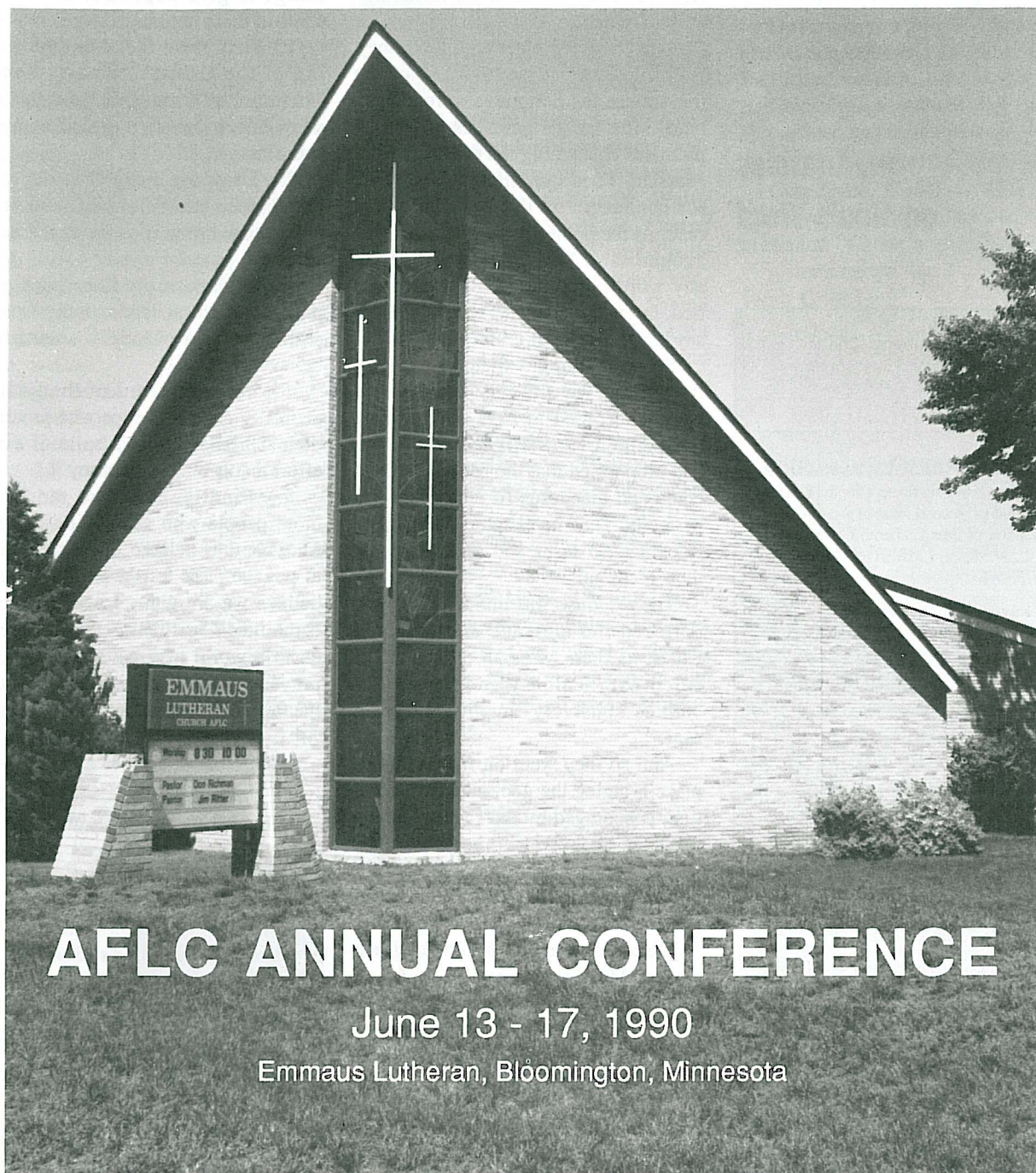


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## Words of encouragement

**D**iscouragement has always been a problem for many Christians. That is why God has raised up certain people with a gift of encouragement. Barnabas was such a man. In fact, his name means "Son of Consolation." He was with Paul on the first missionary journey as recorded in Acts 13. They followed the same pattern of work in Pisidian Antioch as they had in every other city. First, they went to the synagogue for a service. At this service the Scriptures were always read. Most of the passages contained promises concerning the coming of the Messiah. Then opportunity was given for comments on the Word that was read. At the point the leader of the synagogue said, "Brethren, if you have any word of exhortation (or consolation, or encouragement) for the people, say it" (Acts 13:15).

So Paul brought them a message from God. We are very fortunate to have it recorded in Acts 13:16-41. In this sermon Paul tells how the Word had prophesied that the Messiah would come and that Jesus fit the prophecies perfectly. Then he called on the people to believe in Jesus and accept Him as their Messiah.

The response was immediate. Some believed the message and received Christ as their Messiah. Others were filled with jealousy and hatred and "talked abusively" against the message.

And so they went on from place to place bringing the good news of salvation, encouraged by the change seen in the lives of those who believed. Paul would preach, Barnabas would encourage, and so the Gospel would go forward.

Discouragement was a lifelong battle for Martin Luther. We have all heard the account of how his wife Katie appeared one morning wearing mourning clothes. When Martin asked who had died, she replied, "The way

you have been acting lately, it must be God." Another time when he was especially discouraged by the attack of Satan, he was said to have hurled an inkwell at him, leaving a blotch on the wall.

But, in spite of things that bring discouragement, there are always positive things to give hope. Let us look at some of them in today's world.

1.) First, there is the faithful sharing of the Gospel in many places. There are still many faithful pastors who believe the Word of God and proclaim it.

2.) There are many Christian men and women who live their lives from day to day, bringing glory to the name of Christ.

3.) We have many fine young people who are responsible, doing what is right. Many are deeply committed believers in Christ.

4.) We have heard of the faith of people of eastern Europe who proclaim their Christian faith in spite of every effort that is made to destroy it.

5.) Finally, there are more and more people who are willing to stand for what they believe. They are willing to pay the price for their convictions. I believe we are going to see a core of committed Christians acting as a leaven in a world of great need. It is my prayer that you will be found among the faithful group of believers.



by Pastor  
James Asp

# 28th Annual Conference

of the  
**ASSOCIATION OF FREE LUTHERAN  
CONGREGATIONS**

Bloomington, Minnesota  
June 13-17



**Partnership in the Gospel**

Philippians 1:3-4

## 9:00 a.m. **Wednesday, June 13**

The Conference Committees meet at Emmaus Lutheran Church, 8443 2nd Ave. S., for devotions, instructions and room assignments.

The opening service of the Conference at Kennedy Senior High School, 9701 Nicollet Ave. S., with the sermon on the text by Pastor Donald Richman, Bloomington. The service leader is Pastor Leslie Galland, Eden Prairie, Minn. AFLC President Pastor Richard Snipstead will open the Conference and appoint necessary committees.

Offering to the AFLC.

## 9:00 a.m. **Thursday, June 14** — Sessions at Days Inn, Bloomington.

Devotions

Report of the Credentials Committee.

Adoption of the Conference agenda.

Election of the Nominating Committee for the 1991 Conference.

The President's Report.

The Report of the Chairman of the Co-ordinating Committee, Pastor Leslie Galland.

Report of the Business Administrator, Mr. Ernest Miedema, Minneapolis, Minn.

Report of the Chairman of the ARC Board, Mr. Clifford Seldal, DeKalb, Ill.

Report of the Director of the ARC, Mr. Robert Dietsche, Osceola, Wis.

Report of the Director for the Administration Building Campaign, Mr. Clifford Johnson, Esko, Minn.

Report on Progress on New Hymnal, Pastor Thomas Olson, Cumberland, Wis.

Financial Report, Mr. Aldon Enstad, Public Accountant.

