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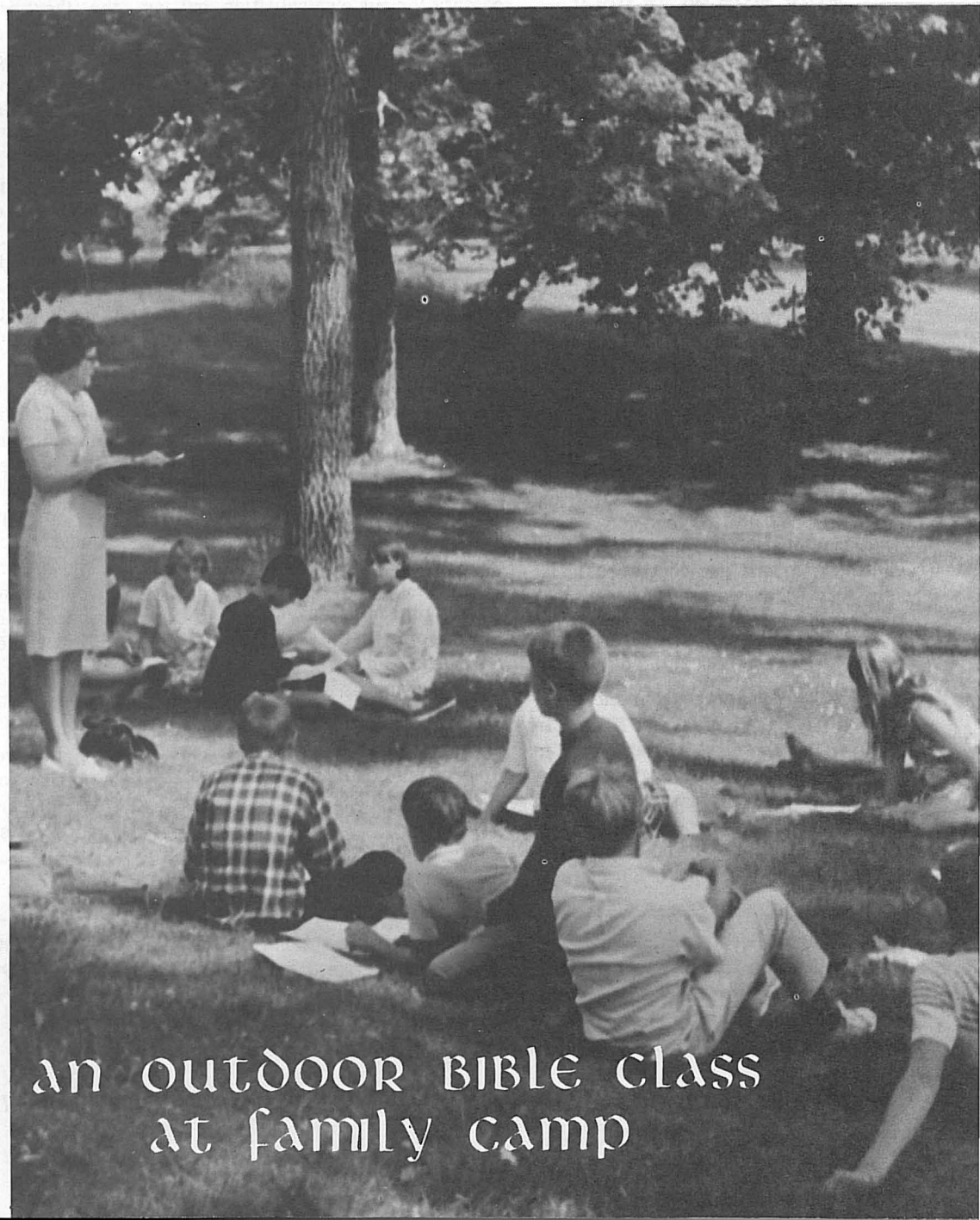
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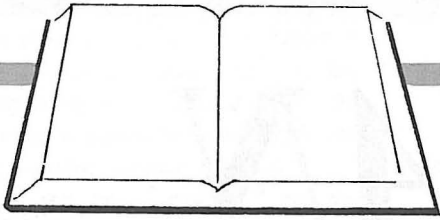
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an outdoor bible class  
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## *According to the Word*

### TAKE TIME TO BE HOLY

**Read and memorize Ephesians 5: 14-21.**

We mentioned last time that the disciples went to sleep in the garden while Christ was agonizing and sweating blood under the burden of our sins; but not only that, they even went to sleep on the mountain top. We read: "But Peter and they that were with him were heavy with sleep, and when they were awake, they saw his glory, and the two men that stood with him" (Luke 9:32). We have to be awake to see His glory.

**How can we tell whether we are awake or asleep?**

Let me give you a few clues: We are **asleep** when we do not see and agonize over our sins—when we do not see our need for daily forgiveness—when we are not concerned about the lost—when we are more taken up with material values than with eternal values, etc.

**What shall we do?**

"Awake—and arise from the dead, and **Christ shall give you light.**" In His light we will see clearly how to walk (v. 15), and how to make right use of our time (v. 16). When we walk in His light we will walk circumspectly, carefully, not as fools, but as wise. Watch your steps! This is not only ne-

cessary for our own salvation, but for the sake of others. Christ wants us to be examples and not stumbling-blocks. Much has been lost in the kingdom of God by the careless, unholy walk of some professing Christians. Paul gives us three exhortations as to how to walk in this chapter: walk in love, v. 2., walk as children of light, v. 8; and walk circumspectly, v. 15.

A careful walk will also manifest itself in the right usage of the time. Note the close connection between verses 15 and 16. "See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil." If we are going to use our time properly, we have to redeem it, pay for it. And the reason for this is "for the days are evil."

Satan is doing his utmost to hinder us from living "real good" with the Lord. It takes time to do that.

"Take time to be holy,  
Speak oft with the Lord;  
Abide in Him always,  
And feed on His Word.

Take time to be holy,  
The world rushes on;  
Spend much time in secret,  
With Jesus alone."

The evil one will see to it that we are kept so busy with other things

that there is not much time to spend with the Lord. We are rushed to death by the tempo and spirit of the world. That's why we have to pay the price, redeem it. It costs something to turn off that TV program and listen to God's program, but how rewarding! It costs something to get up an hour earlier in the morning to feed on His Word and commune with Him, but it pays big dividends. It costs for the housewife to leave everything and take a quiet moment with the Lord when the Holy Spirit reminds her, but it certainly pays. It costs something when you are sitting in your living room after a day's hard work to get up from your easy chair and go over to an unsaved neighbor to talk to him about his soul's salvation because the Holy Spirit prompts you to do it. But it pays, because that very moment is the opportune time. You will discover that the Holy Spirit had already prepared the heart for the message that he wanted you to bring.

When the Lord makes it known to you that He wants to use you as His mouthpiece, be sure, as the apostle says, that you do not act like a fool by letting your own interests and excuses hinder you from carrying out your Savior's orders.

