

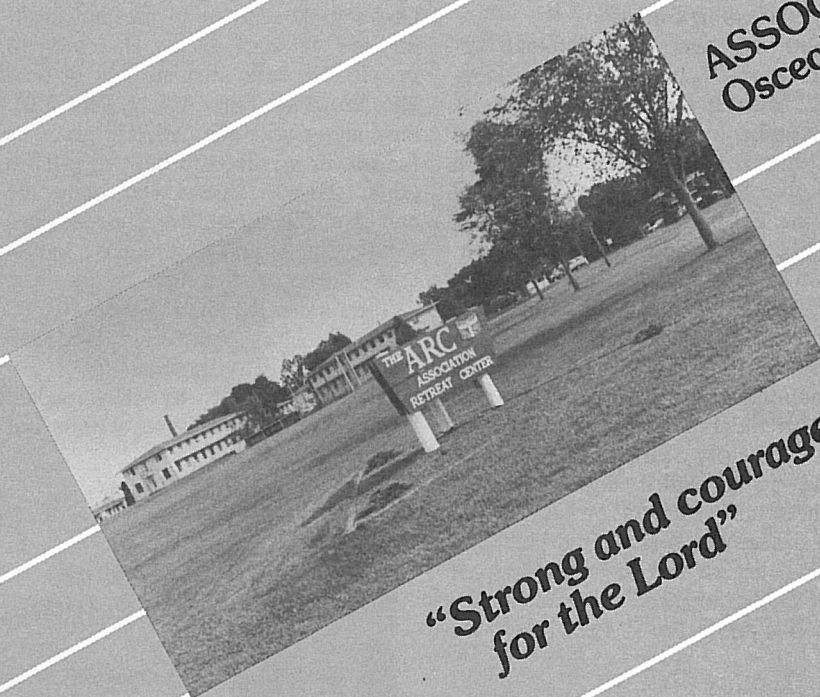
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**"Strong and courageous  
for the Lord"**

II Samuel 10:12

# at the MASTER'S FEET

## Pentecost

In Psalm 139:7, it stands written: "Whither shall I go from Thy Spirit? Or whither shall I flee from Thy presence?"

"To Thee, the Comforter, we cry to Thee, the gift of God most high, the fount of life, the fire of love, the souls' anointing from above" (from Hymn #227, *Concordia*).

Thanks be to God for the Person and work of the Holy Spirit.

This month we observe Pentecost. The festival of Pentecost is one of the two earliest festivals of the Church. The name Pentecost came into Christian use from the Jews. The Jews observed it as a joyous thanksgiving for the completed harvest and as the commemoration of God giving the Law on Mount Sinai. The Christian festival is observed in commemoration of the founding of the Christian Church which took place on the first Pentecost after the resurrection of Christ.

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The Third Article in our Catechism speaks of God the Holy Spirit and His work of sanctification. It tells us how we became partakers of redemption, which is described in the Second Article. Christ has accomplished our redemption and the Holy Spirit applies that redemption to the souls of the penitent believers. The work of the Holy Spirit in us is as necessary for our salvation as the work of Christ for us. We must believe in Christ if we would be saved and it is the Holy Spirit who gives us the power to believe, if we do not reject His call to believe.

Based on the Bible and the explanation of the Third Article, which is Scriptural, the Holy Spirit is True God.

His work is to call, enlighten, sanctify (to make holy, purify as from sin, to set apart as holy) and preserve the penitent in the true faith.

His workmanship is the Holy Christian Church which is the Communion of Saints or fellowship of true believers in Christ.

From the heart the penitent believer says: "I believe in the Holy Spirit" because He is true God. He is not simply a power or energy of God, but a Person. "He proceedeth from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified." (Jn. 14:26; 15:26.) The Scriptures ascribe to Him divine names, attributes, power, honor and works. Christ commanded His disciples to go and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit (Matt. 28:19).

The Holy Spirit instructed the prophets and teachers of Old Testament times, and was poured out upon the apostles on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2). He inspired the Holy Scriptures (I Tim. 3:16; II Pet. 1:21). He

comes into our hearts through the Word of God and the Sacraments, which are made effective by the Word.

If the Holy Spirit does not work in us we cannot be saved. Therefore, we say as in our Catechism: "I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ my Lord, or come to Him." For as I am by nature, my reason is so darkened by sin (I Cor. 2:14) that I do not see my need of the Savior; and I am so lacking in spiritual strength (I am dead in trespasses and sins, Eph. 2:1), that I am unable to believe in Christ. Consequently it is necessary that the Holy Spirit must quicken me and teach me to see in Christ my only Savior, and give me power to believe in Him.

"But the Holy Spirit has called me through the Gospel" (see II Tim. 1:9). He has caused His Word to be written and causes it to be continually proclaimed (Jn. 20:31; II Cor. 1:21) for the purpose of making God's grace known to me and inviting me to share in it. He calls all people. He calls all who hear or read His Word (I Tim. 2:4; I Pet. 3:9). And along with the call, He gives us the power we need to believe in Him (Eph. 2:4-6). Those who obey the call are the Elect or Chosen ones (Matt. 20:16) and they receive salvation. Those who refuse to obey the call are eternally lost (Mk. 16:16).

"Come Holy Spirit, our God and Lord, to us Thy gracious gifts impart; and kindle, by Thy sacred Word, the fire of love within our hearts," Amen.



by Pastor  
Amos O. Dyrud



# 23rd ANNUAL CONFERENCE of the ASSOCIATION of FREE LUTHERAN CONGREGATIONS

Association Retreat Center  
Osceola, Wisconsin

June 12-16, 1985

Theme: "Strong and Courageous  
for the Lord" II Samuel 10:12

## THE PROGRAM

### Wednesday, June 12

- 9:00 a.m. 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 Rev. David Barnhart, Minneapolis, Minn. Leader: Rev. Harris Van Someren, Mason, Wis. The opening of the Conference and the appointment of necessary committees by Pastor Richard Snipstead, President.  
Offering. Home Missions

### Thursday, June 13

- 9:00 a.m. Devotions.  
Report of the Credentials Committee.  
Adoption of the Conference agenda.  
The President's Report.  
Report of the Chairman of the Co-ordinating Committee, Rev. 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  
    Lake Park (Wilderness Camp)  
Report of the Budget Analysis Committee.  
Report of the Nominating Committee, always in order.  
Election of nominees for the Missions Corporations and the Schools Corporation.  
Report of Committee No. 1 (Administration).