Report of the Family Bible Camps:

Osceola, Treasurer, Pastor Brian Davidson, Cumberland, Wis.

Lake Bronson, Treasurer, Mrs. Don Balmer, Thief River Falls, Minn.

Wilderness, Treasurer, Mr. George Hartman, Dalton, Minn.

Report of the Budget Analysis Committee.

Report of the Nominating Committee, always in order.

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**Sessions at Days Inn, 8401 Cedar Ave. S. and Bloomington Kennedy High School. Emmaus Lutheran host congregation.**

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Election of nominees for the Missions Corporation and the Schools Corporation.

Report of Committee #1 (Administration).

## 11:30 a.m. Prayer Hour. Leader: Pastor Peter Franz, Mankato, Minn.

## 1:30 p.m. Devotions.

Report of Credentials Committee.

Elections.

Decision on Voting Procedures.

President — 3-year-term

Vice-President — 1-year-term.

Secretary — 1-year-term.

Nominations for nominee for Editor of *The Lutheran Ambassador*.

Selection of Nominees to the Home Missions Committee — one pastor; World Missions Committee — one pastor; Board of Trustees — one pastor.

Continuing discussion of Committee #1.

Election of nominee to the Co-ordinating Committee — one layman.

Election of a member to the ARC Board — one pastor.

Election of Committee #1 for the 1991 Conference.

Report of the Chairman of the Stewardship Board, Pastor Roy Johnson, Ortonville, Minn.

Report of the Chairman of the Board of Pensions, Mr. Eugene Nelsand, Thief River Falls.

Report of Committee #5 (Stewardship and Pensions).

Election of a member to the Stewardship Board — one layman.

Election of a member to the Board of Pensions — one layman.

Election of Committee #5 for the 1990 Conference.

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- Report of the Chairman of the Board of Trustees,  
Pastor Kenneth Moland, Kirkland, Wash.
- Report of the Dean of the Seminary, Dr. Francis  
Monseth, Rogers, Minn.
- Report of the Dean of the Bible School, Pastor  
Donald Greven, Minneapolis.
- Report of the AFLBS Alumni Association, Miss  
Lynelle Hartman, Minneapolis.
- Report of Committee #2 (Schools).
- 5:30 p.m. The Schools Corporation Annual Meeting.
- 8:00 p.m. The Mission Festival Service conducted by the  
Women's Missionary Federation. Speaker: Pas-  
tor Herbert Franz, Dollar Bay, Mich.
- Friday, June 15**
- 7:00 a.m. The Missions Corporation Annual Meeting.
- 9:00 a.m. Devotions.  
Report of the Credentials Committee.  
Continuing discussion of Committee #2.  
Election of Committee #2 for the 1991 Confer-  
ence.  
Report of the Schools' Corporation Annual Meet-  
ing.  
Report of the Chairman of the World Missions  
Committee, Pastor Einar Unseth, Glenville,  
Minn.  
Report of the Director of World Missions, Pastor  
Eugene Enderlein, Minneapolis.  
Report of the Chairman of the Home Missions  
Committee, Pastor Herbert Franz, Dollar  
Bay.  
Report of the Director of Home Missions, Pastor  
Elden Nelson, Minneapolis.  
Report of the Chairman of the Commission on  
Evangelism, Lay Pastor Lyle Twite, Bagley,  
Minn.  
Report of Committee #3 (Missions and Evange-  
lism).
- 11:30 a.m. Prayer Hour — Pastor Peter Franz
- 1:30 p.m. Devotions.  
Report of the Credentials Committee.  
Continuing discussion of Committee #3.  
Report of Missions Corporation Annual Meet-  
ing.
- 5:30 p.m. Pastors' Banquet
- 8:00 p.m. Laymen's Service. Leader: Mr. Lloyd Carlson,  
Minneapolis. Speaker: Mr. Donald Priebe,  
Fargo, N. Dak.  
Offering to the AFLC.
- Saturday, June 16**
- 9:00 a.m. Devotions.
- Report of the Credentials Committee.  
Continuing discussion of the report of the Com-  
mittee #3.  
Election of member to the Commission on  
Evangelism — one pastor.  
Election of Committee #3 for the 1991 Confer-  
ence.  
Report of the Chairman of the Board of Publica-  
tions and Parish Education, Rev. Wesley  
Langaas, McVillage, N. Dak.  
Report of the Director of Parish Education, Mrs.  
Ralph Tjelta, Minneapolis.  
Report of the Chairman of the Youth Board, Pas-  
tor Joel Rolf, Radcliffe, Ia.  
Report of the President of the Luther League  
Federation, Pastor Terry Wold, East Grand  
Forks, Minn.  
Report of Youth Resources Director, Pastor  
Dennis Gray, DeKalb, Ill.  
Report of Committee #4 (Publications, Parish  
Education and Youth Work).
- 11:30 a.m. Prayer Hour — Pastor Peter Franz.
- 1:30 p.m. Devotions.  
Report of the Credential Committee.  
Election of member to the Board of Publications  
and Parish Education — one pastor.  
Election of member to the Youth Board — one  
pastor.  
Election of Committee #4 for the 1991 Confer-  
ence.  
Report of the Chairman of the Stewardship  
Board, Pastor Roy Johnson, Ortonville,  
Minn.  
Report of the Chairman of the Board of Pen-  
sions, Mr. Eugene Nesland, Thief River  
Falls.  
Report of Committee #5 (Stewardship and Pen-  
sions).  
Election of a member to the Stewardship Board  
- one pastor.  
Election of a member to the Board of Pensions -  
one pastor.  
Election of Committee #5 for the 1991 Confer-  
ence.  
Election of the Colloquy Committee for the  
1991 Conference.  
Report of special committees.  
Election of two members to the Budget Analysis  
Committee — three-year-term.  
Report of Committee #1 as the Committee on  
General Resolutions.  
Other Reports.  
Invitation to the 1991 Conference.
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8:00 p.m. Youth Night at the Conference  
Leader: Mr. Mark Johnson, Minneapolis.  
Speaker: Pastor Michael Brandt, Cloquet, Minn.

Offering to the AFLC.

#### **Sunday, June 17**

8:00 a.m. Communion Service - Emmaus Lutheran, Bloomington.  
Leader: Pastor Paul Nash, Warroad, Minn.  
Speaker: Pastor James Ritter, Minneapolis.

10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Ordination - Living Word Lutheran, Eagan, Minn.  
Leader: Pastor David Barnhart, Eagan.  
Speaker: Pastor John Skeie, Morris, Ill.

Offering to the AFLC.

Conference Committee

Pastor Richard Snipstead, President

Pastor Ronald Knutson, Secretary

## **SUMMER FAMILY BIBLE CAMP**

West Coast District - July 30-Aug. 4

Moran State Park

Orcas Island, Wash.

Lake Bronson - July 9-15

Lake Bronson, Minn.

Wilderness Family Camp - July 18-22

Lake Park, Minn.

ARC Family Camp - July 1-7

August 5-11

Association Retreat Center

Osceola, Wis.

### **Make it a Family Tradition!**

#### **Our president writes**

### **Welcome to the 1990 Annual Conference**

Once again it is a privilege to extend an invitation to the people of our AFLC to the Annual Conference of our Church. I trust that my invitation to you may be the encouragement that will help many of you decide to come to the Conference.

Our Conference is open to every member of every congregation of our AFLC. That is a privilege that is unique to the membership of the AFLC. I trust that we do not treat this opportunity lightly. There is no better place to get to know your church than to attend an Annual Conference.

Our Conference this year is very centrally located for our Church. It will be in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The dates are June 13-17.

