

THE **LUTHERAN AMBASSADOR**

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THE CHURCH IN FERVENT PRAYER

ACTS 12:5

The Washington Churches of the AFLC invite you to the 1986 Annual Conference. As the conference theme suggests, now is the time for prayer. There is no limit to what God can do in the lives of individuals, our AFLC and the Church. That is why there is need for "the Church in Fervent Prayer." May this conference be one of prayer and planning, of renewal and dedication. We hope that many will gather together this spring to encourage one another and to be encouraged.

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A Spirit-Filled Life

Is there a mark by which we identify the Spirit-filled life? What do we expect to see in the lives of those who are under the control of the Holy Spirit? Think with me today about the reality of a life filled with the Holy Spirit. God's will is that all of His people should experience the fullness of the Spirit.

WHO HAS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

All Christians have God's Spirit. The Apostle Paul wrote, "Now if any man hath not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His" (Romans 8:9). Likewise, he wrote to the Corinthians, "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you" (I Corinthians 3:16).

If a person were to say, then, that he did not have the Holy Spirit, he would in effect be saying that he was not a Christian. Nowhere in Scripture does it teach that a man should have Christ, but not the Holy Spirit. The Triune God is not broken up into pieces and received in part

only. Every Christian baptism is in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Every child of God has God's Spirit.

THE FULLNESS OF THE SPIRIT AND THE FULLNESS OF CHRIST

While each believer has the Spirit, we may still ask whether all Christians are *filled* with the Spirit. Because of the unity of the persons in the Trinity, the primary mark of being Spirit-filled is to experience the fullness of Christ. Jesus taught His disciples that the Spirit would teach of Him, that is, Christ, and would glorify Him. Fredrik Wisløff, in his book *I Believe in the Holy Spirit*, puts it so well, "To be filled with the Spirit then means that the life and being of God are realized in man in his daily life and in all his being. Hence, the Spirit-filled person is a holy man who really bears the impress of Christ." To bear the "impress of Christ" in such a profound way is to have the fullness of the Gospel message mark our lives. With the fullness of the Spirit, then, comes the result of a Christ-honoring life. It is a righteousness which is not based on the Law, but on the foundation of the finished work of Christ. All that Christ has done is exalted; all that man does, or has done, is abased.

GRIEVE NOT THE SPIRIT

To live a Spirit-filled life, it is important for us to recognize that which grieves the Holy Spirit. That which makes Him sad or heavy-hearted, we must confess as sin. Our resistance and self-will and fleshly desires are contrary to His gracious will and purpose. As Paul wrote about grieving the Holy Spirit in Ephesians 4:30, it was in the context of how God's people interact with one another. While many examples could be cited, one grievous reality in many churches is the bitter disunity which divides Christians and impedes

the free working of God's Spirit. If you would live a Spirit-filled life, be willing to deal with the impediments.

A MARKED PEOPLE

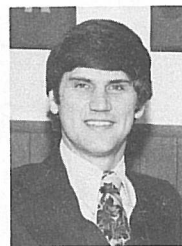
If God's people are willing to let the Spirit have control of their lives, there will be distinctive marks of His ownership. Consider what Jesus said about life in the Spirit.

As our Lord spoke to the disciples on the night of His betrayal, He described the Holy Spirit as the "Spirit of Truth." When the Spirit comes, said Jesus, He would lead them into all truth about Jesus. Jesus will be glorified in the life of the one who is Spirit-filled.

A second mark is the free flow of blessing to others. See John 7:39, where Jesus speaks of rivers of living water flowing from the Spirit-filled Christian.

Thirdly, being filled with the Spirit results in power to proclaim the Gospel, according to Acts 1:8. How wonderful it would be to see this blessed sign of spiritual life evident in more of God's people. The New Testament church gave evidence of being Spirit-filled by its joyful proclamation of salvation through Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 5:18b says, "...but be filled with the Spirit."



by Pastor
Kenneth Moland

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24th Annual Conference of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations

June 11 - 15, 1986

Warm Beach Camp
Stanwood, Washington

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

Wednesday, June 11

- 9:00 a.m. The Conference Committees met for devotions, instruction and room assignments.
- 8:00 p.m. The opening service of the Conference, with the sermon on the text by Rev. Robert Lee, Minneapolis, Minn. The service leader is Rev. Terry Olson, Arlington, Wash. AFLC President, Rev. Richard Snipstead, will open the Conference and appoint necessary committees.

Offering to General Fund.

Thursday, June 12

- 9:00 a.m. Devotions.
Report of the Credentials Committee.
Adoption of the Conference agenda.
Election of the Nominations Committee for the 1987 Conference.
The President's Report.
Report of the Chairman of the Co-ordinating Committee, Pastor Ronald Knutson, Ferndale, Wash.
Report of the Business Administrator, Mr. Ernest Miedema, Valley City, N. Dak.
Report of the Director of the ARC, Mr. Robert Dietsche, Osceola, Wis.
Financial Report, Miss Debbie Beaman, Minneapolis, Minn.
Report of the Family Bible Camps:
 Osceola
 Lake Bronson
 Wilderness
Report of the Budget Analysis Committee.
Report of the Nominating Committee, always in order.
Election of nominees for the Missions Corporation and the Schools Corporation
Report of Committee No. 1 (Administration).
- 11:30 a.m. Prayer Hour. Leader: Mr. Clifford Johnson, Esko, Minn., Coordinator, Prayer Preparation for the 25th Anniversary.
- 2:00 p.m. Devotions.
Report of the Credentials Committee.
Elections:
 Vice President — 1-year term
 Secretary — 1-year term
Selection of nominees to the Missions Committees and Board of Trustees.
Continuing discussion of Committee No. 1.
Election of nominees (one pastor, one layman) to the Co-ordinating Committee.
Election of Committee No. 1 for the 1987 Conference.
Report of Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Pastor Michael Brandt, Amery, Wis.
Report of the Dean of the Seminary, Rev. Francis Monseth, Minneapolis, Minn.
Report of the Dean of the Bible School, Pastor Donald Greven, Minneapolis, Minn.
Report of the AFLBS Alumni Association, Miss Debbie Anderson, Minneapolis, Minn.
Report of Committee No. 2 (Schools).
- 5:30 p.m. The Schools' Corporation Annual Meeting.
- 8:00 p.m. The Mission Festival Service conducted by the Women's Missionary Federation. Speaker: Pastor Connely Dyrud.

