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The ministry of prayer

While Christian believers have different ministries according to their gifts (Romans 12:6-8), they are all called by God to practice the ministry of prayer. In Ephesians 6:18, the apostle Paul exhorts, "Pray at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints." In this one verse the apostle Paul teaches us when to pray, how to pray and whom to pray for in our ministry of prayer.

How often should we pray? Paul tells us that we should pray "at all times in the Spirit." "All times" includes for everything on every occasion throughout the day. Nothing is too small or insignificant to take to the Lord in prayer.

As Paul teaches us when to pray, he also instructs concerning how to pray. We are to pray with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit; and we are to keep alert with all perseverance.

In our prayer ministry, we need to pray with "all prayer and supplication." This means that we need to practice a balanced prayer life by making use of every form of prayer (praise, thanksgiving, confession, intercession, petition, listening and fellowship).

As we make use of all the forms of prayer, we need to pray "in the Spirit." Praying in the Spirit involves relying completely upon the power and leading of the Holy Spirit in our praying. Just as a stream carries a twig, so the Holy Spirit carries us along in prayer. We need to cast ourselves upon the Holy Spirit in our prayer ministry and rely upon His strength and guidance (see Romans 8:26-27). In our own power we simply cannot carry on an effective prayer ministry (Zechariah 4:6; John 15:5).

While we cannot pray in our own power, God calls us to be actively involved in the ministry of prayer. Paul exhorts us to "keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints." In order to bless others abundantly in the ministry of prayer,

we need to be alert to the needs in our family, in our church, in our community, in our nation and in our world. May we be watchful and alert so that we do not forfeit precious opportunities to bless others through prayer. As we keep alert and watchful, we must continually persevere in prayer (Luke 18:1; Romans 12:12; Colossians 4:12).

In our prayer ministry, whom should we pray for? Paul tells us that we are to make supplication for all the saints. All the saints includes the entire body of Christ and all the Christian believers we know and come in contact with. As we pray for all the saints we must also remember to pray for pastors and missionaries, for those in authority (i.e., presidents, political and church leaders), for unbelievers and for all men (I Timothy 2:1-2). While we certainly should pray diligently for those close to us, we need to broaden our prayer circle to include needs from around the entire world (individual people, congregations, missionaries, mission works). At this time we should be praying for the difficult situation in the Middle East concerning Iraq. We also should be praying for Christians in Eastern Europe, the Soviet Union, China and throughout the world. The whole world is our prayer field.

God is calling us to serve in the wonderful ministry of prayer. May we say yes to our Lord's call and continue steadfastly in prayer. As we serve faithfully in the ministry of prayer, we are co-workers with God in the accomplishment of His plan and purpose for world history.



—by Rev.
Mark R. Bateson

How do you identify with others? How do you react to a stranger, friend, neighbor or relative? God's word admonishes us, in Romans 12:15, "Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn."

As we look at and identify with others, Jesus has given us an example. He went from town to town preaching, teaching, healing and performing miracles. But when He saw the crowds, he was moved with compassion for the people, because He saw their physical and spiritual needs. Jesus understands and knows our every concern.

It has been said that most people have really only one to three good friends whom they can confide in and trust. Perhaps if you were to describe your nearest and dearest friends you would speak of them as the ones who rejoice with you in the times of joy and weep with you in times of sorrow. When you are happy and successful and beaming with prosperity, they join in praise on your behalf and wish you continued blessing. When sadness and sorrow comes into your life and your heart sinks in despair, they mix their tears with yours and bear your burden with you. What a marvelous place the world would be if Christian people everywhere followed Romans 12:15. We ought to search our hearts and accept God's warning, especially those of us who profess Christian faith.

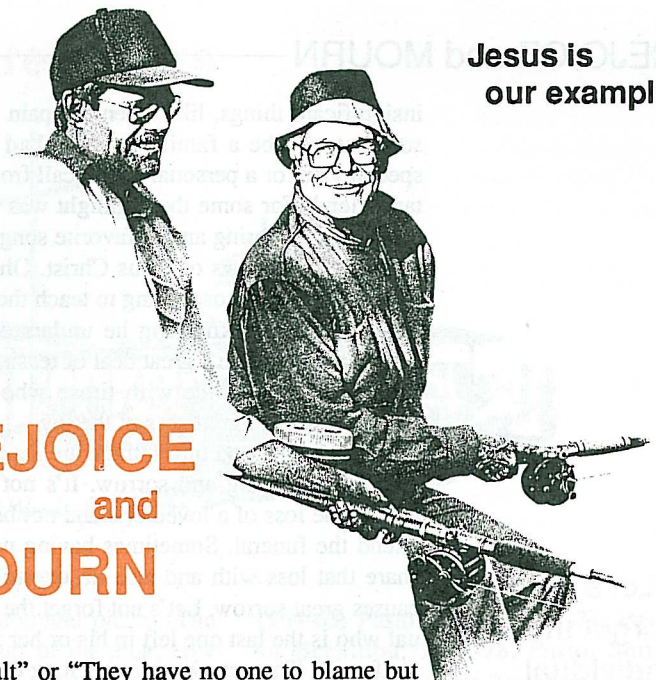
Today many people seem to be rejoicing in the downfall of others. Sorry to say, this is even happening among God's people. When they see you happy and successful, they are jealous and envious and will do almost everything to dampen your spirit and bring discouragement. When you are in sorrow and difficulty, they somehow show they are gratified. Compassion and love are often replaced by greed and covetousness. I see people go through hard times who are ignored and hear others say, "They deserve what has happened," "It's their

REJOICE and MOURN

own fault" or "They have no one to blame but themselves". I have been guilty, too, of looking from the outside and drawing my own conclusion. It's so easy to look from a distance and to have all the answers and know nothing of the cause and effect of that situation. How often I have failed to have compassion or that deep heart-feeling to see others as Jesus would.

For the past several years, I have had the privilege to serve as chaplain of a nursing home. I would say that my duties could be summed up in the words rejoice and weep. For many of the residents, I was the only friend with whom to share their joys and sorrows. Some of the simple everyday tasks were major hurdles for them to overcome. Things like, "Who will push my wheelchair to chapel?"; "Will the nurse come early enough to help me get ready for morning worship?" I could help by reading someone's mail when he could no longer see to read or simply picking up an object or personal item out of reach or because of an inability to do so. Yes, the rejoicing came in the small and

**Jesus is
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—by Lay Pastor
Dale Finstrom
Glyndon, Minn.

New editorial staff chosen

Rev. Robert L. Lee, Newark, Illinois, was appointed to be the new editor of *The Lutheran Ambassador* by the Co-ordinating Committee at their July meeting. Lee, one of three candidates nominated by the Annual Conference, has served as the pastor of Helmar Lutheran Church, rural Newark, since January, after ten years as an instructor in the AFLC Schools. His most recent involvement with the *Ambassador* has been as an assistant editor, and he is vice-president of the church body.