We want to recognize the fine work that our host congregation, Emmaus Lutheran, is doing in preparation for the Conference. The folks at Emmaus felt that their sanctuary was too small to handle the sessions and they have made arrangements for excellent facilities. The day sessions will be held at the Days Inn near the airport. The air-conditioned auditorium there will seat over 600. Many of you will be staying right there as well. Ample space for our evening sessions has been obtained at the Kennedy Senior High School, about four miles away. The auditorium there is also air-conditioned and has padded seats.

There is room for over 1000 people at our evening sessions. It will be a great opportunity particularly for our Minneapolis area people to get out for the evening sessions.

The agenda for the Conference is found elsewhere in this issue so I need not dwell on that here. I do want to mention our theme for the Conference. During the days of the Conference the words "Partnership in the Gospel" will be challenging us. It is a theme that is forward looking. I believe that every one of us should have our vision challenged as we come to this Conference. Certainly as a Church we need that. Though this will be our 28th Annual Conference, we cannot dwell on the past, but we pray that the "Go" of the Gospel may draw from each of us a deeper commitment to the task of preaching the Gospel to all men in the closing decade of this century. May each of us be a part of the partnership!

We shall look for you at our Annual Conference.



*Pastor Richard Snipstead*

## MISSIONS

The Nominating Committee of the Annual Conference will present two (2) names for every vacancy on the Missions Corporation. Nominations may also be made from the floor. The Conference membership will then by secret ballot choose one person for each vacancy and send those names to the Corporation for decision at its annual meeting on June 15. Members of the World and Home Missions Committees must come from the membership of the Corporation. Failure to be re-elected to the Corporation while serving on either Committee will automatically remove one from membership on that Committee.

The following are eligible to attend the annual meeting of the Corporation on June 15:

(\*Denotes World Missions Committee member; \*\*denotes Home Missions Committee member.)

### Terms expire in 1990:

Rev. Walter Beaman, Edmore, N. Dak.  
Mr. Lester Davidson, Ortle, S. Dak.  
Lay Pastor Dale Finstrom, Hatton, N. Dak.  
Rev. Gordon Grage, Underwood, Minn.  
Mr. Arley Hartsoch, Ray, N. Dak.\*

Rev. Ted Kennedy, Jr., Nogales, Ariz.\*  
Rev. Robert Lewis, Newark, Ill.  
Rev. David Molstre, Palmdale, Calif.  
Rev. Larry Severson, Roseau, Minn.  
Mr. Kenneth Williams, Ishpeming, Mich.\*

### Terms expire in 1991:

Rev. Richard Anderson, Lakeville, Minn.  
Mr. Robert Dietsche, Osceola, Wis.\*\*  
Rev. Amos Dyrud, Minneapolis, Minn.  
Mr. Harold Erickson, New York Mills, Minn.  
Rev. Dale Mellgren, Tioga, N. Dak.  
Rev. Allen Monson, Dickinson, N. Dak.\*\*

Mrs. Aini Myking, Minneapolis, Minn.  
Rev. John Rieth, Amery, Wis.  
Mr. Joel Rogenes, Ely, Minn.  
Mr. Doyle Watson, Kirkland, Wash.

### Terms expire in 1992:

Rev. Richard Gunderson, Lake Stevens, Wash.  
Mr. Henry Mohagen, Towner, N. Dak.\*\*  
Rev. Tony Stockman, Brandon, Minn.  
Mr. Martin Bjornson, Valley City, N. Dak.  
Rev. Herbert Franz, Dollar Bay, Mich.\*\*  
Mr. Vernon Russum, Grafton, N. Dak.\*  
Dr. Wayne Sletten, Faith, S. Dak.

Miss Judith Wold, Thief River Falls, Minn.

Mr. Kenneth Nash, Colfax, N. Dak.\*  
Mr. Ellis Olson, Eden Prairie, Minn.

### Terms expire in 1993:

Rev. Mark Antal, Chaplain, U. S. Army  
Rev. James Asp, Fargo, N. Dak.  
Mr. Bob Christian, Newark, Ill.  
Rev. Lawrence Dynneson, Nogales, Ariz.  
Mr. Emory Flaten, Newfolden, Minn.  
Rev. Peter Franz, Mankato, Minn.  
Rev. Philip Haugen, Minneapolis, Minn.\*\*

Rev. Rodney Johnson, Stanley, N. Dak.  
Rev. Steve Kneeland, Duluth, Minn.  
Rev. Einar Unseth, Glenville, Minn.\*

### Terms expire in 1994:

Mr. Paul Flaten, Newfolden, Minn.  
Rev. Alvin Grothe, Astoria, Ore.\*\*  
Mr. Owen Myhre, Abercrombie, N. Dak.\*\*  
Rev. Ted Berkas, Wallace, S. Dak.\*  
Mr. Truman Rolf, McIntosh, Minn.  
Mrs. Gerald Knudsvig, Buxton, N. Dak.  
Mr. Donald Hansen, Minneapolis, Minn.  
Rev. Paul Larson, White Earth, Minn.  
Rev. Jeff Swanson, Kalispell, Mont.  
Rev. John Skeie, Morris, Ill.

## 1990 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Eastern North Dakota — Rev. Bruce Dalager, Grand Forks, N. Dak.

Western North Dakota-Eastern Montana — Rev. Lyndon Korhonen, Culbertson, Mont.

South Dakota-Nebraska — Rev. Todd Klemme, Faith, S. Dak.

Northwestern Minnesota — Mr. Tom Fugleberg, Roseau, Minn.

North Central Minnesota — Mr. Wayne Floan, Fertile, Minn.

Southwest Central Minnesota — Mr. Kenneth Nash, Colfax, N. Dak.

Lake Superior — Rev. Michael

Brandt, Cloquet, Minn.

Minneapolis — Rev. Thomas Olson, Cumberland, Wis.

Northern Michigan — Rev. Harvey Jackson, Ishpeming, Mich.

Arizona-California — Mr. Eric Westlake, Tucson, Ariz.

West Coast — Rev. Stephen Snipstead, Kalispell, Mont.

East Coast — Mr. David Murray, Massapequa, N. Y.

Illinois — Mr. Merv Mathison, DeKalb, Ill.

Members of the Nominating Committee welcome suggestions as to candidates for the various boards, committees and corporations of the AFLC to be chosen this year. They also need names for the five resolutions committees to be selected for the 1991 Annual Conference. The suggestions may come from any AFLC member, not only those who will be attending the Conference in June.

## SCHOOLS

The Nominating Committee of the Annual Conference will present two (2) names for every vacancy on the Schools Corporation. Nominations may also be made from the floor. The Conference membership will then by secret ballot choose one person for each vacancy, sending the names of these persons to the Corporation for decision at its annual meeting on June 14. Members of the Board of Trustees must come from the membership of the Corporation. Failure to be re-elected to the Corporation while serving on the Board will automatically remove one from membership on the Board.

The following are eligible to attend the annual meeting of the Corporation on June 14:

(\*Denotes member of the Board of Trustees.)

### Terms expire in 1990:

Mr. Art Arneson, Spicer, Minn.  
Rev. Michael Brandt, Cloquet, Minn.  
Dr. James Gerdeen, Chassell, Mich.  
Mr. Eldon Hermunslie, Wahpeton, N. Dak.  
Mr. Arlo Kneeland, Summit, S. Dak.  
Rev. Lyndon Korhonen, Culbertson, Mont.\*  
Rev. Kenneth Moland, Kirkland, Wash.\*

Mr. Kenneth Rolf, McIntosh, Minn. \*  
Rev. John P. Strand, Remer, Minn.  
Rev. Terry Wold, East Grand Forks, Minn.

### Terms expire in 1991:

Dr. Philip Dyrud, Middle River, Minn.  
Mr. Charles Hanson, Amery, Wis.  
Rev. Harvey Jackson, Ishpeming, Mich.  
Rev. Mauritz Lundeen, Evansville, Minn.  
Rev. Terry Olson, Valley City, N. Dak.  
Mr. Orville Qualley, Brockton, Mont.  
Rev. Philip Rokke, Minnewaukan, N. Dak.  
Mr. Alfred Tollefson, Astoria, Ore.  
Lay Pastor Lyle Twite, Bagley, Minn.  
Mr. Ronald Willand, Ferndale, Wash.