11:30 a.m. Prayer Hour. Rev. Norman Tenneboe, Park River, N. Dak.

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 Resolutions.

Election of nominee to the Co-ordinating Committee.

Election of Committee No. 1 for the 1986 Conference.

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

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

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

Report of the AFLBS Alumni Association, Mrs. John Schlenk, Minneapolis, Minn.

Report of Committee No. 2 (Schools).

The election of a dean for the Bible School.

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

8:00 p.m. The Mission Festival Service of the Women's Missionary Federation Annual Convention, Rev. Charles Knapp, Karlstad, Minn., speaker.

### Friday, June 14

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 Resolutions.

Election of Committee No. 2 for the 1986 Conference.

Report of the Schools Corporation Annual Meeting.

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

Report of the Chairman of the Home Missions Committee, Rev. David Molstre, Dickinson, N. Dak.

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

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

Report of the AFLC Evangelist, Rev. Kenneth Pentti, Ishpeming, Mich.

Report of Committee No. 3 (Missions).

11:30 a.m. Prayer Hour — Pastor Tenneboe.

2:00 p.m. Devotions.

Report of the Credentials Committee.

Continuing discussion of Committee No. 3 Resolutions.

Report of the Missions Corporation Annual Meeting.

5:30 p.m. Pastors' Banquet.

8:00 p.m. Laymen's Service. Leader: Mr. Bernard Nelson, Atlantic Mine, Mich. Speaker: Dr. Lyle Mattson, Milbank, S. Dak.

Offering. World Missions

*Saturday, June 15*

9:00 a.m. Devotions.

Continuing discussion of Committee No. 3 Resolutions.

Election of members to the Commission on Evangelism.

Election of Committee No. 3 for the 1986 Conference.

Report of the Chairman of the Board of Publications and Parish Education, Rev. Ralph Tjelta, Minneapolis, Minn.

Report of the Executive Secretary of Parish Education, Mrs. Phillip Regnier, Minneapolis, Minn.

Report of the Chairman of the Youth Board, Rev. Paul Nash, Tioga, N. Dak.

Report of the President of the Luther League Federation, Rev. Curtis Emerson, Valley City, N. Dak.

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

11:30 a.m. Prayer Hour — Pastor Tenneboe.

2:00 p.m. Devotions.

Report of the Credentials Committee.

Report of the Colloquy Committee.

Election of members to the Board of Publications and Parish Education and Youth Board.

Report of the Chairman of the Stewardship Board, Rev. Robert L. Lee, Minneapolis.

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

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

Election of members to the Stewardship Board and Board of Pensions.

Election of Committee No. 5 for the 1986 Conference.

Report of special committees, if any.

Election of members to the Budget Analysis Committee.

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

Invitations for the 1986 Conference.

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

Leader: Rev. Curtis Emerson, Valley City, N. Dak.

Speaker: Rev. Paul Nash, Tioga, N. Dak.

Offering: Praise Program

*Sunday, June 16*

8:00 a.m. Communion Service.

Leader: Rev. Del Palmer, Everett, Wash.

Speaker: Rev. Philip Haugen, Minneapolis, Minn.

10:30 a.m. Ordination and Commissioning Service.

Leader: Rev. Amos Dyrud, Chairman of the World Missions Committee. Speaker: Rev. Ronald Knutson, Ferndale, Wash.

Offering. General Fund

2:30 p.m. Service of Praise. Leader: Rev. David Skordahl, Pipestone, Minn.

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

Offering. Schools



Conference Committee  
Pastor R. Snipstead, President  
Pastor Bruce Dalager, Secretary



## CALL TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE 1985

Preparations are now well under way for the 23rd Annual Conference of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations to be held at the Association Retreat Center, Osceola, Wis., June 12-16.

Every congregation needs to be represented at the Conference. We trust that as many of our people as possibly can will be present for what we expect will be an important week in the life of our church body.

How important is an annual conference to our church body and to the individual congregations? It is good for us to ask ourselves that question again as Annual Conference time draws near.

The *Rules for Work* state regarding the Annual Conference: "It shall elect the necessary committees and officers, and determine what church activities in particular it shall recommend to the congregations."

There is no ministry or program in which our AFLC is involved today that has not had Annual Conference approval. Let us recap some major conference decisions.

The organizational Conference at Thief River Falls, Minn., October, 1962, elected the following boards:

- Administration
- Missions
- Seminary and Doctrine
- Stewardship
- Youth
- Parish Education

That organizational Conference put in place most of the programs which we have today. It passed resolutions on mission outreach both at home and abroad. It established the Church Extension Fund. It passed a resolution calling for the establishing of a Seminary for training pastors. It approved a resolution which created *The Lutheran Ambassador*. It encouraged the Board of Parish Education to begin the consideration of printing our own Sunday School materials. The Youth Commission was established out of concern for the youth in our church. The Stewardship Committee was challenged to present the message of stewardship to our congregations so that they might see that

stewardship involves the entire person.

The Pension Board was established in 1983 to work on a Retirement Plan and a Medical Plan for our pastors.

The 1984 Annual Conference approved the full-time position of the President. He was to divide his time, one-third as Dean of the Seminary and two-thirds in the work of the Church. This conference also approved the purchase of the headquarters property at 3110 E. Medicine Lake Blvd., for \$100,000.00.

The 1966 Annual Conference urged the establishment of a Bible School, and the first class was enrolled that fall.

The Commission on Evangelism was also established in 1966, and the 1969 Conference called for earnest prayer that God would raise up a full-time evangelist. Those prayers were answered as our first full-time evangelist was called in 1975.

The 1978 Annual Conference began assistance to the work in Mexico and the 1979 Conference encouraged the Mission Board to continue its investigation of the possibility of a permanent work in India. It was approved at the following conference.

