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Pentecostal times

And when the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent, rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance" (Acts 2:1-4 NASB).

Three facts stand out when we read the story of Pentecost. First, this is the right and normal condition of the church; second, this should be the permanent condition; and, third, this is not the condition today.

Buy why isn't it? Are the days when the multitude pressed about Jesus to be no more? Have the days gone forever when the "Word of the Lord shall prosper" and we shall cry out, "What must I do to be saved?"

Perhaps it's because the church does not pray for this as it did before. Are our pastors praying for pentecostal outpourings? No time of blessing was ever enjoyed in the church of God that was not preceded by prayer. Until God hears such prayers, pentecostal times will never come.

Perhaps another reason we do not have pentecostal times is that the church doesn't expect them. We often hear how God doesn't work any more like He did long ago. But it is the enemy of souls that tries to persuade us of this. And so the church does not expect this and is even surprised when it does happen.

Maybe the reason is that we don't have pentecostal preachers. The demand of the people today is for a preacher who will "fill the church" not with sinners but with sitters, not with prayers but with pay-ers! So the preacher preaches what draws men to church, instead of Scripture that will draw men to Christ. Preachers have become man-made instead of God-made. Peter did not give the multitude a watered-down Gospel. He gave his hearers Christ-crucified, Christ-risen,

Christ, the forgiver of sin, and Christ, the Savior of men. When we have pentecostal preachers and sermons we will have pentecostal times in the church.

Maybe another reason is that so much of the church does not have pentecostal ideas of religion. We hear a lot of talk today about morality and ethics, enlightenment and culture, and "sweetness and light." Sin, rebellion against God, guilt and doom are regarded as old-fashioned and out of date. We still have people who are trying to earn God's favor. Until we get the pentecostal idea of religion, that man is lost forever no matter what he does to try to save himself, and that until he has repented and believed in Jesus Christ, we cannot expect or have pentecostal times in the church.

Perhaps the most potent reason is that the Holy Spirit is not being permitted to soften and melt men's hearts.

The Chinese tell a fable of a great potter who was ordered to make a set of dishes for the Imperial table. He tried and tried but could never bring out the beauty and gloss he desired. Finally, in utter despair, he threw himself into the furnace with his dishes, and they say that such heavenly beauty has never gleamed and glistened from the handiwork of man before or since.

Do we want to know how to get the Holy Spirit for pentecostal blessings and power? We must learn the secret of China's imperial potter and cast ourselves into the furnace of prayer, into the furnace of surrender, into the furnace of fire, and just as God honored such devotion at Pentecost, He will most assuredly honor it today!



by Rev.
Jerome C. Nikunen

26th Annual Conference

of the

Association of Free Lutheran Congregations

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DeKalb, Illinois

Conference Theme: "An Open Door"

Texts: I Cor. 16:9, Rev. 3:8

Wednesday, June 15

9:00 The Conference Committees meet for devotions, instructions and room assignments.

8:00 (p.m.) The opening service of the Conference, with the sermon on the text, by Dr. Francis Monseth, Rogers, Minn. The service leader is Pastor Marlyn Kruse, Radcliffe, Ia. AFLC President, Pastor Richard Snipstead, will open the Conference and appoint necessary committees.

Offering to Home Missions.

Thursday, June 16

9:00 Devotions.

Report of the Credentials Committee.

Adoption of the Conference agenda.

Election of the Nominations Committee for the 1989 Conference.

The President's Report.

Report of the Chairman of the Co-ordinating Committee, Pastor Terry Olson, Valley City, N. Dak.

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

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

Report of the General Secretary of the ARC Ministries, Mary Pollestad, Minneapolis, Minn.

Financial Report, Miss Debbie Beaman, Minneapolis, Minn.

Report of the Family Bible Camps:

Osceola, Treasurer, Mr. Gary Modean, St. Paul, Minn.

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

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

Report of the Budget Analysis Committee.

Report of the Nominating Committee, always in order.

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

Report of Committee No. 1 (Administration).

11:30 Prayer Hour. Leader: Pastor Bruce Dalager, Grand Forks, N. Dak.

2:00 Devotions.

Report of Credentials Committee.

Elections:

Vice President - 1-year term

Secretary - 1-year-term

Selection of nominees to the Home Missions Committee - one layman; World Missions Committee - one pastor; Board of Trustees - one layman and one pastor.

Continuing discussion of Committee No. 1.

Election of nominee to the Co-ordinating Committee - one pastor.

Election of Committee No. 1 for the 1989 Conference.

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, Minn.

Report of the AFLBS Alumni Association, Miss Deb Anderson, Minneapolis, Minn.

Report of Committee No. 2 (Schools).

5:30 The Schools Corporation Annual Meeting.

8:00 The Mission Festival Service conducted by the Women's Missionary Federation. Speaker: Pastor David Abel, missionary to Brazil.

Friday, June 17

7:00 The Missions Corporation Annual Meeting.

9:00 Devotions.

Report of the Credentials Committee.

Continuing discussion of Committee No. 2.

Election of Committee No. 2 for the 1989 Conference.

Report of the Schools Corporation Annual Meeting.

Report of the Chairman of the World Missions Committee, Pastor Einar Unseth, Bismarck, N. Dak.

Report of the Director of World Missions, Pastor Eugene Enderlein, Minneapolis, Minn.

Report of the Chairman of the Home Missions Committee, Pastor Herbert Franz, Dollar Bay, Mich.

Report of the Director of Home Missions, Pastor Elden Nelson, Minneapolis, Minn.

SCHEDULE

Report of the Chairman of the Commission on Evangelism, Pastor Verle Dean, Spicer, Minn.

Report of Committee No. 3 (Missions and Evangelism).

11:30 Prayer Hour - Pastor Dalager.

2:00 Devotions.

Report of the Credentials Committee.

Continuing Report of Committee No. 3.

Report of the Missions Corporation Annual Meeting.

5:30 Pastors' Banquet.

8:00 Laymen's Service. Leader: Mr. LaVern Thompson, Dalton, Minn.

Speaker: Mr. Ron Kesterke, DeKalb, Ill.

Offering to General Fund.

Saturday, June 18

9:00 Devotions.

Report of the Credentials Committee.

Continuing discussion of the report of Committee No. 3.

Election of member to the Commission on Evangelism - one layman.

Election of Committee No. 3 for the 1989 Conference.

Report of the Chairman of the Board of Publications and Parish Education, Rev. Wesley Langaas, McVille, N. Dak.