### Terms expire in 1992:

Rev. Martin Horn, Minneapolis, Minn.  
Mr. Dean Franz, Cloquet, Minn.  
Lay Pastor Rodney Stueland, Kenyon, Minn.  
Mr. Clifford Dyrud, Minneapolis, Minn.  
Rev. Dennis Gray, DeKalb, Ill.  
Mr. Clifford Johnson, Esko, Minn.  
Rev. John Mundfrom, Eben Jct., Mich.  
Rev. Paul Nash, Warroad, Minn.  
Mr. Kent Quanbeck, McVile, N. Dak.\*  
Mr. James Rolf, Brandon, Minn.

### Terms expire in 1993:

Mr. Arne Berge, Binford, N. Dak.\*  
Rev. Leslie Galland, Eden Prairie, Minn.  
Rev. Raynard Huglen, Newfolden, Minn.  
Rev. Craig Johnson, Eugene, Ore.  
Rev. Gary Jorgenson, Ottawa, Ill.  
Rev. Jerry Moan, Minot, N. Dak.  
Mr. Sheldon Mortrud, Lake Park, Minn.  
Mr. Ralph Peterson, Portland, N. Dak.\*  
Rev. Mark Molstre, Larimore, N. Dak.  
Rev. Tony Stockman, Brandon, Minn.

### Terms expire in 1994:

Mr. Donald Carter, Lake Stevens, Wash.  
Rev. Bruce Dalager, Grand Forks, N. Dak.  
Rev. Philip Featherstone, Pukwana, S. Dak.  
Rev. James Fugleberg, Ferndale, Wash.  
Mr. Wayne Floan, Fertile, Minn.  
Rev. Rodger Olson, Fergus Falls, Minn.\*  
Mr. Marlow Nash, Colfax, N. Dak.  
Rev. Emerson Anderson, Cloquet, Minn.  
Mr. Emory Flaten, Newfolden, Minn.  
Rev. Ralph Rokke, Minneapolis, Minn.

# ELECTIONS

## OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED

\*designates incumbent

**President** — (3-year-term)

\*Rev. Richard Snipstead, Minneapolis, Minn. (Has served four terms.)

**Vice-President** — (1-year-term)

\*Rev. Robert L. Lee, Newark, Ill. (Has served five terms.)

**Secretary** — (1-year-term)

\*Rev. Ronald Knutson, Canton, S. Dak. (Has served four terms.)

A nominating ballot is used for these three officers. To be elected on the first ballot a 75% majority will be needed. Failing that, since the above officers have all served at least three consecutive terms, each will need a

## BY THE CONFERENCE

### Commission on Evangelism

(5-year-term)

\*Rev. Laurel Udden, Minneapolis, Minn.

### Board of Publications and Parish Education

(5-year-term)

\*Rev. Wesley Langaas, McVile, N. Dak.

75% majority on a second ballot to be elected. If that does not happen, he would be dropped from further consideration for that office for this year.

## Youth Board

(5-year-term)

\*Rev. Joel Rolf, Radcliffe, Ia.

## Board of Pensions

(5-year-term)

\*Rev. Richard Gunderson, Lake Stevens, Wash.

## Stewardship Board

(5-year-term)

\*Rev. Robert L. Lee, Newark, Ill. (Having served two consecutive five-year terms, Pastor Lee is ineligible for re-election.)

## Association Retreat Center Board

(5-year-term)

\*Rev. Peter Franz, Mankato, Minn.

## ELECTIONS

### BY CORPORATIONS Co-ordinating Committee (5-year-term)

\*Mr. Arlo Kneeland, Summit, S. Dak.  
(Having served two consecutive five-year terms, Mr. Kneeland is ineligible for re-election.)

### World Missions Committee (5-year-term)

\*Mr. Kenneth Nash, Colfax, N. Dak.  
(Having served two consecutive five-year terms, Mr. Nash is ineligible for re-election.)

### Board of Trustees (5-year-term)

\*Rev. Rodger Olson, Fergus Falls, Minn. (Having served two consecutive five-year terms, Rev. Olson is not eligible for re-election.)

### Home Missions Committee (5-year-term)

\*Rev. Alvin Grothe, Astoria, Ore.

## Conference representation

Here is an unofficial comparison of the percentages of congregations represented for the last three AFLC annual conferences. The number of total AFLC congregations is the total given by the Co-ordinating Committee at the conference itself.

1987 (Thief River Falls, Minn.) — 111 out of 158 — 71%.

1988 (DeKalb, Ill.) 95 out of 186 — 51%.

1989 (Minot, N. Dak.) — 114 out of 196 — 58%

The 1987 annual conference was the 25th in the church's history. The congregations in Canada are counted in the statistics.

Registration deadline is June 1st.  
Send to:

**AFLC Annual Conference  
3110 Medicine Lake Blvd.  
Minneapolis, MN 55441**

For registration form see the  
March 20th *AMBASSADOR*.

## Stewardship in the 1990s

In early issues of the *Ambassador* this year we have been privileged to read what the various leaders of the AFLC envision for our church body as we enter into the new decade of the 1990s. It was encouraging to sense the enthusiasm and optimism that our leaders have for the work God has called us to do. In these articles the challenge was given to each of us to enter into the work of our Association with greater commitment and dedication than ever before. We were reminded again that the time is short and the fields "are white already to harvest" (John 4:35).

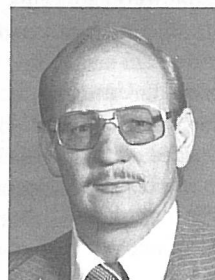
As we think of the opportunities of the '90s, we are motivated, as always, by the love of Christ which has been shed abroad in our hearts and the command of our Savior to "go" into all the world. In every area of our work God is opening up new and greater doors of service. It is clear that if we are to meet the challenges of this new decade, all of us in the AFLC will have to dedicate ourselves to a greater commitment to working, praying and giving. Additionally, let us not forget that the work of the AFLC belongs to every single member and not just those we elect to positions of leadership. Without each member carrying his share of the load, the work will suffer. Each member of our Association must capture the vision that he is a vital, integral part of the ministry of the church. When every member recognizes the responsibility and privilege he has to be a part of building Christ's Church here on earth, the work will go forward and blessings from God will abound. It is true that not all can "go" but all can pray fervently and give generously. If we purpose in our hearts to unite in these areas, then the 1990s will be the greatest decade yet for our AFLC.

We on the Stewardship Board are seeking to provide materials and information to our local churches so that they might be better informed on the work of our AFLC. In promoting the ministries of the AFLC, the local pas-

tor and church leaders play a vital role. Without the enthusiastic support of every pastor and church leader in sharing the work of the Association with their congregations, the needs will not be known and the work will suffer. Informed congregations are enthused congregations and enthused congregations are giving congregations. It is our prayer on the Stewardship Board that both pastors and local leaders will rededicate themselves in this new decade to keeping the ministries of our Association before our people on a continual basis.

As I close, let me say that we must never lose sight of the fact that we have a God who is "able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think" (Eph. 3:20). The incredible blessings of the past three decades will not compare to what God is able to do for us and through us in the 1990s if we are faithful to Him. We on the Stewardship Board believe that God has great things in store for our AFLC if we will humbly seek His face and obediently take up our cross and follow Him. Let us agree at the start of this new decade to be united in our dedication and commitment to the Lord's work. Let us pray, give and serve as never before so that souls will be saved and the church of Jesus Christ will prosper.

"Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and prove Me now in this," says the Lord of hosts, "if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it" (Mal. 3:10).