SCHEDULE . . .

Friday, June 13

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

Saturday, June 14

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

- Report of the Chairman of the Stewardship Board, Pastor Robert Lee, Minneapolis, Minn.
 Report of the Chairman of the Board of Pensions, Mr. Norman Haugen, Murdock, Minn.
 Report of Committee No. 5 (Stewardship and Pensions).
 Election of member to the Stewardship Board.
 Election of member to the Board of Pensions.
 Election of Committee No. 5 for the 1987 Conference.
 Report of special committees.
 Election of two members to the Budget Analysis Committee — 3-year terms.
 Report of Committee No. 1 as the Committee on General Resolutions.
 Invitations to the 1987 Conference.
 8:00 p.m. Youth Night at the Conference.
 Leader: Pastor Curtis Emerson, Valley City, N. Dak.
 Speaker:
 Offering to Capital Investment.

Sunday, June 15

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

So Peter was kept in the prison, but prayer for him was being made fervently by the church to God.

Acts 12:5

Welcome to the Annual Conference

from
the
AFLC
President



Time goes quickly and soon people from AFLC congregations will be gathering for the 24th Annual Conference of the AFLC. The dates are June 11-15.

The site is the beautiful conference center at Warm Beach, near Stanwood, Wash. The facilities are excellent and the setting is one that should add much inspiration and enjoyment to the conference.

It is only the second time in the 24-year history of our church that we will have the conference on the West Coast. All indications point to a good attendance at this year's conference. There are undoubtedly some who are still hesitant to think of going to conference because of the distance.

The Annual Conference of the AFLC is your business and it is my business. We have the privilege to be involved; we must be involved in the decision-making process. What if everyone should say, "I'm too busy to go to conference," or "It

is too far away"? The business of the Annual Conference is not just for my brother, or my sister, but it is *my* business. Think about it.

There are some important matters to come before our conference. The budget shortfalls must be addressed. The matter of the work in India is of grave concern.

This year's conference theme is "The Church Fervent in Prayer." May it not be only the people gathered at Warm Beach who respond to that challenge. May the Spirit of God work in the heart of each of us to convict us of sin and so burden us with the task of spreading the Gospel that we will be driven to our knees in fervent prayer, in utter dependence on God.

Our call to you is first of all to join hearts with fellow believers to bring to reality "The Church fervent in prayer." Then come to Warm Beach in June, that together we might join hands in the Father's business.

Pastor R. Snipstead

Elections at the Annual Conference

Officers to be elected

*Designates incumbent

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

Vice-President (1-year term)

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

Secretary (1 year)

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

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

By the Conference

Board of Pensions

(5-year term)

*Rev. Fred Carlson, Wadena, Minn.

(Having served two consecutive terms, Pastor Carlson cannot be re-elected.)

Youth Board

(5-year term)

*Mr. Dennis Christopherson, Amery, Wis.

Board of Publications and Parish Education

(5-year term)

*Rev. Ralph Tjelta, Minneapolis, Minn.

Commission on Evangelism

(5-year term)

*Rev. Peter Franz, Minot, N. Dak.

Stewardship Board

(5-year term)

*Mr. Norman Olson, Willmar, Minn.

(Having served two consecutive terms, Mr. Olson cannot be re-elected.)

By Corporation

Co-ordinating Committee

(5-year terms)

*Mr. Sheldon Mortrud, Fargo, N. Dak.

*Rev. Ronald Knutson, Ferndale, Wash.

World Missions Committee

(5-year term)

*Mr. Kenneth G. Williams, Ishpeming, Mich.

(Having served two consecutive terms, Mr. Williams cannot be re-elected.)

Home Missions Committee

(3-year term)

(To fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rev. Gordon L. Grage, Brandon, Minn.)

(5-year term)

*Rev. Philip Haugen, Minneapolis, Minn.

Board of Trustees (Schools)

(5-year terms)

*Mr. Ralph Peterson, Portland, N. Dak.

*Rev. John P. Strand, Remer, Minn.

AFLC Corporations

Schools

The Nominating Committee of the Annual Conference will present two (2) names for every vacancy on the Schools Corporation. Nominations may also be made from the floor. The Conference will then by secret ballot choose one person for each vacancy, sending the names of these persons on to the Corporation for decision at its annual meeting on June 12. Members of the Board of Trustees must come from the membership of the Corporation. Failure to be re-elected to the Corporation while serving on the Board will automatically exclude one from membership on the Board.

The following persons are eligible to attend the annual meeting of the Corporation on June 12:

(*denotes member of the Board of Trustees)

Terms expire in 1986:

Mr. H. Morris Borstad, Tioga, N. Dak.

Dr. Philip Dyrud, Middle River, Minn.

Mr. Richard Hinderaker, Radcliffe, Ia.

Mr. LeRoy Knutson, Newfolden, Minn.

Rev. Mauritz Lundeen, Bagley, Minn.

Rev. Terry Olson, Lake Stevens, Wash.

Mr. Orville Qualley, Brockton, Mont.

Mr. Mike Rudebusch, Summit, S. Dak.

Lay Pastor Lyle Twite, Cloquet, Minn.

Mr. Sherman McCarlson, Webster, S. Dak.

Terms expire in 1987:

Mr. Ole Borseth, Williston, N. Dak.

Mr. Clifford Dyrud, St. Paul, Minn.

Rev. J. G. Erickson, Fosston, Minn.

Rev. Dennis Gray, DeKalb, Ill.

Mr. Clifford Johnson, Esko, Minn.

Lay Pastor Roger Krueger, Fergus Falls, Minn.

Rev. John Mundfrom, Eben Jct., Mich.

Rev. Paul Nash, Warroad, Minn.

Mr. Kent Quanbeck, McVile, N. Dak.*

Mr. James Rolf, Brandon, Minn.

