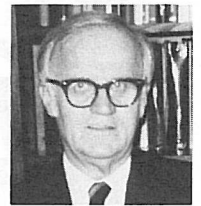




THE LUTHERAN AMBASSADOR

June 7, 1983

AT THE MASTER'S FEET



Pastor Emerson Anderson

Finishing the course with joy

Someone has said, "The proof of the pudding is in the eating." The proof of a person's religion is whether it works in the hard place. The religion of Aldous Huxley, the free-thinking humanist, was far from that. It is recorded that his wife administered LSD to him in the hour of death so that he could bear it. Paul Tillich, the liberal philosopher-theologian, when asked in the hour of death whether he prayed, is said to have replied, "No, I meditate." Because there was no personal God

Cover Photo: *LATE AFTERNOON ON THE LAKE*

Roger C. Huebner, D.D.S.

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for him, there was nothing left but to find solace in his own mystical thoughts.

We have been emphasizing Christian worship, especially private worship. Does it help when life's journey is almost finished, and one is set aside through infirmity? Is it true as the psalmist has said, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me"? Can the Lord we worship in our youth give us strength, purpose, joy and hope in our old age? We need to know, for all of us are moving toward those days. Sometimes concern over this comes upon us. We must know.

God proves to us, by our older brethren among us, that He is able to bless us even in old age. Through them, He teaches us He is able to satisfy and renew the inner man regardless of age. Youth, take note of this, for you, too, are moving toward those times. The days of old age are sure to come. In your youth seek after that which will not fail you when your strength has failed. Isaiah wrote, "Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: but they that wait upon the Lord shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint" (Isaiah 40:30-31).

It has been my privilege to sit in the room, or stand by the bed, of older saints whose bodies were weak and ailing. I have seen this promise fulfilled before my eyes. Some of the best fellowship I have experienced, and some of my greatest encouragements, have come from such saints.

These people kept up their communion with God and the sunshine of heaven kept flooding their souls. It was as though the Lord opened heaven and showed them, in a special way, His love, grace, glory, and all His other perfections. He seemed to let them look into the heavenly city and see the blessedness of what will be theirs. Through these experiences He strengthened them for their special trials of life, so much so that they seldom mentioned the discomfort and inconvenience of old age.

My dear friends, that is comforting to me. We hope it is to you. God will sustain us in our old age. He will bear us on His wings. We will not be weary or faint. And then will come that day when He will receive us into glory.

God bless all of you who are living in the days of which we speak. Thank you for showing us God can sustain us even in old age. Thank you for proving to us the value of private worship. Thank you for your fellowship and encouragement.

A little bird am I,
Shut from the fields of air;
And in my cage I sit and sing
To Him Who placed me there;
Well pleased a prisoner to be,
Because, my God, it pleases Thee.
"Naught have I else to do;
I sing the whole day long;
And He Whom most I love
to please
Doth listen to my song;
He caught and bound my
wandering wing,
But still He bends to hear
me sing."

Madame Jeanne Guyon

NEXT TIME:

The President's Report to the Church

by Pastor
Gerald F. Mundfrom
Osceola, Wis.



The fourth commandment summons us to honor and respect our father and mother. All ten of the commandments of God strongly charge us to show this same kind of honor and respect to God.

However, God also demands that we love Him. This is a direct command in relation to each one of the ten commandments. We are to obey God because we love Him and respect Him and not because we are enslaved to Him and do not dare do otherwise.

We cannot really honor God if we do not love Him. We may be able to honor Him just with our lips, as the Bible speaks of in Isaiah 29:13. But we cannot sincerely honor God with our heart, which is the only kind of honor God is interested in, if we do not love Him.

The same is true in relation to our earthly father (or mother). There must be a deep love if any respect or honor is to be given.

I greatly loved and highly respected my father. I wanted very much to be pleasing to him and I was willing to do anything he asked of me just so that I might get a word of praise from him. I was deeply saddened, if through carelessness

(which quite often happened) I displeased him. I cannot recall that I ever willfully disobeyed him. My love and respect for him would not permit me to do so.

But there was that about my dad which made him loveable and caused me to love and respect him. Dad and Mother had seven children, of which I was the oldest. Dad always put his family ahead of himself and often sacrificed for his family.

My father was a farmer and we were poor. I remember how hard it was to make ends meet during the Depression. We almost lost our small

MORE VALUABLE THAN MONEY

Good Parent-Child Relationships



"I have often wondered what it would have been like if my earthly father had been rich."

farm and home to the mortgage holder.

But this has been a blessing. There were many things that we children had to do without. When we asked Dad for certain things, which children often do, he would many times have to say "no" because he could not afford it and it hurt him to have to deny us these things.

We children never held it against our father because we did not get what we wanted. We knew that Dad was just as disappointed as we were that we could not have it.

We often hear in our day of parents wanting to give more things to their children than they had received as children. They seem to think that would automatically be better for their children. But at the same time we often see that children who have everything turn out to be prodigals. Such children show little respect for and honor to their parents.

I have often wondered what it would have been like if my earthly father had been rich. Would I have the same love, respect and honor for him then as I do now? If he had then refused to give me what I wanted, perhaps for my own good, I might have felt that he did not love me or that he did not want me to enjoy life as I wanted. I might have even hated him for not giving me what I wanted, knowing he could give it, even as people hated Jesus because He refused to be their king and to enrich them with many spoils of the world. (John 6:15).

Or if he did give me everything I wanted, would I have appreciated it as much since no sacrifice needed to be made in giving it to me?

Being poor helped me to see that Dad greatly loved his family by the way he worked hard and sacrificed for us. Knowing that he loved me, I could not help but love and respect him. As a family we faced our financial needs together and God saw us

through. This caused us to love and respect Dad because he led us as best he could through such times.

To have had a father who demonstrated his love by sacrificing for me means far more to me than any comforts or pleasures which money could have given me.

My father went to be with Jesus in 1969. I am truly looking forward to meeting him in heaven. God in His wisdom knew what was best for us as a family and blessed us accordingly.

Now I have found the same thing to be true after I became a father to my family of six children, although in just a little different way.

We, too, have not been rich financially, but we have been able to do more things for our children in a material way than I experienced as a child. However, sometimes as parents we also had to say "no" to our children because we could not afford what they wanted.

As a father, I faced still another problem. When my children were very young, I suffered a complete mental breakdown and had to spend the greater part of a year in a mental hospital. I was unable to function as a pastor or breadwinner for over two years. During that time God in His way provided for my family.

But my problem of suffering also became my family's problem in that we faced it together. Together we bore the hardship, fear, anxiety and uncertainty which my illness brought to us as a family at that time. Together we looked to God for help and grace to live a day at a time. Together, in due time, we gained victory and realized that God worked it all out for good.

Our going through this time of crisis together has drawn all of us closer together in love for each other. And even more important, it has drawn us closer to Jesus and has given us a lasting love for Him.