*Pastor  
Roy B. Johnson  
Chairman  
Stewardship  
Board*

## IMPORTANT ELECTIONS

In the annual conferences of the AFLC, where not many crucial decisions are made, the election of officers and board members (some of these by corporations) become centers of attention. That is certainly the case this year when the three constitutional officers are to be elected and for the first time in history all three incumbents are under the three-fourths majority rule, having served three or more consecutive terms.

Also, while the new voting procedure, in which the ecclesiastical ballot is used, was in effect last year at Minot for the re-elections of the vice-president and secretary, this will be the first time it will be used in electing a president. And there is always an air of suspense whenever something is done for the first time.

Under the ecclesiastical or Roman ballot, the first ballot is a nomination ballot (the voter may write in the name of any AFLC member). One ballot for each office may be enough. Last year in Minot it was, in both cases. Or, numerous ballots may be needed.

A problem remains, perhaps more than one, in the new voting procedure. Out of many nominees on the first ballot, if no one received 75% of the vote, how many shall be dropped before the second and succeeding ballots are taken? At present, it seems that only the lowest vote-getter is to be dropped each time. In the voting for secretary in 1989, 31 persons were nominated. It wouldn't make sense to drop, say, one person per ballot from a list that long.

Some things are yet to be spelled out and before long it would be good to put our new voting procedure into our permanent documents so that no one will be mistaken as to how we govern ourselves.

Let us pray much for our Annual Conference, June 13-17, and not least for the decisions that will be made about leadership of our fellowship. In the nature of things, many judgments about our ongoing common work have to be made by our officers and board members. We must vote knowledgeably and then support those who are chosen to lead with our daily prayers and good will.

## ARTICLE VIII

Such assistance consists partly in the mutual sharings of spiritual gifts among the congregations through conferences, exchange visits, lay activities, etc., whereby congregations are mutually edified, and partly in the voluntary and Spirit-prompted cooperation of congregations for the accomplishing of such tasks as exceed the ability of the individual congregation" (*The Fundamental Principles*).

In the Article before this one it is stated that a free congregation gladly accepts mutual assistance from other congregations or churches, all for the purpose of advancing God's kingdom or God's work.

Thus, while in a sense a congregation is self-contained and self-sufficient in that it has the Word, the Sacraments and the presence of the Holy Spirit, the congregation is open to the help that like-minded congregations can give it and longs for the fellowship of other congregations which share the same faith, goals and aspirations. By inference, Article VIII also is saying that the congregation of which we speak is anxious to help sister congregations, for mutual sharings and mutual edification imply not that one only receives from others but that there is giving and contributing, too.

While it is good and right that one's first loyalty is to his own congregation, there should still be some desire to get together with believers in other congregations. The annual conferences of the Association are such occasions. If anything is, that is the gathering of the whole family. How good it would be if everyone of the local units could be represented at such times.

District and area Bible conferences are another opportunity for fellowship, as are the various Bible camps, Luther League and Women's Missionary Federation conventions, church workshops and retreats, etc. In all of these, different talents and gifts are involved, not least of which is the gift of hospitality.

Furthermore, blessings await the meeting together of neighboring congregations through exchange visits, lay activities, etc. One way this is done is by exchange Family Night programs. Unfortunately, all too often when a visiting group comes with something to share, the host congregation is poorly represented. Those who are present are blessed, but there is some embarrassment on both sides. Article VIII encourages these visits of fellowship. There is a building up that can take place, but there must be a willingness to let it happen.

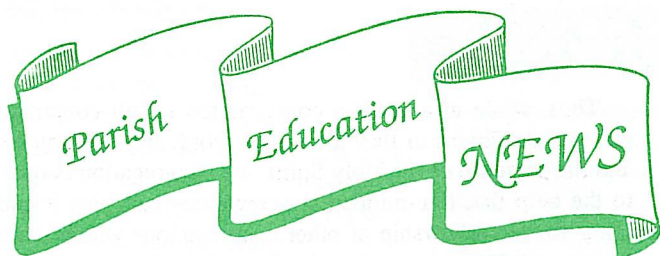
Finally, the Article pictures congregations working together to do what they cannot do alone. That will be discussed next time as we take up Article IX, but we should notice that this joint effort is to be voluntary and Spirit-prompted. The free congregation cannot be forced to do anything it doesn't want to do. Where the Holy Spirit shows the need for participation in larger service and reveals the possibilities for that, the congregation gladly and wholeheartedly enters in, to the glory of God the Father.

## MOVE OVER, NEVADA

Nevada has long been the state among the Fifty which has depended most on the gambling industry and the fascination with gambling which besets many people for the raising of revenues with which to operate state government.

While that state isn't in danger yet of losing first place, more and more states are wanting a piece of the "action" and

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## Book available

*Rosenius' Daily Meditations* is a daily devotional book which speaks to the life of the inner man. The writings of Carl Rosenius are recognized by many as classics in devotional literature. Poems and prayers have been included in this second printing of the book. *Rosenius' Daily Meditations* is an excellent graduation, wedding, anniversary or birthday gift. (Hard cover book is available from the Parish Education office. \$5.00 plus postage and handling.)

## VBS helps

Make AFLC mission awareness a part of your VBS program this year! A new student picture "booklet" of a Brazilian VBS and a teacher's fact sheet are now available with any VBS (or Sunday School) material. The children in your classes will be able to read and see that missions is sharing the love of Jesus with children of other countries. You will want to order one student sheet for each student and perhaps extra sheets for visitors and new students. Each teacher will need the fact sheet. (Student picture-story sheet: 10 cents each; Teacher fact sheet: 15 cents each).

## New material printing needs

We thank God for the prayer and gift support given in behalf of the work of Parish Education. According to the March end-of-the month report, most of our reprinting and office expenses for the fall of 1990 will be covered; this is an encouraging report! This **does not** include the cost of printing new 4th grade materials or the new adult study, *Pillars of Truth* by A. W. Knock. However, we believe these expenses can also be met. Won't you join us in giving thanks to our heavenly Father who provides all things richly in Christ Jesus?

*The Board of Parish Education*

## Ready to move

But take care that you use the world and its passing goods like a man who is awaiting the last trump; so that when it peals and when the last thunders resound you are prepared and ready, walking holy ways and with godly spirit. If you live like that, you're in no danger.

## Special AMBASSADOR offer in June

Through the courtesy of the AFLC Co-ordinating Committee a special offer will be made to new subscribers of *The Lutheran Ambassador* in June. During that month an introductory rate of six dollars (\$6.00) for one year will be available to those not presently getting our church paper.

You will find a subscription blank in the next *Ambassador*, dated May 29. Send it in together with your check. Please allow a month for your order to take effect.

The present subscription rate is \$10.00 per year. You will save \$4.00.

The *Ambassador* is a bi-weekly, that is, it comes out every two weeks, except in July and August, when one issue is omitted each month.

The *Ambassador* is the one magazine which is devoted to bringing news of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations. Increasing emphasis is being given to this responsibility. Learn what is happening in our congregations and agencies.

Each issue contains devotional reading, starting with the feature "Light on the Way" on page two. Most of our writers are Association people, people who write out of intimate knowledge of our history and present concerns. They are eager to tell the message of Jesus Christ, for whom we are "ambassadors" (II Cor. 5:20).

We welcome you to our family of readers. We'd like to have you along.

— *The Editor*

## EDITORIALS

legalizing horse racing for betting purposes, games of chance (sometimes for charities) and lotteries. Minnesota joined the number of states with lotteries on Apr. 17, becoming the 32nd to do so, and her citizens and others plunked down over five million dollars the first day.

Few people in state and national legislatures dare to speak seriously of raising taxes for legitimate needs and yet not a few of their constituents think little of laying down \$20 for any one of the gambling opportunities around and that perhaps a number of times in a year. And those who do so aren't always those most financially able to do so.

