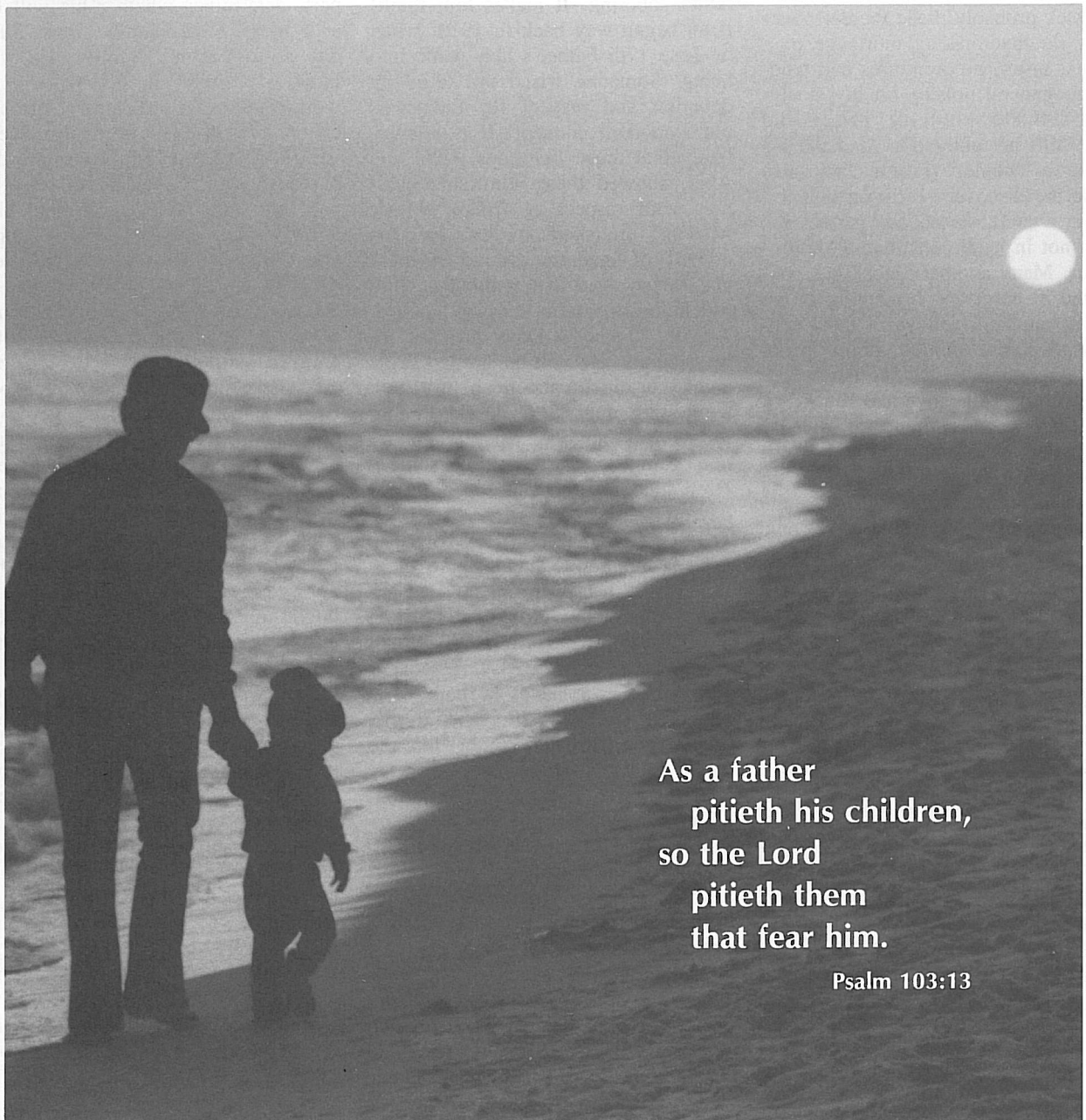


# THE LUTHERAN AMBASSADOR

June 5, 1984



As a father  
pitieth his children,  
so the Lord  
pitieth them  
that fear him.

Psalm 103:13

# AT THE MASTER'S FEET



## The house that Jack built

Pastor Wallace Jackson

Matthew 7:24-27

"It takes a heap of livin' to make a house a home" someone reminds us. Jack probably made the discovery early on that making mortgage payments, insurance premiums and tending to general upkeep on his newly-built \$90,000 split-level "palace" did not fulfill his obligation to make his house a "home." Pastor Jack also made the discovery early on that living in a church-provided "parsonage" does not in itself constitute a "home" either. Many another "Jack" has concluded in observing his family growing in numbers and years that, contrary to public opinion, home is not just where the hearth is, but where the heart is. The mythical "Jack" of the fairy tale is found to quickly transform into any able-bodied, biologically sound, mentally keen father of the decade of the "Eighties." He wears big shoes and

fills them well. He is said to have good "understanding."

The fact that Jack, as a father, has a day set aside especially for him is rather sobering. It makes him think! It all began way back in 1910, when on June 17th Father's Day came into being. Someone wised up! Showing devotion and respect for fathers is not a modern concept. It is not unlikely that those first sons, Cain and Abel, showed these admirable qualities with respect to Adam, whose wisdom produced names for the myriad of creatures found in field and forest. And that without a child psychologist to point the way!

Sadly, Father's Days are not always sunny. He will be startled if his eight-year-old bursts in on him with the jolting query: "Dad, I'd like to follow in your footsteps, when are you going to start making some?" How suddenly the sun sets on your day off!

**THE CHRISTIAN HOME.** One must search far to find a word more suggestive, heartwarming and meaningful than the word "home." It is more than a word, it is an experience. Home may be ostentatious or simple. It may have "a bath or a path." It is home! If Christ dwells there it is a Christian home. Here the Lover of souls carries on a work of changing lives, improving relationships and satisfying hearts. Here discipline is exercised, patience exhibited and understanding demonstrated. The adhesive that holds it all together is the love that "covereth a multitude of sins." It is a place of peace, shelter and security. The walls which "keep in" the flock are designed to keep out the anti-Christian influences. This sanctuary needs to be a bastion against materialistic "overdrive"; where mammon is clo-

seted until needed. God's Word must be the acknowledged heritage of all concerned.

It will be Dad who, for the most part, determines whether his will be a "Sunday go-a-fishin'" or a "Sunday go-to-meetin'" family. He will likely determine if his will be a work-on-Sunday, seat-in-the-bleachers, or seat-in-the-pew family. There is little doubt that Dad determines the personality of the clan. He sets the pace and may well hear behind him a tiny voice saying, "Daddy, don't you walk so fast!" He sets the standard by which his family is reared. He is responsible for body and soul alike. A TV "dinner" causes little harm to a little body, but a TV "Special" may cause soul contamination. Even for a Minnesotan, being a Steeler fan is not all bad. It may indeed help mold character and help prevent his "future man" from becoming a stealer. But, it is not enough! Counterproductive advertising of a macho fullback holding his favorite brew does little good for the inner man of the little man. He watches Dad while Dad watches them.

And so, from Pastor Jack to you "Jack," whoever you are, do your thing as a devoted dad. Shoulder the load and make straight paths for your feet. Then that eight-year-old won't have to ask you when you are going to make some tracks for him to follow. With Christ in your heart and by your side this "Carpenter of Nazareth" will assist you to not only build a house, but a home, indeed, a home that will be a foretaste of heaven.

It is good to recall that the house that was built upon the rock stood firm!

Happy Father's Day!