I have never had to be ashamed of my children, but have been proud of them. Again, I do believe what we suffered together has done much to bring this about. I know my children love me as a father, as they have shown this to me in many ways. And

FATHER

by Bernhard Christensen

He was born in the little village of Orup in the southern part of Sjaelland in Denmark. His parents both died while he was still a mere lad, leaving him an orphan to be reared by the folk of the big "Gaard" on the edge of the village. Evidently he earned his support from early childhood. He attended a little "free school" nearby for a brief period, but most of his meager education was acquired by his own efforts in later years. In the school of toil he was trained from the beginning.

The type of religious training with which he came in contact may be unfairly represented by the following incident from later years: Fifty years after Niels Kristensen's emigration to America when his son visited the little village, he found an old childhood chum of his father still living in the little house where the latter had been born. Before leaving, the visitor asked that he might have the privilege of reading from the Scriptures for the old couple. The wife

had difficulty in finding a Bible, explaining that she had hidden it away because her son did not like to have her read it. That same son, she said, didn't want the minister to call at their house either. "Although," she added, "he won't need to be afraid of that minister because he never says anything about the Word of God when he comes to call."

It may be too pessimistic to suppose that the same type of ministry had prevailed throughout the half-century.

In the seventies and eighties hosts of Scandinavian immigrants were invading the open fields of America—the Promised Land. Knowing his background we can easily understand when Niels Kristensen should be eager to be among them.

He came to the Middle West, to the vicinity of Marinette, Wis., a logging and milling center on Green Bay, an arm of upper Lake Michigan. And save for a brief trip to California in the early years he lived

"Judged externally, a rather uneventful life."

with that love comes respect and honor such as is due to a parent according to God's standards. For this I am truly thankful and believe that God deserves the credit because He has led and guided our family, working all things out for good.

Some children have resented the fact that they were P.K.'s (preacher's kids). I have never felt that our children were ashamed of this. Their attitude toward God, His Word, the church, and toward me as a pastor, has given me this assurance.

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As they face the question of what to do with their lives, there is a desire to honor and serve Jesus. What greater joy could any Christian parent have?

The bond of love, respect and honor between my father and me, and which is evident between my children and me is a result, at least in part, of facing the problems and storms of life together, with the help of God.

Truly God is all-wise in the way He leads and guides us. Often His ways are beyond human understanding at the time a storm strikes, but He truly works all things out for good to those who have been called according to His purpose (Rom. 8:28).

one of the unheralded common people

there throughout the remainder of his life. There, after ten years, he married Mother, like himself an immigrant from across the sea. There their seven sons and three daughters were born, and all but one grew to man- or womanhood and were sent forth into the world. There, like so many another immigrant, Father tried his hand at many ways of earning bread for himself and his loved ones: day-labor, "section-bossing," business (a shoe store and later a country grocery), real estate investments, farming. There his strength gradually spent itself in the toil which is the almost universal lot of mankind. There, just when the children were almost grown, he bade farewell to Mother. There, too, his earth-life, after a brief, bitter struggle with one of the scourges of humanity, came to a close four years ago. Judged externally, a rather uneventful life. Judged by human judgment, a life with many flaws and failings. Judged in the light of the obstacles of all kinds which it faced from earliest childhood—who is wise enough to measure its merit or to weigh its shortcomings?

The lot of the immigrant was hard work. We of this generation in most instances scarcely even begin to understand what this is. We ride in comfortable cars. We live in well-heated homes. We eat at cafeterias—some of them air-cooled in summer. We have almost every modern convenience. For those of us who live in the city, a doctor is within a few minutes call at any hour of the day or night. Who of us city-dwellers can understand an experience such as that which Father once described to me of his fierce battle with a snowstorm half way from town (ten miles distant) bringing the doctor to assist at the birth of a neighbor's child? Who of us, in the midst of telephones and radios and newspapers and automobiles can understand the *loneliness* that must have often been the lot of the farmer-folk of a generation ago?

Who can begin to appreciate the simple downright *toil* that marked most of their days from early dawn till night?

Will Durant writes concerning his father, of Canadian-French peasant stock, that: "He brought eight children into the world and reared them to man- and womanhood. Besides such an achievement, mere pen-scratching which results in the publication of a few books is a very elementary occupation." I could scarcely appreciate that statement when I first read it, but now it seems truer with the passing years. For life, as God sees it, is after all not written in words, but in flesh and blood, in suffering and toil, in the tears and laughter of children and men.

What are the *real* values of life? Not wealth, nor power, nor the honor of men! These all vanish away. And the Everlasting Word bids us not be deluded by them. The things that really do endure have been pointed out to us by Christ in His description of the Last Act: "*I was hungry and ye gave Me meat; I was thirsty and ye gave Me drink; I was naked and ye clothed Me; I was sick and ye visited Me; I was in prison and ye came unto Me.*"

To minister to human need in its manifold forms in the name of Christ—only this is a worth-while goal for a man's life on earth. Only this type of living will bear the scrutiny of the King when He weighs the souls of men in the great Balance at last. All else shall perish.

Father learned to know the meaning of human want and suffering from the beginning of life. And though he made no boast of generosity, we never knew him to turn away from a chance to be of help to one

in need. One of his last acts was to pledge a generous donation to the work of a rescue mission.

It is not fitting that a son should attempt to pass judgment upon the life of his father—save the judgment of abiding gratitude for countless gifts both known and unknown which flowed from the heavenly Father through him. Yet it may not be unfitting to record Father's judgment of his own life, spoken to the pastor who ministered to him in the illness which he knew would be his last:

"At the funeral I don't want you to speak anything about my life...And I don't want B_____ to say anything about it...Because it's nothing to speak about...It's nothing to speak about..." He had learned to see that in the light of God's eternity all his own accomplishments were "Nothing to speak about." He had come to understand, as the fruit of the years, that man's goodness does not bear the searchings of the Light Eternal—that only Grace can save.

He seldom spoke of religion in its deeper aspects. But he had learned to be a reverent *listener* to the Word, both in public worship and at the home altar. On the surface of his life, even toward the end, were the many "little things" that go to make up the strange mosaic called human existence. In the depths was the thought of God...

Is the greatness of a life measured by the number of lives which it directly touches? Is it measured by the degree in which it conforms to accepted standards of human nobility? Is it measured by the distinction which it attains in the eyes of the world?...Or is it to be measured by its high devotion to the common tasks of everyday living—"to do

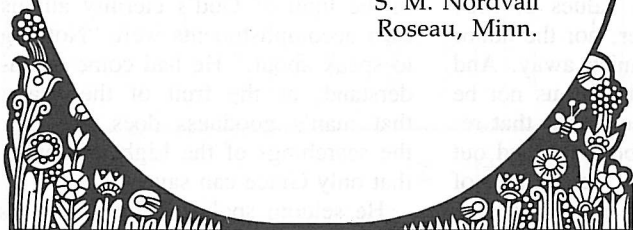
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"He had learned to see that in the light of God's eternity all his own accomplishments were nothing to speak about."

