

# The Lutheran Ambassador

## THE HARVEST IS OVER

Shorn corn stalks serve as a silent reminder of more lush days on this field, now under a blanket of ice-crushed snow. The field awaits the plow and new growth.

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by J. Charles Cardner



# MEDITATION MOMENTS

## LOVE HIS APPEARING

"Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing" (II Tim. 4:8).

Advent is the season of preparation for the Lord's coming. We think, first of all, of Advent as the season in which to prepare for Christmas. There is a remembrance and celebration of Christ's first coming to this earth as a little child. How wonderful to again hear of God's love which was so great that He sent us His Son—Immanuel—"God with us."

This little Babe in a manger grew up, lived among us and died on a cruel cross. But He did not remain in the grave, He rose from the dead. "From thence He shall come to judge the quick (living) and the dead," we say in the Apostles' Creed. Do we really believe that?

Jesus is coming again is the theme of the Word of God very clearly. In John 14:3, Jesus said, "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." When Jesus ascended into heaven the angels told the disciples, "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven." There are prophecies in the Old Testament also that speak of His personal return.

The one thing that Jesus' personal

return will mean is that there will be the eternal separation of the believers from the unbelievers. I Thess. 4:13-18 tells of the coming of Christ for those that are His, which we call the Rapture of the Church. All believers, both living and dead, will be caught up to be with the Lord in the air and there to be forever with the Lord. This means a separation from the unbelievers who are left upon the earth. The final resurrection from the dead of the unbelievers will come later. Then the eternal separation from God of those who have rejected Jesus Christ will be set permanently. What a tragedy for these unbelievers who had a day of grace in which to receive mercy up to the day of their death.

The return of Jesus Christ will also mean that all who are alive will be taken from this world and all that is in it. This is probably the thing that keeps many out of the Kingdom of God. The cares and pleasures of this life somehow have a way of holding our attention so that the concern for eternity and the return of Jesus Christ is dulled and often felt to be unimportant.

Many people know about the return of Jesus Christ and even know what must be done to be prepared for it. However, the lure and attraction of the things of this world hold them in real bondage so they are not free to look for the return of Jesus Christ.

Note what Paul says in our verse: "but unto all them also that LOVE His appearing." That one word "love" means that we really must

not only have a knowledge of Christ's return but a real desire to see it. We must be willing to look for His return with longing and anticipation. There can be no other thing in this world that is more important than simply to desire to be in the presence of God.

This desire will show itself, while we are here on this earth, in many ways. Do we desire the Word of God more than the word of men? Do we long to come into the presence of God in prayer, in worship, in fellowship with other Christians, and in service to Him? If we do any of these things only with a feeling of duty we do not really "love" being in His presence. If we do not really "love" to be in the presence of God in these ways on earth it is really doubtful that we are really "looking for His appearing" and surely not "loving His appearing."

Only the broken sinner who has truly seen His sin before God, and has experienced the forgiveness of His sin before God by the blood of Christ, will "love His appearing." It is only the Christian who sees that his "old nature" still rises up to cause him trouble in this life and longs to be freed from this "body of sin" so he may completely and fully commit himself to the Lord who will "love" His appearing.

Are you really looking forward to the coming of Christ? Are you ready to leave everything on this earth to be with Him forever? "Come quickly, Lord Jesus!"

—Laurel M. Udden

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# My Life A Stewardship

by Arna Njaa

"As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."

Too often the word stewardship prompts the remembrance of two other words, "financial plan." This is most unfortunate, for in the word stewardship there is a whole philosophy of life, an attitude toward life. A steward considers life as a trust from God, and every part of it must be administered with the same faithfulness as every other part.

Life as a stewardship is an attitude of entering into partnership with Jesus in the living of our lives—and still it is not an equal partnership, for He is the owner and the giver. It is not simply a mental assent to this truth, but it is living every hour as if we believed it. I have nothing that I have not received from Him. He gave all things to me in order that I might be equipped to be of very definite service in the world.

It overwhelms me to consciously face this relationship and know that there is certain work God is depending on me to do. There are souls that He and I together are to win for His Kingdom. There is certain work He is waiting to do with me. How infinitely precious life becomes when we face its purpose!

Naturally it is only a Christian who can enter in upon the administration of life as a trust from God. It is only a child of God who will acknowledge with his life that God is everything and he is nothing. It is the Christian who knows that whatever his side line might be, his real mission on earth is to win the world for Christ. What has God given you and me to use for the accomplishing of this great purpose?

He has given us a life filled with minutes and hours, days and weeks

and years to be used in doing the Master's work together with Him. No matter what the work is that we do in the flesh, if it be honest and upright work, that can be done unto God. The stewardship concept of life makes a big difference in the attitude with which we approach our daily tasks. The best use of time, whether a boss is present or not—the work and not the hours spent is the viewpoint. Spending one or two hours on Sunday morning in the house of God is not using our time for God. Not even morning and evening devotions with meditation and prayer can be the fulfillment. It is the daily attitude of the heart that lives every hour unto God, filling it full with service that makes one a faithful steward of one's time.

Most everyone agrees that special talents are gifts from God. The musician, the artist, the writer, the inventor, the speaker—these have been endowed especially. It is a big temptation for everyone thus endowed to give credit to their self-effort, and glory in their own accomplishments. These are not the only special gifts. Many a soul looks longingly at the specialist and sighs, "I haven't a single talent."

God may have given us a loving personality. Perhaps it is easy for us to make friends and win the confidence of others. God can do something wonderful for His Kingdom with a person who dedicates the use of such a personality to Him. He can use it to reach the many lonely and unlovable people in the world. Perhaps they live near us, in our block, perhaps in our very own homes. Through that quality we may be instrumental in drawing out something fine in someone who is reticent and backward. Perhaps it is children who take to us quickly and love us. Is there some-

thing we can do for them? A loving personality is a great gift of God, and should be used in His service, the service of winning souls for Him.

Or, God may have given us executive ability. Perhaps it is your gift to be able to manage things so that they run smoothly. Maybe you see the end from the beginning and can avoid many trials and errors. Does God have any use for this quality in His Kingdom? If we have worked in the church but a little bit, we know the crying need for consecrated leadership. This quality can make one a "boss" or make one a leader. Thank Him for that quality, and dedicate it to His use.

Another of God's great gifts is a keen mind. Perhaps no other endowment so easily leads to self pride and self sufficiency as a brilliant mind. God desires to be a partner in the use of this, His special creation in reaching the world with His Gospel message. In whatever profession one is, there is place for witnessing for Christ.

God can use wit and humor, laughter and appearance to His glory. For much of the work in the world it is essential to have a sense of humor. It is a gift to be able to cheer hearts and make people laugh.

Such endowments are entrusted to both men and women in every business and profession, in every job and walk of life. God needs every one of us, and all our capacities for the fulfillment of His purposes.