Terms expire in 1988:

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

Mr. Stanley Holmaas, Newfolden, Minn.

Rev. Raynard Huglen, Newfolden, Minn.

Rev. Donald Greven, Minneapolis, Minn.

Mr. Sheldon Mortrud, Fargo, N. Dak.

Rev. Gary Jorgenson, Stanley, N. Dak.

Mr. David Russum, Lake Stevens, Wash.

Mr. Ralph Peterson, Portland, N. Dak.*

Rev. Leslie Galland, Thief River Falls, Minn.

Mr. Donald Jacobson, Binford, N. Dak.

Terms expire in 1989:

Mr. Donald Carter, Lake Stevens, Wash.

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

Rev. Philip Featherstone, Pukwana, S. Dak.

Rev. James Fugleberg, Ontonagon, Mich.

Mr. Wayne Floan, Fertile, Minn.

Mr. Raymond Jacobson, Wadena, Minn.

Rev. Rodger Olson, Fergus Falls, Minn.*

Mr. Marlow Nash, Colfax, N. Dak.

Rev. Frank Cherney, Sebeka, Minn.

Rev. Emerson Anderson, Cleveland, O.

Terms expire in 1990:

Mr. Art Arneson, Spicer, Minn.

Rev. Michael Brandt, Amery, Wis.*

Dr. James Gerdeen, Chassell, Mich.

Mr. Eldon Hermunslie, Wahpeton, N. Dak.

Mr. Arlo Kneeland, Summit, S. Dak.

Rev. Lyndon Korhonen, Culbertson, Mont.

Rev. Kenneth Moland, Kirkland, Wash.

Mr. Kenneth Rolf, McIntosh, Minn.*

Rev. John P. Strand, Remer, Minn.*

Rev. Terry Wold, Tucson, Ariz.

Missions

The Nominating Committee of the Annual Conference will present two (2) names for every vacancy on the Missions Corporation. Nominations may also be made from the floor. The Conference membership will then by secret ballot choose one person for each vacancy, sending those names to the Corporation for decision at its annual meeting on June 13. Members of the World and Home Missions Committees must come from the membership of the Corporation. Failure to be re-elected to the Corporation while serving on either Committee will automatically remove one from membership on that Committee.

The following persons are eligible to attend the annual meeting of the Corporation on June 13:

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

Terms expire in 1986:

Rev. Richard Anderson, Apple Valley, Minn.

Rev. Amos Dyrud, Minneapolis, Minn.*

Mr. Ronald Gravgaard, Tioga, N. Dak.

Rev. Dale Mellgren, Kalispell, Mont.

Rev. Allen Monson, St. Cloud, Minn.

Mrs. Aini Myking, Minneapolis, Minn.

Rev. John Rieth, Williston, N. Dak.

Mr. Joel Rogenes, Ely, Minn.**

Mr. Eldor Sorkness, Sand Creek, Wis.

Rev. Roy Warwick, Aberdeen, S. Dak.

Terms expire in 1987:

Mr. Martin Bjornson, Valley City, N. Dak.*

Rev. Herbert Franz, Cloquet, Minn.

Rev. Henry Johansen, Willmar, Minn.

Dr. Lyle Mattson, Milbank, S. Dak.

Mr. Kenneth Nash, Colfax, N. Dak.*

Mr. Jerry Olson, Newfolden, Minn.

Mr. Vernon Russum, Grafton, N. Dak.

Dr. Wayne Sletten, Faith, S. Dak.

Mrs. Rodney Stueland, Roslyn, S. Dak.

Miss Judith Wold, Thief River Falls, Minn.

Terms expire in 1988:

Rev. Mark Antal, Bemidji, Minn.
Rev. Fred Carlson, Wadena, Minn.
Lay Pastor Verle Dean, Sedan, Minn.
Mr. Emory Flaten, Newfolden, Minn.
Mrs. Oscar Folden, Minot, N. Dak.
Rev. Peter Franz, Minot, N. Dak.
Rev. Philip Haugen, Minneapolis, Minn.**

Rev. Wesley Langaas, McVile, N. Dak.

(Rev. Kenneth Pentti)

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

Terms expire in 1989:

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

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

Rev. Norman Tenneboe, Park River, N. Dak.

Rev. Ted Berkas, Granite Falls, Minn.

Mr. Truman Rolf, McIntosh, Minn.

Rev. Ernest Langness, Faith, S. Dak.

Mrs. Gerald Knudsvig, Buxton, N. Dak.

Mr. Donald Hansen, Minneapolis, Minn.

Terms expire in 1990:

Rev. Walter Beaman, McIntosh, Minn.

Mr. Lester Davison, Ortle, S. Dak.

Mr. Dale Finstrom, Buxton, N. Dak.

Rev. Gordon L. Grage, Brandon, Minn.

Mr. Arley Hartsoch, Ray, N. Dak.

Rev. Ted Kennedy, Jr., Nogales, Ariz.

Rev. Robert Lewis, Abercrombie, N. Dak.

Rev. David Molstre, Fargo, N. Dak.

Rev. Larry V. Severson, Roseau, Minn.

Mr. Kenneth Williams, Ishpeming, Mich.*

He shall glorify Me; for He shall take of Mine, and shall disclose it to you.

John 16:14

Lives were changed

Pentecost can happen again

Acts 2:38-39

The real miracle of Pentecost is not the strange things that happened that day, but the Holy Spirit filling the disciples with conviction and power. They had been puzzled and uncertain. They weren't sure just where they were going or what they were expected to do next. The Lord had told them to win the world in



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N. Dak.

His name. But they were so very few, and the world was so very large. Besides this, they were very ordinary people with ordinary abilities, weaknesses and sins. In the past they had often failed their Lord.

But now all this was different. Now there was courage and strength where before there had been weakness and cowardice. Now there was spiritual understanding and mature faith where before there had been doubts and uncertainty.