Wake Up

On the wings of a soft south breeze
 Mother Nature busily flies,
 Stirring grasses, bushes, trees—
 Wake up! Wake up! She gently sighs.
 To the silent creek she hastens
 And blows upon its sleeping face.
 Awake, awake! She kindly chastens;
 Arise and sparkle, dance and race.
 Bright young flowers raise their heads.
 Birds begin to sing and nest.
 All creeping things now leave their beds.
 Mother nature is at her best.
 Awake, awake, she calls again
 To every living thing on earth!
 Breathe the air! Feel the rain!
 Laugh and run upon God's earth!

S. M. Nordvall
 Roseau, Minn.



A BETTER FATHER

Lord, my children are Your gift to me. Each one is totally dependent upon me. But also my work needs all my efforts. That makes it so difficult to care for them after work is over. I admit to taking out my anger on them when

I am in a bad mood. When they seek my advice I shrug them off and then shout at them when they seek their own solution to the problem. I understand they need a father who has time and patience for and with them. Let me find a way for this. Free me, Lord, from the selfishness that hides behind the words "law and order." Let not the strong and helping hand they need be a hard and clenched fist.

Yes, Lord, I am often a poor example. I demand what I myself do not do and reluctantly admit to my own mistakes. Make us able to forgive. Help our children to forgive us parents, as we forgive them, and as You forgive us all.

Lead us safely in this way to You.

Immanuel Lutheran Church
 Tel Aviv, Israel

FATHER . . .

justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God"—and the clarity with which it sees at the close of life's day that we on earth are, after all, only "unprofitable servants"? To answer the last question affirmatively is not flattering to human vanity and pride of achievement. But it is the Christian view of man.

Taking this view of human life, Father's life was a type of countless of those unheralded "common people" to whom the Christian Church has ministered and whom it has ushered into that holy fellowship where the distinctions of father and son, daughter and mother, gradually fade away in the blessed sense of belonging to the one Family of God where "one is our Master and we are all brethren."

Why must our vision of what is

truly great in the lives all round about us—and especially in those to whom we owe the most!—be so slowly clarified? Why can we not see in the midst of life's experiences what in after-years we wish we had seen? Why must we learn through our own weakness to judge mercifully the weaknesses of others? Why must we build tombs—or write articles—after the passing of our loved ones to seek in some measure to atone for our lack of vision while they are here? Why must each new generation drink of the same bitter cup of regret which was the portion of the generation that is past? Kyrie Eleison! *Christmas Echoes*, 1938

(Dr. Bernhard Christensen, retired and living in St. Paul, Minn., was president of Augsburg College and Theological Seminary for 24 years. He has contributed articles to the *Ambassador* before.)

AFLC Family Camps

July 11-17 —
 Lake Bronson, Minn.

July 29-31 —
 Wilderness Camp,
 Lake Park, Minn.

August 8-14 —
 The ARC, Osceola, Wis.
 More information later.

Minneapolis District Youth

June 26-July 1
 The ARC

Little Jack Horner

"Little Jack Horner
Sat in a corner,
Eating his Christmas pie.
He put in his thumb
And pulled out a plum,
And said, 'What a big boy
am I!'"

We are ready to laugh at little Jack Horner thinking himself such a big boy merely because he had found a plum in a Christmas pie. What is there wonderful about that? We expect to find plums in Christmas pies. Do we not? That is just what Christmas pies are for—to have plums in them. Jack Horner is not such a big boy because he pulled a plum out of a Christmas pie.

But a good many boys and girls—yes, and grown-up men and women, too are often just as foolish as Jack Horner. Because they have something in their possession—great wealth or strength or unusual skill or splendid privileges—they think they are much more important than other people and so they become proud and boastful. They put their fingers

Text: "Who maketh thee to differ from another? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? Now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory as if thou hadst not received it?" (I Corinthians 4:7).

into life's pie and pull out some plums and they cry, "See what a big boy am I!"

Maybe the plum is a talent for music, with which the person can do things that a great many other people cannot do. Or maybe the plum is a talent for figures and his marks are higher than those of his classmates. Or maybe it is a talent for drawing and the girl with this artistic talent is able to draw so that she has the envy of all her friends. They forget that all these plums, their varying gifts, the privileges they enjoy, the qualities that set them apart from their fellows, their powers of leadership, the opportunities of college training, are not their own creation.

All these things are gifts from God, entrusted to us to use for Him. All particular talents, capacities, opportunities, privileges and powers are not of man's making. No one has the right to glory in the things he possesses as if he had made them. This is

what the Apostle meant when he asked, "Who maketh thee to differ from another?" And "What has thou, that thou didst not receive?" We have nothing that we have not received. And if we have happened to pull some nice plums out of life's pie, we must not be like Jack Horner and say, "See what a big boy am I!"

HYMN

Sing and memorize—"We Give Thee But Thine Own"

Call particular attention to all stewardship implications in the hymn.

We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate'er that gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus
As stewards true receive,
And gladly, as Thou blessest
us,
To Thee our first-fruits give.

And we believe Thy word,
Though dim our faith may be,
Whate'er for Thine we do,
Lord,
We do it unto Thee.

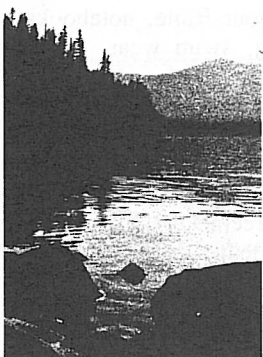
To Teach—Pride and boastful self-importance over what we possess is foolish, because all we are and have has come from God. We did not create our possessions. To possess should make us very humble, for if God has entrusted us with something He will ask us how we used it. "For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required."

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

Northwestern Minnesota District Youth Camps

Galilee Lutheran Bible Camp
Lake Bronson, Minn.

**Summer
camping
is
for
you**



Teen Camp (ages 13 and up)

June 20-26

Evening speaker: Rev. Rob Lewis,
Abercrombie, N. Dak.

Bible teacher: Rev. Gary Jorgenson,
Stanley, N. Dak.

Topical hour: Rev. Dennis Gray,
Spicer, Minn.

Pre-Teen Camp (ages 9-12)

June 27-July 1

Evening speaker: Student Pastor
Steve Kneeland

Bible teacher: Mrs. Philip Dyrud,
Middle River, Minn.

Topical hour: District pastors

Rev. Larry Haagenson, Newfol-
den, Minn., is the dean of both
camps. Rev. Leslie Galland, Thief
River Falls, Minn., is the assistant
dean.

