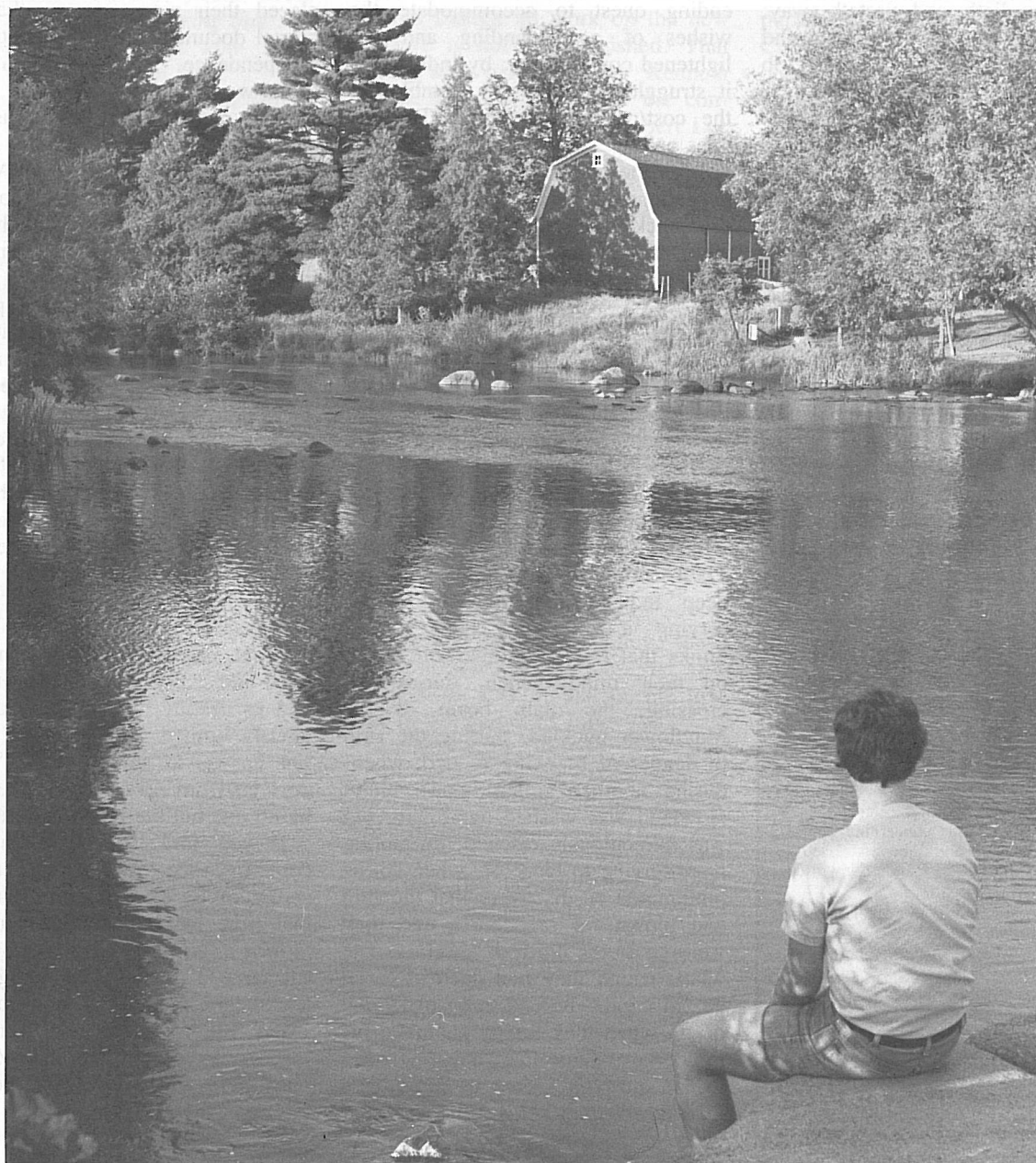


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AT THE MASTER'S FEET



Pastor Wallace Jackson

Where do we go from here?

"But man dieth, and wasteth away: yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where is he?" (Job 14:10). Job moans with evident perplexity: "Where do we go from here?" He is not alone! This nagging question, however, has other applications than that which refers to the after-life. It wriggles to the surface of consciousness when man's spirit is under duress and the pieces don't quite fall into place. It is posed by educational institutions in a day of declining enrollments and rising costs; by government as it wrestles with solution-defying problems of trade imbalance, fiscal deficits, GNP, the spectrum of double-digit inflation; by the military seeking to enhance its might while Congress foot-draws in its appropriations; by politicians in their never

ending quest to accommodate the wishes of a demanding and enlightened constituency; by industry as it struggles through the brambles of the cost/profit proposition. The list goes on.

With the celebration of national independence before us, our thoughts drift back to the Seekers of Freedom, who, facing impossible odds, broke with their past to engage in the pursuit of a worthwhile future. One thinks of those 56 stalwart souls embarking into the unknown, voicing consternation and asking one another this same nagging question. Yet to them there was but one choice. They needed little convincing that King James meant business in issuing the ultimatum, "conform . . . or else I will harrie them out of the land." Their action in "launching into the deep" indicates they were, doubtless, serving a different "King." One thinks that this same question grated on their minds when, during the crossing, the main beam of the Mayflower buckled, putting the ship in danger of breaking in two; when, during another violent storm, John Howland was washed overboard, but was miraculously rescued, prompting thanksgiving to God; or, when spirits plummeted on discovery that the ship had blown far off course and they were far to the north of Virginia. The wind, which they had deemed to be an "ill wind," proved to be of Divine origin when they finally anchored off the coast of Cape Cod.

The question before us must have gnawed at the spirit of that other band of 56 conscientious men who

placed their signatures on that immortal document, The Declaration of Independence. The "stuff" of Pilgrims was in them.

Even more modern "pilgrims" appear on the scene. We in the AFLC count ourselves among them. As part of that "Pilgrim band," we, too, long for and press on in search of the better land. Our persistent question hurls itself also at us. To those who are in Christ it carries no threat. Its application here has rather to do with our outreach for Christ. Where, indeed, *do we go from here?* That the fields are white, we do not deny. Men continue to die. While they live they raise the Macedonian cry, "Come over and help us!" The blessed privilege of doing just that is ours today. May we buy up the time.

Back to the question on Job's mind. The paraphrase of it, "Where do we go from here?" as applied to the soul, cannot be lightly dismissed. Each and every soul must eventually find its destiny. Options here are obviously limited. There are only two! The answer to our question, "Where do I go from here?" can be resolved by no one but the individual himself.

If you find the answer hard to come by, then may I simply and sincerely invite you to come and join that little band that alone can sing, "I'm a pilgrim, and I'm a stranger, I can tarry, I can tarry but a night, Do not detain me, for I am going to where the fountains are ever flowing. . . ." Sitting "at the Master's feet" here will assure your being at His *side*, there!