When we look at Peter's behavior on Pentecost, we see just how great a change had actually taken place within the disciples. Here was a man who just a few weeks before had shamefully denied his Lord at the slightest hint of danger. But now we find him standing up before the men of Jerusalem, proclaiming the resurrection of Christ the crucified with such courage and conviction that on that very day 3,000 souls were converted. And what happened to Peter happened to all the rest as well. The Day of Pentecost was only the beginning. Filled with the power of the Holy Spirit, these men went everywhere fearlessly proclaiming the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ. Nothing could stop them, not even persecution or death.

The 1986 Nominating Committee

The following persons were chosen by the 1985 Conference to present names for board, committee and corporation vacancies to this year's Conference, as well as committee members for next year's conference. They are open to suggestions of persons whom they can nominate. Let your district representatives know soon about any individual you'd like to recommend.

Eastern North Dakota —

Mr. Stanley Miller, Grand Forks, N. Dak.

Western North Dakota-Eastern Montana —

Mr. Orville Qualley, Brockton, Mont.

South Dakota-Nebraska —

Mr. Michael McC Carlson, Webster, S. Dak.

Northwestern Minnesota —

Mr. Paul Flaten, Newfolden, Minn.

North Central Minnesota —

Mr. Robert Bilden, Bagley, Minn.

Southwest Central Minnesota —

Mr. Harold Erickson, New York Mills, Minn.

Lake Superior —

Rev. Tony Stockman, Cloquet, Minn.

Minneapolis —

Rev. Elden Nelson, Minneapolis, Minn.

Northern Michigan —

Mr. Bernard Nelson, Atlantic Mine, Mich.

Arizona —

Rev. Terry Wold, Tucson, Ariz.

West Coast —

Rev. Dale Mellgren, Kalispell, Mont.

Eastern —

Rev. Emerson Anderson, Cleveland, O.

Pentecost . . .

There can be no question that we need to have that same wonderful thing happen in our church today. We need to have Pentecost come again.

What has happened to the fires of enthusiasm which once burned so brightly? What has happened to the people of our church who once were willing to risk everything for the Gospel of Jesus Christ? There was a time when Christians eagerly gathered for worship every day of the week, but today our churches stand empty six days of the week and we think we are doing great if we can even get 50 percent of our membership together for worship on Sunday. Shame on us!

There was a time when Christians were willing to face persecution, and even death, in order to proclaim the Gospel of the risen Christ, but now it is hard for us to get up enough nerve to invite our neighbor to come to church with us, let alone speak to him about his relationship to Christ. There was a time when Christians freely gave to the Lord and His Church the first and best parts of all their income, but today we consider it a great sacrifice to give to the Lord a little of what is left over after we have satisfied our own needs first. We have even come to the point where we are able to listen to the tragic news that more than 25 million people are dying each year without Christ and without hope of salvation and it does not even cause a ripple on our consciences. We couldn't care less.

Now maybe it isn't really that we have set ourselves against God and His will for us. Maybe it's just that we have become too comfortable — and lazy. After so many years of being on the receiving end of God's mercy, the Church has grown fat and complacent and most of us are pretty well satisfied with the way things are in the Church because this sort of policy seems to offer us the maximum amount of spiritual security with the minimum amount of effort and sacrifice. But the truth of the matter is that such complacency and indifference on the part of God's people is

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just as destructive to the cause of Christ as out-and-out opposition.

We need to be shaken out of the easy, comfortable rut we have made for ourselves. We need to be aroused and fired with zeal. We need a rebirth of the Spirit of God, who will fill us with the same power and courage and burning conviction with which He filled the disciples of old. We need to have Pentecost come again to us.

And the wonderful thing is that it can — and it will! The promise of Peter in Acts 2:38-39 is that the power of Pentecost is not just something for the past. "Repent, and let each of you be baptized," says Peter, ". . . and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and your children, and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God shall call to Himself."

The same power and zeal and conviction which burned so brightly among the disciples can still fire the Church today and can fill each of us with a courage and faith that can change our lukewarmness toward Christ into a holy fire of enthusiasm. It will come when we allow it to happen.

St. Luke tells us, in Acts 1:14, that after the ascension of our Lord the disciples returned to Jerusalem, where "all with one mind were continually devoting themselves to prayer," and it was then that the Holy Spirit descended upon them. If God is to become real to us, we must come to Him. Often people say that they do not pray because God

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does not seem real to them. It would probably be more accurate to say that God does not seem real to them because they do not pray. Whenever we come near to God, whenever we hear the message of what the love of God in Christ has done for our salvation, we are being confronted by the Holy Spirit, and He is actively at work within our hearts converting our souls and increasing our faith and spiritual strength.

Whenever you read your Bible, whenever you join with your families in worship and prayer, the Holy Spirit is at work and can fill you with the same faith and courage which He gave to the disciples, if you will but open the door of your heart to Him.

It was the experience of the disciples, and of all Christians after them, however, that the most effective worship and best way to receive the power of God's Spirit was through the Christ-centered fellowship of Christians. The story of Pentecost begins with the words: "When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place" (Acts 2:1). It wasn't just coincidence that the Spirit came just at that time. Having prepared themselves through prayer, the disciples had strengthened themselves through Christ-centered fellowship. They spoke to one another of the grace of Christ and it was then that the Holy Spirit descended on them.

It is very popular for all sorts of people to say that you can be just as good a Christian even without going to church. The story of Pentecost, however, proves that this simply is not so. It is true, of course, that one can worship God anywhere, at any time, but it is one of the basic elements of Christian worship that it is something we do together. And if you have been absenting yourself frequently from the company of our fellow Christians in worship and mid-week Bible Studies, you have been depriving yourself of one of the richest experiences man can know. What is worse, you have been limiting the power of the Holy Spirit in your life, the only power on earth that can change our frustrated lives into a living experience of the love and forgiveness of God.

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editorials

JOSEPH JACOBSON

The late Joseph Jacobson, Wannaska, Minn., was the lay pastor of our congregation north of Strathcona, Minn., Poplar Grove, for about 14 years. Because of failing health, he last worshipped with that congregation in January.