Lars Stalsbroten

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# "THOSE AREN'T GLASSES, THEY'RE BINOCULARS!"

by Mrs. Vernon R. Nelson, Grand Forks, N. Dak.

Becky is a red-haired, freckle-faced, four-year-old girl who lives down the street from me. She and I have been friends for at least two of her four years. We share ice cream bars, flowers, dandelions, kittens and other four-year-old items that happen to be a part of her world when I am in my flower beds and she comes by to visit me.

The other day I went outside to wait for the mailman and since I was filled with anticipation as to what he might bring, I started down the walk to meet him. Becky crawled out from under her shady elm tree and called, "Hi!"

"Hi, Becky! Have you seen the mailman?"

She answered with a grunt that I knew meant "no." Then she joined me on the sidewalk. Her bare feet were dusty and sun-tanned like the rest of her.

"Do your glasses really work?" I asked.

"Those aren't glasses, they're binoculars," she said, correcting me proudly.

"Oh, is that so?" I smiled. "What's the difference if I call them glasses?"

"Because glasses are for seeing and binoculars are for looking." She laughed as though she knew that I was aware of this wise bit of information all along and was teasing her.

I met the mailman, said, "So long" to Becky, and went back into the house. But somehow the simple truth of what Becky had said stuck in my mind. She was completely satisfied with her limited knowledge of the difference between eye glasses and field glasses.

This illustration brings up a very interesting point in teaching children. Whoever taught Becky the difference between field glasses and eye glasses had done the job well. They had not cluttered her mind with a lot of worthwhile information that she could not use nor understand at this point in her life. She had been given information that she could communicate to others. Even an adult could understand what she meant when she said there was a difference between "seeing" and "looking."

Are we guilty of overteaching our children in parish education? We have been told again and again that we must know our material thoroughly before we come before the children on Sunday morning. This is a good basic essential to teaching. However, we are not told that we must use every statement in the teacher's manual and bring it before the pupil at class time. A teacher's manual is a tool, or teaching aid, to help the teacher arrive at a single teaching goal. A manual is meant to supply background information, and thought-provoking ideas, some of which can be used to drive home a single spiritual truth. It is not intended to be a final source of supply, all of which has to be transmitted to the pupil. Educators tell us that when we present too much material to a pupil we hazard a great risk, the risk of causing well-meant but unnecessary facts to replace a spiritual truth. Unknowingly, then, we often overteach the pupil and cause him to miss the very precious Word of God that could have resulted in spiritual growth!

Getting back to Becky, her teacher could have ex-

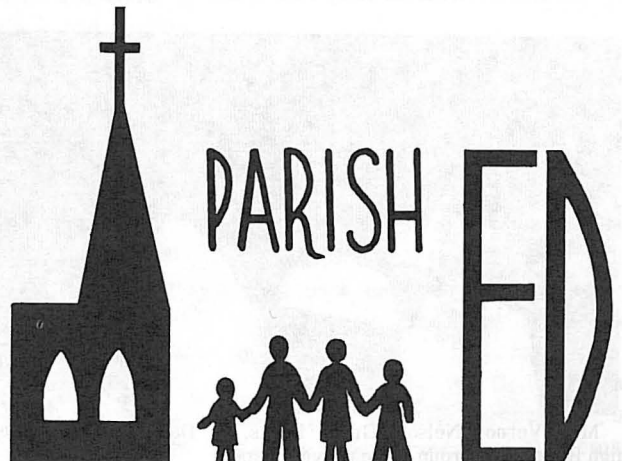
plained the difference in the lenses of eyeglasses and field glasses. This would have proved that her teacher was well-informed, and for a moment at least, Becky could have repeated the right words and made the teacher proud. But Becky really didn't want to know about lenses, she just wanted to "see" how they worked. She learned by looking, by application.

It's pretty impractical to look at a picture book with binoculars, but binoculars are wonderful for looking into bird's nests! That's all Becky wanted to know for now, because that is what she is using the binoculars for. Later on in life, I'm sure, she will learn more, but right now, today, she's outside enjoying those field glasses to the fullest, watching baby birds being fed and seeing mother robin, high in the elm tree with a worm in her mouth.

Teacher's manuals are available for our Sunday school material and we are happy to be able to offer them to you this year. Remember our goal in Parish Education at each grade level is to present a **spiritual truth** at a particular level of learning. Let's use the teacher's manual, but not to the extent that we forget to meet the child at his point of interest. Let's make it a point to know our pupils better. Let's not be so concerned with the manual that we think we must tell all that we have learned about the lesson in order to carry out our call as a faithful Sunday school teacher.

We must measure the ability of our pupils and challenge them with the Word of God without overteaching. We must have a balance in teaching. We must aim for knowledge and insight of the Word of God with an understanding of the ability of the pupil. This requires the wisdom that can come only from our Lord. "And if, in the process, any of you does not know how to meet any particular problem, he has only to ask God—who gives generously to all men without making them feel foolish and guilty—and he may be quite sure that the necessary wisdom will be given him" (James 1:5, Phillips).

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# scenes from family



Rev. Francis Monseth, Everett, Wash., the youth Bible study teacher.



Rev. Laurel Udden, Minneapolis, Minn., who was the evening speaker at the camp.



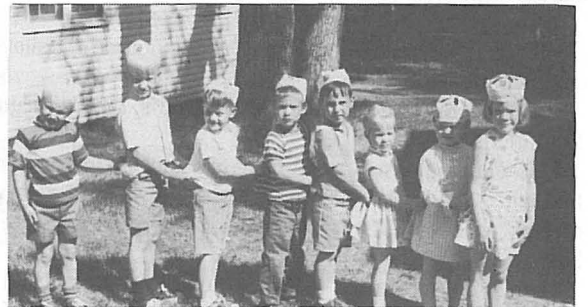
A discussion on missions is led by Pastor John Abel, missionary to Brazil.



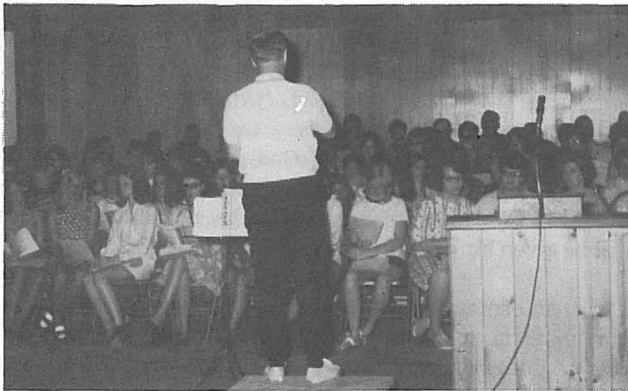
Rev. Amos Dyrud, the adult group Bible study leader.



Two lectures on the ecumenical movement were given by Rev. G. L. Halmrast, Moorhead, Minn., who has made a special study of this phenomenon.