We have been entrusted with much power. "Greater works than these shall ye do because I go to my Father" is what Jesus said to His followers. When the Holy Spirit has free course in a man, we see "powerful living." We have been given the Word of God and we have been given prayer as a means of laying hold on all the

riches of heaven. Over these, too, we are to be good stewards. They are the necessary accompaniment for living purposefully.

Possessions are a trust from God. God does not need our giving, but we need to give in order to grow, in order to sense our part in the world's great program of bringing Christ to men everywhere. Often our money is the last fort to fall to the searching power of God. We do not like to let go of every right, particularly this right to what we earn. "God loveth a cheerful giver." He must look with sadness on His children who say unkind things about and to those who gather money for the church. He must pity those who give because it is expected of them, and give the minimum—just enough to save their faces. Our love for God and love for His Kingdom shows up most clearly in this one thing, in our giving and the spirit in which we give. The stewardship attitude of life regards all money as God's. His part comes first. The needs of His Kingdom is one's first consideration. Then our own. That makes giving a joy.

The stewardship philosophy of life brings one to his knees to thank God for every endowment and to a personal presentation of every gift to Him to use. "Be what you want to be in me, and do what you want to do through me."

"As many as have received the gift—time, special talents, a loving personality, executive ability, a brilliant mind, a keen sense of humor, power, the Word, prayer, possessions,—minister the same one to another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."

—Courtesy, Tract Mission

### NO TAKERS

Thomas Kane of Chicago offered a reward for the names and addresses of persons who claimed that they had not been blessed while tithing. He received more than ten thousand letters telling of blessings and joy in giving, but not a single one telling of suffering or loss as a result of tithing.

Want a new and precious experience in your life? Give God His share . . . try tithing!

—from a church bulletin

# LUTHER LEAGUE ACTIVITIES

## FIRST LUTHER LEAGUE CONVENTION HELD AT VANCOUVER

"Friendship With Jesus" was the theme for the West Coast Youth Rally held at Our Saviour Lutheran Church, Vancouver, Washington, October 19-20, 1974, with 160 registered. Rev. Lars Stalsbroten is pastor here.

Leaguers began arriving early Saturday afternoon followed by registration and housing assignments. Volleyball, getting acquainted and sorting out sleeping bags at the James Bottem residence and lawn took longer than expected so the planned tour to the Vancouver Fort Site was cancelled.

At 4:30, Rev. Eldon Nelson, Eugene, Oregon, conducted Bible study from John 1 at the Hazel Dell Grange Hall where services are being held for this very young, beginning church.

Saturday evening at 6:30, 161 gathered at Kelly's Restaurant for the prepared banquet with Rev. Michael Brandt, Lake Stevens, Washington as toastmaster. Tables were decorated in fall colors with table favors made by Vancouver leaguers and Miss Bette Moksness.

Speaker of the evening was Miss Jean Wahlstrom, director of music at Lutheran Bible Institute in Seattle. She led in singing the paraphrased version of Proverbs 18:24. "There is a friend who will stick closer than a brother, and I know that, There is a friend who will give you love like no other. When the time comes and you're all alone, all your riches have flown, your own self-worth is

unknown, There is a friend who will pick you up and give you a home."

Later she used this as her theme for her talk to the group. From audience participation she found the following characteristics of a friend: genuine, sharing, loyal, honest, trust, consideration, openness, understanding, and love. We are all in God's family and have responsibilities. But when Proverbs says there is a friend that sticks closer than a brother, Miss Wahlstrom intimated that having grown up in a family of many brothers, perhaps a friend like that was not so appreciated. But in growing up she discovered that the teasing, the in-attention and even the blackmail from brothers turned to more positive characteristics of a true friend.

Jesus comes as a friend when we feel all alone, when we lose our material things, and even when our self worth is gone. Jesus comes to pick us up and gives us a Home with unconditional love and for eternity. Miss Wahlstrom ended with an acrostic for the word Friend: F-Fellowship, R-Redemption, I-Interest, E-Eternal, N-New, D-Delight, Joy, and this is what Friendship with Jesus is all about.

After the banquet the group walked to the Grange Hall where singing, sharing, cake, popcorn, punch and coffee concluded the evening and folks went to Vancouver homes. Perhaps never before have so many homes had wall-to-wall sleeping bag carpeting as that night. Since the congregation has only a few families, it was not unusual for 20 and 30 folks to be welcomed into a home.

Sunday morning at 6:00 a.m., Vancouver folks began arriving at the Grange kitchen to prepare a breakfast of pancakes, scrambled eggs, milk and coffee for the 8:00 o'clock hour. Many "Marthas," with their husbands, including the Beedes, Bottems, Braatens, Hydes, Kuyaths, Thompsons, Eikenberrys and Ostlunds, faithfully cared for the physical comforts of the convention. The last two named families were from Kirkland, to whom we give thanks. A lunch of spaghetti, green tossed salad, French bread, cake, Dixie cups, punch and coffee was scheduled for 12:30.

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# Women For Christ

## WHY ARE WE SO FOOLISH?

by Mrs. Evelyn Hove  
Tioga, N. Dak.

"Will man rob God? Yet you are robbing me. But you say, 'How are we robbing Thee?' In your tithes and offerings. You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me; the whole nation of you. Bring the full tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house; and thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing. I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruits of your soil; and your vine in the field shall not fail to bear, says the Lord of hosts" (Mal. 3:8-12).

Wouldn't it be wonderful if everyone would obey this test? We labor so in vain. We work so hard and so long, and still we have so little left. The Lord says in this text, try me, "put me to the test—if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing."

Can you imagine what that would be like!

All He asks of us is to "Return to Me, and I will return to you" (Mal. 3:7). In other words, return to Me, what really is all mine and I will return it to you again. We have ten dimes, we call it ours, because we have worked for it, earned it.

I think of Genesis 1:1: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." He also created me and you and all that is about us. He gave us body, health and strength to earn these ten dimes. He also created the

materials needed to work with to earn them. Now He asks us to give Him only one dime of the ten, and if we do He will open the windows of heaven and pour down overflowing blessings for us all. Return it to Me and I will return it to you—.

Really, isn't man foolish to not heed such a bargain?

In Ecclesiastes 1:3, it says, "What does man gain by all the toil?" The whole book of Ecclesiastes is very good reading. It really tells how foolish we are within ourselves, without Christ. God wants us to enjoy the fruits of our labor. How can we, when we are always laboring and unless we "return" to God what He asks, we will have time for nothing else but labor (Eccles. 2:26).

"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11:28).

Really, God asks so little of us, and what He asks is all for our good, still we keep refusing to give our **whole heart** to God. But only so can He in return bless us.

## CONVENTION OF THE SOUTH DAKOTA DISTRICT WMF HELD AT GETTYSBURG

The convention of the South Dakota District Women's Missionary Federation was held at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Gettysburg, on Oct. 2, with St. Olaf and Pukwana Lutheran WMF ladies as hostesses. District president, Mrs. Lars Johnson, Wallace, opened the meeting and the welcome was given by Mrs. Alta Hosek, president of the St. Olaf WMF of Chamberlain. Pastor Larry Severson,

Wallace, led in devotions, with the theme being Psalm 105:6: "O, give thanks, call on His name, let His doings be made known among the peoples." He compared our lives to a river, stating that when a river follows its direct course, it goes nowhere, but when it overflows it passes on to new soil. He challenged everyone to launch out into new areas, "Let His doings be made known."