Solveig Larson Hjermstad, St. Paul, Minnesota, will be assistant to the editor of the magazine, with her present duties for layout and design expanded to a three-fourths time position. Mrs. Hjermstad, who was also nominated by the Conference is a busy mother and pastor's wife, married to Rev. Wayne Hjermstad, pastor of Victory in Christ Lutheran Church, Maplewood, Minn.

The first issue in October will mark the beginning of their service for the new editorial staff.

— Co-ordinating Committee

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insignificant things, like when the pain was not so great, maybe a family member had made a special visit, or a personal phone call from a distant friend. For some the highlight was to go to Bible study, hearing an old favorite song and the precious good news of Jesus Christ. Oh, I can’t forget the joy of those trying to teach their chaplain Norwegian, knowing he understood very little but could take a great deal of teasing. What a privilege to rejoice with those who rejoice regardless of the greatness of the joy.

If there are good times, there are also valleys, days of mourning and sorrow. It’s not easy to handle the loss of a loved one and not be able to attend the funeral. Sometimes having no one to share that loss with and also no one to console causes great sorrow. Let’s not forget the individual who is the last one left in his or her immediate family. They can have many long and lonely days. There are others who have family but somehow have been totally forgotten, with no visitors, letters or phone calls. Yes, in those times of mourning, loss and loneliness, we are called upon to mourn with them. It is during these opportunities that we can share Jesus, give encouragement and offer friendship to one who is in need.

Maybe we could learn a lesson from the parable of the Good Samaritan and ask ourselves the question, “Who is my neighbor?” What will our reaction be to this one who is physically hurting and in pain? Will we be like the priest who saw the need and passed by, the Levite who came and looked at him and passed on the other side, or the Samaritan who saw him and had compassion on him. Because of that compassionate heart, he bound up the wounds, poured on ointment, brought him to an inn, paid his way and returned later to see if there was anything else he could do (Luke 10:29-37).

Let’s rejoice with those who rejoice and mourn with those who mourn” and in love and obedience do it as unto the Lord.

Pastor Dale Finstrom has served as pastor of Zoar Lutheran Church at Hatton, N. Dak., and chaplain of the Tri-County Nursing Home there for several years. He recently moved to Glyndon, Minn., to serve Maranatha Lutheran Church. He is married to the former Cris Carlson, Wannaska, Minn., and they have three children.

THE DIVINITY

I. Arius

Arius was a presbyter, or pastor, in Alexandria in the early 300s A. D. Like the earlier heretic, Cerinthus, he taught that Christ was not God. Assuredly, He stood above all other created beings, but He, too, had been created by the Father.

Here is what Luther writes about Arius:

“This heretic fought vigorously against every assertion that our Lord Christ is truly God. He did great damage in Christendom; his heresy is not rooted out in our day. Yet our Lord God defended His honor through a remarkable miracle. Historians record that Arius had appealed to the Emperor Constantine and sought his advice. Under oath Arius deceived the emperor into thinking that he was not a false teacher. The emperor ordered Bishop Alexander to recognize Arius as a member of the church and allow him to resume the pastoral office. When the devout bishop refused, Eusebius and the other bishops who were on Arius’ side threatened that if he would not restore Arius as ordered by the imperial edict, they would drive him away by force and Arius would be received by the church at large. Therefore, he was to think the matter over until the next day. The devout bishop stood fast. Since the party of Arius was so strong and powerful and had the edict of the emperor along with his entire court on its side, Alexander sought the help of God, for only with Him can man find help in such questions as touch upon the honor of God. He went to the church, fell on his knees, and prayed the entire night that our Lord God would do for the sake of His name whatever He had to do to defeat the evil undertaking and bring His help to Christendom against these heretics.

“When morning came and the hour approached for the people to assemble in the church, when Bishop Alexander was either to accept Arius or to be deposed from office, Arius and his followers arose and went to the church in high hopes. Yet on the way he experienced such severe abdominal pains that he begged to be taken someplace where he could rest. When the procession had passed through the gates and the people were waiting for Arius, the word came that he had died, that his lungs and his liver had left his body. Therefore it was rightfully said of him: *Mortem dignam blasphema et foetida*— he had taken with him such a spirit as would fit well with his blaspheming, stinking heart.”

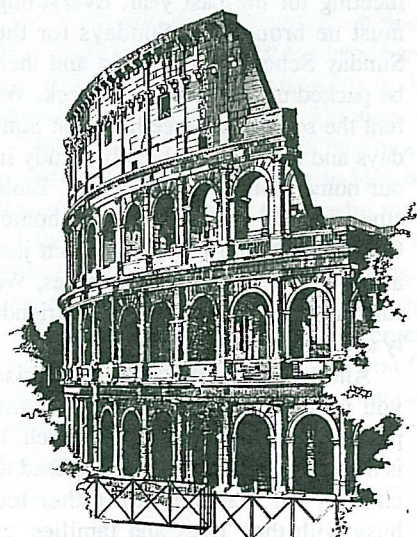
OF CHRIST vs. two heretics in the early church

To lay to rest the consternation which Arius' heresy had caused, the Emperor Constantine convened a church conclave in 325 at Nicaea (close to Constantinople, which is modern Istanbul, Turkey — Tr.). To it came 318 bishops from all parts of the far-flung Roman Empire. Arius' teachings were condemned as opposing the Holy Spirit as a confession of faith was worked out and adopted. The basis for this confession was the Nicene Creed. The divinity of Christ loomed especially large in this new confession of faith: "God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father."

At a church conclave in Constantinople in 381, this confession was reaffirmed along with some additions. It is in this form that we have the Nicene Creed, which was then called the Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed.

II. Nestorius

In the 400s there lived in Constantinople a patriarch by the name of Nestorius. He taught that Christ was assuredly true God and true man, but that Mary had merely given birth to a man child and could not rightfully be called the mother of God. Neither could it be said that God had been born of Mary or that He had suffered. Since Nestorius agreed that Christ was both God and man, many believed that it was not so dreadful for him not to call Mary the mother of God.



However, the orthodox bishops soon affirmed that Nestorius' teaching denied the incarnation of God in Christ as well as the personal union of God with man in Him. The person of Christ was one, but Nestorius, they said, had made two persons out of Him.

To lay this controversy to rest the Emperor Theodosius convened a church conclave in 431 in Ephesus. Here, the Nestorian heresy was condemned. Nestorius, who dared to rise in protest, was deposed and exiled. That's how seriously people regarded false doctrine. In the early church, church discipline was a living reality which was not merely taught but practiced.

Just the same, Arius, Nestorius, and their kind have not died out, but remain in the churches and flourish. This is also true in the Lutheran Church, even though the Lutheran Confessions (in particular the Solid Declaration of the Formula of Concord, VIII) deny and condemn as contrary to God's Word and our clear Christian faith (1) the Nestorian error that God and man in Christ are not one person but that one person is God's Son and the other a human son; and (2) that Christ is not the true, actual and eternal God, as Arius maintained.