Report of the Director of Parish Education, Mrs. Ralph Tjelta, Minneapolis, Minn.

Report of the Chairman of the Youth Board, Pastor Robert Lewis, Abercrombie, N. Dak.

Report of the President of the Luther League Federation, Pastor James Johnson, Reva, S. Dak.

Report of the Youth Resource Director, Pastor Dennis Gray, DeKalb, Ill.

Report of Committee No. 4 (Publications, Parish Education and Youth Work).

11:30 Prayer Hour - Pastor Dalager.

2:00 Devotions.

Report of the Credentials Committee.

Election of member to the Board of Publications and Parish Education - one layman.

Election of member to the Youth Board - one pastor.

Election of Committee No. 4 for the 1989 Conference.

Election of the Colloquy Committee for the 1989 Conference.

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

Report of the Chairman of the Board of Pensions, Mr. Norman Haugen, Murdock, Minn.

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

Election of member to the Stewardship Board - one pastor.

Election of member to the Board of Pensions - one layman.

Election of Committee No. 5 for the 1989 Conference.

Report of special committees.

Election of two members to the Budget Analysis Committee - three-year-terms.

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

Other Reports.

Invitation to the 1989 Conference.

8:00 Youth Night at the Conference.

Leader: Pastor James Johnson, Reva, S. Dak.

Offering to World Missions.

Sunday, June 19

8:00 Communion Service.

Leader: Pastor Gerald Mundfrom, Osceola, Wis.

Speaker: Pastor Del Palmer, Everett, Wash.

10:30 Worship Service with Ordination.

Leader: Pastor Dennis Gray, DeKalb, Ill.

Speaker: Pastor David Molstre, Fargo, N. Dak.

Offering to Schools.

Conference Committee:

Pastor Richard Snipstead, President

Pastor Ronald Knutson, Secretary

Preparatory Work

When, therefore, the Holy Spirit makes the sinner so despondent and dejected, yes, utterly lost, then it is because it is only a needed preparatory work for that which is the Holy Spirit's proper work in conversion, namely, to declare Christ to the sinner.

J. N. Kildahl

Pentecost

The outpouring of the Holy Spirit in power turned them (the disciples) into fiery apostles of the Lord Jesus Christ. It gave a new spiritual life to thousands and so Pentecost became the birthday of the Christian Church.

J. S. Melby

from our president

Our 26th Annual Conference

We sense a great deal of anticipation as we discuss and prepare for the 26th Annual Conference of our AFLC, June 15-19. We trust that many of you are making plans to be at DeKalb, Ill., in June.

The theme for the Conference is the same one used at the first Conference of the AFLC in June, 1963. That theme, "An Open Door," is most fitting for us at this time. God set before us an "open door" in 1963. He has guided and blessed the AFLC in a most remarkable way for 25 years. As we meet for Conference this year we sense that God is enlarging the door of opportunity for our AFLC. How we as a church need to be gripped with a sense of awareness of the opportunities that are before us today.

Our Annual Conference at DeKalb in June will undoubtedly have the largest number of new people attending a conference since the AFLC was organized. That should not be surprising when over 30 new congregations came into the AFLC since the last Conference. What an exciting time it will be to experience the blending together of these new people with the older membership of our AFLC. How heart-warming it will be for both old and new to find that we are of one heart and one mind in a love for Christ and His kingdom work.

Wednesday, June 15, will be a busy day at DeKalb. Though the first Conference session does not begin until in the evening, the national Women's Missionary Federation Convention is held on Wednesday. Conference committees are also busy preparing the resolutions and nominations for the various conference sessions. The Conference concludes with the very impressive ordination service on Sunday morning, June 19.

Coming to an Annual Conference will provide you with the very unique opportunity of gaining an insight into

the workings of various ministries of the AFLC. This year the Conference will address the separation of Parish Education and the ministry of the Association Retreat Center from the General Fund Budget. Consideration will also be given to the possibilities of the districts within the AFLC assuming certain areas of responsibility.

The Annual Conference is made up of people interested enough in the work of the AFLC to come and participate in the business. We encourage all of our congregations to be well represented. Especially do we encourage people in congregations new to the AFLC to come.

It is important that all of our pastors be at Annual Conference. Costs of an Annual Conference often prohibit a pastor from going to Conference. We would encourage all of our congregations to assist their pastor to go to Conference. Please do not consider it as part of his vacation time. It is a time of hard work from which both the congregation and the entire AFLC will benefit.

Won't you consider being with us for our 26th Annual Conference at DeKalb, Ill., June 15-19?



*Pastor Richard Snipstead
President
Association of Free
Lutheran Congregations*

ELECTIONS

Officers to be elected

*designates incumbent

Nominations are made from the floor for the constitutional offices and there must be at least two (2) nominations for each position.

Vice-President (1-year term)

*Rev. Robert L. Lee, Minneapolis, Minn.

(Having served three consecutive terms, the incumbent must receive a three-fourths majority on the first ballot in order to be re-elected.)

Secretary (1-year-term)

*Rev. Ronald D. Knutson, Canton, S. Dak.

BY THE CONFERENCE

Board of Pensions

(5-year-term)

*Mr. Norman Haugen, Murdock, Minn.

Commission on Evangelism

(5-year-term)

*Lay Pastor Verle Dean, Spicer, Minn.

Stewardship Board

(5-year term)

*Rev. Ernest Langness, Ishpeming, Mich.

(Having served two consecutive full terms, the incumbent is not eligible for re-election.)

Youth Board

(5-year term)

*Rev. Robert Lewis, Abercrombie, N. Dak.

Board of Publications

and Parish Education

(5-year term)

*Mrs. Kenneth Moland, Kirkland, Wash.

BY CORPORATIONS

Co-ordinating Committee

(5-year term)

*Rev. Wendell Johnson, Stacy, Minn.

Board of Trustees (Schools)

(5-year terms)

*Rev. Gary Jorgenson, Stanley, N. Dak.

*Mr. Arne Berge, Binford, N. Dak.

World Missions Committee

(5-year term)

*Rev. Einar Unseth, Bismarck, N. Dak.

Home Missions Committee

(5-year term)

*Mr. Joel Rogenes, Ely, Minn.

AFLC CORPORATIONS

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 will then by secret ballot choose one person for each vacancy, sending the names of these persons on to the Corporation for decision at its annual meeting on June 16. 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 exclude one from membership on the Board.

The following persons are eligible to attend the annual meeting of the Corporation on June 16:

(*Denotes member of the Board of Trustees.)