The 1979 Annual Conference approved a full-time position for a Director of Development and approved the largest purchase in the history of the AFLC as a resolution passed to purchase the renovated Air Force Base at Osceola, Wis., as a retreat center.

Perhaps a tangible evidence of the growth of the AFLC as work has expanded on all fronts is the increase in the budget. In 1964 the Annual Conference adopted a budget of \$44,700.00 as compared to a budget of \$1,109,382.00 adopted in 1984.

According to the *Rules for Work*, all resolutions approved by the Conference are recommended to the congregations.

We stress, and rightly so, the freedom of the local congregations, as guaranteed by the *Fundamental Principles*. But we need to be reminded

of the constraint that is placed on member AFLC congregations by conference resolution. Here is what the *Fundamental Principles* have to say about that:

"A free congregation gladly accepts the mutual assistance which congregations give one another in the work of the advancement of the Kingdom of God.

Such assistance consists partly in the mutual sharings of spiritual gifts among the congregations through conferences, exchange visits, lay activities, whereby congregations are mutually edified, and partly in the voluntary and Spirit-prompted cooperation of congregations for accomplishing such tasks as exceed the ability of the individual congregations.

Among such tasks may be mentioned specifically the training of pastors, distribution of Bibles and other Christian literature, home missions, foreign missions, Jewish missions, deaconess homes, childrens' homes, and other work of mercy" (*Fundamental Principles* 7, 8 and 9).

Yes, the Annual Conference is vitally important to our church body and to every congregation in the AFLC.

We close this invitation to you to our 23rd Annual Conference by quoting a resolution approved by our 1964 Conference.

"We earnestly seek the prayer of God's people that all of the work of the Association be done in humility and love, under the guidance of the Word and Spirit, that the name of Jesus be glorified and His praises be sung through our church, and to the ends of the earth."

R. Snipstead,  
President AFLC



# Pentecostal Preaching

by J. S. Melby

What is Pentecostal preaching?

Let us first state what it is not. It is not that wordy, windy exhortation which may produce an artificial emotional spree.

Biblical Pentecostal preaching is a witnessing about the "mighty works of God" in the power of the Spirit so that men see their sins and repent towards God. Simon Peter's sermon on the first Christian Pentecost is a splendid example of Biblical Pentecostal preaching. It had the following characteristics:

1. It had Prayer preparation.
2. It was Spirit-inspired and directed.
3. Its theme was the "Mighty works of God."
4. It produced no compliments for the speakers.
5. It produced amazement, perplexity, division, mockery, and finally repentance from sin in men's hearts.

Peter began his model Pentecostal sermon by correcting a total misconception of the Pentecostal manifestation of the Spirit. He curtly rejected the charge of drunkenness on the part of the disciples, and he stated that the manifestation of the Spirit was simply the fulfillment of a well-known prophecy.

At this point, instead of going into flights of eloquence, like modern Pentecostals, about the need of speaking with tongues in order to be real Christians, Peter turned to the

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(Editors note: The late J. S. Melby was a beloved Bible teacher at Augsburg College, Minneapolis. He was the author of the booklet, "Biblical Baptism," reprinted by the AFLC Parish Education Department in 1977.)

## The Holy Spirit's work

We have said that many spiritually awakened souls are striving to see and feel the work of the Holy Spirit in their hearts. However, they are not to be saved by seeing the Holy Spirit, but by seeing Christ, this is the Holy Spirit's work. It is therefore not important to the Holy Spirit to present Himself, to show Himself. No, there is Another Whom the Holy Spirit wants to present, to bring forward, and that is Christ.

**J. N. Kildahl**, *Ten Studies on the Holy Spirit*, Augsburg Publishing House.

central theme of all Christian preaching. That theme was Christ died and risen again – Christ crucified for sin.

Nor did Peter preach a diplomatic sermon. Indeed, he made a very serious accusation against his hearers. He charged them with shocking sin – the crime of murdering an innocent man. They had demanded and sanctioned the cruel killing of Jesus of Nazareth, who was in reality the Messiah, the Son of the Living God.

And over against the murder charge Peter placed the fact that God raised up that Jesus whom the people slew. Thus the people were placed in a position of direct opposition to God with reference to Jesus Christ. They killed the Christ and God raised Him up.

Then after showing that certain well-known prophecies applied to Christ, Peter clinched his point by boldly stating that "*we all are witnesses*" of the fact that God raised up Christ, and "that God hath made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom ye crucified."

How shall we explain such uncultured and tactless preaching?

It is evident first of all that Simon Peter understood very little about the modern art of preaching, for his only training in homiletics was that given by Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. Jesus gave him the content of his message, Luke 24:46-47: "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer,

and rise again from the dead the third day; and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name unto all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem." "Ye are witnesses of these things," not philosophers about them. And the Holy

## PENTECOST

O blessed Spirit, Holy Ghost,  
Thou Comforter from heaven  
Who came to earth at Pentecost  
With power God had given.  
We pray Thee for Thy coming now  
To sanctify our lives, that Thou  
Mayest enter with Thy blessing.  
O hear us, Spirit, that we may  
Receive Thy gift as now we pray,  
Our need of Thee confessing.

Thy coming sounds like rushing  
wind  
To show Thy mighty powers.  
O visit now our church and land  
With Thy refreshing showers.  
Breathe Thou on all whom sin has  
slain  
Thy breath, that life they may regain  
And stand among the living.  
Without Thee all our work is vain;  
Descend Thou in our midst again,  
Thy power to us giving.

# Update from Brazil

Many Brazilian AFLC believers gathered in Campo Mourao recently for their yearly conference. Approximately 40 men attended and 50 women came for the Annual WMF gathering. Four couples represented the newest congregation, Foz do Iguacu. There was a good, united spirit at the conference and the nationals are truly beginning to take on the work.

Vacation Bible Schools held in December and January had good results, with many coming to the summer camps which followed in February. Six children and six young people came from Foz do Iguacu congregation.