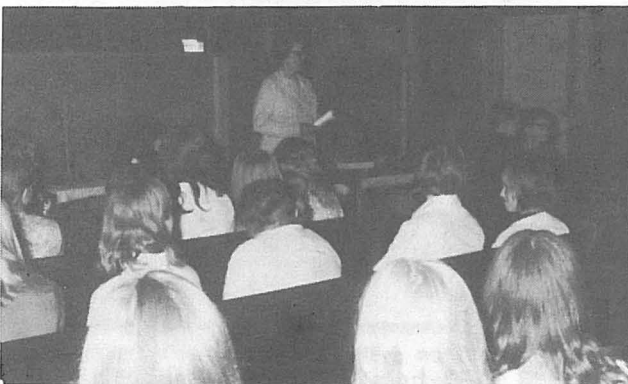
These little tots called themselves "the Gospel Train."



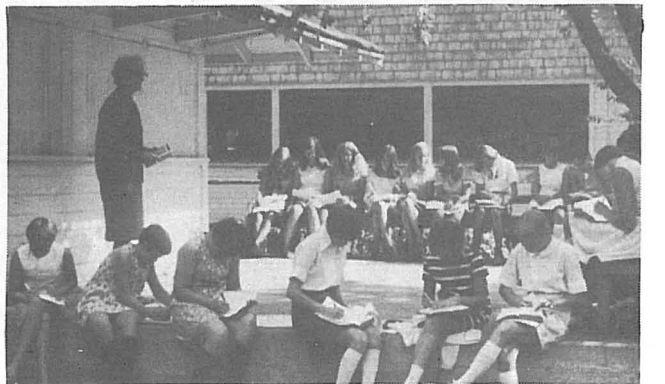
Don Rodvold leads the camp choir in a morning rehearsal.



The Bill Kangases, the Swante Millimakis and the Maurice Hankas enjoy a snack after the evening service.



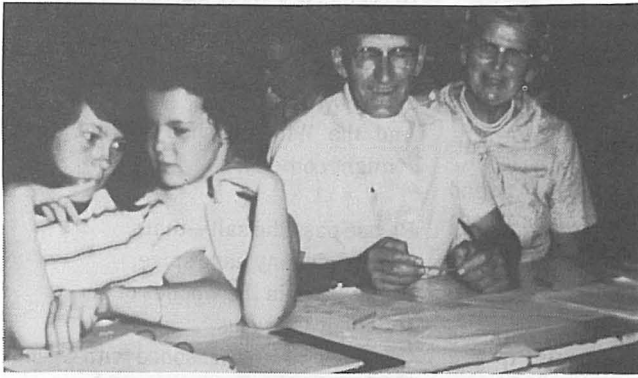
Mrs. Vernon Nelson, Grand Forks, N. Dak., leads a junior high Bible study group in the prayer chapel.



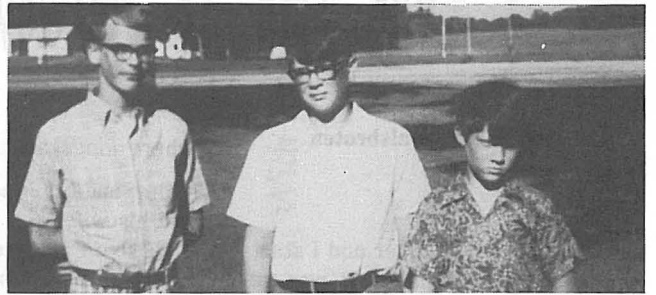
Mrs. Gehart Solberg, Aneta, N. Dak., conducted a junior high study outside the canteen.



# bible camp



At the registration desk on opening day of camp.



Three boys from Abercrombie, N. Dak., Wayne, Craig and Jonathan, left to right.



The lakefront



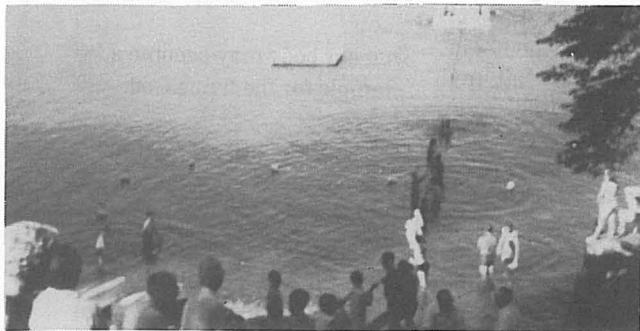
Children at play



A camp counsellor in a reflective mood.



Marlow Nash, Colfax, N. Dak., punches Mrs. John Strand's meal ticket as her husband looks on.



Some campers attempting futilely to right the overturned diving raft. The same was later accomplished by means of tow trucks and a winch.



The cooks at camp. Front row, left to right, Emma Dahl, Mrs. Hjalmer Stone, and Mrs. Oscar Borg, all of Hampden, N. Dak., Mrs. Roy Mohagen, Grafton, N. Dak., and Mrs. Kenneth Nash, Colfax, N. Dak. In the back row are Clifford Holm, Badger, Minn., and Bob Wold, Thief River Falls, Minn.

# Our Trip To Norway

Pastor Lars Stalsbrotten

## PART I

On June 2, 1970, Oliver and I started out in our old Rambler. It was very hot, about 90 degrees, but we arrived at Vancouver, B.C., at 6 p.m. We went to our good friend Andreasen. His garage was empty and we stored our car there until our return. Mr. Andreasen's son was so kind to take us to the airport. We were to board the plane at 10:30 p.m. I was very curious how this would go, because I had never been up before. We got in on the plane and, as it was all dark, nothing to see, we committed ourselves to the care and keeping of the Lord. I slept most of the way and before I knew it we were at Amsterdam.

One of the three sisters, whom my wife already knew, met us at the airport and took us to their beautiful home where we stayed for a few days. We enjoyed their hospitality and real Christian fellowship. There is no national barrier with the fellowship of the saints. They met us when we returned, too, and we stayed there several days. They saved us at least 6-700 crowns (in Norway) that we would have had to pay for taxi and hotel bills. It overwhelms me when I meet such genuine Christian love and hospitality. I feel so unworthy. Christ says in Matt. 10:40, "He that receiveth you receiveth me"—read on. And note that not even a cup of cold water given to one because he is a disciple of Christ shall be without reward. Very few Christians see and practice Christian hospitality today.

At Amsterdam we boarded a train that took us through Germany, Denmark and Sweden to Oslo. This was really a very tiresome trip, to sit on the train a whole day and a night. In Oslo we stayed at the Lutheran Free Church Seminary home for about four days. A friend of ours who used to belong to one of the churches I served in the US came and took us out to the most expensive restaurants

where kings and queens used to eat.

On Sunday, June 7, our good friend and his wife took us to Raufoss where the Ostre Presbyteri conference of the Lutheran Free Church was held. Now I had to plunge right into the Norwegian language again. I had not used it for the past 22 years, but I had no trouble.