Terms expire in 1988:

Mr. Arne Berge, Binford, N. Dak.*
Mr. Stanley Holmaas, Newfolden, Minn.
Rev. Raynard Huglen, Newfolden, Minn.
Rev. Donald Greven, Minneapolis, Minn.
Mr. Sheldon Mortrud, Fargo, N. Dak.
Rev. Gary Jorgenson, Stanley, N. Dak.*
Mr. David Russum, Lake Stevens, Wash.
Mr. Ralph Peterson, Portland, N. Dak.*
Rev. Leslie Galland, Thief River Falls, Minn.
Mr. Donald Jacobson, Binford, N. Dak.

Terms expire in 1989:

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.
Mr. Raymond Jacobson, Wadena, Minn.
Rev. Rodger Olson, Fergus Falls, Minn.*
Mr. Marlow Nash, Colfax, N. Dak.
Rev. Frank Cherney, Arlington, Wash.
Rev. Emerson Anderson, Cleveland, O.

Terms expire in 1990:

Mr. Art Arneson, Spicer, Minn.
Rev. Michael Brandt, Cloquet, Minn.
Dr. James Gerdeen, Chassell, Mich.

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 17. Members of the World and Home Missions Committee 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 17:

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

Terms expire in 1988:

Rev. Mark Antal, Columbia, S. Car.
Rev. Fred Carlson, Wadena, Minn.
Lay Pastor Verle Dean, Spicer, Minn.
Mr. Emory Flaten, Newfolden, Minn.

Missions

Mrs. Oscar Folden, Minot, N. Dak.
Rev. Peter Franz, Mankato, Minn.
Rev. Philip Haugen, Minneapolis, Minn.**
Rev. Wesley Langaas, McVile, N. Dak.
Rev. Rodney Johnson, Spicer, Minn.
Rev. Einar Unseth, Bismarck, N. Dak.*

Terms expire in 1989:

Mr. Paul Flaten, Newfolden, Minn.
Rev. Alvin Grothe, Astoria, Ore.**
Mr. John Arlen Johnson, Sacred Heart, Minn.

Mr. Owen Myhre, Abercrombie, N. Dak.**

Rev. Norman Tenneboe, deceased
Rev. Ted Berkas, Granite Falls, Minn.*

Mr. Truman Rolf, McIntosh, Minn.
Rev. Ernest Langness, Ishpeming, Mich.

Mrs. Gerald Knudsvig, Buxton, N. Dak.

Mr. Donald Hansen, Minneapolis, Minn.

Terms expire in 1990:

Rev. Walter Beaman, Sebeka, Minn.
Mr. Lester Davidson, Ortle, S. Dak.
Lay Pastor Dale Finstrom, Hatton, N. Dak.
Rev. Gordon L. Grage, Underwood, Minn.
Mr. Arley Hartsoch, Ray, N. Dak.*
Rev. Ted Kennedy, Jr., Nogales, Ariz.
Rev. Robert Lewis, Abercrombie, N. Dak.
Rev. David Molstre, Fargo, N. Dak.
Rev. Larry V. 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.

1988 Nominating Committee

Mr. Eldon Hermunsie, 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, Tucson, Ariz.

Terms expire in 1991:

Dr. Philip Dyrud, Middle River, Minn.
Mr. Charles Hanson, Amery Wis.
Rev. Harvey Jackson, Ishpeming, Mich.

Rev. Mauritz Lundeen, Aberdeen, S. Dak.

Rev. Terry Olson, Valley City, N. Dak.
Mr. Orville Qualley, Brockton, Mont.
Rev. Philip Rokke, Greenbush, Minn.
Mr. Alfred Tollefson, Gearhart, Ore.
Lay Pastor Lyle Twite, Bagley, Minn.
Mr. Ronald Willand, Ferndale, Wash.

Terms expire in 1992:

Rev. Martin Horn, Zumbrota, Minn.
Mr. Dean Franz, Cloquet, Minn.
Lay Pastor Rodney Stueland, Roslyn, S. Dak.
Mr. Clifford Dyrud, Plymouth, 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.

Mr. Joel Rogenes, Ely, Minn.**

Mr. Doyle Watson, Kirkland, Wash.

Terms expire in 1992:

Rev. Richard Gunderson, Lake Stevens, Wash.
Mr. Henry Mohagen, Grafton, N. Dak.
Rev. Tony Stockman, Brandon, Minn.
Mr. Martin Bjornson, Valley City, N. Dak.*
Rev. Herbert Franz, Dollar Bay, Mich.**
Mr. Kenneth Rolf, McIntosh, Minn.
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.*

Eastern North Dakota — To be appointed.

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

South Dakota-Nebraska — Rev. James Johnson, Reva, S.Dak.

Northwestern Minnesota — Mr. Philip Grothe, Thief River Falls, Minn.

North Central Minnesota — Mr. Roy Quam, McIntosh, Minn.

Southwest Central Minnesota — Mr. Harold Erickson, New York Mills, Minn.

Lake Superior — Mr. Emory Risdall, Cloquet, Minn.

Minneapolis — Mr. Robert Dietsche, Osceola, Wis.

Northern Michigan — Mr. Kenneth Williams, Ishpeming, Mich.

Arizona — Mr. Orville Myron, Tucson, Ariz.

West Coast — Mr. Alfred Tollefson, Gearhart, Ore.

Eastern — Rev. Emerson Anderson, Cleveland, O.

Illinois — Rev. Dennis Gray, DeKalb, Ill.

(Members of the Nominating Committee welcome suggestions as to candidates for the various standing 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 1989 Annual Conference. The suggestions may come from any AFLC member, not only those who will be attending the Conference in June.)

SHAVUOT

The Messianic fulfillment

This year (on the 22nd of May) New Testament believers around the world will celebrate Pentecost. At the same time the nation of Israel will be marking the joyful holiday of Shavuot and, of course, the two events are intimately connected. Pentecost in fact is the natural outgrowth and fulfillment of the Jewish holiday. At least six parallels come to mind:

1) Shavuot is when the first fruits are gathered in for the Lord (Lev. 23:15-17). On Pentecost the first 3000 Messianic believers were gathered into the faith, the first fruits or token of multiplied millions who would eventually put their trust in Yeshua.

2) Shavuot is known as the Feast of the Giving of the Law for, according to the tradition, it was on Shavuot, about 50 days after the Passover sacrifice that Moses received the Law from God. Pentecost marks the giving of the Spirit which was first outpoured about 50 days after the sacrifice of Yeshua our Passover Lamb, the One who is even greater than Moses.

