '85?

An opportunity to work with the AFLC national church in Mexico.

A varied kind of ministry will be carried on, including sharing Christ, working with children and youth, visitation, and manual labor, such as painting, building, etc.

Who may go?

The team will be chosen by both the World Missions Department and the Luther League Federation from applicants.

Applicants must be active Christians of AFLC doctrinal conviction.

Applicants must have at least completed the junior year of high school.

Applicants will be asked to state their purpose in applying for short term mission service, their present Christian involvement in their local church and other activities, and how they hope to use this experience after returning home to the USA.

Applicants need the recommendation of their local pastor plus two other Christian adults.

Applicants need to be in good health and demonstrate a cheerful spirit of cooperation, respect for authority, and a servant's heart.

How much will this trip cost?

Each applicant will be responsible for raising his/her necessary funds. The month long term of service in Mexico will cost \$800 (an estimate). This covers travel and food. Personal expenses are a matter for each applicant to decide for himself/herself.

Applicants may pay all or part of their expenses; those who are selected for the mission team may share with Christian friends and congregations their God-motivated desire to serve the Lord in this ministry; God may move them to financially support this trip. Prayer is the key.

Will I be trained for this trip?

Yes, definitely! A week of training at AFLC Schools Campus in Minneapolis before the trip will provide Bible study, cultural and language training, along with character development and insights into witnessing, presenting programs, etc.

Request application form from:

World Missions Department, AFLC,
3110 E. Medicine Lake Blvd.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55441.

Mrs. Marius Haakenstad passed away

Mrs. Marius Haakenstad, widow of Pastor Haakenstad, passed away in Prescott, Ariz., on January 1, six days short of her 82nd birthday. She had been hospitalized on Nov 29, suffering from what was later determined to be a stroke. Friends saw that she received good care and even hired private nurses. The Scriptures were read to her and hymns sung.

Inga Helstad was born in Norway. She was united in marriage to Marius Haakenstad in 1943.

He passed away last June. Pastor Haakenstad served the following parishes, with her at his side: Farmington, Minn., Hawarden, Sask., Thief River Falls, Minn., and Thief River Falls rural. The couple retired to Prescott in 1971.

Mrs. Haakenstad's funeral was

news of the churches

held on January 4 at American Lutheran Church in Prescott.

Blessed be her memory.

(In the history of Christiania Lutheran Church, Farmington, Minn., "The Church They Called the Free Church," Myrna Martin writes this: "Rev. Haakenstad's wife Inga was a very friendly, jolly person. She had a giggle that was infectious and added a special sparkle to any event she attended." Yes, that describes her well.

Now pastor and wife are united once more, in God's glory. All their friends remember with gratitude this grand couple.—Ed.)



Pastor's widow has 100th birthday

Mrs. Hattie Mohn is shown here with her pastor, Del Palmer, on her 100th birthday, Nov. 7, 1984.

She was the wife of Rev. Christopher Mohn, being married in 1904. Their first pastorate was Lake Lilian, Minn. In 1907 they moved to Poulsbo, Wash., where he was pastor of the Lutheran Free Church congregation there as well as administrator of Ebenezer Old People's Home. Mrs. Mohn served as matron.

In 1918 they moved to Ferndale, Wash., where he was pastor until 1930. He passed away in 1949 at the age of 80.

She has three living children: Einar, of Menlo Park, Calif., Helen Henderson of Cupertino, Calif., and Ruth Peterson, Bainbridge Island, Wash.

Mrs. Mohn has lived in Bethany Home, Everett, Wash., for a number

Sedan, Minn.



Kelsey Elizabeth Lagred, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Errol Lagred was honored at Scandia Lutheran Cradle Roll program.

Women's Missionary Federation

In memoriam gifts

Emma Mikkelson, Abercrombie, N. Dak.

Madge Helberg, Williston, N. Dak.

Edmund Faehn, Wallace, S. Dak.

*Blessed
be their
memory*



Grafton, N. Dak.

Bethel Free Lutheran Mission Circle honored two ladies at their Christmas party. Mrs. Herbert Presteng (R.) presented life membership pins to Miss Laverne Vogsland and Mrs. Ron Watt (pictured L. to R.). A special offering was taken for the orphanage in India. At the close of the meeting, secret prayer partners exchanged friendship mugs.



of years and belongs to Calvary Lutheran Church.

Besides her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, other relatives and many friends were present for this great occasion.

—Corr.

(I had the privilege of meeting Mrs. Mohn in 1977 at Bethany Home. She told me then that my father, a student at Bethany College, Everett, had taught parochial school one summer in her husband's parish in Poulsbo.—Ed.)

Somehow the note of urgency, of decision, of the issues of life and death must come back into our preaching.

Stephen C. Neill



Terry Wold ordained

Mr. Terry Wold, 1984 graduate of Association Free Lutheran Theological Seminary, was ordained into the ministry of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations at a service at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Thief River Falls, Minn., on Sun., Nov. 25. His father-in-law, Rev. David Molstre, officiated at the ordination. Assisting were Rev. Elden Nelson, executive director of Home Missions of the AFLC and Rev. Leslie Galland of the local church. Pastor Wold is now serving Living Faith Lutheran Church, Tucson, Ariz. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Peterson of Thief River Falls.