The work in Foz is progressing well. Mr. Bertolino Westphal is becoming a good leader and his wife Constantina is leading Sunday School and women's meetings. A young people's group has begun and is already challenging the Bible School students to a Bible debate in June.

Many others are beginning to show the talents God has given them and are using them in church: Mr. Westphal plays the harp; Mr. Irineu Link plays the guitar; Mr. Antonio Ferreira also plays guitar.

Pray for this congregation as it grows in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.



The representatives of the Foz do Iguacu congregation at the national conference in Campo Mourao, Jan. 18-20. Left to right, the Joao de Siriaco, Jose da Silva and Antonio Ferreira families. Not pictured, the Irineu Link family.

Spirit gave him the dynamic: Luke 24:49 and Acts 1:8, "But ye shall receive power when the Holy Spirit is come upon you."

Modern preaching might require a beautiful bit of poetry to round off this sermon properly, but Peter forgot

all about that and closed his sermon with the horrible words, "this Jesus whom ye crucified!"

But this brutally frank sermon by the uncultured and tactless Peter produced startling effects. We look in vain for any flattering compliments for the preacher, and also for any exaltation of spirit on the part of the hearer. Instead they were sorely hurt – "pricked in their hearts," and they caused great confusion in "the service" with their urgent question: "Brethren, what shall we do?" In answer to that question Peter thrust his lancet into the very center of the sin-festered hearts. He demanded repentance, a change of life direction, – as condition of release of conscience. Where that condition was complied with, Peter gave the sweet and comforting promise of that gift of the Holy Spirit.

Some three thousand men obeyed that injunction, giving evidence for all time that there must have been something unusual about this sermon by Peter. The secret of it lay not in the speaking of tongues, but in the promise of Jesus recorded in John 16:7-11, as follows:

"Nevertheless I tell you the truth: It is expedient for you that I go away; for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I go, I will send him *unto you*. And *he*, when *he* is come, will convict the world in respect of sin, and of

righteousness, and of judgment; of sin, because they believe not on Me; of righteousness, because I go to the Father, and ye behold Me no more; of judgment, because the prince of this world hath been judged."

The spirit of God alone can really convict men of sin. The greatest of all sins is the ignoring or rejecting of Jesus in unbelief. Jesus died for men's sins. And so witnessing of the death and resurrection of Jesus in the power of the Spirit is real Pentecostal preaching.

– The Lutheran Messenger

In tongues of flame Thy coming  
was,  
The light of God conveying,  
To fill the hearts and lives of those  
Who in that place were praying.  
Thy grace and truth to us reveal;  
Fill Thou our souls with holy zeal  
And make our spirits burning.  
Illumine us, O Light Divine,  
That we like burning lights may  
shine,  
Lost souls from darkness turning.

In many tongues the church began  
To tell that wondrous story  
Of Him who died and rose again  
And rules in heavenly glory.  
It was God's will that far and near,  
In every tongue all souls should  
hear  
His gospel of salvation.  
O Holy Spirit, still the same,  
Help us that we His truth proclaim  
To every tribe and nation.

L. Lillehei

"And so witnessing  
of the death and  
resurrection of  
Jesus in the power  
of the Spirit is  
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# 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. Leslie Galland, Thief River Falls, Minn.

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

*Secretary* (1-year term)

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

## ELECTIONS BY CORPORATION

*Co-ordinating Committee*

(5-year term)

\*Mr. Arlo Kneeland, Summit, S. Dak.

*Home Missions Committee*

(5 year term)

\*Rev. David Molstre, Dickinson, N. Dak.

*Board of Trustees (Schools)*

(5-year term)

\*Rev. Rodger Olson, Canton, S. Dak.

*World Missions Committee*

(5-year term)

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

*Commission on Evangelism*

(5-year term)

\*Rev. Laurel Udden, Minneapolis, Minn.

*Stewardship Board*

(5-year term)

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

*Youth Board*

(5-year term)

\*Rev. Paul Nash, Tioga N. Dak.

*Board of Pensions*

(5-year term)

\*Rev. Larry Haagenon, Newfolden, Minn.

*Board of Publications and Parish Education*

(5-year term)

\*Rev. Ralph Rokke, Minneapolis, Minn.

## THE 1985 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Eastern North Dakota —

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

Western North Dakota — Eastern Montana —

Mr. Arley Hartsoch, Tioga, N. Dak.

South Dakota — Nebraska —

Mr. Michael McCarlson, Webster, S. Dak.

Northwestern Minnesota —

Mr. Donald Balmer, Thief River Falls, Minn.

North Central Minnesota —

Rev. Mauritz Lundeen, Bagley, Minn.

Southwest Central Minnesota —

Rev. Gordon Grage, Brandon, Minn.

Lake Superior —

Mr. Clifford Johnson, Esko, Minn.

Minneapolis —

Mr. Dennis Christopherson, Amery, Wis.

Northern Michigan —

Mr. Walter Peterson, Ishpeming, Mich.

Arizona —

Rev. Ted Kennedy, Nogales, Ariz.

West Coast —

Rev. Ronald Knutson, Ferndale, Wash.

Members of the Nominating Committee are open to suggestions of persons whom they can nominate as candidates for boards and committees in the Associations and for next year's Annual Conference. Let your district representative know soon about any individual you'd like to recommend.

## MISSIONS CORPORATION

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 14. 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 14:

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

*Terms expire in 1985:*

Mrs. Amos Dyrud, Minneapolis, Minn.

Rev. Samuel Flores, Leon, Gto., Mexico.

Rev. Gordon Grage, Brandon, Minn.\*\*

Rev. Ted Kennedy, Nogales, Ariz.

Mrs. Charles Kvanvig, Ridgefield, Wash.

Rev. Robert Lewis, Abercrombie, N. Dak.

Rev. David Molstre, Dickinson, N. Dak.

Rev. Larry V. Severson, Roseau, Minn.

Rev. Forrest Swenson, Roseau, Minn.

Mr. Kenneth Williams, Ishpeming, Mich.\*

*Terms expire in 1986:*

Rev. Richard Anderson, Apple Valley, Minn.