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FAMILY VACATION, A TIME OF OPPORTUNITY



by **Pastor Harris Van Someren,**
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As a young lad growing up on a small farm in Wisconsin my family did not go on extended family vacations. Rather, we would go one day at a time whenever time permitted my father to be away from his farm work. We never went far since the cows demanded that we return in time for the evening chores. Sometimes we went to Taylor's Falls to ride on the boat and other times to visit parks in the nearby towns. And then there were times when my father took me fishing on the Apple River for sunfish, even though he himself did not get excited over fishing. I still remember the times when on Memorial Day he would attach flags to the radiator cap of the old Chevrolet and we would go to the cemetery to pay tribute to those who had served our country and then go on a family picnic.

Perhaps you've been wondering why I've been reminiscing. I believe that in the days gone by life was simpler, yet filled with more happiness because most activities were centered around the church and family. It is time that we go back to God-centered church and family-oriented activities that will strengthen the family unit, our congregations, and our country.

Summer vacation time is an opportune time to do this. When we take a vacation we look forward to physical and mental relaxation; yet why is it that so many people return home

more tired than when they left? No doubt there are many answers to that question, but perhaps the main reason is that they left God out of their vacation plans and as a result all their activities were self-centered and not God-centered. We certainly do not deny that everyone requires times of relaxation to refresh the body, but what about the soul? Yes, even the soul requires times of quiet retreat into the holy Word of God, to be strengthened and revitalized. Jesus and His disciples found it necessary at times to get away from the crowds and to go off by themselves for times of physical rest and meditation on the Word of God. For them God was always in focus and all activities were centered around Him.

What kind of a vacation are you planning? Are you going on a family camping trip, to visit relatives, or sight-seeing? Whatever your vacation may be, let it be a time of opportunity. Paul, in Eph. 5:15-17, said, "Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men, but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil. So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is." God wants us to make the most of our time and understand His will, yet I'm afraid we waste countless hours engaged in superfluous activities that are of no redeeming value.

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First, let us look at some of the opportunities that are open to the typical family going on vacation. There will be numerous hours that the family will spend together traveling, at picnic tables, around campfires, etc. These are opportune times to reflect on your relationship with Christ Jesus. Have you grown spiritually or are you stagnant? This question concerns the entire family. How do others see you? A good family discussion might prove quite enlightening. Discussions of this nature can point out our weaknesses and provide a better understanding between family members. Always use the Bible as the springboard for discussion and as the final and only authority over your discussion. Remember, all things must be subjected to the light of God's Word.

"There is something about a campfire that relaxes the mind as well as the body."

If your vacation will include camping, have devotions around the campfire. There is something about a campfire that relaxes the mind as well as the body. It is a time when burdens can be more easily shared and understood. Parents, when was the last time you listened with an attentive ear to your children's burdens and problems? Children, when was the last time you counseled with your parents concerning your problems

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and hopes, or things that you don't understand? Let your vacation time be the time to renew intra-family relationships.

Vacation time is an opportune time for husband and wife to renew their love for each other. Today, with the husband and wife both working, in many cases, there is precious little time to spend alone with one's spouse. Set aside time to be alone with each other. Let these be times of sharing one another's burdens, hopes and joys. Meditate on Scripture that applies to husband and wife relationships, such as Eph. 5:22-33 and I Pet. 3:1-9.

In order for our vacation to be one of opportunity, we must make appropriate plans. Usually the plans regarding physical needs and desires are well taken care of. Perhaps you can hear remarks such as these being spoken, "Be sure that the golf clubs are taken, and don't forget the fishing equipment. Be sure to stock up on groceries; they are far more expensive where we are going. The boys want to take their three-wheeler and dirt bike and Mother insists on taking her favorite lawn chair." By the time the family is ready to go, there is no place to sit in the car. Going down the highway, it would appear they are either moving or are part of a gypsy caravan. What I'm trying to emphasize is this: We spend a great deal of time planning for the physical desires and material needs of our vacation and virtually no time is spent

planning for the spiritual needs.

Do not take a vacation from God but take God on your vacation. Be sure to take your Bible and devotional material. Prepare an outline of the subjects you want to discuss with your family. When planning the day's activities, do not neglect to include a quiet time when each member of the family can have personal devotions and a family time when the entire family can discuss problems and concerns of the family in the light of God's holy Word. "... let us walk in the light of the Lord" (Is. 2:5).

Planning for spiritual needs also includes a place to worship on Sunday. We read in Heb. 10:25 that we are not to forsake "our own assembling together, as is the habit of some. . . ." There is one bond that binds all Christians together, Jesus Christ. Even though the other Christian may be a stranger, as Christians we are bound together by the love of Christ, and it is in Christ where our mutual interests converge. If you cannot find one of our AFLC churches in the area of your vacation, then select another where the Gospel is faithfully proclaimed.

Let our vacations this year be centered around God. Let Him minister to our needs. God instructs us in His Word, "In all your ways (this includes vacations) acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and turn away

from evil. It will be healing to your body and refreshment to your bones" (Prov. 3:6-8).

Let us take advantage of the opportunities God is providing us on our vacations. Give our Family Bible Camps serious consideration. Fellowshiping with brothers and sisters in the Lord brings not only relaxation for the body and soul but opportunities and blessings not normally found at other vacation spots. Wherever we go this year, let us integrate God into all our activities and expect to be richly blessed not only as a family but also as individuals. Have a blessed vacation.

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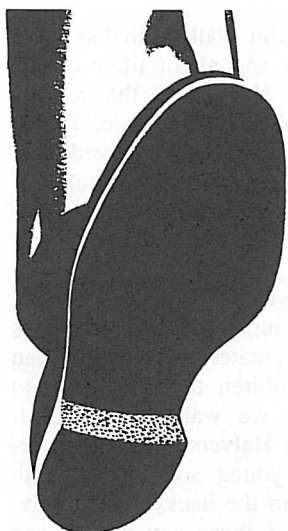
All the philosophers of the ages have not been able to explain the mystery of the relation between the will of man and the will of God. But though all explanations fail, we must hold fast to both aspects of the truth taught in the Scriptures: Man is responsible for his action in answer to the Spirit's call; and yet our salvation is "all of grace." Whatever good, whatever faith, is created within us, is the work of God.

—Bernhard

Christensen,
Fire Upon the Earth

**"Do not take
a vacation from God
but take God
on your vacation."**





"My dad knows God"

WALK WITH GOD, DAD

by Pastor Roy B. Johnson,
Fertile, Minn.

Genesis 5:21-24

Our text tells us that Enoch became a father at age 65. Now I don't know about anyone else, but I'm glad my wife and I didn't wait that long to start our family. Reading on in our text we find that Enoch lived another 300 years before he came to the end of his days. Today things are different. We usually start our families when we are in our twenties, and after 20 years of parenting, we feel like we are soon at the end of our days. It is not easy being a parent in the 20th century. However, before you feel too sorry for yourself, let me remind you that being a parent during Enoch's days was not a "cakewalk" either. In only four generations removed from Enoch, God destroyed the world with a flood because "all flesh had corrupted their way upon the earth." There certainly were evil forces to contend with in Enoch's day also. I believe we can learn from Enoch's life some things that will help us to be more successful fathers. Without a doubt, Enoch was a unique man in that he "walked with God three-hundred years after he became the father of Methuselah." Here, I believe, we have the secret of Enoch's success as a father. A man who truly "walks" with God will see positive results both in his personal life as well as in the lives of his family.

