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There are three festival days in the church year. They are Christmas, Easter and Pentecost. Everyone remembers Christmas and Easter and plans for these days with special services, programs and musical events.

But the one day that is forgotten is Pentecost. Even many Christians do not know when it is or what it commemorates. That was not always so. In the early Christian Church the Jewish Christians celebrated the "feast of weeks." It was one of the great pilgrimage feasts that all Jews celebrated. It was natural, then, that when the Holy Spirit came upon them on Pentecost, it would become the primary festival day.

Gradually, however, more and more attention was focused on Christmas and Easter and less on Pentecost. The following are some reasons for the decline in the observance of Pentecost: First, we are not distracted by the outward trappings of the day. We are not bothered with all those things that have become a part of the Christmas or Easter celebrations and have largely replaced their true meaning. In a Christmas display in a downtown department store, they put a manger scene with the baby Jesus lying in a manger and Joseph and Mary looking on with worship and adoration. A lady seeing this was heard to say, "What is the world coming to? The church is trying to horn in on Christmas."

Second, the Holy Spirit does not want the attention to be drawn to Himself. He seeks to magnify the name of Jesus Christ. Notice the time of the coming of the Holy Spirit, as recorded in Acts 2. Immediately after the people were filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter starts to preach. It is really a review of the way that God had ministered to people in the past, with all the promises of the Old Testament being fulfilled in Christ. On the very day that the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples, Christ was glorified.

Third, the Holy Spirit always works behind the scenes pointing people to Jesus. Luther put it this way in his

The forgotten day

explanation of the Third Article of the creed in the *Small Catechism*: "I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me through the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, and sanctified and preserved me in the true faith..." The Holy Spirit working through the Word of God points the sinner to Jesus. When the Philippian jailer asked, "What must I do to be saved?" the Apostle Paul answered, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved." This answer is direct and to the point. Faith in Christ brings salvation. But, wasn't the Holy Spirit working to bring about the salvation of this man? Of course, He was. The events that brought about conviction of sin also brought him to salvation.

Finally, Pentecost really is a day of celebration of the Word of God. The Bible is the instrument to reach people, convict them of sin and point them to Jesus Christ.

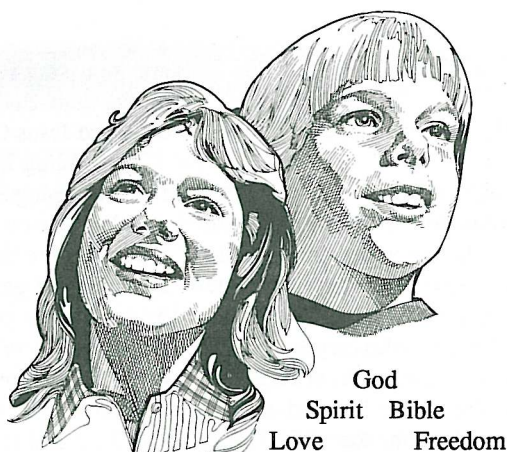
When Peter, James and John were on the Mount of Transfiguration with Jesus and Peter made the suggestion that they build three places of worship for Jesus, Moses and Elijah, a bright cloud came over them and they heard the voice of God say, "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him." The disciples fell down in fear, but Jesus touched them and said, "Rise and have no fear." Then they lifted up their eyes and saw *Jesus only*.

So let us remember Pentecost every day in the proclamation of the Gospel of salvation through Jesus Christ alone. Anything less is inadequate. Anything more is unnecessary.

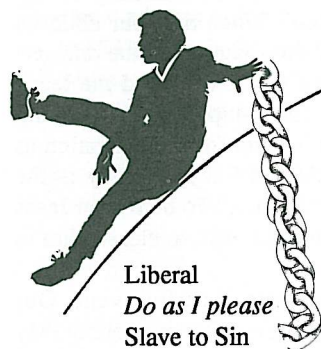


by Pastor
James Asp

A sermon
for Pentecost

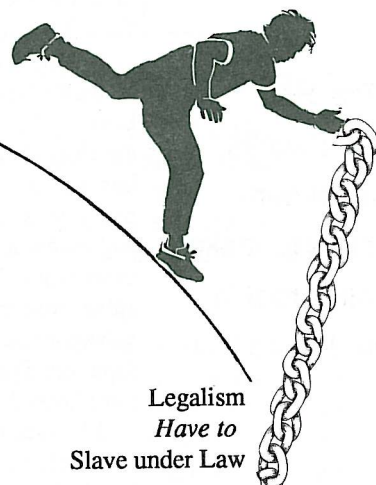


Want to



Liberal
Do as I please
Slave to Sin

FREE IN JESUS



Legalism
Have to
Slave under Law

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom" (II Cor. 3:17).

This is the theme of the AFLC and it appears on our official stationery. What does this freedom mean? How do we experience that spirit of freedom while avoiding the pitfalls? It's easy to slip into sin with a "do as I please" attitude as illustrated on the left side of the diagram. But it's equally tempting to get enslaved under the law in the right hand pit. Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is *freedom* on top of the hill.

A recent visitor said, "There is a sweet spirit in your church." She observed much love and joy among the members and appreciated the preached Word of God. Is this the goal of our AFLC congregations?

Perhaps equally important, do people observe this in you and me? Are comments like this being made: There is a sweet spirit in that person. I see much love and joy. There is a hunger for the Bible. If this is being seen in you or your congregation, then give glory to the Holy Spirit. He makes our personal relationship with Jesus genuine and fruitful.

The Corinthian church had plenty of Spirit, but slipped to the liberal left with all kinds of problems and sinful excesses. Members were doing as they pleased.

What was the solution? The legalistic right probably wanted Paul to come with the Law of Moses and straighten out the church. Instead Paul came preaching Christ and Him crucified. He shared the truth in love in order to bring the people to repent, to come back to the compelling love of Christ.

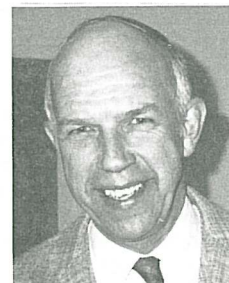
Today there are congregations and denominations like the Corinthians following the liberal left. We hear of churches doing as they please, condoning sinful excesses and allowing freedom for homosexuals. Where does that lead? II Peter 2:19 says they promise freedom but they themselves are slaves trapped in sin. See the far left on the diagram. They need the law for repentance.

Other churches are reacting like the Galatians, legalists on the right, with too much emphasis on laws, obedience, guilt and then legalism. The divorced, the alcoholics and other broken people are driven out in despair. The nice people look religious in church, but often have little genuine fruit at home. That is not freedom.