Special music was given by the Ladies Chorus of Calvary WMF, Wallace. Pastor Dale Battleson, Pukwana, conducted the Bible study, using the theme scripture, reminding everyone that prayer is our perpetual power and is as important to our soul as breath to our body. A trio—Mrs. L. M. Dorsett, Mrs. James Swanson, and Pastor John Rieth, Ortle, sang. Pastor Battleson closed the morning session with prayer and benediction.

The afternoon session opened with an inspirational singpiration led by Mrs. Harold Kilness of Faith. Pastor Edwin Kjos, Faith, led the devotions from Ezekiel 9:17, a vision of what was going to come concerning the church, stating that the judgment of God would begin among the worshippers. Pastor John Rieth favored the group with a solo. Mrs. George Knapp spoke of her day's work in Brazil, South America, teaching Bible School there and teaching the people a better mode of living. Special music was given by the Ladies Chorus from Faith, and a duet by Mrs. Art Wasland and Mrs. Milford Jameson from the Calvary WMF.

Project reports were presented by Mrs. Reuben Tvinnereim, rural Webster. Ushers were Mrs. Alton Swanson and Mrs. Harold Hintze. Offering prayer was given by Emma Sakariason, Wallace. The cradle roll report was given by the district cradle roll secretary, Mrs. Adeline McCarrison, rural Webster.

The new slate of officers selected from the St. Olaf and Pukwana Lutheran Parish is: Mrs. Alta Hosek, president; Mrs. Emma Baker, vice-president; Mrs. Olga Larson, secretary-treasurer. Mrs. Harold Nygaard and Mrs. Eugene Nelson sang and were accompanied by Mrs. Melvin Hovland, Grenville, South Dakota.

The meeting closed with district president Mrs. Johnson thanking

everyone for good cooperation and for the fellowship expressed, with a special thanks to the St. Olaf and Pukwana ladies as hostesses.

Pastor Howard Kjos, Rosyln, expressed gratitude for this day of spiritual growth, closing with prayer and benediction.

Emma Sakariason,  
District Secretary

### CENTRAL MINNESOTA DISTRICT FALL RALLY HELD

The Southwest Central Minnesota District Women's Missionary Federation held its fall rally at Scandia Lutheran Church, Sedan, Minn., on Saturday, October 5.

Registration began at 10 a.m. and the forenoon session opened at 10:30 with Mrs. Charles Rovang, district president, presiding.

The theme for the day was "Joy in Serving Jesus," with Psalm 16:11 for the theme verse.

Student Pastor Don Greven of Scandia led us in a singspiration which included two songs chosen as our theme songs for the day, "Joy In Serving Jesus," and the chorus "Happiness Is—."

Mrs. Milton Erickson, Dalton, led us in devotions, using Phil. 4:4-23 for her text.

Mrs. Norman Haugen, president of the local ladies Aid, welcomed the guests.

Special music was furnished by Mrs. Rod Stave, Wadena; the Joyful Messengers and a group of ladies from the Brooten parish.

Rev. Leslie Galland, Spicer, led us in a Bible Study based on our theme verse. He stressed ten pertinent questions and points. Pastor Galland shared many Bible verses with us to explain and support the need for Christian homes where we may serve our Lord and Master with joy. Unless there is joy in our homes we know we do not have the type of home God would want us to have.

We can only have a Christian home if we put Christ first in our lives, and if we can say "I know Jesus Christ as my personal Savior." How this is lacking in our homes today! God Himself will give us the power if we will be fully committed to Him. Our attitude in the home should be that of

A quiet spirit  
A thankful spirit  
A servant's spirit  
A reverent spirit

Following a delicious noon meal served by the ladies of the Brooten parish, the meeting reconvened with another singspiration led by Pastor Greven.

Mrs. Melvin Walla, Fergus Falls, led the prayer fellowship, using John 15:16 for her text. She urged us to remember our missionaries in prayer and also our seven projects of our WMF stressing these projects in our local aid meetings.

Following the business meeting, Miss Priscilla Wold spoke. Her subject was "Joy in Serving Jesus—in Missions." She asked these questions:

1. What? What is it? It is an awesome responsibility toward undying souls. Joy doesn't depend on circumstances.

2. Who? Who should go? Who are called? People just like you and me—people who are just foolish enough to have a real burden for souls, and to go out on a limb for God.

3. When? Right now, before doors close.

4. Where? Wherever He leads. Know His will.

5. Why? The love of God constrains us. The need is great.

6. How? How can we have joy in serving Jesus in missions? By God performing in us what He wants us to do. We don't have to do it on our own. We can't do it on our own. The only way to get God's work done is through His Spirit (Gal. 5:22). We are earthen vessels—clay pots; the joy of the Lord should flow through us, so we give all the glory to God.

Everything depends upon God alone—

God's work done by  
God's people in  
God's time in  
God's place.

The morning offering was for My Missionary for a Day, while the afternoon offering went to the General Fund.

Mrs. Rovang expressed thanks to all who participated in the program for the day—also thanking Pastor G. Mundfrom for bringing a splendid book display.

Pastor Greven pronounced the benediction. A fellowship and coffee hour closed a wonderful day for 138 registered guests.

Mrs. Irene Torgerson, Secretary

### PASTOR'S WIFE GIVEN HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

The United Lutheran Ladies Aid, rural McLeod, N. Dak., recently hon-



ored Mrs. R. P. Haakonson, wife of the pastor, at their August meeting, presenting her with an Honorary Membership pin in appreciation for her faithful service to her Lord and church. Presenting the pin was our president, Mrs. Howard Woodbury.

—Corr.

### LADY AT GRAFTON HONORED

Mrs. Juline Selliken, president of the Mission Circle of Bethel Lutheran

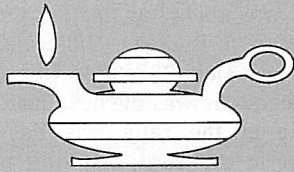


Church, Grafton, N. Dak., is shown presenting an Honorary Membership to Mrs. Palmer Russum at a recent meeting. Rev. Dennis Gray is pastor of the church.

### WMF FALL RALLY HELD AT NORMAN CHURCH, RURAL TIOGA, N. DAK.

The Norman ladies hosted the Fall Rally of the Western N. Dak.—East-

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# SCHOOL NEWS

## Introducing our Seminarians

### IT IS GOOD TO GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD

"It is good to give thanks to the Lord, and to sing praises to Thy name, O Most High; to declare Thy lovingkindness in the morning, and Thy faithfulness by night" (Psalm 92:1-2).