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# Association awaits Annual Conference

For the seventh time the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations will meet at the church headquarters in suburban Minneapolis, Minn., for her annual conference.

The annual conference, the 22nd, will be held June 21-24 in the church building on the shores of Medicine Lake.

A large turnout is expected for several reasons. There will be an election for president of the AFLC. The three-year term of Rev. R. Snipstead expires. He has served since 1978. He is eligible for re-election. Second, a number of new congregations and missions have joined the fellowship and they are expected to be represented at conference. Third, conferences held in Minneapolis tend to draw well. The all-time high registration for a conference was six years ago in Minneapolis when 496 delegates were present. Three years ago the total was almost 100 less, but still good in comparison to other conference totals.

There will be elections for vice-president and secretary of the Association for one-year terms as well as for board and committee members. Some of the elections will be in corporation annual meetings during the conference.

An ordination service will be held Sunday afternoon, June 24. Mr. Walter Beaman, McIntosh, Minn., who has served in the AFLC for many years and who had pastoral experience in another church body before that, and who was once a missionary in South America under an independent Lutheran mission, will be one of those ordained. Two or more graduates of the AFLC's theological seminary this year will also be ordained at conference. Ordination for the seminary seniors is contingent upon having completed all re-

quirements for graduation and having accepted a call from a parish.

It is expected that the Facilities Committee will bring in a report on exact costs for a new building at AFLBS and for an apartment complex for seminary students and their families. The 1983 conference called for this report and more information on facility needs at the Schools.

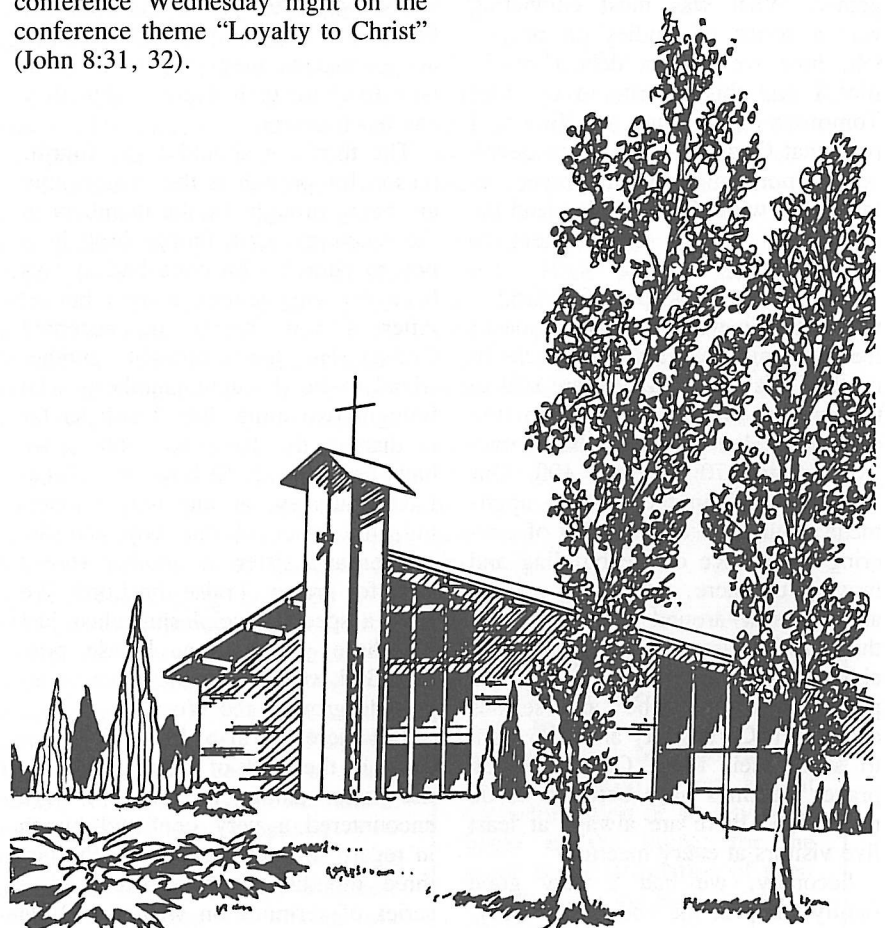
Much of the remainder of the conference business is expected to be routine. Quite a good deal of attention will be directed to pensions again this year, however, as pensions (retirement) and health insurance were separated last year. Also, a new carrier for the pastors' and workers' health insurance had to be secured recently.

Rev. Kenneth Pentti, Ishpeming, Mich., evangelist of the church, will preach the opening sermon of the conference Wednesday night on the conference theme "Loyalty to Christ" (John 8:31, 32).

The women's auxiliary of the AFLC, the Women's Missionary Federation, will hold its annual convention on Wednesday morning and afternoon, preceding the annual conference. On Thursday night the WMF will present its mission festival service. Mrs. Grace Syverson, Tioga, N. Dak., is the president.

The youth auxiliary, the Luther League Federation, Rev. Curtis Emerson, Valley City, N. Dak., president, will be featured at the Saturday evening service.

For the complete program of the Annual Conference, please turn to pages 15 and 16 in this issue.





# world missions

## REPORT FROM MISSIONARY DAVID ABEL

(This communication was written in early April to the Executive Director of AFLC World Missions and the Missions Committee and is shared with *Ambassador* readers now.)

"Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of His knowledge by us in every place" (II Cor. 2:14).

I'm sitting at a Bible camp in Quito, Ecuador, just praising the Lord for the victory which we have in Jesus. I've been here for a week of special training sponsored by Evangelism Explosion III for future clinic teachers in Latin America. It has been a time of real spiritual renewal as we studied and prayed together. What was most convicting was a series of studies on prayer. Oh, how we need a deeper prayer life! I find this so true in my life! Tomorrow as I return to Vitoria, I pray that God will help me to develop a more meaningful prayer relationship with Him and also lead the church in a new commitment to prayer.

We have much to pray for. God is working in a way that causes me to feel insignificant and so much in need of His direction. We are still in the process of officially organizing our church but the group has grown from around 70 to about 100. Our little "church" in the upstairs apartment is full! We are thinking of covering the terrace of the building and moving up there, where we will be able to seat around 200-250. Why the growth? First of all, a good base, eight to ten families, who are real prayer warriors, who are serious about their Christianity and who want to share their faith. Our mid-week prayer meetings have between 45-60 people and there are always at least five visitors at every meeting.

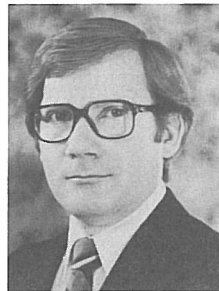
Secondly, we had a very good family camp at the end of February, with the whole church in attendance. Our theme was "How to be a Wit-

ness." Through the instruction of a special guest couple the youth and adults were motivated to go out into the streets on Wednesday and Thursday nights after camp and share their faith, using the "Four Spiritual Laws." God blessed and together with another evangelical church we prayed with 42 souls during those two nights. Several of these are now being followed up by the group. Though I do not think the "Four Spiritual Laws" is the best method, yet by giving my people something they can use right now, it has been exciting to hear the testimonies as they share about relatives and friends whom they have witnessed to.

We have also started training in Evangelism Explosion, which involves four people. We hope by September to have six teams going out every week to share the Gospel. Praise the Lord! These four people are excited as they prepare to learn how to share their faith so that they can teach others.

