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something
for everyone**

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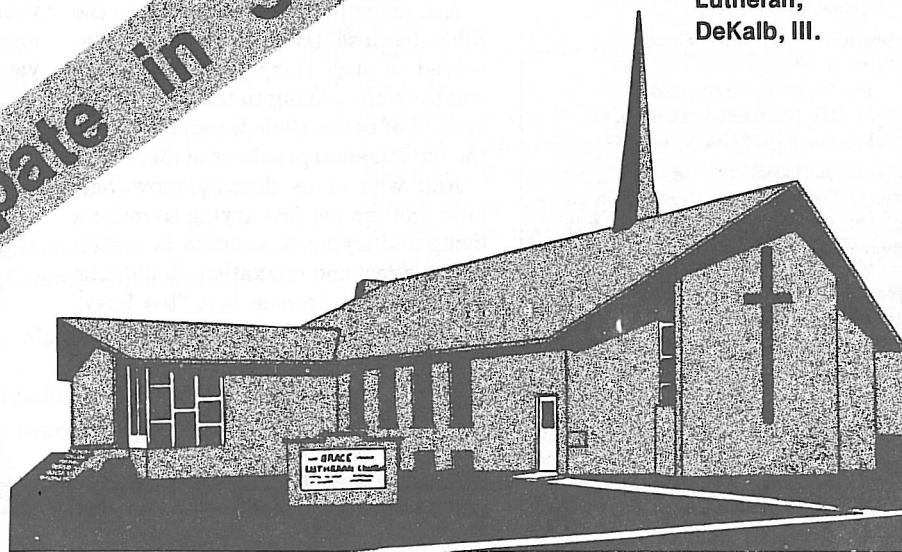
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The authority of the Bible

I shall not forget Thy Word" (Psalm 119:16.

There are 176 verses in Psalm 119, and in all but a handful the Bible is mentioned. Sometimes it is called God's Word, sometimes His testimonies, sometimes His precepts, sometimes His Laws, etc. And the psalmist keeps repeating, "I shall not forget Thy Word."

If many people today were to be honest, they would have to say, not, "I shall not forget Thy Word," but "I have forgotten it;" not, "I shall stick unto it," but "I have neglected it."

Many of us have forgotten to read God's Word because we have so much else to read. Who of us doesn't have an armful of newspapers to carry out each week? And then there are the magazines. Any one of them could take all our spare hours for a week — and there is always another one. Then there are the books that appear in bewildering succession.

Maybe we have forgotten His Word because our ideas about the Bible have changed. Modern man thinks that science had disposed of Genesis. He even asks if the Gospels are trustworthy. So, he had made up his mind that the Bible is not quite the book he thought it was, and he has largely forgotten it.

Or, we have forgotten the Bible because we have become so involved in reading other religious books, some of which are, of course, very good. But they can take up time when we should be reading the Scriptures themselves.

And many people have forgotten the Bible because they have become involved in such things as spiritualism and they are looking to the ouija board instead of to the Bible for an answer to the fundamental problems of life.

And who of us doesn't know how busy one can get just trying to make a living and trying to squeeze in a little time for rest and relaxation. Could it be that we have become just "too busy" and that's why we are neglecting God's Word?

And so, the Bible has become a memory. People still possess their Bibles, but they have stopped using them. They may not have completely dismissed the Bible from their mind, but

they have to admit, "I have forgotten it."

If people have forgotten their Bibles, it is largely because they have lost their faith in the authority of Scripture. Everywhere today people are looking for authority. When we get it into our heads once more that the Bible speaks with authority, then we will turn to it again and say with the psalmist, "I shall not forget Thy Word."

The Bible contains a message so personal that each one who reads it feels that it was written just for him. And this is where the secret of the Bible's authority lies. Coleridge once said: "I know that the Bible is inspired, because it inspires me." The point is, it inspires everyone who reads it prayerfully. It never grows old; it's never out of date. It has a private message for the secret needs of each soul.

The Bible speaks with authority that carries conviction and comfort with it. It tells us that there is a God who loves us, and that there is forgiveness through His Son, Jesus Christ, that there is an everlasting mercy that reaches our human need. And when it speaks of immortality, it says, "Let not your heart be troubled." The Bible speaks with an authority which the heart does not resent, but rather craves.

Fathers, read the Bible to your children. Mothers, teach them the Bible lessons. Young people, don't get so involved in reading other things that you have only ten minutes left to read your Bibles. Don't neglect Sunday morning worship and Bible class. May you never have to admit, "I have forgotten Thy Word and I have neglected it."



by Rev.
Jerome C. Nikunen

Part II

(In the first part of this article, Pastor Grundahl gave some promises that a Comforter would come, described who the Holy Spirit is and told of some of His work. He said that the Holy Spirit is the possession of every believer. The Spirit is essential in anyone coming to Christ and is needed for the daily walk in the Lord.)

Yet it is becoming popular, in a soft, un-Christian ecumenism, to say that all, whether Hindoo, Buddhist, Moham-medan, Christ-rejecting Jew, or whatever, may hold the hope of ultimate salvation. This is the fruit of secular, humanistic rationalizing in theology, the fruit of sin-sick minds darkened by the smoke from the pit (Rev. 9:1-6) and seduced by deceitful spirits leading into "doctrines of demons" (I Tim. 4:1), of which we have been forewarned.

Francis Schaeffer, in *The Great Evangelical Disaster* (p. 81), says, "Liberalism . . . is unfaithfulness; it is spiritual adultery toward the Divine Bridegroom." And (pp. 37-38), "There is only one word for this (the failure of the evangelical world to stand for truth as truth), namely *accommodation*: the evangelical church has accommodated to the world spirit of the age . . . the most gross form of worldliness in the proper definition of that word" and "we must say with tears that, with exceptions, the evangelical church is worldly and not faithful to the living Christ."

As such it comes under the Sword of the Spirit (Jas. 4:4). The Holy Spirit will counsel us that the most condemning sin is the rejection of Jesus and refusal to allow Jesus to control doctrine and life. John 3:18 says such are "condemned already." In fact, the sin against the Holy Spirit is not some extreme fleshly sin, but the rejection of the Holy Spirit's work to bring us to confession of sin and then to Jesus for salvation. Other sins have the covering of the blood of Christ, though they be as scarlet, but rejecting the Spirit, then there is no other power to bring enlightenment and life. The lost condition becomes final, with no power to repent and believe, because of rejecting the Holy Spirit.

Interestingly, while Jesus says the Holy Spirit will convict of sin, Romans 3:20 says, "Through the law comes knowledge (conviction) of sin." Does it not follow that the Holy Spirit works through the Law to convict of sin (as in Rom. 7:7-12), to destroy the old, proud ego which stands in the way? When much of the

The Holy Spirit and his work

church today neglects or refuses to preach the Law, teaching that Law has been done away, are we not hindering the work of the Holy Spirit to convict of sin? As one respected teacher taught us, "When we do not preach the Law, we undercut the Gospel." Law and Gospel belong together to bring salvation.