Then our friends took us clear to Kragerø where Oscar Lervik is pastor in the Free Church. He used to be my assistant pastor in Telemark. We had 30 places where we preached in those days. Almost like a bishopric. We had blessed times together in the long ago. He preached the law, about sin and condemnation, and I preached the Gospel. There was real revival. Some winters more than a hundred got saved. We sure experienced that both God and Satan were working. One night a gang had made up their minds to give Pastor Lervik a real beating. One evening after the service, as he was praying with some seeking souls, one great big husky fellow came in. Two others stood outside. They were to help in case it was needed. As he came toward the pastor, the Holy Spirit's convicting power came over him. He broke completely down, and he cried out under tears: "Pastor Lervik, will you pray for me! I got to get saved!" When the other fellows saw what had happened they ran away.

Well, those were wonderful days. No wonder when we met again we embraced each other and wept.

He had arranged for a mountain retreat where I could meet all my friends from Telemark. We will hear about that next time.

**Ed. Note:** The Lutheran Free Church in Norway of which Pastor Stalsbrotten writes is similar to the Church of the Lutheran Brethren in the US and Canada. It is, of course, separate from the state church of Norway, which is also Lutheran.

(To be continued)

Please pass a stone crusher—that;  
Hearts might be crushed,  
Pride broken,  
Self bent,  
And the Will smashed so that Jesus  
might come in.

Please pass the salt—that;  
Our words may have spice,  
It may burn in the wounds of sin,  
It may preserve us,  
Our lives may be seasoned with Grace.

Please pass the soap—that;  
Our tongues may be washed,  
Filth be removed,  
The germs of gossip be killed,  
Sarcasm be rinsed away,  
Our lips may show forth His praise.

Please pass an invention—that will:  
Make people reverence the house of  
God,  
Make them stop gossiping before the  
prelude is finished,  
Make them take their pews with  
prayer,  
Stay the demon sleep,  
Open the inner ear,  
Sharpen the memory,  
That they may ponder these things  
in their hearts.

Please pass a rake—that will,  
Gather the fruit damaged by sin,  
Gather the broken limbs of  
unfinished tasks,  
Gather the withered branches of  
good intentions,  
Gather the thorns of unkind words,  
Gather the scattered leaves of evil  
acts.  
That our body may become a fit  
temple for the living God.

Please pass a little forgetfulness:  
To the business man, that he may  
think of his soul,  
To the modern mother, that she  
may think of her children,  
To the pleasure crazed boy, that  
he may listen to conscience,

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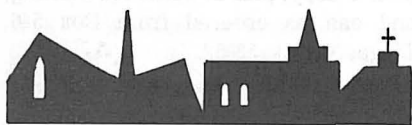
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# FELLOWSHIP



## TODAY: TRIUMPH LUTHERAN CHURCH, FERNDAL, WASH.

Triumph Lutheran Church is the result of the merger of two congregations in 1967. The churches were First Lutheran in Ferndale, which had been organized on Aug. 11, 1903, and Golgotha of Blaine, organized on Nov. 8, 1908. The new congregation also has its church in Ferndale, at Mountain View and Church Roads.

Triumph Lutheran broke ground for the new building on June 23, 1968. The

beautiful structure was completed in 1969 with the dedication service held on Sept. 21 of that year.

The merger of First and Golgotha was occasioned largely by the need for Golgotha to re-locate because of industrial expansion in its area. Remuneration for the land it owned aided in the construction of the new church. The expansion in the waterfront area, just mentioned, also provided a fertile field for ministry and growth for Triumph Lutheran.

Both former congregations experienced periodic revivals earlier in their history. Because of these there is a present concern for a free and living congregation today. Prayer meetings and evangelistic services are a vital part of the church's program.

The congregation sponsors a weekly radio broadcast on Station KPUG, heard each Sunday morning from 9 to 9:30.

Pastors who have served the parish are Rev. J. T. Moen, the organizer, 1903-1912; J. L. Bestul, 1912-17; Christian Mohn, 1918-30; John Hjelmeland, 1930-43; C. J. Nestvold, 1943-48; Sylvester Rue, 1948-54; E. P. Dreyer, 1955-64; R. Snipstead, 1964-68, and J. G. Erickson, 1968--.

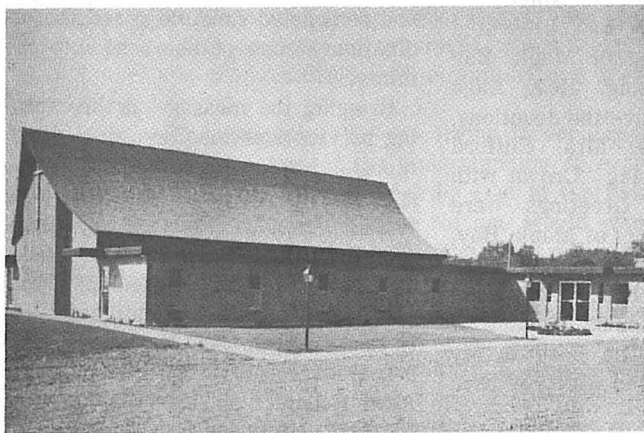
The Rev. Harald Grindal, now an American Lutheran Church pastor in

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Pastor J. G. Erickson, a native of Viroqua, Wis., received his education at the University of Wisconsin, and at the Lutheran Brethren Bible School and Seminary, Fergus Falls, Minn. For a period of some nine years he served as an itinerant evangelist in the U.S. and Canada, after which he accepted a call from the Home Mission Board of the former Lutheran Free Church to serve the Faith, S. Dak., parish.

During his eight-year pastorate in South Dakota he organized a sister congregation at Eagle Butte, Emmanuel Lutheran. In 1964, he accepted a call to Salem Lutheran Church, Radcliffe, Ia. During his ministry at Radcliffe he was also asked to serve Stavanger Lutheran Church, then ALC, Garden City, Ia. Accepting a call to Triumph Lutheran Church, Ferndale, Washington, in 1968, he moved to his present pastorate. His wife, the former Harriett Syverson, was born and raised at Kasson, Minn., and was employed for a number of years at the Mayo Clinic in that city. Pastor and Mrs. Erickson have two sons, James, age 17, a high school senior, and Joel, age 16, a junior.



Triumph Lutheran Church



The present parsonage, located at 630 Mount Baker Avenue, was acquired in 1918, with Pastor Mohn and family being the first to occupy it.





# NEWS of the Churches

## DOVRE CHURCH OBSERVED 75TH ANNIVERSARY

Dovre Lutheran Congregation of Winger, Minn., observed her 75th anniversary on June 20 and 21. On Saturday evening there was a banquet for all the former confirmands and their husbands and wives, which was prepared and served by the ladies of Union Lake Church. Following the meal a program was presented, with Rev. Waldemar Anderson, Wyndmere, N. Dak., a former pastor of the church, as speaker.