It's a bewildering and mixed-up world we live in. Men

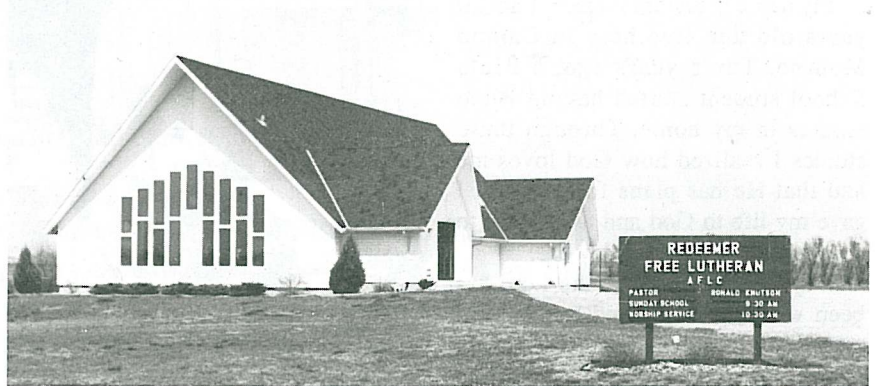
are paid one, two, three and four million dollars a year to play games while deep social problems go unaddressed. American women abort hundreds of thousands of unborn babies a year, not because their own lives are in danger, but because they don't want to be inconvenienced by a (another) child. More and more, Americans are turning to gambling as a way to raise funds for supplying governmental and social needs, thereby raising a whole bunch of new problems.

Churches are facing a rack of new dilemmas also in light of the gambling craze. How do they maintain Christian witness when their members become increasingly involved in an action which has traditionally and rightfully raised grave moral concerns?

## Redeemer Lutheran, Canton, S. Dakota

Redeemer Lutheran Congregation of Canton, South Dakota, was begun after several families in the Canton area contacted the Home Mission Committee of the AFLC. The first service was held January 9, 1983, in a store building on West Fifth Street in Canton, with Home Mission director, Rev. Elden Nelson, and Rev. Robert Lee, then with the AFLC Seminary, conducting the service. Thereafter, for the next 18 months, regular services were held with Pastor Lee and Rev. Kenneth Moland, dean of the AFLC Bible School, ministering to the congregation on alternate weekends.

Groundbreaking ceremonies were held October 9 that year on a plot of land on the west edge of Canton and church construction was begun, with members doing much of the labor. On June 5, 1984, the first service was held in the new structure. In August of that year the congregation received a full-time pastor, Rev. Rodger Olson.



Now, seven years later, the congregation has an active WMF, Luther League, choir and weekly midweek Bible studies. Nine of the 12 charter families are still a part of the fellowship. Our average Sunday attendance is 50 to 60, with a membership of 26 families. Through the years members who at first were strangers now have been knit together in Christian love. We are served presently by Pastor Ronald D. Knutson. Rev. Erwin Brandt

filled in as interim pastor.

We are very grateful to the AFLC Home Missions Department for giving us the opportunity to establish a congregation with a firm Bible emphasis and we very much appreciate the free congregation concept. Please remember us in prayer that we may be witnesses in the Canton community and that we may gain new members, because our church has room for many more families.

—Doris



Mid-week Bible study group.



Pastor Hiepler points to the newly purchased land.

## News from California

Twenty-eight separate families, all new to the AFLC, will regularly be reading all about the AFLC.

Only a small minority of this nucleus of 28 families have had Lutheran contacts before coming to the Neighborhood Bible Church, Murrieta, Calif.

Recently, our president, the Rev. Richard Snipstead, stated that this

church was the 200th congregation in the AFLC.

Four important events have taken place:

1.) Purchase of ten acres of land on which the church and school will be built. (This was accomplished by help from the AFLC and the three-fourths by means of forming a limited partnership.)

2.) Gave one-year subscriptions to

the *Ambassador* to 28 family units.

3.) Pastor David Skordahl of Pipestone, Minn., was installed on April 1st. Pastor Orville Hiepler will remain as an assistant in Murrieta, while he starts another new church in southern California.

4.) A \$5,000 gift from a member was the beginning of a building fund for this new church.

—Corr.

## I need to learn much

My name is Sandra Fogaca. I am 20 years old and live here in Campo Mourao. Three years ago, a Bible School student started having Bible studies in my home. Through these studies I realized how God loves me and that He has plans for my life. I gave my life to God and asked him to accomplish His plans in my life.

Day by day I see that the Lord has been working in me and has blessed me in many ways. Since accepting Christ as my Savior, I have been participating in Central Lutheran Church. I have had responsibilities there as Sunday School secretary and teacher and I also am involved in the youth group. Today I am secretary of the Youth Federation of the Free Lutheran Churches here in Brazil. Through these responsibilities that I have had, I realized the necessity of knowing God's Word more fully. I also enjoy working with children and feel God is calling me to this area of work. Therefore, I decided to come and study at the Bible School and dedicate this year to developing the talents God has given me and to learn more about the Lord and His will for me. During these first months of classes, I have already seen that there is much here I need to learn for my life.

One of the ways I am developing work with children is through the neighborhood Sunday Schools that I am coordinating in my church on Sunday afternoons. Also, at the Lar Parana



Church, I am helping out with a girl's club on Saturday afternoons. There we teach crafts, embroidery and crocheting, and we are also developing a method of alphabetizing those who can't read.

My goals for the future are to continue my studies and finish an organ course that I started before coming to Bible School. Also, one of my fellow classmates is teaching me to play the guitar. God has been speaking to me through our class on missions and the need for missionaries has been impressed on me. I feel God may be calling me to some kind of missionary work. I am praying that God may reveal His will for me during this year of studies.

Proverbs 16:1: "The plans of the mind belong to man, but the answer of the tongue is from the lord."

## Children of Brazil VBS and Bible Camp

Children, children everywhere,  
With ev'ry color of skin and hair,  
Open hearts and brilliant smiles,  
Children, some from severe trials.

They come for a week to hear the Word,  
The greatest story of love ever heard!  
In many hearts the Precious Seed  
does grow,  
Bringing hope from where once was  
woe.

Yes, VBS and camp are places  
Where little ones can see the Savior's face.  
Their function has eternal reward,  
As children come to know the Lord.

Through the prayers and support  
of many of you,  
Many children are living  
a life that is new.

Because of what Christ did on the cross,  
These children need never know loss.

— Sarah Jane Skramstad



Craft time gives creative artists an opportunity to put their talents to work.



Brothers Cleverson, Geversen and Emerson earned scholarships for Bible Camp. All want to be pastors one day.



Pastor Paul Abel leads relays.



## WE ARE GREATLY ENCOURAGED

It is truly a great blessing to report that at this writing, one-fourth of the congregations have had the slide presentation given them and that gifts and commitments have been received from other individuals in 70 congregations. The total amount now either received or committed amounts to approximately \$84,000. This is a good beginning!

We are greatly encouraged. many have expressed joy in their giving as well. Their heartfelt response has been gratitude for the opportunity to join with others to help fill this great need.

We ask you to respond generously now, if you have not already done so. Or, if you have responded already, but could give more, we encourage you to do so. However, we must emphasize that giving to this project must be over and above normal giving to all the ministries of the AFLC. "Let's not rob Peter to pay Paul."

Above all, we need to pray much for the blessing of God to rest upon all our work. Pray that many, many will become enthusiastic participants in this building project. Pray that God would give wisdom to those who must make decisions relative to this building. Pray that God would bless richly with a spiritual renewal in all our congregations.

"Then said I unto them, Ye see the distress that we are in, how Jerusalem lieth waste, and the gates thereof are

## Personalities

**Rev. Todd Klemme**, who has served as pastor of the Faith, S. Dak., parish (Bethel and Emmanuel) since 1986, has resigned in order to accept the call to Zion Lutheran Church, Wadena, Minn., and will begin his ministry there on July 15. Pastor Klemme received a Master of Arts in

Gerhard E. Frost, *Seasons of a Lifetime*, Augsburg Fortress, Minneapolis, Minn., 160 pages. \$ .