Mary gave birth to God. Those who will not call her the mother of God are in the same company as the heretics Arius and Nestorius and are denying the Lutheran Confessions, which declare that Mary did not conceive a mere mortal but the very Son of God Himself, and that she is therefore rightly called what she truly is: the mother of God. There is a Swedish hymn, similar to our "O Come, All Ye Faithful," which declares:

The eternal Father's honor and glory
shall we behold, hidden in flesh.

God lies swaddled
like a child in the cradle.

O come, let us worship,

O come, let us worship,

O come, let us worship Christ, our God!

— *Luthersk Sandebrev*

(Translated from the Swedish by
Pastor Edward A. Johnson, Jasper, Ind.)

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Hope Lutheran, Rugby, N. Dakota

In the fall of 1988, a group of Lutherans, dissatisfied with the direction of the new merged Lutheran church was headed, began having informational meetings. Meetings were advertised in the community and were held in the Otter Tail Power Building. Because of the interest shown, Pastor Elden Nelson, Home Missions Director, was asked to share with the group about the AFLC.

A Steering Committee was organized and plans were made to begin worship services in January, 1989. The group requested affiliation with the AFLC and chose the name Hope Free Lutheran. Pastor Larry Haagenson held the first service of the new group January 22. Bethel Lutheran, Minot, N. Dak., helped out in various ways to encourage the newly organized group. Toby Knutson, Minot; Henry Mohagen, Towner, a former member of Bethel in Minot; and Dr. Dan Rose, East Grand Forks, Minn., along with seminary students and professors from AFLTS, served Hope until September and then a temporary call was given to Lay Pastor Henry Mohagen to serve until a full-time pastor could be called.

The group is small in number but a very strong interest has been shown in Bible study and Sunday School. The charter was opened and 17 signed the opening day.

There was one confirmand in May of this year.

Mrs. (Linda) Mohagen has started a Kids' Club which meets Wednesday evenings while the adults have Bible study and we're happy to see some outside interest in this area.

Pastor John Abel spoke at evangelistic services in March with a good attendance at all the meetings and we have also hosted community singspirations that have been well attended.

The Barnabas Team came and helped with Vacation Bible School, June 11-13. Thirty-nine children came and were encouraged with the theme "Let's Follow Jesus" and a well attended program was held Wednesday evening at the close of VBS. The Barnabas Team was a great help and we thank them for their work.

We rent a church building from the United Methodist/Presbyterian Church of Rugby. They have two buildings so meet in one six months and switch to the other the next six months. Because of this switching, we also have to do likewise, but hope this inconvenience can be changed in the future.

We are encouraged with the support of the Bible School with their traveling teams as well as the support from the Home Missions Department.

We are thankful to be a part of the AFLC and we ask that you will continue to pray for this new church in Rugby, that it can be true to God's Word and be a lighthouse in this community. — *Corr.*

Palmdale, California

It was a rather warm Friday afternoon in August last year as Sandra, Matthew and I pulled into Palmdale, California, to begin our work here. Things would be different for us, having lived in the Upper Midwest most of our lives. We really didn't know what was in store for us, but it really didn't matter because God had made it quite clear that this is where we were to be. And I can honestly say that Palmdale is now home to us even though so many of our children, relatives and memories are back in Minnesota and North Dakota.

One thing that one becomes aware of right away is the crowds of people that one finds no matter where one goes. I have gotten used to standing in line at restaurants, the Post Office, getting gas for the car, buying food at the store. There are 29 million people in California and Palmdale has been growing at a rate of nearly 1,000 people a month. Life, I believe, is lived at a faster pace and many of the people put in very long hours at work and just in the time it takes to get to work. One of our members travels nearly 70 miles one way to get to work. I am afraid that is not so unusual, for many in Palmdale travel to Los Angeles to work.

At present, our congregation meets in a school gym, where we have been meeting for the past year. Everything must be brought on Sundays for the Sunday School and worship and then be packed up again for next week. We rent the school for three hours on Sundays and have a weekly Bible study in our home along with the ladies' Bible study in one of our member's home. Our congregation has grown from just a few families to over 20 families. We find our people to be very open, friendly and a pleasure to serve.

Another thing that might surprise you is that the great majority of the people out here do not go to church. It is not so much that they are opposed to church, but that they are either too busy with their lives and families, or



New to the office

Carlayne Holm joined the office staff of the AFLC in July as secretary in the Home Missions Department. Prior to coming to the AFLC, she had been employed, most recently, as a secretary at United HealthCare in Minnetonka.

Carlayne is originally from Perley, Minnesota and her sister, Connie, is married to Pastor Al Monson, Dickinson, N. Dak. Carlayne is thankful for the opportunity to be a part of the AFLC staff, and especially for the Christ-centered atmosphere.

Aerial photo of the Campo Mourao campus

New blacktop roadway can be seen in front of the grounds. Lower right foreground (in the trees) the home of Missionary John Abel (not mission property).

Next the girl's dormitory, built of wood in the mid-60s. The oldest building on campus.

Next — Chapel/Classroom/Offices/Kitchen. New brick Memorial Chapel to the left with the recently added Bell Tower. Middle portion houses classrooms, offices, library and small lounge. Extending to the right is the recently enlarged dining room and new kitchen. The area between the kitchen and classrooms has been tiled and serves as a patio.

Next — The new Men's Dormitory. Across the road, the rooftops just visible in the trees, the residence where the

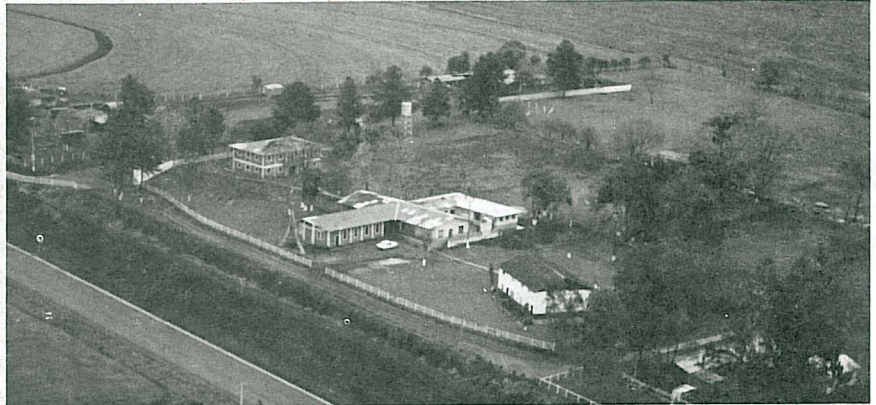
that they just have never thought of church. In a community of over 60,000 people, you would be surprised how few churches there are and even more so at how small most churches are. Scripture speaks of how in the last days people will become so busy with living and trying to have fun that they will forget what life is all about. God will not be a part of their lives.