Helmer Homme was master of ceremonies and Wm. Raaen of Fergus Falls, Minn., led the singspiration. Special music was furnished by Mrs. Noel McLane, Mrs. Ed Pearsall and Mrs. Dave Grundyson, all of Minneapolis, Minn., and by Mr. and Mrs. Terry Olson of Moorhead, Minn. There was confirmation roll call and the earliest class represented was that of 1908.

The Sunday morning worship service was led by the present pastor, Forrest Swenson. Rev. John DeBoer, another former pastor, delivered the sermon. Mr. Raaen, assisted by Neil Bursheim on the violin, sang "The Name I Highly Treasure." Following the sermon he sang "Face to Face." He was now accompanied by his sister, Mrs. Robert Bursheim.

Dinner was served by the local ladies aid.

Pastor DeBoer again spoke at the festival service in the afternoon. Terry Olson, a future student at Free Lutheran Seminary, led the meeting. Mr. Joe Husfloen, Fargo, N. Dak., who has given the congregation interim service, brought a greeting. A greeting from Rev. John P. Strand,

president of the AFLC, was read. Greetings from former pastors unable to be present for the anniversary were also read, greetings from H. C. Molstre and Karl Stendal, from Rev. Gary Skramstad, who had served Dovre as a student, and from Mrs. H. E. Nyhus, whose husband had passed away while serving at Winger. Special music was provided by Mrs. Olson, Mr. and Mrs. Halder Hegg of McIntosh, Minn., and Neil Bursheim.

A fellowship hour followed the afternoon session.

The congregation was formally organized in 1895. Services were held in homes until a church was built out in the country in 1900. It was moved to its present site in the village of Winger in 1908. Pastor J. A. Brynjulson served as the first pastor.

## PASTOR AND MRS. FORREST SWENSON HONORED

Pastor and Mrs. Forrest Swenson were honored at a belated 25th wedding anniversary reception on Sunday afternoon, July 12, at the Dovre Lutheran Church in Winger, Minn.

A short program was presented with Reuben Moland of Maple Bay congregation presiding. Rev. Aage Carlson of Winger gave the devotions, reading Psalm 128. Mrs. Clifford Johnson of Dovre sang "Crown with Thy Benediction." Greetings were given by Fred Johnson of Maple Bay, Oscar Raaen of Dovre and Mrs. Conrad Osmundson of Union Lake congregations. Mrs. Louise Bodahl of Maple Bay sang "The Lord is My Shepherd." Pastor and Mrs. Swenson gave responses.

A reception was held in the church parlors following the program.

## CHURCH CHOIR PRODUCES RECORD ALBUM

Zion Lutheran Congregation, Tioga, N. Dak., has produced a stereo, long-play record album entitled "Voices of Praise from the Zion Lutheran Church." This fine recording includes vocal numbers by the various musical groups within the congregation, featuring such songs as "My God and I," "How Great Thou Art," "In Times Like These," "Softly and Tenderly," and many more. The albums sell for \$4.00 a copy, plus 25 cents for mailing, and can be ordered from Box 546, Tioga, N. Dak. 58852.

## FORT PECK SCENE OF BIBLE CAMP

A group of about 50 young people and their pastors from the Kalispell and Culbertson, Mont., and the Tioga, N. Dak., parishes met for a week of Bible camping, June 29-July 3, at "the Pines," a wilderness retreat near Ft. Peck, Mont. A series of messages on Jonah was shared by Pastor Gary Skramstad, and the campers also took part in a study on personal evangelism. A mission offering was received on the last evening which totaled over fifty dollars.

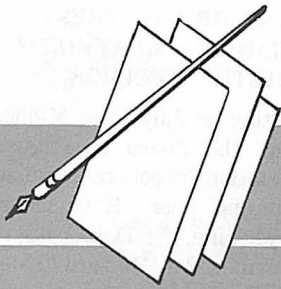
The Holy Spirit was at work in each heart; some rebelled under the conviction, some came to faith and others to a new assurance or dedication.

## DEDICATION, ORDINATION HELD AT TIOGA

Sunday, June 21, was a big day for the Zion Lutheran Church, Tioga, North Dakota, as the congregation witnessed the dedication of an enlarged and remodeled sanctuary, and the ordination of one of her sons into the ministry.

Bringing the message at the morning service was the Rev. Julius Hermunslie, Fergus Falls, Minnesota, who spoke on the theme, "Rebuilding the Walls," from the Book of Nehemiah. The Rev. John Strand, AFLC president, officiated at the dedication and also spoke for the ordination service in the afternoon. The Rev. Larry Severson, Abercrombie, N. Dak., and the Rev. Robert Lee, local pastor, also took part in the service.

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## EDITORIALS

### SITUATION ETHICS

A term which has become popular in recent years is situation ethics. Stated in simplest form, it refers to the idea that there are no, or few, absolute rights or wrongs, but an act or word is good or bad depending on the time, the occasion and the motivation.

Those who follow this line of reasoning, if they are religious, take a much different view of the Ten Commandments, the summation of the moral law, than do those who look upon the moral law of God as absolute, something to which man must always bend his will or be broken by it.

Evangelical and conservative Christians hold this absolute view of the Law. In regard to the Sixth Commandment, for instance, the one on adultery, and the one on which most attention seems to focus, pre-marital and extra-marital sexual relations are regarded as sin. No leeway is granted. There is great agreement on this.

But there is one commandment on which even the evangelicals and conservatives may be guilty of practicing situation ethics, that is, ignoring the ordinance if circumstances seem to force it. It isn't our intention at this time to go into a discussion of this issue, but simply to set forth the question and prompt some thought.

There is growing disregard for the Lord's Day. Christians become more and more involved in this desecration even though they basically dislike what is happening. It becomes very difficult to oppose the trends, and no one succeeds entirely, but in some of the concessions made are situation ethics being engaged in concerning the Third Commandment? If they are, albeit under the pressures of modern day living, what is so wrong, it may be asked, for the sake of argument, about hedging on other of the commandments if circumstances seem to justify it?

We are asking questions. We are trying to encourage debate and a reevaluation of the understanding of evangelical conservatives toward the Lord's Day in the light of the present-day situation ethics. No one would want to go back to the ancient Jewish or Puritan codes regarding the observance of the Sabbath. But there does seem to be the need for an awakening of the evangelical Christian conscience about the Lord's Day.

The Third Commandment is in danger of being swept away and it may not be the least important of the ten. In fact, it appears very closely tied in with the first one. ("For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in

one point has become guilty of all of it," James 2:10.)

This is also a plea for consistency, for are we, too, guilty of situation ethics?

### ECHOES FROM LAKE GENEVA

The Family Bible Camp at Lake Geneva each year is made up of a certain number of repeaters as well as many who are present for the first time. This was true this year also. Some folks are able to make this a family vacation most every year. Others find it possible to come only once or at least only once every few years. In our rural church, a summer camp for the family is out of the question for many people. In fact, there isn't any good time for them to get away for a week in the whole year.