The third, or should I say fourth, reason for growth is the visitors that are being brought by the members to the meetings. One family brought a boy to church who once had always been throwing stones at their house. After a few weeks he accepted Christ. He then brought another friend, who brought another, who brought two more. The result so far is that in the last two months we have prayed with 12 boys age 12-17. Last Thursday, at our prayer meeting, the sister of one boy and the mother and sister of another stayed after for prayer. Praise the Lord! We have a special discipleship class just for these young men. Please pray that God would help these new converts to grow in the Word.

But there are also difficulties. Because of the work of a renegade Baptist pastor among the group I have encountered a very confused bunch in regard to doctrine. During the last three months we have preached a series of sermons on what the Bible teaches on various subjects. Infant baptism has been the area with the



**LYLE AADAHL**  
Hometown: Wanamingo, Minnesota  
Available for call.



**FRANK CHERNEY**  
Hometown: St. Paul, Minnesota  
Called to Bethany Lutheran, Sebeka, Minnesota.  
To be ordained at the Annual Conference.



**STEVE KNEELAND**  
Hometown: Cloquet, Minnesota  
Available for call.

most questions. By decision of the church council, I am now visiting each family to get information for our membership file, to find out their personal spiritual condition and to ask and answer any doctrinal questions. The council hopes we will have at least nine families who will be willing to organize a church which is Lutheran in doctrine. So far we have found four families in favor, two still in doubt, one family that has joined a Baptist church and one family that has received assurance of



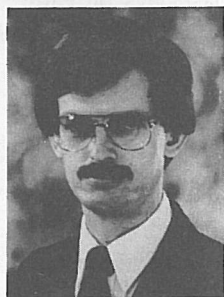
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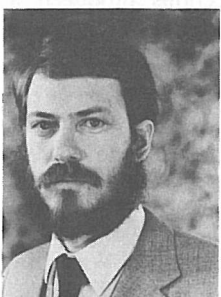
**PAUL ABEL**  
Hometown: Campo Mourao, Parana, Brazil  
Considering mission service.



**TED BERKAS**  
Hometown: Kenyon, Minnesota  
Called to Faith Lutheran, Granite Falls, Minnesota.  
To be ordained July 1, at Kenyon, Minnesota.



**BRIAN DAVIDSON**  
Hometown: Ortle, South Dakota  
Available for call.



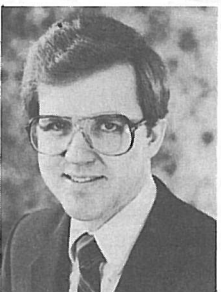
**DAN GILES**  
Hometown: Phoenix, Arizona  
Considering mission service.



**RODNEY JOHNSON**  
Hometown: McIntosh, Minnesota  
Available for call.



**JOHN MUNDFROM**  
Hometown: Minneapolis, Minnesota  
Available for call.



**JOEL ROLF**  
Hometown: McIntosh, Minnesota  
Called to Christ Lutheran, Devils Lake, North Dakota.  
To be ordained at the Annual Conference.



**TERRY WOLD**  
Hometown: Thief River Falls, Minnesota  
Available for call.

their salvation. Please pray for this most important area and really the future of the work here.

Mail has not been coming very well to the Campo Grande number. We now have another box at a post office that receives mail by a more direct route. The address is:

Caixa Postal 242  
29100 Vila Velha  
Espirito Santo, Brazil

Please send future correspondence to this number.

I'm looking forward to getting

back to Brazil tomorrow. While I am here the men of the church gladly took over the many activities. We have something going on every night except Monday. We will be dividing up the group into various smaller groups for Bible studies in the homes on Tuesday nights, led by laymen. This is a more informal place where the converts can first go to begin getting into the church. Pray for this ministry.

I will be teaching one Evangelism Explosion clinic this year in a city

about four hours from here. We are planning for between 25-30 pastors. Continue to pray for Brazil. For the first time Janet (my wife) and I were able to see how carnal and immoral Brazilian "carnaval" is, being in a large city. How this country needs Jesus! The devil is having a heyday! Thank you for your prayers and support. God grant us wisdom, strength and vision to keep proclaiming the Gospel till Jesus comes. Maranatha!

Your brother in the Lord,  
David Abel

# 1984 AFLBS Choral Club Tour

Drizzling rain didn't dampen the spirits of 31 Bible School singers, April 11th, as they boarded the bus for the 1984 Choral Club Tour. This was the day of leaving exams and papers and classrooms behind and setting out to visit churches, giving the concert they had long been working hard on. For some it would be seeing home and loved ones. For all it would be making new friends. For some it was their first concert tour, for some their second. For Pastor Dyrud and myself it was the third. For Ken Koch, the bus driver, it was one of several; and for Mr. Rodvold, one of many, perhaps almost 30!

The ladies at Cloquet were preparing the delicious supper for us in church as we arrived, unloaded the gear and baggage, and each set out on the assigned task of setting up for the evening concert. The pastor and others were there also, greeting and welcoming us. And thus it was at each place we arrived the next nine times: Wadena, Shevlin and Dalton in Minnesota; Abercrombie and McLeod in North Dakota; Canton, Pukwana and Faith in South Dakota; and lastly, in Willmar, Minnesota.

Much could be said of each place we visited and of each home that hosted each of us. All was special and so much appreciated. We do realize the planning and the work involved in receiving a group like this—much “behind-the-scenes detail”! However, we do also believe you meant it, dear friends, when you expressed that you “enjoyed and were glad to do it.” So, a hearty thanks to each one involved in receiving us. God bless you for it.

Feeling the atmosphere of each parish and church building is a rich experience in itself. One imagines and appreciates the ongoing history from early pioneer days to the present and marvels at God's steadfast leading and benediction upon His people. We are reminded of the importance of being faithful and happy in the very spot He places us. It is always a blessing to hear the shepherd of the flock express joy and

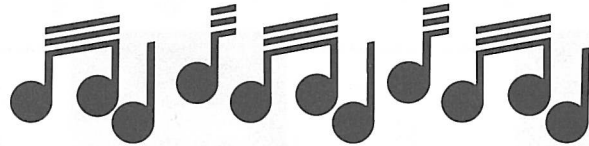
contentment in his place of service. Likewise, it is blessed to hear members of the flock express that same enthusiasm and joy. It was good to see the houses of worship well cared for. Some had built big additions; at one (Canton), a new building was nearing completion. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Personally, every concert was a blessing to me. The music and the words of the selections produced a spiritual feast. In these songs there were prayers and supplications, confessions of sin, profession of faith, admonition to witness our faith, and much praise. Note the titles of some that were sung: “All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name; Thanks Be to Thee; Gracious Spirit; The Gift of Love; I Have Come to You; Abide With Me; Oh, For A Shout; Joyfully We Praise Your Name; My Faith Looks Up to Thee; Savior, Thy Dying Love,

church carrying two books, the Bible or New Testament and the hymnbook (also without music notes). These two books were the same size and it was not uncommon to have both leather-bound into one book.

These concerts were during Lent. Pastor Dyrud's message was based on John 12:20-33 and centered on “We would see Jesus.” As he expounded verse by verse, we were brought to Jesus' last days on earth, the time for His glorification through suffering and death on the cross for our salvation. The challenge went out to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and be saved, and also to live such lives that people will come to us and say, “We would see Jesus.”