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# editorials

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## WITH APPRECIATION

Within days, Saturday, May 11, to be exact, a special person in the life of the AFLC is going to be honored upon his departure from Association Free Lutheran Bible School. We refer to Mr. Don Rodvold, director of, and instructor in, music at both the Bible School and Seminary since 1967.

In other words, our seminary was three years old when he came to the Medicine Lake campus, the Bible School only one. Of course, he is closely involved in the history of these schools, although we shall think of him primarily in connection with the Bible School. In his 18 years at AFLBS he has known personally almost every student who has attended.

Don Rodvold has stood for excellence in music. He has wanted his hymn and song texts to be biblical and Lutheran. He has wanted his music to be worthy. His choirs were examples of the standards he believed in as to texts and music. And artistically, too, he brought out the best from those he directed. The intensity with which he directed his choral groups never failed to impress his audiences.

In congregational usage and singing, he also sought for the best. Here again his call was: be Biblical and be Lutheran! His article in the April 9 *Ambassador*, "Hold the Standards High," is a fine summary of his philosophy on the subject. We must pay it serious heed.

Another thing one will remember about Don Rodvold and his musical groups was his fine rapport with the students. We were colleagues for five years at the Bible School and it was then particularly that this became evident to me. He has the gift of being friendly with those whom he is teaching and yet commanding their respect, something that is desirable, but which all cannot be equally well. He knows the time to relax, but when it is time to work, then it must be all business.

In all concerts there was student participation in devotions, witness and Bible School testimony. Don liked the students to be brief and to the point in what they said. For the sake of the program schedule and the spiritual impact of the Choir's appearance he desired that speaking parts be simple, straightforward and sincere.

I believe Don's first AFLBS choir tour (all students were in it but three boys and they were managers) was launched at my Tabor Lutheran Church, rural Webster, S. Dak. Pastor John Strand, the school dean, was along as faculty representative. Don had his guitar along and played and sang a song or two in the program, but I hardly ever saw him play a guitar after that time.

It was my privilege to travel with him on a number of Choral Club tours, seven, in fact, and a couple smaller outings. On buses, in cafes over pie and coffee, in church basements as we ate suppers before concerts, in homes where we sometimes were both housed, we enjoyed many conversations. Back at campus I found him,

too, vitally interested in the life and work of our school.

I know I speak for the Association in wishing Don Rodvold all the best and God's blessings as he ventures forth in a new career in church music, wherever it may be.

## ON ELECTIONS, ETC.

In this first of two pre-conference issues, we are presenting information about offices and positions to be filled in AFLC work. It is hoped that all Association members will spend a little while going over this material in order to be as fully informed as possible at conference time.

The reader will notice that the offices of Vice-President and Secretary are to be voted on, as they are every year, since they are one-year terms. It should be observed that Pastor Leslie Galland, because he has served three terms in a row, will need to have a three-fourths majority on the first ballot in order to be re-elected as Vice President. Failing that, he would have to be dropped from consideration.

Nominations for these constitutional officers must be made from the floor and at least two nominees must be listed for each.

The conference actually nominates members for the Co-ordinating Committee, between-conferences administrative body, the Missions Committees and the Board of Trustees, but their parent corporations will do the actual electing.

The annual conference elects members to the five boards or commissions which do not have corporations of their own. These are the Commission on Evangelism, Stewardship Board, Youth Board, Board of Pensions and Publications and Parish Education. This year there are no incumbents on the nine boards, commissions or committees who are ineligible for re-election having served two consecutive full terms.

Ten people are to be elected or re-elected to the corporations of Missions and Schools. Attention should be paid to the fact that Committee (World and Home) or Board of Trustees members up for re-election this year must be re-elected to their respective corporations (if those terms also expire this year) or they will lose their memberships on those Committees or the Board, as the case may be. Only corporation members can serve.

We notice that six women are members of the Missions Corporation, while there are none on the Schools Corporation. This strikes us as being odd and we trust there will be some feminine representation on the Schools Corporation. The gender barrier has been broken in the past, so it would not be breaking tradition to elect one or more to the corporation now.

Finally, the names of the Nominating Committee for 1985 are given in this issue. We hope that you will get

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## ELECTIONS . . .

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, Ishpeming, Mich.  
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.

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## EDITORIAL . . .

in touch with one of these people to suggest persons who might serve well in some position in the church or at next year's conference.

Remember, too, that the nomination of the Nominating Committee members for 1986 will be one of the very first items of business after this year's conference is gavelled to order. Delegates should be prepared to place in nomination candidates from each of the church's districts.

More next time on the upcoming Annual Conference, June 12-16, at the Association Retreat Center, Osceola, Wis.

Mrs. Gerald Knudsvig, Buxton, N. Dak.  
Mr. Donald Hansen, Minneapolis, Minn.

## SCHOOLS CORPORATION

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 13. 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 13:

(\*denotes member of the Board of Trustees.)

### *Terms expire in 1985:*

Rev. Richard Anderson, Apple Valley, Minn.  
Mr. Arthur Arneson, Spicer, Minn.  
Rev. Michael Brandt, Amery, Wisc.\*  
Dr. James Gerdeen, Chassell, Mich.  
Mr. Eldon Hermunsle, Wahpeton, N. Dak.  
Mr. Arlo Kneeland, Summit, S. Dak.  
Rev. Philip Rokke, Lake Alma, Sask.  
Rev. Ralph Rokke, Minneapolis, Minn.  
Mr. Kenneth Rolf, McIntosh, Minn.\*  
Rev. John P. Strand, Remer, Minn.\*

### *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.  
Mr. Sherman McCarlson, Webster, S. Dak.  
Rev. Terry Olson, Fargo, N. Dak.  
Mr. Orville Qualley, Brockton, Mont.  
Mr. Mike Rudebusch, Summit, S. Dak.  
Mr. Lyle Twite, Cloquet, Minn.

### *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. Paul Nash, Tioga, N. Dak.  
Rev. John Mundfrom, Eben Jct., Mich.  
Mr. Kent Quanbeck, McVile, N. Dak.\*  
Mr. James Rolf, Brandon, Minn.