The late Gerhard Frost, long time pastor and seminary professor, was a master at striking the unforgettable phrase. Two that have stayed with me lo these many years are "The church bell is the dinner bell of the soul" and "All of God's grown-up children are in heaven."

Equally easy of remembrance is one of the anecdotes he wrote of in *These Things I Remember*, of the time as a small boy when he struck the brand new grindstone on the farm and cracked it to the center. As long as that stone was used, the click at each rotation reminded him of his childish folly and his father's mercy. And he drew a spiritual moral from that.

Gerhard Frost wrote and published many poems. Posthumously, members of his family have gathered most of their favorites and more than 50 unpublished poems and put them in this book. They are grouped topically by the seasons of a year to represent the seasons of a lifetime.

If you must have poetry that rhymes, the book isn't for you. The versification is free. If the reader of these poems doesn't find his own thoughts put in words again and again in them, I am badly mistaken. Here are a few examples. The first two are excerpts, the last two, full poems.

burned with fire...And they said, 'Let us rise up and build.' So they strengthened their hands for this good work" (Nehemiah 2:17-18).

— Clifford Johnson

Religion degree from Liberty University, Lynchburg, Va., on May 12. President George Bush was the commencement speaker.

New address for **Rev. and Mrs. Mauritz Lundeen**, formerly of Aberdeen, S. Dak., now retired, and living back on the home farm, is Brandon, Minn. 56621. The phone number is 612-524-2559. Pastor Lundeen is available for pulpit supply.

## BOOK REVIEW

Home is where you let up  
and let down,  
Where you stop hiding  
and let yourself be found,  
where you quit being someone else  
and are just your needy old self.  
(from "Home")

I think of my poor service to God  
as teacher, parent,  
interpreter of the Good News.  
I know that my offerings are soggy,  
tepid and unfit,  
but my Father receives them  
and even blesses them —  
not because I am good  
but because He is!  
(from "Soggy Cereal  
and Tepid Tea")

### WHY

Why is the hurting word,  
the ennobling word. No one can  
hold back why anymore than we hold  
our breath. It will be asked.

But there are many ways of asking.  
We can curse it, snarl it,  
pout or cry or whimper.  
We can also pray.  
God waits for us to pray the question,  
Why?

### GOD KNOWS

"Time to come in now!" —  
the mellow voice of love in the  
darkening dusk of a distant day,  
my barefoot, carefree days  
of firefly lanterns,  
cricket-chirped curfews  
and the serious business of play.

No harshness to remember,  
but firmness born of care,  
the loving care of Mother;  
she knew how much we liked to play.

"Time to come in now!"  
I seem to hear God say  
in the deepening dusk of my  
sunset day.

God knows how much I want to stay.

— Raynard Huglen

## Canadian AFLC holds 7th Conference

Lay pastor Gene Sundby of Outlook Saskatchewan, was returned as president of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations in Canada at the seventh annual conference held in the city of Vernon in the beautiful Okanagan valley of interior British Columbia, April 6-8.

The conference was opened officially by Vice-President Alvin Pinno after a communion service led by Student Pastor Steve Olinger, with Pastor Leslie Johnson as speaker. The Women's Missionary Federation held their annual meeting the afternoon of the 6th, led by Mrs. Johnson, president.

Conference Bible study leader Dr. Francis Monseth incorporated the conference theme from John 15:16, "I have chosen you," into his studies on the Law and the Gospel in the ministry of the local congregation, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The business meeting followed the Bible study Saturday morning, along with a time of prayer and thanksgiving. A significant point in the meeting was the adopting of resolution 12 as the stand taken by the AFLC in Canada on the issue of homosexuality. The resolution contains a presentation of the clear teaching of God's Word on the subject, paragraph 10 reading as follows:

Be it resolved that the annual conference of the AFLC-Canada continue to uphold and affirm the Holy Scriptures, God's Word, on all matters of faith and practice, including the following Biblical teachings on the sanctity of the sexual relationship within the bonds of heterosexual marriage:

a) God's design for marriage is a male and female relationship exclusively (Gen. 2);

b) God's design for marriage as a permanent union between male and female (Matt. 19:4-6; Rom. 7:2; I Cor. 7:39); and

c) God's design for marriage as the only relationship in which the sexual relationship between male and female is honorable and beautiful in the sight of God (Heb. 13:4).

Resolution 7 spoke of the continuance of the prayer and financial sup-

port through the bursary program of the work and ministry of the Bible School and Seminary in Minneapolis and for the three Canadians who have attended there during the past year.

Resolution 19 acknowledged and gave thanks to God for our sister AFLC (USA) and in particular acknowledged the counsel and assistance given by Pastor Richard Snipstead, president, and Pastor Elden Nelson, director of Home Missions.

Resolution 22 expressed thanks and gratitude to the Living Word Lutheran Church in Vernon for serving as hosts for the 1990 conference of the AFLC in Canada.

The Saturday evening service was led by Mr. Art Hanger of Calgary. Dr. Monseth spoke on the theme, "We are called to bear fruit," he said, "We need to cleanse and purify the church, making sure each one has a right relationship in Christ."

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## Vernon youth Festival

The 8th annual Vernon Youth Festival will be August 16 through 19 at the Silver Star Resort, Vernon, B. C., Canada. This was the site for the 1989 Luther League Convention which had 700 youth and adults in attendance! Mr. Tom Bache-Wiig from Minneapolis, Minn., will be the guest speaker. He is speaking at the Festival for the third year.

The guest musician is Mr. Michael Hart from Vancouver, B. C., Canada, who is returning for the second time. Mr. Hart is an accomplished guitarist and song writer.

Days and evenings will be filled to capacity with activities including chairlift rides, swimming, campfires, plus sessions to deal with pertinent issues. There will be the yearly "unforgettable" talent show!

The theme for the 1990 Festival is based on Rev. 3:20, "Knock, Knock, Who's There?" The cost will be \$80.00 in Canadian money. If you register by July 15 you will receive a free logo shirt.

## AFLTS news

The 1990-91 AFLTS Internships begin on June 1. The seminarians and the congregations which they will serve are as follows:

Bud Davis to St. Paul's,  
Cloquet, Minn.

Scott Gray to Grace and Zion,  
Valley City, N. Dak.

Ted Hansen to Green Lake,  
Spicer, Minn.

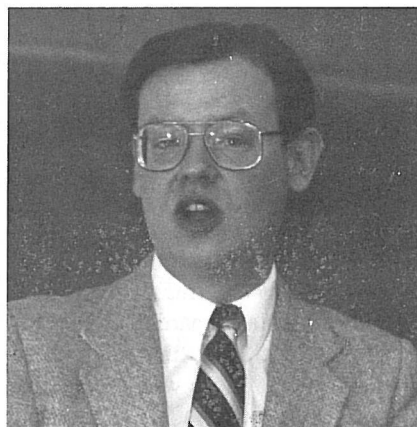
Jim Johnson to Elim,  
Lake Stevens, Wash.

Mike Nelson to Our Saviour's,  
Thief River Falls, Minn.

Michael Peterson to Trinity,  
Minnewaken and Christ  
Lutheran, Devils Lake, N. Dak.

Todd Schierkolk to First Lutheran,  
Camarillo, Calif. and  
six months in Brazil.

Jon Unverzagt to Triumph,  
Ferndale, Wash.



Dr. Craig Jennings, LeSueur, Minn., is teaching the Church History course this semester at AFLTS. Dr. Jennings serves the Lutheran Bretheran congregation in LeSueur.

Accommodations are in one of the six hotels at Silver Mountain.