We are in the process of purchasing land and remodeling a building that is on this land for a church. If all goes well, we hope to be in our new church by the end of August.

I believe that it is important that we give of our time, talents and energies to a mission work like ours in California. We need to be in places where people are coming and then minister to them from God's Word.

The reason for Home Missions is that we just can't eat our bread alone.

—Pastor David Molstre



George Knapps lived (mission property).

To the upper right the home of Missionary Connely Dyrud (not mission property).

The white patches on the roofs are repairs recently made because of storm damage to the buildings.

Missionary John Abel's Fall Evangelism schedule

Oct. 20-24 — Colfax, Wis., Mark Bateson, pastor.

Oct. 28-31 — Roslyn, S. Dak. (Lake Region Parish), Lynn Wilson, pastor.

Nov. 4-7 — Escanaba, Mich., Jerome Nikunen, pastor.

Nov. 10-14 — Upsala, Minn., Lyle Aadahl, pastor.

Nov. 18-21 — Canton, S. Dak., Ronald Knutson, pastor.

Nov. 24-28 — Larimore, N. Dak., Mark Molstre, pastor.

Dec. 1-5 — Roseau, Minn., Reuben Unseth, pastor.

Watch local announcements for further details.

Missionary Abel underwent major surgery during the Labor Day weekend at Londrina, Brazil. Previous kidney stone treatment was ineffective. He is now recovering at his home in Campo Mourao. Continued prayers are appreciated.



New AFLC church building under construction on the site of the former church (converted garage) in Vila Camargo, a suburb of Curitiba, Parana, Brazil.

SPORTS,
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MORE
SPORTS

What about it? Is there a place for sports in our lives? Is there a value in having sports programs in our schools or even in our churches? Should our churches sponsor sports teams? What about following the national teams and attending their games? or collecting baseball cards, etc.?

Perhaps you have to keep an appointment book with all of your special and extra activities in it. Many an active young person has to do such. Usually you are the same young people who are involved in our churches and who attend regularly.

We are certain each of you has chosen to enter into the various activities because you believe you are developing some important values for your life. Also, you feel the necessity to develop your body and to keep physically fit.

Playing on a sports team can help you see what some aspects of this life are like. General Douglas MacArthur had this statement placed on the entrance hall of the cadet gymnasium at West Point, "On these fields of friendly strife are sown the seeds which, on other fields, in other times, will bear the fruits of victory."

A famous bishop, Daniel Poling, has written, "Give me the direction of the play-life of the youth of this generation and I shall dictate the world's path tomorrow."

It is good for us to evaluate our involvement in sports. If you are a participating youth or not, you can evaluate your calendar of activities and

decide for yourself the direction you are to go. If you are an adult who is interested in the local sports team or some national team, just as any young person, you need to evaluate that involvement.

Sports are not sinful nor is the participation in sports sinful. Attending and being interested in local sports or in some national sports team may be found exciting and worthwhile to you.

Even the church can have sports teams. One team of young men in Grafton, North Dakota, was called the "Preachers." They got that name because they had devotions and prayer right on the ball diamond, just before their games.

Such a church-sponsored team could play other churches and could have a time of fellowship with them. These teams could be used to reach others for the Lord Jesus Christ.

In an inner city church, the congregation could enhance its evangelism and outreach program by having basketball or softball teams. These teams would have their times of devotions and prayer. A Christian coach could certainly be used by the Lord to evangelize your community, even in a rural area!

The purposes and goals of these teams would not be just for sports' sake but for the sake of the Lord. Would it not be the same for every endeavor you enter? Certainly!

Colossians 3:17 states: "And what-

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ever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." This is the key, right? Doing things for Jesus, that is the main goal of the Christian.

When Jesus is our Lord, He leads us through His Holy Spirit. He leads us to have a balance in our Christian living.

We who are saved rejoice when a teenager, or anyone else for that matter, gives a testimony of what Christ means to him. We praise God when an athlete tells others what the Lord has done for him or her through daily devotions, worship attendance or Luther League!

We like it when young people get involved and still put the Lord Jesus Christ first. It thrills the heart of Christ, too!

There are dangers, however. There is the older fellow who has attended nearly every Chicago Cubs' game since he was old enough to do so. They had a special recognition of this fellow. There in Wrigley Field that big crowd of fans recognized him.

This was fine. We all enjoyed watching it. However, it seemed to me that a person should be more of a fan, so to speak, of Christ than the Cubs, etc. We can't say about this gentleman. However, if that was all he did, and lived to see Cubs' games and memorize statistics and even knew the history of the Cubs, he would lose out! You know what is meant by this, right?

Personally, I do not want to see anyone of us lose out with Jesus. Because, after all, the games are played and when the end of time comes, it won't be how many sports trophies we have won, or how many games we attended! What will be the most important is knowing Jesus and being able to go through this life with Him as our Savior and Coach.

What do you think?

*Pastor Dennis Gray
AFLC Youth Director*

WILL HISTORY REPEAT ITSELF?

The 1890s, the decade at the close of the 19th century, are remembered as the "Gay Nineties." That was in a time when the word "gay" meant something quite different than the connotation often brought to mind when the word is used today. And yet the term "Gay Nineties" does not represent an era or spirit of which we can be proud in our country. It represents an intemperate and worldly age.

Historians and economists recall the Panic of 1893. The word "depression" wasn't so much in vogue then. Economic consequences of the Panic were great.

And, of course, the Spanish-American War was fought in 1898. It had the rallying cry, "Remember the Maine!" Cuba became free afterward and the U.S. secured the Philippines, Guam and Puerto Rico.

But what we should remember about the 1890s, not that many of us lived then, is that a spiritual revival broke out among Scandinavian Americans on a scale larger than has been seen since.

There are congregations in the Association which trace their origins to that revival, Zoar Lutheran of Hatton, N. Dak., being one. The Nineties was a time of church strife — the Lutheran Free Church came into being then — but it was also a period of great evidence of the moving of the Holy Spirit.

The late Clarence J. Carlsen, a pastor-historian, cites a visit by Missionary L. O. Skrefsrud of India in 1894-95 as giving impetus to the revival. Of American preachers he names Pastor Peter Nilsen as having a significant place. This writer remembers his mother many a time speaking of Pastor Nilsen, for he lived through the first quarter of this century. Carlsen writes of Peter Nilsen: "His strength lay in leading Christian believers into the Word of God and particularly in relating the individual Christian to the Christian congregation."

The revival is described as being spontaneous and lacking the "marks of modern professional evangelism" (Carlsen's book was published in 1942.). The preaching was simple, but direct. The old hymns and Gospel songs were used. Christians talked to others about the need to be right with God. And communities were stirred as sinners called out to the Lord for mercy and found peace with God.