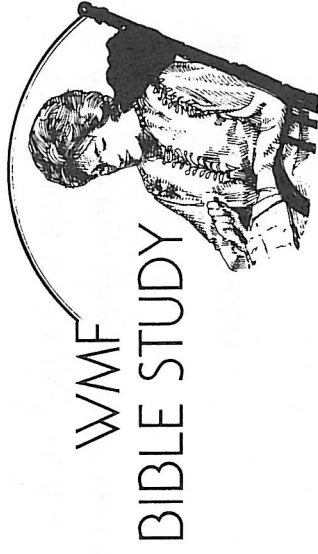
### *Terms expire in 1988:*

Mr. Arne Berge, Binford, N. Dak.\*  
Mr. Stanley Holmaas, Newfolden, Minn.  
Rev. Raynard Huglen, Newfolden, Minn.  
Rev. Donald Greven, Minneapolis, Minn.

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## A CLOSER WALK WITH JESUS

### LESSON SIX—WALK IN LOVE

“Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; and *walk in love*, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given Himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savour” (Eph. 5:1,2). The Bible has so much to say to us about love: God’s love through Christ to us, how we should love the Lord, love for one another as Christians and love for the unsaved. As we study the Bible and focus on the word love, we see how important it is that as Christians we walk in love. God wants to use us as channels that His love can flow through to those around us and into all the world.

#### I. GOD’S LOVE TO US THROUGH CHRIST

1. What does I Jn. 4:8 say that God is? \_\_\_\_\_
2. How did God manifest His love toward us? I Jn. 4:9,10; Jn. 3:16 \_\_\_\_\_

11. What does Rom. 12:9a,10 tell us? \_\_\_\_\_

12. How can we show our love to others? How do they know we love them? \_\_\_\_\_

13. Are we to love in word only? I Jn. 3:16-18, Jas. 2:15,16, II Cor. 5:14a. \_\_\_\_\_

14. Whom are we to love, according to the following verses?

(a) Matt. 5:44 \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Luke 7:47 \_\_\_\_\_

15. Read Jn. 15:7-11. What are we to do (vs. 9)? As we abide in Him and His words abide in us, what will result in our Christian lives? \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, we are to continue in His love, to walk in love. May our prayer be that the Lord would fill our hearts and lives with *His* love, more love for Him, for one another (resulting in greater harmony in our churches) and the joy of loving others to Him.

Suggested Song: “More Love to Thee”

—Mrs. Alvin Grothe

3. Who initiated love? I Jn. 4:10, Rom. 5:8 \_\_\_\_\_

“We love Him, because He first loved us” (I Jn 4:19).

## II. OUR LOVE TO GOD

4. How do we become partakers of God's love? Jn. 3:16, I Jn. 4:13-16, Gal. 5:22-25 \_\_\_\_\_

5. God wants our love. How are we to love Him? Deut. 6:5, Matt. 22:37,38 \_\_\_\_\_

6. What did Jesus ask Peter? Jn. 21:15,16,17 \_\_\_\_\_

Do we love Him? How can we prove our love to Him? \_\_\_\_\_

Oh, how we ought to love Jesus for all He has done for us. May our earnest prayer be that we have more love for Him.

7. What should we love and obey according to the following verses? Ps. 119:97,127,159,167; Jn. 14:21-24; I Jn. 1:5,6 \_\_\_\_\_

## III. OUR LOVE FOR OTHERS

There are so many verses in God's Word regarding our love for one another as Christians and for all people (I Thess. 4:9, I Pet. 1:22, 4:8, I Jn. 4:12,20,21).

8. The first and great commandment is to love the Lord our God with all our heart, mind and soul. What is the second? Matt. 22:39-40, Rom. 13:9,10, Gal. 5:14 \_\_\_\_\_

Love is the fulfilling of the law (Rom. 13:10b).

What does He command us to do, in these verses? Jn. 15:12,17, I Jn. 3:23, II Jn. 5,6 \_\_\_\_\_

9. Jesus has given us a wonderful example in Himself. How are we to love others? Jn. 13:34,35; 15:12, I Jn. 4:11, I Jn. 3:16 \_\_\_\_\_

10. I Cor. 13 is a beautiful love chapter; list some characteristics of love found in it. I Cor. 13:4-8, 13 \_\_\_\_\_

## Step One: The Call

### BIBLE LESSON:

Matthew 22:1-14 (Luke 14:16-24)  
and Matthew 9:9-13.

### INTRODUCTION:

The many-sided work of the Holy Spirit in the heart and life of an individual takes place through the Means of Grace in various steps which occur in a logical order. Regardless of which direction one takes in life (continuing in Baptismal grace, falling from grace into open sin, or falling from grace into Pharisaical religiosity) the Holy Spirit ever continues His gracious work in the heart to maintain or re-establish the person in a personal, conscious heart knowledge of salvation in Jesus Christ. This series of steps is often called *The Order of Salvation*.

The first step in The Order of Salvation is termed *The Call*. *The Call* is that activity of the Holy Spirit by which through the Gospel He makes known to the sinner the saving grace of God in Christ and both invites and enables Him to believe in Christ and be saved. In its essence the Gospel is a call to come and partake of the good things which God has provided for sinful mankind through Jesus Christ. *The Explanation to the Catechism* by Sverdrup tells us that God many times accompanies the call with certain circumstances which He brings into a person's life. "He often uses suffering, often blessings, often the example of others, and such other means as may lead" one to reflect on spiritual things. Perhaps the first thought of man's reflection at the time of the call is simply this, "God must be trying to tell me something." This thought leads the searching and receiving heart to the blessed Word where he further understands and is impressed by the call of the Holy Spirit unto salvation through God's gracious Gospel. As the heart remains open to God, the Holy Spirit continues His work through other logical steps which follow this first step, *The Call*.

