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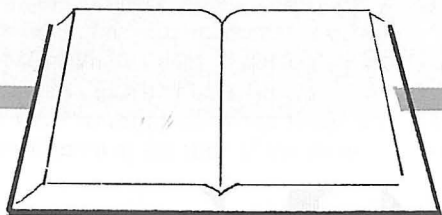
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HER MOTHER'S BOOK



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According to the Word

Mother's Day Meditation

WHAT KIND OF A MOTHER ARE YOU?

Mother, what type of a mother are you? What kind of an example are you setting for your children? The influence of a mother over her child is reflected in the ancient proverb, "As is the mother, so is her daughter" (Ezekiel 16:44). We also read in Proverbs 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

Profound is the influence of a mother. We have often heard the saying: "The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world." Since a child is impressionable, and his mother is his first university, she largely shapes his views, opinions and morals. Often after describing the reign of an Old Testament king, this statement follows: "And his mother's name was..." This close connection between the character of a king's rule and his mother's name suggests that his mother had much to do with whether he was good or evil. To fail to prepare our children for moral living and, more serious, to fail to prepare them for the world to come by not teaching them the Gospel of Christ, is to neglect one's duty.

Some people rear their children as though they were raising prize cattle on the hoof. They see that their chil-

dren get milk, balanced lunches, polio shots, vaccinations, but too often forget that they have immortal souls that will be spending eternity in heaven or hell. Yes, as mothers, you have a great responsibility in helping your children to prepare for eternity. A mother's job is far more than providing for the temporal welfare of her children. She must give moral and spiritual care.

Mothers put in long, hard hours. Someone has said: "A mother is the only person on earth who can divide her love among ten children and each child still have all her love." A little girl asked her daddy, "What is a slave?" He explained as best he could. When he was through, she looked at her daddy and asked, "Is that what Mommy is?"

A school teacher was giving a lesson on fractions. "Johnny, suppose there were seven in your family, five children besides mother and father. And suppose there was pie for desert. What fraction of the pie would you get?" Johnny answered, "one-sixth." "But you don't understand," replied the teacher. "Don't you understand about fractions?" "I know about fractions and I know about mothers, too," replied Johnny. "Mother would say she didn't want any!"

Yes, a mother sacrifices for her children. She cares for them, often nursing them through nights of serious sickness. She works for them. Raising a child is a twenty-year job. Some-

one has pointed out that conscientious, efficient motherhood involves much knowledge, and many skills. She must know something about teaching, interior decorating, cooking, dietetics, psychology, hygiene, social relations, clothing, household equipment, and a host of other things.

An old Spanish proverb says, "An ounce of mother is worth a pound of clergy." Many a son or daughter, about to tumble over the precipice of temptation to destruction, has been rescued by a piece of mother's apron-string which caught on something and held them safely. Charles Dickens said, "The virtues of the mothers shall be visited on their children as well as the sins of the fathers." Truly, the influence of a Christian mother's faith is moulded into the lives of her children.

But, sad to say, mothers can lead their children astray. How wonderful when mothers set a good example for their children. Mother, what about you, what kind of influence do you bear on your children, and what kind of example are you setting for them? Some day Christ will ask you, "What did you do for the child I gave you to raise? Did you raise your child to live for Me?" Will you be able to say, "here he or she is; I raised this child for You"? Your child's eternal welfare could depend upon your decision.

— Marvin S. Undseth

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The Holy Land Today

Part III

Albin Hilding Fogelquist, Jr.

Jerusalem, continued

We spent the Lord's Day in the Holy City. It was a glorious experience for me to be awakened at 5:00 a.m., by the bells ringing from hundreds of churches and chapels in the Old City. Our unheated hotel room was cold. A thin rain was falling outside. By 8:00 a.m., the sun was up.

After breakfast I walked through the already crowded streets of the Old City. Sunday is a regular work day for Jewish and Moslem merchants. Their shops were open. People were already bargaining. The air was cold even though the sun was shining. I was dressed in a suit, a wool sweater, and an overcoat. It was winter in Jerusalem.

After a brief walk through winding streets I arrived at the **Evangelisch-lutherische Erloeserkirche** (Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Redeemer), an imposing stone cathedral. Adjacent to the church stood the Dr. Martin Luther School and the Lutheran Hostel. As I arrived a few minutes early, I was able to hear part of the Arabic service. It was strange to hear the familiar Lutheran liturgical service chanted in a language I did not understand. The large Arab congregation, composed mainly of converts from the Eastern Orthodox and Nestorian Churches, worships in the cathedral itself. I walked through the serene cloistered garden to the Cru-

saders' Chapel where the English service was to be held at 9:30 a.m.

Awaiting this service, I talked with the kindly German-speaking sexton who told me the history of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Redeemer. The church is erected on the spot where once the Church of St. Mary was raised by the Knights of the Order of St. John of the Jerusalem Hospice. Through the centuries this place stood in ruins until 1869 when the Ottoman emperor presented the site to Wilhelm I, then king of Prussia and later emperor of Germany. By order of Emperor Wilhelm II the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Redeemer was erected during the years 1893-1898. On Reformation Day, 1898, Emperor Wilhelm II and Empress Augusta Victoria consecrated the magnificent church.

The English service was attended by American, British, and South African Lutherans. The pastor was an American member of the Lutheran Church/Missouri Synod. The liturgist was a student intern from Wartburg Theological Seminary. I was surprised to notice that the liturgy was Setting II from the **Service Book and Hymnal**. The sermon was based on Acts 9:8-31.

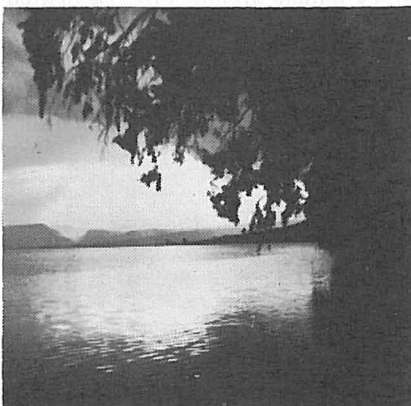
After the English service I entered the cathedral where the German service began at 10:30. The German liturgy was similar to the simple Order II in **The Concordia Hymnal**! I was awed by the size and the grandeur of the unheated cathedral. The cathedral had a simplicity to it. The walls were a white stone. The altar had poin-

settia plants on it. A plain carved wooden crucifix stood behind the altar. Around the chancel were the words: **Jesus Christus gestern und heute, und derselbe in Ewigkeit!** (Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and today and forever). What a lesson those words gave to me. Even after two thousand years of changing history in the Holy City, Jesus Christ is the eternal Lord of Life. He alone is Savior.

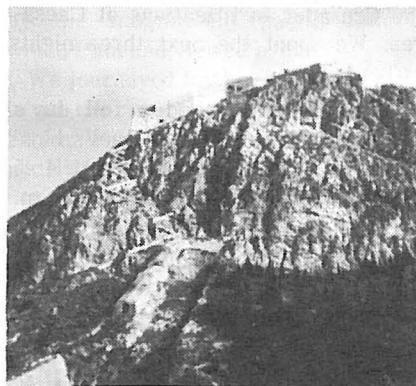
How glad I was that I was His blood-bought child! He spoke to me that morning through the lessons for Transfiguration Sunday. He spoke to me through Pastor Hansgeorg Koehler's evangelical sermon based on Exodus 34:29-35. And Jesus spoke to me as I partook of His Body and Blood in the Sacrament. There in the Holy City Jesus was telling me that He alone wanted to guide my footsteps. He promised me a safe conduct even through the perils of my earthly sojourn. I love Him because He first loved me!