Jesus goes on to say (Jn. 16:10) that the Holy Spirit will convict of "*righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no more.*" The greatest block to the sinner's acceptance of Jesus as Savior is his pride, pride in his own righteousness. This is the great danger to one who is lured into the lodges where he is assured he will attain to the Grand Lodge above by virtue of his good deeds. Perhaps this is one of the great attractions of the lodges for those who have not found the true way of salvation by grace, though church members. Such self-righteousness is one of the greatest dangers for those who are born into a church family, but have never been convicted of sin and lostness as they live outwardly good moral lives (Cp. Rom. 3:19-25). It can likewise be the bane of a pastor or bishop, who in pride of position becomes self-righteous, glories in ecclesiastical show instead of serving souls in brokenness before the Lord. The history of the Christian church reveals a pattern of elaboration of external show in liturgy and garb, seemingly in a compensation for the lack of true inner spiritual life in periods when deep spiritual life is lacking in the church. The Holy Spirit creates a church which serves in the spirit of Jesus (Matt. 11:28).

Jesus went to the Father by way of the cross to prepare us a robe of righteousness that is washed in the blood, a robe not our own (Phil. 3:9-11). But the sinner must, in his pride, be convicted that he has need of it. Only the miracle work of the Holy Spirit can accomplish this. Experience tells us that if a pastor or anyone else tries to rob a sinner of his own righteousness, he will be met with resentment, anger and rejection. Sad to say, it is possible to be a member of the wedding party without possessing the wedding garment (Matt. 22:11-14). ◇

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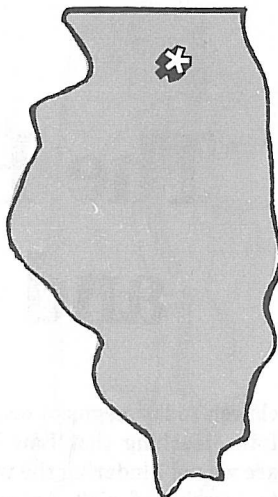
by Rev.
Kermitt C. Grundahl,
Colorado Springs, Colo.

Come to DeKalb

The theme of our AFLC 1988 Annual Conference is "An Open Door." The theme verses are found in I Corinthians 16:9 and Revelation 3:8. In this our 26th year as a church, we realize now more than ever before that the AFLC does have many open doors before it!

The 1988 Annual Conference is in DeKalb, Ill., this year from June 15-19. This is perhaps unfamiliar ground to many of our AFLC people. We have been out west for conferences. We have been in such states as North Dakota and in Michigan and at our headquarters in Minneapolis. We have not been near the land of Lincoln.

We are excited to have the Conference here. Our entire district is excited about it. With Faith Lutheran of Ottawa, Illinois, being formed, we have ten congregations in the Illinois Dis-



trict. This includes Bethany of Brodhead, Wis., and Grace of DeKalb, who were in the AFLC before the Illinois district was formed!

Every one of these congregations is a spiritual congregation and has a pastor of like mind and heart. They are

from the host pastor

interested in having the same kind of Lutheran piety that the AFLC has stressed in its years of ministry. I am certain that a goodly number of these fine new friends, together with many friends in other locations, will be joining us at the 1988 Annual Conference.

As the pastor of Grace in DeKalb, I want to personally invite you to what I feel will be another tremendous conference. If there is anything I can do to help you in making your plans for coming to DeKalb, please call or write. Call 815-758-2531 or write 112 West Milner Avenue, DeKalb, Ill. 60115. Leave this number with your friends because it is the official Conference number and the

HOLY SPIRIT

"Salvation involves separation from sin and following another drummer in our lives."

Again, Jesus says, the Holy Spirit will convict "*of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged*" (Jn. 16:11). The apostle (Eph. 2) speaks of his unsaved walk as "following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience." So this work of the Spirit is as our *Sanctifier*, to create in the sinner a new manner of walk. Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil (I Jn. 3:8) and those take place in people's lives. Salvation involves separation from sin and following another drummer in our lives (Rom. 8:3-4, 12-14). In this age of sacramentalism in the church, we might call attention to this, that baptism, to be effective, must be a death with Christ to sin and an arising with Him into a newness of life (Rom. 6:16-17). In this the Holy Spirit will be your source of power and your Counselor, through the Word. If we neglect the Word, we cut off our source of power. God's Word is always up-to-date, much more so than that of passing modern liberal theologians. Like the disciples, we may be unable to receive at once all Jesus has to teach us, but the Holy Spirit will "declare to you the things that are to come" also in your life, whatever you need.

The Spirit is a *Warrior*. The Word is the Sword of the Spirit (Eph. 6). The Spirit is ever striving against the flesh of man (Gal. 5). From

the passions of the flesh come all the strife and wars among men. What a battle! Therefore the presence of the Spirit in our hearts creates an inward struggle. Some have misinterpreted such a struggle as a sign of spiritual weakness and doubt if they are Christians. If such inward battling is not there, it may be a sign there is no Spirit-life there. And the Spirit will be leading the Christian into battles against the evil forces of the world. Many prefer a nice, cozy, coffee cup-style of Bible study, with pious testimonies, but refuse to be drawn into any stand on social evils. But the Holy Spirit equips one to do battle and Jesus promised the gates of hell shall not prevail against you. We are admonished to take up the armor furnished (Eph. 6:10-18) and then our General commands us, "Having done all, to stand," *stand* and don't chicken out... with all perseverance.

Limitations of space forbid pursuing this further, to speak of the Holy Spirit's *gifts* and the *fruits* of the Spirit molded in the fires of battle. The Holy Spirit gives boldness (Acts 2:22-36; 4:8-13; 4:31) and enables some of us who are the weakest to stand when the call comes to stand in the breach for the Lord.

"O Holy Spirit, enter in, and in our hearts

Your work begin...

O Mighty Rock, O Source of Life,
Let your good Word in doubt and strife
Be in us strongly burning.
That we be faithful unto death."

number of Grace Lutheran in DeKalb.

We will have available for you a display providing materials of places you can see or visit while in the Land of Lincoln. There is virtually something to see on all sides of DeKalb from the Lincoln sites in the Springfield area - Lincoln's New Salem, the old courthouse, Lincoln's home, law offices and tomb, to Ulysses Grant's home in Galena, Ill. Chicago's the home of several sports teams, plus the Science Museum, Field Aquarium, the Sears building and more! There is the Time Museum in Rockford, a railroad museum in Union and the famous Elwood House right in DeKalb. You can also

visit President Reagan's boyhood home in Dixon.

I would encourage you to come to the Annual Conference in DeKalb and then to take some time to vacation in the state of Illinois, and to journey out east.

If you have never been to a conference, you are missing some tremendous things. You are missing the opportunity to become more knowledgeable about the work in our AFLC and to be involved in the over-all decision-making process. You are missing out on the *wonderful atmosphere* of our church as it meets together in prayer, to hear the Word of God preached, and

to sing the wonderful hymns of the church. Every conference is more than just a business meeting; it is a spiritual experience. Come to DeKalb and find out!

Just a note about meals. Breakfast and noon lunch will be served right at NIU's Black Hawk Cafeteria. There will be no meals served on Saturday nor Sunday. Area cafes are close to NIU. Conference attendees are urged to go through the cafeteria line. The WMF meal will also be in this fashion. You will find the prices moderate and you can order what you desire.

*With Christian love,
Pastor Dennis Gray
Grace Lutheran, DeKalb*

Lake Bronson Family Camp

July 11 - 17, 1988

"I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me, and delivered Himself up for me" (Galatians 2:20).