## Steps to a personal, conscious knowledge of Salvation in Jesus Christ

### QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. What does this parable explain?
2. Whom does God use to send out the call?
3. Who are bidden to the wedding?
4. What does the wedding illustrate?
5. What do people do today instead of paying heed to God's call?
6. What excuses do people use to refuse God's call? Refer also to Luke 14:16-24.
7. Why does God call people to the wedding? See Matthew 9:12 also.
8. Why would one want to respond positively to God's call?
9. Why were the invited guests considered to be unworthy to come to the wedding?
10. What is the meaning of Matthew 22:9,10 as it relates to God's call?
11. What was the significance or meaning of the man who came to the wedding without the wedding garment?
12. Why did the man without the wedding garment receive such a severe punishment?
13. Why was the King justified in his severe judgment upon those who rejected the call or the one who came with improper dress? See Luke 14:24 also.
14. In Matthew 9:9-13, what two groups of people are present: How would each group be described in terms of the spiritual response to Jesus: Are these two groups still with us today?
15. With which group do you most closely identify? Why?
16. How does this lesson apply to your individual spiritual life?

Pastor Ralph Tjelta  
Minneapolis, Minn.

The primary source for this series of studies is Joseph Stump's book entitled *The Christian Faith*. A study guide with answers to the questions may be obtained from the author or the president of the Luther League Federation. The Catechism referred to in the study is *Luther's Small Catechism, Explained in Questions and Answers*, by H. U. Sverdrup and is available from the Parish Education Department of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations.

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## to have the Spirit of God

**"... it is well to clinch the fact that every person who by repentance and faith has received Jesus into the heart has the Spirit of God. To be a child of God and not have the Holy Spirit is impossible."**

*Ludvig Hope, Spirit and Power,*  
Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation  
Translated by Dr. Iver Olson.



# *TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION* *WOMEN'S MISSIONARY FEDERATION* *OF THE* *ASSOCIATION OF FREE LUTHERAN CONGREGATIONS* *June 12, 1985*

Registration . . . . . 9:00-9:30  
 Prayer Service . . . . . 9:30-10:00  
     Leader: Mrs. Clarence Quanbeck, McVile, N.Dak.  
 Prelude  
 Singspiration . . . . . Leader: Mrs. John Mundfrom  
                                     Eben Jct., Mich.  
 Devotions . . . . . Mrs. Henry Johansen  
                                     Willmar, Minn.  
 Welcome . . . . . Mrs. Gerald Mundfrom  
                                     Osceola, Wis.  
 Response . . . . . Mrs. Grace Syverson  
                                     Tioga, N. Dak.  
 Music . . . . . Mrs. Terry Olson  
                                     Fargo, N. Dak.  
 Bible Study . . . . . Mrs. Alvin Grothe  
                                     Astoria, Ore.

Business Meeting  
 Memorial Service . . . . . Leader: Mrs. Ray Jacobson  
                                     Wadena, Minn.

Offering               CRADLE ROLL/JUNIOR MISSIONS  
 Announcements  
 Closing Prayer  
 Table Prayer

## AFTERNOON SERVICE

1:30 p.m.      June 12

Prelude  
 Singspiration . . . . . Leader: Mrs. John Mundfrom  
 Devotions . . . . . Mrs. Dan Giles  
                                     Leon, Mexico  
 Unfinished Business  
 Music . . . . . Mrs. John Mundfrom  
 Message . . . . . Pastor and Mrs. Charles Knapp  
                                     Karlstad, Minn.

Hymn Sing  
 Offering               CRADLE ROLL/JUNIOR MISSIONS  
 Greetings  
 Presentation of Honorary Membership Pins  
 Comments  
 Benediction

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## PRAYER BREAKFAST For All Ladies THURSDAY 7 o'clock

Message: Mrs. Charles Knapp

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## FESTIVAL SERVICE

Thursday Evening      June 13

Prelude  
 Singspiration . . . . . Leader: Mrs. John Mundfrom  
 Devotions . . . . . Mrs. Donald Greven  
                                     Minneapolis, Minn.  
 Installation of Officers . . . . Pastor Richard Snipstead  
                                     Minneapolis, Minn.  
 Special Music . . . . . Pastor and Mrs. Bruce Dalager  
                                     Grand Forks, N. Dak.  
 Offering               MY MISSIONARY FOR A DAY  
 Song  
 Message . . . . . Pastor Charles Knapp  
                                     Karlstad, Minn.

Hymn  
 Benediction

## ELECTIONS . . .

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, Canton, S. Dak.\*  
 Mr. Marlow Nash, Colfax, N. Dak.  
 Rev. Frank Cherney, Sebeka, Minn.  
 Rev. Emerson Anderson, Cleveland, Oh.

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*BUDGET RECEIPTS*  
 February 1, 1984-January 31, 1985

FUND	TOTAL BUDGET	REC'D IN JAN.	TOTAL REC'D TO DATE	% of TOTAL*	(SHORT)
General Fund	\$ 193,152.00	\$ 29,108.83	\$ 189,873.17	98	(3,278.83)
Schools — AFLTS	102,232.66	20,064.28	84,610.48	83	(17,622.18)
AFLBS	165,251.34	37,314.01	148,632.91	90	(16,618.43)
Home Missions	237,739.00	29,785.67	198,420.73	83	(39,318.27)
World Missions	274,720.00	41,111.29	223,175.26	81	(51,544.74)
Praise Fund	30,000.00	2,930.52	27,437.71	91	(2,562.29)
TOTAL	\$1,003,095.00	\$160,314.60	\$872,150.26	87	(130,944.74)
1983-84	\$ 963,916.00	\$170,813.02	\$804,176.21	86	(159,739.79)

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*BUDGET RECEIPTS*  
 February 1-March 31

FUND	TOTAL BUDGET	REC'D IN MARCH	TOTAL REC'D TO DATE	% of TOTAL*
General Fund	\$ 213,910.00	\$ 11,947.35	\$ 26,167.01	12
Schools — AFLTS	108,041.00	4,187.90	9,060.63	8
AFLBS	179,198.00	4,988.22	11,593.36	6
Home Missions	271,233.00	6,767.88	15,609.81	6
World Missions	307,000.00	13,859.45	30,318.80	10
Praise Fund	30,000.00	882.56	2,093.32	7
TOTAL	\$1,109,382.00	\$ 42,633.36	\$ 94,842.93	9*
1984-85	\$1,003,095.00	\$ 48,820.23	\$ 90,554.83	9

\*Goal 17%

**In memoriam**

Key: The name of the town is 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.