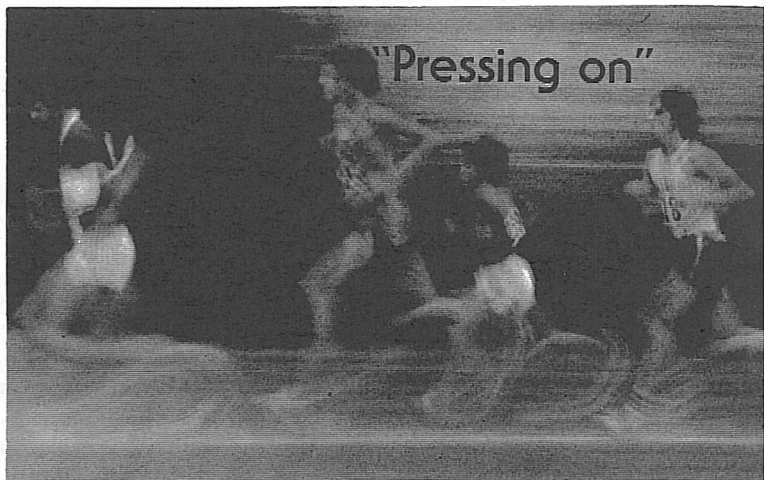
1983 LUTHER LEAGUE FEDERATION CONVENTION

July 12-17

Methodist Camp
West Shore of Flathead Lake
Kalispell, Montana

(Approx. 18 mi. south of Kalispell on Hwy. 93)

"I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward
call in Christ Jesus." Philippians 3:14



SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, July 12:

- 3:00 PM — Registration
- 6:00 PM — Evening Meal
- 7:15 PM — Small Groups
- 8:00 PM — Evening Service

WEDNESDAY, July 13 — SATURDAY, July 16:

- 7:00 AM — Rising Bell
- 7:30 AM — Breakfast
- 8:30 AM — Devotions
- 9:15-10:00 AM: Bible Study in Philippians
- 10:00-10:30 AM — Break
- 10:30-11:10 AM — Workshops
- 11:10-11:20 AM — Break
- 11:30-12:00 Noon — Workshops
- 12:15 PM — Noon Meal
- 1:15 PM — Recreation

(SATURDAY: Luther League Federation Business Meeting)

5:00 PM — Choir

(SATURDAY: 5:30 PM — Banquet (Pastor Kenneth
Moland))

- 6:00 PM — Evening Meal
- 7:15 PM — Small Groups
- 8:00 PM — Evening Service
- 9:15 PM — Canteen
- 9:30 PM — After-Service Activities
- 10:45 PM — Dorm Devotions
- 11:00 PM — Lights Out

SUNDAY, July 17:

- 7:00 AM — Rising Bell
- 7:30 AM — Breakfast
- 8:30 AM — Devotions
- 9:15-10:00 AM — Bible Study in Philippians
- 10:30 AM — Closing Worship Service
- 12:00 Noon: Noon Meal
- 1:00 PM — Departure

Please send a \$5.00 pre-registration fee by June 30th. Please
mail to:

Mr. Alan West
c/o Stillwater Lutheran Church

1401 Church Drive
Kalispell, Montana 59901

SPEAKERS AND TEACHERS:

EVENING SPEAKER: Pastor David Molstre
Dickinson, N. Dak.

BIBLE STUDY TEACHERS IN PHILIPPIANS:

- Jr. High Class:
Pastor Richard Bartholomew
Kalispell, Mont.
- Sr. High Class:
Pastor Gary Jorgenson
Stanley, N. Dak.

WORKSHOP TEACHERS:

- DOCTRINE: Pastor Bruce Dalager
Grand Forks, N. Dak.
- CULTS: Pastor John Rieth
Williston, N. Dak.
- CHRISTIAN ETHICS: Pastor David Molstre
Dickinson, N. Dak.
- LEADERSHIP: Pastor Richard Anderson
Lake Stevens, Wash.
- KNOWING GOD'S WILL: Pastor David Abel
Brazil, South America
- DATING: Pastor Kenneth Moland
Minneapolis, MN

*Class size for each workshop will be limited. Please pre-register for two
of the above workshops.*

COST: \$60.00 per person. Pre-registration would be most
helpful. Offerings will be taken each evening

*A tour of Glacier Park will be offered on Friday
at a small cost to each person. (10:15 AM-4:00
PM)

WHAT TO BRING: Please bring your Bible, notebooks,
bedding, recreational clothing, swim wear, towels
and other personal articles.

Please plan to dress in a manner pleasing to the
Lord. (Boys should wear slacks and girls should
wear dresses or skirts for evening services.) No
shorts (except for recreation), no halter tops. Please
do not bring radios, games, firecrackers, etc.

No one will be allowed to leave the camp unless
excused. All leaguers are expected to attend each
session unless excused by a staff member.

AGES: Those involved in their local Luther Leagues.

editorials

BIBLE CAMPING

The conviction has grown that whenever something constructive happens or takes place it is because someone has done something, someone has made an effort.

If our young people have a Bible camp to go to it is because some people had a vision or goal and worked to make it reality.

If our young people find a camp cleaned and prepared for them it is because some people cleaned and painted and mowed and swept to get it in readiness.

If our young people come to camp and there is a program and activity awaiting them it is because someone has done some thinking and praying and work.

If our young people arrive at camp and sit down to tables to eat good, nourishing food it is because thought has gone into meal preparation and talented hands have brought forth goods "kids love to eat."

You get the idea. In every area of life, if something is there to use and enjoy it is because someone has worked at it. And that is certainly true of Bible camping. Let's not take things for granted, but recognize effort and give credit where credit is due.

As a new camp season lies only days away, we want to urge on those of you particularly involved in camp programs this year. Don't be weary or faint-hearted, but press on with confidence in the Word and the Spirit's power to make things happen in young lives. If last year's camp was disappointing, this is a new year. Perhaps this year the Spirit may be able to break through. Always live in that expectation.

Lutheran Bible camping is two-pronged. It aims to help young people already in the Christian faith, through being kept in the baptismal covenant or having returned to the Lord in a conversion experience. Such need loving nurturing in God's holy Word and challenges to useful service to their Savior. Secondly, the appeal must be made to youth drifting and floundering spiritually. To these must come the evangelistic call to seek the Lord in the days of youth. The evil days will not only come (Eccles. 12:1), they are here and with more fury and intensity than we sometimes realize.

So the message is two-fold. Let it continue to be that.

We have been thinking in terms of the junior and

senior camps. There are also family camps, including the Association-sponsored ones at Lake Bronson, Minn., and Osceola, Wis. Much the same can be said for them. All of you in positions of leadership, carry on, keep on. God will bless the effort. He is with you. It is His work.

WHICH ARE WE?

It was Rev. John Guest, Episcopalian priest from Pennsylvania, who said it at the convention of the National Association of Evangelicals in Orlando, Fla., in March. He said that in the church, leadership (clergy and lay) can be one of three kinds. There are the risk-takers, the caretakers and the undertakers.

He asserted that many tend to be caretakers and reminded us that undertakers follow caretakers in the order of things. That is, caretakers ride along on the status quo, they attempt little or nothing and as a result gain little or nothing for Christ. Naturally, then, the undertakers follow and preside over the demise of whatever existed.