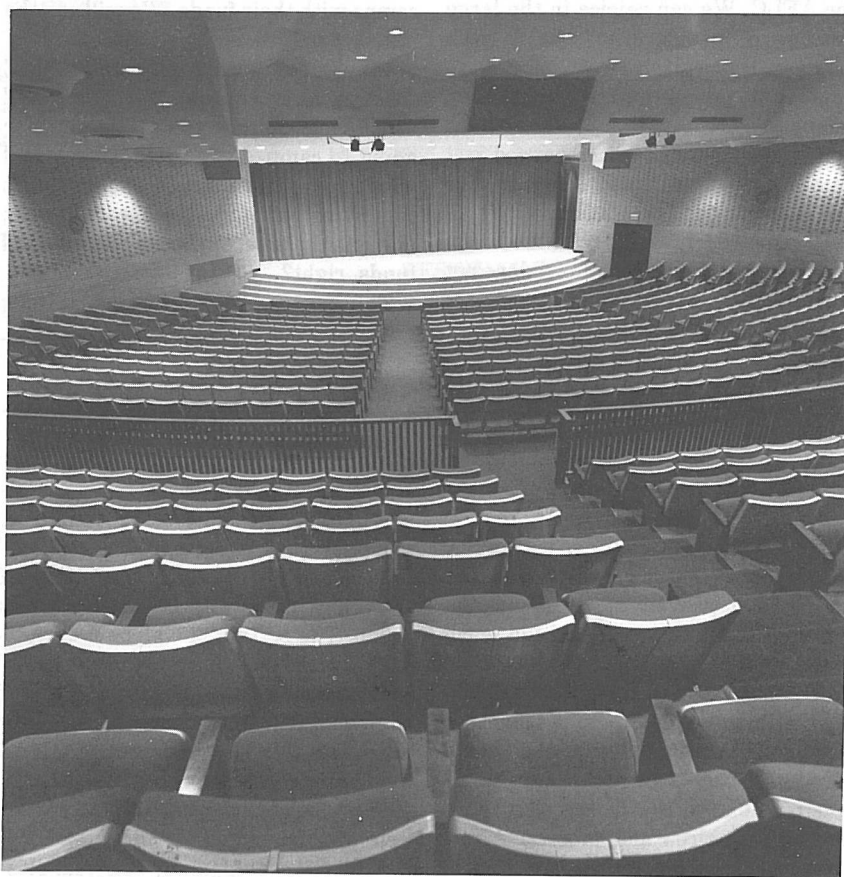
All people are given one life to live, but, oh, how marvelously different and rich is the Christian life from all others. When Jesus lives in a person's heart, He has the power and the authority to lead His child victoriously through life right to its close.

"One Life to Live" is the theme of the 1988 Family Bible Camp at Galilee Bible Camp, Lake Bronson, Minnesota, July 11-17. Focusing upon this central thought, this year's faculty includes Rev. David Molstre of Fargo, N. Dak., as the evening speaker, Rev. Joel Rolf of Devils Lake, N. Dak., leading the morning Adult Bible studies, Rev. Kerwin Sletto, Buxton, N. Dak., teaching the teenagers, and a group of ladies from Buxton and Leeds, N. Dak., who will be the children's teachers. Other staff come from a wide area in the upper Midwest.

Last year's registration at this camp was higher than it had been for a few years, with more attending from North

Dakota than from Minnesota. We expect to see this kind of growth again in 1988 as word-of-mouth approval reaches out to new areas and as former campers of years ago return. As always, there is some limited space for individuals, couples and families in the dormitories, but those wishing to use

this space should ask for reservations in advance. Because of the large space and many "hook-ups" available, we encourage people to bring campers and tents whenever such is possible. Ample bathroom facilities are available in the bathroom building next to the campsites.



Carl Sandburg Auditorium at Northern Illinois University.

Our Bible Camps

The summer camping season is nearly here. The camps listed on this page have done their planning early and are looking forward to their individual weeks of camping.

We can praise God for the many who help with camping in our Association of Free Lutheran Congregations. We believe we are offering our youth and families biblically sound experiences at all of our camps.

Most of our camps are operated by our districts. Several districts have at least one camp per summer. Others, mainly family camps, are sponsored by the AFLC. We can rejoice in the large number of people who attend each summer. Particularly, we rejoice in the number of people saved through our camps.

Camping is not to be considered just a time of fun. One of our goals is to give our people a good time at camp. We all need times of fellowship with those of a like mind. Certainly, the Lord does not want His people to be stoics.

Our youth should go to camp, however, to meet the Lord Jesus Christ. It is a good place to be instructed in the Word of God. All who serve at camp, we are certain, are there to give witness of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. They are interested in showing people how to get saved and how to grow in their faith.

Camping expenses are going to go up. Costs are going to go up in the local camps as well. Through hard work and good planning, many of our camps are not charging actual costs. And because our people are backing up our AFLC camps with their funds. We will see the costs go up, however.

Why not offer "camperships" through your church? "Camperships" are "scholarships," you might say, for going to camp. Let's each make a real effort to see our youth especially at camp this summer. No one will want our youth to stay home because of funds, right?

The benefits of making certain our

youth are at camp will be mutual benefits. Your church will benefit when the youth come back with even more dynamic testimonies than ever before. They will benefit through growth at camp and through the sharing of their testimonies, even if they just live them out for Jesus!

God's blessings as you look forward to the 1988 Bible Camp season.

*Pastor Dennis Gray
AFLC Youth Resources*

AFLC Family Bible Camp at the ARC, 1988

Theme verse: "Stewards of His Grace"

I Peter 4:10

Theme song: "Channels Only"

Week 1

July 3-9

Evening Speaker: Rev. Michael W. Brandt

Adult Bible Teacher: Rev. Robert Lewis

Dean: Rev. John C. Rieth

Ass't Dean: Rev. David Hinrichs

LAKE BRONSON

Each evening at 7:30, groups from the area will be providing a one half-hour musical program prior to the evening service in addition to regular special music. These concerts of sacred music have proven to be wonderful blessings to all who come and add much to the content of the evenings at camp. To allow parents to attend both morning and evening sessions, a volunteer nursery co-ordinated by the camp nurse will be provided for interested families next to the fenced play yard for small children and infants. Afternoon recreational activities are numerous and the food is both exceptional and plentiful.

Costs remain unchanged and very low at only \$45 per adult, \$40 for ages 12-19, \$30 for children 4-11, and those under four years are free. Maximum family rate for the whole week is \$150. Individual meals may be purchased on a free-will offering basis for daily or short-term visitors and those preparing most of their meals in their person-

al camping facilities.

Many people within 200 miles of Galilee Bible Camp have never visited it, nor have they experienced the peacefulness and joy of taking time off from the rigors of life with others at Family Camp. The setting of Galilee is beautifully-located in the north woods of Minnesota on Lake Bronson, just off Highway 59. Therefore, it is easily accessible to a large number of people living in the Dakotas and Minnesota. In 1988 we hope that you will take advantage of this camp and enjoy some delightful fellowship, many spiritual blessings and rich exploration into God's Word. No better vacation could you have!