Being a father is serious business

in any age. Unfortunately, there are altogether too many who do not take this role seriously. They do not know what it really means to be a father. Ham Mobley made this observation about fatherhood. "Between the joy of bridegroom and the pride of grandfather, we find a bewildered human called 'father.' Fathers are not born, nor made! They are just something that happens when a wife becomes a mother."

That's an interesting description, to say the least. Whether you agree or not, it does raise the question as to how we should define the role of father. When we look at the root meaning of the word "father" we find it contains the idea of "source" or "prototype." In other words, he is the one from whom the family gets its strength, character and spirit.

General Dean, who served during the Korean conflict, was captured and was to be executed by the North Koreans and Chinese. Before his death, however, he was permitted to write one last note to his family. In it he expressed his love, devotion, and faithfulness to those nearest and dearest to him. Then he asked his wife to give their son this message: "Tell Bill the word is 'integrity.'" Standing at the brink of eternity the

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General didn't say, "Tell Bill the word is . . . popularity . . . money . . . security . . . pleasure, or happiness." General Dean said, "Tell Bill the word is 'integrity.'" How fortunate is the one who has had the privilege to be raised in a home where father personifies integrity and goodness as did General Dean. One of the tragic calamities of our day is the demise of the family structure in our society. Much of it is due to the lack of "integrity" on the part of fathers. Dads are not fulfilling their God-given roles as leaders. They are not the "source" or "prototype" they should be to their children.

The question naturally arises, "Can the situation be changed?" I believe it can. Much of the problem would be rectified if we as fathers followed Enoch's example and "walked with God." Enoch learned that God, the Father, was the "source" and "prototype" for all earthly fathers. To walk with God, as did Enoch, is to experience divine help to fulfill all the responsibilities that life places upon our shoulders. No matter what problems or trials we face, if they are faced with God by our side, we can be victorious!

Let me remind you of two areas where God, our "source" and "prototype" can assist us as we seek to be good fathers. First, God will help us in the routine, everyday relationships and responsibilities of family life. In our heavy schedules, both at home and on the job, we need help just to keep our sanity, much less accomplish anything. For the one who walks with God there is a resource that enables him to meet these challenges that we experience in the routine of daily living.

With the ascension of Jesus and the subsequent events on the day of Pentecost, a new kind of relation began between God and His people. From that day forth, all believers would be "indwelt" by the Holy Spirit (John 14:17). The apostle Paul further elaborated on this new relationship when he said, in Galatians 5:22-23: "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance." In other words, the Holy Spirit would now live in all

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true believers, attempting to produce the character of Jesus Christ in them.

Every father who is serious about fulfilling his everyday responsibilities of being a parent needs this Christ-like character and grace operating in his life. This grace comes only from a close walk with God and submission to the indwelling Holy Spirit. It comes only to those who allow the Spirit to take control. And, as He takes control, He is able to do the pruning and cultivating necessary to produce the fruit Paul talks about in Galatians. And as these graces are produced in us, we will have the resources to handle all our responsibilities as fathers. This Enoch experienced as he walked with God.

Now, secondly, life sometimes brings to us crisis situations which are beyond our human abilities to handle. We may have done our best, by God's grace, and yet we are fail-

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ing. It could be a relationship problem, a financial problem, an illness, a marriage problem, or any number of other situations that are beyond our ability to cope with. We are in need of a miracle if there is to be any hope. In this regard, I am reminded of Jairus, a synagogue official, who came to Jesus with just such a problem. His daughter lay on her deathbed, and unless Jesus healed her, there was no hope. But before Jesus could reach the girl, her condition worsened and she died. Now here was a crisis of great magnitude. However, it was not too great for Jesus. He took her hand and raised her back to life.

It is a source of strength to me as a father to know that Jesus often intervened in the crisis situations of those who walked with Him. In so doing, He showed us that He was the God of every crisis. It did not matter if it was something as small as wine at a wedding, or as serious as the death of a child. He could still the storm, feed the multitudes, heal the sick and even raise the dead. He demonstrated by these miraculous deeds that He was a God who cared about every facet of our existence.

As fathers who walk with God, we can face any and all of life's crises, because we also have the mighty Miracle Worker by our side. Enoch walked with God and received help to live a successful and fruitful life. You and I have the same privilege of walking with God and receiving that same help.

Walking with God means knowing Him in an intimate way. There is simply no greater legacy we can leave our children than for them to observe that we walked with God. Rev. Hilding Halverson tells of overhearing his young son talking with his buddies in the backyard one day. It was one of those amusing "I can whip your dad" routines. One boy proudly said, "My dad knows the mayor of our town!" Another said, "That's nothing—my dad knows the governor of our state!" Wondering what was coming next, Rev. Halverson heard his son say, "That's nothing—my dad knows God!"

Fathers, may I encourage you to get to know God by walking with Him every day of your life. It will be one of the best things you can do to assist you in becoming a successful father.

BARTIMAEUS

Blind, and a beggar beside the way—
Ever and ever the world goes by,
Rich and poor on their pleasure bent,
On the struggle for gold or for bread intent,
And lost in the tumult the piteous cry
Of the poor blind beggar beside the way.

Blind, and a beggar beside the way—
Wearily, wearily, life goes by;
Jostled and hustled and thrust aside,
A log cast up by the surging tide,
Helpless and hopeless the patient sigh
Of the poor blind beggar beside the way.

Blind, and a beggar beside the way—
But Jesus of Nazareth goes not by;
Still He stands till the man has come
And those who hushed him themselves are dumb.
Through all the tumult He heard the cry
Of the poor blind beggar beside the way.

Blind, and a beggar beside the way—
The hurrying people who passed him by,
Thinking alone of their selfish greed
And caring naught for another's need,
They had their day, and they passed away;
But Bartimaeus shall live for aye,
For he knew the Christ, and he called His name;
To his faith and pleading the answer came;
No more a beggar from that glad day,
He followed Jesus along the way.

—Annie Johnson Flint

"Batter up"

Text: "As we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another" (Romans 12:4, 5).

"It was the last inning and Bob Jones was at the bat with a runner on third. The score was a tie. What would you have done, Jim, if you had been at bat?" asked Mr. Parker, Jim's Sunday School teacher. "I would have tried to hit a home run," said Jim. "Well, that isn't what Bob Jones did," said the teacher. "Charles, what would you have done?" Charles hesitated a little about answering. The boys all had been taken aback when Mr. Parker said, "Bob Jones didn't try to knock the ball out of the lot."

"Well, any fellow! What would you have done, if you had been at the bat?" again asked Mr. Parker of his class.

Not a boy replied. Then the teacher said, "I'll tell you what he did. When he got to the plate, he turned to the coach to see what he wanted him to do, and then he made a sacrifice hit so that the man on third could score the winning run."

"Whatever has that got to do with stewardship?" asked Tom. "You said you were going to talk about stewardship today."