Pastor Dyrud and I count it a privilege to travel with the Choral Club and its Director on tour. May God bless all our Bible School students. The more we get to know



On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand; I Love You, Lord; Go, Sing the Song,” etc. Christ is seen in these young folks as they sing. To see their faces and to hear them sing “On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand” with the sincerity and forcefulness with which they sing, gives us of the older generation confidence and hope for the future!

ica's most favorite hymn, “My Faith Looks Up to Thee,” he told how the author, Mr. Palmer, carried this poem in his pocket for two years, using it for his own spiritual nourishment, before a musician named Mr. Mason asked for the poem so he could set it to music. Mr. Rodvold reminded us that our good hymns were excellent devotional material. How true this is. I thought of my own parents and grandparents often reading from the Norwegian hymnbook (no music notes in it) for their devotions. I also thought of our Malagasy friends who came to

them, the more we love them. May God be permitted to lead each one to the place of service He plans for him or her. We thank God for giving Mr. Rodvold to the AFLC as the director of music at the Bible School and Seminary, and pray for continued strength and grace for him also. May we all be much in prayer for our Schools and staff at Medicine Lake.

As we arrived home late on April 19th, we were mindful of Mr. Rodvold and Mr. Koch, who would start on another choir tour the *very* next day. Our prayers go out to the AFLBS Choir and to Pastor Kenneth Moland who would accompany them. We know they, too, are having rich experiences among the churches they visit and that they, too, extend the same gratitude for all that is done for them.

Psalm 96:2 spells out our task: “Sing to the Lord, bless His name; tell of His salvation from day to day.” Mrs. Amos Dyrud

# CAMPUS NEWS

## THE TWO YEARS ARE OVER

**James Lyell Johnson**

Done. Finished. The two years are over.

It's been two years of Bible at Association Free Lutheran Bible School. Two years of classes, two years of changing.

A lot of changes. Big changes.

It's been two years of friendships, too, with people you never dreamed you would know, much less share your heart with, much less cry when you left them—in some cases for good.

But the profit from Bible School will never leave, because Bible School has left you a different person.

You used to think you knew a lot about the Bible.

You didn't. By the time you graduated, you knew the learning had only begun.

You used to wonder if you ever would have the courage to actually stand up and speak out for Christ.

It happened. On sure, there's still fear sometimes, but you can stand out now. You really can.

And you used to wonder if you ever would break out of a thousand ruts in your tiresome, boring, day-to-day life.

You did. Bible School "de-rutified" you. Really.

Yes, Bible School changed you. A few AFLBS graduates of 1984 offer testimony to the fact—how Bible School changed them:

### **Rhoda Stueland, 19**

**Hometown: Roslyn, S. Dak.**

**Home church: Tabor Lutheran**

*"I grew a lot in my Christian walk at Bible School.*

*"Not only did I become more doctrinally firm, but I also learned that I am special and unique, and that God has a plan for me, even if I don't know it now. I learned to trust in the Lord for everything, that the Lord's will is always best, and not to take things into my own hands. He will always provide."*

### **Alan Arnesen, 19**

**Hometown: Spicer, Minn.**

**Home church: Green Lake Lutheran**

*"AFLBS changed my life in more ways than I can number.*

*"Through classes I became more acquainted with God's Word and have come closer to Him. I became more comfortable sharing my problems with Him. Also, at Bible School God gave me more patience to accept things as they are.*

*"What a way to spend two years of my life: to study God's Word and prepare for the world ahead."*

### **Jane Johnson, 19**

**Hometown: Slapneck, Mich.**

**Home church: Calvary Lutheran (Eben Junction)**

*"The Holy Spirit works through the Word, and I know that God has changed me through it during my time at AFLBS. He increased my vision, strengthened my convictions and my conscience.*

*"Bible School has left me with some great experiences, too. One thing I'll never forget is one of my Sunday School students looking up at me and asking, 'How can I get to heaven?'"*

*"God gave me my first opportunity to lead someone to Christ! I witnessed a miracle that night.*

*"I learned a lot at Bible School. I learned to trust God for everything—money, hard assignments, homesickness, traveling with a summer team. I think of Phil. 4:19: 'And my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.'"*

### **Gwen Snipstead, 19**

**Hometown: Minneapolis, Minn.**

**Home church: Medicine Lake Lutheran**

*"I came to Bible School with the idea of making a lot of progress in my own spiritual life. I was basically concerned only about the effects it would have on me and the rest of my life.*

*"I left Bible School with a different outlook. I realized that growing in my daily walk with Christ is very important, but even more important are all the people who don't know Him.*

*"I learned to care about the people who haven't met Christ yet, and the importance of sharing the Gospel with them.*

*"Bible School has given me a different outlook on life. I realized that the only way my life is going to be worthwhile is to live for Christ. In fact, it should be impossible for me to live for myself, because if I'm really following Christ then I have been crucified. Christ lives in me, and it should no longer be I who live, but Christ. I'm going to depend on Him to carry me through the rest of my life."* (To be continued)

## COUNTRY STYLE DEVOTIONS

*"But He knoweth the way that I take: when He hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold" (Job 23:10).*

### *Winding Paths*

As we drive the country roads we now see what the farmer has planted. Out of the black plowed fields have emerged emerald velvet carpets of oats and green striped rows of corn and soybeans. Our eyes try to follow the winding paths of the contoured fields and we wonder how the farmer will be able to cultivate them. Surely

it will be like traveling a maze and will often lead him to a dead end. Only the person who planted the field really knows where the curving rows will end.

Dear Heavenly Father, sometimes our lives follow such confusing, puzzling paths that we wonder what good can come of such a complicated mess. Yet You remind us that the outcome will be good and there will be no dead ends . . . for You know the way we take!

Thank You for Your daily care and guidance.

In Jesus' name. Amen  
Mrs. Doris Stensland  
Canton, S. Dak.





# AFLC Family Camp

## DAILY SCHEDULE

- 7:30 Rising bell
- 8:00 Breakfast
- 8:30 Faculty Meeting
- 9:00 Bible Hour
- 9:50 Break
- 10:15 Bible Class and Discussion Hour
- 11:00 Missionary Hour
- 12:00 Dinner
- 1:00 Quiet Time or Choir
- 2:00 Recreation
- 5:30 Supper
- 7:00 Prayer Time
- 7:30 Evening Service
- 9:00 Campfire
- 10:00 Devotions
- 10:30 Lights Out

## SUNDAY

- 9:30 Communion Service
- 11:00 Morning Worship
- 12:15 Dinner

## LOCATION

**By Car:** Go north on Highway No. 59 to Lake Bronson, Minnesota. Turn (east) at Lake Bronson and go through the town and continue east for about 2 miles until you enter the Lake Bronson State Park. Galilee Bible Camp is in the State Park and there will be signs showing you where to go. You do not have to buy a sticker for your car if you tell the park officials that you are going to the Bible Camp.

**By Mail:** Send mail in care of Galilee Bible Camp, Lake Bronson, Minnesota 56734.

If you have a camper or a tent you are encouraged to bring it as we have ample space for campers.

**BY PHONE:** You may call 754-6321 after 2:00 on Monday, July 21. Camp opens at 2:00 p.m. on that day. *Campers must not arrive until 2:00 p.m. on Monday.*

## WHAT TO BRING

Bible, notebook, bedding, towels, wash cloths, personal items, sporting goods, musical instruments. Dormitory rooms are available for teens and single people.

## REGULATIONS

Do not bring radios, record players or tape players. Recorders are allowed to record sessions.

Shorts are for recreation only.

Dresses or skirts are to be worn in all sessions. Pant suits may be acceptable.

No bikini bathing suits.

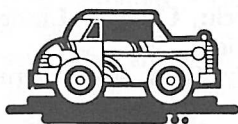
No firecrackers.