We are reminded of the theme of a sermon once given by the late Rev. C.J. Carlsen: "I Have Never." And since one has never attempted or ventured something new, he isn't apt to do so now. But the attitude is deadly where eternal values and issues are concerned, as is true in church work. There must be a willingness to launch out into the deep. Perhaps there will be a catch on the other side of the boat.

Rev. Guest set forth the challenge that Christians be "risk-takers." This means to be willing to attempt something new, something challenging. It means being willing to lay life on the line, even to lay it down. Maybe that is the effect of Jesus' words: "Whoever cares for his own safety is lost; but if a man will let himself be lost for My sake, that man is safe" (Luke 9:24 NEB).

And it means to be willing to work. Rev. Guest and other Christian leaders of the greater Pittsburgh area have determined to make the city as famous for Christianity as it is for steel. In our communities may we have as lofty ideals. Let us not be content to fall into a comfortable routine as local congregations, to find something we can live with and then watch over that with care (as caretakers). Rather, may we venture for Christ.

And we say the same for the Association. We have comfortable patterns. But are there some risks we should be taking? Are there new avenues of reaching out that we should attempt? Think about it. Pray about it.

Itinerary for Missionary and Mrs. David Abel

June	July	August
12 Minneapolis, Minn. (a.m.) (Medicine Lake) Amery, Wis. (p.m.)	12-17 Luther League Convention (Kalispell, Mont.) 20 Dickinson, N.Dak. 21 Bismarck, N.Dak. 23 McVie, N.Dak. 24 Valley City, N.Dak. 27 Spicer, Minn. 31 Cleveland, O.	8-14 AFLC Family Bible Camp (ARC) 17 DeKalb, Ill. Pastor and Mrs. Abel and family will return to Brazil at the end of August or in early September.
15-19 Annual Conference (ARC)		
26-29 Mission Conference (Lake Stevens, Wash.)		
June 30-July 11 — West Coast		



Letters to the editor

Keep it coming

The *Ambassador* arrived today and I was saddened when I read that the WMF at Kalispell Montana had an overwhelming vote that "receiving the Ambassador once a month would be enough"!!! Are they so busy "serving tables," as Pastor Anderson wrote, referring to Acts 6:2, or is it financial? The *Ambassador* to me is like a letter from home. It took time and effort to write the articles. I wonder how the various writers feel.

There have always been church papers in our home, almost 50-60 years. I always was an active member of the WMF in another church through the years. It is needful to "serve tables" but it is more needful to live close to God. One is encouraged in that by reading the excellent articles. It will be a dark day for me when the *Ambassador* will be published once a month unless financially necessary.

Mrs. Paul Schilla
Dickinson, N. Dak.

Trust God to supply

This month I am writing my reaction to the editorial which appeared in *The Lutheran Ambassador* for March 15, regarding the final budget receipts for the past fiscal year, especially for missions. And then I would like to make a suggestion to all of us at Our Saviour's Church—and to the entire Association, also—as to what we can do to help attain the amount budgeted for 1983-84.

The editorial really "told it like it is." I am sure the entire Association agrees with the Editor in this statement of his: "So it is difficult to know why the goals so badly outdistanced the giving." While many church bodies have been retrenching in their programs, the Association stepped forward in its 1982-83 goals for missions. Furthermore, the Association continued to move forward by increasing its budget for missions for 1983-84. *That's Vision!*

But now the question: why the difference between the amount budgeted and the amount gathered in? We all believe the budget figures were set after careful and prayerful study, discussion and decision. Yes, we have been in a recession (or depression), and, as far as the 1983-84 budget is concerned, we are not out of the economic slump yet. So, what can we at Our Saviour's do?—and what can the churches of the Association do?

We believe God calls workers into

His service (Matt. 9:38). Now, if God calls the home and the foreign missionaries, and then sends them out, should not we look to him to provide the financial support also? In other words, according to Matt. 9:38, we are to pray and believe that the Lord of the Harvest will send forth the workers, fully equipped and supplied—even financially! Surely we can believe God's promise and obey His command.

Many years ago I heard Missionary Harold Street say something on this subject which I have never forgotten. (He was a missionary in Ethiopia back in the 1930's when Mussolini conquered that country as he attempted to build a colonial empire for Italy.) At a conference the leaders of a missions-minded church told Rev. Street that they could see their way clear to give a certain sum for missions. It was what they could raise by their own efforts and resources. Rev. Street responded by saying: "That's fine that you desire to give to missions, and that you know that you are able to give the amount you named; but now I would like to ask one thing—*how much more money* for missions are you willing to trust the Lord to supply?"

To give what is humanly possible is proper. That's being realistic—and in line with the editor's question, "But what are the realities?" But the next step is to look to God who

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Nothing in this article will interest you so don't bother to read it. Why are you reading this? You're just wasting your time. Nothing here is of any value to you, so why do you keep reading? This newsletter is full of a lot of other interesting articles, yet you insist on reading this one. This story contains nothing, so show some will power and stop.

There must be something wrong with you! Can't you read! Show enough backbone and stop now before you waste any more of your time. You can't resist reading the next line can you?

You're still reading? This will not give you any news or report any future events. As a matter of fact, this worthless article won't tell you anything!! Look, you have just wasted your time plowing through this piece of nothing. What have you gained? Absolutely nothing!

You don't even have enough will power to keep from reading this last line, do you???

You couldn't stop, could you? Neither could I. Yet I have heard people say that if they had been Adam or Eve they wouldn't have eaten the forbidden fruit. Or they say they would believe in Jesus if He would meet certain conditions. Our response to the above paragraphs tells us something about ourselves, doesn't it? We are by nature self-willed. We are naturally inclined
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really owns "the cattle on a thousand hills" (Ps. 50:10), and who said, "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth laborers"—and provide for their support. Let's believe God for 100% of the 1983-84 budget!

Pray ye the Lord of the Harvest!

Art Grimstad,
lay assistant
Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
Thief River Falls, Minn.

25. Who is it? John 14:26 _____

26. With what kind of spirit are we to extend this goodness to others? II Corinthians 9:7-15 (Phillips Translation) _____

27. Whether what we own be great or small, if cheerfully placed in God's unlimited hands, He can bless and multiply a thousand times over. What example do we find in John 6:5-14? _____

28. What is Paul's prayer for the Thessalonians, in II Thessalonians 1:11? (Phillips Translation) _____

29. What is Christ's command to us in Luke 6:35? In Galatians 6:10? _____

30. What pleases God, in Hebrews 13:16, Proverbs 3:27-28? _____

31. What spiritual blessings belong to the Christian in Psalm 23:6? _____

32. Discussion: As we have studied this fruit of the Spirit, goodness, let us discuss what it means to us as individuals. How can we put it into practice? Are the attributes of goodness, graciousness, and generosity prevalent in the world today? In what direction does a great share of human thinking move today? _____

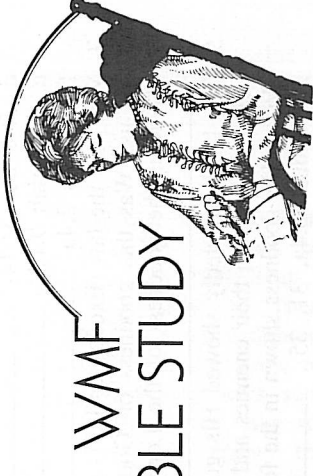
Have you ever stopped to really meditate on the goodness of God? In this study we have briefly looked at the goodness of God. Let us remember that it is only because of the goodness of God that the earth and its inhabitants continue to exist. It is only because of our heavenly Father's goodness and mercy that the earth has not already been judged and condemned.