Jesus' primary purpose in coming was to die for our sins and rise for our justification. Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

How do we find and keep that freedom at the

"The nice people look religious in church, but often have little genuine fruit at home."



by Pastor
Melvin Meyer
Sheridan, III.

“The Holy Spirit works within our spirits to make Jesus real in our hearts.”

top of the diagram? I see three keys: Word, Spirit, and Balance.

1. Jesus said, in John 8:31, 32, “If ye continue in My Word, then are ye My disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” Thus reading the Word, attending Bible classes, along with Worship are essential. People who neglect these either slip to the left into deeper sin or flip over to the right pit feeling miserable and guilty. Thus it’s hard to get back on the top of the hill.

2. The Holy Spirit works within our spirits to make Jesus real in our hearts. He said, in Luke 11:13, that our heavenly Father will give the Holy Spirit to those who ask. Psalm 51 is the basis of a common liturgical prayer used by many of us: “Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit.” How the Spirit works is still a mystery to me, but I know He does.

My mother was always active in church with bake sales and church dinners. The Law made her feel guilty for not praying and witnessing more, but there was little desire in her heart. While my dad was dying of cancer, she was searching for a deeper walk with Jesus. This led her to pray often for the Holy Spirit to fill her. Ephesians 5:18 says, “Be filled with the Spirit...” Then Mom steadily shifted into more effective prayer, Bible study, witnessing and visiting shut-ins. The Spirit worked changes within her heart as love drove out her fears.

3. A balance between the Word and the Spirit is necessary. Most of us know fundamental Bible-believers who are striving in obedience, but have no joy or freedom. I may admire their dedication, but what happened to the sweet spirit? On the other hand, some charismatics have much spirit and enthusiasm, but what happened to truths like the confession of sin and Christ crucified?

This balance is evident in worship. One church can say all the right words, but there is no spirit of freedom. Too many years I went through the liturgy with little genuine worship. However, another congregation may be all excited praising the Lord, but they get off into extremes because they lack the truths of God’s Word. Jesus said, in John 4:24, “God is a spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and truth.” “Be filled with the Spirit; speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and

spiritual songs...giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Grumbling is so natural, but “thanksgiving” is worshipping in Spirit and in truth.

It’s easy to draw a diagram but it’s much harder to live in that freedom. It reminds me of a childhood game called “King on the Hill.” You needed a good-sized snow pile. The object was to stay on the top. One would barely get up on the hill from one side, then someone would pull down on the other. That pictures how I need the Word and the Holy Spirit continually. Is that your Christianity, too? When my four children were at home, I had this diagram on the refrigerator for at least five years. It helped me teach my children how I was disciplining and training them. The diagram is great for sex education as it relates to I Cor. 6:19: “...your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost...” To be free in Jesus means we are willing and want to please Him in all areas of life.

Permit me to share a specific event. Our church had a guest speaker for an evening. My son did not want to go. I had not always insisted that my P.Ks. go to everything in the church but this time I wanted my teenager to go. Rather than demanding him, we went to the diagram pointing out the left and right pitfalls. Then I suggested that he go to his room and pray that the Spirit of the Lord would give him a willing heart. It turned out to be an inspiring service for both of us.

Where are you and members of your family? It should be easy for all of us to display His amazing grace that lifted and continues to lift us out of the pitfalls. Furthermore, may every day be an infilling Pentecost for you and me resulting in more love, peace, joy and willing attitudes. As that happens, there is freedom.

Biographical Sketch

Melvin (Mel) Meyer was born in Palatine, Ill. He is a graduate of Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago with a degree in Chemical Engineering. His theological training was received at Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Ill., now at Fort Wayne, Ind. He has served parishes at Beulah and Zap, N. Dak., and Waukegan, Ill. Pastor Meyer’s wife, Bunny, is from Ashtabula, Ohio. The couple has four children: Mike, Indiana; Melanie, New York; Matthew, Florida; and Mark at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth. Pastor Meyer is on the Fellowship Roster of the AFLC (since last September) and formerly served in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.



Preoccupied with growth

My name is Alvaro Negoceki. I am 19 years old and come from the city of Curitiba, Parana.

I was born into a "Christian" family; I have a brother and a sister who are Christians also. Before accepting Christ, I wasn't very concerned about by spiritual life. I was more interested in satisfying my own desires. I didn't have direction in life and didn't have peace. But my conscience kept accusing me and I knew I wasn't on the right path in life.

I started participating in Bible studies near my home; many people shared God's Word with me. Through these studies I felt the need to give my life to Jesus and on Sept. 9, 1988, with Pastor Paul Abel's help and my sister's help, I did so. My life has been transformed.

Now I have the gift of eternal life and I am preoccupied with my spiritual growth. I have peace in Jesus. I don't need to go looking for satisfaction in other things. God has put direction into my life and my main purpose is to serve Jesus.

I came to the Bible School to study this year so that I may learn God's Word in a deeper way. Especially so that I may be able to serve Jesus better. I pray I will be able to put into practice much of what I am learning here.

Two verses that speak to me are Galatians 6:9, 10: "And let us not grow weary in well-doing, for in due season

25th Anniversary tour to Brazil

"Then Samuel took a stone and set it between Mizpeh and Shen, and called the name of it Ebenezer, saying, Hitherto hath the Lord helped us" (1 Samuel 7:12).

The AFLC has been working in Brazil for 24 years. In January of 1991, at the Annual Conference, there will be a special 25th Anniversary celebration at the AFLC Bible School Campus in Campo Mourao, Brazil.

We are praying for a special AFLC tour to attend the conference at that time. Those in the tour will include the AFLC President, World Missions Director, and representatives of the World Missions Committee. We would be honored to include in this tour representatives and friends from local congregations who have faithfully supported World Missions throughout the years.

A landmark for the 25th Anniversary Brazil Mission would be to dedicate a new girls' dormitory on the Bible School Campus. This project has been approved by the World Missions Committee. This building project is going to be exciting, because for the first time we are going to build with matching funds from the States. The Brazilian churches and Bible School will have various promotions throughout the year to raise money and donate various building materials for at least half of the cost of the building and the AFLC in the States will contribute the other half. Therefore, for every dollar raised in Brazil, the stateside church would match it.

Wouldn't it be a blessing for you or your church to have a part in this project with the Brazilians?

—Mrs. Connely (Carolyn) Dyrud



Shown here are pastors, evangelists and Bible women in India who look to the AFLC for support. Five hundred dollars a month will give each of them about \$20. They desire to be in fellowship with the AFLC in the U.S.A. Gifts to them through the World Missions Department will enable them to continue to bring the Word of God to their people.

we shall reap, if we do not lose heart. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all men, and especially to those who are of the household of faith" (RSV).

This year I am attending the Central Free Lutheran Church and am involved

in the Sunday afternoon ministry of hospital visitation.