**July 9-15**  
**Galilee Bible Camp**  
**Lake Bronson, Minn.**

**Camp theme: "Pray the Lord of the Harvest"**  
**Matthew 9:38**

## CAMP STAFF

Camp Dean - Pastor Les Galland  
Assistant Dean - Mr. J. A. Grimstad  
Manager - Mr. Sheldon Mortrud  
Assistant Manager - Mr. Don Balmer  
Treasurer - Mrs. Don Balmer  
Registrar - Mr. Glenn Espe  
Dean of Men  
Dean of Women  
Nurse



## CAMP FACULTY

Adult Bible Teacher  
Pastor Leroy Flickinger  
Evangelist  
Pastor Kenneth Pentti  
Mission Speaker  
Pastor John Abel  
Youth Bible Teacher  
Mr. Paul Abel  
Children's Bible Teacher  
Mrs. Paul Abel  
Prayer Leader  
Pastor Burton Rygh  
Choir Director  
Mrs. Barbara Johnson

## RATES

### Weekly Rates:

#### Meals and Lodging:

Adults	\$35.00
Youth (12-19 years)	30.00
Children (4-11 years)	25.00
Children under 4	free
Maximum Family rate	130.00
Registration fee per person	1.00
Registration fee per family	2.00

Individual meals are available at the camp. Tickets can be purchased at the registration office. Rates for those staying in camping vehicles or tents who do not purchase meal tickets: \$3.50 per vehicle per day.

## HEALTH CERTIFICATES

Law requires that any young person under eighteen who attends camp without a parent or guardian must have a health certificate and immunization record filled out prior to his arrival at camp. Such record, to be completed by his parent or guardian, is to indicate that the camper is fully protected against measles, rubella, diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio, and mumps, giving dates of each immunization. If the camper has health problems, a physical exam by a physician within one year is required. Ask your pastor for a copy of this form or write to the Camp Dean at 404 Kendall Ave. So., Thief River Falls, Minn. 56701.

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# editorials

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## FATHER'S DAY

Father: head of the house, provider, pastor in the home. And he is more, even as several titles or descriptions can't do justice to the responsibilities and work of a mother.

It goes without saying that a family is rich and strong in relationship to how well a father assumes his leadership and how well father and mother can complement each other (and occasionally compliment one another, too).

Fathers set patterns for their children, even as mothers do. Fortunate the family where the example is good and clear. Fortunate the home where Father knows the Lord Jesus Christ in a personal way and gets his strength for his responsibilities from the Throne of Grace each day.

God bless our fathers in every way that He can. Honor Dad today and every day.

## FAMILIAR GROUND

God willing, when this writer steps on the campus of our AFLC Schools and headquarters in a couple weeks, it will be about a year since the last time. That is a long time but that is how it has gone for us.

Yes, time has slipped by, but it will be good to get back to a very familiar place. After all, we spent five school years on those hallowed grounds and there have been many, many visits.

It gets hard to distinguish among the six previous conferences held at Medicine Lake. The first one stands out for the negative spirit that was present. There wasn't a oneness of spirit such as we hoped for. Tensions were evident. All did not look hopeful for the infant church. Thank God, the fellowship didn't break although a few persons felt their chances, their hopes lay in other directions. We respect them for that.

At another conference the girls' dorm was dedicated. What a proud day that was for us. At a third the boys' dorm was consecrated for God's use. Another sign of stability and progress. Those are a few of the recollections which come quickly to mind.

The Association was indeed fortunate to secure such a fine property as we have up the slopes from "picture book" Medicine Lake. Many might cast an envious eye on the approximately 25 acres.

The property isn't as private as it once was. Many new homes have been built in the neighborhood, but we trust that irritants from a much larger community population have been minimal.

We think that all those who are returning in coming to the annual conference will truly enjoy to be back. We'll all see some changes even if it's only been a year. Those who haven't been at our Schools-Headquarters for three years will notice even more.

People make a conference, but place is important, too. This year our conference is at an old familiar location.

## ROUTINE CONFERENCE?

From all indications the forthcoming annual conference will be a routine one. Routine in the sense that no prickly issues loom ahead. However, it can happen that just when that looks to be the case, something interesting develops.

Of course, the election of a president shouldn't be seen as routine in the sense that it's done at every conference. But neither do we see it as a difficult matter.

We are going to hear more about some things which were talked about last year: new buildings at the Schools, pastors' health care, the new Capital Investment Fund, plans to conclude the present debt at the Schools, seminary internship, how we're doing on the first million-dollar-goal in the AFLC. Whether any decision is to be made on a possible Schools' building project this year, we don't know.

And there will be other things discussed: missions abroad and at home, publications, parish education, evangelism, the whole area of stewardship of money, etc., etc.

It would be good if potential delegates to the conference, at least, would refer back to our reports on last year's conference in the *Ambassador* as well as the 1983 Annual Report. Thus prospective delegates might get an idea of what to expect this year.

In no way do we suggest that if the conference is routine that it will be dull. It will be concerned with God's work. And that's the most exciting thing in the world. Not hockey- or basketball-exciting, but on a much deeper level.

This is an annual plea we make, but it needs emphasis each year. *Pray* for the Annual Conference of 1984. Pray down the Lord's blessing and benediction upon this 22nd conference. Expect great things from Him.

## WEEKLY DEADLINES

Every pastor conducting a regular ministry has at least one weekly deadline, perhaps several more. But the one we're thinking of now is the deadline of being prepared to preach a sermon on Sunday each week. That's quite a thing when you come to think about it.

Usually, if he is a follower of the pericope texts (a good idea), his text is chosen for him. It will either be the Gospel or Epistle (Scripture) text for the day. Then the task is his to make ready the "message" God would have him bring to his people on the appointed day. ◇

# THE WOMEN'S PAGE

## Spring WMF Rally reports

### *Minneapolis District*

Morgan Avenue Lutheran, Minneapolis, Minn., was the site of the Spring Rally of the Minneapolis District WMF held on April 10. Theme for the day was "Look on the Fields," with the theme verse being John 4:35. Registration and coffee hour began at 9:00 a.m., followed by the hymn sing led by Mrs. Michael Brandt, Amery, Wis.. Organist for the day was Mrs. John Mundfrom.

Due to the illness of Mrs. Burton Boyum, president, Mrs. Esther Larson, opened the session with prayer. Mrs. Alice Kinnunen extended the welcome on behalf of the Morgan Avenue WMF. Mrs. Brandt favored us with a song. Morning Bible study leader was Pastor Yeddo Gottel, host pastor.

The business meeting opened and Mrs. Amos Dyrud presented the ballot for the election of officers. Officers elected were Mrs. Boyum, president, Miss Kathy Hansen, treasurer, Mrs. Joel Grubb, Mrs. Irvin Hodnefield, and Mrs. Marlyn Kruse, nominating committee. The fall rally will be at Rosedale Lutheran, Mpls., with Faith Lutheran, Mpls., assisting, on October 20th. Reports were

given by Margaret Mundfrom, Missionary-for-a-Day Secretary, and Betty Christopherson, Cradle Roll Secretary. Verna Lindgren, mother of Mrs. Charles Knapp, and Mrs. Rao Dasari shared news of their families. Mrs. Bob Dietsche shared news from the ARC. A special invitation was extended to us by Mrs. Brandt to come to the first Women's Retreat to be held at the ARC on May 4-6.

The afternoon session began with Anne Miller, Faith Lutheran, Mpls., sharing devotions. "Thanks to God" was sung for us by Pastor Yeddo Gottel. The afternoon speaker was Miss Evelyn Stensland, Emmanuel Lutheran, Kenyon, Minn., who shared her mission experiences in Bolivia. One hundred fifty-six registered for the day.

—Mrs. Ronald Horn

### *West Coast*

The West Coast District WMF Rally was held in conjunction with the Mid-Winter Bible Conference on March 2, at Eugene, Oregon. Our theme was "Redeeming the Time."