Are we as women, willing to allow our heavenly Father, through the Holy Spirit, to produce this fruit, goodness, in our individual lives? Let us just try to contemplate the results that God can bring about if each one of us is willing to yield completely to His will in our lives.

Hymn Suggestion: "He Went About Doing Good."

July, 1983

WMF BIBLE STUDY



FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

Goodness

1. Who is good? Psalm 119:68, Mark 10:18 _____
Since God is good, it therefore follows that all that He does is good.
2. What does God say about His creation in the following verses? Genesis 1:10, 12, 18, 21, 25, 31 _____

What is the difference between verse 31 and the other verses? _____

Man was originally created good but because of rebellion, disorder, evil and sin prevail throughout the world. God created man in His own image for fellowship with Himself. However, God's love for and goodness to man did not end with the Fall. Although He drove Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden, this was also for their own good.

3. Why was this for their own good? Genesis 3:22 _____

4. What did God's goodness provide, in Genesis 3:15? _____

5. How is the goodness of God exemplified in Genesis 3:21? _____

Even though Adam and Eve had sinned and fallen from grace, God in His goodness provides for their physical needs by the shedding of blood so that they might be clothed.

6. How is God's goodness described in the following verses?

a. Exodus 34:6 _____

b. Psalm 52:1 _____

c. Psalm 145:9 _____

- d. Jeremiah 31:14 _____
 - e. Zechariah 9:17 _____
 - f. Romans 2:4a _____
 7. Why was the law (Exodus 20:1-17) given? What does Deuteronomy 6:24 tell us? Was this goodness on God's part? _____
 8. Where is the goodness of the Lord to be seen? Psalm 27:17 _____
 9. The Lord repeatedly showed His goodness to Israel as He continued to deliver them from their enemies and provide for their needs (Psalm 107). How is His goodness shown in the following verses?
 - a. Exodus 16:4a, 31, 35 _____
 - b. Exodus 16:12-13 _____
 - c. Exodus 17:1-6, Exodus 15:22-27 _____
 - d. Deuteronomy 8:4 _____
 - e. Exodus 13:21-22 _____
 - f. Exodus 14:10-31 _____
 10. How did God show goodness to Elijah, in I Kings 19:1-8? _____
- God in His goodness ministers to the whole person, the spiritual as well as the physical.
11. What evidences of God's goodness do we see in these verses?
 - a. Luke 2:1-14 _____
 - b. John 19:28-30 _____
 - c. Luke 24:1-7 _____
 - d. Acts 1:8, Acts 2:1-12 _____
 12. To whom is God's goodness manifested in the following verses:
 - a. II Chronicles 30:18, Psalm 86:5 _____
 - b. Psalm 31:19, Lamentations 3:25 _____
 - c. Psalm 68:10 _____
 - d. Psalm 119:68 _____
 - e. Acts 14:17 _____
 13. What does Acts 10:38 tell us about Jesus? Let us look at some instances of Christ's goodness:
 - a. Luke 5:12-13 _____
 - b. John 5:2-9 _____
 - c. Luke 7:12-15 _____
 - d. Luke 23:39-43 _____
 14. What do we find illustrated in the following verses?
 - a. Mark 2:2-4 _____
 - b. Luke 10:30-37 _____
 - c. Acts 9:36 _____

15. Is God's goodness limited to just His children? Psalm 145:9, Matthew 5:45b _____
 16. What does God's goodness lead to? Romans 2:4 _____
 17. What is God's purpose for us, in II Corinthians 5:21 (Phillips Translation)? _____
 18. What is the purpose for our being created in Christ Jesus, in Ephesians 2:8-10? _____
 19. What command is given to Christians in Matthew 5:14-16? What is the result? _____
 20. When we as Christians sow the good seed, will all our efforts produce positive results? (Matthew 13:1-9). Does this mean that we should not continue to steadfastly follow the Holy Spirit's leading in witnessing to others? Can we as Christians ever give up?

God's goodness and grace go hand in hand: His goodness is tempered by His grace. He is approachable because of His goodness. Even though God's goodness is unspotted and so great, He does not keep us at arm's length. Rather, *He comes to us*, knowing how sinful and stained we are, with warm arms of love. A beautiful picture of this is found in Luke 15:11-24.
 21. Does the father wait for the son to come to him and beg for forgiveness? Luke 15:20 _____
 22. How does the Father receive Him?
 - a. Luke 15:20 _____
 - b. Luke 15:22 _____
 - c. Luke 15:23 _____
 23. Will the goodness of God that is manifested through us always be accepted by others? _____
 24. Was the divine goodness that was so beautifully exemplified in the life of Christ always accepted by those He came in contact with? Can you name those who were repelled by Christ's divine goodness? Why? Luke 11:39-44 _____
- Should our own goodness ever be publicized or paraded? Luke 18:9-14 _____
- The goodness of God evidenced in our lives will either attract or repel others as it did in Christ's time. It also has a price. It will call for our time, talents, strength, monies and energies. Thank God there is one who will guide and strengthen us in this.

1983 BARNABAS Teams

Team VIII: Warren Swanson, team leader, Canton, S. Dak.; Linda Jackson, Alden, Minn.; Laurie Hjermstad, Wanamingo, Minn.; David Ramme, Bessemer, Mich.

SCHEDULE

Bethel Free Lutheran, Minot, N.Dak. — June 4-10
Bethel Free Lutheran, Culbertson, Mont. — June 11-17
Royalton Free Lutheran, Royalton, Minn. — June 18-24
Calvary Lutheran, Bismarck, N.Dak. — June 25-July 8
Lebanon Lutheran Free, Leeds, N.Dak. — July 9-15
Minnesota Valley Free Lutheran, Burnsville, Minn. — July 16-29
Emmanuel Free Lutheran, Williston, N.Dak. — July 30-Aug. 5
ARC (Family Camp), Osceola, Wis. — August 6-12
Red Willow, Eastern N.Dak. District Camp — August 14-19

Team IX: Ray Crestik, team leader, Cloquet, Minn.; Jane Johnson, Chatham, Mich.; Sue Beebe, Mason, Wis.; Peder Gunderson, Nogales, Ariz.