A large number of young people was present, both of junior and senior high ages. For the first time, the senior group had to hold their group meetings in the tabernacle because the youth chapel was too small. The adults were able to use the latter. Possibly that indicates that fewer adults are coming to camp now. We're not sure.

Good as it is to see such a large number of youth at the camp, one cannot help but wish that a true family camp could be conducted, not to replace what is being done at Lake Geneva, but in addition. Few of the teenagers at camp are there with their parents. In the true family camp all children and teenagers would be present with their parents.

At Lake Geneva there are some family units. For the rest it becomes a mixture of the ages. Thus, while a teenager's own parents and grandparents may not be at camp there are mothers and fathers and grandparents around. There are also children of all ages and so even though it isn't a strict family camp, one can be reminded of family.

Attendance was very good, going over the 600 mark. This places it as one of the top camps attendance-wise. In many ways it was about what the camp could accommodate. People were present from a wide area. The weather was warm, hot at times, but good for summer camping.

The camp week wasn't without incident. Tragedy was averted early in the week as the diving raft overturned while greatly overloaded with swimmers. Someone could have been knocked unconscious or drowned, but fortunately neither of these possibilities occurred. Some of the young people saw the event as a reminder of how quickly life might end.

We weren't at camp on the weekend but understand some youth received counselling concerning spiritual needs. All, young and older, were under the quickening preaching and teaching of the Word of God. Through that the Holy Spirit will continue His work and we wait on that.

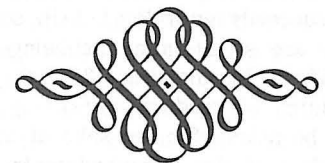
The church's thanks goes to all the people who served on the staff of Lake Geneva Family Bible Camp. Not enough can be said to them or for them, from Pastor Leslie Galland and Sheldon Mortrud on down. God bless them all for their fine work.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
RE-ORGANIZES, REAFFIRMS  
MOLSTRE DECISION**

At a meeting on July 14 in Minneapolis, Minn., the Board of Trustees of the Association Schools re-organized for the coming year. Rev. Ernest Langness, McVile, N. Dak., was re-elected chairman. Mr. Howard Lieder, Minneapolis, was re-elected vice-chairman. Rev. Raynard Huglen, Roslyn, S. Dak., was re-elected secretary. A new treasurer was chosen to succeed Mr. G. N. Arneson, no longer on the Board. He is Mr. Amos Hinderaker, Radcliffe, Ia.

The Board held a lengthy discussion concerning its previous invitation to Rev. David Molstre, Minneapolis, to teach part-time in the Bible School in the coming year which begins in September, and which he had accepted. The appointment had drawn some criticism at the Association's annual conference in Valley City, N. Dak., in June on the grounds that Mr. Molstre is currently on loan to a congregation which affiliates with the World Council of Churches, in which the AFLC does not hold membership.

After agreeing that the appointment of Mr. Molstre would stand only if the Board reached a two-thirds majority (five to two) in favor, the vote was taken. The result was six to one (6-1) and the appointment stands.



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To the "Love Story" girl, that she may meditate upon the Love of Jesus.

So that God may establish an altar in the home.

A. P. Anderson  
from **The Lutheran Messenger**

*The Lutheran Ambassador*



# Luther League Activities

Edited by Jane Thompson

The Bethany Luther Leaguers hosted the West Coast District Luther League Workshop in Astoria, Oregon, on July 17 and 18. On Friday night there was a youth rally. After a sing-spiration and devotions, Pastor James Moberg spoke to us on the theme "Only a Look," from Hebrews 12:2. He stressed that we are to run the race of life by continually looking to Jesus, our Leader and our Guide. Pastor Francis Monseth showed slides of Bible Camp and encouraged each one of us to attend. Lunch and fellowship followed the rally.

Saturday morning district president Carrol Lane led the prayer hour. Paul Persson led a Bible study on Luke 14:25-35. He said that true discipleship is giving up all for Jesus by being completely surrendered to Him.

Each leaguer was assigned to a discussion group. The topics in Workshop I were: Purposes of a Luther League, Opportunities for the League to Help the Congregation, and Luther League Officers' Training. The topics

in Workshop II were: The Drug and Hippie Problem, Sharing Christ More Effectively, Opportunities in Full-Time Christian Service Today, and Youth and Authority.

A buffet luncheon was served out at Howard Johnson's beautiful country home. Following a short sight-seeing tour, the leaguers went out to the ocean beach. The afternoon was spent in swimming, wading, playing baseball and volleyball. Following the picnic supper, there was a campfire service with a time of singing, testimonies, and sharing. Everyone received inspiration from the Word, from the discussion groups, and from the fellowship with other Christian young people. We were all admonished to go back to our homes and be greater witnesses for Christ so that we would be "to the praise and glory of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ."

Pauline Persson,  
District Luther League  
Secretary



13. How urgent was Christ's call to Zacchaeus? Luke 19:5
14. How might Zacchaeus have reasoned away this opportunity to be with Jesus?
15. What Christian quality is demonstrated in Jesus' consideration of Zacchaeus? Ephesians 4:32

Down in the human heart,  
 Crushed by the tempter,  
 Feelings lie buried that grace can restore;  
 Touched by a loving heart,  
 Awakened by **kindness**,  
 Chords that were broken will vibrate once more.

16. Angels cannot know the joy of repentance and faith and salvation, but what is their reaction to a sinner who repents? Luke 15:10
17. Jesus told Zacchaeus to come down. This expression is thought provoking. How does one come down?
  - a. James 4:6
  - b. I Peter 5:6
  - c. James 5:16

Listen, Jesus was on His way to Jerusalem. **Never again** did he pass through Jericho. Does the expression "last chance" arrest your thinking? The last opportunity to do some friend an act of kindness. The last chance to repent and to come to God. The last chance to speak the word of regret or reconciliation.



Lesson Nine

August, 1970

*A Divine Moment ...*

*... With The Master*

#### ZACCHAEUS

"Salvation by Appointment" is a booklet by George Delamarter in which he presents a plan for witnessing to people by appointment. He has found this to work very well.

Jesus, too, had an appointment with a very interesting fellow Jew. How wonderful that the opportunity was accepted.

Read Luke 19:1-10.

The great robbers of Christ's day were not those who infested the highways, as the thieves in the story of the good Samaritan, but the tax collectors,

known as publicans. Under the Roman government there was a per capita tax. The chief publican turned over to the Roman government the required tax, but he could pocket the additional tax monies that he might have collected. If such a traitor was a Jew, he was considered a traitor by his fellowmen. The name publican became synonymous with sinner and criminal—hence the common expression “Publicans and sinners.”

1. Who was the chief publican in Luke 19:2?

Did you know that his name meant “pure” or “innocent”?