Mrs. David Russum of Arlington, Wash., gave the Bible study. She was joined by Mrs. Richard Anderson in singing a duet. Mrs. Solveig Hays, Everett, led the Memorial Ser-

### *Eastern South Dakota*

Ortley Lutheran Church of Ortley hosted the Eastern South Dakota District Spring Rally on Friday, May 4. After Mrs. Robert Rudebusch's welcome, a singspiration led by Mrs. James Swanson, and devotions by Mrs. Jon Wellumson, Mrs. Einar Unseth from Bismarck, N. Dak., spoke to us from our theme, "Promises of God." She urged us to train our children as unto the Lord and Pastor Unseth also extended a greeting to the group. Several of the visiting churches furnished special music selections. Approximately 70 persons were in attendance.

—Mrs. Jon Wellumson

### *North Central Minnesota*

"The King Is Coming," was the theme at the Spring Rally at Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church, McIntosh, on April 28. Rev. and Mrs. Roy Johnson, Winger, were the speakers for the day.

Mrs. Bill Goodman, Bemidji, led the singspiration by using Psalms with familiar hymn tunes. Mrs. Lucille Kildal, Shevlin, shared mission news and the prayer time was led by Mrs. Ed Mathison of Bagley.

Forty-seven people registered for the day.

—Mrs. Fern Aamodt

vice in remembering Lisa Fish of Everett.

The guest speaker was Missionary Vivian Forsberg. Mrs. Alvin Grothe and Kathy Olson sang a duet. Bev Eikenberry and Marilyn Pedersen were re-elected as treasurer and president.

Thirty women registered for the day.

—Kathy Olson

## EDITORIAL . . .

As ready as he'd like to be or not, he must get into the pulpit of his church and proclaim that message. He doesn't stand there alone. The Holy Spirit is beside him and within, but He is effectual as the pastor depends upon Him and has looked to Him for guidance in the preparation.

Yes, it's quite a thing, to be a preacher of the Word week after week. Much will depend, too, on how much praying there is out in the pews. It will go so much better for the man in the pulpit if he is being borne upon the wings of the peoples' prayers.

Pray for that man with those weekly deadlines.



Participants in the West Coast District WMF Rally included Mrs. David Russum, Mrs. Don Pederson, Mrs. Don Nelson and Miss Vivian Forsberg.





## Lesson VII The "I AMs" of Jesus

I AM THE TRUE VINE — John 15:1

This discourse in John 15:1-11 takes place after the celebration of the Last Supper. Whether it took place in the courtyard or on the way through the valley of the Kidron, is immaterial. It is very possible that the hills around Jerusalem inspired Jesus to say: "I Am the True Vine," for we know that vineyards grew in abundance second only to the olive groves around the Holy City.

Jesus used the vine culture in many of His parables to show how His Father had tried and tried again to salvage the vine He Himself had planted in the soil of the Promised Land. All the vines of the earth are pictures and emblems of Jesus. They all point to Him, tell of Him and reveal Him.

How many times haven't we admired a beautiful vine, sat and rested under its shadow, and even tasted the delicious fruit it produced. If we desire to know Jesus, let us study the vine and come and admire Him, take refuge and rest in His shadow, and feast on the sweet and satisfying heavenly fruit.

### I. THE DOCTRINE OF THIS PARABLE

#### A. The True Vine

1. List the things that are said about the True Vine in the following verses of John 15.

v. 1)	_____	v. 4)	_____
v. 5)	_____	v. 6)	_____
v. 7)	_____	v. 9)	_____

16. a) What does the joy of the Lord do in our hearts? v. 11

b) Why are there many who never find this joy?

(Philippians 2:21)

c) What is given to us when we come into His presence?

(Psalm 16:11)

Jesus first,

Yourself last,

and nothing between

spells joy in the true sense.

### B. OBEDIENCE AND SERVICE

17. a) According to v. 16, who are His chosen instruments and what are they commanded to do?

b) What is Paul's admonition to us in Philippians 2:2?

18. Fill in the following: "— the Lord with —" (Psalm 100:2).  
"They that — in — shall reap in —" (Psalm 126:5).

As we abide in Him, the fruit of the Spirit of Christlikeness, such as joy, love, peace, gentleness, is produced in our lives. Abiding in Him results in fruit in our service of sharing Jesus Christ with others. We must recognize our dependency upon Him. He said: "Without Me ye can do nothing" (John 15:5). No matter how great our need, the divine resources are never exhausted. From abiding in Him comes a productive harvest of fruit. Much fruit! Let us ask ourselves the question: Am I abiding in Him? Is my life producing much fruit? If not, why not?

Dear Lord, may Thy Holy Spirit fill us with Thyself that we may bear much fruit. Amen.

Suggested hymn for closing: "Abide in Grace, Lord Jesus" (#57 in the *Concordia*)

Mrs. Gerald Knudsvig  
Buxton, N. Dak.

2. What did Jesus mean when He said, "I Am the True Vine"?  
 (John 1:14) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (1 John 5:12) \_\_\_\_\_

**B. THE HUSBANDMAN**

3. If Jesus is the Vine, what does that say about His relationship to the Father, in the following verses?  
 John 15:1 \_\_\_\_\_  
 John 5:19 \_\_\_\_\_  
 John 14:10 \_\_\_\_\_
4. Which article of the Apostle's Creed expresses God as the Landowner and the Vinedresser? \_\_\_\_\_

**C. THE BRANCHES**

5. Jesus is the true Vine. What does that say about His relationship to us? (15:5a) \_\_\_\_\_
6. List the things which are told to us about the branches in the given verses of John 15.  
 v. 2) \_\_\_\_\_ v. 4) \_\_\_\_\_  
 v. 5) \_\_\_\_\_ v. 4) \_\_\_\_\_

**II. THE DUTIES TAUGHT BY THIS PARABLE**

**A. To Be Fruitful**

7. Looking at a fruitful vine we look for grapes, and in a Christian we look for Christianity. What do we look for in the life of a Christian when we are seeking this fruit? \_\_\_\_\_
8. What is the doom of the unfruitful? (15:21) \_\_\_\_\_
9. What promise is given to the fruitful in 15:2b? \_\_\_\_\_

10. a) According to v. 3, what is the pruning knife of our Heavenly Vinedresser? \_\_\_\_\_  
 (the believer)? \_\_\_\_\_

*Faith* makes a man a Christian.  
*His life* proves he is a Christian.  
*Trial* confirms him as a Christian.  
*Death* crowns him as a Christian.

**B. TO BE ABIDING**

11. 1) What must we do in order to be fruitful branches? (15:4) \_\_\_\_\_  
 b) What will He do in turn for us? \_\_\_\_\_  
 "If we want an *increase of Christ*, there must be a *decrease of self*!"

12. Match the following verses to the reasons for abiding in Christ.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ for fruitfulness a) John 15:7  
 \_\_\_\_\_ for prayer b) 1 John 2:28  
 \_\_\_\_\_ for confidence c) 1 John 3:16  
 \_\_\_\_\_ for holiness of walk d) John 15:4, 5

13. What is the fatal consequence of forsaking Christ? v. 6 \_\_\_\_\_
14. What is the blessed privilege given to those who abide in Christ? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (15:7).