South of Jerusalem

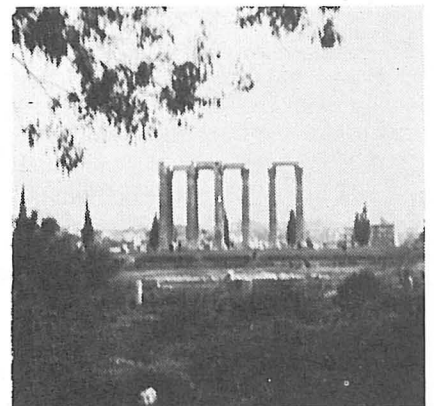
After the German service I took a taxi to New Jerusalem's Hebrew University where I joined my group for a kosher lunch. After lunch we boarded the bus and drove to Bethany, the home of Mary, Martha and Lazarus. Here Jesus prefigured the Resurrection by raising Lazarus from the dead. And here we were reminded of Jesus' valedictory: "Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and blessed them with uplifted hands; and in the act of blessing he parted from them" (Luke 24:50-51).



Sunset on the Sea of Galilee



Ancient Greek monastery
(note the tunnel going up the mountainside)



Temple of Zeus, Athens

We drove south into a desert area where we stopped at the Dead Sea. Some of us rode camels. The author of this article walked out on a dock on the Dead Sea! It was too stormy that afternoon to swim in the Dead Sea. We continued to Qumran to view the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found.

We drove to Jericho and visited the excavations there. Archaeologists have been searching in vain for the exact location of the ancient Jericho captured by Joshua. Behind the modern city of Jericho is the Mount of Temptation on which Jesus spent forty days in the wilderness. It was dark and stormy as we stood looking at the foreboding mountain. The ominous weather seemed to symbolize to us what our Lord went through on that mountain. That evening we returned to Jerusalem.

Further Journeys in Israel

On Monday morning we left Jerusalem at 8:30 a.m. We drove north from Jerusalem through Samaria where we stopped at Jacob's Well. At this well Jesus talked to the Samaritan woman. We thought of Jesus' words in John 4:5-45. We realized that the precious Gospel must be preached to all people! If we as Christians preach anything other than the "water springing up into everlasting life," our preaching is in vain.

Northward we continued. We passed through Shiloh, Jezreel, the plain of Armageddon, Nablus and Meggido. At Nazareth we stopped for lunch. We visited Mary's Well, the original well in Nazareth dating back for over two thousand years. The author of this arti-



View of the Acropolis Hill
(Parthenon on top of the hill)

cle indulged in a drink of the sweet water from Mary's Well.

Continuing northward we drove along the shore of the Sea of Galilee to Tiberius and Capernaum. We saw the Decapolis region (the area of the Ten Towns) in the distance. It had been cool and somewhat overcast that day, but sunset on the Sea of Galilee was enchanting. I'll never forget that sunset as I stood in the simplicity of the barren Galilee seashore. Here was the cradle of Christianity. Here Jesus had preached and taught. And here His own people had rejected Him.

We drove on to the site of the miracle of the loaves and the fishes and to the Mount of the Beatitudes. We had dinner at the Kibbutz Ayelet Hashachar in Upper Galilee near the Golan Heights territory taken from Syria in the recent June War. The kibbutzim are Jewish communal living areas. A cultural Judaism is being perpetuated.

Our trip in Israel continued for five more days. We visited the Hazor excavations. At Acre we toured the Mosque of Jezzar Pasha, the Crusader fortifications, and the Crypt of St. John. We spent two days in Haifa where we viewed the Technicon (Israel's College of Technology), the Bahai Shrine and the exquisite Persian Gardens, and the Roman Catholic Church on Mount Carmel. That night we got caught in a power shortage which effected all of Israel. We were experiencing the worst winter the Holy Land on the Dead Sea. It was too stormy night by candlelight in a modern Jewish hotel.

The following morning we drove to Caesarea, the ancient capital of Roman rule in Palestine. We traveled across the Plain of Sharon. We visited the Crusader fortifications at Caesarea. We spent the next three nights at Tel Aviv.

On Saturday we had a full day's excursion to the Negev, Israel's blossoming desert. I awakened at 4:45 a.m. We left Tel Aviv at 7:00 a.m. for the now-modern Biblical cities of Ashdod, Ashkelon, Gath, Beersheba. Here desert had once prevailed. In the twenty-one years since Israel's independence, the Israelis have transformed the desert into farmland in an attempt to literally fulfill the prophecy of Isaiah 35:1-2.

At 11:00 a.m., we arrived at Masada where recent archaeological excavations have discovered the last fortress-stronghold in the Jewish revolt against Rome. At Masada loyal Jews slew themselves rather than be captured. The mount on which Masada stood has now been restored to show Herod's palace, storehouses, living quarters, the synagogue, and the Roman camps used in the capture.

After a full day we returned to the modern city of Tel Aviv. Tel Aviv, Israel's largest city, is situated adjacent to the ancient city of Jaffa. Jaffa is the present-day name for Joppa, the city in which Peter dwelt (Acts 10:5; 11:5) and where Peter raised Tabitha (Dorcas) from the dead. Joppa was also the port city (II Chronicles 2:16) from which Jonah departed on a ship bound for Tarshish (Jonah 1:3). At Joppa Peter had his vision of the "tablecloth." The Gospel, Peter realized, must go to the Gentiles.

God be praised that the Gospel went out to the Gentiles! St. Paul pioneered in the missionary endeavors of bringing the Gospel to the Gentiles. St. Paul took the Gospel to Europe by way of Greece.

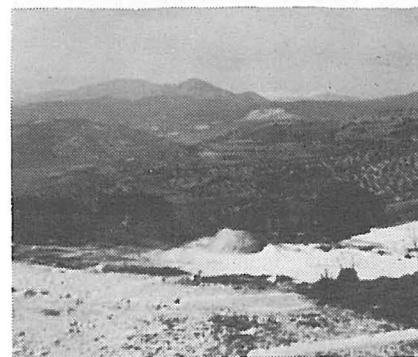
We left Israel from Tel Aviv. We were bound for Greece.

Greece

Into the Greek kaleidoscopic portion of life we found ourselves caught up. We were mirrored in antiquity and tempered by present reality.

The Acropolis Hill was the center of ancient Athens; and the Acropolis became for us a focal point. On the hill had been erected the marble Parthenon, the finest of all examples of Greek temple architecture. Dedicated

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Rocky hills and narrow valleys in Greece



NEWS

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OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH, KIRKLAND, DEDICATED LAST FALL

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church of Kirkland, Washington, was dedicated in a special service on Sunday, Nov. 10, 1968. The pastor of the church, Rev. Robert Rieth, led the service.

Rev. John P. Strand, Minneapolis, Minn., president of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations, with which the church affiliates, conducted the dedication rites. The sermon was preached by Pastor J. G. Erickson, Ferndale, Wash. Other participating pastors were Ray Persson, Astoria, Ore., and Francis Monseth, Everett, Wash. Music was provided by choirs from Calvary Lutheran, Everett, and Our Redeemer, and by a mixed quartette from Ferndale.

Following the service the women of the church served refreshments at the reception.

The new church is of laminated beam construction and seats about 125 people. With the use of wooden folding doors there are eight Sunday School rooms. The aisle and chancel are car-



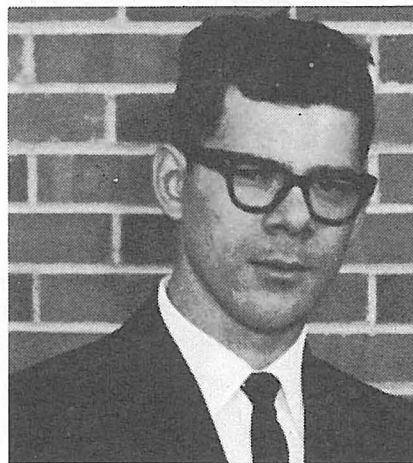
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

peted in red and the narrow windows are of colored glass. Our Redeemer Lutheran Church stands at the top of a hill in the midst of several new and large housing developments.

Organized under the Home Mission's Church Extension Fund, the congregation held its first worship service and Sunday School in August, 1966, with Student Paul Jecklin as speaker. Services were held at the Juanita Elementary School for a time and then in homes before the present property and parsonage were purchased in April, 1967. Pastor John DeBoer served for several months as interim pastor. In July, 1967, Pastor Rieth, called by the Mission Board of the AFLC, began serving Our Redeemer.

