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# at the MASTER'S FEET

## A place for praise

In the midst of our many thoughts, there needs to be a place for praise. In all of our prayer concerns, it is so important to make a place for praise. As we sit at the Master's feet together today, let God give you a time and a place for praise.

### THE IMPORTANCE OF PRAISE

Praise is giving "unto the Lord the glory due unto His Name" (Psalm 96:8). The Name of God is so wonderful that the psalmist reminds us that our praise is due. Many of the Psalms are outbursts of praise, rightly directed to the Name of God. Regardless of feelings and circumstances, we see that praise is expected from God's people. When we fail to provide a place for praise, that is a sin of omission. We need to confess that.

Praise is also important to the believer because his own spiritual well-being is greatly affected by praise. "Praise ye the Lord: for it

is good to sing praises unto our God; for it is pleasant; and praise is comely" (Psalm 147:1). When a Christian's life is characterized by praise, that inner attitude works its way out to the countenance in beautiful ways. A praise-filled believer is healthier than one who has no place for praise!

Praise is important, thirdly, because of the witness to God's faithfulness which is conveyed by the one praising Him. For that reason, the psalmist said, "In the congregations will I bless the Lord" (Psalm 26:12) and "We will shew forth Thy praise to all generations" (Psalm 79:13) and "I will sing praises unto Thee among the nations" (Psalm 108:3). Praise, then, has both a private and a public role to play for the believer. The "glory due His Name" is a glory for others to see because we praise that Holy Name. A mumbling, grumbling Christian will seldom bear an effective witness to our lost world. Listen to Hebrews 13:15: "Through Him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His Name." Praise is attractive.

### OBSTACLES TO PRAISE

An ignorance of God's attributes is an obstacle to praise. Many of the Psalms of praise are in response to a revelation of some characteristics of God, such as faithfulness, holiness, omnipotence or lovingkindness. The next time you are shown something about who God is, your response should be one of praise. A study of A.W. Tozer's book, *The Knowledge of the Holy*, is a helpful antidote to this tragic ignorance. However, our own study of Scripture will also enlighten us in our knowledge of God.

A second obstacle to praise is a sinfully short memory of what God

has done. God wants us to recount His marvelous deeds, to think of them again and again. When we remember God's actions, both historically and personally, praise wells up within us. When we forget, or fail to cultivate our memory, we tend to lose our awareness of God's active working in the world and in our lives.

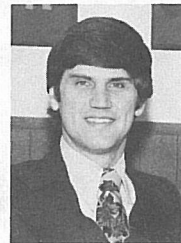
Introspection also limits our praise. While it is necessary to examine ourselves, as St. Paul exhorts us, we must not leave our focus there. For to look at my problems, my weakness, or even my potential, may take my focus away from the One who deserves all my praise. To continually think about our problems is to limit our praise. Fear, discouragement and distress pursue us when we are overly introspective.

### THE PATHWAY OF PRAISE

Praise is to be the language of God's people, not based on changing emotions, but rather on an awareness of who God is and what He has done. Let the psalmist lead you in praise today as you make a place for praise.

"Praise Him for His mighty acts; praise Him according to His excellent greatness."

"Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord" (Psalm 150:2,6).



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## A cloak or a cloud of dust

I as a parent, together with a great majority of parents that I know, have a deep concern about the drug problem that exists. I am concerned for my teen-age and young adult children, as well as my grandchildren. In their daily lives they are encountering the temptation-offer to indulge. This is taking place at school, at work, in their recreation and socially.

As a pastor of a Midwest congregation I see things locally that disturb me because they affect not only family and congregation, but our society. I am disturbed by the economic implications of it all, the future generation's role in our world and the moral and spiritual conditions that we are passing on to our children. I see how they are receiving it and wonder what they will pass on to their children. The moment we neglect, yes, even forget the precepts of the Lord, the future looks dim.

Consider what the Scriptures tell us of the history of Israel in the Old Testament as Moses warned the nation before entering into the promised land, when he said, "The king, moreover, must not acquire great numbers of horses for himself or make the people return to Egypt to get more of them, for the Lord has told you, 'You are not to go back that way again.' He must not take many wives, or his heart will be led astray. He must not accumulate large amounts of silver or gold" (Deuteronomy 17:16,17). Nevertheless, Solomon married the daughter of the Pharaoh of Egypt, foreign women of the Moabites, Edomites, Sidonians and of the Hittites. As a matter of fact, he had 700 wives and 300

concubines, and it says as a sad commentary that they led him astray! So it is that we read in I Kings 11:4, "As Solomon grew old his wives turned his heart after other gods, and his heart was not fully devoted to the Lord his God . . ." Not only did many altars to other gods appear in the nation but Solomon built some of them himself! He then became the promoter of the lie! It took only one generation to again introduce that which blinded and eventually hid the truth.

Things became so bad that by the time of King Josiah, the Scriptures were not only disregarded but lost in the dust and disrepair of the Temple. A divine accident occurred when Hilkiah, the high priest in charge of the repair work, came upon the Book of the Law and, upon reading it, discovered once again God's way. Thank God that one generation can come upon the truth and turn back to the Lord. Thank God that the Light is still shining, looking for entrance. Truly, revival swept through the land under the leadership of King Josiah, who had the traumatic experience of encountering the Truth and sharing it with his people!

But there is one other dimension that I would like to mention. It is this, the problem of the residue of disobedience. How quickly we can turn back to the old way of ignorance and dust-covered Bibles left in the wake of disinterest. Consider Moses in his close encounter with the Lord on Mount Sinai for the period of 40 days. Meanwhile, the nation of Israel grew restless and complaining. Out of it came the fabrication of the golden calf before which they could fall down and worship. How strong

is the old way ingrained in our society, and how quickly we turn back in times of difficulty!

Having had the privilege of living in different cultures of this western hemisphere, I have seen emerging and submerging societies. How quickly things can change! Drugs have been a part of almost every one of the societies I've observed in my years of mission work. The types of drugs and uses are diverse. What is of great interest to me is that it is so often related to religious experiences: the coca leaves of the witch doctors in Bolivia and the Andes region, the peyote used by the Native Americans in the southwestern states and northern Mexico, the use of drugs by the hippies and the sects that accompanied that era, the yuppies of today using drugs in the worshipping of the success value.

Our years in Bolivia, not so numerous as to make us "ethically" Bolivians, were sufficiently long enough for us to become fairly saturated with a part of the culture. We lived and worked primarily among and with the Aymara speakers. This pre-Inca cultural group has used the coca leaf for centuries. It was evident everywhere in the community, especially in the rural areas. It is grown, marketed and consumed out in the open. It is a legal product in the market place. Yet, the evangelical community completely rejects the use of it as it is chewed as a tobacco. Again, in the liberal Protestant church and the Catholic community it is tolerated. It is, as I have already mentioned, used and integrated into the practices of the *brujas* — the witch doctors.