**III. THE RESULTS OF THIS PARABLE**

**A. Joy and Love**

15. a) Read v. 8. What are the results of fruit-bearing? \_\_\_\_\_
- b) What does Jesus admonish His children to do in vs. 9 and 10? \_\_\_\_\_

## news of the churches

**Rev. Fred Carlson**, Wadena, Minn., who had resigned as pastor of Zion Lutheran Church of that city and Bethany Lutheran Church (Bluegrass), Sebeka, Minn., earlier, has accepted the call to serve only Zion and will continue to reside at Wadena. Bethany Lutheran is calling its own pastor.

**Rev. Paul Nash**, pastor of Hope Lutheran Church, Ishpeming, Mich., since 1975, has resigned and will conclude his ministry there some time this summer. His future plans are not known at this time.

Please make this change in the address of **Rev. and Mrs. Merle Knutson**, Lakefield, Minn. 56150. Their box number is now 1064.

### Counsellors Needed

The Eastern North Dakota District Bible Camp is in need of counsellors, four for girls and three for boys. Prayer is requested for this need.

Pastor LeRoy Flickinger, Leeds, N. Dak., camp dean, announces that the camp will be in session Aug. 12-17. Pastor Rodney Stueland, Roslyn, S. Dak., will be the evening speaker and will lead the first hour Bible study each morning.

### The Verle Deans Honored

Lay Pastor and Mrs. Verle Dean were honored on the occasion of their 40th anniversary on Sunday, May 20, at Scandia Lutheran Church, rural Sedan, Minn.. The anniversary was hosted by their children.

### 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.

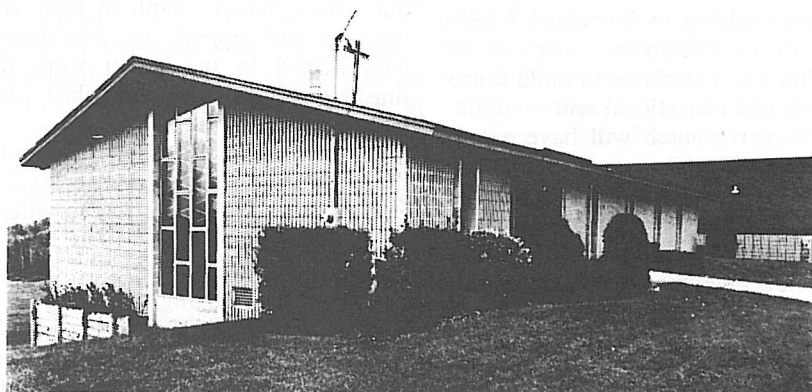
#### SOUTH DAKOTA

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**Benard Thompson**, 66, Apr. 11, Calvary

Webster

**Earl P. Davidson**, 63, Dec. 27, 1983



King of Glory Lutheran Church

### Minneapolis, Minn.

In recognizing their recent acceptance by the AFLC into their membership, King of Glory Lutheran Church of Eden Prairie, Minn., conducted a special service of thanksgiving on April 25. Following a fellowship supper for the congregation, Pastor Elden Nelson, AFLC Home Missions Director, shared a slide picture presentation of the AFLC. A question and answer time followed through which there came a much better understanding of how the local congregation is the mainstay of the AFLC and possesses great opportunities for being a blessing and to be blessed. A number of musical selections were sung by former members of an AFLBS Gospel team, many of whom are associate members of King of Glory as they attend school and work apart from their home congregations. Pastor Francis Monseth closed the evening with an encouraging and challenging message from Peter's sermon recorded in Acts 2.

King of Glory was organized in 1969 by a number of families who chose to separate from the American Lutheran Church and the Lutheran Church of America because of rising concern for trends toward liberalism, trends which the proposed new merger is sure to increase. The AFLC was underscored by a sincere sense of necessity in uniting our voices in common confession and our gifts in united service unto the Lord.

The church's move into the AFLC was announced in the *Eden Prairie News* along with the reasons for its new affiliation. Pastor Wayne A. Hjermstad has been serving King of Glory since December, 1977, and was joined in this ministry by his wife, Solveig after their marriage in June, 1981.

### Ortley, S. Dak.

On May 6, following the worship service, Ortley Lutheran Church had its annual Recognition Service for our confirmands and graduates. They are as follows: Confirmands - Danny Berger, Jeff Berger and Vicky Engstorn. High School graduates - Lonn Berger and Donovan Burns. College graduates - Linda Barnhart and Bobby Rudebusch. Seminary graduate - Brian Davidson. Mrs. L. M. Dorsett was presented with a card and gift for her many dedicated years of service in our music department and Service Circle. A potluck dinner and time of fellowship followed in the annex.

#### BEGIN AT HOME

Someone has said: "If you want to reform society, don't mount a soap box; go home!" What he meant to say is that the reformation of society must begin in the home; for the home is the foundation of society. As goes the home, so goes the nation.

Ronald W. Goetsch



## Dickinson Congregation to Build

Our Saviour's Lutheran of Dickinson voted May 6 to sell their present church building to Immanuel Baptist Church of Dickinson. Also in the motion was a decision to build a new church and educational unit.

The new church will have a total area of 11,400 square feet. The sanctuary will seat 420 people and there will be an overflow area that will seat an additional 150 people. The new church will be situated on a two-acre lot the congregation purchased a year ago. The structure will contain a main floor sanctuary, fellowship hall, offices, library, kitchen and bathrooms. On the lower level there will be Sunday School rooms and a Sunday School assembly area and bathrooms. The church will be finished in brick and plans are to begin as early as possible this summer. The congregation plans to have nearly half of the costs in cash before completion.

Pastor David Molstre

## Pastor Has Music Ministry

"Evangelism In Song" is the theme presented by Pastor Wallace Jackson as he appears in sacred concert. Pastor Jackson has felt led of the Lord to use the ministry of music to reach souls for Christ. His ministerial background has given him many insights into the needs of people of all ages. He sincerely believes that the Gospel of Jesus Christ will provide the faith needed to cope in today's world.

His love for and dedication to the Gospel ministry has prompted him to expand his outreach by making concert appearances as opportunities and scheduling permit.

Concerts include both traditional and contemporary Gospel music. Sound track orchestration and instrumentation provide much of his background. Pastor Jackson seeks to reach all ages by sharing music which has appeal to family audiences.

Pastor Jackson invites your inquiries and can be reached at the following address:

Pastor Wallace Jackson  
Wallace, South Dakota 57272  
Phone: 605-758-2552

## Tucson Church progressing

We held our first service in our own building on Jan. 8, but there was still work to be done. We miss our winter visitors, both in their attendance and support, and also many who helped in the actual work in finishing. Folks have described our church as being "cozy."

Pastor Forrest Swenson has built the altar rail, pulpit, altar cross, a lectern and a wall desk for the guest book and bulletins, all from some surplus pews we acquired when we purchased the building.

It is our prayer that Living Faith Lutheran may be a beacon light in the community, known for its friend-

liness and preaching of the truth. We look forward to many more friends from the Midwest coming to Tucson next winter for their months in the South, and sharing in our fellowship.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Myron



The altar of Living Faith Free Lutheran

## Thomas Baker Installed at Pittsburgh Church

An installation service was held at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., on Mar. 11 for Rev. Thomas Baker, recent graduate of Association Free Lutheran Theological Seminary. Rev. Arthur Hornish, retired pastor and president of the congregation, officiated at the installation ceremony and

preached the sermon on Matthew 19:27-30.

A lunch of sandwiches, nut breads, salads and a special cake was enjoyed by all who attended the reception.

Pastor Baker's address is C. L. Baker, 307 Wren Drive, Greensburg, Pa. 15601.