Rev. Elias Aas, who was in the "thick" of the revival, saw great things happen in his congregation in the Farmington-Lonsdale, Minn., area. The revival created a desire and need for extra devotional and prayer meetings during the week as new and revived believers hungered for the Word of God and fellowship. Pastor Aas, in his memoirs, writes of one man who was converted: "He had been a drinker and a fighter who often came home drunk and mistreated his wife and chased the whole family out of the house. He had been a lion who was changed into a lamb. We had often devotional and prayer meetings in his home and he attended faithfully our worship services."

Can such a revival happen once more, now after almost 100 years? Surely, for it is God's will. The AFLC needs it. The whole Lutheran Church needs it. All denominations need it. Pastors and laymen, continue to preach the Word faithfully. All believers, pray for revival, first in yourself, then in others. Expect great things to happen.

Perhaps more references to the revival of the 1890s can be made as we move through this decade, as God grants it to us.

AND SO FAREWELL

It is with strange emotion that I take pen in hand to write this last editorial in my stewardship as editor of the *Ambassador*. There have been approximately 1375 of them before this in 688 issues over the 27-1/2 years. That would make enough words to have written a few books, alright.

This all began in January of 1963 as I began work on the first issue of the publication for the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations. There was a mandate from the new organization, but who knew how well it would all go? The name was to be *The Lutheran Ambassador*, our theme verse II Cor. 5:20: "We are ambassadors for Christ."

In that span of years the U. S. has had seven presidents and Canada has had six prime ministers. The Association has been served by two presidents, John Strand and Richard Snipstead. It was so logical that each should be president and in God's economy that came to be. Please God, may the next choice we make regarding a president be as clear. I thank them for their kind words about me found elsewhere in this issue and for the privilege of working with them.

My work place was the big square two-story white parsonage in the northeast corner of New Effington, S. Dak. Bethany Fellowship of Minneapolis took the first copy (contents of an issue) and transformed it into what we thought was an attractive eight-page magazine. With God's help we were underway.

In several months I moved to Hatton, N. Dak., in the heart of the Red River Valley, to help out two, and then three, congregations get going as a parish, the others being in Buxton and Portland.

In the fall, it was back to South Dakota where I became a pastor of a new parish alignment and lived in Roslyn. I was provided a new home with spacious office. From my office I could see the highway which ran through our little town and the street at right angles which, further, south, became the main street. I had a good eye on the world.

At the beginning of 1964 the *Ambassador* was increased to 16 pages, the size we have maintained since, except for the Christmas issues which have had 24 pages since 1965.

The year 1972 found me leaving concentrated parish ministry as I accepted the call to be dean of men at the Association Bible School in Minneapolis. Added to that was some teaching, one or two hours a week, and some other duties at the school and Medicine Lake Church. Traveling with choral and musical groups from AFLBS brought me to many

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churches in the AFLC and gave me a better "feel" of our church fellowship. I appreciate, too, the many young people with whom I became acquainted during those years and who are now, most of them, faithful members of our congregations or others.

Newfolden, Minn., has been my residence since 1977, where I live with my mother, soon 97, and my school-teaching sister Valborg. There is a good deal of pain connected with caring for an aging parent as one after another ability is lost, but we are grateful, too, for this opportunity that has been given to us to minister to Mother, who did so much for us.

For soon 12 years I have served a rural church, Telemarken Lutheran, Goodridge, Minn., preaching every Sunday. It is interesting to realize that I have preached more sermons from that pulpit, by far, than from any other. For over two-and-one-half years I also served Bethlehem, Greenbush, and before either of these gave limited assistance to St. Paul's in Fargo, N. Dak., over an eight-month period. More recently I conducted services monthly at Salem, Wampum, Man. for an equal time.

One three-year term as editor led to another until there were nine of them altogether. My recollection is that for a couple of the terms I was never officially notified of re-appointment, but hearing nothing to the contrary just kept going.

The first 16 years of *Ambassador* history reveal it as a "one-horse" operation, but in spite of that the subscriptions eventually reached the 4,000 mark. In 1979 Miss Solveig Larson (later Hjermstad) became the second staff person, in charge of layout, which had previously been done by the printer. Her work greatly enhanced the physical attractiveness of the magazine. Her creative and innovative designs have placed us very favorably in reference to other publications visually. Our printer, Roscoe Printers, Wanamingo, Minn., Ellis Bloomfield, owner, has made some color available to us in recent months and this is still another step forward. Our readers like it.

Rev. Robert L. Lee, now of Newark, Ill., was on the staff for a while as assistant editor, dealing mostly with church news. I thank Solveig and Pastor Lee for their good work.

These two people will be the main staff of the *Ambassador* after this issue. Pastor Lee becomes editor, still living in rural Newark, and Solveig Larson Hjermstad will be the assistant to the editor. These people know the work, and even better since our meeting on Sept. 14 when much of the transferring of materials and responsibility took place. They will do well.

Pastor Lee attended the organizational conference of the Association in October, 1962, as a college student. He has been along, thus, from the beginning and knows the history of the AFLC as well as anyone. And as a student, pastor and teacher he has worked in more of our parishes than you would think.

I like to think that I brought some gift to this ministry, but am well aware that Pastor Lee and Solveig will be able

to do things I could not do for one reason or another. And the *Ambassador* will thrive because of it.

The subscription cost for our paper rose to \$10 in 1982. It was a four dollar increase. This hurt our subscription list and we were a long time recovering. But the list has now risen over the 5,000 level. A one-dollar increase takes effect on Oct. 1. It isn't easy to maintain a church publication in any church body and not least in one of our size.

At first we relied on Religious News Service for photos for our *Ambassador* covers. A couple other suppliers were also used. But quite early Pastor Einar Unseth tipped us off about the avocation, photography, of his dentist, Roger C. Huebner of Austin, Minn. Since then Dr. Huebner has provided us with many beautiful inspirational photos. We owe a real debt to him. His work graces the covers of a number of other Lutheran periodicals, too. The *Ambassador* has also used more pictures of AFLC activities as cover photos in recent years.

As mentioned, Bethany Fellowship first printed for us and really made it possible for us to have a church paper of quality from the beginning. Let me mention Jack Winter, Gary Johnson and Lowell Lindsay, managers at Bethany, in turn, and Merlyn Smith and Fred Renich. Printing Arts of Minneapolis was our second printer, Ray Becker, owner. Roscoe Printers serves us now. Just this summer I visited the

OUR PRESIDENT

"THANK YOU," PASTOR HUGLEN

This issue of *The Lutheran Ambassador* is the last issue edited by Pastor Huglen. It is most fitting that we would express our deepest appreciation to him for the tremendous contribution he has made to the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations as he has served as the editor of our paper for almost 28 years.