"Why, fellows, don't you see that Bob, by making that sacrifice hit instead of trying to 'cop' some of Babe Ruth's glory, was really acting out the part of a good steward? Bob recognized that he was part of a team, and that his opportunity at the bat was not a chance to make a name for himself, by trying to hit it a mile, but it was his chance to help the team win. That's what stewardship means—all we are and all we have has been given to us, not to use for ourselves but for the carrying out of the plans of God, whose we are and whom we serve."

"That's what Paul meant, isn't it," said Tom, "in that text we studied a Sunday or two ago? 'No man liveth to himself and no man dieth to himself, for whether we live, we live unto the Lord and whether we die,

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we die unto the Lord; whether we live, therefore, or die, we are the Lord's."

"Well . . . I never understood before that stewardship had anything to do with baseball," said Jim. "But it's as plain as the nose on your face, if you belong to a team, then everything you've got belongs to the team, too, and ought to be used to help the team win."

"Jim, you're right!" continued Mr. Parker. "We all belong to a team in living our lives. 'We are members one of another,' and God wants to be our great Coach in playing the game. What we have belongs to Him; and we must always find out what He wants us to do to help Him and the rest of mankind to win the game." Jim interrupted by saying, "I guess when Paul said, 'Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do,' he was only asking the Coach what the next play was."

"It's great to see what some of these Sunday School texts really mean, isn't it!" said Tom. "I see how a fellow at home has got to think of the family as a team; and, if he is to be a good steward, he will try to play the game for the home bunch, even if he has to make a sacrifice hit once in a while."

Mr. Parker waited for some of the other fellows to say something, but none spoke, though every one of

them began to see as never before how their time, their talents, their skill, their strength and even their opportunities—their chance at the bat—were not their own to use just for themselves, but had been given them as a trust to be used to make life finer, richer and more beautiful. Stewardship meant that they were partners on a team out to win the world for Christ.

"There's another thing that needs to be said," resumed Mr. Parker, when he found that the boys had said their whole say for now. "The meaning of this sacrifice hit of Bob's must also be carried into the life of the business world. Some of you boys, when you're older, will become businessmen. Perhaps one or two of you may become ministers or missionaries. When the rest of you go into business, will you think Bob's hit has anything to do with the making of money?"

"No, I don't think so," said Tom. "It's all right to talk about stewardship when you're playing a game, or are thinking of school, or the home. But business is different. You don't go into business to make sacrifice hits, you go into business to get all you can."

"That's what I think," piped in Charles, "you've got to get money to live. You can't afford to do much sacrifice hitting, or you will be bankrupt. Your competitors will be getting all the money, and you will get the merry Ha! Ha!"

"Then you all think that Jesus hasn't anything to say about a man's business, do you?" asked Mr. Parker. "You can be religious on Sunday, while you are in church, but you can't be religious on Monday, when you go to your factory or your store."

"Oh, no! I don't mean that," said Charles. "Of course, you've got to be honest and kind and charitable in your business."

"But I think we must be more than all that, as Christian businessmen," replied Mr. Parker. "Our business is also a part of the great game we are

playing under the eye and direction of the great Coach. Even in making our money, we must count ourselves members of the team and always ask, 'What can I do to help the team win? I must not try to get on myself by sacrificing the team. I must be ready, if the Coach calls for it, to make the sacrifice hit, even in business.' We who are going to be big business men must make our money by helping the whole team to win."

"Say, Mr. Parker," asked Tom, "does this have anything to do with the way we use our money after we get it?"

"Sure, it does," said Jim. "A fellow has got to use his money right if he is going to be a good steward and play the game square."

"Yes," continued Mr. Parker. "I wanted to say just a word about the way we must use our money. Do any of you see how Bob's sacrifice hit applies to the use of our money?"

"That's easy," Tom said. "You have to sacrifice to help poor people."

"There's a bigger way than that in which Bob's hit hits us in this matter of the use of our money," replied the boys' teacher. "If it is true, as Jim said, that everything we have belongs to us to use for the team, then Bob's hit has something to say, not only to the little bit we may give to the poor, but to all the rest as well."

"Let us see how we may use our money. There are only three ways in which we dispose of our money. What are they?"

"Spending! Giving! Saving!" said Tom.

"Right you are, Tom, but why not put them in the order in which we have talked of them. What is the order, Tom? What should we think of first?"

"Giving," said Tom; "then saving and then spending."

"Right again, Tom. We all see now, don't we, that all we have belongs to God, and that even after we give we must save and spend so that the team can win?"

"I understand all that," said Jim. "I understand that I must save not for myself only, but I must save to be able to give more—both of money

and of myself; and that I must spend to meet my own needs and comfort but also to help win the game, but I don't think I understand all about this giving business. How much should I give? How can I best handle it? Oh, there are a lot of questions I want to know about."

"I think we have had enough today, fellows, but next week we will talk about the Separated Portion; and I'll have a new kind of bank here for you to see. It is called a 'Giving Bank.' I want to show you how you may take care of the money you plan to give, and here is an account book called The Junior Steward's Account Book, to show how to keep a record of all the money you get and what you do with it. There goes the bell! I hope you will talk this all over with mother and dad when you go home. We'll continue our lesson next Sunday."

HYMN

Sing and memorize "A Charge to Keep I Have." (Call particular attention to all stewardship implications in the hymn.)

A charge to keep I have,
A God to glorify;
A never-dying soul to save,
And fit it for the sky;

To serve the present age;
My calling to fulfill,
O may it all my powers engage
To do my Master's will.

Arm me with jealous care,
As in thy sight to live;
And O, Thy servant, Lord, prepare
A strict account to give.

Help me to watch and pray,
And on Thyself rely,
Assured, if I my trust betray,
I shall forever die.

TO TEACH — That all men belong together and should play the game of life as a team. It is team-play that is asked of us, not brilliant, selfish, grand-standing. Often it is the sacrifice hit that wins the game.

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

fellowship corner

ALL WE CAN OFFER YOU

I'd like to invite you to come see us in our cluttered home. We trust we would show you Christian love and fellowship. And we trust you would go back to your home a little more enriched, not because you saw beautiful, luxurious furniture, or even a spotless house, but we trust that you first of all would sense that Christ is the Head of our home. Then my husband is the head under Christ. And after that, that you would sense contentment here, for this is what is in my heart today.

At the beginning of this week, the second week in April, we went to our farm to work. I didn't want to get started on what I know will be a busy summer for Arnold and me. I didn't say this to him, but prayed very much. And then I got a beautiful feeling about going.

As I was standing waiting for Arnold, a flock of wild geese went over squawking their song. Then I heard our beloved meadowlark, also the robins. And I looked around and thought about the beautiful sky and leaves starting to come again.

Then I realized we, both of us, are blessed and happy without all the extras that some must have today to be happy.

There is just so very, very much money will never buy. I thank God for Himself and for a loving and caring husband, and friends all around us! And I wondered what has happened to us as God's children. Our churches must be so elaborate and so decorated that to me it's not coming to hear God's Word, but rather to see our beautiful churches, etc., etc., whether the members can pay for them or not. And the same seems to go for our homes, clothes, etc. I wonder if this isn't materialism.