For advance reservations, additional brochures or answers to questions, contact the camp dean, Rev. Lyle Aadahl, 1586 Hill Ave., Grafton, N. Dak. 58237, or call (701) 352-2673 or 352-0307.

Come and be blessed!

— *Pastor Aadahl*

Schedule

Sunday, July 3rd

5:30 p.m. — Supper

Daily Schedule

7:00 a.m. — Rising Bell and Devotions

7:30 a.m. — Flag Raising/Prayer Time

7:45 a.m. — Youth Breakfast

8:00 a.m. — Breakfast

8:30 a.m. — Clean up

9:00-9:50 a.m. — Bible Classes/all ages

10:00-10:45 — Adult Choir and

Discussion

Youth Discussion

Confirmation Discussion

11:00-11:45 a.m. — Missions Hour/
Older group

12:00 noon — Youth Lunch

12:15 p.m. — Lunch

1:00 p.m. — Quiet Time/Choir

1:30 - 4:30 p.m. — Recreation and Free
Time

5:00 p.m. — Youth Supper

5:15 p.m. — Adult and Children
Supper

AFLC Summer Camp Schedule, 1988

Mon-Dak-Ada Bible Camp

June 27-July 1

Theme: "Families Serving the Lord."

Speaker: Pastor Jeff Swanson
Kalispell, Mont.

This camp is the combined work of the Western North Dakota, Eastern Montana and Canada Districts of the AFLC.

West Coast District Camp

July 6-10

Theme: "You Shall be My Witnesses."

Speaker: Pastor Alvin Grothe
Astoria, Ore.

This camp will be at the Moran State Park on Orcas Island.

Pastor Alvin Grothe from Astoria, Ore., will be the evening speaker with the other teaching hours handled by the district pastors.

The theme is "You Shall be My Witnesses."

South Dakota-Nebraska District Camp

Pickrel Lake near Grenville, S. Dak.

June 27-July 3

Dean: Pastor Rodney Stueland

Speaker: Mr. James L. Johnson

7:00 p.m. — Prayer Time/all ages

7:30 p.m. — EVENING SERVICE

9:15 p.m. — Afterglow

10:00 p.m. — Dorm Devotions

11:00 p.m. — Lights Out

COSTS

Adults: \$50

Teens: \$45

Grade School: \$35

Under 4: free

Maximum Family Fee: \$175.00

Recreation vehicles: \$5.00 per day

Send registration of \$5 per individual or \$10 per family to: ARC, Route 1 Box 92, Osceola, Wis. 54020.

please...

REMEMBER

Bible, pen, paper, a good supply of bedding, towels, wash cloths, personal items, sporting goods and musical instruments.

All children and teens who attend either week of family camp without
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Big Sky Family Camp

Sponsored by Faith and Stillwater Lutheran Churches, Kalispell, Mont.

August 26-28.

Dean: Mr. Gary Boe

Speaker: Pastor Stephen Odegaard

Eastern North Dakota District Youth Camp

June 27-July 2

Dean: Pastor Christian Oswood

Speaker: Pastor Robert Lee

West Central Minnesota Youth Camp

July 10-16

This camp will be at Faith Haven Youth Lodge, Battle Lake, Minn.

Pastor Dennis Gray, AFLC Youth Resources Director, will be the Bible study leader and the evening speaker. The district pastors will teach the other hours.

Theme: "Go In the Spirit's Power."

AFLC Wilderness Camp

(for the whole family)

Lake Park, Minn.

July 20-24

Theme: "Be Still and Know" (Ps. 46:10)

Evening speaker: Pastor David

Molstre

Bible teacher: Pastor John Strand

Children's teachers: Eula Mae Swenson and Mabel Johnson

No charges but free-will offerings.

Campers must provide their own camping equipment and food. Electrical hook-ups for trailers.

AFLC Family Camps at the ARC

• July 3-9

Evening speaker: Pastor Michael W. Brandt

Adult Bible teacher: Pastor Robert Lewis

• August 8-14

Evening speaker: Pastor Donald Greven

Adult Bible teacher: Pastor Rodney Johnson

Northern Michigan District Family Camp

June 27-July 1

Lake Ellen Bible Camp, Crystal Falls, Mich.

Dean: Pastor Harvey Jackson

Registrar: Pastor John Mundfrom

Evening speaker and youth Bible teacher: Pastor Steve Lombardo

Adult Bible teacher: Pastor Gerald Mundfrom.

Galilee Bible Camp

Lake Bronson, Minn.

• Pre-Teen Camp

June 21-26

Bible study teacher: Pastor Tony Stockman, Brandon, Minn.

Evening speaker: Seminarian Tonnes Pollestad, Minneapolis.

• Teen Camp

June 26-July 2

Bible study leader: Pastor Donald Greven, AFLBS

Evening Speaker: Pastor Tom Tuura, McIntosh, Minn.

The theme of both camps will be "Prepare For the Master's Work."

These camps are with the Northwestern Minnesota District.

Galilee Bible Camp, Lake Bronson, will also host an AFLC Family Camp, July 11 - 17.

Minneapolis District Youth Camps

Association Retreat Center, Osceola, Wis.

July 10-15.

Dean: Pastor Martin Horn

Speaker: Pastor Verle Dean.

Ages: 5th grade through senior high

There will be two camps operating at the same time, with joint evening services.

Bethany Bible Camp

Bemidji, Minn.

• Senior Camp, June 22-26

• Junior Camp, June 26-29

Dean: Pastor Roy Johnson

Speaker: Pastor Harris Van Someren

Serving the Lord

by Mrs. Dennis (Ceta) Rude
Lake Alma, Sask.

What can we do?

A Bible college student was asked to pastor a small church while he still attended classes on week days. He preached with power, people were converted and healings occurred at every service. The young student was elated.

One Sunday night when he returned to school he heard his name being lifted up in prayer in the room next to him. He discovered that the whole college had been praying for him and his ministry in the little church. The young man was humbled for he realized that he had little to do with the success of these services other than to be available to God.

After his graduation the young man was called to a larger, city church. Once again he preached his best. But while the people liked his sermons he saw no direct evidence or results from them. Talking the matter over with God, he remembered that now, out of college, he did not have the backing in prayer which had followed his earlier ministry.

He mobilized his congregation to prayer, all who would take part. Then he began taking the Gospel to the inner city areas by conducting street meetings. Many of these people responded.

Again his church began to grow. It was a lesson that would serve this young pastor throughout his ministry.

Do we see the power of God awakening souls and changing lives in our congregations? Are the young people on fire for God's work? Do the men in our congregations have a burden for lost souls? Do they meet regularly together to pray for their nation and for their community? Or should we take another look at the simple verse in James, chapter 4:

"Ye have not because ye ask not."

We were at the funeral recently of an 81-year-old saint whose quiet life had been a consistent testimony for God. As a young man, he and his three brothers had been brought to Christ during a revival in the small church in his community. His daughter told me that when she was a little girl, she stood one day at his knee after a church service and there he led her to Christ.

Two weeks before his death this man had a dream so vivid that it stayed with him and impressed him with the knowledge that Jesus is coming soon. That message was given at his funeral with over 300 people gathered.

If Jesus is coming soon, with what should we be occupied? An article in a

recent *Decision* magazine is entitled, "Living For His Coming."