Joe, as he was known to us in the Northwestern Minnesota District, had an illness known as scleroderma. Its visible manifestations in him were his "iron hands" and a voice which grew hoarse and weaker. Because of the latter, he hadn't preached for many months, but by means of the church's loudspeaker system he was able to conduct the services of Poplar Grove until much more recently and he helped to arrange for speakers for the services.

Gradually, his strength grew less, too. A year ago when we had our pastoral fellowship at the Minnesota Hill farm home of Gustav and Susan Nordvall, northwest of Roseau, Joe had to remain behind as many of us took a walk up to the Canadian line half a mile away and through some of the pretty woodlands of that area. In other years he had been right with us, so we knew things were changing for him. He last met with us in November.

Joe bore his gathering infirmity patiently. I do not know of any complaint which he made. He knew that the ground of his faith was sure and he rested in that. Pastor Bruce Dalager reports that on the day of his own father's funeral, when he and his wife stopped in to see Joe at his farm home where he lay confined to bed, "It was good to hear him pray, resting in Jesus, even though he was weak." This was less than three days before he passed away.

Joe Jacobson knew his Bible well. He had excellent theological insight and the people of Poplar Grove were fortunate to be able to hear such good preaching over all those years. Humble and of a servant spirit, the cause of Jesus Christ was his cause. He leaves a beautiful testimony for Christ.

The greeting from Poplar Grove Lutheran Church read at his funeral bore gripping witness of their love of this

man who had shepherded them for so many years.

Blessed be his memory.

—Raynard Huglen

SOME ENCOURAGEMENTS

There are some encouraging developments concerning the alcohol problem now.

Some states have raised the legal drinking age back up to 21 after having been at 18 or 19 for some years. One of these is Minnesota and it is hoped that Wisconsin will follow suit. Otherwise, too, it is feared that younger Minnesotans will drive to Wisconsin border towns, become intoxicated, and then attempt to get back home on public highways.

It is true that the move back to age 21 has not come about altogether from altruistic or high-minded motives. Much of it has been caused by the promise of loss of federal highway funds if states do not fall in line. But whatever the reason, we rejoice in this development. Enforcement won't be easy, but we trust our law people will do their best.

A second encouraging thing is the evidence that not quite as much alcohol is being consumed on the average as in the recent past. Part of the decrease may be due to economic reasons, but whatever, we are glad for it.

The sorry spectacle of the college-age crowd on spring break in communities like Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., seems to belie any decrease in drinking. It is sad to see the hedonistic and heathenish spirit of "America's finest" when inflamed by "demon rum."

We encourage you to give the assistance you can to abstinence societies, efforts to end drunk driving, and to programs to help alcoholics recover their sobriety, and, we pray, to find life through Jesus Christ.

It was the late Gerald Kennedy, Methodist bishop, who, after saying that many people think the answer to their difficulties is to have a drink, attributed to Billy Graham the prediction that when these people find that they are going to die, they will probably call for a bartender. How much better to put one's faith and fate in the hands of Christ and know that He will carry one safely through.

"If any man . . . open the door,
I will come in."

—Rev. 3:20

When Christ Waits

What a wonderful thing is this
That man may choose as he will
To open the door and let Christ in,
Or make Him wait at the sill!
The sovereign Lord of the universe,
Courteous, stands and knocks;
He will not batter the shut door down,
Nor break the bolts and locks.

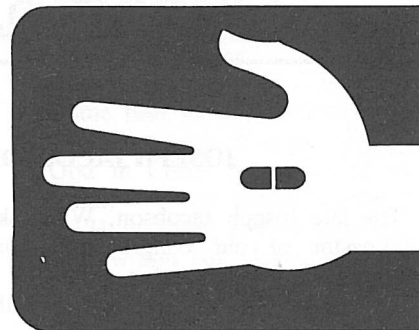
For man has the power of choice,
He can lift the latch if he will;
There is no knob on the outer side,
And the Lord waits at the sill.
He patiently knocks and patiently
waits
For man to open the door;
Beware the day when His patience
ends,
And the pierced Hand knocks no
more!

Annie Johnson Flint

DRUGS AND THE CHRISTIAN

by Michael Crowell,
Minneapolis, Minn.

to help
you be
informed



(Michael Crowell is a student at Association Free Lutheran Theological Seminary. While in the U. S. Army he was a Narcotics Investigator.)

Ever wonder what kind of person sells drugs? In my time as an Army Narcotics Investigator, I had the opportunity to find out, by buying drugs from them. Not always who you might think, though! There were some that I might have suspected: transients, like a carnival worker and "seedy" characters hanging out around taverns. But there were others not so readily identified: the taxi driver who carried a variety of "sale items," the quiet "housewife next door," or the instructor at the Army Intelligence School, *kids* just out of high school. Certainly not always the stereo-typical drug dealers that hang out on street corners in the big cities! The drug problem is not limited to large urban areas, but can be found in rural areas and small towns just as well. It has become an ever-present fact of life in America today, and an issue that Christians must face from a Biblical perspective. Not that there is any question about whether or not Christians should be involved with the drugs, but how we deal with them as we see them in our society and people we are in contact with is the issue.

First, perhaps a little information about the various kinds of drugs being

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abused today and their effects on individuals. There are a couple of terms that we should know in dealing with drugs, dependency and tolerance. With certain drugs, there is a physical dependency that develops, which we term addiction. In these types of drugs, physiological changes take place in the body so that in order to function "normally," the body actually needs to have the drug! And, if the body is then denied the drug, a "withdrawal" occurs. Heroin is probably the most dramatic example of this type of drug. Another type of dependency, psychological, is present in many drugs that do not produce physical dependency, but should not be taken lightly as the "need" for the drug can become quite strong. Marijuana and cocaine are examples of drugs that develop strong psychological dependence, though evidence indicates at least a degree of physical dependency with cocaine.

Tolerance is a related term, in that with some drugs more and more of the drug is needed to produce a given effect so that the individual has to take more in order to get "high." The problem is that with some of the drugs, while tolerance builds, the ability of the body to deal with it does not, so that eventually the person takes a *lethal* dose of the drug in an attempt to get his kicks. Certain depressant drugs, such as the barbiturate family, fall into this category.