**SOUTH DAKOTA**

Webster

**Mrs. Arnt (Ruby) Hanson, 91,**  
 Mar. 5, Tabor

**MINNESOTA**

Roseau

**Palmer Skallerud, 71, Apr. 7,**  
 Roseau

Litchfield

**Mrs. A. L. (Helen) Sands, 83, Feb. 2.**  
 (Not an AFLC member, Mrs. Sands had LFC background and had the interest of the AFLC at heart.)

**REV. KENNETH A. ANDERSON**

Rev. Kenneth A. Anderson, former Lutheran Free Church pastor, died in Minneapolis, Minn., on Feb. 15. He was 74. He was born June 2, 1910, in Minneapolis and was graduated from Augsburg College and Augsburg Seminary there.

Ordained in the LFC in 1937, he served parishes at LaPorte, Minn.,

**NEWS OF THE CHURCHES***from here and there*

**Hatton, N. Dak.**—Zoar Lutheran Church dedicated a new organ on Sun., April 14. Mr. Lloyd Collins of Olivet Lutheran Church, Fargo, N. Dak., was guest organist in an afternoon concert that day.

**Minneapolis, Minn.**—The Amery Wis., Handbell Choir gave a concert at Medicine Lake Lutheran Church on Sun., April 28. The choir is made up of women from the Amery parish and also students in the Mustard Seed Academy.

**Burnsville, Minn.**—The Fellowship Quartet of Radcliffe, Ia., sang at Minnesota Valley Lutheran Church on Sun., April 21, at the morning service. That evening they sang at Medicine Lake Lutheran in Minneapolis.

**Culbertson, Mont.**—Rev. Laurel Udden, Minneapolis, Minn., spoke at evangelistic services in Bethel Lutheran Church, March 10-14.

**Strandquist, Minn.**—Special meetings were held at Hegland Lutheran Church, April 14-18. Rev. Wesley Langaas, McVile, N. Dak., was the guest speaker.

**Tioga, N. Dak.**—"Anthem," a musical group from Wisconsin, presented a concert at Zion Lutheran Church on April 13 as a part of the spring district Luther League rally.

**Dalton, Minn.**—The Dalton parish has a tape ministry for shut-ins. The Sunday worship services are recorded and the tapes are brought to those who wish to hear them.

**Goodridge, Minn.**—Rev. Milo Gudim, former missionary to Madagascar, showed slides at the Family Night program at Telemarken Lutheran Church on Sun., April 28.

Shell Lake, Wis., Fortuna, N. Dak., Ortonville, Minn., Everest, Kans., Borup, Minn., Joliet, Ill., and Pasadena, Md. While at the latter, he and his congregation hosted the AFLBS Choir for one concert on an eastern tour.

Pastor Anderson was united in marriage to Opal Kastella in 1939.

Blessed be his memory.

*Dear Alumni,*

Greetings to all in Jesus name from your executive committee. We hope to see many of you at our "get-together" again this year at the Annual Conference. We are anxious to have many alumni come and become involved in what is going on in our AFLC. The conference is just around the corner so set aside those dates now. We hope to see you there!

The Alumni Association is presently looking for a new Executive Director. Cindy Schlenk has resigned effective June 1. The Lord is now leading and preparing the next person who is to become our next Executive Director. Please make this a matter of prayer that the Lord would lead and guide this decision.

The next matter of concern that we would like to bring to your attention is that of our dues and contributions. They are not coming in this year as before. We do not have enough money in our treasury to pay for our spring quarter student grants. This then also means that we will not have the allotted monies for the fall grants either. The process for selecting our recipients for the fall grants has already begun. Please make this a matter of prayer, asking that the Lord will supply our needs to meet our grants. Please send your contributions to Rachel Johnson, 3000 Winnetka Ave. N., #202, Mpls. Minn. 55427.

Your Alumni President  
Tonnes Pollestad

## Personalities

Present address for **Rev. and Mrs. Orville T. Olson** is Box 36, Brodhead, Wis., 53520. In the winters they reside in Mesa, Ariz.

**Mr. John Mundfrom**, a 1984 graduate of Free Lutheran Seminary, upon call from Calvary Lutheran Church, Eben Jct., Mich., was ordained on April 14 in Minneapolis, Minn., and is now serving at Eben Jct.

Please note this corrected information. **Both Pastor and Mrs. Julius Hermunsle** are now residents of Broen Home, 420 E. Alcott Ave., Fergus Falls, Minn. 56537.

**Rev. Forrest Swenson** will be assisting in the Roseau, Minn., parish (Roseau, Rose, Spruce and Norland) this summer. Roseau is his home community. Rev. Larry Severson is the pastor of the parish.

### CREDIT OMITTED

The cover photo on the April 9th *Ambassador* was of a scene in

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## God's Word in you

"Nothing is so effectual against the devil, the world, the flesh and all evil thoughts as to occupy oneself with the Word of God, talk about it, and meditate on it . . . Not only do we need our daily bread; we also must use it daily against the daily, incessant attacks and ambushes of the devil with his thousand darts . . . when we seriously ponder the Word, hear it, and put it to use, such is its power that it never departs without fruit. It always awakens new understanding, new pleasure, and a new spirit of devotion, and it constantly cleanses the heart and its meditations. For these words are not idle or dead, but effective and living."

—Martin Luther

## ARC FAMILY BIBLE CAMP

The AFLC Family Bible Camp at the Association Retreat Center, Osceola, Wis., will be held August 12-

18. The theme for the week will be "Faith is the Victory" and the theme verse is I John 5:4. Rev. Herbert Franz, Cloquet, Minn., will be the evening speaker, Rev. Harris Van Someren, Mason, Wis., is the dean.

Complete details will be given in a later issue of the *Ambassador*.

Gouda, Holland. Credit for the photo should be given to Roger C. Huebner, D.D.S. It was inadvertently left out.