3. Shavuot marks the birth of Juda-

ism and Pentecost the birth of the congregation of those who believe in Yeshua.

4. On Shavuot the Law, which represents God's righteous demands, was given on Mt. Sinai, whereas on Pentecost the Holy Spirit, symbolizing God's merciful provision, was bestowed at Mt. Zion.

5. The Book of Ruth is read in the synagogues on Shavuot. Although a Gentile, she came to have a great place in the history of Israel. Today, because of the miracle of Pentecost, multitudes of Gentiles belong to the spiritual commonwealth of Israel through the Messiah, a descendant of Ruth (Matt. 1:5).

6. At the first Shavuot, at Mt. Sinai, there were miraculous demonstrations of God's power (Exodus 19). So, too, at the first Pentecost God showed himself in a very supernatural way (Acts 2).

Let's pray that God will help all of us to seek a powerful and personal Pentecost!

*David N. Decker
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the Holy Spirit and His Work

"The Holy Spirit is as real and actual a person in the Triune Godhead as the Father and the Son..."

Part I

The Heavenly Father, who in His eternal purposes created all men in His own image for fellowship with Himself, has given gifts to His creatures. To all men, He in His unfathomable love gave His only begotten Son that *whosoever* in his sin-broken world believed on Him should not perish. However, to the redeemed believers He gave His special gift, His Holy Spirit. In yearning love, the Son, having been tempted in all points like they, saw them struggling in a world that "lieth in the wicked one" and provided help to make it through safely. As C.O. Rosenius says (*Daily Meditations* 3/6), "We are passing through hostile country carrying treasures in earthly vessels; and we are surrounded by thousands who plan to rob us of our gems. The old enemy of souls has sworn to put us to death. We are endangered also by the deceitfulness of our own hearts." In His farewell words to His fearful disciples (ex. Jn. 11:8-16; 14:5), Jesus assured them, "I will not leave you desolate; I will come to you" (Jn. 14:18). It is in that setting of a hostile world that Jesus tells them, "I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Counselor, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth" (Jn. 14:16). He faces them with the reality of a world that will hate them (Jn. 15:18-23). The Spirit will be their pillar of fire: "When the Counselor comes, whom I shall send you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, He will bear witness to Me" (Jn. 15:26). The Holy Spirit is God's gift to the redeemed, and specifically to them only.

The Holy Spirit is as real and actual a person in the Triune Godhead as the Father and the Son, eternal with them. He is the Spirit of Jesus (Gal. 4:6) indwelling Jesus (Col. 1:19), the eternal unity of the Godhead in all His purposes and works (Cp. Jn. 6:19-24). In the beginning of

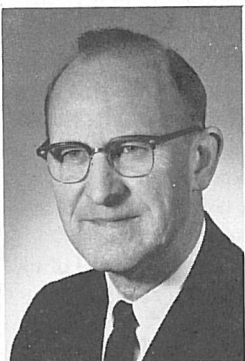
creation He was present, "moving over the face of the waters," bringing light and the quickening powers of life to all creation. He is found in the Old Testament empowering men for specific purposes of God (f. ex. Num. 24:2; Neh. 9:20; Judges 15:14; Ezek. 3:12, etc.). Fredrik Wisløff says, in his excellent work, *I Believe in the Holy Spirit*, "The equipment of the holy prophets was the Spirit of God. Therefore they lived their lives under the divine *must*." "The Holy Spirit becomes a hidden power in the human heart, a ceaseless urge. The Christian is driven by the Spirit of God" (p. 128).

To the Christian today, living in a world gone mad in its sinfulness and ever beset by his mortal enemy, Satan, who is seeking to destroy him, Jesus gave a *Paraclete*, one who walks alongside of him, the Holy Spirit. As the Christian senses his weakness and bewilderment, the Spirit comes as the *Comforter*, not just to pity us, but as the One who walks with us (*Com* means with; *fort* means strength) with strength. He becomes like a father who leads his child by the hand through places where the child would fear to go alone and the child is comforted in the knowledge he has a strong presence beside him. Amidst all the pitfalls and entrapments the world offers, the Spirit indwells the believer as the *Counselor*. Over against all the false religious leaders and false Christs, the Holy Spirit "will guide you into all the truth" (Jn. 16:13), and "He will glorify Me (Jesus), for He will take what is Mine and declare it to you" (Jn. 16:14). In the world of today the Christian may find himself so bewildered that he does "not know how to pray as (he) ought" (Rom. 8:26), but "the Spirit helps us in our weakness" and "the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words...for the saints according to the will of God."

The gift of the Spirit from the Father and the Son is not an "extra" which is given only to certain Christians. He is the *essential gift* without which no person can become a Christian or continue as a Christian. "Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to Him" and "all who are led by the Spirit of God are the sons of God" and none others (Rom. 8:9 and 14).

When Jesus speaks of the Spirit, He says His first work will be to convict of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment (Jn. 16:7-11). The sinner is dead in trespasses and sins, unmindful of his sinful, lost condition (Eph. 2) and thinks he is all right without Jesus. Often with a facade of outward religiosity, he considers himself alive as did the Apostle (Rom. 7:9): "I was once alive apart from the law." Ever so gently and gradually the Holy Spirit begins to work in his soul and there appear the first stirrings of guilt and uneasiness, emptiness and unhappiness. The

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by Pastor

Kermitt C. Grundahl
Colorado Spring, Colo.

EDITORIALS

CONFERENCE BUSINESS

The program for the Annual Conference of 1988 found on pages 3 and 4 of this issue shows the order in which the business of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations will be discussed. That will be the order followed unless the Conference decides to make any changes for the sake of expedience.

The program doesn't spell out points of special interest which may arise. In fact, sometimes the issues which provoke the most discussion would never have been predicted as such beforehand.

Our president, Rev. Richard Snipstead, has identified three items of business which must be considered in Conference this year, both in a letter to the pastors in March and in his invitation to the Conference in this *Ambassador*.

The three proposals are 1) that Parish Education be a separate budget item, 2) that the Association Retreat Center become an individual budget item also and that it have its own board of directors, and 3) that the districts of the church organize and be prepared to handle some of the functions now expected of the AFLC president.

In regard to the first item, it is possible that Parish Education will want to separate from Publications. We will have to wait and see.