Let's look a bit at the various types of drugs that are today being abused. First the narcotics. While we often use the term narcotics to refer to all dangerous drugs, in reality it refers to those natural and synthetic (man-made) derivatives of the opium poppy plant. Opium itself, a milky, sticky substance, is one of the oldest abused substances known to man. But, with

the greater strength and profitability of its derivatives, it is rarely found in the U.S. Some of its derivatives are morphine, codeine (both used medicinally) and heroin, the most potent and most abused of the narcotics. (Interestingly enough, heroin was first developed as a *remedy* for morphine addiction; talk about jumping out of the frying pan into the fire!). Dilaudid (Hydromorphone) is a semi-synthetic narcotic that is commonly used medicinally; methadone (used in the treatment of addicts) is a true synthetic narcotic (chemically different from morphine, but similar in effect).

Depressant drugs are another large category and, as the name implies, they have the effect of depressing the action of the central nervous system. Barbiturates, methaqualone (Quaalude), the Benzodiazepine family (including Valium, Librium and others) represent a variety of chemical compounds, but all with similar effects, differing primarily in strength and longevity of effect. Alcohol is also a depressant drug, and should be dealt with as such, as it is the most widely abused, and unfortunately, socially acceptable drug of abuse.

Stimulant drugs are those that stimulate the central nervous system. Every coffee drinker should be aware that caffeine is a stimulant (though mild and legal) and can be misused and abused. The amphetamine family of stimulants and cocaine are other examples, along with "harmless" diet pills and appetite suppressants. Amphetamines were for a time commonly prescribed as appetite suppressants, but are now much more closely controlled due to side effects and the possibility for their illicit abuse.

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10. In I Pet. 1:3-5, list three blessings we receive because of God's abundant mercy.

- A. (v. 3b) _____
B. (v. 4) _____
C. (v. 5) _____

In the Psalms we read much of God's mercy (His lovingkindness). Take time to read as many of these as possible in your personal devotion time and be thankful unto God. For without His mercy, we stand guilty and would be judged and condemned for our own sin.

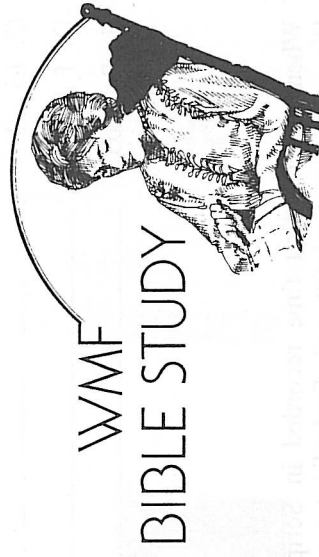
*Oh give thanks unto the Lord,
for He is good; for His
mercy endureth forever . . . Ps. 136:1*

*Be merciful unto me, O God,
be merciful unto me; . . . Ps. 57:1*

Closing Hymn: No. 80 (*Concordia*) - "The Church's One Foundation"

Convention Offering - project for June.
(see Convention Program)

June, 1986



Lesson six

KEY WORDS FROM GOD'S WORD

MERCY

Hymn No. 238 (*Concordia*) - "Father Most Holy, Merciful and Tender,"

"O give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good: for His mercy endureth forever" (Ps. 136:1). Before we start our Bible study we think about the Annual Conference of our AFLC which is always held in the month of June. What a blessing the good fellowship has always been! In the Book of Acts we read about the first church, after Pentecost, how "they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers."

This month our key word is Mercy. Mercy is forbearance of inflicting punishment upon an adversary or prisoner. Mercy is withholding just punishment. It is also a disposition to be kind and forgiving.

We need God's mercy because of our sinful nature and disposition to sin.

1. What adjectives are used to describe God's mercy?

A. I Kgs. 3:6 _____

B. Ps. 86:5 _____

C. Lk. 1:78 _____

D. I Pet. 1:3 _____

E. Ps. 103:17 _____

2. When was the first time recorded in Scripture that God showed His mercy upon sinful and disobedient man? Gen. 3:15 _____

3. To whom does God show His mercy? Ps. 103:17; Lk. 18:13 _____

4. Because He is merciful to us, what are we commanded to do? Matt. 5:7 _____

5. How does His mercy differ from His grace? _____

6. Is mercy ever deserved? _____

7. God shows His mercy in different ways. In Ps. 143:12, how does He show mercy to the believer? _____

8. There are many who say, "God is so merciful that He will not cast me into hell." But we know, too, that God is just. How is this described in Ex. 34:7? _____

*Behold therefore the goodness
and severity of God . . . Rom. 11:22*

9. How is God's mercy toward us apprehended? Jn. 3:15; Jn. 5:24 _____

Twenty-fourth Annual Convention Women's Missionary Federation of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations

June 11 - 12, 1986

June 11

Registration 9:00 — 9:30
Prayer Service 9:30 — 10:00
Leader: Mrs. Harold Erickson, New York Mills, Minn.
Prelude Mrs. DuWayne Lindell
Ferndale, Wash.
Singspiration Leader: Mrs. Lyle Forde
Arlington, Wash.
Devotions Mrs. Arden Hilmo
Everett, Wash.
Welcome . . Mrs. Donald Pederson, West Coast District
President
Bellingham, Wash.
Response . . . Mrs. Wendell Johnson, WMF President
Stacy, Minn.
Music — Lake Stevens Trio . . . Mrs. Tim Erhardt
Mrs. Lyle Forde, Mrs. Jim Larson
Bible Study Mrs. Herbert Presteng
Grafton, N. Dak.
Hymn Sing
Business Meeting
Memorial Service . . . Leader: Mrs. Ronald Knutson
Ferndale, Wash.
Offering HONORARY MEMBERSHIP/
IN MEMORIAM PROJECTS
Announcements
Closing Prayer
Table Prayer

AFTERNOON SERVICE

1:30 p.m. June 11
Prelude Mrs. Lindell
Singspiration Leader: Mrs. Forde
Devotions Mrs. Richard Bartholomew
Kalispell, Mont.
Unfinished Business
Music — Quartet Mrs. Erhardt, Mrs. Forde
Mrs. Larson, Mrs. Olson
Message Rev. and Mrs. Connely Dyrud
Brazil
Hymn Sing
Offering HONORARY MEMBERSHIP/
IN MEMORIAM PROJECTS
Greetings
Presentation of Honorary Membership Pins
Comments
Benediction