In my spare time I enjoy playing soccer and swimming. We have a soccer team here at school and enjoy playing with other teams on Friday evenings.

The following camps have turned in their information. Let us be in prayer for these camps.

Cooperstown Bible Camp — Eastern North Dakota District, June 24-29. Theme: "Jesus, the Light in a Dark World," based on John 1:1-18; for sixth grade and up.

Orcas Island Family Camp — West Coast District, July 30 - Aug. 4. Theme: "Called to Be Free." Bible teachers, District pastors; Pastor David Hinrichs, evening speaker.

Association Retreat Center — Minneapolis District, June 24 - 30. Theme: "As You Received Him...So Walk in Him," based on Col. 2, 6,7. For junior and senior high. Bob Halvorson, junior high Bible teacher; AFLC Youth Director Dennis Gray, senior high Bible teacher and evening speaker.

Camp Cherith — Western North Dakota and Eastern Montana District, June 27 - July 1. A family camp with Pastor Rodney Johnson, adult Bible study leader, and Paul Kneeland, youth Bible study leader. Pastor Gary Jorgenson, evening speaker.

Camp Cherith Youth Camp — July 29 - Aug. 1. Pastor Jerry Moan and Paul Kneeland Bible study leaders; Pastor Kerwin Sletto, evening speaker.

Galilee Pre-Teen — Northern Minnesota District, Pastor Jerry Moan and Pastor James Fugleberg, speakers. June 21-24.

Galilee Teen Camp — Pastor James Asp, Bible study leader, and Pastor Mark Molstre, evening speaker. June 24-29.



The call of Bible camp is here!

"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed who correctly handles the word of truth" (II Timothy 2:15).

Summer is nearly upon us! How wonderful it is to be able to spend quality time in the outdoors! This quality time we spend easily can mean attending one of our many Bible camps. There should be a camp close to the majority of us in the Association.

Someone has said, "Come apart or come apart." It is certain that those who regularly attend a youth camp or a family camp will give testimony to this little saying.

Our Lord Jesus Christ spent much time in quiet. We need to do the same; of course, even more than Jesus. Much time goes into planning and carrying out our AFLC camps. Much prayer goes before God's throne of grace on behalf of the camps. And, you are invited to come.

Here are a listing of most of our AFLC youth and family Bible camps. May the Lord bless you as you make plans and attend Bible camp. Don't miss out!

— Pastor Dennis Gray
Youth Director

Pickerel Lake Bible Camp — for South Dakota - Nebraska District, June 25 - July 1. The evening speaker is Pastor Kenneth Sortedahl; Bible study teacher is Pastor James Johnson. Pastor Lynn Wilson, dean. On July 1, the camp will observe its 50th anniversary with a 10:30 service. Speaker: Pastor Raynard Huglen, Newfolden, Minn.

Association Retreat Center Family Camp (AFLC) — July 1 - 7. Pastor Peter Franz, evening speaker; Pastor Philip Haugen, Bible teacher. Lee Schierkolk, dean. Theme for both camps: "Rejoice in the Lord" (Psalm 105:3-4).

ARC Family Camp (AFLC) — Aug. 5 - 11. Pastor Robert Rieth, evening speaker; Pastor Robert L. Lee, Bible teacher. Larry Johnson, dean. Send non-refundable registration fees to ARC, Rt. 1, Box 92, Osceola, Wis. 54020 (\$5 per person, \$10 per family).

Galilee Family Camp (AFLC) Lake Bronson, Minn., — July 8 - 14. Pastor Craig Wentzel, Bible teacher; Pastor James Asp, evening speaker. Pastor LeRoy Flickinger, dean.

Wilderness Family Camp, Lake Park, Minn. — July 18 - 22. Pastor Terry Olson, evening speaker; Pastor Wendell Johnson, Bible teacher. Mrs. Johnson will be in charge of classes for children.

It takes more than one defeat to make a failure.

—Clarence E. Macartney

If our responsibility is to truth and our lives are disciplined in such a way as to desire that above all else, then, and then only, are we truly free men.

Gerald Kennedy

Host pastor's greeting and welcome to the AFLC Conference

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Three times a year thousands of people converged upon Jerusalem to celebrate the great feasts of Israel:

Passover, the Feast of Weeks and the Feast of Tabernacles. These feasts were so important that every adult male, unless incapacitated, was required to be there.

On June 13-17, we, too, expect to see hundreds — perhaps thousands — converging on Bloomington, Minnesota, to take part in the 1990 Annual Conference of the AFLC. Like our own spiritual forefathers who gathered in the temple grounds of Jerusalem, we will worship God and enjoy fellowship with old and new friends. We will pray and plan. Above all, as we come under His Word, we expect the Holy Spirit to challenge us with exciting new visions of growth and expansion far beyond anything we could ask or think.

On behalf of the host congregation, Emmaus Lutheran Church, I warmly welcome you to the 1990 Annual Conference. Come, hundreds, even thousands of you, from near and far, young and old, to celebrate our annual "feast" together. Let's give thanks for what the Lord had done among us and eagerly expect Him to shape the vision of what He would have us do.

*Sincerely in God's everlasting love and grace,
Pastor Donald Richman*



Comparisons of AFLC budget goals

Here are some figures on AFLC Budget goals for the past six years and how well we have done in meeting them. The number of congregations is that given at the Annual Conference in the year in question.

1984-85: Budget goal — \$1,003,095.00; No. of Congregations. — 145; Total rec'd in Jan. — \$160,314.60; Overall total — \$872,150.26; Percent of goal — 87%; Deficit — \$130,944.74.

1985-86: Budget goal, — \$1,109,382.00; No. of Congregations. — 148; Total rec'd in Jan. — \$113,230.60; Overall total — \$806,232.42; Percent of goal — 73%; Deficit — \$303,149.58.

1986-87: Budget goal, — \$1,084,478.00; No. of Congregations. — 151; Total rec'd in Jan. — \$135,455.52; Overall total — \$939,966.28; Percent of goal — 87%; Deficit — \$144,511.72.

1987-88: Budget goal, — \$1,014,894.00; No. of Congregations. — 156; Total rec'd in Jan. — \$96,222.21; Overall total — \$916,759.20; Percent of goal — 90%; Deficit — \$98,134.80.

1988-89: Budget goal, — \$1,057,504.00; No. of Congregations. — 186; Total rec'd in Jan. — \$187,098.17; Overall total — \$1,014,732.17; Percent of goal — 96%; Deficit — \$42,771.83.

1989-90: Budget goal, — \$1,301,281; No. of Congregations. — 195*; Total rec'd in Jan. — \$224,478.79; Overall total — \$806,232.42; Percent of goal — 82%; Deficit — \$235,181.41.