Regular services of the congregation were held in the chapel in the parsonage from April, 1967, to October, 1968.

In April, 1968, the contract was



Rev. Robert Rieth, Pastor of Our Redeemer Lutheran

signed with Kealiher Company of Wheatridge, Colo., for construction of a first unit building. Groundbreaking was held on April 7, with construction beginning soon afterwards.

MENTOR CONGREGATION TO NOTE 75TH ANNIVERSARY IN JUNE

Maple Bay Lutheran Church, rural Mentor, Minn., will celebrate her 75th anniversary, June 28 and 29. The confirmation reunion will be held on Saturday, June 28. Many former pastors will be in attendance at the festivities.

Student pastor Forrest Swenson is serving the congregation.

85TH ANNIVERSARY TO BE OBSERVED BY SARON LUTHERAN OF ROSLYN, S. DAK.

The Association's oldest congregation in South Dakota, Saron Lutheran Church of Roslyn, will observe her 85th anniversary on Sunday, June 8.

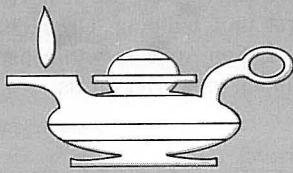
Rev. Calvin J. Storley, a son of the congregation and a regional youth director in the American Lutheran Church, will speak at the morning worship service that day. At the afternoon service, a former pastor of the congregation, Kenneth L. Anderson, Radcliffe, Ia., will preach.

Saron Lutheran is presently being served by Rev. Raynard Huglen.

EASTER CANTATA PRESENTED AT MAPLE BAY CHURCH

The Easter cantata "Hallelujah, What a Savior!" was presented on Easter Sunday evening at Maple Bay Lutheran Church, Mentor, Minn., by a choir under the direction of Mrs. Louise Bodahl.

Narrator was Rev. John DeBoer, Villard, Minn. Soloists were Mrs. Chester Broden, Luther Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Maze Thompson and Byron Ness.



SCHOOL NEWS

SEMINARY PROSPECTS

We should like to remind all who plan to enroll in Free Lutheran Theological Seminary for the next school year to send in their applications by June 1. This applies to such as have indicated an interest in entering the Seminary, but have not made formal application as yet; it also includes those who have not completed their application by furnishing us with transcripts and letters of recommendation. The men who have been pre-enrolled while completing their educational training for Seminary entrance are also urged to supply us with supporting transcripts as soon after June 1 as possible.

Address inquiries for further information to the Dean of the Seminary, 3110 E. Medicine Lake Blvd., Minneapolis, Minn., 55427.

REV. LAUREL M. UDDEN ACCEPTS AFLC TEACHING POSITION

Rev. Laurel M. Udden, pastor of Augustana Lutheran Church (LCA) in Fergus Falls, Minn., for the past 12

years, has accepted a call to teach in the Seminary and the Bible School of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations. He will begin his work on August 1.

A graduate of Augustana Theological Seminary, Rock Island, Ill., in 1953, he was ordained in Chicago that same year. He served the Lake Christine parish at Evansville, Minn., after his ordination.

Mr. Udden began his college work with one year at Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minn. He entered the U. S. Navy in 1943 and as part of the V-12 program studied at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. It was from that institution that he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering in 1945. He was commissioned as an Ensign in the U. S. Naval Reserve that fall and served in the Navy until August, 1946.

While taking graduate work at the University of Minnesota in Electrical Engineering and Business Administration in 1946-49, Mr. Udden was at first a part-time and then full-time in-

structor in the former field.

Mr. Udden, a nephew of Rev. A. W. Knock, well-known Bible teacher and conference speaker, was born in New London, Minn., and soon moved to Bråham, Minn. Also at an early age, he moved with his family to California where he received his public school education, graduating from Kerman High School.

Laurel M. Udden and Miss Joan Alger of Grand Forks, N. Dak., were married in June, 1949. They have six children: Lauren, 18, attending California Lutheran Bible School in Los Angeles, Calif.; Louise, 17; Mark, 15; Marie, 13; Janet, 9; and James, 7.

Pastor Udden is a member of the board of directors of the Lutheran Evangelistic Movement.

Bible School Testimonies

PEACE IN MY SOUL

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" (John 14:27).

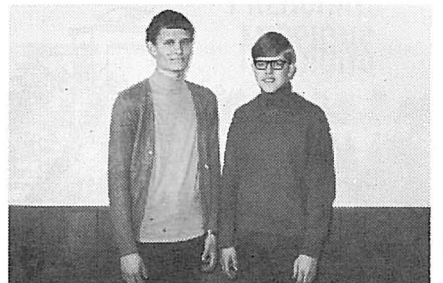
I am so glad that I can say that I have found this peace which Christ spoke of here. It is good to know that even though there are trials in the world around me, I have peace within my soul.

I am thankful that the Lord led me to Bible School. I have been drawn closer to Him and become better grounded in His Word through the classes and the Christian fellowship here.

I can truly say, "Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, **Rejoice.**"

Eldon Hermunslic

Eldon is from the Bethany Lutheran church at Abercrombie, North Dakota.



Lauren Meyer, left, and Eldon Hermunslic

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The Udden family, top row, left to right, Mark, Louise, Lauren, and Marie; bottom row, James, Janet, Mrs. Udden, and Pastor Laurel Udden.

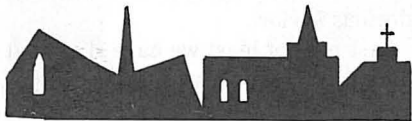
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**TODAY: Stillwater Lutheran Church,
Kalispell, Montana**

STILLWATER LUTHERAN CHURCH

The first Lutheran congregation in northwest Montana, the Flathead Lutheran congregation, was organized in 1891 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Christian Prestbye of Kalispell.

Again on January 27, 1895, twelve men met in the Prestbye home and organized "Den Norske-Evangelisk Luterske Menighed av Flathead" (The Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Flathead).

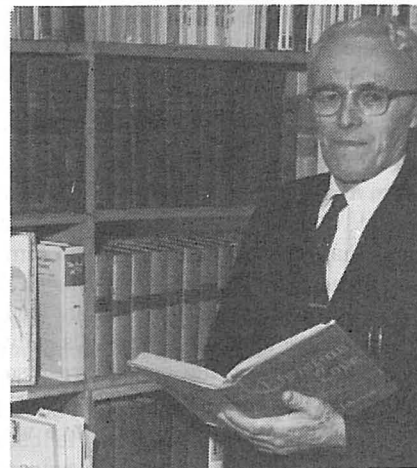
At the annual meeting of this congregation in January, 1911, Mr. Prestbye, who lived northwest of Kalispell, and hence represented that community, recommended that a new congregation be formed out in the country. Accordingly, a meeting to organize the Stillwater Lutheran Church was held

Jan. 8, 1911, with Mathis Mohn as chairman and Christian Prestbye, secretary. Others attending the meeting were M. Robertson, M. C. Olsrud, L. Horntvedt, A. Nordtome, H. C. Olsrud, J. Anderson, E. Narum and M. A. Lee.

The Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell agreed to share its pastor with Stillwater Lutheran, stipulating that Stillwater should pay one-third of the salary and receive a proportionate number of services. Nineteen persons constituted the charter membership, not counting children.

Having decided to build a church, the congregation chose M. Nordtome, Matt Mohn, L. Horntvedt and Martin Robertson as a building committee. These chose Fred Grinde as architect and carpenter. The latter promised to build the structure for \$1485 with the agreement that dimension lumber would be furnished by the membership, as well as all the gravel and sand, while the carpenter would furnish the cement and shingles as well as the clear lumber for casings. Cornerstone-laying took place on July 8, 1911. Mr. Mohn had donated the acre of land on which the church was built.