Another use is in the form of medication. I have used it in a hot



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## CLOAK OR CLOUD

drink called "mate de coca" or "coca tea." Up to the time of the writing of this, it is, as I understand, a legitimate product that is imported and sold in the U.S. I have only recently heard about it and saw a portion of a piece on TV so that I am not sure of its legality. The use of cocaine was originally one of a medicinal product, an anesthetic, given out by prescription of a doctor. The coca leaf is used in the "mate de coca" to calm upset stomachs and in such related discomforts. A leaf is placed in a cup of hot water and, like tea, left to steep, extracting the essence of the cocaine in the minutest of amounts. In the two or three occasions I was offered and drank it, I experienced immediate help. I do remember that in the preoccupation for my discomfort, the brethren almost apologetically offered the remedy. We all had a sense of carefulness as we knew that coca has a bad image even though it is openly used in the country.

The most popular use of coca in Bolivia is the chewing of the leaves. The poorer section of the population are the users. The "cargadores," the men who are at the bottom of the socio-economic scale, earn their living by being human mules. Carrying anything from a 50-pound sack of sugar to a refrigerator on their backs they ply the streets trudging up and down the steep inclines at an altitude of 12,500 feet. The coca bag that is dipped into to cut the pain and blunt the hunger pangs leads these weary men to an early death caused by malnutrition. Truly a cloud hangs over this region of the world and drugs once again is only a part of the malady.

Coca is also raised to sell to the pharmaceutical companies to manufacture cocaine-related drugs. It is for the farmers a cash crop whether it is sold on the open market or to the manufacturers of drugs. But the greatest profit in these later years has been to the illicit drug dealers. This growing market for the processed coca leaf that results in the white cocaine powder consumed throughout the world seemingly has no limit.

Bolivia has become one of the major producers of this drug and it is marketed by the underworld of drug dealers and shipped through the Colombian connection.

It takes many plants to produce an ounce of cocaine so that the system established is to begin the process of producing the cocaine from the coca leaves as close to where they grow as possible. Large soaking ponds are built for the leaves to be dumped into and kerosene is poured over them. The kerosene begins a chemical action that separates the essence of the drug from the rest of the plant. That which is the basic substance for the cocaine floats to the top and is skimmed off and placed into containers to dry. Then as a considerably reduced substance it is moved from the more obvious cheaply constructed locations to the more expensive clandestine laboratories to be further refined. Its trip through the system is a study in contrast from its beginnings in the simple valleys of the Andes through the sometimes very sophisticated modes of transportation skirting the vanguard of the drug enforcers and eventually arriving in the noses of those who snort it or the lungs of those who smoke or on the gums of those who rub it into their mouths or into the veins of those who inject it.

It was reported in 1974 that there were upwards of 5,000,000 persons in the U.S. who had tried cocaine at least once. That is a large cloud! It was known as the recreational drug. I heard today that the consumption is growing like a well ripened boil that has been developing for years. The figures that we most times read are estimates, yet are made with a basis established in the hard, cold facts of an ever growing national problem manifested in health problems, crime and family-related tragedies. This large cloud is raining down upon us a flood of drug-related dirt and refuse. Worst of all, it is a self-inflicted suffering! While the cargadores of Bolivia, by using the coca leaves, over-extend the limits of their bodies and suffer from malnutrition, we in the U.S. import cocaine just to feel good or different. In almost all cases there is not any consideration as to where this drug

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or any of the others are leading the user.

Like most drug users and the drugs they use, changes take place physically, psychologically, emotionally, motivationally and, without any doubt, spiritually. In an article titled, *Coke: The Random Killer*, published in the March, 1985, edition of *Discover Magazine*, we are informed that, "Over the long term, cocaine can severely disrupt the psyche. . . . After a binge, heavy cocaine users may swing through four distinct psychological states, beginning with the euphoric high (which usually lasts ten to 30 minutes) and ending with depression, hallucination and psychosis. After a long session, they are overwhelmed by lassitude and bleakness. 'Not only is your physical energy gone,' reports one user, 'but your whole head changes, too. [Good feelings] start dwindling and eventually dissipate into a very depressed state'."

Listening to a cassette of a rap session of former teen-age drug users talking about their experiences with "angel dust," a PCP drug that is known as a hallucinogen, I was again struck by the revealing statements made about how this drug covered them with its debilitating cloak. "I kept sitt'n back hold'n my cards about two inches from my face and couldn't figure them out!" — the loss of concentration. Another one said, "... the last time I was in Denver I was walk'n down the road after I smoked seven bowls of treated marijuana sprinkled with angel dust on it. . . . You know those tall buildings there in Denver. . . . They all started swaying. So I started running'. I couldn't help it. They were fat on top and skinny at the bottom. . . . I was scared that day!"



— her vision was distorted. Another told of sitting in a bar drinking and using drugs and said, “I couldn’t get a beer up to my mouth, I just sat there thinking about how to get it up to my mouth . . .” Then another member of the group, understanding this, says, “I couldn’t talk . . . I just watched everything going by” — this is isolation, withdrawal. Yet there is no safe place, as another speaks up, saying, “I backed away from people. . . . When I laid (sic) down I thought that I was going to die.”

Fear. Confusion. Anger. Isolation. Hallucination. These are the ingredients that make up the cloak that is drawing over an ever-growing percentage of our population. As a parent and pastor, I am afraid that I cannot even recognize the symptoms and if I do, it is too far into the process and the cloak is fast enveloping the user. I recently heard, on the Dr. James Dobson program, *Focus on the Family*, a guest say that in his opinion upwards to 70 percent of all children of Christian homes have used drugs.

The scenario is clear and as a parent and pastor it seems just as clear that I must persist in the declaring of the Word of the Lord to awaken and stimulate the consciences of my children and parishioners. I have heard again and again of the need to inform people, as a cure for what ails us. I believe that to be true. I know that the Word of God must be at the head of the list. When so given and received in an accurate communicating of the Truth, then the Holy Spirit gets into and awakens the conscience of man. The apostle Paul wrote to the Romans, saying, “Those who live according to their sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what

## Washington churches welcome you

On behalf of the Atonement, Calvary, Elim, Our Redeemer and Triumph Lutheran Churches of the West Coast District hosting the Conference, I welcome you to the 24th Annual Conference to be held at the Warm Beach Campground near Stanwood, Wash.

By now most of the people planning to attend have made reservations. For those who haven’t but are thinking possibly of coming, we encourage you to call and make your reservations. The camp needs to know so they can make the necessary preparations for housing, meals, etc. If you can’t be sure if you can make it until the last minute, we invite you to call and come anyway. There’s always room for a few more.

The committees have been busy to make sure all the preparations for the Conference will be adequate and comfortable for all. Previous information in the *Ambassador* has acquainted you with all the aspects of the camp.

Should there be questions of any nature, be sure to call Sheri Larson, at 206-568-8469. The spacious, beautiful campground provides a lovely place to meet. Classes and activities are planned for youth of all ages, making it easier for parents to attend more sessions. Our Conference theme, “The Church - Fervent in Prayer,” presents a real challenge in our personal lives as well as in our church body.