Never before have we in North America had so many diversions, so many ways of occupying our time. Yet never before has the world been more in need of intercessory prayer. When we hear of famine and disease taking so many lives, we cannot help but wonder if the horses of the Apocalypse are not already in motion. Often we feel helpless in the face of it all.

There is a tendency to be caught up in some issue such as the abortion laws which are under scrutiny here in Canada or the legislation against the distribution of pornography, which is now tabled until the abortion laws are settled. So we send letters to our government representatives hoping to influence their decisions. This is good. It is our privilege.

But every time I talk it over with God, I reach the same conclusion. The Church's mission is to make disciples. We can share our gifts with those we know to be doing God's work. We can witness to others as the Spirit leads us, but the power that is greater than all the evil which threatens to engulf us must come from God through prayer.

I have just nicely gotten into a book called, "With Christ in the School of Prayer," by Andrew Murray, published by Whitaker House. It is the kind of book that leads one into the very presence of God. I recommend it to anyone who has difficulty in praying.

I know that as Christian women we pray for our families, our churches, our missionaries. If we would commit ourselves to pray for our husbands, our young people, our congregations, that they would make God's work their highest priority, that they would receive the Spirit of prayer, what an army of prayer warriors could be mobilized. Then surely we would see the moving of our God who sent the consuming fire for Elijah, who turned the mighty armies for Joshua. Then surely we would see the reality of the words of Jesus, "Ask and it shall be given."

ASSOCIATION OF FREE LUTHERAN CONGREGATIONS

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AFLC Benevolences Feb. 1 - Apr. 30

FUND	TOTAL BUDGET	REC'D IN APRIL	TOTAL REC'D TO DATE	% TOTAL*
GENERAL FUND.....	\$ 178,997.00	\$ 13,478.73	\$ 40,698.80	23
SCHOOLS - (AFLTS)	99,367.00	8,378.49	20,728.58	21
(AFLBS)	156,150.00	11,911.25	29,312.19	19
HOME MISSIONS.....	317,850.00	19,268.52	46,121.89	15
WORLD MISSIONS	280,140.00	17,594.73	44,119.06	16
CAPITAL INVESTMENT.	25,000.00	2,014.37	6,384.76	26
TOTALS	\$1,057,504.00	\$ 72,646.09	\$187,365.28	18
1986-87 -	\$1,014,894.00	\$ 88,151.07	\$168,623.57	17

*Goal 25%

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ANOTHER ANNIVERSARY

Last year, at Thief River Falls, Minn., the AFLC observed her 25th anniversary. The year 1987 was 25 years after the year in which the Association was organized, 1962. Appropriate things were done at Thief River to mark the significance of the anniversary.

Perhaps no one will appreciate much dwelling on anniversaries for the next while, but it does seem proper to call some attention to that first regular Annual Conference which was held as an AFLC. It was held June 12-16, 1963, in Fargo, N. Dak., in what was known as the Missions Center, now St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Only God knows for sure who the 278 persons registered for the organizational Conference were. Unfortunately, the registration list has been lost. But the names of the 456 pastors and lay persons who registered in Fargo less than eight months later are on record and we have lately read all those names. What a trip down memory lane that was! Not so few of those people have crossed the Great Divide in the intervening 25 years. Thank You, Lord, for those people and the memories we hold dear.

The Fargo Conference was almost as significant as the one in Thief River Falls the fall before. Something had been started in Thief River, but the "little child" needed to take some decisive steps to prove to itself and the world at large that it would survive with God's help. Pastor John Strand, then president, wrote in the *Ambassador*, in urging attendance at the Conference, "You can perhaps do more at this time to mold the future of our church and, I dare say, the entire Church of Christ, than at any other time."

Next time we will review briefly some of the things accomplished at Fargo in 1963.

This year finds the AFLC gathering in DeKalb, Ill., for Annual Conference. The Association is a "people's church" and has moved its conferences from place to place. This is good. If our records are correct, DeKalb will be our 12th separate city of post office location for a conference. Illinois will be our seventh host state. While we hope the AFLC will get back into the practice of returning to Medicine Lake, Minneapolis, for conferences on a regular basis, we rejoice in the fact that our church brings the Annual Conference to various parts of the church.

In thumbing through the *Ambassador* file for 1963, we came across the news item that Grace Lutheran in DeKalb, an independent congregation served by Pastor Harold Schaffer, had voted to build a church at 1st Street and Milner Avenue South. Services were presently being held at the Glidden School. Grace Lutheran had been organized on Jan. 2, 1963. So you see that Grace is nearly as old as the Association. The news item followed immediately after the 1963 Annual Conference program. Some of us can remember Grace Lutheran often being represented at our Annual Conferences well before it officially affiliated with the AFLC.

It will be of great interest to those of us who come from Minnesota, the Dakotas, etc., to come to Illinois for Conference. The area of DeKalb and south was a strong center for

missions and evangelism in the old Evangelical Lutheran Church and successor American Lutheran Church. Now some of those congregations have joined the Association. It will be good to meet one another and to share in their enthusiasm for and dedication to God's work.

How many people will get to this Conference? Distance will hinder some, but local (district) support will be strong. We haven't yet determined how many of our congregations were represented at last year's Conference, the 25th anniversary. No doubt more were represented than usual, probably a higher percentage than will ever be under our free system. It is to be hoped that attendance will be good this year, too.

Whether you can be at DeKalb or not, please prepare for and support the Conference in prayer. We must never underestimate the power of prayer in helping us to face the open doors the Lord has placed before us.

MILLENNIALISM ARTICLES

In our two March issues of the *Ambassador* we carried Opinion Page articles by Pastor Gerald F. Mundfrom, Osceola, Wis., on the subject of premillennialism.

Pastor Mundfrom wrote the articles hoping to stir some debate on the subject of eschatology or last things in order that there could be a meeting of the minds in regard to a question about which there have been age-old differences among Christians.

His articles have produced no written reactions by Association people for specifically Association readers. We can only conclude that our people are reluctant to enter into such a discussion. As Pastor Mundfrom wrote (March 8), "We certainly can be brothers in the Lord whether amillennialist or premillennial." While he goes on to say that he believes that further study of God's Word should bring more unanimity of understanding regarding last things, others don't think the latter is likely to be achieved in this life. Much as we might desire it, it isn't apt to happen.

The Association has chosen not to make a person's beliefs on eschatology a litmus test for membership, except, of course, that he hold to the truth that Jesus is coming again, visibly, to earth, that there will be a judgment, and that there is an eternal heaven and an eternal hell. Some Lutherans outside the Association will say that this is not enough, but we say it is.

Having said that, we'd like to comment generally on two or three of Pastor Mundfrom's points in his articles. He writes (March 8), "The amillennialists are known to often quote Matthew 25:31-46 as the sum total of their doctrinal belief concerning Jesus' return visit. Anything quoted elsewhere in Scripture which, according to the premillennialists, refer to Jesus' second coming, but which is not mentioned in Matthew 25:31-46, is given a different interpretation and rejected as pertaining to Jesus' coming again." We don't want to be argumentative, but in fairness to amillennialists it must be pointed out that they accept very much more than

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the Matthew passage as relating to the second coming of Christ. They accept all those passages specifically related to it. How all is to be interpreted, of course, can differ.