1990-91: Budget goal, — \$1,442,565.00; No. of Congregations. — 200+.

*Corrected figure from that given in the May 15 *Ambassador*.



The men in session.

Brazil Conference

The AFLC in Brazil had its 24th Annual Conference, January 19-21.

After days and weeks of rain, many of us were wondering what kind of turnout there would be for this conference. But as we should always remember, the Lord takes care of our tomorrows. We don't need to worry about what the day will bring. As it turned out, He gave us very good weather and we had a very wonderful group.

Many plans and goals were set up for the coming year, in which the AFLC of Brazil will celebrate its 25th

Anniversary. We look forward to this special year and are praying that some of you folks in the States would be able to come and celebrate this time with us.

During the Annual Conferences our ladies also have their "Spiritual Encounter." This year was our 20th — seems hard to believe that time has gone so fast. We had a very good turnout, with some 40 ladies in attendance. There were four ladies who were honored for attending the very first retreat. One of the ladies had only missed one retreat in the 20 years. That

surely deserves to be remembered. The ladies felt sad that two of the founding ladies could not be with us for this 20th year, Ruby (Mrs. John) Abel and Helen (Mrs. George) Knapp. We surely missed them.

from a
pastor's study

FISHING

The fishing opener in Minnesota was on May 2. My wife and I, along with our son and daughter-in-law were situated on a small lake in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area wilderness. While I use the past tense, at this writing, the trip is still future and entirely up to the Lord whether we are there or not. We are now in the process of getting things ready. Fishing gear must be checked and repaired if needed. Perhaps even some new additions purchased and some of the old and useless relegated to the circular file. Catalogues have been checked. Sporting goods stores have been visited. The merits of various lures and bait have been evaluated. Some of the ads for fishing equipment sound unbelievable. One ad in a sporting magazine gave promise of fantastic catches if their product was used. They even went so far as to say that their product was so good that it was in fact banned in the state of Minnesota. (I checked with the game warden, it is.) Someone once said that fishing equipment always catches something, fish or the fisherman, sometimes both.

BWCA permits are reserved months in advance. Backpacks must be readied. Clothing selected and packed. Food purchased, prepared and packed. Cooking utensils packed. The canoe must be cleaned and the exterior waxed. First-aid equipment must be in order. Be sure to pack a small Bible! It sounds like a lot of work just to get ready, and it is. Many years ago I saw a sign something like this:

Plan Ahead

We have learned over the years that preparation, planning ahead, is of vital importance when you are carrying everything on your back for a week in the wilderness. Yet, no matter how well you prepare, no matter how comprehensive your check list is, it seems like you are always short of something and you must improvise. One time, my son Ron and I discovered that we had forgotten plates (though they were checked off on our list). We improvised by hewing plates out of large slabs of wood from a birch log some other camper had dragged to the campsite.

While some of us fish for fish, Jesus calls all believers to be fishers of men. That is the call that He gave to brothers Peter and Andrew. Matthew tells us that they left their equipment and vocation to follow Jesus.¹ I believe that the same call comes to every Christian today. Solomon taught that those who win souls are wise.²

It is surprising how many people stand on the shore and watch others fish thinking that they do not have good enough tackle or expertise. Yet I remember a boy of two trolling on a river pond with a chalkline tied to a leaky duckboat, a defunct frog or a battered spinner for bait. But, oh, the fish that I caught! In the same way, many seem to think that equipment they have is not good enough for man-fishing. Just think, what would have happened if the woman at the well had that kind of mind set? She set out with what she had and a whole group was saved!³ Perhaps we have forgotten Who really is the User of the equipment! Paul teaches that God chooses the despised things of this world “that no man should boast before God” (NAS).⁴ This is not to say that we should not be prepared. On the contrary, we must prepare by praying for openings in our circumstances. We must also pray for our fellow “fishermen,” as well as for additions to the cadre.⁵ Jesus spoke of the displeasure of the master over a servant who knew the master’s will,

yet did not prepare.⁶ Paul indicated that we do need to prepare ourselves. “Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth” (KJV).⁷ The Holy Spirit used an unknown psalmist to write 76 verses to magnify the Word of God, in Psalm 9. It is hearing this Word of God that generates living faith.⁸ It is this Word that Jesus taught His called “fishermen” and then asked the heavenly Father to “Sanctify them through Thy truth” (KJV).⁹ This same Word was passed on by subsequent “fishermen,” even to our time. Jesus also prayed for each generation that hears and believes.¹⁰ He also continues to do so that there would be success.

Sometimes fish are not interested in our offerings to them. They come and peer at our bait and then swim away. In spite of all our preparation, Satanic forces trap us into getting the same idea about our fishing for men, “Why bother, they won’t be interested anyway.” Yet God does promise that His Word will not return empty. It will accomplish His desires, it will succeed in that matter for which He sends it.¹¹

Happy fishing!

Footnotes: ¹ Matt. 4:18-20; ² Prov. 11:30; ³ John 4:5-38; ⁴ I Cor. 1:26-29; ⁵ Matt. 9:38; ⁶ Luke 12:47; ⁷ II Tim. 2:15; ⁸ Rom. 10:17; ⁹ John 17:17; ¹⁰ John 17:20; ¹¹ Isaiah 55:11.

Prayer will cut
many a knot that
my own hands
cannot untie.

CONFERENCE EVE

Most of our readers will get this *Ambassador* less than two weeks before the 28th Annual Conference of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations opens at Days Inn, Bloomington, Minn., on June 13. What this means is that the Conference is very, very close.

This Conference will be the first one in the Twin Cities since 1984 and the first one in the Cities at a location other than at Medicine Lake. That's going to seem very strange, but it is to be hoped that many of the delegates will be able to visit the AFLC headquarters at Medicine Lake and the campus of our Bible School and Seminary. In fact, it would be advantageous that our people see the site of the proposed administration building now in the middle of the fund drive.

Also different this year will be the meeting site of a commercial lodging and convention facility. It is located close to a tremendous new development for Minnesota and middle America, the proposed "Mall of the Americas," on the place where Metropolitan Stadium used to stand. No doubt, convention-goers will be much aware of the hustle and bustle, and some of the inconvenience, of the ongoing work on that project.

Perhaps all of that has some symbolical significance for us, too, at this time. We are to be the church and Christ's people in the midst of a busy, commercial world. We are to be in that world, but not overcome by it. A great suburban high school and two of our new Twin Cities churches will be other focal points of the Conference.

The business of the AFLC will be conducted during those days in June in Bloomington. We referred to the elections last time. The Association usually doesn't publicize very much in advance of conferences what the issues to be considered are. Delegates are felt to be mature enough to have a grasp on what may be of importance in a given year. One item sure to get some scrutiny is the progress of the Administration Building Fund campaign. Actual commencement of construction appears further off than originally thought. Further enlightenment on the mission in India will be sought by the delegates also. There will be other concerns as well.