Many will be vacationing in the area prior to the Conference or afterwards. There is much to see, including the ’86 Expo in Vancouver, B.C. Because the Conference is held out here only once every ten years or more, we hope you will take the opportunity to come and experience the blessings of the Conference, plus enjoy the beauty of the Pacific Northwest.

Pastor Ronald Knutson  
Ferndale, Wash.

### *The Church - Fervent in Prayer*

the Spirit desires” (8:5). There is a force in the world that is called “Peoples Movements.” The advertising agencies, educators, politicians and churches have given it different names but in the end all recognize the power base in controlling the masses. Revolutionaries exploit it. It has been true throughout history that once a people begins to move, then things happen. I personally believe that there is no greater force on earth

than a people possessed by God, sensitized by the Holy Spirit working in the innermost being of man. As much as we see the loss of self-control in the drug-using community, and in so many other areas of contemporary life, God desires that we experience His presence and as a part of His moving force, lift off the cloaks of self-inflicted destruction and reduce the demand for the illicit until the ominous clouds are dissipated by the lack of consumers and the cycle broken. May God in His divine way penetrate lives and we as possessors of that power be moved to that end that we will have our minds, consciences and bodies set on the desires of the eternal God. This is our generation. Let’s do something about it!

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# Prayer and revival

"And whatsoever ye shall ask in My name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in My name, I will do it" (John 14:13-14).

"Prayer is the mightiest force that men can wield;  
A power to which omnipotence doth yield  
A privilege unparalleled; a way  
Whereby the Almighty Father can display  
His interest in His children's need and care.  
God's storehouse is unlocked by prayer.  
And faith doth turn the key. Oh, would that men  
Made full proof of this wondrous means, for then  
Would mightier blessings on the church be showered,  
Her witness owned, her ministers empowered,  
And souls ingathered. Then the Gospel sound  
Would soon be heard to earth's remotest bound."

-The Bible Banner

Prayer is the human appropriation of divine application. Prayer is unmeasurable; prayer is the limitless, exhaustless, timeless resources of God. It is the door to all success, the answer to every need, the solution to every problem, the ability for every situation. Prayer makes our lives Christ-centered. May we pray biblically, specifically, confidently and thankfully.

The problems of our land are beyond us. With all of man's thinking and understanding, yet unrepentance, faithlessness, disobedience, hatred and greed go uncontained. Revival is built upon humility, brokenness and confession. Opening ourselves to the conviction of the Holy Spirit and confession of sin begins the essential reawakening in our individual lives, homes, community, nation and world. Once we cry out for a clean heart and turn, throwing our entire will into knowing and doing God's will, spending more time in His Word,

*"If  
my  
people"*



## **Bible Based . . .**

There are two types of revival. One of them is based on experience. It may include lots of fire and feeling, but the fruit will not remain.

True revival is based on the Word of God. A solid Foundation of Scriptural teaching on the subject of spiritual awakening must be laid by the pastor to prepare the way. Let law and gospel be rightly divided.

## **Prayer Centered . . .**

The folded hands are at the center of the logo. So prayer is at the center of our preparations. Revival will not come because we pray, in a mechanical way, as though our prayers will move God to grant a gift that he withholds. Instead, God moves the hearts of His people to pray when He would move in revival power.

"If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and forgive their sins and heal their land" (II Chronicles 7:14).

## **Holy Spirit Anointed . . .**

Revival is not a program for us to plan. It is the work of God by His Spirit. And He wants to use Spirit-empowered people to do His work.

We can try to manufacture a man-made revival. Or we can submit to the Holy Spirit and seek to have Him work through us to revive God's people and evangelize the lost.

"Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord of hosts" (Zechariah 4:6).

— Rev. Robert Lee

prayer and humble obedience, revival can come. There is no situation in life that cannot be righted by God, if only hearts are committed to Jesus, His shed blood on Calvary and controlled by the Holy Spirit.

May we offer ourselves completely to the Lord in love, service and sacrifice — and to us as women:

The need of the hour is mothers who pray  
And bring up their children in God's own way  
Mothers who live for Jesus each

day,  
With a passion for souls who have gone astray.

Praying women is the need of the hour,  
Women filled with God's own power,  
Praying each day for the lost,  
Winning souls whatever the cost.

-Selected  
Mrs. Wendell Johnson  
President, WMF



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# home mission news

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## Seasons of a new congregation

Introducing Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,  
Cokato, Minnesota

**Ecclesiastes 3:1-8**

**"A time to be born . . ."**

A new Free Lutheran congregation for Cokato, Minnesota, was first considered at an informational meeting on June 4, 1985, led by Home Missions Director Elden Nelson. Our "birthday" soon followed, on August 4, when the first service was held. We didn't have a name yet, of course, and our first home was an elementary school gymnasium, but over 100 interested people gathered on that Sunday as Pastor Robert Lee, AFLC Schools instructor, led the worship and preached from God's Word. He has continued to serve as our interim pastor, assisted by Seminarian Jerry Moan.

**"A time to plant . . .  
a time to build up. . ."**

We never imagined how much time and energy would be needed to plant a church. A steering committee was elected at our first business meeting, consisting of the following: Verlin Abramson, Ken Hokkanen, Reuben Midtling, Ralph Nystrom, Tony Onnen, Bill Paulson and Tonnes Pollestad. These men have worked overtime to help us get organized and their efforts are greatly appreciated.

The Lord has supplied the right people for each new task. Tonnes Pollestad has led a midweek Bible study from the beginning and his wife Mary became the first Sunday School superintendent. An enthusiastic teacher was available for each class, too, including Tony Onnen for the adults. Stan Galstad soon offered his services in forming a church choir and alternates with Mary Pollestad as pianist. Bev Hokkanen organized

a fine children's choir, also. And so the list could go on and on.

A vacant church building in Cokato became available for rental and after four months in the gymnasium, we gratefully moved into the former Baptist Church, a spacious brick structure that has been well maintained over the years. We praise God for our fine new home.

**"A time to weep . . ."**

The first service in our new church home was the funeral of seven-month-old Ethan Paulson. And the first few months of our life as a congregation also witnessed the death of a mother and a brother. Other families passed through special trials, too, not least of all the pain of severing former church ties. It was not an easy time.

**"A time to love . . ."**

Occasions of sorrow became opportunities to love. Our people came from at least six different church homes and many were not even previously acquainted with one another. But now the fellowship was starting to grow together in a special unity, partially as a result of the trials and as a oneness in Jesus Christ and in commitment to His Word was experienced. We have seen love!

**"A time to laugh . . ."**

Perhaps a gymnasium wasn't the most suitable place for worship services, but it was a good home when we needed it. How many churches can say that they had a basketball hoop over the altar, or a shuffleboard court in the sanctuary? And who will forget our Sunday "ritual" of completing clearing the gym after

each service? What a commotion!

We must have spent more time on the preparing of a constitution than any other congregation in the world! There was a concern that nothing should be taken for granted, and that every possible loophole be covered . . . but after spending all Sunday afternoon discussing the first few articles, we completed the rest of it in record time the next Wednesday evening. (But what about the Athanasian Creed . . . and was it the Altered or Unaltered Augsburg Confession?)