As to the third matter, some of our districts are already organized. We agree, it is time the rest did so as well and that the district president, usually, officiate at installations and dedications within the district. This was certainly the case in predecessor church bodies of all of us and only because of our small size has not been done more often among us in the AFLC. Congregations, of course, should be free to request the presence of the AFLC president or vice-president at the special occasions, but the latter could then more easily decline to try to fit them into their busy schedules. And we expect that the district annual meetings will take on a variety of formats.

Let us enumerate several other matters which may or may not arise at Conference this year. The first, the question of India, seems very much a dead issue. To our knowledge, there has been no movement toward re-establishing our involvement in our former work. That mission seems content to operate independently and feels it has a broader base of support that way.

At recent conferences there has been talk of a building program at our Schools-Headquarters. At our Schools, specifically, but such a program would impact on the Headquarters. Anyone who has been at the offices at Medicine Lake recently can see that our staff personnel are going to need more room soon. Any expansion there under the present arrangement would affect the Seminary first, but also the Bible School.

Bible School enrollment isn't what it should be. Present buildings can handle present enrollment, unless the library gets squeezed in the Headquarters building. Real effort must be made to raise enrollment at AFLBS by at least 25 per cent in the near future. Perhaps the time is now to plan for an even larger student body, too.

The idea of adding a third year to Bible School curriculum has come up before. The talk then was that it could be preparation for parish workers, missionary women, etc. With another faculty member proposed in the immediate future, it might be possible to add that third year, but it must be reserved for those who have definite plans for full-time Christian service.

Those are some concerns that aren't new and which could re-surface at this year's Conference. Think and pray about them.

HYMNAL PROJECT

Still another proposition from the past, and which will come before this year's Conference, is that of an Association-produced hymnal for worship and occasional services. An article by Thomas Olson, seminary senior, is printed in this issue of the *Ambassador*.

We are glad that this matter is still alive. It seemed that perhaps it had died. It is at least 15 years since the question of a new hymnal was first broached at an Annual Conference after a survey by the Board of Publications and Parish Education.

It is quite evident that no existing Lutheran hymnal will be universally accepted in the Association, for various reasons. And our congregations are going off in too many directions music-wise. Producing our own hymnbook, Lutheran-oriented, would be a thrilling and exciting venture.

May we suggest that the congregations hold off on going to an entirely new hymnal until they see whether or not the AFLC is going to move in the direction of putting out a hymnbook of her own.

*"But the Counselor,
the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send
in My name,
He will teach you all things
and bring to your remembrance
all that I
have said to you."*

(John 14:26)

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AFLC Benevolences Feb. 1 - Mar. 31

FUND	TOTAL BUDGET	REC'D IN MARCH	TOTAL REC'D TO DATE	% TOTAL*
GENERAL FUND.....	\$ 178,997.00	\$19,219.62	\$ 27,220.07	15
SCHOOLS - (AFLTS)	99,367.00	8,151.46	12,350.09	12
(AFLBS)	156,150.00	10,848.18	17,400.94	11
HOME MISSIONS.....	317,850.00	16,310.21	26,853.37	8
WORLD MISSIONS	280,140.00	15,727.21	26,524.33	9
CAPITAL INVESTMENT.	25,000.00	3,765.32	4,370.39	17
TOTALS	\$1,057,504.00	\$74,022.00	\$114,719.19	11
1986-87 -	\$1,014,894.00	\$36,044.96	\$ 80,472.50	8
*GOAL 17%				

**"And I will pray the
Father, and He will give
you another Counselor,
to be with you forever,
even the Spirit of truth"**

John 14:16, 17a

HOLY SPIRIT

**"This gift
of the Spirit
... is not an
'extra' which
is given only
to certain
Christians."**

closer he permits the Spirit to lead him to Jesus, the greater his sense of sinfulness becomes, until he cries out in unbearable grief and sorrow, "Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me?"

Many ask, "How sorrowful does the Holy Spirit require me to be?" The answer is as simple as the purpose of the Holy Spirit. Just enough to drive us as utterly lost and helpless to Jesus for salvation by grace alone, without the works of righteousness of our own. So we learn to sing, "Nothing in my hands I bring; simply to Thy cross I cling."

But Jesus says, "Of sin, *because they do not believe in Me.*" How sorely we as Christians today need the Holy Spirit walking with us, yea, indwelling us, as our Counselor in our thinking and decisions, as we live and move in a society which has largely rejected God and the authority of God's Word! Homosexuality and gay rights are found socially acceptable, illicit sex meets little disapproval, couples living together in open fornication, unashamedly, adultery, divorce, abortion, pregnancy outside of marriage, without shame, cry for acceptance even by the churches. Even these and other sins too numerous to mention are not the prime danger of the Christian today. The most deadly sin is the denial of the necessity to believe in Jesus for salvation as set forth by theologians in the doctrine of universalism, denying the word of Jesus, "No man cometh to the Father but by Me," and the faith of the apostles "There is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved" and "there is salvation in no one else" (Acts 4:12).

(To be continued.)

Biographical Information (Kermitt C. Grundahl)

Pastor Kermitt C. Grundahl was born in 1905 in Dane County, Wis., to Thored and Emelia Grundahl. He was baptized and confirmed in Perry Lutheran Church and received his education in the area, graduating from high school in Mt. Horeb. He is a graduate of St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn., and Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minn. He was married to Bessie Iverson in 1932, the same year he was ordained into the ministry of the Norwegian Lutheran Church (later the Evangelical Lutheran Church). His wife passed away in 1938 from complications following the birth of their second child.

Pastor Grundahl served parishes at rural Robinson, Kans., rural Hatton, N. Dak., and at Camrose, Alta. While at Camrose he taught part-time at Camrose Lutheran College in Bible. He was president and teacher at Saskatchewan Lutheran Bible Institute in Outlook and then went to the Lutheran Bible Institute in Minneapolis, Minn., where he taught for 16 years before retirement.

Pastor Grundahl has taken additional studies at Biblical Seminary, New York City, and Wartburg Seminary and Dubuque University, both in Dubuque, Ia. For eight years he was visitation pastor at Trinity Lutheran of Minnehaha Falls, Minneapolis, retiring in 1980. He and his wife then moved to Colorado Springs, Colo., where they still reside. He was re-married in the 1940s to Alice Naas, McVile, N. Dak. They had two daughters, Patricia Ann and Marcia. The two sons by his first marriage were Gordon (deceased) and Rev. Allan Grundahl.

The address of the Grundahls is 423 Redwood Dr., Colorado Springs, Colo. 80907. Pastor Grundahl withdrew from the ALC-ELCA on Jan. 1, 1988, and was accepted on the clergy fellowship roster of the AFLC in retirement status.