So when you come to visit us, I truly hope you do, don't expect anything fancy, but just God's presence and our love and fellowship.

Oh, yes, there is always something to eat. So, welcome!

Mrs. Arnold Jodock

editorials

THANK YOU, PASTOR JACKSON

Pastor Wallace Jackson, our devotional writer these past six months, has a way with words. We knew that when we asked him to write for us and that ability has come through his articles. And while using words in an interesting way, he has also invested them with real spiritual meaning, something which is essential for the handler of God's Word.

So Pastor Jackson has served our family of readers well through this ministry "At the Master's Feet." Thank you, Pastor, for doing this writing. Be assured that you have reached many, many people with the Word of the Lord. God's blessings as you continue to serve Calvary Lutheran in Wallace, S. Dak., and enlarge the musical ministry for which God has also given you a gift.

And now it is time to introduce our new writer. He is Lay Pastor Gustav Nordvall, Roseau, Minn. For years the address was Ross, but when that Post Office was discontinued he and his family were placed on the Star Route out of Roseau.

Pastor Nordvall preached his first sermon about 50 years ago. So he has been a lay preacher for many years and also a farmer. The farming is over, but he has preached, and continues to do so, in both Canada (Manitoba) and the United States. He lives half a mile from the international boundary on the slopes of Minnesota Hill. Since 1973 he has served Oiland and Badger Creek Lutheran Churches of Greenbush and Badger respectively.

Pastor Nordvall has the gift of putting things in an interesting way both on paper and in the pulpit. We welcome you, Pastor, as our new writer. The Lord bless you.

PAAVO RUOTSALAINEN

Paavo Ruotsalainen was an evangelist in Finland at roughly the same time as Hans Nielsen Hauge was active in Norway and accomplished, by the Holy Spirit, in his own country what Hauge did in Norway, a revival of spiritual life.

G. Everett Arden calls Ruotsalainen one of the "Four Northern Lights" in his book of the same name. The others are N.F.S. Grundtvig (Denmark), Carl Olof Rosenius (Sweden), and Hauge.

Ruotsalainen was solid in the Lutheran understanding that man must daily see his own sinfulness for it is that realization which will throw him upon the mercy of God also each day.

And isn't that the old truth that the Christian doesn't grow in independence of Christ, but rather in *dependence* upon Him? Yes, the believer comes to life's end, as we call it, more appreciative of God's grace than he was when he first believed. Blessed grace of God which has followed me unto this day and has borne me up in all the trials and difficulties of life!

Ruotsalainen, like many another Christian, saw life with Christ as a lifelong battle. The struggle is not *with* Christ, but with the forces which would cast doubt upon the relationship and on the efficacy of Jesus' work at Calvary. Good it is, then, said Ruotsalainen to look unto Christ and the Holy Spirit.

We are grateful to God for the shining lights of men and women of many nations who have called people to salvation and to faithful following of the Savior. Such a man was Paavo Ruotsalainen.

A GREATER GOD

The modern sermon, if we plan to make it significant and effective, must give to men a greater God than they have yet imagined for themselves! Most of the trouble people have with their faith comes not of knowing too much about life or about the world, but of knowing too little about God.

—Paul Scherer, *For We Have This Treasure*

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BUDGET RECEIPTS February 1-April 30

| FUND | TOTAL BUDGET | TOTAL REC'D TO DATE | % of TOTAL |
|--------------------------|----------------|------------------------|------------|
| General Fund | \$ 193,152.00 | \$ 36,488.89 | 19 |
| Schools — AFLTS AFLBS | 267,484.00 | 30,361.00 | 11 |
| Home Missions | 237,739.00 | 21,633.78 | 9 |
| World Missions | 274,720.00 | 36,190.09 | 13 |
| Praise Fund | 30,000.00 | 5,953.23 | 20 |
| TOTAL | \$1,003,095.00 | \$130,626.99 | 13* |
| 1983-84 | \$ 963,916.00 | \$121,928.29 | 7 |

*Goal 25%

SERVICE

by Selma Peterson Myhre,
1903-1984

*Delivered at the Annual Convention
of the Puget Sound District Y.P.S.
Conference, Enumclaw, Wash.*

There is a universal demand for service. In all lines of activities, service is a fundamental requirement. We patronize those places of business which give us the best and most efficient service. In choosing men and women to fill places of responsibility, the question always arises, Will he give the service which we require?

To be able to work and perform a service is a duty, a privilege, and a blessing. Work rewards us with

peace of mind and heart. God smiles His rich benediction of joy and happiness on us when we obey His call to conscientious endeavor.

It is well for us to stop and ask ourselves the question, Am I giving the world the service which is required of me? Am I serving my God and my fellowmen with the talents which God has given me? Each of us has some particular duty to perform. Wherever our work may be, there is a responsibility which each of us must meet. There is something which you can do better than anything else and better than any one else. If you do not do it, it will remain undone for all time and eternity. Gordon has said, "God has a man for every emergency and an emergency for every man."



Letters to the editor

WANTS SCHOOL PRAYER

There is much good spiritual material in *The Lutheran Ambassador*; we WMF members enjoy using the Bible studies.

But I decry the opinions expressed in some of your editorials. Some time ago you were advocating objections to the attempts of the Moral Majority to turn our country around so that we can again be a Christian nation by supporting President Reagan in his objectives to do away with legalized abortion, prevent passage of an equal rights amendment (ERA), etc.. God has blessed our nation for over 200 years because our founding fathers recognized His omnipotence in the wording of the Constitution, on our coins, etc.. But now, if we Christians don't cooperate in correcting the evils in our society, we will be destroyed as Rome was. Christians arguing about the right way to baptize, the meaning and administration of the Lord's Supper and forgetting about God's love for us all by giving His only Son to die for us has given the atheistic Communists the opportunity to take over two-thirds of the world.

In the April 10th issue you said it was a good thing that the President's prayer amendment was defeated. How could you? I thank our two South Dakota Senators for voting for the Amendment while the North Dakota Senators voted against it. I suppose the wording could've been changed a little. But what's wrong with children in school thanking God for their food before lunch time?

When I attended college at Black Hills State (in 1935-36), we had chapel services (attendance was not mandatory); President Woodburn would read a favorite passage of Scripture and a hymn would be sung. I can't understand your siding with the American Civil Liberties Union in opposing school prayer (voluntary). Soon Communism will take over our good old USA because Christians like you quibble about "wording" instead of getting behind our President's efforts to bring our nation "Back to God"!

You say, "Do any families get time these days to have a prayer together as the day begins?" I'm sure many Christian families take time to

pray together in the mornings as we do.

I disagree with your last paragraph also.

Mrs. Ivan (Martha) Sabo
Reva, S. Dak.

SUPPORTS HOME MISSIONS

In May we in the Roseau Lutheran Parish joined with other AFLC congregations and friends in support of the Home Mission Appeal.

As pastor it was a joy and a blessing to see and hear laymen of our churches enthusiastically sharing reports on the progress, together with the financial needs. I personally thank our laymen, Tom Fugleberg, Mike Dahl and Rod Kjersten for the fine presentations, also others in our AFLC congregations.