Also, how we thank God for all the happy children He has given us!

**"To everything there is  
a season . . ."**

Now we are waiting for a full-time pastor to respond to our call. And a decision will have to be made concerning the purchase of our present church home or the beginning of a building program. A charter has been opened for membership and soon it will be time to elect our first congregational officers.

But our Good Shepherd has led us this far, and we are excited as we wait to see where He will lead us next.

We thank Him, too, for the AFLC, and for the prayerful concern that moved the Home Missions Committee to help us begin a new evangelical Lutheran witness in our area. And it is our prayerful hope and confidence that, as we continue to grow, we will soon be able to help plant other new congregations in communities like ours.

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The heart of Christianity is the forgiveness of sins. There may be much beautiful talk about Christian ideals and Christian truth, of "the appeal of Christ to the best in man" and of Christianity as "the only sound philosophy of life," but all this is of little value except against a background of the experience of the *grace* of God.

Bernhard Christensen  
(*Fire Upon the Earth*)

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## Our trip to Ferndale, Washington

by Rev. John Hjelmeland

(Having accepted a call from Ferndale, Wash., Pastor John Hjelmeland set out with his wife and family for the West Coast, following a farewell gathering at Zion Lutheran Church in Thief River Falls, Minn. We now pick up his account.)

So I took my wife and three of our children and got on my way. The first day, July 10th, we headed straight for Hampden, N. Dak. It was there we had worked and lived before (Ed.—Before a year in Thief River Falls). Two of our sons are working there now, the one on the farm and the other in town. The Augsburg Quartette was having meetings just then in the parish. It consisted of the students Olson and Berg from Canada, Bueide and Hanson from Minnesota. They are men, these fellows, and sing well. God bless the work. Hampden has no pastor at present, but is awaiting Pastor Morris

Eggen, who has received the call from there. We stayed over three days and took part in the meetings. Thank you for the fellowship and good time.

Then our way lay southward to U.S. 10 where we headed westward. The road has many curves some places. It climbs to high places and goes down in valleys. We came to the so-called "Canyons" or "Bad Lands." They are pretty for those who aren't afraid, but unpleasant for those who are fearful and apprehensive. I had those in the car who didn't feel so very safe on these unpredictable roads. We had terribly hot weather for our whole trip.

There is a lot of traffic on that highway and the clouds of dust rose high where automobiles sped back and forth. The gravel struck one about the ears like pellets from a gun. At night we pitched our tent and got our sleep and rest as best we could although what was under us wasn't always like the store-bought bed with steel springs. The days came and went. We got up, washed, made food and thanked our God for life and health. Thus we could say with the man of old, "The eternal God is thy dwelling-place, and underneath are the everlasting arms." It is good to feel oneself encompassed by those arms. One feels so safe then.

And so we left North Dakota behind us. But Montana! Yes, one could well think that it stretched to the end of the world. The roads weren't so

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**“. . . the clouds of dust rose high where the automobiles sped back and forth.”**

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good now, but rugged and rough. But anyway, the auto ate up mile after mile. One burns up a lot of gasoline, but that is part of daily bread when one is traveling. Then the road bore up in the "Rocky Mountains." Yes, they are something to see — all the senses are satisfied by them. Just before one comes to Butte, Montana, the road climbs steadily upward, for a whole ten miles, but then one must go down again on a very winding road. Yes, there one can be in a whirl. Talk about a "winding road," there you have one. It was cold in Butte so we took a cabin for the night. The next morning we continued. Oh no, we weren't finished with the mountains yet. There were narrow passes — up hill and down hill. It began to wear on my nerves, especially when there came advice and suggestions from the back seat.

Monday evening we arrived at the parsonage in Spokane, but the pastor was not home and doors were locked. After conferring with some of his parishioners, however, we took possession of the house. We want to thank Pastor (John E.) Thompson for  
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## Mission in India now independent

The World Missions Committee of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations has received communication from the Bible Faith Lutheran Church of India that it is their desire to be considered independent of AFLC control. The church there also declared that they consider Rev. B. Rao Dasari, who is a member of the AFLC clergy roster, as their leader.

These were two points upon which the Missions Committee had sought clarification. Rev. Eugene Enderlein, World Missions Director, had planned

to go back to India (he was there last fall) to confer with BFLC leaders, but that trip has now been cancelled.

The Committee is looking to the coming Annual Conference to give some direction in this matter, but in the meantime has set forth three decisions: 1) Our desire to continue to work with BFLC and support it directly; 2) The only funds which will be sent there will be funds designated as for India by the givers, including orphan sponsorships, and these will be sent directly to the

church in India; and 3) Orphan sponsors are being advised of the severing of the official relationship between BFLC and the AFLC and that whether or not they wish to continue sponsorship is their own decision.

Pastor Enderlein writes: "I recognize that there are many unanswered questions, as certainly there are many unanswered questions that we (the Committee and he) also have. I ask on behalf of all involved your continued prayer that we might be able to take that stand and that course of action that would be pleasing to our Lord.



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# editorials

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## THE MAIN THING

No Annual Conference of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations has been as well publicized as the one to be held this year, June 11-15, at Warm Beach, Washington, near Stanwood. All of our churches have posters promoting it. A number of issues of the *Ambassador* have contained publicity, including pictures and maps. Further information has been sent directly to each parish. It can be said that we have done what we could to make people aware that the conference this year will be at Warm Beach and you are invited to be there.

Conferences, especially in the West, are linked together with vacations for many of us. So we tend to think of the travel involved in getting there and back. We remember the old saying, "Getting there is half the fun." Certainly, all of us who will come from the east will make the journey in much less time than the Pastor John Hjelmeland family took on their trip in 1930, which you may read about in this issue. A few will go by plane to Warm Beach. Flying is a poor way to travel if one cares about seeing what lies between here and there, although the panorama seen from a plane window is unforgettable, too.

Everyone who plans to be at the Annual Conference this year is excited about the trip and about the fine facilities at Warm Beach. It will be a great experience to be meeting at a place where the tang of salt air will invigorate.

But let us remember that what really should bring us to Warm Beach is not the trip or the fine meeting place and setting we shall see when we get there, but the conference itself. Any one of us who goes there should be motivated to do so because it is the Lord's business we are about and that it is important that we be there.

Perhaps some of us must call our trip to Washington and our stay there vacation, but may it be that no one feels then that he can take a lackadaisical attitude toward the conference itself. Conference business sessions demand the best that is in us. Let play and leisure activities come before or after the scheduled business. Our AFLC work needs our best effort as delegates. As we said, it is the Lord's business. Decisions made at Warm Beach will set the tone for some very crucial days ahead in our church fellowship.

## THE AGENDA

Our president, Pastor R. Snipstead, has suggested two key issues for the conference. The first is the matter of our budget shortfall. Our income isn't keeping up with our expenditures, certainly not with our budgeted goals. Delegates should come to conference with ideas, hopefully from the congregations, as to what should be

done until such times as income gets better. The choice is to cut back in programs, personnel and facilities. The big question is which ones? It may be that the conference is not the place to make all cuts, but strong signals can be sent by the delegates.