PRAYER BREAKFAST

For all ladies
Thursday, 7:00 a.m.
Message: Mrs. Connely Dyrud

FESTIVAL SERVICE

June 12

Thursday Evening 8:00
Prelude Mrs. Lindell
Singspiration Leader: Mrs. Forde
Devotions Mrs. Stephen Odegaard
Eugene, Ore.
Installation of Officers .Rev. Richard Snipstead, AFLC
President
Minneapolis, Minn.
Music Mrs. Lindell
Offering CHURCH EXTENSION PROJECT
Hymn
Message Rev. Connely Dyrud
Brazil
Hymn
Benediction

CONVENTION THEME: "Pray, Watch, Give Thanks,
Proclaim"
Scripture: Colossians 4:2-4

Pentecost . . .

Pentecost can happen again! It can happen to you and to me and to our entire church. The same power of the Holy Spirit which changed the lives of the disciples can also change your life and mine. When Christians come with hearts of repentance and faith, earnestly joining together in Christ-centered worship and Bible

study and fellowship, something wonderful is going on. The miracle of Pentecost is happening again and it is happening with all the same intensity of joy and peace, of courage and conviction that comes from a living experience of a loving and merciful God. May Pentecost be this way for you.

And in the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words;
Romans 8:26

DRUGS . . .

Hallucinogens are those drugs which, rather than stimulate or depress the nervous system, "scramble" the inputs so that hallucinations of varying degrees come about. Mescaline, Peyote, Phencyclidine (PCP, Angel Dust), and LSD are examples. The great unpredictability of these drugs in their effects are perhaps their greatest danger, with the possibility of permanent "scrambling" also a consideration!

And, marijuana should be considered separately, because of the Cannabis Sativa plant, with its active ingredient of THC (tetrahydrocannabinol) has its own range of effects and is so prevalent today. It has mild hallucinogenic properties, has mild depressant action in most, stimulant effects in some, a moderate amount of psychological dependence, an unknown (as of yet) physical dependence level, and can result in a variety of effects which are yet to be exhaustively cataloged and documented. It is a big *unknown* in many ways, but perhaps in many ways its greatest damage is to be seen in that many users *do* proceed on into other drugs. It is dangerous, too, not probably because of any physical change it produces, but perhaps due to the fact that a user of marijuana is already outside of the law and has removed for himself many of the restraints of society. Its effects on our society at large, with the promotion of criminal activity implicit in its use, has yet to be evaluated.

Material profit and greed are, without any doubt, the primary reasons that we see the proliferation of drug use and trafficking today. PCP, for example, can be made *easily* with little or no chemistry background and no sophisticated equipment, with a couple of thousand dollars investment returning a couple of hundred thousand dollars in dividends. Profit is king in drug dealings and the idea of the "love of money being the root of all evil" is right on the money here! While many seek to explain drug abuse in terms of society's failure, there is no doubt that the real problem is that so many live apart from the Lord Jesus Christ, in ignorance or denial of His Lordship

and salvation. Our first task, as Christians, must be to continue to be a light and a witness, fulfilling the Great Commission of Matthew 28.

It is interesting to note that our word pharmacy can be traced back to the Greek *pharmakia*, which is used not only in connection with the use or administering of drugs, but with sorceries and magical arts, idolatrous acts before God. While the majority of drug use today cannot be traced to "devil-worship," yet that it is a tool of Satan, substituting "junk" for a relationship with Christ, is not to be denied. And the all-pervasive nature of drug use in a very real sense is *bondage* to sin! A "recreational" user of drugs often finds himself enslaved to something he cannot control and that applies to even "harmless" marijuana. Researchers have noted what they term the "Amotivational Syndrome" associated with regular and habitual use of marijuana, which is simply that regular users lose their initiative to do anything *but* smoke dope! This was witnessed by me on many occasions, as people were so involved in the procurement and use of marijuana and other drugs that nothing else was important to them. And certainly we must remember the terrible price our society pays due to abuse of alcohol, wherein every year more people die on our highways due to drunk drivers and businesses lose productivity due to alcoholism. Authorities note with rising concern a growing number of deaths attributable to the "recreational" use of cocaine, thought to be so safe and yet so extremely dangerous!

Our society is one in which, rather than being satisfied to sit at the feet of our Lord Jesus and learn of Him, the only things of interest are those that provide instant gratification. And this same attitude has even manifested itself in today's emphasis on "experiential" Christianity, rather than true faith built upon a foundation of God's Word. It should not surprise us, then, to see the growth of the "drug culture;" the trend will not be reversed until men turn to Christ and put Him first.

What, then, can we do? First, we must be that "light to the world" that God has called us to be. We

R. Martin Konsterlie, former Coordinating Committee member dies

Mr. R. Martin Konsterlie, who served on the AFLC Co-ordinating Committee from 1967-71, passed away on Jan. 27 at the Christian Care Nursing Center in Willmar, Minn. He was 88.

His funeral was held at Zion Lutheran Church, Willmar, a congregation he had helped organize in 1963. The church's pastor, Henry A. E. Johansen, officiated and preached the sermon. Greetings were brought from the Association by Rev.

must "love the sinner, while hating the sin," reaching out to those in need and offering them something better than drugs, a Savior! I think also that we have a responsibility to help the authorities in whatever way we can in their efforts to deal with the problem. Silence, when information concerning illegal drug activities comes our way, is a sin of omission. Even the smallest bit of information, incomplete and seemingly insignificant, can be of great help to law enforcement officials in breaking a case and can most often be given in total confidence. Have you ever noted a home where there is constant traffic day and night, coming and going, many different people appearing and never being seen again? Perhaps it is innocent, but perhaps it is not! Have you ever smelled odd fumes from a garage down the street that made the neighborhood smell like a chemical plant? Maybe it's a lutefisk dinner being prepared, but maybe not! Such small things detected may mean the apprehension of a dealer or clandestine laboratory producing drugs for illicit purposes.