The forerunner of *The Lutheran Ambassador* was a series of eight newsletters published by an Information Committee set up in 1961 by those who were opposed to the merger. Much of the material in these "newsletters" was of a critical nature as people were urged to "take a stand" against the merger. These "newsletters" were, however, most helpful in bringing together the group that met in October of 1962 to bring the AFLC into being.

The organizational conference of the AFLC approved a resolution that we "publish a bi-weekly paper. a) The paper shall have as its aim the building up of Christian personal and congregational life within the church, the promotion of Christian work within and without our fellowship, and the dissemination of current news which affects the religious community."

Pastor Huglen was elected as the editor and has been the only editor we have known. That gives him the record for serving the longest in any position within our AFLC. The first issue of *The Lutheran Ambassador* came off the press

printing establishment south of Wanamingo and met Ellis Bloomfield and his two sons for the first time. Of course, Ellis and I have talked on the phone.

Thanks to all who have written for us and sent material in for publication. You have helped to make the *Ambassador*. There is a good deal of writing talent "out there." Let the Lord use you. Be available.

I express appreciation to all who have served on the Editorial Board, the Co-ordinating Committee, and the Board of Publications and Parish Education, to Mrs. Beatrice Anderson and all who have worked with the subscription list, to Mrs. Andy (Karen) Anderson and others who have prepared the indexes, and to Ernest Miedema, the business administrator of the AFLC. There are others, too, to whom I can only refer in this general way, but please know that I am grateful for your help. Not least do I say thank you to our readers, some of whom have been along from the beginning.

Mistakes have been made. I've made some of them. They haven't been intentional and they are embarrassing. It's hard to be perfect, in fact, we didn't achieve that. Thank you for your mercy. Not all have agreed with our editorial policy. Thank you for bearing with me anyway.

And now, thank you, congregations and individuals, for your kindness in giving me a farewell gift of a trip to the Holy Land in April of next year through Abiding Word Min-

istries. Thank you for your generosity to me. I know it will be a very special thing to go to the lands of the Bible and places where Jesus lived and walked. All eyes are on the Middle East these days and so we must say, "God willing," the trip will take place as scheduled. Thanks also for other expressions of good will received, including the reception at last summer's annual conference.

I thank my Lord most of all for this opportunity to serve Him and my church as editor of *The Lutheran Ambassador* over these years. Many times I have testified in the face of shortages of time and material, "God has provided."

Continue to support the *Ambassador* and Pastor Lee and Solveig Hjermstad. They will welcome and need your assistance and prayers even as I have needed them.

"To the only God, our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and for ever. Amen" (Jude 25).

God bless you all.

—Raynard Huglen

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WRITES

February 12, 1963. Those from the old Lutheran Free Church were delighted to see how closely it resembled *The Lutheran Messenger*, the paper we had known in the LFC.

One of the greatest contributions that Pastor Huglen made to the AFLC was that he helped us to forget what had taken place in the merger struggles and helped to focus our minds and efforts on what lay ahead for us as a church. I quote from his second editorial in the February 26, 1963, issue. "We would not be honest if we said that we are satisfied with the way everything has been handled (in the merger process). We are not. But what is done is done. The Lutheran Free Church is gone. Things will not be the same for them or for us. We shall each face new doors of opportunity, and in this we shall find new blessings. Let us, in our fellowship, together with those who may join us, seek to work for free and living congregations in our time. This will challenge the best that is in us. So help us, God."

Thank you, Pastor Huglen, for helping us to turn away from re-living the struggles of the merger where bitterness may well have overtaken us. Thank you for helping us as a young church to focus on the opportunities that God would be setting before us. Thank you for your faithful service to our church all of these years.

—Pastor Richard Snipstead

*But there is one thing
that has not changed;
that is the Word of God.
One there is who has
never failed us: Jesus
Christ. Every Christian
can testify that His is the
only comfort in life worth
mentioning.*

Ludvig Hope

letters to the editor

THE EDITOR'S TASK

We want to take this opportunity to thank you for your excellent service of our Lord and the Association as the editor of *The Lutheran Ambassador*. We pray that you will continue to share your insights, not being on a shelf never to be heard from again.

The editorship of our church organ is a key position. The editor is to be an active and fearless voice for the congregations who are the "heart" of our Church. Being a convinced believer in the principles and practices adopted and practiced when the Association was organized, he defends and promotes these concerns. This becomes increasingly important as the Association grows. Many may be evangelical and evangelistic but strangers to our principles and piety. These are so easily superseded by other concerns.

The editor is to defend and promote the rights and freedoms of the congregations. He is not to be primarily a defender of the decisions and actions of the conferences or the leadership or the boards of the Church. He, as a free press, on behalf of the congregations, has the right to examine and discuss, that the congregations be adequately informed and their thinking aroused. He encourages expressions from the congregations. He, of course, is not to be a "nit-picker," nor be the target of "nit-pickers." Nor is he to be primarily a "P R" agency. He seeks open and free discussions and questions on all issues, not being afraid of unpopular positions. Openness breeds loyalty and enthusiasm for the Church.

The church organ, among other things, is to be a forum for free and unhindered discussion of pertinent issues, all in the spirit of Matthew 7:12 and in devotion to the truth. Of course, no one is infallible, not even an editor, so various viewpoints must be permitted. If diverse opinions are discouraged, freedom is gone. But, "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom."

Thank you for faithfully serving in this key office these many years. Yours

has not been an easy task. We remember during the merger discussions about 30 years ago how the issues were aired primarily from the viewpoint of the leadership of that church. In order that a divergent view might be presented, a modest sheet came out of Greenbush, Minn. It served a very good purpose. We have seen this happen again and again. It is essential that divergent views that are reasonable and decent be respectfully aired.

Your grateful brother in Christ,

Pastor John P. Strand

(Pastor Strand was the president of the AFLC from 1962-78.)

REMEMBER PENTECOST

Paraphrasing a poet who wrote:

Tell me not in mournful numbers,

Life is not an idle dream.

I say, tell me why has man forgotten

That Jesus sent the Comforter

through His Father.

Tell me why Pentecost has such

low esteem, tell me why?

Pastor Asp in his dissertation in "Light on the Way" covering John 14:15, 16 in *The Lutheran Ambassador* of May 29, informs us why. I know why it has equal value for the Christian as Christmas, Easter, Ascension (that is passé now). I know why the Holy Spirit sustains the believer in difficult times. Will someone tell me why Pentecost is at the bottom of the list? I can understand that men of the world cannot accept this but when people repeat their faith and include the Holy Ghost, can they tell me why it is rejected as not worthy to be included with the other two great holidays of the church?

The Apostle Paul was led by the Holy Ghost to go west when he was rejected and tortured when he tried to go east. In going west the Gospel still is rejected as God's servants try to go west. The Moslem territory is vast. A few pockets of Christians are found in the Asian countries. We hear China has many hidden Christians but they dare not come out in the open. Those who

fellowship corner

LESSON AT A FUNERAL

Today I believe I learned another beautiful lesson I'd like to share with you, if I may.