When we consider all that God, in His tender mercy, has done for our salvation, we cannot help but give thanks unto Him in all things. God has given us the greatest gift in His only begotten Son, the gift of forgiveness of our sins. May this realization ever be ours as we fellowship together as joint heirs with Christ.

The grace of God in Christ has been my joy throughout my life as I sat under the Word of God set forth by faithful pastors and teachers. For me, confirmation was a true experience of renewal and public confession of faith in Christ. I thank God for the Christian training I have received all through my life in Christian schools.

After high school I spent three years in the U. S. Army, serving in Germany for 28 months. In 1963 God gave me a wonderful wife, Marie Carolyn Busch. The Lord has blessed our marriage with three children, Matthew, Elizabeth and Sarah.

In 1963 I began studies at the Lutheran Lay Training Institute in Milwaukee, Wis., continuing for two years, and became a lay pastor with the Missouri Synod. God led us to serve in Garden City, N. Y., for 1½ years and in Painesville, O., for 4½ years. While in Painesville I studied at Lake Erie College and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in sociology. At this time we became ac-

quainted with the Lutheran Evangelistic Movement and thereby with Pastors Herbert Franz and Laurel Udden of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations.

God then called us to come to the Association seminary where I enrolled in the fall of 1972. I served as youth director of Emmaus Lutheran Church, Bloomington, Minn., during my first two years at seminary.

Since June, 1974, I have been serving as student pastor at Calvary Lutheran Church, Fergus Falls, Minn. Again we thank God for His wise providence and gracious provision for us as He has led us in the way He would have us serve in the church. God has provided for all our needs and is caring for us while the family is separated during this final year of school.

We thank God that we have a solid Christian seminary to attend. A school that upholds the Word of God in its truth and purity, so that graduating pastors are indeed prepared to proclaim the Gospel of salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ our Lord. "It is good to give thanks unto the Lord."

Ronald E. Hoehne

### MUSIC DEPARTMENT MOVES INTO NEW QUARTERS

The music department at AFLBS finally made it into their new quarters on the lower level of the boys' dorm. Moving day was Nov. 7 and the choir members used their rehearsal time to help out with this. The next day the choral club had its first rehearsal in the new facilities.

The music area consists of a rehearsal area, two private practice

rooms and an office for the director, Don Rodvold.

Three new pianos are being given to the school by a non-Association friend in Montana. Further news will be given about this generous gift later. Needless to say, it will be a most appreciated gift.

The choir and choral club are busily engaged in rehearsing for the Christmas concert to be given on Sunday, December 15, at 4 o'clock. The concert is one of the highlights of the year, bringing many friends of the school together. A supper is served after the concert to all who attend.

Last area of the new building to be occupied will be a recreation room for weight lifting and wrestling. It is hoped that that room can be taken into use at least by the opening of school after the Christmas recess.

### NEWS NOTES

Up to 12 new students were expected to enroll at AFLBS for the winter quarter. Most of them are male students, a number of them former students returning after being out of school for a quarter or more.

The Mission Club sponsored an all-school hayride (with horses) on Nov. 15. Back at school after an enjoyable time, hot chocolate, popcorn and bars were served in the recreation room.

A number of students have been assisting Victory in Christ Lutheran Church, St. Paul, and her pastor, Rev. Francis Monseth, in area and neighborhood canvassing this fall.

A carload of fellows from school went out to Canby, Minn., the weekend of Nov. 9 to help former student (now back at school) Duane Haugen pick fallen corn, the proceeds going to AFLBS.

A staff for the school annual, the Conqueror, has been set up and has begun work on the 1975 yearbook. Ruth Mundform, Grafton, N. Dak., is the editor; June Gjevrev, St. Thomas, N. Dak., the assistant editor; and Paula Benson, Sand Creek, Wis., the secretary-treasurer. The annual staff is considering candy selling as a project and hopes to sell advertising to area business men to help with finances.

Miss Priscilla Wold, missionary-elect to Brazil and graduate of



AFLBS, visited the schools recently. She will leave for Brazil in January.

Rev. Chester R. Heikkinen of Morgan Avenue Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, and a former faculty member at AFLBS, was the speaker at joint chapel on Nov. 13.

#### COMING EVENTS

Dec. 15—Christmas Concert, 4:00 p.m.

Dec. 20-Jan. 7—Christmas recess

(classes resume Jan. 7)

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A Sunday School hour at 9:45 was conducted by Rev. Eldon Nelson, followed by the 11 o'clock service, at which time Rev. Ray Persson, Astoria, Oregon, spoke. He chose the friend story from Luke 11:5-10, where we find a person going to his friend for help. He kept knocking and asking, so because of his persistence he received what he asked for. So Jesus has promised it is with prayer—"keep on asking and you will keep on getting, keep on looking and you will keep on finding, knock and the door will be opened"—**Living Bible**.

Only time can truly signify the values received in hosting a convention. Our small congregation stepped out in faith and we give thanks and praise to God that we were able to carry out this first big venture, but we pray that it will not be our last.

Sunday, October 27th, this group gathered to have an organizational meeting and adopt a constitution. Pastor Stalsbrotten is so faithful in his work here and we are truly thankful that for the second time, "Pastor Lars," 87-years young, said, "Here am I, Lord, send me."

Mrs. Clara Thompson  
Secretary

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ern Montana District Women's Missionary Federation on Saturday, October 19, at the Norman Church, rural Tioga, N. Dak., Forrest Swenson, pastor.

The rally began with registration at 10:30. Fifty-seven ladies were registered. The opening hymn was "How Great Thou Art." Ardis Zunich, president of the Norman Aid, gave the wel-

come. Devotions were given by Verdi Halverson, Beaver Creek.

A hymn sing of favorite hymns was followed by a picture talk presented by Mrs. Verle Dean, Culbertson, Mont. The hymn "To God Be the Glory" preceded the business meeting. Mrs. Lavern Johnson, Zion, was elected president. She will replace Rachel Berglee, Culbertson, who was president for four years. Mrs. Wayne Vance, Beaver Creek, will be the new treasurer. She replaced Florence Ferguson, Beaver Creek, who was the treasurer for four years.

Pastor Verle Dean, Culbertson, led in praying the Lord's prayer and the table prayer. The noon luncheon was served by the Norman Ladies and the noon offering was given to Junior Missions.

The afternoon program resumed at 1:30. Esther Nelson, Zion, gave a report on the Annual Conference that was held at Thief River Falls, Minn.

Mrs. Palmer Haugen, Portland, N. Dak., was the guest speaker for the day. She is the vice-president of the National W.M.F. Her closing thought was, "If you don't want the fruits of evil stay out of the devil's orchard."

The afternoon offering was given to the General Fund. The attendance trophy went to the Norman Ladies Aid. Mrs. Lavern Jorgenson, Zion, gave the invitation to the Spring Workshop.

Lay Pastor Arley Hartsoch, Tioga, gave the closing benediction and prayer.

Coffee was served by the Norman Ladies.