Is there a need for a new hymnal in the AFLC? Those who attended the 1988 Pastor's Conference were surveyed concerning this issue. The following question was put to them: "If the AFLC produced a new hymnal with the core of *Concordia's* hymnody and services, eliminating unused hymns and adding a couple hundred excellent hymns of our faith and worship resources, making sure it was solidly Lutheran, warmly evangelical, and thoroughly singable, would you expect that "in time" your congregation would most likely purchase it? An overwhelming majority of pastors at the Conference said yes. This seems to be an indication that the time is ripe for the AFLC to produce a new hymnal.

The congregations in the AFLC have a rich musical heritage. Most of the founding congregations were from the Lutheran Free Church with *The Concordia Hymnal* and Augsburg College's (Minneapolis) fine music. Since then some with Finnish and Swedish backgrounds have brought in many excellent hymns from the "classic" *Augustana Hymnal*. Others have brought in some treasures from the *Service Book and Hymnal* and more recently from the *Lutheran Book of Worship*, as well as a wealth of "Gospel hymns" from the Luther League and Bible camp songbooks.

Should the AFLC draw from the best of these heritages, there is no doubt that there would be a rich supply of the finest Christian hymns to be found. However, there seems to be another trend taking place. As the old hymnals are wearing out, they are not being replaced by a good Lutheran hymnal in many places. The *Concordia* can still be purchased from Augsburg Publishing House. It has served Lutherans in the U.S. and Canada well for over 50 years. Yet a number of AFLC congregations are choosing various new hymnals from Reformed publishing companies instead. Concerned parents from AFLC congregations that are using more and more "Gospel hymns" have expressed the desire for their children to learn more of the hymns of the Lutheran heritage that have blessed them since childhood.

What should we do? Educating people to the value of hymns and worship that reflects our theology is one answer. Other Lutheran hymnals such as

Translated from the Swedish

How Great Thou Art! 22

by Stuart K. Hine

1. O Lord my God! When I in awe - some won - der
2. When thou art near, my God, my King, my Lord, my God, my King, my Lord

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Charles Wesley, 1749

Worship in General and Prayer

3 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

German, 1668

Art. F. Melius Christiansen, 1907

achim Neander, 1650
Catherine Winkworth, 1863

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly reign
Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de - fend
me a val - ous wis - dom hath made

by Thomas C. Olson, Senior
Association Free Lutheran
Theological Seminary

the *Lutheran Book of Worship* are not the answer for liturgical and theological reasons. Apparently the limitations of the old *Concordia* are threatening its continued use (along with the fact that Augsburg may not choose to publish it much longer). It seems that the answer is that the AFLC must publish a hymnal and do it soon. One pastor of a large congregation new to the AFLC said, "I wish our church could purchase the hymnal immediately!"

The AFLC Annual Conference seems to agree. In 1981 there was a resolution to investigate the possibility of a new hymnal. In 1982 the project was further recommended. In 1983 a second survey was requested and in 1985 the Conference called for more content and cost information. A committee has worked on the project but it is presently inactive.

The pastor's survey also agreed with the need. Some 75 pastors and guests were surveyed and of the 36 who had been in the AFLC ministry more than five years, all but one said they would support a new hymnal. They had some concerns though. They indicated that if the *Concordia*, our recommended AFLC hymnal, would be the core, attempts should be made to give certain hymns more "singable" tunes, the selection of hymns should be greater,

including a larger number of the best "Gospel" hymns, and some additional worship helps such as several confessions of sin and faith and more Scripture readings for the congregation should be added. When asked to suggest hymns to be included, three top choices were, *How Great Thou Art*, *Amazing Grace* and *Great is Thy Faithfulness*.

What can we do to make this hymnal a reality? This writer is presently writing a Master of Divinity thesis under the title, *The Development of a New Lutheran Hymnal by the AFLC*. I hope to gather information that will be helpful to the Parish Education Board and the Co-ordinating Committee as they pursue this project. I have been asked by the Co-ordinating Committee to report to the 1988 Annual Conference and to have a display as well.

If God wants this hymnal to be a reality, the congregations have a responsibility also. You must pray for God's guidance and blessing as this monumental project is pursued. You must also seek to promote in your churches and teach your children music that glorifies our Lord Jesus Christ and His Holy Word as taught by our biblical Lutheran heritage.

"Let us exalt His Name together!" (Psalm 34:3).

Teams prepare for summer ministries

Summer is about to arrive. Students are busy with the usual flurry of extra spring activities. For fourteen summer team students, the days speed on all too quickly. They are adding a heavy schedule of training into already full days. This year, AFLBS is sponsoring three teams, each with unique assignments.

The most familiar team to AFLC congregations over the years is the Ambassador Team. These five singers are assigned one-time programs of music and testimony in congregations from the East Coast to southern California. They will also serve at the Annual Conference in June and Luther League Leadership Seminar in July. Seminary graduate Keith Quanbeck

will be traveling with the team.

For approximately a decade, Barnabas Teams have served home mission congregations. This year, ten young congregations in the upper Midwest will benefit from these four students' work in VBS, canvassing and other endeavors. Two district Bible camps will also use the team as counselors.

AFLBS is responding to the growing requests for assistance in summer youth ministries by sponsoring the Majesty Team. This is the second year for the team, but the first time it is sponsored by AFLBS. These five students are assigned to nine congregations and four Bible camps in the Midwest and West Coast. —S. Hjermstad

Barnabas XIV



Julie Haugen, Cokato, Minn., Cindy Christianson, Greenbush, Minn., Earl Korhonen, Esko, Minn. Not pictured, Steve Carlson, Amery Wis.

Ambassadors



(L. to R.): Mark Johnson, Stacy, Minn. Martina Johnson, Badger, Minn.; Lynn Erickson, Badger, Minn.; Kristen Huhn, Randolph, N. Jersey; Tom Schierkolk, Prairie Farm, Wis.

Majesty



Row 1, (L. to R.): Mark Fagerstrom, Warren, Minn.; Melissa Kruse, Radcliffe, Iowa; Standing: Sarah Tjelta, Blaine, Minn.; Sara Huglen, Roseau, Minn.; Aaron Quanbeck, McVillage, N. Dak.

Pray for these teams

Introducing new AFLC congregations

St. Petrie Lutheran Church, Baker, Ill.

The St. Petrie Evangelical Lutheran Church at Baker is more commonly known in the area as the Baker Church.