For years now I have dreaded going to funerals because of heartache and feeling sorry for those who are left behind. But today it was so very different. A second cousin of Arnold, my husband, had his funeral. I didn't want to go, but knew I must. So I prayed God would be with me and He surely was and I was richly blessed.

The Holy Spirit's presence was there and everything made me feel, I wish I'd known this man. And I am praying that if the Lord takes me home to heaven before the Rapture of the Church, that people who attend my funeral will be as glad to hear my life story as I was today to hear this cousin's story.

Now, my prayer is, Lord, so live your life through me that all the glory goes to you, as this funeral today so beautifully pictured.

*Mrs. Arnold Jodock
Hatton, N. Dak.*

Often when an audience is small, the miraculous happens. The minister must not hinder it.

Walter E. Schuette

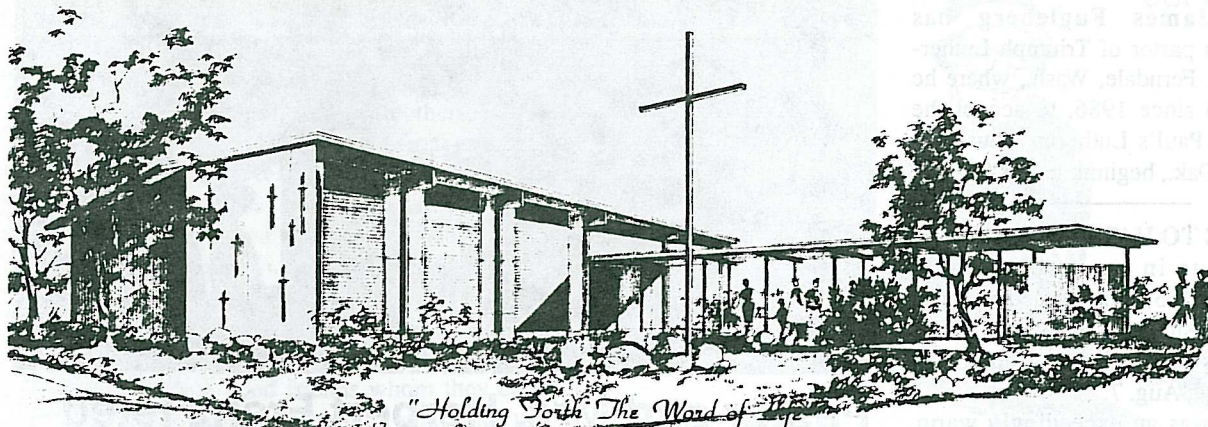
came public a year ago paid a terrible price.

Could it be because Pentecost is of so little value that gradually it will affect other areas like Sunday opening and all the other undesirable activities that many are trying to make legal?

*Mrs. Paul Schilla
Dickinson, N. Dak.*

(Ed. note: I understand that there is some freedom for the Christian Church in China. Restrictions may vary from place to place. See the Lutheran Literature Society for Chinese *Bulletin*, June, 1990.)

Introducing new AFLC congregations



Bethany Lutheran Church, Spokane, Washington

Bethany Lutheran affiliated with the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations in 1987-88. An earlier work in Spokane, Olivet, was discontinued some years ago. Bethany is a congregation organized under the Lutheran Free Church in 1905.

Rev. A. O. Kolden was the first pastor, and the first unit of the church was built that year at Pittsburg and DeSmet. The congregation worshiped there until 1961 when a new church was erected at E. 3007 Marshall Avenue. The old church had a unique altar made by a Mr. Tegnander, a member, consisting

of hundreds of individual pieces. The statue of Christ, part of the altar, now stands in the entry of the newer church.

Pastors who have served Bethany are A. O. Kolden, 1905-06; G. Blessum, 1906-07; C. J. Stadem, 1907-08; M. H. Kittelson, 1908-14; H. J. Villevik, 1914-19; O. L. Torvik, 1919-25; John E. Thompson, 1925-30; A. Oftedal, 1931-41; A. L. Hokonson, 1942-46; E. P. Dreyer, 1946-55; Carl Overvold, 1955-64; Chester Blake,

1964-66; Pastor Lewis, 1967-71; Pastor Becklund, 1972-78; Pastor Sortland, 1979-81; Pastor Anderson, 1981-82; Pastor Kennedy, 1982; and Douglas Reitsch, 1982—.

Spokane, a city of some 175,000 inhabitants, is located in a county of the same name. Geographically, it is situated about midway between the Canada-Oregon boundaries and near Idaho. Fairchild Air Force Base lies a short distance to the west.

Preaching missions

Fosston, Minn.

Calvary Lutheran Church

Robert Koepp, pastor

Oct. 7-10

Rev. David Barnhart, Eagan, Minn.,
speaker

Newfolden, Minn

Bethania Lutheran Church

LeRoy Flickinger, pastor

Oct. 7-10

Rev. Del Palmer, Thief River Falls,
Minn., speaker

Greenbush, Minn.

Oiland Lutheran Church

Martin Christensen, lay pastor

Oct. 7-10

Mr. Olaf Friggstad, Frontier, Sask,
speaker

Roseau, Minn.

Spruce Lutheran Church

Larry V. Severson, pastor

Oct. 14-17

Rev. John A. Anderson, Karlstad,
Minn., speaker

Colfax, Wis.

Faith Lutheran of Running Valley

Mark Bateson, pastor

Oct. 20-24

Missionary John H. Abel, speaker

Minneapolis, Minn.

Morgan Ave. Lutheran Church

Yeddo Gottel, pastor

Oct. 21-24

Rev. David Barnhart, speaker

Minneapolis, Minn.

Medicine Lake Lutheran Church

Laurel Udden, pastor

Oct. 21-25

Rev. Michael Brandt, Cloquet, Minn.,
speaker

A Christ-filled life is
still the best commen-
tary on the Bible!

Couples' Retreat to be held at the ARC

"The Holy Spirit in our Marriage" will be the theme of the Couples' Retreat which is scheduled at the Association Retreat Center, Osceola, Wis., Oct. 26-27. The speaker will be Robert Lundquist, a 1982 graduate of

Association Free Lutheran Bible School.

The retreat will cost each couple \$71 and this will include registration, lodging Friday night, breakfast and lunch on Saturday, the banquet and

snacks. A free-will offering will be taken for the speakers.

Send or phone reservations to Association Retreat Center, Osceola, Wis. 54020, (715) 294-2877 or the Eftelands, 4040 Amethyst Lane, Eagan, Minn. 55122, (612) 452-9304, by October 18th.

Personalities

Rev. James Fugleberg has resigned as pastor of Triumph Lutheran Church, Ferndale, Wash., where he has served since 1986, to accept the call to St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Fargo, N. Dak., beginning this fall.