It is always in order to urge prayer for annual conferences. How much prayer really precedes these once-a-year gatherings of representatives of our congregations? Perhaps in our congregational prayer meetings yet preceding the Conference — in most of our churches that will mean only one — different people can take different aspects of the Conference schedule and make them a subject of prayer. In our own prayer closets, let us be persistent and pointed in asking the blessing of God upon our yearly assembly. Attend the Conference if you can; by all means pray for it.

ARTICLE IX

Among such tasks may be mentioned specifically the training of pastors, distribution of Bibles and other Christian literature, home missions, foreign missions, Jewish missions, deaconess homes, children's homes and other works of mercy" (*The Fundamental Principles*). ◇

OUR PRESIDENT WRITES

The birth pangs of the AFLC

In "A Short History of the AFLC" we have this opening statement: "the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations was organized in October, 1962. Most of the organizers were from the former Lutheran Free Church." Little has been said or written about the struggles and sacrifices of the comparatively few who made it possible for the AFLC to be organized in October of 1962. Very few of those individuals are with us today. It is our purpose in this brief article to relate just a little of what made it possible for us to meet in October of 1962.

The American Lutheran Conference was organized in 1930. The Lutheran Free Church, along with four other Lutheran bodies, were members of this Conference. At midpoint of the century, the leadership of the American Lutheran Conference began the push for uniting the five bodies of the Conference. As early as 1952 a blueprint called "United Testimony of Faith and Life" had been adopted by four of the bodies.

Because of the autonomy of the local congregations, the annual conference of the Lutheran Free Church could not make the final decision of merger for the LFC. A referendum

was held in the congregations of the LFC in the fall of 1955. This referendum did not receive the necessary majority for proceeding with the merger process. It turned out to be the first of three referendums before those bent on merger achieved their goal. The second referendum was held in 1957 and though it proved to be a stronger vote against merger, plans were immediately made for a third referendum to be held in the fall of 1961.

The pro-merger people were working with determination and it became clear to those who opposed the merger that some concerted efforts would need to be put forth if there was to be any possibility of defeating the merger vote in the third referendum. A few pastors were in contact and the first of a number of meetings was held on May 16, 1961, at the Hart Forthun cottage near Pelican Rapids, Minnesota. The purpose of the meeting was for prayer, encouragement and the consideration of what could be done to stem the merger tide. The decision was to try to have area meetings to get information to congregations. There were 13 pastors and laymen at this first meeting. ◇

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Free congregations reject and resist all attempts by outside human forces to place them under submission or under their control, as we shall see when we consider the next two articles of *The Fundamental Principles* (10 and 11).

But at the same time they are very cognizant of the fact that they must have fellowship with like-minded congregations sharing the same faith, the same goals and the same ideals. Secondly, they accept the call of the Lord to work for the evangelization of the world. Burning in heart and mind are the words of Jesus: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them...teaching them..." (Matt. 28:19, 20); and again, "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to the whole creation" (Mk. 16:15); and His words to Peter, "Feed My lambs...Tend My sheep...Feed My sheep" (Jn. 21:15-17).

Clear before the Christian congregation is the great truth, "Who (God) desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (I Tim. 2:4). She takes the experience of Isaiah as her own: "And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send and who will go for us?' Then I said, 'Here am I! Send me'" (Is. 6:8).

And from that great judgment scene in Matt. 25, the challenge comes ringing: "As you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me" (v. 40). The persons of whom the Master spoke were the physically hungry and thirsty, the strangers, the naked, the sick and the prisoners. All of these, then, ought to be objects of compassion for the free Lutheran congregation.

In the nature of things, individual churches can't do so much alone to meet the needs that are out there. But joining in work with others, a training school for pastors can be operated, a two-year Bible school can be provided, mission work can be done in some other countries of the world and new congregations can be aided in the U. S. and Canada.

Because we aren't a large church fellowship, there are some areas of Christian work we can't take on by ourselves. At least not yet. And so we have to channel our interest and gifts to worthy organizations.

The work in one's own community is very important. That must be taken care of first. But our interest dare not end there. We have to have a wider, larger view of the world's needs. If a congregation isn't contributing liberally to world evangelization, in all its many forms, the church doors should be locked for good.

Article IX speaks of a free congregation which is working together with others to meet world needs in obedience to the call of God. May He help us to face the challenge and the opportunity gladly.

THE FLAME OF FREEDOM

Events in Europe these past eight months have been absolutely astounding. Millions of people are experiencing newly found political freedom which was only a vague dream just a year ago. Newsmen, political leaders and historians express amazement at it all.

The new governments which have come into power are

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Area meetings that followed during the summer were held at Minneapolis on June 14, Maple Bay, Minnesota on July 14, and McIntosh, Minnesota, in August. The pastors who participated and provided the leadership at these rallies and area meetings included: Fritjof Monseth, Julius Hermunsle, G. A. Almquist, Trygve Dahle, H. Schafer, Morris Eggen, K. Stendal and R. Snipstead.

In early September, 1961, we made an attempt to rally the support of more pastors to the anti-merger cause. The result was a keen disappointment. Very few pastors wanted to stand up and be counted. Only four more names could have been added to the list of men who had already taken an open stand against merger. Three of them were retired and it was obvious that the struggle against merger would have to be carried on by the few that were now "marked men" by the leadership of the LFC.

The referendum was held in the fall of 1961. All votes had to be in by November 15. Despite the fact that the procedures for voting in the referendum called for the vote to be

run by people who had little chance to gain that kind of experience in the past. They were outsiders looking in. Now the reins have fallen to them. May they govern well and the peoples be tolerant as these new leaders find their way in their new responsibilities.

Much in the news these days are the Baltic countries of Lithuania, Estonia and Latvia. They want to be free and independent. Some of us can remember when these small countries were annexed by the giant Soviet Union in 1940. They had no say in the decision. Theirs was only to submit. How sad the free world was with them.

A good number of these people came to the U. S. as displaced persons. Some of the men were or became pastors, often of their own people in exile in the new land, sometimes as pastors in congregations where other national backgrounds predominated. This writer went to seminary with one such man.

These men, these peoples, had the sense of being wronged. Their countries had been taken away from them. They were strongly anti-Communist.