We hope that delegates will come to conference prepared to ask the tough questions. Annual Conference is the time and place to find the answers to things one wonders about concerning AFLC work.

The other matter the president suggests is the status of our mission work in India. This *Ambassador* contains a brief update on the situation there. Needless to say, it has been painful to have a crisis develop around a work in which our people were taking great pride. We aren't prepared to make a judgement about the India mission problem, but we trust that by the time we meet at Warm Beach the matter will have been resolved or, failing that, the conference will be able to give the World Missions Committee clear directions.

A perusal of the actions at the 1985 conference shows that someone is to provide a list of hymns likely to be included in an AFLC-produced hymnal and give information on what it would cost to publish such a hymnal. This is to be done instead of taking another survey at this time in the congregations on hymnal preferences and needs. We hope something is being done on this. The issues must not die. The Association needs a hymnal that will tie our fellowship together better than the *Concordia* is being allowed to do, much as we personally love the *Concordia*.

There are always elections at Annual Conferences either by the conference as a whole or by corporations. The church must choose, as usual, a vice-president and secretary for one-year terms. Two terms are up on the Co-ordinating Committee and Board of Trustees (Schools). An unexpired term on the Home Missions Committee must be filled in addition to a regular term. The World Missions Committee must replace a man who cannot be re-elected, having served two consecutive full terms.

There are several cases where men cannot be re-elected to boards or committees because they have served two full terms in a row. This means for sure that new people will be stepping into positions of responsibility.

It is always a blessing when ordination takes place at a conference. Somehow the whole church shares in the holy experience in a greater way when this is done. The ordination service will close the conference on Sunday afternoon.

May the Lord bless us as we meet at beautiful Warm Beach. We look forward to the fellowship also with the brethren of the West Coast District. We shall meet, God willing, some we haven't seen for some years. We shall greet some we've not known before. We trust that our coming will strengthen the churches in that District. Let us all be much in prayer for this last conference before the anniversary one in 1987. This will be the conference with the theme of prayer. Pray for the conference. Come if you can. Above all, pray for those days at Warm Beach, June 11-15.

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## Letters to the editor

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### ARTICLE A BLESSING

Just a line to say how blessed I was at the seventh annual Eastern North Dakota District WMF retreat held at Red Willow Camp in March.

A very good program under our theme "Prayers and Prayers" was quite challenging and edifying, the singing beautiful. It was good to see old friends and make new ones; so many young ladies. What a blessed potential.

Prayer requests were written and then rolled up, held with a bit of jam and put on branches from a shrub placed on a table. Each lady was asked to take one and, of course, remember the request in prayer. Also we each have a prayer partner.

Now I'm looking forward to the WMF rally at Valley City and the Lord willing I hope to be there.

We have in the past missed opportunities of sharing opinions on articles written, so this time I felt I should

write straight away. It is always hard to get back to something when one puts it off.

I was blessed by the article written by Rev. E.A. Johnson, LCA, on tithing. The story of the elevator man certainly should be an encouragement to trust the Lord and not self. We hear too many "ifs" and "buts" which shows doubt of God's promises in the lives of many. It is human nature to want to receive something for our giving which is tangible, but how much greater our Lord's blessings.

Let us remember His Word is for us today, too: "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever" (Heb. 13:8).

Also the Scripture shared in the above article. Let us be "doers" and bring delight to our heavenly Father by trusting Him.

Mrs. Reuben Ivesdal  
Edmore, N.Dak.

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### PROOF OF GOD'S GRACE

The April 8th *Ambassador* has just been received and enjoyed very much. Each issue is read from cover to cover. The devotionals are very fine; doctrinal articles give valuable information; missionary letters inspire us; news of the churches gives insight into what is being accomplished in many places, plus many other important features.

The history of our church is certainly proof of God's wonderful grace and mercy all these 24 years. To know there are 148 churches is absolutely tremendous, far beyond anyone's fondest hopes, and more are coming in. The financial situation is heart-searching. It surely shows a lack on our part. The funds are there, but we have not released them to the Lord. Truly there have been blessings beyond anything we can count or

measure or describe. We have a great God.

If each person in every congregation would search his or her own heart and follow the Lord's leading, the needs would be met. It could take a special service of prayer, praise and thanksgiving for this purpose, or an organized committee to call on each member.

We also need to encourage more *Ambassador* subscriptions. Every home should have it. That will increase our interest, and also contributions. Why not give a gift subscription or several?

Let love for Jesus and for our fellow men rule in our hearts to His honor and glory. Praise the Lord for His mercy and grace! From one who loves Jesus.

Mrs. Tarkel Ose  
Thief River Falls, Minn.

### TITHING IS ANSWER

In the April 8 *Ambassador*, you encouraged people to write concerning our Association's lack of finances in its goals and reaching them. It would be an easy way out to blame the recession for this predicament.

Being that our Association is composed mostly of rural congregations our farmers' tight financial condition is a big factor in this troubled situation. In spite of this, many of them give generously. Small businesses also can be included in the uncertainty of income.

Those on salary, wages and social security income are more certain of their income, although the latter's income in most cases is not enough to live on.

It is obvious then that those with higher incomes should be willing to give more than 10%. This is not too demanding as we must admit that the 90% also belongs to God, seeing that our health, strength and intelligence come from Him.

By budgeting and spending less on non-essentials, many are able to give the tithe and more to the Lord's work. Mal. 3:10 states, "Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, and prove Me now in this says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open up for you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it" (NKJV). Jesus said, in Matt. 23:23, "These (bringing of tithes) you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone."

In our home, we have practiced giving of tithes for many years and our dear Lord has supplied all our needs and more. To us it is a joy to give.

To the extent that we allow God's Holy Spirit to work true repentance, faith and rejoicing in our hearts, the needs of our local churches, Association Schools, Home and World Missions will go forward to the salvation of undying souls.

II Cor. 5:14a: "For the love of Christ constrains us." v. 15, "and He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again."

Harvey Dyrud  
Newfolden, Minn.



## TRIP...

the shelter and at the same time beg his forgiveness for the housebreaking.

The next day we got to Ellensburg, where Pastor (J.L.) Bestul has his work. It was like coming to an oasis after traveling through desolate country between these cities. Students (Alexander) Borrevik and (Benjamin?) Ostrem were holding meetings. Here we also met Pastor and Mrs. O.P. Grambo, who were on a vacation trip. We stayed a day with this hospitable pastor's family and took part in the meetings one evening. These students of ours do good and blessed work — God give much fruit.

Thursday the 24th of July we headed straight for Ferndale, our destination. We drove over the well-known Cascade Mountains that day, but the roads are so good and wide here that a person doesn't know he is in these massive mountains. A bear edged up to the road in one place. It eyed us for a long time. It is possible that it recognized that we were newcomers. It looked, however, quite gentle and comported itself like a real gentleman for being a mountain dweller — without the benefit of human association.