The same building is still used as a house of worship by the Stillwater



Pastor Stendal

Pastor Karl Stendal began his work in the parish in December, 1964. He is a graduate of Augsburg College and Theological Seminary, being ordained in 1944. His wife is the former Christine Johnson. They have three sons, Dean, David and Paul, all of whom live in Minneapolis.

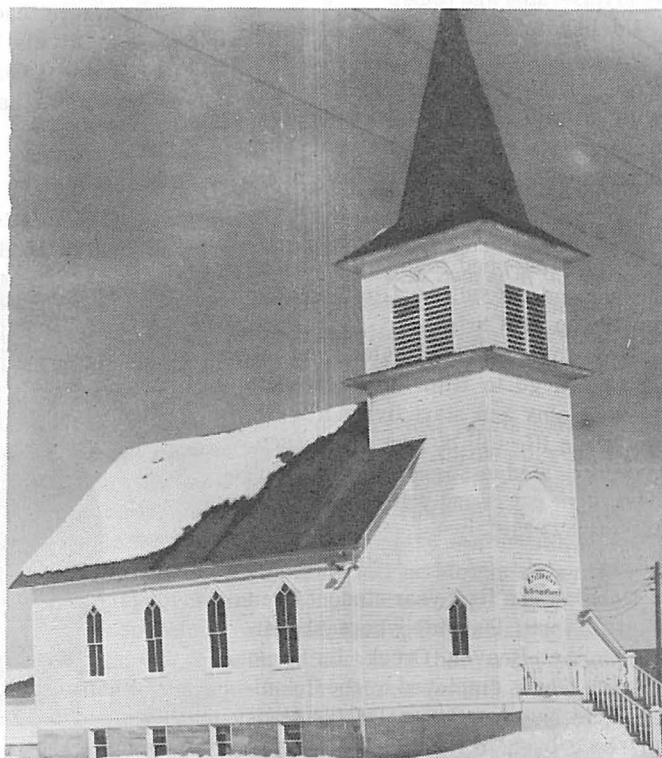
Parishes served by Pastor Stendal are Barton, N. Dak., Winger, Minn., Forest City, Ia., and Stillwater Lutheran. He has accepted a call to the Pukwana, S. Dak., parish and will take up the work there about May 15.

Lutheran Congregation today. An automatic oil furnace with piped heat was installed in 1965. Electric lights

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Stillwater Lutheran Parsonage



Stillwater Lutheran Church

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He is employed by the Wissota Manufacturing Co.

FAVORITE VERSE

My favorite verse in the Bible is John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." It's truly great to know that God loved us so much He gave His only Son to suffer and die on the cross so all sinners could be saved. Think what God has done for us! What have we done for God?

Lauren Meyer

Lauren attends Faith Lutheran Church at Granite Falls, Minnesota. He is employed at the school and plans to return to AFLBS.

WHY NOT START ANEW?

I'm only 18 years old but through what I've seen and learned of the people of this world, they want to run their own lives, they rely on no one but themselves. They swim through the mire of each day's problems, relying on their own insight to pull them through. This is where people make their mistakes, this is why life for most is so miserable and rough.

I'd like to share a verse that can give an answer to these problems—Proverbs 3:5-6: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and **do not** rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths."

Life for me is wonderful and peaceful since I stopped relying on my own insight and put full trust in, and gave my life up for, Christ.

Why don't you surrender your all to Christ, go to Him for forgiveness of your sins and start living a fresh, full life, a life full of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23)?

Deborah Sveen

Deborah is a first-year student from Tioga, North Dakota, where she attends the Beaver Creek Lutheran Church. She is employed by the Colonial Acres Nursing Home. Debbie plans to come back to AFLBS for the fall quarter.

GOD ANSWERS PRAYER

"Now unto him that is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us" (Ephesians 3:20).

In this verse I especially treasure these words: "Able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think." Since I have come to Bible School, I have learned and experienced God's answering of my prayers. I also have realized that the only reason why we don't get an answer is because we either don't ask, or that we have some sins which are standing between God and ourselves. Isn't it just wonderful to know that even before our prayers are uttered from our hearts and lips that God is already working on the answer for us?

I have accepted Christ as my personal Savior, and since "That Day," everything has been just wonderful. I just wish that everyone could have the peace and joy that only Jesus Christ can give and it is my prayer that more people will take Jesus at His face value and NOT HAVE to find out the who, what, where, when and why of salvation.

Bible School has put so very much more meaning into my life. Here is a place where each individual can come and fill his hunger and thirst for the Word of God. Here, too, is a place where we have true Christian fellowship.

Deanna Oien

Deanna Oien attends Bethany Lutheran Church at Binford, North Da-

kota. She is employed at the Hopkins House and plans to attend AFLBS again next fall.

FAITH, HOPE, LOVE

"And now abideth, faith, hope and love, these three, but the greatest of these is love" (I Corinthians 13:13).

Isn't it wonderful to know that in Jesus Christ we can have faith that He is the Christ, the Son of the living God, who can save us from our sin?

We can have hope of eternal life in heaven and singing praises unto our glorious Savior.

Last but not least we have His great love which He has given us.

I am so glad that the Lord has led me to Bible School. It has been a great privilege to study God's Word which is so full of His love and promises and to fellowship with other Christians.

I know not what the future holds, but if I put my trust in Him I know that He will lead and direct my life.

Claudette Kjersten

Claudette Kjersten, from Oiland Lutheran Church near Badger, Minnesota, is employed at the Hopkins House. Her plans are to return to the Bible School for a second term.

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all" (Isaiah 53:6).

This wonderful verse means a great

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Front, left to right, Deborah Sveen and Deanna Oien; back, Claudette Kjersten, Leslie Peterson and Colleen Olson.

Yes, we haven't seen the final alignment of Lutherans in this country yet. There could well be an eventual formation of a conservative, pietistic Lutheran church body from the present "big three" named above. Lutherans Alert—National may be the vanguard of this.

But at the present time LA-N has yet to really "catch on" within those elements of the Lutheran Church in mid-western United States and Canada.

PORNOGRAPHY GETS ASSIST

In a ruling that raises more problems than it solves, the United States Supreme Court on April 7 held that it is not against the Constitution for a person to possess obscene films or literature in one's own home. To hold otherwise would be an infringement of free speech, the Court declared.

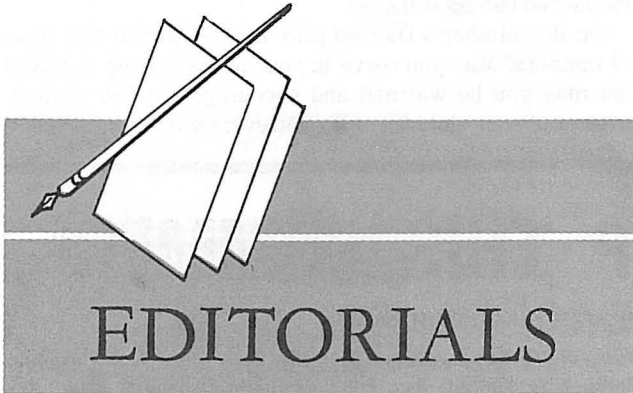
With what is happening in the general area of morals today, it is disheartening to see any aid given to those who traffic in filth and smut. And the Court faces this dilemma as a result of its recent ruling. The Court has upheld punishment of those who use mails or other means to disseminate objectionable material. How can the peddlers of smut be prosecuted and the right to possess such materials in one's own property be upheld at one and the same time? There will need to be a great deal more clarification of this point.

The Court might well wish to wash its hands of this whole area of concern but it cannot. Whether the Court has deliberately intended to encourage it or not, there is a great deal more permissiveness in our society today than before. Many things are being allowed now that can only cause a greater corruption of spirit. In cities where police have tried to move against obviously indescribable filth in newsstands, nightclubs and movies, every legal maneuver is employed to thwart or delay the removal of the offense. Oftentimes the authorities must throw up their hands in resignation.