Today, with winds of freedom blowing over Europe, these small Baltic countries see the opportunity to govern their own affairs again, to once more breathe free. The Soviet Union, for all its *glasnost* or openness, is reluctant to give that freedom easily. There may be the need to give the Soviet Union an opportunity to save face, to allow her some room for negotiation. But the U. S. must never give the appearance that the status quo is acceptable to us or act in any way that makes it possible for the Iron Curtain to remain around the boundaries of these brave new nations now called a part of the Soviet Union without penalty. America must make it plain that the USSR must move with deliberate speed to give Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania their independence if the Soviet Union is to enjoy the benefits of the more open relationships with other nations which she presently enjoys.

taken at a legally-called business meeting of the congregation, in a number of congregations the vote was taken at a Sunday morning service.

On November 16, the president of the LFC sent a letter to the pastors stating that though all votes were not yet in, enough votes had come in to assure the approval of the merger. The annual conference in June of 1962 would make the final approval of the articles of the union.

The days immediately following the announcement of the results of the referendum were serious days. For a number of us the question we asked was, "What now? Would there be enough interest to be able to start all over?"

The same group of pastors who had worked to defeat the referendum now met at Willmar, Minnesota, in November of 1961. The purpose of the meeting was announced as a time when we would begin to try to pick up the pieces and reor-

ganize the remnants of the Lutheran Free Church. After much prayer and a time of discussion, two of the older pastors pleaded with the group that we do nothing until after the Conference in June. One of them declared, "If we pray, God will turn this around!" To some of us who had fought the merger for six years, we felt that we were losing precious time, but the meeting accepted the pleading of these two men to begin a new organization at that time. Instead area meetings continued to be the order of the day. Three were planned for December 4th. They were to be at McVille, N. Dak., Thief River Falls, Minn., and Spicer, Minn. Two committees were also organized at the Willmar meeting, which proved to be of vital importance. They were an information committee and a planning committee.

(To be continued next issue.)

— Pastor Richard Snipstead



EVERYONE WILL BENEFIT

We continue to be encouraged at the response from so many of you in giving to the Administration Building Fund.

We look forward to seeing many of you at the Annual Conference. Come to see us at the booth we're planning and please plan to visit with us for a while! We'll have information there that will be of interest to you.

It has been said that "giving to build an Administration Building is not as exciting as giving to Missions or to the

Bible School!" Perhaps this is true, but the Administration Building will be a tool used by Missions and every other part of our AFLC ministries! Everyone will benefit!

We received a letter from a pastor in North Dakota that was most encouraging. We quote: "Coming from an ALC background, I think I can appreciate the dilemma which the AFLC is in with this building program. There is no question of the need for more space. I have never seen more crowded office conditions and I marvel at the commitment and uncomplaining attitude of the staff when working under such conditions."

We are confident that God will bless us as we work and pray!

— Clifford Johnson, Director

Disaster aid needed

Hurricane winds of up to 155 mph lashed the south central coast of India on May 15. The AFLC work is located in that area. While there was no loss of life among our people, they have suffered great material loss and some churches have been destroyed.

If you can help in this emergency, please specify your gift for India Relief and mail it to the mission office in Minneapolis. Thank you.

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| FUND | TOTAL BUDGET | REC'D IN APRIL | TOTAL REC'D TO DATE | %* TOTAL |
|--------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------|
| General Fund | \$ 223,110.00 | \$ 15,220.21 | \$ 36,093.32 | 16 |
| Schools - (AFLTS) . . | 136,822.00 | 4,004.88 | 10,780.78 | 8 |
| (AFLBS) . . | 186,850.00 | 9,778.52 | 24,850.46 | 13 |
| Home Missions. | 433,616.00 | 15,281.69 | 80,749.66 | 19 |
| World Missions. | 366,197.00 | 15,755.41 | 41,328.42 | 11 |
| Capital Investments . . | 30,000.00 | 1,936.77 | 5,917.12 | 20 |
| Parish Education | 64,970.00 | 3,355.40 | 11,722.14 | 18 |
| TOTALS | \$ 1,442,565.00 | \$ 65,332.88 | \$ 211,441.90 | 15 |
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Spring rallies

N. Central Minn.

The North Central WMF District Spring Rally was held at Mt. Carmel church n McIntosh, April 7, with 109 ladies attending.

The theme of the day was "Walk in Newness of Life", from Rom. 6:4.

Lowell Quam presented the Bible study based on II Cor. 5:17, and Mrs. Quam spoke on missions. They are World Mission Prayer League missionaries in Ecuador.

Minneapolis District

The Spring Rally of the Minneapolis District WMF was held at Medicine Lake Lutheran Church, Plymouth, April 21.

The theme for the day was "Sow the Gospel Seed" based on I Cor. 3:8.

Milton Flores, senior seminarian from Mexico, shared with us the work on the Mexican mission field and the great need of church planting there.

Pastor David Barnhart of Abiding Word Ministries told us of the work involved in his ministry.

Special music was by Mrs. Steve Lombardo, AFLBS Trio and Pastor David and Mary Barnhart.

Further interests were book tables and a mission table showing us many needs found on the mission field.

We were challenged to go out and spread the precious Gospel Seed.

Western N. Dak., E. Mont.

Bethel Free Lutheran WMF, Minot, N. Dak. hosted the Spring Rally on April 21. The theme was, "Sweetness of God's Word."

Workshops in the morning were led by Karen Landblom, Linda Mohagen, Helen Johnson and Monna DePorter. The afternoon session was led by Mrs. Jerry Moan, giving two recipes. One created the sourness of sin yielding spiritual starvation. The other showed the sweetness of God's Word resulting in growth. I Peter 2:1-3 was her text.

The rally closed with a communion service.

South Dakota WMF hosts Guest Day

Calvary Lutheran of Wallace, South Dakota, hosted a WMF Guest Day on Saturday, March 17. The guest speaker was Mrs. Linda Korhonen, National WMF president from Culbertson, Mont. The opening session began at 10:30 with devotions, special music and a Bible Study on "Women of God" led by Linda Korhonen.

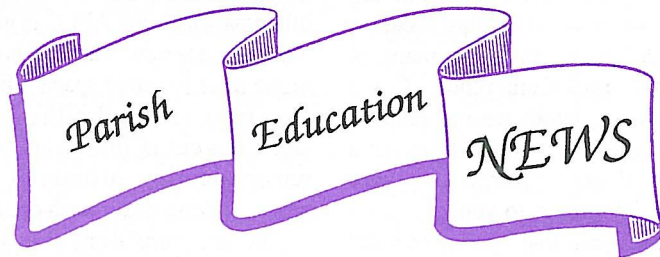
The afternoon session centered on "A Woman's Wonderful Place". Linda emphasized the importance of a right relationship with Jesus Christ in a marriage, in church, and in the world.

WMF women of Calvary ate supper with Linda and discussed the role of the WMF. Ways to become more involved in missions were discussed.

A "Praise Concert" in the evening for the whole family included special songs and stories for the children. Ladies were refreshed in the Lord and were reminded of the specialness of being women of the church in the world today.