SCHEDULE

Green Lake Lutheran, Spicer, Minn. — June 4-19
ARC, Osceola, Wis. — June 11-17
Faith Lutheran, Granite Falls, Minn. — June 18-24
Victory in Christ Lutheran, St. Paul, Minn. — June 25-July 1
Christ Free Lutheran Church, Devils Lake, N.Dak. — July 2-8
Amery Free Lutheran, Amery, Wis. — July 9-22
Escanaba Free Lutheran, Escanaba, Mich. — July 23-Aug. 5
Rosedale Lutheran, Minneapolis, Minn. — Aug. 6-19

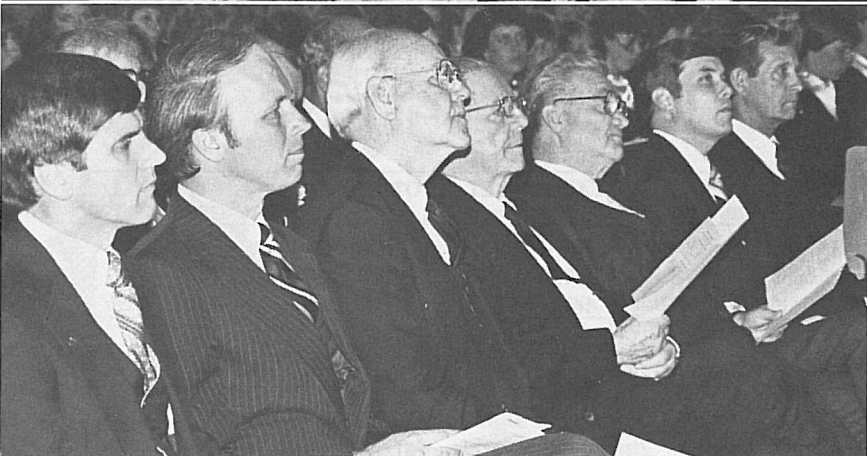
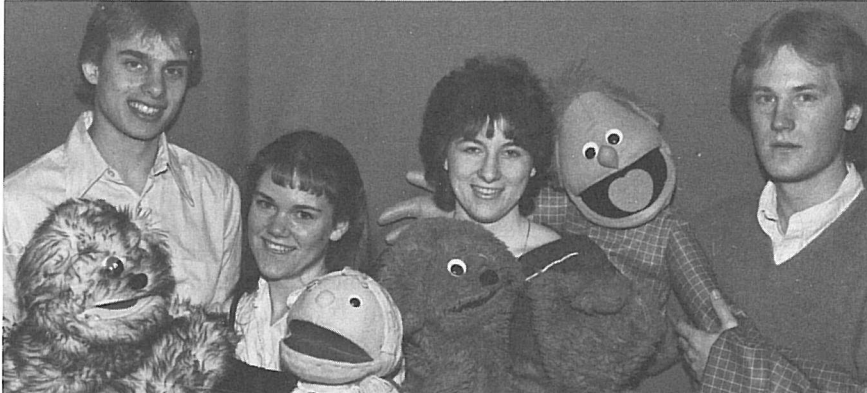
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Alan Arneson, Spicer, Minn.; Janell Stulen, Spicer, Minn.; Karen Christopherson, Amery, Wis.; Yvonne Haugen, Binford, N.Dak.; Rodney Quanbeck, McVile, N.Dak.

AFLC Schools Complete Successful Year

On May 20, twelve graduates received their degrees from AFLTS. Forty-five Bible school seniors accepted their diplomas before an overflow crowd at the Medicine Lake campus chapel. Front row faculty and board members included Pastors Moland, Monseth, Dyrud, Olson, Strand, Brandt, and President Snipstead. More photos on next page.

CAMPUS NEWS





Photos by Jim Johnson



Left: Pastor Snipstead, congratulates Kim Erickson, Cloquet, Minn. Above: Cheri Russum, Grafton, N. Dak. and Mark Schmitke, Thief River Falls, Minn., lead the graduates in the procession.

AFLC couple attend National Prayer Breakfast

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Folden of Bethel Lutheran Church in Minot, N.Dak., had the good fortune to attend the National Prayer Breakfast with President and Mrs. Ronald Reagan on Feb. 3, at the Washington Hilton, Washington, D.C.

This breakfast is an annual affair and this year some 3,000 guests assembled from 120 nations. They expressed pleasure at meeting and visiting with people from Egypt, Jordan, Israel, South America, Europe and the Orient. Among those from Europe were two persons from East Germany.

Breakfast guests were welcomed by the Honorable David Duren-

berger, Senator from Minnesota. Presiding at the breakfast was the Honorable Arlen Stangeland, Representative from Minnesota, who stated the purpose of the gathering to be to seek the wisdom and guidelines of God and consider where as individuals and as a nation we have strayed from the path, and to promote for home, community and nation, the world, and at every level of society, a leadership by God. The guests were admonished with the words of Philippians 2:3-4.

Those present were encouraged to build bridges of communication and understanding between all people throughout the world through break-

fasts, luncheons and round table discussions, as people discover strength and responsibility in fellowship. The objective would be to cultivate, encourage and inspire men of every level of society to be committed to God, His will, His plan and His person, so that they might be led and empowered by His Spirit.

The Prayer Breakfast Committee, consisting of Senators and Representatives, feels that the closer the responsible people of each nation can be to each other, the greater the possibilities are for understanding and peace among people of all the world.

At a seminar that continued through the day, a guest from West Germany spoke of how the Fellowship Breakfast has resulted in a similar meeting of people from eight countries of Europe twice a year, and how many smaller groups meet regularly in his country. Also, interesting contributions were heard from a newsman from Athens, a doctor from London and an Australian.

General John Vessey, Jr., Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff of our Armed Services, gave the main message at the Breakfast. Being a military man, he gave "the enlistment speech," to re-enlist in the Lord's Army. With Bible verses he brought out that the qualifications were simply willingness to accept the challenge, "Follow Me" and "Win Others." The pay or remuneration

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ASSOCIATION OF FREE LUTHERAN CONGREGATIONS 3110 EAST MEDICINE LAKE BOULEVARD MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55441

Budget Receipts February 1-April 31

	TOTAL BUDGET	TOTAL REC'D TO DATE	% of TOTAL (Ideal 25%)
General Fund	\$187,180.00	\$35,002.56	19
Schools — AFLTS	97,246.00	12,062.95	12
AFLBS	164,839.00	20,517.56	12
Home Missions	219,796.00	23,475.23	11
World Missions	265,975.00	26,253.75	10
Praise Fund	28,880.00	4,616.24	16
TOTAL	\$963,916.00	\$121,928.29	13
1982-83	\$914,003.00	\$151,248.82	17

news of the churches

from here and there . . .

Thief River Falls, Minn.— Our Saviour's Lutheran Church has decided to purchase new pews for its sanctuary. Thirty-two ten-foot pews and six 15-foot pews will be secured from Modesto, Calif. The pews were not to be ordered until the down payment was in hand.

Minneapolis, Minn. — At the Easter breakfast at Faith Lutheran, quail eggs were also offered to the diners, courtesy of Clifford Dyrud. The parish paper refers to them as "interesting and delicious!"