In regard to the Book of Revelation (March 22), it is unfortunate that Christians arrive at so many different interpretations. Martin Luther had much trouble with Revelation. We wish that more interpreters of Revelation would say more about what the Book meant to those who first received it, Christians undergoing terrible persecution. Surely, John's message was primarily to them, although certainly also to the generations which have followed, expressing the confident assurance that the kingdom of the Lord will outlast the kingdoms of this world.

Not all agree with Pastor Mundfrom's belief that the Letters to the Seven Churches describe seven ages of church history. At least, it isn't clear to all that this is so. It could be that they were written to congregations with various problems, strengths and weaknesses in the first century and that similar situations have existed in churches though the centuries and are found in the 1980s.

The whole subject of eschatology is vast. We don't want to spend much time on it now when our readers have chosen not to enter into discussion for whatever reasons. Pastor Mundfrom has shared some of his beliefs. We respect his views. They come out of much study. Others come to different conclusions. We may wish it weren't so, but that is the condition that obtains. The important thing is to all be united in the belief that Jesus will come again. It is important to be ready. With these remarks we conclude this discussion.

More than the world

The blood of Jesus wins
for a sinner more than all
the world; it wins heaven
and the everlasting
salvation of man. Eternal is
our gain even if we lose all
the world but win Jesus.

—F. Hammarsten

OF MITERS AND CROSIERS

The creation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America has brought some changes. Some are imperceptible, really, some more obvious.

It isn't our intention to do a running commentary on the things we don't like about the ELCA. Our task is to highlight the aims and concerns of the Association primarily. But today we make an exception.

It certainly seems, when one leafs through the pages of *The Lutheran*, the official ELCA organ, that Lutheranism has taken a turn toward more high-churchliness since Jan. 1 of this year, the birthday of the new church. In pictures from the installations of the church's bishops, there was certainly more ornateness and variety of vestments than in the past. Most noticeable were the miters (tall caps worn by bishops as a mark of their office), something we have tended to identify with the Roman Catholic Church. Also evident were the crosier (a staff symbolizing the bishop as pastor) and chasuble (a sleeveless outer garment worn over an alb or robe).

Something is happening in the Lutheran Church in America. We can't believe all ELCA people are happy about this trend toward more high-churchliness.

In a lecture to be found in the book *Prophetic Voice for the Kingdom*, a story of his life by Gregory Lee Jackson, the late Dr. A. D. Mattson of Augustana Seminary differentiates between the pastor as priest and prophet. With Martin Luther he warns against that which sets a minister apart from the people as in a caste. Emphasis on the "priestly" function will do that, he intimates. On the other hand, Mattson saw Paul, Peter, James and John as being in the prophetic tradition.

Mattson wasn't making a particular point about clergy vestments, but the thought occurs, is the greater emphasis on vestments and liturgy in certain Lutheran circles today in danger of elevating the clergy to a priesthood the New Testament doesn't support? We ask the question. Mattson said that the only priesthood the New Testament endorses is that of all believers.

If the ELCA is facing a change, the Association is also, on a smaller scale. The AFLC is very low-church. Orders of service are simple and most pastors don't wear vestments. At the beginning we suppose no pastors used them. Over the years congregations have affiliated which had the tradition of some vestments and a little more liturgy. The AFLC is reluctant to insist on what shall or shall not be done in local congregation, while hoping that our basic approach will be low-church. That continues to be the policy.

The percentage of Lutheran churches in the U.S. where the pastor doesn't wear vestments is infinitesimal, that is, very small. Maybe one per cent. Our concern is that the low-church preference be protected in the Association and that there always be room for it.

The low-church emphasis involves a simpler order of service, but doesn't necessarily mean no liturgy. In fact, our tradition includes such things as the confession of sin, confession of faith, Scripture readings, usually some sung responses. We hope that our congregations will hold to that which looks and feels "Lutheran," but do it in a way that fits what the Haugeans called "simplicity in worship."

26TH ANNUAL CONVENTION WOMEN'S MISSIONARY FEDERATION

of the ASSOCIATION OF FREE LUTHERAN CONGREGATIONS

June 15, 1988

WALK IN WISDOM (Colossians 4:5, 6)

Registration 9:00 - 9:30
Prayer Service 9:30 - 10:00
 Leader: Mrs. Harvey Jackson, Ishpeming Mich.
Prelude Organist: Mrs. Harry Halverson, DeKalb, Ill.
 Pianist: Mrs. Terry Hannan, DeKalb, Ill.
Singspiration Mrs. Marlin Benrud, Goodhue, Minn.
Devotions Mrs. Don Pederson, Bellingham, Wash.
Welcome Mrs. Larry Rogers, DeKalb, Ill.
Response Mrs. Wendell Johnson, WMF President
 Stacy, Minn.
Music Mesdames Clifford Seldal, Gerald Halverson
 Mervin Mathison, DeKalb, Ill.
Bible Study Mrs. Lyndon Korhonen, Culbertson, Mont.
Hymn Sing
Business Meeting
Memorial Service Leader: Mrs. Albin Haugen, McVile,
 N. Dak.
Offering MY MISSIONARY FOR A DAY
Announcements
Closing Prayer
Table Prayer

AFTERNOON SERVICE 1:30 p.m.

Prelude Mrs. Harry Halverson
 Mrs. Terry Hannan
Singspiration Mrs. Marlin Benrud
Devotions Mrs. Francis Monseth, Minneapolis, Minn.
Unfinished Business
Music . . . Octette from Helmer Lutheran Church, Newark, Ill.
 Mesdames Don Davidson, Erich Englebrecht,
 John McKinney, Mike McKanna, Tom Geistler,
 John Talley, Rich Niles, John Wayne, Ron Thorson

Message Rev. and Mrs. David Abel, Brazil
Hymn Sing
Offering MY MISSIONARY FOR A DAY
Greetings
Presentation of Honorary Membership Pins
Comments
Benediction

Prayer Breakfast for all women

at
Grace Lutheran Church
Thursday, 7:00 a.m.

Message - Mrs. David Abel

Music - Trio from DeKalb

Devotions - Mrs. Kenneth Rolf, McIntosh, Minn.

FESTIVAL SERVICE Thursday Evening June 16

Prelude "Kings Vessels"
 Bethlehem Bell Choir - Morris, Ill.
Singspiration Mrs. Marlin Benrud
Devotions Mrs. Steven Lombardo, Newark, Ill.
Music Mrs. David Abel
Installation of Officers Rev. Richard Snipstead,
 AFLC President, Minneapolis, Minn.
Offering WMF GENERAL FUND
Offertory Cello solo
 Michael Peterson, Seminary Student
Hymn
Message Rev. David Abel
Hymn
Benediction



Farewell to the Knapps

Last January at Green Lake Lutheran Church, Spicer, Minn., a farewell coffee break was held between Sunday School and morning worship to honor Pastor and Mrs. George Knapp.

Friends and family sent the Knapps off with cards and gifts and words of encouragement.

Two cakes were made by their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Halvor (Ginny)

Knapp. One cake was decorated using the outline of Brazil and highlighted with the famous Parana Pine. The second cake had the outline of Minnesota and was highlighted by a Minnesota pine. Connecting the two cakes was a string holding a plane "flying" between Brazil and Minnesota.