Further information can be received by writing Vernon Youth Festival, 2106 45 Avenue, Vernon, B. C., Canada V1T 3M8. You may also phone Heather Lyseng at (604) 542-0497, Carol Penner (604) 542-8535 or Keith Kashuba (604) 543-0524. Please plan to join in this unforgettable event!

—Heather Lyseng  
Festival Committee

## from here and there

### Eastern North Dakota

**Grafton, N. Dak.** — Bethel Lutheran celebrated its 25th anniversary on Sun., Apr. 22., with former pastor David Molstre, Palmdale, Calif., speaking. There was also a program in the afternoon.

**Edmore, N. Dak.** — Rev. Dale Mellgren, Tioga, N. Dak., was guest speaker at special meetings in Living Word Lutheran.

### S. Dakota - Nebraska

**Faith, S. Dak.** — The men from Bethel Lutheran prepared a "Sweethearts Banquet" Feb. 25 in connection with a surprise 50th anniversary party for John and Corrine Schmidt. Traditionally, the Bethel men, under chief cook Erling Olsen, prepare the meal, decorate the church basement and provide the entertainment. The men enjoy the camaraderie and Christian fellowship. — *Corr.*

**Eagle Butte, S. Dak.** — Recently deceased from Emmanuel Lutheran were Gertrude "Annie" Van Gorder (Jan. 25) and Russell "Pal" Keckler (Feb. 13), who was also a deacon of the congregation.

**Aberdeen, S. Dak.** — Rev. Mauritz Lundeen concluded his ministry at Grace Lutheran on April 30. Serving as interim will be Mr. Alvin Magnuson, who works for the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Aberdeen. He is a graduate of the seminary of the Church of the Lutheran Brethren and has worked in the Navajo Indian Mission.

### Northwestern Minnesota

**Newfolden, Minn.** — Mr. Stanley Holmaas, grocer, spoke at the services at Westaker and Bethania on Sun., Apr. 22, in the absence of Pastor LeRoy Flickinger.

**Greenbush, Minn.** — United Lutheran had a film series again this spring. The four James Dobson films concluded on May 13.

**Roseau, Minn.** — From the parish "Lampighter": Cheerfulness is contagious, but don't wait to catch it from others. Be a "carrier."

### Southwest Central Minnesota



**New London, Minn.** — On Sun., Apr. 1, Gausdal Lutheran gladly welcomed 13 new members. They are pictured as follows, back row, Wally Jensen, Clarence Svoboda, Pastor Richard Bartholomew, Wayne Chadwick, and Timothy and Delphine Hargreaves; and front, Janet Olson, Sharon Svoboda, Scott, Linda and Karen Chadwick, Anthon Hargreaves and Kathy Chadwick. Not pictured is Craig Hargreaves. A fellowship dinner was served at noon in their honor.

**Dalton, Minn.** — Tordenskjold Lutheran sponsored a series of evangelistic services Apr. 27-29 with Rev. Jack Aamot of the Lutheran Evangelistic Movement as preacher.

**McLeod, N. Dak.** — Pastor Laurel Udden, Minneapolis, Minn., spoke at special meetings in United Lutheran, Mar. 11-13. Mr. Jonathan Abel has been serving United and Bethany, Abercrombie.

### Lake Superior

**Mason, Wis.** — The Gospel in word and song was brought by Pastor and Mrs. Wendell Johnson, Cambridge, Minn., in services in Our Savior's Lutheran and Drummond Lutheran, Drummond, Apr. 1-4.

### Minneapolis

**St. Paul, Minn.** — The Rotunda Room of Northwestern College in Roseville was the scene of the Spring Banquet for Victory in Christ Lutheran on Apr. 21.

### Northern Michigan

**Escanaba, Mich.** — Rev. Herbert L. Franz, Dollar Bay, Mich., was the speaker at evangelistic services at Escanaba Lutheran, Apr. 29-May 2.

**Ishpeming, Mich.** — "Foundations of Faith" was the theme of the preaching mission at Hope Lutheran, Apr. 28-May 2, with Rev. Tom Olson, Cumberland, Wis., as the speaker. The studies were based on Genesis 1-11.

**Ontonagon, Mich.** — The Northern Michigan District held a meeting at Redeemer Lutheran on Apr. 28. Separate meetings were held first for men and women and then a joint meeting.

### Arizona - Southern California

**Camarillo, Calif.** — Alan Bond, staff evangelist with Jews for Jesus, presented "Christ in the Passover" at First Lutheran on Apr. 7.

### West Coast

**Astoria, Ore.** — Bethany Lutheran is one of 345 Lutheran congregations in the U. S. to receive a grant from Aid Association for Lutherans for special church anniversaries and it will be used to help it observe its centennial this year.

### Illinois

**Morris, Ill.** — A Family Mission Night was held at Bethlehem Lutheran on Apr. 1. A potluck supper was followed by a skit written by Jane Olson and songs by the Men's Chorus.

**Newark, Ill.** — A new group for couples and singles has been started in Helmar Lutheran and is called "Me's and We's." The first meeting was on Apr. 20. It is a revival of the former "Pairs and Spares."

### Work retreat at the ARC

A work retreat will be held at the ARC, Osceola, Wisc., Memorial Day weekend, May 25-29. Bring a willing spirit and useful equipment.

At 9 a.m. on Memorial Day Rev. Elden Nelson will speak at a service on the grounds.

Call 715-294-2877 for reservations for the weekend or a part of it.

## CANADA

After the Bible study Sunday morning the conference closed with a worship service with Pastor Pinno speaking and led by Pastor Gerald Gettis of Vernon.

The AFLC in Canada began in 1983 with one congregation in Lake Alma, Saskatchewan and now has five congregations for which God has graciously provided pastors. Mr. Jim Winter of Camrose, Alberta, who attended the seminary this year has accepted a call to Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran in Calgary, and Student Pastor Steve Olinger accepted a permanent call to serve Emmanuel Lutheran in Salmon Arm, British Columbia.

## Youth Board representatives to meet

The Youth Board Representatives will meet during the noon hour at the Annual Conference on Friday. Location of the event will be announced at the Conference.

Youth Board representatives are Pastors or Lay persons from the various AFLC districts. These men are as follows: Robert Lewis, James Johnson, Craig Johnson, Mark Molstre, Paul Kneeland, Richard Bartholomew, Tonnes Pollestad, Martin Christiansen and Tom Tuura.

The purpose in having Youth Board Representatives is mainly to provide communication between the Youth Board, the Youth Director and the Districts.

Youth Board representatives are to arrange for Leadership/Discipleship retreats or events for Youth Leaders and Adult Leaders. They can also conduct these events on their own. They are to encourage youth work in their particular district. Also, they will serve as a resource group for the Youth Board and Youth Worker.

If your District does not have a Youth Board Representative, please select someone prior to the meeting on Friday of the Annual Conference. Other interested persons may join the Youth Board representatives.

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# WMF Annual Convention

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Theme: "Building Together in the Lord" (Romans 12:4-5).

### Wednesday, June 13

9:00 Registration  
9:30 Prayer Service  
10:00 Bible Study. Leader — Lois  
Oscarson  
Memorial Service  
Business meeting  
Offering — My Missionary for a  
Day  
12:00 Noon Luncheon\* — Days Inn  
1:30 Speakers — Rev. and Mrs.  
George Knapp  
Offering — My Missionary for a  
Day

### Thursday, June 14

7:00 Ladies Breakfast\* — Days Inn  
Devotions — Mrs. Tim Skramstad  
Speaker — Carol Knapp  
\*Please pre-register for the noon  
luncheon and the breakfast.  
8:00 Mission Festival Service —  
Kennedy High School, Bloomington  
Speaker — Rev. Herbert Franz  
Offering — WMF General Fund  
Very special music planned for each  
session. Come and worship with us.