Mother and Daughter banquets were held at both Faith and Rosedale churches. The speaker at Rosedale was Lois Walen, who gave a dramatic reading about Mrs. Martin Luther, while dressed in costume. At Faith Jane Grodt showed slides on the theme "Creation Reflections."

Newfolden, Minn.— Steps have been taken to enter a parish team in the town softball league.

Badger, Minn. — The musical "The Music Machine" was given by the Sunday School at Badger Creek Lutheran on Sunday, May 29. At Oiland Lutheran, Greenbush, the Sunday School closed on May 15 and there was a picnic at the park.

Personalities

Rev. J.G. Erickson, pastor of Medicine Lake Lutheran Church, Minneapolis Minn., since December, 1974, has resigned that pastorate to accept the call to Calvary Lutheran Church, Fosston, Minn. He and his wife will move to Fosston sometime this summer.

A preacher who flatters his congregation is as useless to them as a pilot who points out scenic spots just before a crash landing.

Sydney J. Harris
Field Enterprises, Inc.
the Grand Forks (N. Dak.) Herald

Roseau, Minn.— Looking for more to do in addition to serving four congregations, Pastor Larry Severson is conducting a series of Bible studies at the North Star apartments from 3 to 4 each Wednesday. "The Life of Christ" is the subject of the studies.

A Mother's Day breakfast was served at Roseau Lutheran. The men served in honor of all mothers and confirmands.

Tioga, N. Dak.— An appreciation dinner for all Sunday School teachers and helpers and for the Pioneer Club teachers and helpers was held on May 15 at 7 o'clock at Zion Lutheran.

Drummond, Wis. — The second Sunday of each month has been designated "Mission Sunday" at Drummond Lutheran and a mission offering will be received at the service that day and mission information shared.

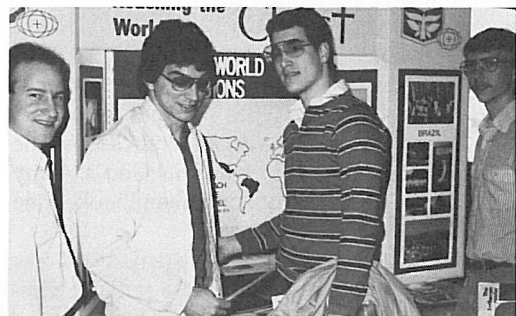
Mason, Wis. — A stringband has been organized for Faith and Moland Lutheran Churches. There is still room for others to join.

Minnewaukan, N.Dak. — The Jonathan Maraj family conducted a mission conference at Trinity Lutheran, May 5-7. A fellowship supper was served on Thursday night.

Tucson, Ariz.



Part of Living Faith Lutheran Church, Tucson, Ariz., on the day when the constitution was drawn up. Pastor Forrest Swenson is shown second from the right, with his wife at his right.



Chassell, Mich.— Four students from Michigan Technical Univ. enjoy the AFLC world mission display at a recent Missions Sunday at Maranatha Free Lutheran Church.

Devils Lake, N.Dak.— Christ Lutheran Church will be the name of the congregation in Devils Lake. For the summer months the Home Missions Department is sponsoring a seminary student to carry on the work. He is Joel Rolf, accompanied by his wife Mary Ann. The buying of a church building is under consideration.

Eagle Butte, S.Dak.— Emmanuel Lutheran Church observed its 25th anniversary this past Sunday, June 5th. A report on the festivities will be given later. Rev. E. J. Langness is the pastor.

In Memoriam

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

RHODE ISLAND

Tiverton

Francis T. Dampman, 73, May 2, St. Paul's, Fall River, Mass. (His pastor, Gerald D. Blais, reports: "Brother Dampman was hospitalized at the time of my father's earthly days' closing. They spent much time together speaking of things eternal, and each confessed to each other the surety that they would soon find their rest and release from pain in Jesus. Mr. Dampman lived just across the state line which cuts through our urban area and it was my blessing to take him to church for some years.")

MINNESOTA

Roseau

Torger G. Torgerson, 70, May 7, Rose

Rodney John Shirley, 19, May 8, Roseau

BREAKFAST . . .

would be the same for corporal or chief of staff—eternal life. He elaborated on the types of equipment necessary for the various branches of the Armed Forces, while in God's Army there is only one handbook, the Bible, God's Word.

President Reagan opened his remarks by saying that he felt like calling for an enlistment. He reiterated the commandments as given in Exodus 20 and stated that the answers to the complex problems of Today's world can be found in the Bible. He again quoted the verse his mother had marked in an old Bible, II Chronicles 7:14. President Reagan then proclaimed 1983 as "The Year of the Bible" and signed the proclamation making it official.

It was of interest to the Foldens to find that their own former North Dakota Representative, the Honorable Tom Kleppe, and his wife were host and hostess for the welcoming reception the evening prior to the Breakfast.

For the Foldens, this special event was a great opportunity and they stated that they came away with a more positive attitude and certainly new trust in and hope for the USA in the days and years ahead.

—Corr.

DON'T . . .

what we shouldn't do, and we fail to do what we know we should do.

Tragically, this inborn trait affects our responses to God. "But the natural, nonspiritual man does not accept or welcome or admit into his heart the gifts and teachings and revelations of the Spirit of God, for they are folly (meaningless nonsense) to him and he is incapable of knowing them—" (I Cor. 2:14 Amp.). In Romans 3:11, we read, "There is none who understands, there is none who seeks for God." By nature man is so blinded by the effects of sin that down is up and up is down. What he considers wisdom is foolishness and what he rejects as foolishness is really wisdom. (See I Cor. 1.) Little wonder, then, that there is bewilderment everywhere. Man cannot find the answer to his dilemma because he is blind to truth. He cannot even accurately pinpoint his dilemma.

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Only God can stop man's hell-bent race toward destruction. The Christ of the cross invites disillusioned souls to come unto Him and receive the wisdom that will restore spiritual and moral vitality and shed the necessary light on life. When God, by His law, is able to finally wake us up to the truth about our foolish and disastrous ways, then, and only then, does the cross of Christ become meaningful and attractive. Wouldn't life be a waste and wouldn't we be fools if we rejected God's offer and kept going our self-deceiving way?

Pastor Bruce Dalager
(from a parish paper)

With our evangelist-youth worker

A variety of activities awaits Pastor Kenneth Pentti in the summer months: Bible camping, church conference, personal refreshment and his first mission in a Latin American country. Pray for Pastor Pentti as he participates in these activities that the Lord may use him in each one.

Osceola, Wis.

Association Retreat Center

AFLC Annual Conference

June 15-19

Osceola, Wis.

The ARC

Minneapolis District Youth Bible Camp

June 26—July 1

Leon, Mexico

AFLC Church

July 11-17

Samuel Flores, pastor

Minneapolis, Minn.

Attending AFLTS Seminar of Theology

July 25-August 5

Francis Monseth, dean

Osecola, Wis.

The ARC

AFLC Family Bible Camp

Aug. 8-13