## Letters to the editor

### WANTS OPEN RELIGIOUS POLICY

Regarding the topic of students in Christian organizations having the right to meet on school campuses, as commented upon in a recent *Ambassador* editorial, may I respectfully, but strongly differ. Our public schools are intended to be institutions of education. In a free society every point of view has a right to be presented. The right of high school students, for example, to meet before or after school hours as a Christian club or Bible study group is one that must be jealously guarded and defended.

In our nation two federal district courts have strongly upheld students' religious rights. At Williamsport, Pa., the court ruled that refusing them the right to meet for religious purposes, at the same time and in the same manner as students meet for other purposes, is a denial of their

freedom of speech and assembly. In another case, in Oklahoma, the judge upheld a policy permitting students to meet for religious expression on their campuses.

I strongly stand with the National Association of Evangelicals, which is urging Christian citizens to "express outrage that high school students are granted free speech on almost every subject but religion." To deny Christian students the right to meet just because we fear that cults may also seek this privilege is not valid reasoning. In a free educational forum we must let all viewpoints have a voice. The *truth* will stand firm when all else is shaken and shown to be emptiness and vanity. If we are free to speak of our Lord Jesus Christ who *is the truth*, then we can trust God's Holy Spirit to bless the *truth* and draw others to the abundant life in Christ.

Mrs. Eugene (Beverly) Enderlein  
Minneapolis, Minn.

## ASSOCIATION OF FREE LUTHERAN CONGREGATIONS

### THE PROGRAM

#### Wednesday, June 20

- 9:00 a.m. The conference committees meet for devotions, instructions and room assignments.
- 8:00 p.m. The opening service of the Conference, with the sermon on the text by Rev. Kenneth Pentti, Evangelist of the AFLC. Leader: Pastor Kenneth Moland, Dean, Association Free Lutheran Bible School. The opening of the Conference and the appointment of necessary committees by Pastor Richard Snipstead, President.  
Offering to Home Missions.

#### Thursday, June 21

- 9:00 a.m. Devotions.  
Report of the Credentials Committee.  
Adoption of the Conference agenda.  
Election of the Committee on Nominations for the 1985 Conference.  
The President's Report.  
Report of the Chairman of the Co-ordinating Committee, Pastor Wendell Johnson, Stacy, Minn.  
Report of the Business Administrator, Mr. Ernest Miedema, Valley City, N. Dak.  
Report of the Director of the ARC, Mr. Robert Dietsche, Osceola, Wis.  
Financial Report, Miss Linda Butterfield, Minneapolis, Minn.  
Report of the Family Bible Camps  
Osceola: Treasurer, Mr. Gary Modean, St. Paul, Minn.  
Lake Bronson: Treasurer, Mrs. Don Balmer, Thief River Falls, Minn.  
Wilderness: Mr. George Hartman, Dalton, Minn.  
Report of the Budget Analysis Committee.  
Report of the Nominating Committee, always in order.  
Election of nominees for the Missions Corporation and the Schools Corporation.  
Report of Committee No. 1 (Administration).  
11:30 a.m. Prayer Hour. Leader: Pastor Herbert Franz, Cloquet, Minn.  
2:00 p.m. Devotions.  
Report of the Credentials Committee.  
Elections:  
President - 3-year term.  
Vice-President - 1-year term.

Secretary- 1-year term.

Nominees to the Mission Committees and Board of Trustees.

Continuing discussion of Committee No. 1.  
Election of nominees to the Co-ordinating Committee.

Election of Committee No. 1 for the 1985 Conference.

Report of the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Pastor Michael Brandt, Amery, Wis.

Report of the Dean of the Seminary, Pastor Francis Monseth, Minneapolis, Minn.

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

Report of the AFLBS Alumni Association, Mrs. John Schlenk, Minneapolis, Minn.

Report of the Facilities Committee.

Report of Committee No. 2 (Schools).

5:30 p.m. The Schools' Corporation will meet.

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

#### Friday, June 22

- 7:00 a.m. The Mission Corporation meets.
- 9:00 a.m. Devotions.  
Report of the Credentials Committee.  
Continuing discussion of Committee No. 2.  
Election of Committee No. 2 for the 1985 Conference.  
Report of the Schools' Corporation meeting.  
Report of the Chairman of the World Missions Committee, Pastor Amos Dyrud, Minneapolis, Minn.  
Report of the Chairman of the Home Missions Committee, Pastor David Molstre, Dickinson, N. Dak.  
Report of the Director of Home Missions, Pastor Eldon Nelson, Minneapolis, Minn.  
Report of the Chairman of the Evangelism Commission, Dr. James Gerdeen, Chassell, Mich.  
Report of the AFLC Evangelist, Pastor Kenneth Pentti, Ishpeming, Mich.  
Report of Committee No. 3 (Missions and Evangelism).  
11:30 a.m. Prayer Hour - Pastor Franz. ◇

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JUNE 20-24

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THE PROGRAM

- 2:00 p.m. Devotions.  
Report of the Credentials Committee.  
Continuing Report of Committee No. 3.  
Report of the Missions Corporation meeting.
- 5:30 p.m. Pastors' Banquet.
- 8:00 p.m. Laymen's Service. Leader: Mr. George Hartman, Dalton, Minn. Speaker: Mr. Glen Espe, Thief River Falls, Minn. Offering to World Missions.

Saturday, June 23

- 9:00 a.m. Devotions.  
Report of the Credentials Committee.  
Continuing discussion of the report of Committee No. 3.  
Election of Members to the Commission on Evangelism.  
Election of Committee No. 3 for the 1985 Conference.  
Report of the Chairman of the Board of Publications and Parish Education, Pastor Ralph Tjelta, Minneapolis, Minn.  
Report of the Executive Secretary of Parish Education, Mrs. Philip Regnier, Minneapolis, Minn.  
Nominations for nominee for Editor of *The Lutheran Ambassador*.  
Report of the Chairman of the Youth Board, Pastor Paul Nash, Ishpeming, Mich.  
Report of the President of the Luther League Federation, Pastor Curtis Emerson, Valley City, N. Dak.  
Report of Committee No. 4 (Publications, Parish Education, Youth).

11:30 a.m. Prayer Hour - Pastor Franz.

- 2:00 p.m. Devotions.  
Report of the Credentials Committee.  
Report of the Colloquy Committee.  
Election of members to the Board of Publications and Parish Education, and the Youth Board.

Election of Committee No. 4 for the 1985 Conference.

Election of the Colloquy Committee for the 1985 Annual Conference.

Report of the Chairman of the Stewardship Board, Pastor Robert Lee, Minneapolis, Minn.

Report of the Chairman of the Board of Pensions, Mr. Walter Lien, Minnewaukan, N. Dak.

Report of Committee No. 5 (Stewardship and Pensions).

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

Election of Committee No. 5 for the 1985 Conference.

Report of special committees.

Election of one member to the Budget Analysis Committee - 3-year term.

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

Invitations to the 1985 Conference.

- 8:00 p.m. Youth Night at the Conference.  
Leader: Pastor Curtis Emerson, Valley City, N. Dak. Speaker: Pastor Gary Jorgenson, Stanley, N. Dak. Offering to Praise Program.

Sunday, June 24

- 8:00 a.m. Communion Service.  
Leader: Pastor Jon Wellumson, Ortley, S. Dak. Message: Pastor Gilbert Schroeder, Tioga, N. Dak.
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service.  
Leader: Pastor Laurel Udden, Minneapolis, Minn. Message: Pastor Donald Greven, Kenyon, Minn. Offering to General Fund.
- 2:30 p.m. Ordination Service. Message: Pastor Richard Snipstad, Minneapolis, Minn. Offering to Schools.

Conference Committee:  
Pastor Bruce Dalager  
Pastor Richard Snipstead