Mrs. Eilert Haakenson, Secretary

#### COLFAX CHURCH HOSTED RALLY

The Fall Rally of the Minneapolis District Women's Missionary Federation was held at Faith Lutheran Church of Running Valley, Colfax, Wis., on Oct. 12, 1974. Rev. Philip Featherstone was the host pastor. The theme of the rally was Ps. 37:7a: "Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him."

Mrs. Irvin Hodnefield, president, led the business meeting. Mrs. Robert Dietsche, national president, presented the needs of the WMF and asked that we pray for more men in the ministry. Mrs. Esther Anderson and Mrs. Andrew Hanson sang a vocal duet, and Mrs. Michael Marone sang several solos during the day.

Rev. Leland Evenson from Coon Valley, Wis., was the speaker for the day. His morning Bible Study was on "The Makings of a Missionary," based on the book of Jonah. The afternoon message was "They Claim Him, Too," and we heard that although a few mission doors are closed, most are open, and people are hungering for the Word.

The Minneapolis District WMF has been in existence ten years. As an anniversary reminder, we heard a brief summary of those ten years. An invitation for the 1975 spring rally was extended from Emmanuel Lutheran Church of rural Kenyon, Minn. There were 103 members and friends registered, and 12 churches represented at the rally.

Mrs. Burton Boyum, Secretary

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# editorials

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## LEVELS OF GIVING

Some years ago a parish paper came to our desk which contained an item entitled "What is Your Level of Giving?" Since it is short, we quote it in its entirety.

**The Tip Level:** There are those who give a dime or a quarter to the Lord in the same way they tip the waitresses or the porter. It is just a little matter of appreciation for the Lord.

**The Entertainment Level:** There are those who give only when they come to church. They give just like they give to the theatre, the ball game—they give when they go.

**The Emotional Level:** There are those who give only when they are emotionally stirred. This may be once or twice a year, according to feelings.

**The Promise Level:** There are those who pledge to give but neglect the promise. They will say that they have pledged, but they never pay.

**The Bible Level:** There are those who give their tithes and offerings 'upon the first day of the week . . . as God hath prospered,' as Paul teaches in I Corinthians 16:2. (end of quotation)

Yes, it is the Bible level of giving which we want to emphasize and promote. To give regularly and as God has prospered.

An older day could get by on once-a-year offerings

to the church in rural communities. Indeed, many families got their income only in the fall of the year. That may still be true for some, but generally there is income to be had on a monthly or quarterly basis. Congregations and church denominations need offerings right along through the year if they are to carry on. The Association needs income year round if she is to satisfactorily maintain the work we all agree has been given us to do.

Then, we are to give as God has prospered us. We ought to examine our contributions now in comparison to those of 20 years ago or ten years ago. If they remain at the same level we have actually cut back because, for one thing, our church work has grown and needs are greater and, second, inflation has eroded the value of our dollar. It is not worth nearly what it was ten years ago.

Are we doing better financially, even with inflation, than we were ten or twenty years ago? Then we ought to be turning back to God in proportion as He has prospered us. And whatever, we have to maintain God's work as a necessity of life, as an obligation, as a privilege.

In regard to Association work, a look at the receipts through October (Nov. 19 issue) shows that 51 per cent of the proposed budget for 1974-75 had been received at the end of October with 75 per cent of the fiscal year gone (to January 31). A year ago very much the same situation existed. One difference remains. Because of a higher proposed budget this year, the goal is somewhat further away in dollars now than a year ago.

When you read this there will be less than two months left in the fiscal year. We have always been amazed at the amount of money that comes in before the deadline. December and January are good months for the ingathering. May that be true this year also.

Give the Bible way. Make your offerings now and above all give as God has prospered. Bring your offerings and tithes as a thank offering to Him.

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## WE CONGRATULATE MISS INGA HELLAND

Missionary Inga Marie Helland was 80 years old on October 20 (1973). Her name is not found in the register of the Norwegian Mission Society's missionaries, but it will surely be found in that of the Lutheran Free Church in America which sent her to Madagascar a good lifetime ago.

But even if Inga Helland previously was an "American" and sent out by our Norwegian-American mission friends in America, she has always been one of us Norwegians. Such she was out in Madagascar and such it has been now here at home. She has now settled down at Bryne, Jaeren, in her retirement but when winter comes with its slush and slippery streets and storms and threatening weather on Jaerland, then she moves

to "the beautiful Fossheim," as she expresses it, namely our mission home at Slemdal. She enjoys to be among us and spreads happiness around her wherever she goes.

Inga Helland has had a long workday out on the American Free Church's field in southwest Madagascar, which today is called the Southwest Synod of the Malagasy Lutheran Church. Down in that hot and difficult area she had her work the whole time and received grace to stay in the service long past the normal time for retirement.

And after she came home to settle down in Norway she has given herself willingly to help along in our work at home. We cannot neglect to mention in this connection that it was with her enthusiasm and giving of herself that we could in due time build a Bible

School for women at Fianarantsoa, a school which has been a great blessing for many and for the church's work.

We send Inga Helland our heartiest greetings on her birthday. She lives at 4340 Bryne (Norway).

G.A.M.

(Translated from a Norwegian paper)

### (Editor's Note:

The above article was sent to us by Mrs. Ben Rehnke, Kenyon, Minn. The article is a year old, but it will be of interest to many of our readers. Miss Helland first went to Madagascar in 1920 and served until 1961. A reader of the **Ambassador**, Inga Helland is a generous supporter of our work and we are grateful for her interest. She is a sister of Rev. Jonas Helland, Willmar, Minn. I am sure that she would be happy to hear from her friends in the U.S.)



# NEWS

## of the Churches

### ANNIVERSARY NOTED AT SPICER CHURCH

Green Lake Lutheran Church of Spicer, Minn., celebrated her 91st anniversary on July 27 and 28. A confirmation reunion was held on Saturday, the 27th. Present pastor Les Galland gave the message. Rev. Julius Hermunsle, Fergus Falls, Minn., a former pastor at Green Lake, gave a greeting. Written greetings from Don Fladland and Rev. Olaf Helland, also former pastors at the church, were read. Bryan Nelson and Bill Helland, both of Spicer, brought greetings, too.

The worship service on Sunday morning was led by Pastor Galland with Rev. T. F. Dahle, Spicer, a former pastor at Green Lake, as the speaker.

Rev. John P. Strand, Minneapolis, Minn., president of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations, brought the message at the afternoon service which included a re-dedication of the church building.



Green Lake Lutheran Church

Green Lake Lutheran Church was organized on Dec. 17, 1883, at the home of Ole Jacobson and adopted a Hauge Synod model constitution. When the Hauge Synod joined in the merger of 1917, Green Lake congregation withdrew from the Synod. Pastoral service was then secured from the Lutheran Free Church, but the congregation did not affiliate with the LFC until 1936. In 1963 Green Lake congregation was one of the LFC churches which did not enter the merger with the American Lutheran Church and chose rather to help found the AFLC.