This humble frame church has stood at the side of a country road since 1874, but the congregation dates back as far as 1836 when the Norwegian settlers met in homes for prayer meetings and services. Then in 1874 the congregations of Bethany at Leland, Freedom and the Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Indian Creek were organized in a farm house near the present church, to be located at three different sites and sharing a pastor.

When the church was constructed in 1874 the name became the Big Indian Lutheran Church. The first confirmation was held in 1875. 1890 brought the first organ and choir. The Luther League was organized in 1902. In 1906 the Good Will Circle was organized but the Ladies Aid had operated since 1859, being the oldest women's organization in all the area.

In 1908 an addition was made to the church building. At this time it was felt the church should be named for a biblical saint. Being of Norwegian heritage, it was named the St. Petrie Evangelical Lutheran Church at Baker.

The church building has seen many changes, additions, remodeling and improvements through the years. The membership has grown from 23 to just over 100. Twenty-four pastors have served here. St. Petrie and Freedom churches have shared pastors since 1905 when the Bethany congregation withdrew. Their present pastor is Odell Kittelson of Ottawa.

Throughout the years there has been a strong emphasis on missions and evangelism. They continue to maintain their Norwegian heritage by having a Julefest each December. The St. Petrie Evangelical Lutheran Church at Baker plans to stand by the side of a country road for many years to come, proclaiming the message of Christ as Savior.

— Dawn Swenson.



fellowship corner

My family hero

My family hero is my Grandpa Oscar. In the first two-thirds of his life he was a very successful salesman. He sold cars for many years, and sold many other interesting things after he retired from selling cars.

I admire him for his ability to build up his product and his customers. He has never lacked for friends, because people enjoy being around him. He has the gift of making people feel good and appreciated. He has the ability to pick out the good things about a person and sell you on them. He has always been observant and encouraging to his



friends and acquaintances. He has made me feel like a million dollars very often.

In his later years he turned his attention to that small voice that had been speaking softly to him through some turbulent years. God's protective hand has been on him, His love drew him. As Oscar will say so often, "God has been good to me."

His last one-third of life has been spent to incorporate his skills as a salesperson with the Gospel of Jesus. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son . . ." (John 3:16), is his favorite verse.

I want to be like him in his ability to build up and encourage people. I want to reverence God as he does. He truly loves Jesus and knows he is loved and forgiven. I appreciate his enthusiasm and optimism, his diligence and persistence, his humility and his child-like imagination and humor.

He is the best grandfather a granddaughter could have and I am glad that he is mine.

(Granddaughter Caren Johnson wrote this tribute to her grandfather, Oscar Raaen, in February, 1987. A year later she read it at the family service the night before his funeral in Dovre Lutheran Church, Winger, Minn.)

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

New York church begins building

Unity Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Massapeguas recently broke ground for our new church building. The congregation was formed in 1984 under the spiritual leadership of Rev. Earl Henley. One of our first acts as a congregation was to join the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations.

In 1985 we purchased property in Massapequa, upon which we intended to build our first church. The property, nine building lots (100 x 20 feet each), is small by midwestern standards, but very large by Long Island standards, as there is precious little unoccupied property left in this area.

Since 1984 the congregation has been meeting in a rented facility and is eagerly looking forward to the completion of our new home in late July, 1988.

When our congregation started, many in the community believed we would not last and would dissolve after a short period of time. Well, our building is for eternity, built for the glory of God, and to deliver His message in the Massapeguas. We thank the Lord for leading us to the AFLC, and for the support and encouragement the AFLC and President R. Snipstead have given us.

As President Snipstead related to me, we, like the AFLC, had to trust in God each step of the way and Ps. 118:8-9 has become especially precious to us in our endeavors: "It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man. It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in princes."

David C. Murray
Construction Committee Chairman

LEM DEEPER LIFE CAMP SET

The Lutheran Evangelistic Movement Deeper Life Camp has been set for July 11-17 at Lake Koronis Assembly Grounds, Paynesville, Minn.

There will be sessions for people of all ages and costs range from \$87 to \$95 with children three and below free.

Rev. Peter Amerman, Pemberton, N.J., will be the evening speaker. Rev. John Cross, Prescott, Ariz., will be the Bible Hour teacher. Rev. Jack Aamot, executive director of LEM, and Dick Erickson, former director of LEM, are the Practical Hour leaders.



Proposed Massapequa church.

PASTOR AND MRS. DEAN UNDERGO BYPASS SURGERY

Pastor Verle Dean, Spicer, Minn., underwent open heart surgery at the Veterans Administration Hospital, Minneapolis, Minn., on April 13. Two bypasses were performed. Two days later Mrs. Dean (Clarice) had one bypass with a valve replacement at Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis. Both had suffered heart conditions for some time and Pastor Dean had a valve replaced eight years ago. The operations last month went well.

The Deans wish to thank the AFLC for all the prayers that have gone out for them and also for the many people from their former parish, Scandia Lutheran, Sedan, Minn., and the Green Lake Congregation at Spicer. They are grateful to their five children and their families for standing by them so closely: Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Dean, Mr. and Mrs. Carman (Pat) Dahl, Mr. and Mrs. Edward (Faith) Banken, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Dean and Mr. and Mrs. Troy Dean. Pastor and Mrs. Dean say that they are so thankful to have so many friends from many states and missionaries in foreign lands who are in prayer for their recovery. They are also thankful for the wonderful doctors and nurses who were at their side when in need.

The Deans say, "God bless you all very much!"

Personalities

Please note the address of **Rev. and Mrs. Gilbert Schroeder**: 80 Georgetown Dr., No. 9, Delaware, Ohio 43015. Pastor Schroeder formerly served the Tioga, N. Dak., rural parish.

Rev. Marlyn Kruse, who has served Salem Lutheran Church, Radcliffe, Ia., since 1983, has resigned to accept the call to Living Word Lutheran Church, Eagan, Minn. He will begin his work there sometime during the summer. **Rev. David Barnhart**, pastor at Living Word, will leave the parish ministry to work full-time in Abiding Word Ministries, which he heads.

START MAKING YOUR PLANS NOW!

The 1989 Luther League Federation Convention is taking shape. It will be at the Silver Star Resort near Vernon, British Columbia, Canada, on July 17-21. The theme, "No Turning Back," is from Job 23:11 and the Convention will be centered on discipleship. The expected cost is \$80 per person, just \$5 more than in '87. But because of travel expenses local Leagues are encouraged to start preparations now.