Clouds lay over the mountain peaks and the air became considerably cooler. The way continued north past Seattle, Everett and Bellingham. The ocean lay quiet and peaceful. We had come to the West Coast. Ships large and small lay in the water. It was a magnificent sight for our young boys. We became more alert and the suspense grew. Soon the nose of my Pontiac entered the city limits. We found the Louis Olsons, who gave us room until we could move into the parsonage.

On Sunday the 27th the church in Ferndale was filled twice by attentive hearers who wanted to see and hear the new pastor. It was a glorious, special time, uplifting for soul and spirit. The depths of the heart were warmed to experience such a hearty welcome. Thanks to the congregation for that.

With greetings to the friends back east I sign myself — John Hjelmeland.

—Translated from the Norwegian.



## 1986 Choral Club Tour

We invite you to "accompany" us again this year on our Choral Club tour! It will be the fifth one for Pastor Amos Dyrud and myself, third for piano accompanist Janell Kneeland, second for about six of the singers and first for Director Tom Olson and the rest of the singers.

On the day after Easter both the Bible School Choir and the Choral Club with their directors and other travelers enjoyed the noon meal in AFLBS dining hall. Devotions and prayer by Pastors Donald Greven and Dyrud was our send off before boarding the two buses for the tours. Feel with us the excitement caused by such conditions as — an 80-degree sunny afternoon (after a long winter), no classes for ten days, anticipation of seeing the farm animals (yes, especially so by some of the "city girls"! ), the expectation, for some, of seeing parents and family and even sleeping at home for a night, anticipation of presenting concerts after the many long hours of preparation, plus the joy of serving our Lord in this manner.

Our first stop was Willmar, Minn., Zion Lutheran, with Henry Johansen, pastor. The bus was quickly unloaded and everything set up for the evening concert. Each had his/her assigned duty. A practice in the church, a delicious supper served by the congregation, getting dressed for concert, the pre-concert devotional and prayer,

and all were set for Concert No. 1. Fellowship with the folks afterwards with refreshments and then all were assigned to homes for the night. Next morning after all chores were completed, we were on the bus, and with a prayer by the local pastor we were on our way. Then came the usual chatter of telling each other about the wonderful times with the host families. Overheard was one person asking Director Tom about his night. He answered, "I had a better bed and better food than at home. I tell you, this is a quality trip for me!" (Tom and a fellow seminarian "bach" in an apartment near school.)

It would be good if we could comment in detail about each place, each concert, each of the homes that so generously took us in. Each was so special. Space does not permit that, so by listing our itinerary you can, with your imaginations, follow along with us. After Willmar were Grace Lutheran, Valley City, N. Dak. Curtis Emerson, pastor; Tabor Lutheran, rural Webster, S. Dak., Rodney Stueland, pastor; Calvary, Wallace, S. Dak., Palmer Sevig, pastor; Pukwana Lutheran, Pukwana, S. Dak., Philip Featherstone, pastor; Sioux Falls, S. Dak., for a Saturday afternoon and evening free; Christ the King Lutheran, Pipestone, Minn., David Skordal, pastor; Redeemer Lutheran, Canton, S. Dak., Erwin Brandt, interim pastor; St. Paul's Lutheran, rural Jewell, Ia., Lloyd Weiland, pastor; Christ is Lord Lutheran, Onalaska, Wis., Richard

## TOUR...

Gilmore, pastor; and Emmanuel Lutheran, Kenyon, Minn., Steven Kneeland, pastor.

The bus became our home with plenty of time for quiet and devotional time, fellowship, reading and fun. We thank God for the precious young folks He sends to our Bible School and Seminary year after year. We thank God for the music directors and other faculty and staff He supplies. We thank God for the faithful in the congregations who help put all these blessings together. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

It is a rich experience to meet old friends and make new ones, to be in both old and newly established Free Lutheran congregations. The old give the comfortable, stabilizing effect. The new are like a tonic because of the fresh enthusiasm for having found the group with which they wanted to affiliate. The expression, "It is just like coming home again," was heard several times from individual parishioners of these "new" congregations as well as from some of the "new" pastors. It was also very inspiring to see the new church buildings and hear how the Lord has blessed in making them a reality. In Canton the new church has been in use for some time and it was good to be there to see how beautiful and functional it is. In Pipestone the new church should be ready for worship services in a couple of months. We were given a tour and it will be an excellent place. Our concert and noon meal there that Sunday were held in the armory where they have been worshipping for quite some time. In

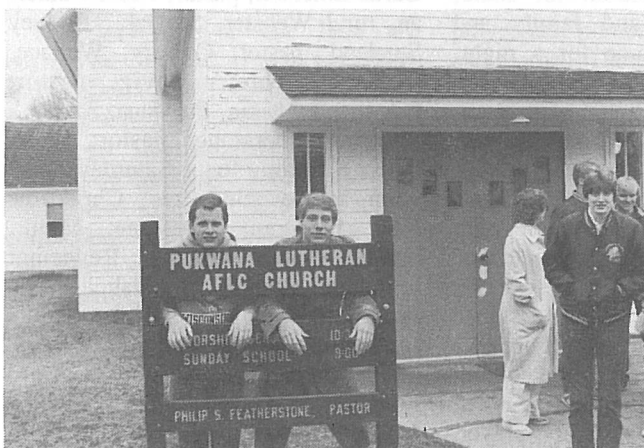
rural Jewell (usually referred to as "Stanhope," but we were corrected on this) a beautiful large new church had been built after fire destroyed the old one. We were blessed by the interesting testimonials of how God has blessed them with funds to get this new structure and all its beautiful furnishings. And in Onalaska (near LaCrosse) they are in the process of raising enough funds for their church building, but in the meantime they are continuing very actively in their congregational work. Our concert there was graciously hosted in the Christian Reformed Church. Yes, new buildings are great; however, so are the old! It was heart warming to see how the older ones are so beautifully kept up and improved. It shows God's stewards are faithful.

Thanks to all you dear folks who hosted us both in your churches and in your homes. The church suppers were all so good and we wish you could eavesdrop in the bus as your houseguests report to each other about the wonderful time they had in your homes. (I could add here, too, that many hosts expressed their joy in having the young folks in their homes—so it works out both ways.) Thanks, too, to the Arlo Kneelands for the hours of good rest, fun and food all 35 of us enjoyed during those hours in your home between our Webster and Wallace concerts.