TRIBUTE TO HATTIE MOHN

A tribute in memory of Hattie Mohn, age 105, who passed away in Everett, Wash., on July 3, and whose death was previously noted in the *Ambassador*, Aug. 7.

Hattie was an exceedingly warm, loving person who walked closely with her Lord. As a pastor's wife she had many talents that were put to good use:

— She knew her Bible and taught both youth and adult Bible classes.

— The parsonage door was always open to welcome parishioners, and coffee was always hot.

— She could prepare a meal for the family and mysteriously extend it to serve one, two or three unexpected guests.

— She had concern for all she met that they might know her Lord and the small red Gospel of John carried in her purse usually found its way into the stranger's hand.

A very special ministry that she continued with even well into her 90s was keeping in touch with relatives and friends by remembering birthdays and anniversaries with cards and letters.

It was said that the mailman would be puzzled and wondered, "What kind of special lady she could be, receiving birthday cards by the hundreds."

I Cor. 15:57: "Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Hattie Mohn was a member of Calvary Lutheran Church in Everett.

— *Solveig Hays*

At the 10 a.m. service on June 10 at Maranatha Lutheran Church, Chassell, Mich., **Bernard Nelson** was presented with the gift of a copper plaque and a gift certificate in appreciation for 15 years of faithful, dedicated and able leadership as president of the congregation.

— *Corr.*



Pastor and Mrs. Herbert Franz feted

June 10th was a memorable day for members and friends of Maranatha Lutheran, Chassell, Mich., as well as for Pastor and Mrs. Herbert (Sylvia) Franz who were celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. Open house in their honor was held at Maranatha where family and relatives of the honorees also came to share in the occasion, as well as members of sister churches in Pelkie, Ontonagon and Ishpeming, and also Cloquet, Minn.

The Franz sons, Pastor Peter, Mankato, Minn., and Rick and Dean of Cloquet, along with their wives, planned the refreshments and inspiring program. The 15 grandchildren with their parents blessed the honored cou-

ple and all gathered with songs and memorized Scripture. The three sons expressed thanksgiving for and commendation to their parents for their Christian upbringing, remembering consistent spiritual influence, both in their spoken testimonies and in songs, including a trio by the sons and a duet by Dean and his wife Leslie. Rick served as master of ceremonies.

A message by Maranatha's pastor, Jerry Holmaas, challenged the congregation to repentance and commitment to Jesus Christ. He also prayed a special blessing and benediction upon "Herb and Syl" as they knelt at the altar, surrounded by their children and grandchildren.

— *Ruth Engman*

LLF songbook project completed

The Luther League Federation is pleased to announce the completion of the music edition (for piano and guitar) of *Scripture and Chorus Songs*. The music edition is full size, easy to read, and is set up so the musician only has to turn a page once. The words edition was completed in May, 1989, and the entire project took two and one-half years. Over 6,000 copies of the words-only version have been distributed with over 90 congregations using them.

Scripture and Chorus Songs was the official songbook of the 1989 Luther League Convention with 700 handed out to those who attended. It will also be used at the 1991 convention in

Estes Park, Colo. Our congregations are reporting many uses: 1) for the Luther Leagues, 2) at Bible camps, 3) before services to prepare hearts for worship, 4) during services, 5) during communion, 6) in homes during family devotion times.

The Luther League Federation has made these books available at cost. The words-only version is \$1.00 each and the music edition is \$12.00. If you would like to order any, please write to: Pastor Tim Carlson, P. O. Box 337, Wheatland, Ia. 52777. Be sure to make checks payable to Luther League Federation and include \$2.00 per order for postage and handling.

from here and there

Northwestern Minnesota

Warroad, Minn. — Rev. Herbert L. Franz, Dollar Bay, Mich., was the speaker at the "Ask for Jesus" Crusade in Warroad Lutheran, Sept. 8-13.

Badger, Minn. — Badger Creek Lutheran is planning extensive renovation of the church entry.

Ariz. — Calif.

Camarillo, Calif. — Kathy Knutson, McVie, N. Dak., was on the church staff during the summer developing a summer preschool program for the congregation. In college she is majoring in Early Childhood Development and Family Science.

West Coast

Ferndale, Wash. — The youth group at Triumph Lutheran has now adopted the name "II Timothy" At a scavenger hunt this summer the members had to get tracks made by things that roll on the ground or floor.

Illinois

Morris, Ill. — New members at Bethlehem Lutheran (June 24) are John and Anna Finney and Gene and Sandra Timmons.



Cumberland, Wisconsin — Here is the Daily Vacation Bible School of Section Ten Lutheran Church, rural

Cumberland, Wis., which was held in June. Six teachers guided the 35-40 children who attended.

ILLINOIS DISTRICT

MILFORD, ILL. — A praise service was held at St. John Lutheran Church on June 24 in celebration of our beginning in the AFLC. Pastors and members from each Illinois Dis-

trict congregation were invited. Pastor John Skeie preached an encouraging message and several pastors from the district offered greetings and prayer. A potluck was held afterward. On July 4, the St. John WMF hosted a special breakfast and prayer service for our nation. Almost 200 people attended from several Lutheran congregations near Milford. AALC Pastor Jerry Moe of Faith Lutheran in Watseka, Ill., preached on the need for revival in our nation.

Minneapolis

St. Paul, Minn. — Mr. and Mrs. Dennis (Julie) Engen, Jody and Joel have been received into membership at Victory in Christ Lutheran.

Williston church to note 10th anniversary



Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Williston, N. Dak., will be celebrating its 10th anniversary on Sept. 30. The guest pastors will be Elden Nelson and John Rieth. Rev. John Wellumson is pastor of the congregation.

The day will begin with the regular worship service followed by a potluck dinner. There will be a program at 2 with a coffee hour afterward.

The first congregational meeting was held in Nov., 1980, with 15 people present. Now there are approximately 130 people present at worship.

Pastor John Rieth served us for seven and one-half years, leaving in July, 1988. Pastor Wellumson arrived in early winter of 1989. We have been truly blessed with these two men as our pastors.

Everyone is welcome to come and join in our celebration. — *Corr.*

WMF Fall Rallies

The Eastern Montana-Western N. Dak. District WMF Fall rally will be held at Zion Lutheran Church, Tioga, on Saturday, September 22.

Mrs. Lois Oscarson of Abercrombie, N. Dak., will be the morning Bible study leader and afternoon speaker. "Building Together in the Lord", is the theme using Romans 12:4, 5.

Election will be held and a nursery provided.

The Eastern North Dakota District WMF will hold the Fall Rally at the Victory Free Lutheran Church, Park River, N. Dak., on October 6, 1990.

Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. and the morning session at 10:00 a.m.

The theme will be "Thou Art Worthy", with the theme verse from Revelation 4:11. Pastor Mark Molstre from Larimore, N. Dak., will be the speaker.

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AFLBS alumni photos taken during the 1990 spring basketball and volleyball tournament.