It is not the intent of this article to make all of us "professional informants" for the police, but we *do* have a Christian obligation to uphold the law of the land and to ensure that Satan's tools are made less available where we live. And, certainly, we must avoid becoming

Richard Snipstead, president, and on behalf of the family by Rev. James Hulberg, Milbank, S. Dak., husband of a niece. Mrs. Henry Johansen sang the solo "To Glorify Thee." Mildred Thompson and Esther Hulberg, nieces, sang "How Great Thou Art."

Pallbearers were Lowell Konsterlie, Stanley Evans, Phillip Konsterlie, Donald Bergerud, Paul Konsterlie and Steven Thompson. Interment was in Cloverleaf Memorial Cemetery, Willmar.

R. Martin Konsterlie was born June 30, 1897, at Willmar, the son of Sivert and Margrethe (Rannestad) Konsterlie. He was baptized and confirmed at Eagle Lake Lutheran Church,

"super-sleuths" who will get themselves in trouble. But to report and cooperate are things that we can do to assist in stopping the tide of drugs. Most importantly, we can support those legislators who take firm stands on such vital issues, who are not interested in popularity, but are standing for the right. And, most important of all, we can pray that *God* will deliver us, that His Word is faithfully proclaimed and that we do away with the *market* for drugs, as people turn to Him instead of physical substitutes. We need to pray!

*For detailed information on specific drugs, identification of drug abusers and effects of abuse, the following pamphlets and sources are suggested: "Drugs of Abuse," a reprint from *Drug Enforcement* magazine, Vol. 6, No. 2. For sale from the Superintendent of Documents, US Government Printing Office, Washington D.C., 20402. (May also be available through local offices of the Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice and local law enforcement agencies).

Handbook of Drug Abuse, National Institute on Drug Abuse, 1979, US Govt. Printing Office, Stock No. 017-024-00869-9.

National Clearinghouse for Drug Abuse Information
Room 10A-56
5600 Fishers Lane
Rockville, Md. 20857

rural Willmar. He attended school on Kandiyohi County and was enrolled at Augsburg College, Minneapolis, Minn., for one term.

Mr. Konsterlie served for a time as Dovre Twp. supervisor. He was a trustee of Zion Lutheran and helped with the carpentry work and furnishing of the church chancel.

On Dec. 4, 1948, he was united in marriage to Alice Anderson, rural Pennock, Minn. They farmed until 1971. In January, 1972, he suffered a stroke, but continued to make his home on the farm.

He is survived by his wife, sister-in-law Elvina Konsterlie and eight nieces and nephews. Elvina was a sister of the late Rev. Fritjof Monseth. His brother, Rev. Peder Konsterlie, was a missionary to China and then executive director of LFC World Missions.

Blessed be his memory.

(Ed. Note: Mr. Konsterlie was a stalwart worker and leader in the AFLC until his health prevented him from taking an active role. But his interest remained.)

IN MEMORIAM

Key: The name of the town was the address of the deceased. Following that is listed the name of the deceased, age, date of death and the church in which he or she held membership.

MINNESOTA

Roseau

Mr. Bernhard Dalager, 79, Apr. 2, Salem, Wannaska

(Mr. Dalager was the father of Rev. Bruce Dalager, Grand Forks, N. Dak.)

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Mrs. Florence Knabbe, 92, Feb. 25, Unity Evangelical

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Lay pastor Jacobson passed away

Joseph Bernhard Jacobson, 70, lay pastor of Poplar Grove Lutheran Church, Strathcona, Minn., passed away in the Roseau, Minn., Area Hospital on April 8. He had been brought in from his Wannaska farm home the day before.

Mr. Jacobson was born Jan. 4, 1916, at Velve, N. Dak., to Gustave and Josephine Jacobson. He came with his family to Wannaska in 1925. He was educated there and at North Star Bible School, Warren, Minn. He was in the U. S. Army during World War II, taking part in the "island hopping" as the Allies recaptured Pacific territory lost earlier to the Japanese. Back home again he resumed his farming. He never married.

He committed his life to Christ at about the time of confirmation. While he took his share in community life, his chief interest lay in Christian work. He was active in the Galilee Bible Camp, Lake Bronson, Minn., together with Bernhard Dalager, who predeceased him by less than a week, serving as secretary of the corporation for many years. He was secretary of the Northern Minnesota Laymen's Society for 24 years. He was a faithful member of his congregations, first, Bethlehem, LFC, and then Riverside, ALC, both of Wannaska.

The funeral service for Joseph Jacobson was held on April 12 at Riverside Lutheran Church with the pastor, Rev. Ronald Becklund, officiating. Mr. Harvey Dyrud, Newfolden, Minn., spoke on behalf of the Laymen's Society. Two members of Poplar Grove Church were among the pallbearers, Curtis Wiskow and Marlo Nelson. Pastor Burton Rygh, Roseau, was an honorary pallbearer. Burial is in the Golden Valley (Bethlehem) Cemetery.

He is survived by five sisters, nieces and nephews. His three brothers as well as his parents preceded him in death.

Blessed be his memory.

(See the editorial "Joseph Jacobson" on page 9.)

"The Holy Spirit teaches by illuminating the Scriptures, making the revelation of God understandable. While the natural man cannot understand spiritual truth, the spiritual man is taught the meaning of Scripture by the Holy Spirit. Such revelation, however, does not go beyond what is actually in the text of Scripture."

- John Walvoord

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The annual Family Bible Camp at Galilee Bible Camp, Lake Bronson, Minn., will be held July 7-13. Rev. Leslie Galland, Thief River Falls, Minn., is the dean.

Some of the members of the faculty for the week will be Rev. Richard Gunderson, Escanaba, Mich., evening speaker; Rev. Raynard Huglen, Newfolden, Minn., Bible teacher; and Mrs. Connely (Carolyn) Dyrud, missionary to Brazil, who will lead the mission hours.

Theme of the Family Camp will be "If My People" (II Chron. 7:14).

More information on the camp will be given later.

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