The concerts! I am probably the one who receives the greatest blessings because I can just sit and hear the concert ten consecutive times and it becomes a precious time of prayer and praise from my heart—a period of spiritual renewal. Knowing the behind-the-scenes preparation in

prayer and practice, getting to know the individuals on the tour, realizing the past and present history of the host congregations and their preparation, all add a special depth to the thankfulness and appreciation felt during the concerts. The singing, the testimonies and the meditation make a spiritual feast! Note the songs that were sung: *Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim; Hallelujah, Jesus Lives!; Rejoice; This Is My Father's World; And the Glory of the Lord* by Handel (how I wish you all could hear that!); *How Great Thou Art*—all praises to God! Then comes the meditation by Pastor Dyrud when he asks us to "walk with me verse by verse" through Psalm 22, a Messianic psalm. This being right after Easter makes it so vivid—a real blessing... Then the songs that follow challenge all to a personal salvation: *Come to Me All Who Labor; Pass It On; People Need the Lord; Come to the Saviour Now*. The congregation joins in singing *Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise* in such an effective, awesome way. The director personally adds his own plea for folks to "know for sure" they have eternal life and admonishes all Christians to be concerned about their fellowmen. Then comes the final song, *Lift High the Cross*, sung by the choir with the congregation joining in the chorus: "Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, till all the world adore His sacred name." Yes, what a finale for us all! Let each of us continue to be faithful at our Father's business.

Mrs. Amos Dyrud





## McVile ladies sew for missions



Mrs. Jennie Helland and Mrs. Anna Solberg

The New Luther Valley Ladies Aid of McVile, N.Dak. honors three women who have faithfully spent many hours making quilts for our mission fields. Mrs. Jennie Helland has now retired from this labor of love. Mrs. Anna Solberg and Rachel Quanbeck are both deceased, but their handwork is still being used. They made a total of 300 bed quilts, plus 55 baby quilts and 56 doll quilts. Over half were sold for a total of \$3,933.00. The proceeds and the remainder of the quilts were sent to missions.



Rachel Quanbeck

### Note address change!!

All Women's Page items should be sent to: Mrs. Wayne Hjermstad, 1277 Ross Ave., St. Paul, Minn. 55106.

### Women's Missionary Federation

#### *In memoriam gifts*

Clara E. Wold, McIntosh, Minn.  
Ruth Samuelson, Faith, S.Dak.  
Helena Moe, Thief River Falls, Minn.  
Grace Blum, Pukwana, S.Dak.  
Anna Gullickson, Wallace, S.Dak.  
Lawrence Benson, Wallace, S.Dak.

*Blessed are  
those who die  
in the Lord*



### 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.

#### NORTH DAKOTA

##### Stanley

**Mrs. Emily Bakke**, 103, Dec. 14, 1985, Scandia Valley. (Mrs. Bakke, a native of Clitherall, Minn., was a charter member of Scandia Valley Lutheran Church, rural Stanley.)

#### SOUTH DAKOTA

##### Faith

**Mrs. Bob (Ruth) Samuelson**, 55, Dec. 29, 1985, Bethel

**Charles Samuelson**, 72, Feb. 11, Bethel

##### Eagle Butte

**Darryl Lemke**, 45, Jan. 9, Emmanuel MICHIGAN

##### Ishpeming

**Evelyn L. Williams**, 87, Mar. 29, Hope

## NY church has purchased land

On March 5, Unity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Massapequa, New York, became the proud owners of a half-acre parcel of land in Massapequa. Incorporated in August of 1984 and affiliated with the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations shortly thereafter, the members of Unity, under the spiritual direction of the Rev. Earl R. Henley, have worked and prayed with great earnestness toward the purchase of this property, where we hope to build our church home within the next few years. For those not familiar with our locale, Long Island, New York, is a very desirable area with property values the highest in our country and vacant property very scarce. We, therefore, consider our property acquisition to be a tremendous accomplishment that was truly God-blessed.

At this time, all of us at Unity Evangelical Lutheran would like to express our deepest gratitude for the guidance, prayers and assistance to all of our brothers and sisters in the AFLC and its leadership, particularly to President Richard Snipstead and Pastor Francis Monseth for the time they have given us, the wisdom they have shared with us and the love they have shown to us.

In an effort to help build our new home on our property, the ladies of our congregation and their friends and families have put together a wonderful cookbook. There are approximately 250 home-tested delicious recipes bound in a plastic coated cover, plus helpful hints such as weights and measures, first-aid tips, carving tips and much more helpful and interesting information. Copies of the cookbook are available by writing to: Unity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Post Office Box 1235, Massapequa, New York 11758, at a cost of \$5.00 each plus 75¢ to cover the cost of postage and handling.

We welcome you all to visit with us if you travel east to our part of the country. We look forward to meeting some of you in the future.

—Corr.

## Personalities

**Rev. Hubert DeBoer** resigned as pastor of Faith Lutheran Church of Running Valley, Colfax, Wis., on April 6. He has served there since 1978. He will conclude his work at Faith on his and Emerald's 39th wedding anniversary, August 31. The DeBoers will retire to River Falls, Wis.

# More on the Annual Conference . . .

## Officers to elect

\*Designates incumbent

Nominations are made from the floor for the constitutional officers and there must be at least two nominations for each position.

*Vice-President* (1-year term)

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

*Secretary* (1 year)

\*Rev. Bruce Dalager, Grand Forks, N.Dak.

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

## Third Canadian Conference held

The members of Faith Lutheran Church at Lake Alma, Sask., worked up to the final day to put the finishing touches on their new church building which was to be used as the site of the Third Annual Conference of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations in Canada. The conference began Friday evening, April 11, and ended with the Sunday morning service on April 13.

Guest speakers for the conference were Pastor Elden Nelson, AFLC Home Missions Director, and Pastor John Rieth of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Williston, N. Dak. Lay Pastor Gene Sundby, Canadian AFLC president, of Outlook, Sask., and the local pastor, Philip Rokke, led the services.

Among the resolutions debated was the possibility of planting a second congregation in Canada. No definite plans were made, but it was suggested that we continue to pray for God's leading in this matter, asking that if it is His will He will open the door to further expansion.

The theme for the conference, Psalm 127:1: "Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it," was chosen to correlate with the

## Camper caravan

For those interested, a camper caravan to the Annual Conference in June is planned. Rev. Eugene Enderlein is the trail master and preliminary plans call for the trek to begin June 6 from Fargo, N.Dak.

Overnight stops are planned for Miles City, Mont. (465 miles), June 6; Missoula, Mont. (462), June 7 and 8; Ellensburg, Wash. (370 or 408), June 9; and on to Warm Beach (180) on Tuesday.

On Sunday, June 8, there is the option of traveling to Kalispell for church in the morning (115 miles) and sightseeing in Glacier National Park, then returning to Missoula or overnighing at Kalispell before going on to Ellensburg on the 9th.

Contact Pastor Enderlein for further details or clarification. His address is 3110 E. Medicine Lake Blvd., Minneapolis, Minn. 55441. Or call him at 612-545-5631 (office) or 612-544-3279 (home).

dedication of Faith Lutheran's new house of worship. The dedication service was held at 2 p.m., Sunday, April 13, following the closing service of the conference.

Faith Lutheran members are thankful that after three years of renting a place to worship in they now have their own church building. The church is a single story building of approximately 2,600 square feet, comprised of a sanctuary, kitchen, dining area, bathrooms, storeroom, entry and Pastor's office.

—Corr.

## TEACHING POSITION

Elementary teacher (primary grades) needed at St. Paul's Academy. Send letter of application, resume and college transcript to: Bill Gerard, chairman, St. Paul's Academy, 18th and Wilson, Cloquet, Minn. 55720.