2. What aroused Zacchaeus’ curiosity?

3. Why did he want to see Jesus?

F. B. Meyer summarized it so well in his **Devotional Commentary** when he said that Zacchaeus was a dissatisfied man. His dishonest acquisition added to his wealth but subtracted from his peace of mind.

4. Why wasn’t Zacchaeus given room to see?

5. What spectacle did he make of himself?

6. How might Jesus have learned Zacchaeus’ name?

Tradition has it that Matthew had encouraged Jesus that if he ever passed through Jericho, he should look up an old friend of Matthew’s, Zacchaeus.

7. What invitation does Zacchaeus receive?

Here is an example of one of these divinely appointed turning points in the history of a soul, when the soul and its opportunity meet. Here is the last man whom Jesus called before his death.

8. How did the crowd respond to what they had heard requested?

9. The conversation in Zacchaeus’ house is not recorded. Could they have considered John 3:1-21?

a. To whom was Jesus speaking?

b. Who was Nicodemus?

c. What effort had he made to see Jesus?

d. To whom was Nicodemus directed?

e. Why was it necessary for Nicodemus to receive Jesus? John 3:36

10. Maybe Jesus referred Zacchaeus to John 7:37-38.

a. What great blessing was in store for Zacchaeus by putting his trust in Jesus?

What a blessed life! Not only enough for himself but a running over of blessing to touch someone else. We are always influencing others, aren’t we?

11. Then, Jesus wants to make a complete dedication to a happy Christian life. What demands might Christianity make on our life?

a. Romans 12:1, 2

b. Mark 16:15

c. How has your life changed as a result of your commitment?

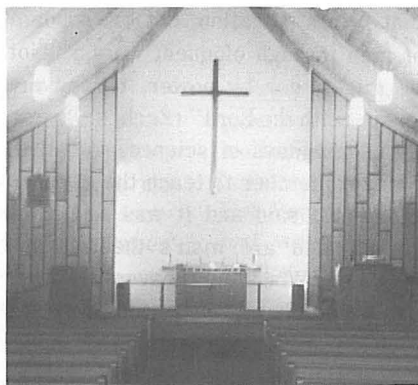
12. How did Jesus’ discourse with Zacchaeus influence Zacchaeus’ attitude? 19:8

In **The Master’s Way** by Frank Mangs, he states that a person is a Christian just as far as he is a follower of Christ. Salvation means to be a follower.

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Minneapolis, Minn., was baptized and confirmed at First Lutheran. Miss Ina Heggem, also of First, went to China as a missionary nurse but returned shortly afterward due to political conditions in that country.

First Lutheran and Golgotha Lutheran were organized under and affiliated with the Lutheran Free Church. At the time of the LFC merger with the ALC, the congregations elected to work with the AFLC, as does the successor Triumph Lutheran.



The interior of Triumph Lutheran Church.

## WOMEN *for Christ*

### WEST COAST WOMEN CONVENED AT ASTORIA

The West Coast District Women's Missionary Federation Spring Rally was held at the Bethany Lutheran Church in Astoria, Oregon, on April 14, 1970.

The theme of the rally was "The Light of the Glorious Gospel of Christ" (II Cor. 4:1-7).

The meeting opened with the audience singing "I Love to Tell the Story."

Mrs. Alice Bottom gave the devotions, from Romans 12:1, and led in prayer.

Mrs. Fern Johansen, president of the Astoria WMF, welcomed the ladies, and Mrs. Marian Reith, district president responded with an opening prayer.

The Bible study was given by Mrs. Lorraine (Hjelmeland) Johnson, and before she began, she called on Mrs. Lola Lindell, who sang a beautiful

song, "Fill My Cup, Lord." This song, Mrs. Johnson said, reminded her of the ladies of the WMF, who are like earthen vessels, and should be filled with the love of Christ, and the desire to serve Him.

She spoke of Paul, and what a wonderful and brilliant man he was, and gave a history of his early life. He had such a tender love and concern for his fellow Christians and a compassion for the unsaved, never missing the opportunity to glorify Christ, even in adversity, referring to the time when he sang while in prison.

After the Bible study, Mrs. Marian Johnson sang "Heaven Came Down."

The roll showed a total of 67 persons present.

Spokane and Kalispell parishes were unable to come, but they had a sub-district meeting and had sent a check for \$50.00 as their offering.

The ladies received an invitation

from the Everett ladies to have the Fall Rally on October 6 in Everett.

A list of resolutions was read by Mrs. Virginia Johnson and adopted.

Solveig Hayes reported on Junior Missions and explained that the project paid for such things as paying the rent for the Bible Book Store in Brazil and employed an executive secretary.

The speaker for the afternoon was Pastor Kare Berg of Puget Island, who spoke on John 10:10, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." He explained the abundant way of life in following Jesus, where he noted, in Matthew 4:18-19, that Jesus said, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

He compared our lives to buying a car, where some things are required and some things are optional, just as we can have life, or have it more abundantly in the Lord.

After his heart-warming talk, Yvonne Burroews and Marian Reith sang a beautiful duet, "Burdens Are Lifted at Calvary."

The Astoria ladies then sang the song, "In My Heart."

The new president elected is Barbara Braaten and the treasurer is Alice Christensen.

The day's offering amounted to \$140.10.

Mrs. Jennie Thompson led in the prayer service, and the meeting adjourned after singing "Christ for the World We Sing."

Virginia Johnson  
Secretary

### TRUST HIM FOR ALL THINGS

Mrs. Russell Walvatne  
Underwood, Minn.

Prov. 3:5, 6: "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

Oh, how I feel for God's children these days, in trials, temptations, sufferings, and persecution. It seems to



be a time of much heartache, but, thanks be to God, we are able to rise above the streams of difficulties, "knowing that all who live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution" (II Tim. 3:12).

And the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that shall be ours in that great day of our Lord's appearing for His own children. "They looked unto him, and were lightened, and their faces were not ashamed" (Ps. 34:5).

What a tremendous heritage is ours to share with each of our own households, through the different church organizations, and with the whole world! How we need to guide and direct the lives of our young people the Lord has entrusted to our care, teaching them the Scriptures that they may rest on the truth of God's Word in these days of much error! For we know that it is the power of the Gospel

that brings salvation, not the wisdom of men through eloquent words. "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord" (Zech. 4:6).

In these days of science, so-called, let us remember to teach the children that "God said and it was so." How complicated are man's theories and how low. When our heavenly Father has accomplished everything to bring men up to His own level, why should we settle for anything less and go lost besides? May we be in much prayer these days and take time in secret with our Lord and Savior. I am reminded of a verse from the hymn "Take time to be holy, the world rushes on." And how much business and hurrying there is in this present world. We need to be careful that we are not caught up with the cares of the day.

May the Lord grant each one of us grace to be obedient and to trust Him for all things. "The righteous

cry, and the Lord heareth and delivereth them out of all their troubles" (Ps. 34:17).

"O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens" (Ps. 8:1).