We hope that the U.S. Supreme Court can see its way clear to take a stronger stand against the ownership and dissemination of pornography. This is in order. Nudity and gross immodesty should not be permitted. The other thing that can be effective is an aroused public opinion. If people of a community refuse to tolerate obviously corrupting moral influences they can let it be known. They, too, can exert pressure on those who traffic in the demoralization of society. Oh, yes, there are clergymen who will defend any sexual or immoral vice that can be named, but they, too, are symptoms of what is going wrong with us as a people.

Not long ago 28,000 teen-agers and adults gathered in the Orange Bowl in New Orleans for a "teen-age rally for decency." Jackie Gleason isn't our idea of a headliner for such a rally, but the idea of the rally provoked a lot of favorable response across the country. An organization in New York may hold a similar rally on Mother's Day. These are hopeful developments.

Free speech is a wonderful and cherished heritage among us. Our founding fathers held that no one should be forbidden to share his ideals and convictions. But we doubt whether any country is obligated to permit words and actions which so obviously violate the commandments of God, or, if you will, even the basic sense of decency.



LUTHERANS ALERT TO MAKE MOVE

A highly significant move in the Lutheran Church is taking place according to the announcement by Lutherans Alert—National that it will establish a theological seminary this fall for the training of pastors. The school will be located in Tacoma, Washington. An acting dean has been named while a permanent one is being sought.

Lutherans Alert—National was originally begun as a protest movement within the American Lutheran Church against trends of "new" theology and false doctrine within that body, according to a pamphlet recently produced by LA-N. The third annual convention of the group, in Los Angeles last year, opened membership to evangelicals of all Lutheran bodies.

Since its inception Lutherans Alert—National has had the goal of influencing the ALC toward a more conservative position. Gradually, the conviction has grown that if that effort were not successful, a new seminary should be started. The announcement that a school will open in Tacoma this year seems to give evidence that LA-N is not optimistic about achieving its goal through policies pursued thus far.

The question naturally arises: Will the graduates of the LA-N seminary be accepted by any of the large Lutheran bodies? There is precedent. The Church of Norway accepted the graduates of Menighetsfakultet and this has proved a workable and beneficial relationship to the Church.

If the major bodies are successful in turning back the graduates of the Tacoma school of theology, where do they go then? The only other alternative is to begin a new Lutheran synod and this may well be what will happen. So the wheels are turning and the next several years may see some striking new developments on the Lutheran scene in America. Still another movement which will not reach its culmination for a few years yet is the progress toward merger of the American Lutheran Church, the Lutheran Church in America and the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

We haven't been among those who have attacked the U.S. Supreme Court nor will we do so now. But we do ask that this last court of appeal among us take a more positive stand on the question of morality and show us more clearly that it is on the side of decency. Our republic could fall through moral corruption with the last ruling by the Court being one defending the very ones who caused the downfall.

MOTHER'S DAY

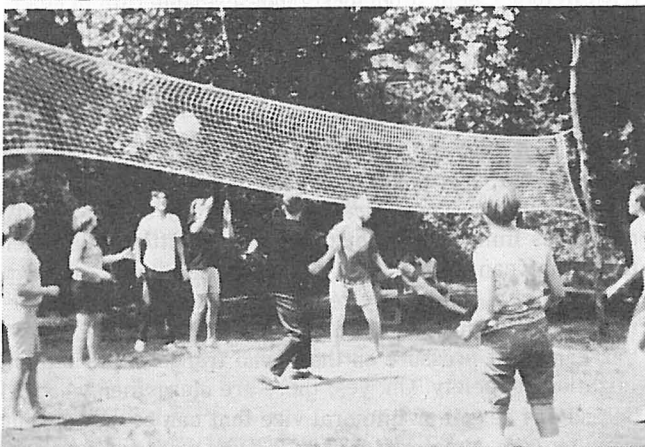
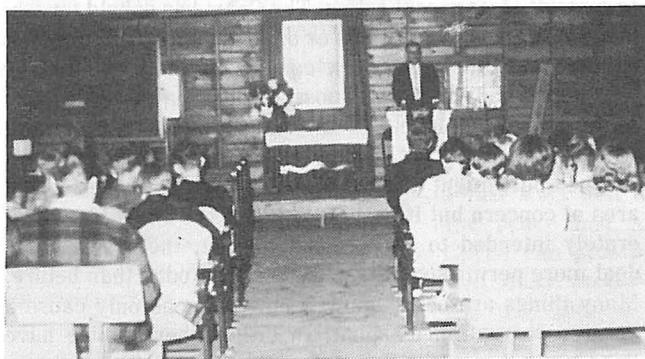
This editorial may properly follow the preceding one because mothers are a part of the answer to the moral climate of the nation. Together with the fathers they help to

mold the moral outlook of the child. A wholesome home atmosphere where there is love and respect and where Jesus Christ is a family member will give the child the best kind of start. As he grows older he will have to make more of his own decisions, but he will be better equipped to make them.

How much we owe to our mothers! What loving and sacrificial care they give to their children! What a high and sacred calling is theirs!

On this Mother's Day we pray the blessing of God upon all mothers. May you serve in your home as unto the Lord and may you be warmed and encouraged by the remembrances of your children today and every day.

GO TO BIBLE CAMP THIS SUMMER



PICKEREL LAKE, SOUTH DAKOTA

June 23-29. Camp address: Grenville. Dean—Rev. A. L. Hokonson, Faith. Bible teacher—Rev. Fritjof Monseth. Evening speaker—Rev. Milford Thompson. Cost—\$9.50. Age—12 years or through grade 6, and up.

CAMP GILEAD, WASHINGTON

July 28—Aug. 3. Camp address: Carnation, Wash. Dean—Rev. Robert Rieth, 11611 N.E. 140 St., Kirkland, Wash. Faculty—District pastors and possibly Missionary John Abel. Age—Family Camp. Children below 6th grade must have an adult responsible for them.

SHEYENNE VALLEY, NORTH DAKOTA

June 29—July 5. Camp address: Cooperstown. Dean—Rev. David Molstre, 1210 Chestnut St., Grand Forks. Faculty—Rev. R. Snipstead and Rev. Sterling Johnson.

FAMILY BIBLE CAMP

July 7-13. Camp address: Lake Geneva, Alexandria, Minn. Dean—Rev. Leslie Galland, Stacy, Minn. Adult Bible teacher—Rev. Edwin Kjos. Youth Bible teacher—Rev. Francis Monseth. Doctrinal Hour—Dr. Iver Olson. World and Home Missions Hour—Missionary John Abel, Rev. Herbert Franz, Rev. Fritjof Monseth, Rev. Jerome Nikunen. Evening speaker—Rev. Kenneth L. Anderson. Costs: Adult, \$18.00; Teen-ager, \$13.00; Child (2-12 yrs.), \$7.00; Under 2 yrs., no charge. Special family rate, \$70.00. Registration fee—per family, \$2.00; per individual, \$1.00. Babysitting provided.