The man who is himself a true neighbor, who has within him the true neighbor heart, will recognize his neighbor in every person who needs his help.

L. S. Keyser



New publications

Two new items have been printed and are ready for use in congregations. Both items will be listed on the new Fall 1990 Order Form.

Confirmation...Why? is a tract explaining why confirmation is an ordinance of the church. Many aspects of confirmation such as Preparation for Confirmation, The Confirmation Vow, The Abuse of Confirmation, etc., are discussed in this pamphlet. It can be used with parents and students beginning their confirmation instruction, as a gift to confirmands, or as instructional material for the entire congregation (\$.25).

Luther's Small Catechism — This small soft cover booklet contains the five parts of the Catechism and their meanings, along with Prayers for Vari-

ous Occasions. (It does not contain the questions and answers found in *Luther's Small Catechism Explained*, which is a hard cover book to be used for confirmation classes, and is also available from the Parish Education Office.)

This new Catechism booklet has been printed for use with all the graded Sunday School quarterlies in the Ambassador Sunday School Series. It will be particularly useful for students in second, third and fourth grades, since these quarterlies are a study of the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer and the Apostles' Creed. Martin Luther's seal is printed on the light blue cover with an explanation of the seal on the inside of the cover (\$.50).

Personalities

Rev. Lyndon Korhonen, who has served the Culbertson, Mont., parish (Bethel and Faith) since 1983, has resigned in order to accept the call to Good Shepherd Lutheran, Cokato, Minn. He will begin his work there at the end of this week, June 1. Mrs. Korhonen (Linda) is the president of the Women's Missionary Federation. Their new address is Box 219, Cokato, Minn. 55321. Their (temporary) summer phone number is 612-275-2596 (listed to Arne Anderson).

Rev. Richard Bartholomew has a new mailing address. It is: Rt. 2, Box 146, Glenwood, Minn. 56334. The former mailing address was Sedan.

Chaplain Mark Antal has received an assignment to Brussels, Belgium. The Antal family expect to move there from Fort Jackson, S. Carolina, sometime this summer.

CARILLON AND SOUND SYSTEM FOR SALE

I have for sale a used Schulmerich Electronic Carillon and sound system that is in excellent condition. It comes complete with external horns for the carillons as well as interior speakers

FORMER PASTOR AT DALTON DIES

Pastor Joseph Melby, 96, of Stanwood Wash., died March 3, following a brief illness. He was born Jan. 2, 1894, in Minneapolis, Minn., to Gunerius and Mina Melby.

He graduated from Augsburg Academy, Minneapolis, Minn., in 1915 and from Augsburg College in 1921.

He married Esther Berlie on Mar. 28, 1931, in Dalton.

He graduated from Augsburg Seminary in 1933 and was ordained into the ministry of the Lutheran Free Church. He first assisted and then, in 1937, replaced his father-in-law, the Rev. Elias Berlie, in the Dalton parish, which consisted of four congregations: Sarpsborg, Kvam, Tordenskjold, and Zion.

In 1950, he accepted a call from Grace Lutheran Church, Lake Lillian, Minn.

Retiring in 1960, he and Esther moved to Camano Island, Wash. In

for the sound system. It also includes approximately 80 records and tapes as well as a timer and microphone. For more information contact Oliver Sampson, Box 265, Edmore, North Dakota 58330. Telephone (701) 644-2677.

1965 he accepted a three-month assignment as chaplain of Josephine Sunset Home in Stanwood. This term extended more than 20 years.

(Ed. note: Pastor Melby spoke at special meetings in my parish in north-eastern Montana. Good fellowship with him and his wife Esther. He was a "Free Church" man at heart. Blessed be his memory.)

from here and there

EASTERN NORTH DAKOTA

Minnewaukan, N. Dak. — Arnold Yri and Pastor Philip Rokke installed a water fountain near the north church entry. Arnold also built custom-made steps.

SOUTH DAK. - NEB.

Canton, S. Dak. — The guest WMF night at Redeemer Lutheran on June 8 will feature Lucy Daale of Hawarden, Ia., sharing about her life and showing her dolls. Her daughter will present special music.

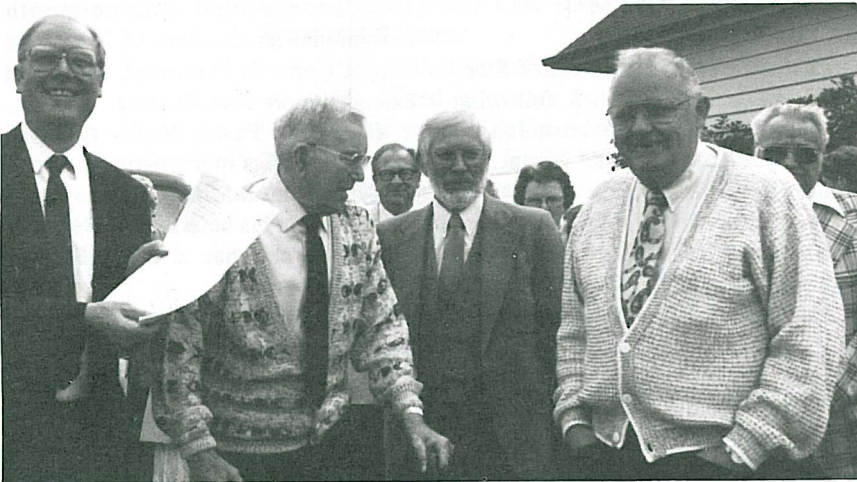
Wallace, S. Dak. — Pastor Wendell Johnson, his wife Laurel and their daughter Mary, brought special music and testimony at Calvary Lutheran, Mar. 4-6. Mrs. Johnson, former president of the WMF, spoke to the Calvary WMF at its monthly meeting.

Rev. Wallace Jackson, Perham, Minn., former pastor at Calvary, conducted two services at Calvary on Sun., Apr. 29. The second service was at 7 p.m. and was a Gospel concert.

Roslyn, S. Dak. — Pastor Kenneth Thoreson, Beloit, Wis., was the speaker at an evangelism-revival crusade at the high school gym, Apr. 29-May 2, sponsored by the Lake Region Parish.

Reva, S. Dak. — Eight members of Slim Buttes Lutheran presented an Easter drama, "Even Unto Death," by Jeffrey Sheler at the Easter sunrise service. The drama tells the story of Holy Week as it happens in the home of Joseph of Arimathea. The cast, standing, left to right: Laura Johnson, Pastor James Johnson, Loretta Brown, director, and Betty Olson; sitting, Delta LaDue, Dennis Brown, Iver Heier and Robin Johnson.





from here and there WEST COAST

Everett, Wash. — On Palm Sunday members of Calvary Lutheran gathered in the church parking lot to declare their financial freedom by burning their recently completed loan agreement. In 1978 the congregation borrowed \$40,000 to finance the building of the new addition to the church. Calvary is celebrating the fact that they were able, with God's help to pay off the loan nine years ahead of schedule.