More information will be available in the coming months. Contact Pastor James Johnson: P.O. Box 92, Reva, S. Dak. 57651, or any other LLF officer for more information.

Ishpeming, Mich. — Rev. David Barnhart, Eagan, Minn., was guest speaker at special meetings in Hope Lutheran, May 14-16. Beginning today and continuing through Thursday (19th) he is at Grace Lutheran, Pelkie, and Maranatha Lutheran, Chassell.

Cokato, Minn. — Good Shepherd Lutheran hosted special services Apr. 17-22, with Rev. Paul Nash, Warroad, Minn., as preacher. Overall theme for the week was "Project Go!"

Kasson, Minn. — Mt. Sion Lutheran honored Mrs. Carol Trygstad for more than 12 years as Sunday School superintendent in a March ceremony. In addition she has organized and led the Vacation Bible Schools for 30-some children, many of them unchurched. Mrs. Trygstad was presented with a beautiful plaque at the morning worship service by Pastor Martin Horn and honored with a cake at a potluck dinner.

On April 10 Mr. and Mrs. Paul (Sue) Kylo and Rachel were accepted into membership in Mt. Sion. They were honored with a cake and fellowship at the congregation's monthly dinner.

Grand Forks, N. Dak. — Received into membership of Trinity Lutheran on March 13 were Mr. and Mrs. Mark Thompson, Ethan, Parker and Wyatt; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Turner, Anthony and Natalie; Mr. and Mrs. Duane Gudim, Jason and Kari; Mr. and Mrs. Duane Reck; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wigtil; and Trudy Gunderson and LaRinda. A fellowship dinner was served following the service.

DeKalb, Ill. — Grace Lutheran welcomed the following into the congregation recently: Mr. and Mrs. Tilmen (Margaret) Berke; Mr. and Mrs. Wayne (Diane) Froeming and Eric; and Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey (Diane) Lizer, Stephanie and Joshua.

Dalton, Minn. — Rev. Ronald Knutson, Canton, S. Dak., spoke at special meetings in Kvam Lutheran, Apr. 10-12. They were part of an area Lutheran Evangelistic Movement conference.

Minnewaukan, N. Dak. — "Christian Life and Growth" was the theme for the messages brought by Rev. Peter Franz, Mankato, Minn., during special services at Trinity Lutheran, Apr. 10-13.



WADENA, MINN.

On April 3, 12 new members were received into Zion Lutheran. They are, front row, left to right, Tina Skarka, Les Butler, Ryan Skarka, Sandy Skarka, Vicki Schmitz and Judy Warren; and back row, Iris and Ray Erickson, Dean Warren, Jared Pickar, Teresa Hunt and Esther Biksens.

Mason, Wis. — "The New Song," a singing group from St. Paul's Lutheran in Cloquet, Minn., sang at the evening Prayer and Praise service at Our Savior's Lutheran on April 17.

Kalispell, Mont. — Rev. Jeff Swanson of Stillwater Lutheran gave a slide presentation of the mission field in Brazil at the March WMF meeting of Faith Lutheran. The local Aid plans to concentrate on one missionary lady and her family every two months.

Roseau, Minn. — Roseau Lutheran Church has decided to withdraw from the Roseau parish (as of June 1) to call its own pastor and is being served by Rev. Forrest Swenson. The remaining three congregations of the parish, Rose, Norland and Spruce, continue to be served by Rev. Larry V. Severson.

Rugby, N. Dak. — Tunbridge Lutheran will observe its centennial on June 26. The congregation is served by Lay Pastor Edwin Kjelstrom.

Canton, S. Dak. — Pastor and Mrs. Ronald Knutson were honored on their 25th wedding anniversary on Sun., Apr. 24, with an open house sponsored by their children.

Fosston, Minn. — A former pastor in Fosston, Rev. John Skeie, Morris, Ill., was guest speaker at spring evangelistic services in Calvary Lutheran, Mar. 20-11. "Looking to Jesus" was the theme.

CHURCH TO BE DEDICATED

The new sanctuary of Living Word Lutheran Church, Edmore, N. Dak., will be dedicated in a service on Sun., June 5, at 2:30 p.m. All are welcome.

PUKWANA HOSTS YOUTH RALLY

The South Dakota-Nebraska District Luther League had its Spring Rally at Pukwana, S. Dak., March 19-20. The following officers were elected at the business meeting: President, Luther Stueland; Vice-President, Delta LaDue; Secretary, Sonja Skaarhuug; Treasurer, Cole Davidson; Devotional Life Secretary, Teri Olson; Pastoral Advisor, James Johnson. The weekend included dinner at the church, orientation, singspiration, mixers, skits and recreation.

—Sonja Skaarhaug, Secretary

IN MEMORIAM

Key: The name of the town was 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.

WASHINGTON

Seattle

Ben F. Wechsler, 93, Mar. 24, Our Redeemer, Kirkland.

Kent

Christian A. Bale, 80, Apr. 7, Our Redeemer, Kirkland.

Kirkland

Frederick Klein, 78, Apr. 8, Our Redeemer.

MICHIGAN

Ishpeming

Mrs. Matt (Saima) Eliason, 79, Mar. 30, Hope.

MINNESOTA

Winger

Wendy Jones, 17, Apr. 18, Dovre.

from here and there

Eben Jct., Mich. — Young people from Calvary Lutheran took part in a weekend youth rally at Grace Lutheran, Pelkie, Mich., Apr. 29-30. A Gospel team from AFLBS was present.

Newark, Ill. — The spring missions conference for West Lisbon Lutheran featured Rev. Harold Bailey of the Latin American Lutheran Mission.

Tioga, N. Dak. — Rev. Forrest Swenson, Roseau, Minn., was the preacher at special services in Norman Lutheran, Tioga, and Beaver Creek Lutheran, Ray, April 10-13. He formerly served in Tioga.

Strandquist, Minn. — Hegland Lutheran conducted five days of meetings last month with Rev. Bruce Dalager, Grand Forks, N. Dak., as speaker, Apr. 6-10.

Roseau, Minn. — Lay Pastor Lyle Twite, Bagley, Minn., ministered the Word in special services at Spruce Lutheran, Apr. 17-20.

Thief River Falls, Minn. — Our Saviour's Christian Academy was the scene of the "Prom Alternative" on Sat., night, Apr. 30. There was a banquet and a concert by Dean Hedlund of Roseau, Minn. Mike Palkie spoke at the banquet.

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Aerial view of the campus of Northern Illinois University in DeKalb. Note Holmes Student Center in upper center of photo.