GALILEE, MINNESOTA

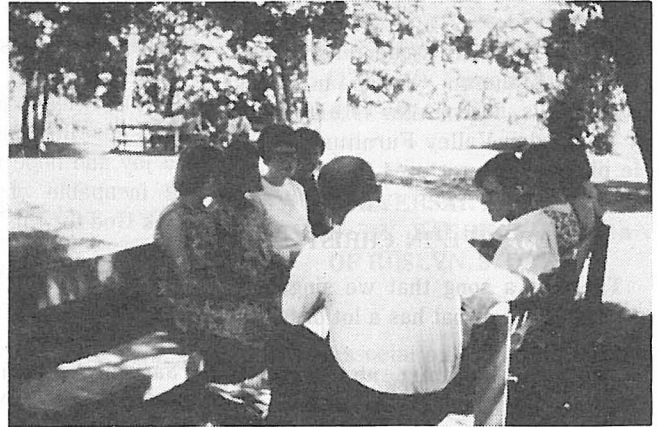
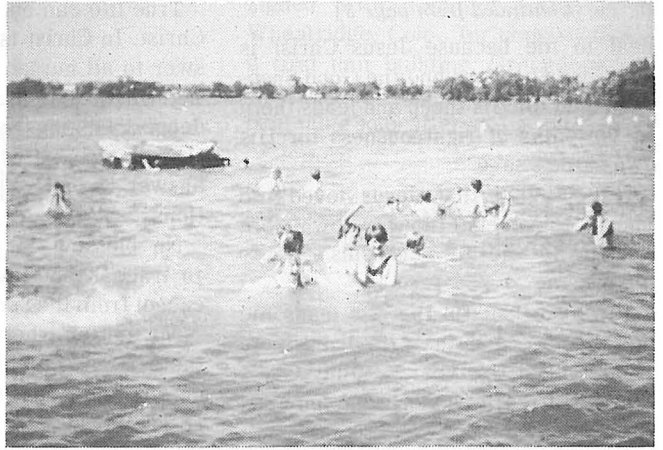
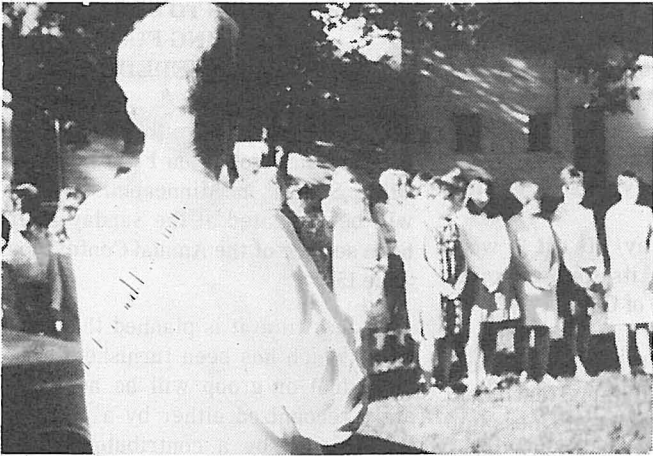
June 23-29. Camp address: Lake Bronson. Dean—Pastor Gene Sundby, Newfolden. Evening speaker—Pastor Francis Monseth. Bible teacher—Pastor R. Snipstead. Cost—\$12.50-\$13.00. Children's sessions included.

BETHANY, MINNESOTA

Senior Week, July 14-20. Camp address: Bemidji. Dean—Rev. Marvin Undseth, Shevlin. Evening speaker—Missionary Alvin Grothe. Bible teacher—Rev. Orville Olson.

Junior Week, July 20-25. Camp address: Bemidji. Dean—Rev. Dale Battleson. Bible teacher—Student Pastor Forrest Swenson. Evening speaker—Missionary Verle Dean.

Note: This is not a complete list of AFLC Camps. Others may be announced later.



Pictures are from Pickerel Lake Bible Camp (S. Dak.)

LUTHERANS ALERT—NATIONAL TO OPEN SEMINARY

In an announcement last month, Lutherans Alert—National stated that it would open a theological seminary in the fall in Tacoma, Wash. An acting dean has been chosen for the school which will be called Faith Evangelical Lutheran Seminary.

Tacoma was chosen as the site for the independent Lutheran school because of favorable climate, proximity to several colleges, job opportunities for students and the fact no other Lutheran seminary is situated in that part of the country.

The sponsoring organization, Lutherans Alert—National, is made up largely of members of the American Lutheran Church who seek "to promulgate within Lutheranism pure, historic, Biblical Christianity." In 1968 membership in the group was opened to all Lutherans. A recent brochure

on the proposed school declares that the school "teaches and confesses only that which Scripture and the Lutheran Confession also teach."

Rev. R. H. Redal, Tacoma, is president of LA-N. Rev. Ray Larson, Kenyon, Minn., is 1st vice-president; Rev. W. H. Lindquist, Kellogg, Ia., 2nd vice-president; Rev. David Sieberg, Austin, Tex., secretary; and Rev. K. E. Spaulding, Tacoma, treasurer. Frank A. Miller is the editor of the monthly publication of LA-N, **Lutherans Alert—National**.

(Ed. note: See the editorial "Lutherans Alert to Make Move" on page 9.)

PASTOR FRITJOF MONSETH UNDERWENT SURGERY IN MARCH, LUDVIG KVAMME PRESENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Two members of the Association

Free Lutheran Bible School family have recently been hospitalized.

Pastor Fritjof Monseth, a teacher, underwent surgery for a tumor on a kidney on March 19. The operation was performed at Lutheran Deaconess Hospital in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and included the removal of the kidney. He had been hospitalized for about a week before the surgery.

He was able to return to his teaching duties following the Easter recess and the return of the Choir from its tour to the West Coast.

Mr. Ludvig Kvamme, houseparent in the new dormitory, suffered a broken hip in a fall in the building the third week in April and is hospitalized in the Lutheran Deaconess Hospital. Surgery has been performed. Mr. and Mrs. Kvamme were formerly employed at Augsburg College in Minneapolis.

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deal to me because Jesus Christ is the Good Shepherd and the Good Shepherd died for His sheep and leads them in the paths of righteousness for His own name's sake.

I'm so glad that Jesus loved me enough to come all the way down from heaven to die for my sins and to cleanse me.

I'm also thankful that He leads me day by day and that He led me to Bible School this year to study God's Word and learn what He has planned for my life.

Les Peterson

Les, a first-year student from Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Thief River Falls, Minnesota, is employed by the Goden Valley Furniture Store. He plans to return to ALBS next fall.

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

There is a song that we sing here at Bible School that has a lot of meaning to me.

"New life in Christ, abundant and free; what glories shine, what joys are mine, what wondrous blessings I see! My past with its sin of searching and strife; Forever gone, there's a bright new dawn, for in Christ I have found new life."

God's presence is felt every day at Bible School. He shares my moments of joy, anticipations, trials and temptations. He is always there when I need Him, guiding with His hand and showing the way.

It is my prayer that everyone would find Christ as his personal Savior, too. What blessings would be showered upon them!

Colleen Olson

Colleen also is from Zion Lutheran Church at Tioga, North Dakota. She is employed by the Prudential Life Insurance Co., and plans to come back to Bible School next fall.

JESUS GIVES TRUE LIFE

Psalm 31:1, 2: "In thee, O Lord, do I seek refuge; let me never be put to shame; in thy righteousness deliver me! Incline thy ear to me, rescue me speedily! Be thou a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me!"

True life can only be found in Jesus Christ. In Christ is found the final answer to all human needs, the indwelling of a satisfaction covering my deepest longings, a complete destruction of my darkest fears, and a rich answer for all of my highest aspirations.

No blessing in my life, if I were to trace it back to its source, comes except from the Son of God.

No matter where I turn or look, if there is any small thing that is good, or anything true, anything that could possibly bring any joy or gladness into my life, I can see that I have these things because of the faith God has granted me in Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior.

The knowledge of the glory of Jesus Christ has filled my heart with a peace and joy and hope which human words are incapable of expressing. I just thank God for this glory He has shown to me.

Jane McCarlson

Jane McCarlson is a first-year student from the Tabor Lutheran Church near Webster, South Dakota. She is presently employed at the Colonial Acres Nursing Home. Jane is undecided about her plans for next year.



Jane McCarlson, Left, and Gwen James

BIBLE VERSES

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God" John 1:1.

"While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light" John 12:36.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO DORMITORY FURNISHING FUND STILL NEEDED

The new Dormitory-Classroom building at Association Free Lutheran Bible School in Minneapolis, Minn., will be dedicated at the Sunday afternoon service of the Annual Conference, June 15.

By that time it is planned that each room which has been furnished by an individual or group will be appropriately recognized either by a plate on the door or by a contributors' book near the entry of the building.

A number of rooms do not have donors for them as yet. A little time remains in which an individual or group can volunteer to furnish a room. A gift of \$500 will furnish a two-student room and \$700 will supply a three-student room.

For fuller details regarding procedures for equipping rooms, please see **The Lutheran Ambassador**, July 23, 1968.