Pastor and Mrs. Knapp worshipped at Green Lake Church while on furlough from Brazil.

— Corr.

firm foundation

A first year grad takes a step back in time

She sat quietly as she listened to the dean, Pastor John Strand, address the first graduating class of the Association Free Lutheran Bible School. On that May afternoon in 1968, Annita Haugen marvelled at how quickly the two years had gone. Her mind strayed for a moment from the words of Pastor Strand as she thought of her 13 classmates — friends she knew she would have for life because their deep commitment to Christ had united them in unbreakable bonds. She thought of them all: Bonnie Ferguson, Connie Broden, Janette Hove, Rosemary Hanson, Jean Presteng, Maureen Hartsoch, Norma Hess, Richard Aasness, Joe Miller, Louis Falk, Ralph Peterson and Richard Anderson.

As she listened to Pastor Strand, her mind reflected on the past two years. She had come to Bible School as a believer. She had given her life to Jesus some time before, but she knew that these two precious years had grounded her in the Bible and her walk

with the Lord. She would never be the same again. A picture of Dr. Iver Olson flashed through her mind as she thought of the influence he had had upon her life. His two classes, Church History and Bible Doctrine, had been two of her favorites.

She focused again on Pastor Strand's message and when he concluded in prayer, she paused to thank the Lord for the work he had done in her life at Bible School.

She sat up straight as she realized in the next few moments she and her classmates would be receiving their diplomas. As Jean Presteng's name was called, Annita was flooded with memories of times they had shared. Not only had they worked together at Prudential Insurance Company, but they had shared the house at the bottom of the hill with six other senior girls. Annita almost chuckled out loud when she remembered their most common excuse for calling the guys at their nearby apartments. She never quite

got used to their unexpected encounters with snakes in the house! Nevertheless, they still thought themselves more fortunate than the first year girls who lived in the basement of the church.

As Janette Hove stood to receive her diploma, Annita realized how dear each one of these classmates had become. Through shared experiences of ministry, picnics, shopping, baseball games, taking walks, and eating out, they had become a closely knit family. She indeed would miss each one of them.

Annita stepped forth to receive her diploma. As she shook hands with Pastor Strand, she again was grateful for her two years at Bible School.

Much has changed since that first graduating class 20 years ago. Two dorms have since been erected, and students have many organized opportunities for ministry and extra-curricular involvement. Annita (Haugen) Booth's younger brother, Phil Haugen, is an instructor at Bible School, Richard Anderson is now an AFLC pastor, Jean (Presteng) Olson is now married to AFLC pastor Terry Olson and Maureen (Hartsoch) Severson has a daughter attending Bible School and is married to AFLC pastor Larry Severson.

by Judy Mayland and Naomi Halvorson



L. to R. BACK ROW: Norma Ness, Richard Aasness, Joe Miller, Louie Falk, Ralph Peterson, Richard Anderson. FRONT ROW: Maureen Hartsoch, Jean Presteng, Rosemary Hanson, Annita Haugen, Janette Hove, Connie Broden, Bonnie Ferguson.

Hello!

"Storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is life indeed" (I Timothy 6:19).

We, as AFLBS alumni, are excited to introduce to you this page called "Firm Foundation." We would like to make this page a regular feature of *The Lutheran Ambassador* in order to inform you of the news and concerns of AFLBS alumni.

We would like to thank Naomi Halvorson and Judy Mayland for their effort in making this a special blessing for all you readers.

— AFLBS Alumni

Executive Committee

(Ed. note: The plan is to have Firm Foundation appear every other month in the *Ambassador*. We welcome this addition to our schedule.)



On May 21, ten men received degrees from AFLTS and twenty-eight students graduated from AFLBS. Rev. Donald Greven gave the commencement address.



Rev. Donald Greven, AFLBS dean, congratulated Shannon Dyrud, daughter of Missionaries Connely and Carolyn Dyrud, Brazil.



Peter and Joyce Bergstedt and family traveled from Negaunee, Mich. to watch their daughter graduate.



Three generations of pastors, a family legacy within the AFLC: Rev. David Molstre, Fargo, N.Dak., Mrs. Sylvia Molstre, widow of the late Rev. Harry Molstre, Fergus Falls, Minn. and AFLTS graduate Mark Molstre.

SUMMER INSTITUTE — 1988

Association Free Lutheran Theological Seminary will conduct its sixteenth annual Summer Institute of Theology on the campus at Medicine Lake from Monday, July 25, through Friday, August 5. During the first week of the Institute, July 25-29, the regular seminary faculty will conduct the following courses: *Studies in Romans*, *Introduction to Theology*, and *History and Aims of the AFLC*. The second week, August 1-5, will feature two courses, *Counseling the Chemically Dependent* and *The Computer and the Congregation*. Guest instructors will teach these courses.

The Institute is open to all interested persons. The costs are kept very low to encourage as many as possible to attend. For a descriptive brochure and registration forms write or call the seminary: Office of the Dean, 3110 East Medicine Lake Blvd., Minneapolis, Minn. 55441 (612) 545-5631.

Graduation at the AFLC schools



AFLBS student, Cindy Christianson, Greenbush, Minn. greeted Mrs. Alice Johnson, Astoria, Ore., mother of Seminary graduate Craig Johnson, pictured on the left.

CHRIST'S ASCENSION

So we see that the ascension of Christ was really the crowning of His saving work. It clothed Him with sovereign power and kingly glory.

L.S. Keyser

Personalities

Rev. Hubert DeBoer, who has served the Newfolden, Minn., parish (Westaker and Bethania) during a vacancy for the past year, is moving now to 303 3rd St. N.W., Dilworth, Minn. 56529, where he and his wife Emerald will make their home. He continues to be available for interim service in parishes.

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 held membership.

MINNESOTA

Roseau

Albert Besserud, 82, May 2, Rose. (Mr. Besserud was the father of Mrs. Forrest (Adeline) Swenson.)

SOUTH DAKOTA

Wallace

Lars Johnson, 91, Apr. 18, Calvary.

ARC CAMP

parents must have, to register, a letter from their parents assigning a legal guardian who will be at the camp with them. This is to assist the camp staff in any emergency that may arise, and also provide accountability for those youth who attend this way. It is not meant to discourage them from coming.

Camp guidelines

Do not bring radios, record players, bicycles or tape players. Recorders can be used for sessions only.

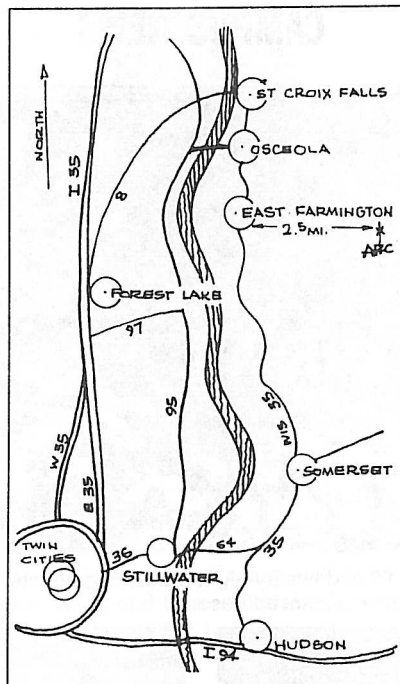
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Absolutely NO bikini bathing suits.