You may call the Academy at 218-879-2536 for more information.

## A Culbertson welcome

If you are driving out West for the Annual Conference, Bethel Lutheran Church in Culbertson, Montana, extends you an invitation to join them for services on Sunday, June 8th! Bethel is located right along Highway 2 (on the north side just as you enter Culbertson from the east). Morning Worship is at 11:00 a.m. Mountain time (which is 12:00 Central time). The evening fellowship service will be at 7:00 p.m. (8:00 Central) with lots of singing, time for testimonies, etc.

Overnight lodging can be provided at homes, as well as space for campers to park, etc. To make arrangements, contact Pastor Lyndon Korhonen, Box 574, Culbertson, Mont. 59218.

It is approximately 550 miles from Culbertson to Kalispell, Mont., so with an early start on Monday morning, everyone will be able to make it for the Monday night service in Kalispell!

## You are needed at the 3rd Annual Memorial Day work retreat at the ARC

It is a time when people of our AFLC can come and help get the wonderful camp God has given us in good order.

1. It is a good time in a great setting of God's creation.
2. It is a good time to be with your family.
3. It is a good time to honor our country - Memorial Day Service.
4. It is a good time to let someone else cook great food.
5. It is a good time to take advantage of a great price — it is free for willing workers.

We need your help. Please prayerfully consider this.

Bob and Carol Dietsche

# **24th Annual Conference of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations**

**June 11 - 15, 1986**

**Warm Beach Camp  
Stanwood, Washington**

**Conference Theme:  
"The Church Fervent in Prayer"**  
Conference Text: Acts 12:5

## **Wednesday, June 11**

9:00 a.m. The Conference Committees meet for devotions, instruction and room assignments.

8:00 p.m. The opening service of the Conference, with the sermon on the text by Rev. Robert Lee, Minneapolis, Minn. The service leader is Rev. Terry Olson, Lake Stevens, Wash. AFLC President, Rev. Richard Snipstead, will open the Conference and appoint necessary committees.

Offering to General Fund.

## **Thursday, June 12**

9:00 a.m. Devotions.  
Report of the Credentials Committee.  
Adoption of the Conference agenda.  
Election of the Nominations Committee for the 1987 Conference.

The President's Report.

Report of the Chairman of the Co-ordinating Committee, Pastor Ronald Knutson, Ferndale, Wash.

Report of the Business Administrator, Mr. Ernest Miedema, Valley City, N. Dak.

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

Financial Report, Miss Debbie Beaman, Minneapolis, Minn.

Report of the Family Bible Camps:

Osceola

Lake Bronson

Wilderness

Report of the Budget Analysis Committee.

Report of the Nominating Committee, always in order.

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

Report of Committee No. 1 (Administration).

11:30 a.m. Prayer Hour. Leader: Mr. Clifford Johnson, Esko, Minn., Coordinator, Prayer Preparation for the 25th Anniversary.

2:00 p.m. Devotions.

Report of the Credentials Committee.

Elections:

Vice-President — 1-year term

Secretary — 1-year term

Selection of nominees to the Missions Committees and Board of Trustees.

Continuing discussion of Committee No. 1.

Election of nominees (one pastor, one layman) to the Co-ordinating Committee.

Election of Committee No. 1 for the 1987 Conference.

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

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

Report of the Dean of the Bible School, Pastor Donald Greven, Minneapolis, Minn.

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

Report of Committee No. 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: Pastor Connelly Dyrud.



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## SCHEDULE . . .

### Friday, June 13

- 7:00 a.m. The Missions Corporation Annual Meeting.  
9:00 a.m. Devotions.  
Report of the Credentials Committee.  
Continuing discussion of Committee No. 2.  
Election of Committee No. 2 for the 1987 Conference.  
Report of the Schools' Corporation Annual Meeting.  
Report of the Chairman of the World Missions Committee, Pastor Amos Dyrud, Minneapolis, Minn.  
Report of the Vice-Chairman of the Home Missions Committee, Mr. Joel Rogenes, Ely, Minn.  
Report of the Director of Home Missions, Pastor Elden Nelson, Minneapolis, Minn.  
Report of the Chairman of the Commission on Evangelism, Pastor Verle Dean, Sedan, Minn.  
Report of Committee No. 3 (Missions and Evangelism).  
11:30 a.m. Prayer Hour — Mr. Johnson.  
2:00 p.m. Devotions.  
Report of the Credentials Committee.  
Continuing Report of Committee No. 3.  
Report of Missions Corporation Annual Meeting.  
5:30 p.m. Pastors' Banquet.  
8:00 p.m. Laymens' Service. Leader: Mr. Ron Willand, Ferndale, Wash.  
Speaker: Mr. G. V. Kittleson, Eugene, Ore.  
Offering to Schools.

### Saturday, June 14

- 9:00 a.m. Devotions.  
Report of Credentials Committee.  
Continuing discussion of the report of Committee No. 3.  
Election of member to the Commission on Evangelism.  
Election of Committee No. 3 for the 1987 Conference.  
Report of the Chairman of the Board of Publications and Parish Education, Pastor Ralph Tjelta, Minneapolis, Minn.  
Report of the Executive Secretary of Parish Education.  
Report of the Chairman of the Youth Board, Pastor Allen Monson, St. Cloud, Minn.  
Report of the President of the Luther League Federation, Pastor Curtis Emerson, Valley City, N. Dak.  
Report of Committee No. 4 (Publications, Parish Education and Youth Work).  
11:30 a.m. Prayer Hour — Mr. Johnson.  
2:00 p.m. Devotions.  
Report of the Credentials Committee.  
Election of member to the Board of Publications and Parish Education.  
Election of member to the Youth Board.  
Election of Committee No. 4 for the 1987 Conference.  
Election of the Colloquy Committee for the 1987 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.  
Election of member to the Board of Pensions.  
Election of Committee No. 5 for the 1987 Conference.  
Report of special committees.  
Election of two members to the Budget Analysis Committee — 3-year terms.  
Report of Committee No. 1 as the Committee on General Resolutions.  
Invitations to the 1987 Conference.

- 8:00 p.m. Youth Night at the Conference.  
Leader: Pastor Curtis Emerson, Valley City, N. Dak.  
Speaker: Pastor Roy B. Johnson, Mentor, Minn.  
Offering to Capital Investment.

### Sunday, June 15

- 8:00 a.m. Communion Service.  
Leader: Pastor Richard Bartholomew, Kalispell, Mont.  
Speaker: Pastor Alvin Grothe, Astoria, Ore.  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service.  
Leader: Pastor Stephen Odegaard, Eugene, Ore.  
Speaker: Pastor Kenneth Moland, Kirkland, Wash.  
Offering to World Missions.  
2:30 p.m. Ordination Service.  
Leader: Pastor Richard Snipstead, Minneapolis, Minn.  
Speaker: Pastor Wendell Johnson, Stacy, Minn.  
Offering to Home Missions.  
Conference Committee:  
Pastor Richard Snipstead, President  
Pastor Bruce Dalager, Secretary