The church building was put up in 1885. It was enlarged in 1896. The basement was put in in 1911. Numerous improvements have been made over the years. Most recently, paneling, painting and carpeting were completed in 1973 and new pews were installed in 1974.

The present parsonage was built in 1965, one of the finest in the AFLC. The lawn borders Green Lake in Spicer.

In 1971 Green Lake voted to assist Zion Lutheran in Willmar with pastoral service and Pastor Galland is also serving that congregation at present.

Pastors who have served at Green Lake have been: K. O. Holter, 1883-89; T. J. Oppedahl, 1890-93; Bernard Reitan, 1894-98; Simon Hanson, 1900-02; J. S. Halvorson, 1903-09; I. A. Johanson, 1910-17; E. E. Gynild, 1917-23; O. L. Christenson, 1924-33; Olaf C. Helland, 1933-37; G. A. Almquist, 1939-

46; T. F. Dahle, 1947-51; Don Fladland, lay pastor, 1951-56; Julius Hermunsle, 1957-68; and Leslie Galland, 1969—.

### CHRISTIAN LIFE AND GROWTH WEEK HELD AT PUKWANA

Pukwana Lutheran Church, Pukwana, S. Dak., sponsored a Christian Life and Growth Week, November 17-21. Pastor Howard Kjos, Roslyn, S. Dak., was the speaker.

Pukwana Lutheran is served by Rev. Dale R. Battleson.

### ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM MINNEWAUKAN, N. DAK.

The teens from the parish planned a Hunger Walk on Nov. 29 to dramatize their concern about world hunger. The walk was to be from Minnewaukan to Devils Lake. Each walker was to have a sponsor who would pay them so much a mile for each mile walked. Total distance is 21 miles. Proceeds will go to the World Relief Commission.

Fifty-three teens, parents and other guests from the parish Pairs and Spares Club enjoyed a Hallowe'en party together. The event was planned by the teenagers.

The teens of the parish are contributing ten dollars a month for missionary support now, according to a November decision.

Rev. Eugene W. Enderlein is pastor of the Minnewaukan parish.

### SISTER MILLA PEDERSON DIES

Sister Milla Pederson, missionary to Madagascar under the Lutheran Free Church from 1916 to 1951, passed away on Sunday, Nov. 17, at age 86. She had been a resident of Ebenezer Homes, Minneapolis, Minn., the last several years. Funeral services were conducted at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 2315 Chicago Avenue, Minneapolis, on Nov. 20.

An obituary for this veteran Christian worker will be published later.

### TABOR HOSTS S. S. WORKSHOP

The AFLC District Sunday School workshop was held at Tabor Lutheran

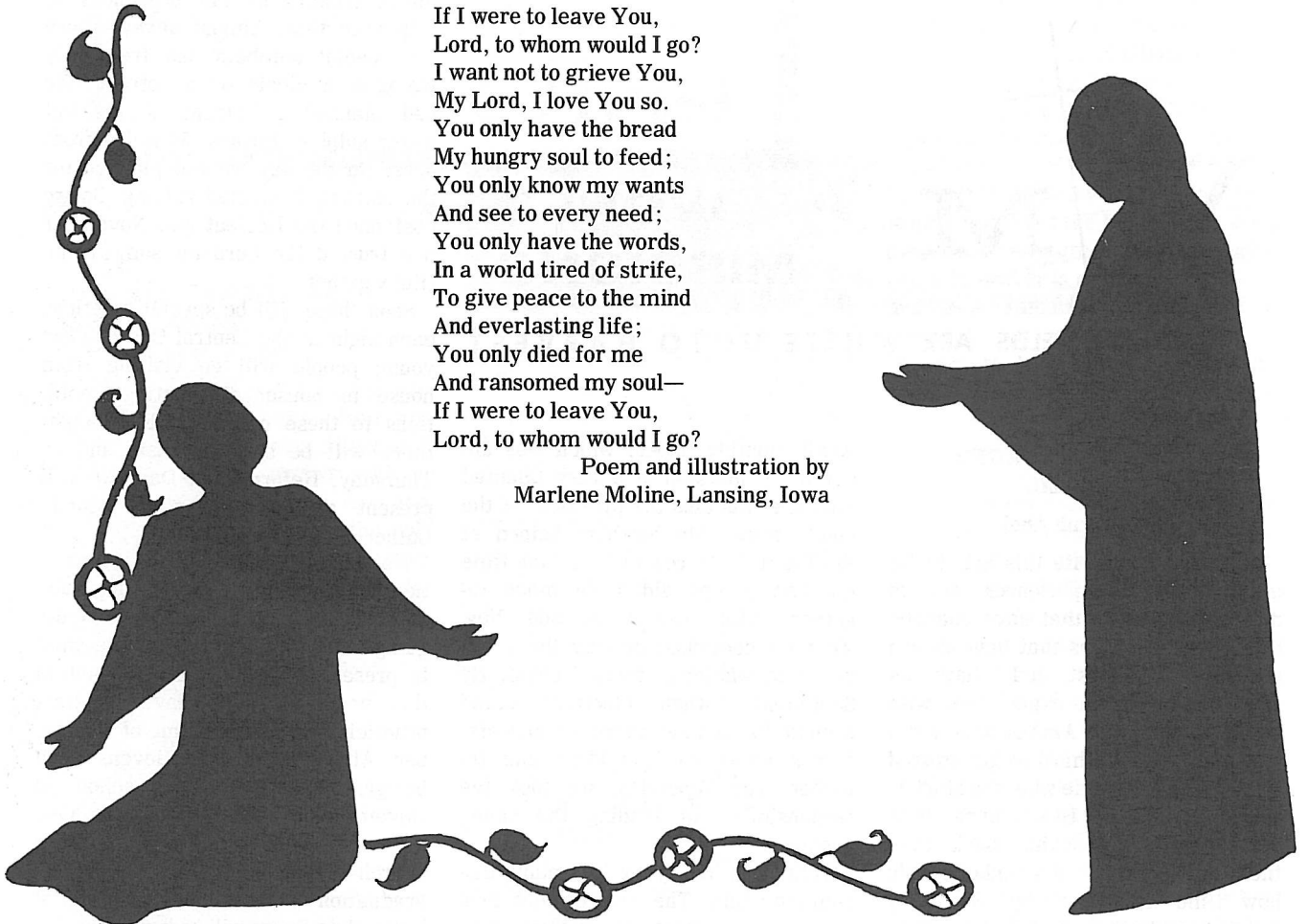
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### LORD, TO WHOM WOULD I GO?

If I were to leave You,  
Lord, to whom would I go?  
I want not to grieve You,  
My Lord, I love You so.  
You only have the bread  
My hungry soul to feed;  
You only know my wants  
And see to every need;  
You only have the words,  
In a world tired of strife,  
To give peace to the mind  
And everlasting life;  
You only died for me  
And ransomed my soul—  
If I were to leave You,  
Lord, to whom would I go?