This is also an opportunity to express appreciation for the work our Home Missions Director is doing together with our dedicated Home Mission Board. Having been a past member of the Board, I can understand the frustration and needs. To you men, I say our people are with you in prayer and concern. We trust God will meet the needs.

Phil. 4:19: "And my God shall supply all your needs."

Pastor Larry Severson
Roseau, Minn.

It is for us then to prepare for this service, in order that we might carry out the expectations of God. We owe God consecrated lives. A consecrated life does not necessarily need to be one devoted to the ministerial profession. The common laborer, the industrial worker, the business man, and professional man can be equally consecrated by performing all his duties in the right spirit and attitude towards God.

The Bible has given us examples of model servants and has given us standards of service which we should strive to attain. In the Old Testament we find Eliezer as an example of a model servant. All are familiar with the story of how Abraham sends his faithful servant Eliezer to seek a wife for his son Isaac. Eliezer went willingly, with a prayer in his heart for God's guidance, and he was successful in his mission. Some of the qualities which we observe in this servant are: (1) he does not run unsent, (2) he goes where he is sent, and (3) he does nothing else. All these show his perfect obedience to his master.

Let us next consider the standards of service set for us by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. In John 9:4, He says, "I must work the works of Him that sent me while it is day, the night cometh when no man can work." He felt that He had a certain work that He must accomplish and a certain length of time in which to complete it. He realized the responsibility of accomplishing this set task, a task which was peculiarly his own and which only he could accomplish.

We know, too, with what diligence He pursued His labors, working from early in the morning until late at night, healing, teaching, comforting, and bringing sunshine into dark and troubled hearts. "The night cometh when no man can work. I must work the works of Him that sent Me." These thoughts were continually before Jesus. Every moment was precious, and at the end He was able to say, "It is finished." His life task was completed. He had performed that to which He had been appointed. His life had been a life of unselfish service, performed not for

worldly gain or applause, but given that he might alleviate a sin-burdened people and bring joy and light to a dark and sinful world.

We find that preparation is essential for efficient and competent service both in the business and professional world and likewise for consecrated service for God. It should go hand in hand with vocational preparation.

We are not told definitely of the preparation which Jesus had for His work, but from the story of His visit to the temple at the age of twelve, in which we read of how He discussed learnedly on serious subjects and astonished the learned scribes with His wisdom, we realize that He had, no doubt, received thorough training and instruction from His mother in His home. From His teachings and parables we note that He was a student of nature. He observed the most ordinary little things of life and saw their relationship to the universe and to the Creator. He spent many hours communing with God, His heavenly Father. During those years in the carpenter shop in Nazareth, Jesus was storing up wisdom. He was preparing for that definite task which He realized more and more to be His very own.

In the lives of such men as John the Baptist, Moses, Joseph, Paul, and others, we can trace a definite term of preparation. Before going out to preach the coming of the Kingdom, John spent years in the wilderness where he received that special training which was necessary in order that he might be the able forerunner of Jesus. Paul, with his excellent education, was not ready to enter upon his real work, that of the great missionary to the Gentiles, until he had spent years in the deserts of Arabia. Here in quiet and prayerful meditation, he received his instruc-

tion and learned to comprehend fully God's wonderful plan of salvation.

And so, even as Jesus felt His definite call from God to a definite work, we, too, should feel our responsibility. Are we going to allow the work, which God has allotted to us and which He depends on us to do, to remain undone?

It behooves us to "redeem the time" as the Apostle says. Let us buy up the hours and quarter hours, particularly during the sacred period of youth. Let us answer the challenge to consecrated service. "The harvest indeed is plenteous, but the laborers are few." Let us therefore pray God to send out laborers in His vineyard and that He will show us the tasks which are allotted to us. Let us, through communion with God, and through meditation upon His Word by the guidance of the Holy Spirit, seek to prepare ourselves for this work.

Daniel says, "And they that be wise shall shine as the stars of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever." God richly rewards His servants.

The life work of every man, even though he has done his best, may be very incomplete and imperfect. But if we have redeemed the time and done all to the glory of God, then He will bless our poor, weak endeavor and we shall hear Him saying unto us, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant. Thou hast been faithful over few things, behold I will make thee ruler over many things. Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

—*The Lutheran Messenger*

"To be able to work and perform a service is a duty, a privilege, and a blessing."

THE WOMEN'S PAGE

Spring Rally review

Eastern North Dakota

The Eastern North Dakota WMF Spring Rally was held at Trinity Free Lutheran Church in Minnewauken, N.Dak., May 5, 1984.

The theme was "In His Steps" taken from I Peter 2:21, "For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps." Theme song was "Footsteps of Jesus."

The hymn sings were led by Mrs. Bonnie Herman. Those sharing in song were Lay Pastor and Mrs. Ted Kjelstom, Mrs. Phyllis Nikunen, Pastor and Mrs. John Abel, and Mrs. Karen Dalager.

Pastor LeRoy Flickinger, the Bible Study leader, spoke on the theme and shared questions for self-examination and took us through the many different steps of growth in Christian virtue.

Pastor John Abel also shared with us that day and we are so thankful for all the new home churches in Brazil and for the "Tide Program."

There were 96 registered.

Northern Minnesota

Rose Lutheran Church of rural Roseau was the location for the Northern Minnesota District WMF Spring Rally on April 14. Priscilla Wold presented the morning Bible study and the afternoon message. Pastor and Mrs. John Abel sang and gave an update of the work in Brazil.

Mrs. Judy Fugleberg was elected president along with Annette Kirkeide as sec-



retary and Sharon Christianson as cradle roll secretary. Westaker Lutheran in Newfolden offered to host the ladies for the Fall Rally.

—Annette Kirkeide

Southwest Central Minn.

"Ye are the salt and the light" was the theme for the Southwest Central Minnesota District Rally at Tordenskjold Free Lutheran in Underwood, Minnesota. Mrs. Gerald Knudsvig led the Bible study and spoke in the afternoon.

Mrs. Merle Fagerberg led in devotions and Mrs. Dennis Grey conducted the prayer time. Mrs. Walter Baldwin was the singspiration leader and directed the District Choir. Rev. and Mrs. John Kjos also provided special music for the 151 registered ladies.

Officers elected were: Mrs. Harold Erickson, vice president; Mrs. Earl Jones, secretary; Mrs. Lois Oscarson, cradle roll secretary; and Mrs. Norman Haugen and Mrs. Leslie Iverson, nominating committee.



Our Savior's Free Lutheran Church, Brooten, Minn., held their April meeting at Lakeview Care Center in Glenwood, the home of Ida Grundseth.

HERMAN FAMILY. Back row left to right: Donita and Rich Lenz, Duane and Jodi Decker, Jay Herman, Rollin and Michelle Herman and daughter Lexi.

Front row: Wes and JoEllen Herman and daughter, Jes, Ruth, holding Michael Lenz, Don, holding Mark Herman, Sue and Wendell Herman and daughter Kristin.

AFLC woman is N.Dak. Mother of the year

Ruth Herman, a member of Trinity Lutheran Church of Minnewaukan, N.Dak., has been named North Dakota Mother of the Year. She was recently honored at Trinity by the Made-ette Homemaker Club and the Benson County Farm Bureau, who had sponsored her for the contest.