Colfax, Wis.

A precious old pump organ which is still in working order, as well as the original church benches of Faith Lutheran Church of Running Valley at Colfax, Wisconsin, survived a church fire a number of years ago.

This past year some of the ladies of the church decided to restore the beauty of the old organ. The ladies were so pleased with the results, that others joined them to work on the old benches. This proved to be many hours of hard labor — but all felt it was worth their time. Then a local church couple padded the benches. Now all the parishioners are enjoying the beauty and comfort from the efforts to preserve portions of the past that made history in our church.

—Swanhild Rasmussen

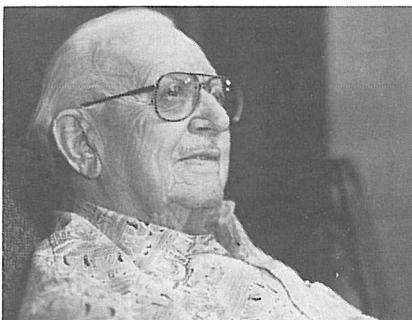
Before the eyes of God we are all equal, but amongst ourselves we cannot live without diversity and proper distinctions.

Martin Luther

McIntosh, Minn.

On Sunday afternoon, Nov. 11, 1984, Trinity and Mt. Carmel Lutheran Congregations hosted an open house silver wedding celebration in honor of Pastor and Mrs. Walt Beaman at Trinity Lutheran Church, rural McIntosh, Minn. A program was presented by friends and relatives with readings, reminiscing and singing. Lunch followed.

Trinity also held a New Year's wake service featuring the showing of a film, "Hudson Taylor." After a lunch, a hymn sing brought in the new year.



Oscar Raaen



Winger, Minn.—Dovre

Three women who have been faithful and dependable members of the Ladies Aid as well as the congregation were honored at a church service recently.

Edith Aasen has been an active member for more than 50 years. She has served as Sunday School superintendent and teacher. She has also been president and treasurer and is currently secretary of the Ladies Aid.

Inga Raaen has been a member since the early '60s. She has taught Sunday School and has been president and treasurer of the Ladies Aid.

Myrtle Hanson joined the Dovre Congregation in the late '50s. She, too, has been Sunday School superintendent and teacher. She also was a deaconess. She has been president and secretary of the Ladies Aid.

We also honored our two oldest men, Theodore Geldaker and Oscar Raaen. They have each served as deacon and trustee during their many years as members. Oscar is currently a deacon and has been a member since 1919, Ted since 1922.



Left to right, Edith Aasen, Myrtle Hanson and Inga Raaen

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Mrs. Joseph (Ida) Breden, 69,
Nov. 25, 1984, United

WASHINGTON

Everett

Lydia A. Stortro, 72, Jan. 2, Calvary

Personalities

Rev. Thomas Baker, who previously served St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Pittsburgh, Pa., is now pastor of Section Ten Lutheran Church, Cumberland, Wis., and Bethany Lutheran Church, Clayton, Wis.

Rev. Henry A. E. Johansen, who has served Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Virginia, Minn., since 1972, will now be serving Zion Lutheran Church, Willmar, Minn. He will be the first resident pastor in Willmar in some years as the congregation has for some time been served by the pastor living in Spicer.

MINOT . . .

Being a self-supporting congregation is similar to a child learning to walk. God has promised that if we lean and depend on Him that He will not let us fall. As a self-supporting congregation we now totally support ourselves financially and have set as our goal helping the AFLC mission outreach, so it can begin new churches like ours and also send missionaries abroad.

Bethel Lutheran is so thankful that God has supplied our needs and that we are assured that He will continue. Our prayer is to encourage all Home Mission congregations to never lose sight of their main purpose, that of spreading God's Word.

—Bruce Wolla, trustee

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Rev. Dennis Gray, pastor

March 10-14

Rev. Gary Skramstad, Minneapolis,
Minn., speaker

Newfolden, Minn.

Westaker Lutheran Church

Rev. Larry Haagenson, pastor

March 17-21

Rev. Michael Brandt, Amery, Wis.,
speaker

Singing for Jesus, our Savior and King

Singing for Jesus, our Savior and King;
Singing for Jesus, the Lord whom we love!
All adoration we joyously bring,
Longing to praise as they praise Him above.

Singing for Jesus, our Master and Friend,
Telling His love and His marvelous grace,—
Love from eternity, love to the end,
Love for the loveless, the sinful, the base.

Singing for Jesus, and trying to win
Many to love Him, and join in the song;
Calling the weary and wandering in,
Rolling the chorus of gladness along.

Singing for Jesus, our Life and our Light;
Singing for Him as we press to the mark;
Singing for Him when the morning is bright;
Singing, still singing, for Him in the dark!

Singing for Jesus, our Shepherd and Guide;
Singing for gladness of heart that He gives;
Singing for wonder and praise that He died;
Singing for blessing and joy that He lives!

Singing for Jesus, oh, singing with joy;
Thus will we praise Him, and tell out His love,
Till He shall call us to brighter employ,
Singing for Jesus forever above.

—Kept for the Master's Use,
Frances Ridley Havergal