Honorary WMF membership pins were given at Triumph Lutheran Church, Ferndale, Wash., to Mrs. Stella Utseth, center, and Mrs. Donald Nelson, right, by the vice-president of the Ladies Aid, Mrs. Donald Pederson. Mrs. Utseth is a great aunt to the other two women.

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The son of the congregation who was ordained, Stephen E. Odegaard, was confirmed in Zion on May 22, 1960, and is a 1963 graduate of the Tioga High School. He received his pre-seminary training at Minot State College (N. Dak.), California Lutheran Bible School, and the Northwest Col-

lege, Kirkland, Wash. He studied for three years at the Free Lutheran Seminary, Minneapolis, Minn., during which time he served as student pastor of Faith Lutheran Church of Running Valley, Colfax, Wisconsin.

Pastor Odegaard is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Odegaard, Bellevue, Wash., who are members of the Our

Redeemer's congregation at Kirkland. He is married to the former Linda Guttormson of Tioga.

The Odegards are now making their home at Hatton, N. Dak., where he is serving as pastor of Zoar Lutheran Church, as well as of Ny Stavanger Lutheran Church of Buxton and Valley Lutheran Church of Portland.



Zion Lutheran Church in Tioga, which was recently remodeled and the sanctuary and entry enlarged. The church also has a fine parish education unit, barely showing on the extreme right.



Pictured here are the pastors who participated in the ordination of Stephen E. Odegaard, center, at Tioga, N. Dak., on June 21. They are Rev. John P. Strand, Rev. Robert Lee, Rev. Julius Hermunslie, and Rev. Larry V. Severson, left to right.

# CHURCH-WORLD NEWS

## FIFTH ASSEMBLY ELECTS FINN AS LWF PRESIDENT

Evian (LC) — Dr. Mikko Juva, a 51-year-old professor at the University of Helsinki, was elected president of the Lutheran World Federation during the closing days of the federation's Fifth Assembly here July 14-24.

Dr. Juva succeeds Dr. Fredrik A. Schiøtz of Minneapolis, president of the American Lutheran Church. The retiring president has headed the LWF since its Fourth Assembly in Helsinki seven years ago.

The Finnish clergyman was elected on the first ballot, defeating Bishop Fridtjov Birkeli of Oslo, 66-year-old head of the (Lutheran) Church of Norway, by a vote of 148-to-59. The election was held July 22.

It was the first contested election for the presidency in the 24-year history of the federation, a global organization which has 82 member bodies in 44 countries with a combined constituency of more than 53,000,000.

Widely traveled, Dr. Juva has a varied background in academic fields, the ecumenical movement, and youth activities.

He was graduated from the University of Turku, Finland. He then pursued post graduate studies at the University of Helsinki and was awarded doctorates in both theology and philosophy.

He was ordained by the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland in 1944 and two years later pursued studies at the Lutheran Seminary in Gettysburg, Pa.

## YOUTH IN SILENT PROTEST AS LWF ASSEMBLY OPENS

Evian (LWF) — Youth delegates and advisors wore black armbands in "silent protest" against a position taken by President Fredrik A. Schiøtz at the opening plenary session of the Lutheran World Federation's Fifth

Assembly here on July 14.

In a statement distributed throughout the assembly, the youth spokesmen explained that their demonstration was in sorrow for what they said was a defense of the Brazilian government contained in Dr. Schiøtz' keynote address.

While commenting on the change in site of the LWF assembly from Porto Alegre, Brazil, to Evian, Dr. Schiøtz had made general observations about political and economic issues—including torture of political prisoners—which have been subjects of pre-assembly controversy.

The statement by the youth asserted:

"Because we mourned at what President Schiøtz had to say, especially concerning the political and economic situation in Brazil, our black armbands were appropriate. Much of our sorrow grows out of the fact that Dr. Schiøtz and the leadership of LWF has learned very little from this series of events.

"It is an obvious fact that there exists cruel torture in Brazil and that the political system is very oppressive. Instead of saying anything against this situation, Dr. Schiøtz has tried to give the impression that the situation is not as bad as it is known to be, by saying that some of the statements made were not true. Dr. Schiøtz then attempted to justify this political torture by saying the government has succeeded in its economic policy."

The youth statement also criticized Dr. Schiøtz for his expression of regret that the officers had found it necessary to change the assembly site. The statement said:

"It is most remarkable that the president of a world federation that has recently moved its meeting site should start that meeting by giving the impression that the decision to move was a wrong one. His entire

style of argument was only from the point of view of the institution, a style which clearly showed that he does not understand the real questions facing the federation."

Asked at a subsequent press conference whether he had become aware of the silent protest, Dr. Schiøtz said that he had and that he approved of this method of expressing their views.

"I condemn all acts of torture and oppression as much as youth, but that doesn't mean that I will not acknowledge positive results by the government of Brazil," Dr. Schiøtz said.

## NEW LWF LEADER DEPICTS ASSEMBLY AS 'LANDMARK'

Evian (LC) — Calling the Fifth Assembly of the Lutheran World Federation an "important landmark" in the history of world Lutheranism, incoming LWF President Mikko Einar Juva said in his inaugural address that assembly debates showed "the world is not as it ought to be and that we as Christians are asked to do something about it."

The Finnish professor, a vice president of the University of Helsinki, spoke in the final hour of the 11-day assembly which brought more than 500 Lutheran leaders—among them 216 voting delegates—from 44 countries and representing 53,700,000 Lutherans on all six continents to this French resort city on the shore of Lake Geneva.

Dr. Juva said the dialogue and controversies at the Fifth Assembly had been "among the most fruitful aspects" and that the voices heard were those of people "in the frontline of the Gospel, where God meets man through His Word and Sacrament, where man meets man in the presence of Christ."

He said the LWF must always remember that "it is on the human and local level where the really important

things happen, where the vital action takes place."

Referring to the assembly theme "Sent Into the World," the new LWF president said, "we have been reminded again and again, specially by youth, that our world is sick and dominated by suffering, hunger, and oppression."

It should be clear "that the greatest single issue in this mesh of injustice is the gap between the privileged and underprivileged, between the rich and the poor, between the industrial and the developing nations," he said.

"But the real problem," he declared, "is not the poverty and misery endured by two-thirds of the world's people, but in the relationship between that world and the one-third of the world of affluence in which most of us present here are living."

### WHAT YOU CAN DO TO FIGHT COMMUNISM AND PRESERVE

- Alert yourself—learn the true nature of communism.
- Make civic programs for social improvement your business.
- Exercise your right to vote; elect representatives of integrity.
- Respect human dignity—communism and individual rights cannot coexist.
- Inform yourself; know your country—its history, traditions, and heritage.
- Combat public apathy toward communism—indifference can be fatal when national survival is at stake.
- Attack bigotry and prejudice wherever they appear; justice for all is the bulwark of democracy.

J. Edgar Hoover,

Federal Bureau of Investigation

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