Shown, left to right, are Pastor David Hinrichs, Melvin Christensen and Pete Eckrem, original signers of the loan, and Dave Forsberg, president of the church.

ARIZONA-CALIFORNIA

Murrieta, Calif. — Pastor and Mrs. David Skordahl arrived in their new Home Mission congregation not long ago, spending their first night at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Orville Heipler. He was installed as pastor of Neighborhood Bible Church on Palm Sunday by Rev. Elden Nelson, Director of AFLC Home Missions. The first church building, on ten acres of land, will be a triple-wide mobile home. Tentative plans call for building in late fall this year or early 1991.

In the picture are, left to right, Pastors Skordahl, Nelson and Heipler.

NORTHWESTERN MINNESOTA

Greenbush, Minn. — Susan Nordvall, widow of the lay pastor Gustav Nordvall, was united in marriage to Leverage Mellstrom, Roseau, Minn., at the morning worship service at Oiland Lutheran on May 20. An afternoon reception in the church's dining hall was held in the couple's honor.

MINNEAPOLIS

Minneapolis, Minn. — Sunday School at Faith Lutheran ended on Sun., May 20. Daily Vacation Bible School is to be Aug. 8-10 and 13-14, 7 p.m.

Garden City, Ia. — Stavanger Lutheran Church will celebrate its centennial on Sun., June 3, with morning and afternoon services. A report on the festivities will be given later.



ILLINOIS

Chillicothe, Ill. — Construction is well underway on Our Savior's Lutheran at 1603 Hoyt St. (at Moffitt Ave.). The sanctuary shown here will be attached to the house at the rear. the congregation expects to occupy the entire 2500 square foot facility in June although finishing work will continue through the year.

28th Annual Conference

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Bloomington, Minnesota
June 13-17



Partnership in the Gospel

Philippians 1:3-4

9:00 a.m. Wednesday, June 13

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

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

Offering to the AFLC.

9:00 a.m. Thursday, June 15 — Sessions at Days Inn, Bloomington.

Devotions

Report of the Credentials Committee.

Adoption of the Conference agenda.

Election of the Nominating Committee for the 1991 Conference.

The President's Report.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Financial Report, Mr. Aldon Enstad, Public Accountant.

Report of the Family Bible Camps:

Osceola, Treasurer, Pastor John Rieth, Amery, Wis.

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

Wilderness, Treasurer, Mr. Roland Peterson, Fargo, N. Dak.

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 #1 (Administration).

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

1:30 p.m. Devotions.

Report of Credentials Committee.

Elections.

Decision on Voting Procedures.

President — 3-year-term

Vice-President — 1-year-term.

Secretary — 1-year-term.

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

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

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

Continuing discussion of Committee #1.

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

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

Election of Committee #1 for the 1991 Conference.

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

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

Report of Committee #5 (Stewardship and Pensions).

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

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

Election of Committee #5 for the 1990 Conference.

Report of the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Pastor Kenneth Moland, Kirkland, Wash.

Report of the Dean of the Seminary, Dr. Francis Monseth, Rogers, Minn.

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

Report of the AFLBS Alumni Association, Miss Lynelle Hartman, Minneapolis.

Report of Committee #2 (Schools).

5:30 p.m. The Schools Corporation Annual Meeting.

8:00 p.m. The Mission Festival Service conducted by the Women's Missionary Federation. Speaker: Pastor Herbert Franz, Dollar Bay, Mich.

Friday, June 15

7:00 a.m. The Missions Corporation Annual Meeting.

9:00 a.m. Devotions.

Report of the Credentials Committee.

Continuing discussion of Committee #2.

Election of Committee #2 for the 1991 Conference.

Report of the Schools' Corporation Annual Meeting.

Report of the Chairman of the World Missions Committee, Pastor Einar Unseth, Glenville, Minn.

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

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

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

Report of the Chairman of the Commission on Evangelism, Lay Pastor Lyle Twite, Bagley, Minn.

Report of Committee #3 (Missions and Evangelism).

11:30 a.m. Prayer Hour — Pastor Peter Franz

1:30 p.m. Devotions.

Report of the Credentials Committee.

Continuing discussion of Committee #3.

Report of Missions Corporation Annual Meeting.

5:30 p.m. Pastors' Banquet

8:00 p.m. Laymen's Service. Leader: Mr. Lloyd Carlson, Minneapolis. Speaker: Mr. Donald Priebe, Fargo, N. Dak.

Offering to the AFLC.

Saturday, June 16

9:00 a.m. Devotions.

Report of the Credentials Committee.

Continuing discussion of the report of the Committee #3.

Election of member to the Commission on Evangelism — one pastor.

Election of Committee #3 for the 1991 Conference.

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

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

Report of the Chairman of the Youth Board, Pastor Joel Rolf, Radcliffe, Ia.

Report of the President of the Luther League Federation, Pastor Terry Wold, East Grand Forks, Minn.

Report of Youth Resources Director, Pastor Dennis Gray, DeKalb, Ill.

Report of Committee #4 (Publications, Parish Education and Youth Work).

11:30 a.m. Prayer Hour — Pastor Peter Franz.

1:30 p.m. Devotions.

Report of the Credential Committee.

Election of member to the Board of Publications and Parish Education — one pastor.

Election of member to the Youth Board — one pastor.

Election of Committee #4 for the 1991 Conference.

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

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

Report of Committee #5 (Stewardship and Pensions).

Election of a member to the Stewardship Board - one pastor.

Election of a member to the Board of Pensions - one pastor.

Election of Committee #5 for the 1991 Conference.

Election of the Colloquy Committee for the 1991 Conference.

Report of special committees.

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

Report of Committee #1 as the Committee on General Resolutions.

Other Reports.

Invitation to the 1991 Conference.

8:00 p.m. Youth Night at the Conference

Leader: Mr. Mark Johnson, Minneapolis.

Speaker: Pastor Michael Brandt, Cloquet, Minn.

Offering to the AFLC.

Sunday, June 17

8:00 a.m. Communion Service - Emmaus Lutheran, Bloomington.

Leader: Pastor Paul Nash, Warroad, Minn.

Speaker: Pastor James Ritter, Minneapolis.

10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Ordination - Living Word Lutheran, 4300 Nicols Road, Eagan, Minn.

Leader: Pastor David Barnhart, Eagan.

Speaker: Pastor John Skeie, Morris, Ill.

Offering to the AFLC.

Conference Committee

Pastor Richard Snipstead, President

Pastor Ronald Knutson, Secretary