Due to a shortage of time before the Annual Conference, any organization or individual interested in furnishing a room should contact this address at once:

Business Administrator, AFLC
3110 E. Medicine Lake Blvd.
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55427

Smaller contributions to the furnishing fund are also welcome.



McINTOSH, MINNESOTA
May 13-16
Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church
Orville Olson, pastor
Speaker: Rev. Herbert L. Franz,
Cloquet, Minn.

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had been installed in 1939.

Not having had a parsonage of its own the congregation built a three bedroom house in 1965. Of a split-level design, the building has a small chapel and study on the first level. All the work except the perfataping and installation of the furnace was done by voluntary labor. Two carpenters in the congregation supervised the project, and a third member, owning a building supply business, sold all the material at cost. While the church building is located ten miles northwest of Kalispell, the parsonage is but a short distance outside the city limits.

In 1967 the congregation purchased a Baldwin organ to replace the reed organ.

The annual meeting in November, 1967, voted to dig a well on the church premises and to install hot and cold running water in the church basement. This project has been completed, plus a modern kitchen, toilet and an indoor stairway from the basement to the upstairs main entry. Carpenters—members of the church—headed up the work and greatly reduced the total cost. Plans are being discussed for the remodeling of the entire basement.

Pastors having served the congregation included L. O. Onerheim, 1911-15, M. O. Wee, 1916-17, P. C. Danielson, 1917-20, J. C. Hjelmervik, 1920-30, L. N. Field, 1930-33, O. Bergeland, 1935-37, G. E. Frost, 1937-40, C. H. Jacobson, 1940-45, A. H. Bachman, 1945-51, W. Korsrud, 1951-54, J. Johnson, 1954, R. Kindem, 1954-58, M. O. Ensberg, 1958, J. M. Grimsrud, Rik Engebretson, 1958-60, D. Jacobson, 1960, Mr. Paul Sorlund, 1961.

During 1963 Rev. R. P. Haakonson of Moorhead, Minn., served the congregation for a number of weeks. Evangelist Clarence Haaland also conducted a series of meetings. Pastor Trygve Dahle served during a ten-month period in 1964. Rev. Karl Stendal has served since Dec., 1964.

Sons of the congregation who are serving as pastors are Norman Prestbye and Oscar Olsrud. Both are serving in the American Lutheran Church.

In 1967 the Stillwater Church hosted the National Luther League Convention of the AFLC. God was permitted

to work and souls found Jesus. Again, during the West Coast District Luther League Convention in April, 1968, held in Stillwater, between twenty-five and thirty young people committed their lives to Christ. A number of these were from Stillwater.

The Stillwater Lutheran Church became a member of the ALC when the Evangelical Lutheran Church joined the three-way merger in 1961. However, in November, 1964, the congregation amended its constitution and officially became affiliated with the AFLC.

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to the goddess Athena, the Parthenon contained columns and a multitude of figures. The Parthenon is surrounded by several smaller temples and by a theatre.

From the Acropolis can immediately be seen Mars Hill, the center of ancient Athenian intellectual life. In the near distance can be seen the sprawling and cosmopolitan city which is modern Athens. Modern Athens has a curious beauty. This beauty attempts to preserve the grandeur of the ancient gods and goddesses who once were supposed to have inhabited the Greek peninsula.

Another ancient and modern city which we visited was Corinth. Today a canal has been cut through the solid rock across the Isthmus of Corinth. Two thousand years ago the Apostle Paul visited this thriving city of almost one-half million people. We were thrilled and stunned as we walked along the same roadway into Corinth as Paul did. We saw the marketplace which Paul saw. And we were awed by the magnificent pagan temple which Paul had viewed in his day.

We journeyed further back into time to see the ruins of the Mycenaen civilization which had dominated Greece nearly 4,000 years ago.

And, of course, no visit to Greece would be complete without a view of the theatre at Epidarus.

To us Greece had been a varied portrait. None of us will forget the city of Athens, jeweled at eventide. A group of us and the Dilworths went out on Sunday night. In the silent solemnity of evening we climbed Mars

Hill and prayed. Before us was the city. Behind us was the Acropolis. Paul's words lingered with us: "The God who created the world and everything in it, and who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by men" (Acts 17:24 NEB).

We paused; we lingered; we rushed on into the city. We became a part of the pre-Lenten Mardi Gras Carnival. Suddenly we found ourselves covering the Dilworths with confetti.

Conclusion

On Tuesday, February 4, we left Athens at 3:05 a.m. (4:05 p.m. PST, Monday, February 3) and arrived in Zurich at 5:45 a.m. After an hour in the Zurich airport, we boarded Scandinavian Airlines System Flight 962, departing at 6:45 a.m., for Copenhagen. We arrived in Copenhagen at 8:15 a.m. Most of us spent the morning shopping in our beloved Copenhagen. I even bought Danish pastries to take home to my family.

We boarded SAS Flight 933, leaving at 12:45 p.m., for Seattle and arrived in Seattle after a 9½-hour flight at 2:50 p.m. Upon clearing customs and United States immigration, we boarded Northwest Orient Airlines Flight 620 leaving at 6:55 p.m. for Spokane and arriving 7:45 p.m. in Spokane on Tuesday, February 4. This had been **our long day!**

The actual trip was over. In reality our trip will live on as long as we live! **GLORY BE TO GOD!**

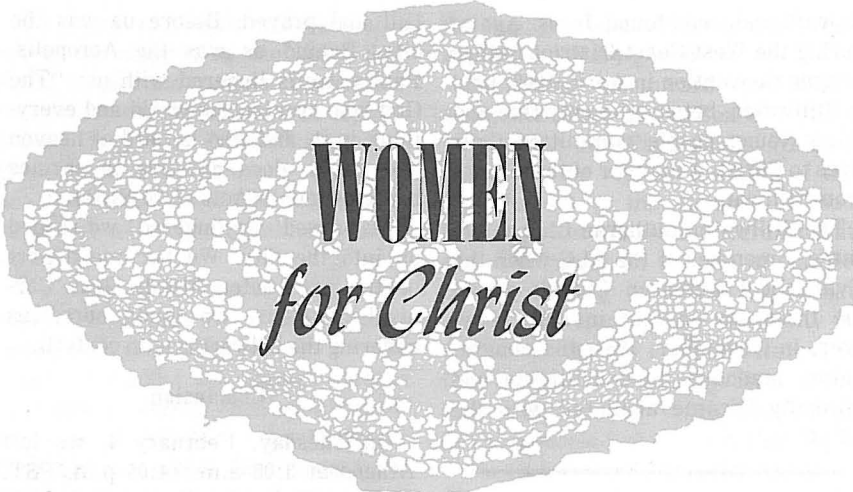
ARTICLE ON THE AFLC APPEARS IN NATIONAL MAGAZINE

Lutheran Forum, an independent monthly published by the American Lutheran Publicity Bureau (no connection with the ALC) in New York, has recently published an article on the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations, entitled "Pietism and Participation." It is written by Rolf E. Aaseng, associate editor of **The Lutheran Standard**.

The story carries a picture of Pastor John P. Strand presiding over the 1968 Annual Conference in Cloquet, Minn.

The article is found on page 10 of the March issue.

Rev. Glenn C. Stone edits **Lutheran Forum**.



WOMEN *for Christ*

REFLECTIONS ON MOTHERS

by Mrs. Ed Mathison, Bagley, Minn.

Mother's Day is near again and we think of tributes in the many songs and poems written for mothers. Some of these are especially for mothers gone home to glory while others are to those yet here on earth. This means of course, the thoughts of Christian mothers.

To reflect is to give back an image. To do this, let us think of God's image of mothers, even that they be mothers of nations. Motherhood has been with us since right after creation.

In Prov. 31:10-31, we find a description of a virtuous woman and mother. Even the world looks for these virtues in a Christian. That of greatest importance to God is found in verse 30, "but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised." God always instills a mother's love in women. In both the Old and New Testaments we read of the concern mothers had for their children: such as Sarah, Hannah, Elizabeth, Mary, Lois and Eunice, to name a few.