Ruth and Don Herman are parents of six children who have grown up in a home where God is revered and honored. Their example of godly living is very evident not only in their home but in their daily contacts with their fellowmen. Their children are: Wendell, Assistant Vice-President, Norwest Capital Management and Trust of Fargo, N.Dak.; Wesley, an ophthalmologist in Dallas, Tex.; Donita, a licensed practical nurse in Buffalo, Wyo.; Rollie, a dentist in Devils Lake, N.Dak.; Jodi, a physical therapist in St. Paul, Minn.; and Jay, a 1984 graduate in Agricultural Engineering, from NDSU, Fargo. They are also very proud of their five grandchildren.

A former teacher of all the Herman children in the Leeds, N.Dak., High School, Mrs. Arlene Paulson, said: "Each child was an individual, with ideas which were always encouraged and promoted by his or her parents." Their wonderful college

Our hymn study

Concordia, No. 12

Tune: Finlandia

Jean Sibelius, 1865

4th Century Te Deum, adapted

The original Te Deum was written by Nicetas, Bishop of Serbia (area of Yugoslavia). It is a tremendous composition of 39 lines in four stanzas, partly a hymn of praise and partly a confession of faith, intended to take the place of pagan hymns which the people had sung from their childhood. Apparently it worked; St. Jerome says that Nicetas "spread Christianity among the barbarians with his sweet songs of the Cross."

The Te Deum, or adaptations of it, has been most widely used on occasions of profound thanksgiving, e.g., after great victories. Ironically, it was also the hymn sung by the two monks who were burned at the stake in Brussels, their crime being their profession of the Protestant faith. Martin Luther commemorated the martyrs with his first hymn, "A New Song of the two Martyrs for Christ, burnt at Brussels by the Sophists of Louvain."

This adaptation is set to a symphonic poem (a musical ode intended to extol the beauty of scenery and virtue of life in one's homeland) by Finland's greatest composer, Jean Sibelius.

—Don Rodvold

Thee God, We Praise Thy Holy Name We Bless

*Thee, God, we praise,
Thy holy name we bless,
Thee, Lord of all,
We humbly do confess.
The whole creation ever worships Thee,
The Father of eternity—
The whole creation ever worships Thee,
The Father of eternity.*

*O Thou most holy,
Holy, holy Lord,
Thou, God of hosts,
By all, by all adored.
Earth and the heav'ns are ever full of Thee,
Thy light, Thy pow'r, Thy majesty—
Earth and the heav'ns are ever full of Thee,
Thy light, Thy pow'r, Thy majesty.*

records are evidence that this has carried on even after leaving the family surroundings.

Ruth's philosophy on parenthood can be summed up in this manner: "Children are a gift from God and each child which enters a home should be labeled, 'handle with care, love me, discipline me, work, play and pray with me.'" This philosophy has been practiced to its fullest. The relationship between children and parents is outstanding.

Ruth will be honored at a luncheon at the Municipal Country Club and at a reception by Gov. and Mrs. Allen Olson in the Governor's Mansion in Bismarck on June 9th. —Edna Sollin



Not every Mother-Daughter Tea has a family of 5 generations of women in attendance, but that is what happened at Medicine Lake Lutheran this spring. Nearly 100 ladies enjoyed the lunch and program along with Mrs. Gertrude Hoffman, Mrs. Carol James, Mrs. Gaylin Laabs, Mrs. Rodney Knowles and daughter Jacqueline.

CAMPUS NEWS

The two years are over

James Lyell Johnson

Part II

It happened so fast—so quickly, so suddenly. And now you're left with the memories.

It's been a month already—just a short month since you walked to the front of the chapel and they gave you the diploma and snapped the photos and called you an Association Free Lutheran Bible School graduate.

Just a couple of nights before, everything had been so *normal*. You sat in the dorm room, just you and some friends—joking and laughing, testing each other on Bible memory work, praying together, talking as if it always would be this way.

You were wrong because things couldn't stay that way. Soon after May 18, graduation night, you would find it out for yourself.

The friends were gone, the times were over, the hours and hours of intensive and daily Bible study at AFLBS were through.

It was time to stand out on your own, to go home and settle back into your church again, start making new friends and gaining new fellowship again, to ready yourself for a new school, perhaps, where you would continue to change, day by day.

It was time to call it a Bible School education.

But still, you couldn't help remembering. The memories flowed on the quiet nights. You remembered the changes, the Bible, the friends you found at AFLBS.

A few Bible School graduates of 1984 stopped to recall their days at AFLBS:

Sherri Melvie, 19

Hometown: Viking, Minn.

Home church: Our Saviour's Lutheran (Thief River Falls)

"Bible School really opened my eyes—sensitized me—to people around me and especially in the way I conduct myself and relate to them.

I think God really made me aware of the people in my life, especially in regard to my past behavior toward them.

"At Bible School I grew up and became more tender-hearted. I needed to spend time in a Christian atmosphere, studying the Bible, learning to grow—to find myself, to find Jesus in a special way. I'm thankful for the time I spent at AFLBS."

Jim Berge, 19

Hometown: Grass Valley, Ore.

"Bible School changed my values in a lot of areas, but mostly, Bible School changed my ideas of friendships. The first Christian friends I had were the ones I met here at Bible School. A friendship with a brother or sister in Christ is a real treasure. The giving, sharing, and fellowship that occurs is something that lasts."

Karen Christopherson, 20

Hometown: Amery, Wis.

Home church: Amery Lutheran

"I think what changed me most during Bible School was spending a summer singing on the 1983 Ambassadors Gospel Team. It was the most memorable experience I had during my time there.

"I remember Pastor Michael Brandt telling us at the beginning of the summer that we were chosen because God wanted to teach us something. Looking back, I can see how He did teach me that summer. I learned a lot about myself and my relationship to God. I learned how to share my faith.

"Now that I'm done with Bible School it's important to apply what I learned—all the knowledge I gained from the classes and studying should be applied to my everyday Christian walk.

"Because of attending Bible School, I feel confident in my beliefs. My foundation is secure. I feel much



Graduate Terry Claus, Wahpeton, N.Dak.



Graduate Kenya Knutson, Ferndale, Wash., and Rev. Richard Snipstead.

more confident about moving on with my life, because Bible School has given me a foundation to build upon: Jesus Christ and His Word."

Brenda Feil, 20

Hometown: Zumbrota, Minn.

Home church: Our Saviour's Lutheran

"There were many memorable incidents that struck me during my two years at AFLBS, but the one I think of now is one Saturday night service at Promotion Days. Pastor Don Greven was speaking.

"As he spoke, God impressed on me the importance of being faithful in little things. I have to prove faithful in the small areas of life before God will entrust me with bigger things. Before that night, I was pretty confident, too confident, about things in my life. But during that service God showed just how much more I need to grow in Him.

"I'm thankful for nights like that at Bible School. I'm thankful for other things I learned there, too. At Bible School I learned to witness, to know so much about Christ that I can answer the questions others ask me, to be living such a life that the natural response is to share Christ—to bring Him into every area of my life.