Absolutely NO firecrackers or fireworks.

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REV. MICHAEL BRANDT

Pastor Michael brandt, evening speaker the first week, is pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Cloquet, Minn. He has served there since April of 1987.

Pastor Brandt graduated from Association Free Lutheran Theological Seminary in 1972. He has served parishes in Lake Stevens, Wash. and Amery, Wis., prior to moving to Cloquet. He was, for several years, Chairman of the Board of our AFLC Bible School and Seminary. He has traveled extensively throughout the AFLC sharing in evangelistic meetings, and in churches and Bible camps outside the AFLC as well. He is currently on the Board of the Lutheran Evangelistic Movement.

He and his wife, Jeannie, have four daughters: Erika, Alisha, Kayla and Ona.

Fifth Annual Conference of the AFLC in Canada

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

This was the theme of the fifth Annual Conference of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations in Canada. Surely the spirit of freedom and fellowship was present at Bethel Lutheran Church in Frontier, Sask., April 8, 9, 10.

The Conference opened with an evening service led by Pastor Leslie Johnson of Faith Lutheran Congregation, Lake Alma, Sask. The evening speaker for the Conference, Dr. Francis Monseth, dean of Association Theological Seminary at Medicine Lake, Minn., presented the keys for buildings the kingdom of God from Peter's message in Act 2, which are:

1. Bible-based
2. Christ-centered
3. Repentance calling
4. Forgiveness promising.

President Gene Sundby opened the Conference.

Saturday and Sunday morning, Pastor John Strand, former president of the Association, led a Bible study and explained the Fundamental Principles of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations, which open with the words, "According to the Word of God."

Gene Sundby led the business meeting. A Canadian Women's Missionary Federation was formed at a meeting chaired by Mrs. Dawn Johnson, Lake Alma.

After a banquet at the Frontier Community Centre, a Communion service was led by Pastor Gerald Gettis of Living Word Lutheran Church, Vernon, B.C.

Sunday morning, at the service led by Pastor Alvin Pinno of Frontier, President Gene Sundby presented a sermon on the forgiveness of sin. There can be no spirit of freedom without the forgiveness of sin, for the spirit moves in cleansed vessels, in cleansed congregations.

The Conference ended with dinner served by the women of Bethel Lutheran.

—Corr.

26th Annual Conference

of the

Association of Free Lutheran Congregations

June 15 - 19
Holmes Student Center
Northern Illinois University
DeKalb, Illinois

Conference Theme: "An Open Door"

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

Wednesday, June 15

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

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

Offering to Home Missions.

Thursday, June 16

9:00 Devotions.

Report of the Credentials Committee.

Adoption of the Conference agenda.

Election of the Nominations Committee for the 1989 Conference.

The President's Report.

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

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

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

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

Financial Report, Miss Debbie Beaman, Minneapolis, Minn.

Report of the Family Bible Camps:

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

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

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

Report of the Budget Analysis Committee.

Report of the Nominating Committee, always in order.

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

Report of Committee No. 1 (Administration).

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

2:00 Devotions.

Report of Credentials Committee.

Elections:

Vice President - 1-year term

Secretary - 1-year term

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

Continuing discussion of Committee No. 1.

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

Election of Committee No. 1 for the 1989 Conference.

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

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

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

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

Report of Committee No. 2 (Schools).

5:30 The Schools Corporation Annual Meeting.

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

Friday, June 17

7:00 The Missions Corporation Annual Meeting.

9:00 Devotions.

Report of the Credentials Committee.

Continuing discussion of Committee No. 2.

Election of Committee No. 2 for the 1989 Conference.

Report of the Schools Corporation Annual Meeting.

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

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

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

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

IMPACT FUNDS RECEIVED

Association Free Lutheran Theological Seminary, Minneapolis, Minn., has recently received \$905 from Lutheran Brotherhood's IMPACT program, *Inviting Membership Participation in Aiding Lutheran Colleges and Theological Seminaries*. The latest payment covers ten gifts of Lutheran Brotherhood members made during the first quarter of 1988.

The IMPACT Program matches, on a percentage basis, Lutheran Brotherhood members' gifts of \$25 to \$100 per year to Lutheran institutions of higher education nationwide.

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SCHEDULE

Report of the Chairman of the Commission on Evangelism, Pastor Verle Dean, Spicer, Minn.
Report of Committee No. 3 (Missions and Evangelism).

11:30 Prayer Hour - Pastor Dalager.

2:00 Devotions.

Report of the Credentials Committee.
Continuing Report of Committee No. 3.
Report of the Missions Corporation Annual Meeting.

5:30 Pastors' Banquet.

8:00 Laymen's Service. Leader: Mr. LaVern Thompson,
Dalton, Minn.
Speaker: Mr. Ron Kesterke,
DeKalb, Ill.

Offering to General Fund.

Saturday, June 18

9:00 Devotions.

Report of the Credentials Committee.
Continuing discussion of the report of Committee No. 3.
Election of member to the Commission on Evangelism - one layman.
Election of Committee No. 3 for the 1989 Conference.
Report of the Chairman of the Board of Publications and Parish Education, Rev. Wesley Langaas, McVile, N. Dak.
Report of the Director of Parish Education, Mrs. Ralph Tjelta, Minneapolis, Minn.
Report of the Chairman of the Youth Board, Pastor Robert Lewis, Abercrombie, N. Dak.
Report of the President of the Luther League Federation, Pastor James Johnson, Reva, S. Dak.
Report of the Youth Resource Director, Pastor Dennis Gray, DeKalb, Ill.
Report of Committee No. 4 (Publications, Parish Education and Youth Work).

11:30 Prayer Hour - Pastor Dalager.

2:00 Devotions.

Report of the Credentials Committee.
Election of member to the Board of Publications and Parish Education - one layman.
Election of member to the Youth Board - one pastor.
Election of Committee No. 4 for the 1989 Conference.
Election of the Colloquy Committee for the 1989 Conference.
Report of the Chairman of the Stewardship Board, Pastor Robert Lee, Minneapolis, Minn.
Report of the Chairman of the Board of Pensions, Mr. Norman Haugen, Murdock, Minn.
Report of Committee No. 5 (Stewardship and Pensions).
Election of member to the Stewardship Board - one pastor.
Election of member to the Board of Pensions - one layman.
Election of Committee No. 5 for the 1989 Conference.
Report of special committees.
Election of two members to the Budget Analysis Committee - three-year-terms.
Report of Committee No. 1 as the Committee on General Resolutions.
Other Reports.
Invitation to the 1989 Conference.
8:00 Youth Night at the Conference.
Leader: Pastor James Johnson, Reva, S. Dak.
Offering to World Missions.

Sunday, June 19

8:00 Communion Service.

Leader: Pastor Gerald Mundfrom, Osceola, Wis.
Speaker: Pastor Del Palmer, Everett, Wash.

10:30 Worship Service with Ordination.

Leader: Pastor Dennis Gray, DeKalb, Ill.
Speaker: Pastor David Molstre, Fargo, N. Dak.

Offering to Schools.

Conference Committee:

Pastor Richard Snipstead, President
Pastor Ronald Knutson, Secretary