Luther's Small Catechism says we fear God when we think so highly of Him that we are afraid of offending Him. This makes us want to obey our Heavenly Father. By faithfulness to the Lord, mothers receive help to attain all other virtues. "God Who called you to become His child will do all for you just as He has promised" I Thess. 5:24 (**Living Letters**). Billy Graham once said, "If I were a woman, I would run to Christ; He is the best friend womankind ever

had." Mothers do not think of themselves as someone to be honored but as handmaidens of the Lord. "Commit thy works unto the Lord and thy thoughts shall be established" (Prov. 16:3).

Can we reflect on mothers answering to such virtues now? Yes, to be sure, we can. A good mother is still a blessing to all mankind. Christian mothers today are concerned about their families. They do take to heart the admonition of the Word, "Ask the Lord Jesus Christ to help you live as you should and don't make plans to enjoy evil" (Rom. 13:14 L.L.). If this were not so, all the songs and poetry about mothers are all just a pretense.

Now for a mirror reflection on us, the mothers of today. Do we answer the poetic, the Scriptural description of mothers? We may be in the minority and fall short, but God's message of salvation through Jesus Christ and His Spirit is still uppermost in the heart of one who commits her way unto the Lord. This makes us reflect back to our own childhood, "you know how, when you were a small child, you were taught the Holy Scriptures; and it is these that make you wise to accept God's salvation in Christ" (II Tim. 3:15 L.L.).

Concerning our families, how many take time to be obedient to God's command, "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Prov. 22:6)? We must face reality with our family. We may find the questions are a little different in this generation but most of the answers are the same as they

have always been. It involves love, truth, courage, justice and faith to mold the lives of those entrusted to us. Prov. 31:27, 28, tells of this and its joy: "She looketh well to the ways of her household.... Her children rise up and call her blessed...." "For the mother is and must be, whether she knows it or not, the greatest, strongest and most lasting teacher her children have" (Hannah W. Smith).

Does our mirror reflect just a little of this as mothers? "A partnership with God... is motherhood. No joy in nature is so sublimely affecting as the joy of a mother at the good fortune of her child" (Richter).

The handmaidens are still with us. "...the living, he shall praise Thee, as I do this day: the father of the children shall make known Thy truth" (Is. 38:19). "Which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us. We will not hide them from their children, showing to the generation to come the praises of the Lord, and His strength, and His wonderful works that He hath done" (Ps. 73:3, 4). Our duty goes on and on. "One generation shall praise Thy works to another, and shall declare Thy mighty acts" (Ps. 145:4).

There is no greater joy on this Mother's Day than to reflect on the fruit of her concern and see her children take a stand for her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

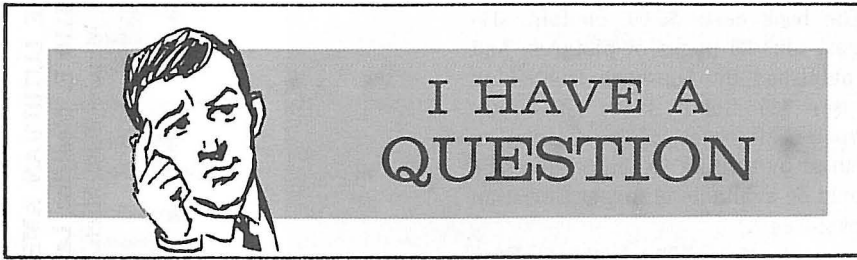
CENTRAL MINNESOTA WMF RALLY SET

The Central Minnesota District of the Women's Missionary Federation will be held at Zion Lutheran Church, Dalton, Minnesota, on Tuesday, May 13, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The theme is "Manifest God's Glory."

Mr. Verle Dean of the Redby Indian Mission in Minnesota will be the afternoon speaker.

There will also be a Bible study and prayer session, musical numbers by soloists and a sextet, and also a pot-luck dinner.

—Mrs. Lawrence Dahlgren
Secretary



Question: How can I get to feel that I am saved?

Answer: It is better to know that we are saved than to feel it. Where can one get the information? The Word of Scripture alone has it. The Bible declares that Jesus died for all; few of us doubt that. It further declares that if we confess our sins to God, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins; that is more difficult to believe. It is not a matter of doubting His Word; but there is the matter of our being completely sincere in our confession. Perhaps we have not repented and confessed as we ought to do it. Here is the snag in which it is so easy to become entangled.

Remember this, that God is far more interested in forgiving us than we are to ask for forgiveness. Now, if He wants to forgive—and I want forgiveness—is God going to be reluctant in granting it? For that matter, none of us have been sincere enough or repented enough or believe strongly enough to be forgiven. God asks for just enough faith to believe that His Word on this point is true for you. Then you have forgiveness.

Feelings are good, but are not completely reliable; they were never intended to be a basis for forgiveness. They result upon a faith in God's forgiveness. "If our heart condemn us not, then we have confidence toward God"; but "if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things" (I John 3:20-21).

There is always the danger for us that we would like to base our forgiveness upon the assurance of forgiveness. Such a basis for faith is faulty. God wants us to believe on the basis of His Word. Faith is to accept something as a fact when there is no other basis for it than the Word of God. God gives us assurance when we believe His Word. When it is necessary, He may withhold from us the assur-

ance of forgiveness in order to train us to believe in His Word alone. His purpose is to give us a firm basis for assurance. Take Him at His Word.

Question: Why do so many professing Christians believe they are perfect, and continually find fault with others and criticize them?

Answer: That's easy; they haven't been thoroughly converted yet. This is what is wrong with them, and I am the one who has discovered it. So now I, who am better than they, find fault with them and criticize them.

But the matter is not quite so simple as all that. It may well be that the number of such Christians is smaller than we often think. The sore thumb is noticed and gets attention, while the nine which give no pain are forgotten. Furthermore, these same people who are so critical of others would undoubtedly have been worse if they were not Christians. It may also be that they have become more keenly aware of their own sins, and the sins of others, than they were when they themselves lived in those same sins. Zeal for the righteousness of God has unbalanced them. Add to this the common viewpoint that more is expected of a Christian who professes that he has been saved than we do of others; so we alert ourselves to their shortcomings — and often magnify them.

Yet, these things ought not so to be. A Christian should not be a carping critic. He should demonstrate the love of God toward sinners rather than pronounce judgment upon them for their sins. A Christian must needs speak up to the point of sin; but his love toward the sinner should overshadow his hatred of sin.

The statement of the great Christian of India of a generation ago, Sadhu Sundhar Singh, is apropos today: The trouble with sects is that there are so many insects in them. These insects feed upon the faults of others. That's

poison for the soul, and is not suitable as a Christian diet. Before long these insects, having surfeited on the faults of others, turn inward to gnaw upon the soul of the carping critic until he dies.

CORRECTION

The final paragraph of the article "Who Am I?" on the Luther League Activities page of the April 1 issue of **The Lutheran Ambassador** was inadvertently not completed and we reprint that paragraph here:!

No, I can't thoroughly know myself before I attempt to find out who others are, but finding myself as a whole person in the sight of God has given me a perspective which I would not trade for all the categorizing abilities in the world.

We regret the omission.

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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.

MINNESOTA

Doran
Mrs. David Fogelman (Ona Aasness),
22, July 26, Stiklestad

McIntosh
Mrs. Ole Brokke, 81, March 9, Trinity
Oscar Thoveson, 63, April 12, Mt. Carmel

Herman Hanson, 66, April 13, Trinity

NORTH DAKOTA

Abercrombie
Emil Flaa, August 20, Bethany
Henry Hendrickson, 84, January 18,
Bethany

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| | Proposed | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| | Yearly Budget | Current Budget | Total Received |
| General Fund | \$ 36,000.00 | \$ 6,000.00 | \$2,119.84 |
| Seminary and Bible School | 51,175.00 | 8,529.16 | 2,010.65 |
| Missions | 72,800.00 | 12,133.33 | 4,367.87 |
| Praise Program | 30,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 2,153.47 |
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