"I'm glad I went to Bible School."

AFLTS announces summer courses

The annual Summer Institute of Theology sponsored by Association Free Lutheran Theological Seminary, Minneapolis, Minn., will be held July 23-Aug. 3, two five-day sessions.

In the first week, Dr. Walter Martin, founder and Director of The Christian Research Institute, will present 12 hours on Cults and Isms. AFLTS instructor Rev. Robert L. Lee will conduct a preaching workshop that same week.

Three courses will be offered in week number two. They are Music in Christian Ministry (Mr. Donald Rodvold), Doctrine of the Holy Spirit (Rev. Francis Monseth), and Studies in II Corinthians (Rev. Philip Haugen). These three men are also on the local seminary faculty.

A Creationism Seminar led by Dr. Walter Lang of the Bible-Science Association will be given the evenings of July 23, 24, 30, 31, and August 2 at 7 o'clock.

news of the churches

from here and there . . .

Greenbush, Minn. — Ten young people were confirmed at United Lutheran Church on May 6.

On Mother's Day the men served coffee and rolls before the morning service. They also presented each woman present a carnation corsage.

Canton, S. Dak. — The first service in the new church was held on June 3, even though all work on the new structure is not fully finished. That Sunday also marked Pastor Kenneth Moland's last Sunday with the congregation. He and Pastor Robert Lee have been serving the church. The new pastor, Rodger Olson, will begin his work at Canton at the end of July or first of August.

Bagley, Minn. — Grace and Rice Congregations had a Recognition Banquet for confirmands, graduates and new members on May 16 at Grace Lutheran. New members at Grace honored were Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Benson, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Dowell, Mrs. Gordon Friborg, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hangsleben, Mrs. Hazel Johnson, Mr. and

Mrs. Terry Knutson and Mrs. Martha Stenen. Those for Rice Lutheran were Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Halvorson and Mrs. Mitchell Shegrud. The Granely Family were special guests and provided the major part of the program.

Underwood, Minn. — Carpeting for the new basement addition has been purchased for Tordenskjold Lutheran Church by the Ladies Aid, but anyone who wishes may share in the project.

Minneapolis, Minn. — A Parish Task Force from Rosedale and Faith Lutheran Churches is recommending that the two congregations begin holding joint worship services at Rosedale starting on Sept. 9. The congregations will vote on the proposal at quarterly business meetings in July. Rev. Ralph Rokke is the pastor of both churches.

Wilderness Camp

The third annual assembly at Wilderness Camp, Lake Park, Minn., will be held July 18-22. Rev. Wendell Johnson is the evening speaker. Mrs. Johnson will teach the younger children. The Bible teacher will be Rev. Francis Monseth. There is no charge but there will be the opportunity to share in freewill offerings. Rev. Gordon L. Grage, Brandon, Minn., is the dean.

Congratulations

Congratulations are in order to Pastor and Mrs. Wayne Hjermstad, Eden Prairie, Minn., on the birth of a daughter on May 21. Her name is Gracia Esther and she joins a brother, Micah. Mrs. Hjermstad, Solveig, does the layout design in the *Ambassador* and also edits the Women's Page.

No issue on July 3

According to recent policy, there will be no issue of *The Lutheran Ambassador* on July 3, that is, the first issue of the month of July.

Our next issue, July 17, will carry a full report on the 1984 Annual Conference, as well as the August WMF Bible Study.

May we remind you that a second issue will also be omitted this summer, the second one in August. Please bear that in mind in making announcements for the month of September.

The Editor

For further information, please contact the Dean, AFLTS, 3110 E. Medicine Lake Blvd., Minneapolis, Minn. 55441.

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 held membership.

MICHIGAN

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Toivo Herrala, 78, Apr. 11, Hope

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Carl Qualey, 89, May 10, Norland

MRS. A. E. MYHRE

Selma A. Myhre, widow of A. E. Myhre, a Lutheran Free Church pastor, passed away at the Lutheran Home in Tacoma, Wash., on April 27.

She was born in Enumclaw, Wash., in 1903. She was an elementary school teacher before her marriage to Pastor Myrhe in 1929. They served parishes in Tacoma (Zion) and Chippewa Falls, Wis. Pastor Myhre died as the result of injuries sustained in an auto accident in 1936.

The family returned to Tacoma and Mrs. Myhre resumed her work of teaching, something she did for about 30 years. She was active in Sunday School work and also became a certified brailist.

Her funeral was held on May 3 at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Tacoma. Burial was at Enumclaw.

Mrs. Myhre is survived by two sons, Paul, Umatilla, Ore., and Philip, Claremont, Calif., three granddaughters and a sister, Esther A. Myrhe, Enumclaw.

Blessed be her memory.

(Ed. note: I met son Paul at Cheilan, Wash., in 1963. He has been a subscriber to the *Ambassador* almost from the beginning. See page 10 for an article by Selma Myhre.)

Personalities

Rev. Orville T. Olson is now serving Trinity Lutheran Church, Boscobel, Wis. He and his wife Shirley are living in the parsonage at 1201 Park, Boscobel 53805.

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Suggestions requested

The Board of Trustees of Association Free Lutheran Bible School hereby invites congregations of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations and individual members of those congregations to submit recommendations for the position of dean of the school.

Prior to the Annual Conference of 1985 the Board and faculty of the Schools will nominate the person who shall be presented to the Conference for election as dean.

Please send all recommendations to Rev. Michael Brandt, Chairman, Board of Trustees, 311 Montgomery, Amery, Wis. 54001.

TRF Academy gets computer grant

Appleton, Wis. — Our Saviour's Christian Academy, Thief River Falls, Minnesota, has been awarded a \$3,000 grant for the 1984-85 school year from Aid Association for Lutherans (AAL).

The money will be used to obtain a computer and related expenses for 25 students enrolled in a computer science course. The grant is part of AAL's Lutheran High School Enrichment Program which will provide more than \$455,000 this year to nearly 100 Lutheran high schools in the United States.

The Academy is operated by Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Rev. Leslie Galland, pastor.

AFLBS Homecoming '84 dates set

The 1984 Homecoming Committee for Association Free Lutheran Bible School announces that the dates for Homecoming this year are Oct. 12-14.

Pastor Gary Jorgenson, Stanley, N. Dak., an alumnus, will speak at the banquet on Saturday evening. Overall theme of Homecoming will be "Be Thou Our Vision" (Heb. 12:2).

Further program plans will be given later. Plan now to attend.

Bethany Bible Camp announces schedule

Bethany Bible Camp, the camp of the North Central Minnesota District, will run two short weeks of camp this year. The senior camp, for those who have completed at least 7th grade, will run from June 27 to July 1. The junior camp, grades three through six, will operate from July 1-4. Dean for both weeks is Pastor Mauritz Lundeen, Bagley.

Guest Bible teachers will be Rev. and Mrs. Richard Gunderson, Escanaba, Mich. Pastor Gunderson will also speak in the evenings.

Bethany Camp is on Grace Lake, about 8½ miles east of Bemidji. The cost for each camp is \$20.