Poem and illustration by  
Marlene Moline, Lansing, Iowa



#### CLARIFICATION

In the October 22 *Ambassador*, it was stated on page 13 that Zion Lutheran Church, Tioga, N. Dak., will be giving \$6500 a year for two years to assist Calvary Lutheran in Fergus Falls, Minn. We have been advised that it is the Tioga Lutheran Parish (Zion, Beaver Creek, Norman, Scandia and St. Olaf congregations) which is giving the assistance, not Zion alone, and are glad to make this clarification.

#### BIBLE CHRISTIANITY

The Bible teaches that:

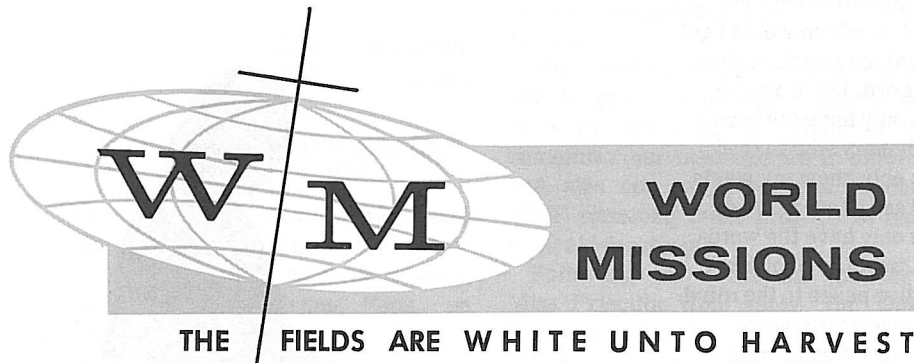
1. We cannot be right with God until we are right with our brother.
2. The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sin.
3. God will give the Holy Spirit to those who ask for Him.
4. Every Christian should be a soul-winner.
5. It is more blessed to give than to receive.

6. To follow Jesus we must be willing to forsake all.

7. God has a plan for every Christian's life.

Do you believe the teachings of the Bible? Do you practise the teachings of the Bible? Have you found the teachings of the Bible to be the solution to your life's problem? Are you showing the Way to others?

—from *The Lutheran Messenger*



### A MISSION TEENAGER IN BRAZIL

by Deborah Abel

As I began to write this article, so many wonderful experiences came to mind, experiences that have changed my life, experiences that have drawn me closer to Christ, and I have desired to share these experiences with the readers of the *Ambassador* for a long time, but it's hard to get started when one can't decide where to start.

We returned to Brazil over three years ago and, looking back over these past years, it's unbelievable how time has flown by. So many things have happened, days have been filled with work and occupation, things have changed, some for the better and others for the worse, because we must realize that the battle for some will be too hard and we have sadly seen some fall by the wayside. But God has helped us through the hard times and has blessed.

When we arrived in Campo Mourao, that rainy, sad-looking day, I was a very happy 15-year-old, delighted to be back on the mission field and looking forward to seeing all of my childhood friends, relive happy experiences, and live in the country which I very much love. By the end of that year I was actively participating in the youth group of the Lar Parana Church, which at that time had about 20 members. I helped put out the

youth monthly paper, which was under the leadership of a very talented girl. She was also the president of the youth group. My brothers helped at the Central Church and at that time the two groups didn't do much together. After Christmas and New Year's I continued helping the youth group in whatever ways I could. By September, when elections came around for a new board of officers, I was voted vice-president and together with Aristides, we took the responsibility of leading the young people.

That was the year of many discouragements. The ex-president took no more interest in participating and quite a few of the young people moved to other places in order to continue their studies. Clemente Pinto, Jonathan Abel and Charles Knapp all left for the States. Both youth groups had a decline and even though each tried its best to better things, it was very hard. We managed to do well at Christmas time by getting together and practicing plays and musical numbers, so that at the beginning of this year we resolved to unite both groups and work together. We now have about 25 members and a good board of officers of which Clemente is president. We are most thankful to God for the spiritual growth that we see in the lives of each member. That is what we pray and work for most.

Every six weeks we get the officers

together and plan each of the coming Saturday night programs. Sometimes we have an evening especially for testimonies, at other times we show a movie or slides. At each meeting we have a message, so we invite different pastors or lay preachers to help with that. Almost always there are special numbers and frequently we plan a picnic or a retreat. We had planned a retreat at the hot water sulphur springs, 50 miles from here. On the day we had planned for the retreat, it started raining. So we postponed the Retreat into November and trusted the Lord for some beautiful weather.

Soon there will be special meetings each night at the Central Church. The young people will go visiting from house to house, distributing invitations to these meetings. Each night there will be special music and on Thursday, Reformation Day, we will present a special film on Martin Luther.

November is a month of preparation for Christmas, graduation, and so many other activities. It is really going to fly! The young people want to present a play and also a cantata this year, so we'll have to start practicing at the beginning of November. About five of the "jovens" will be graduating from high school in November so we are planning to have a banquet in their honor, and also a church service. The Bible School graduation is also at the very end of November. So we will be busy, busy.

In December, I'll be going with the family to Cianorte to have a week of D.V.B.S. and special meetings. I would like to ask you to pray very much for the work in Cianorte. It is a new, struggling work. Pray for the Word of God to reach the people there. One of our national pastors is living there with his wife Cida, and it has been difficult. The second week of December I plan to go to Umuarama and stay a week with Pastor Vitor, his wife Nair and family. I'll be back the third week to give a hand at the Vacation Bible School which will be held at Central Church, and then Christmas will be here and about four days will be spent going to each of the churches presenting special programs with the youth. Time will have to be used wisely in order to get

everything done, but it is wonderful to be busy in the Lord's work. Many young people and adults are willing to be busy with secular things, school activities, club activities, etc., so why shouldn't we Christians be willing to be busy about the Lord's work, and that is above all else the winning of souls for His Kingdom.

The thing that we most impress upon the young people here is witnessing—at work, at school, at home; by appearance, actions, and by words. Most of the young people come from Catholic homes. It is a real struggle for them to live for Christ. I could take three paragraphs to tell you something about the lives of each one of them, how they came to accept Christ and what they are doing for Him now. It's the most rewarding experience to help these young people come to Christ and then to continue growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But I'm not going to take space to write about them, because they are going to tell you in their own words, and I know you are going to receive a blessing through their testimonies.

On the 1st of January I'll be saying good-bye to my many friends and brothers in Christ here, as I return to the States to complete high school and to take a year or two of college. I plan to come back to Brazil and finish college here while I prepare my life for whatever way the Lord wants it to be used. These three years have been a great blessing to me and the experiences I have had have deepened my insight into the great spiritual need of the young people here. At this point, the H.S. Bible Club comes to my mind, and the look of searching in the eyes of my classmates as they listened very carefully to the truth of God's Word which was being told to them last Thursday. Many are from the upper class society, very much involved with the things of this world, but I could sense as they listened and as they asked questions that they are seeking for real peace and happiness. Now they know that Jesus is the only one who can give them everlasting love, joy and peace. I want you to pray that the Holy Spirit will so deeply move them that they will come to Christ forsaking all to follow Him.

It's going to take much prayer because Satan is going to put many obstacles in the way, but if God is for us, who can be against us? If we ask, we shall receive. If you are a young person, I hope that God will burden your heart to pray for these kids, but that's not where it should end. Don't you think God needs you to help the Brazilian youth find the truth? They need him desperately, but they also need someone to show them the way. These kids aren't the hillbilly type. They maybe know more about the USA than a lot of Americans. These kids look forward to going on to college and becoming something in life. They are the future leaders and what are we doing to show them the truth? God needs you. Are you willing?

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Church, rural Webster, S. Dak. President Mrs. Arlo Kneeland gave the welcome.

Judith Wold, executive parish education secretary of Thief River Falls, Minnesota, taught singing and teaching with visual aids. She also presented a novel, "Pilgrims' Progress," in a modern version.

Officers elected were Emma Sakariason, president; Marie Kneeland, vice-president; Adeline McCarlson, secretary.

Pastor Larry Severson closed with prayer. Next workshop will be at Calvary Church, Wallace.

from the **Reporter and Farmer**,  
Webster, S. Dak.

### CALVARY SUNDAY SCHOOL OBSERVES ANNUAL MISSION SUNDAY

Calvary Sunday School, Wallace, South Dakota, observed its annual Mission Sunday with Miss Priscilla Wold, Abercrombie, North Dakota as guest speaker.

Miss Wold spent two and one-half years in Umuarama, Brazil, teaching missionary children. She showed pictures and crafts of her work there. She spoke of life as being very primi-

tive; mostly rural homes without electricity. People are very rich or very poor. Coffee and soybeans are their main crops. Much spiritualism is observed. The people are very superstitious. Fear has been fatal to many people there. They worship a "dead Christ." The Portuguese language is used mainly there, she reported.

Special music was given by Calvary Sunday School children and duets by Jackie Wibeto and Patsy Kasin; and Erlane Olson and Julie Gulbraa. Mrs. Louis Anenson was in charge of the program. Members of Ortlely Lutheran Church were also in attendance. Priscilla Wold covets our prayers as she returns to Brazil in January, this time as a missionary under the AFLC.

—Emma Sakariason

### IS THERE NO ROOM FOR HIM?

Now who will take these people in?  
Is there no room in Bethlehem?

In a poor stable, on the hay,  
The Son of God is born today.

In the world He has made,  
The world He comes to save,  
Is there no room for Him?

Now who will hail this Child as King?  
Is He not Lord of everything?

Enthroned in fear the tyrant cries,  
"Find me the Child, for He must die!"

In the world that He has made,  
The world He came to save,  
Is there no room for Him?

Now who will heed the Lord of all?  
And who will answer to His call?

Upon a cross, upon a hill,  
The Son of God lies dead and still.

In the world He has made,  
The world He died to save,  
Is there no room for Him?

Now stands He outside your heart's  
door

As He has stood for years before.  
Now will you let the Christ come in  
To cleanse your life from guilt and  
sin?

In the life He has made,  
The life He died to save,  
Is there no room for Him?

—Marlene Moline  
Lansing, Iowa



# Letters TO THE EDITOR

## A MAN TRUE TO HIS OWN CONVICTIONS

It is with deep gratitude that I have read the tributes given to the late Pastor (R. L.) Larson and his dear wife. He was a man so filled with the Spirit that he was fearless in being true to his convictions. Surely Acts 20:24 could apply to him: "But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy..."

In the face of inevitable censure and personal loss, he ministered so graciously to the Tacoma congregation of which he was a member. Only our Lord Himself can give him the reward worthy of his sacrificial ministry in our time of need. Eternity alone can reveal the fruit of his ministry here in Tacoma, Washington.

Miss Orpha Moser  
Tacoma, Wash.

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## PERSONALITIES

Rev. Hans J. Tollefson, Astoria, Ore., will serve Triumph Lutheran Church, Ferndale, Wash., as interim pastor beginning Dec. 1. Pastor and Mrs. Tollefson have moved to the church parsonage at 630 Mt. Baker Ave., Ferndale 98248. While he had retired, Pastor Tollefson writes that after a brief try at that he welcomes this opportunity to get back into the Lord's work full-time.

## LUTHER SPEAKS ON POSSESSIONS

I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all; but whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess.

—from a church bulletin

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goal of a pan-Lutheran national popular magazine is closer to realization after a meeting here of representatives of three Lutheran church bodies in Canada.

The session, on Nov. 7, was the first of the Board of Publication authorized to undertake a pilot project looking toward one publication for all Canada to serve all Lutherans.

Seven jurisdictional units of the Lutheran churches have given approval and will provide funds for the pilot project. Three issues of the magazine are planned with a tentative schedule of February 1, March 30 and May 15, 1975, or possibly issues for Easter, Pentecost and Reformation, dependent on solving publication and distribution problems.

A common publication has long been thought necessary to provide communication between church bodies and geographical regions and to help give Lutherans a sense of Canadian identity.

The board elected the Rev. Oscar Sommerfeld of Saskatoon as editor-in-chief. Mr. Sommerfeld is executive director of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada's Division of Communication and edits the church's official publication, **The Shepherd**. Three editorial consultants were also named.

The board chose the name **The National LUTHERAN** for the pilot issues. Plans are for a 32 or 48 page magazine to be distributed to every Lutheran Home. All Lutherans will then have opportunity to see the product and, with a series of three issues, will, hopefully, be led to subscribe to an on-going publication. The periodical, it was said, will need to rely heavily on subscriptions, advertising and a minimum of church subsidy.

The Rev. K. Lawrence Peterson of Regina is chairman of the Board of Publication and the Rev. Dean Haferman of Winnipeg is secretary.

Participating in the project is the ELCC; the Western Canada Synod, Central Canada Synod and Eastern Canada Synod of the LCA, and the A.-B.C. and Man.-Sask. Districts of the LCMS.

## A VISION IN THE SKY

My heart rejoiced this morning  
as in my heart did ring  
The true and great conviction  
that my Father is the King!

"Please minister unto my needs,"  
I cried unto my Lord.  
"For long has been the journey  
and for comfort my heart pleads."

Quick, like a flash, it came to me,  
this vision from above,  
Given unto me so tenderly  
by Him—the God of love.

I saw the treasure chests all filled  
with many precious things.  
The first with costly coins  
of silver and of gold.  
Within the second one were seen  
the prayers of saints of old.

A daughter of the King I am,  
these riches must be mine.  
The prayers must be all meant for me  
to help my upward climb.

But lo, as I behold the wealth  
piled high before mine eye,  
God let me know the reason  
for the riches in the sky.

"Oh child of mine, humility shall  
be your golden crown,  
And sin-stained robes washed in  
Christ's blood, shall be your royal  
gown.

"These riches are for people  
who truly are in need,  
For whom you ask My favor  
and I'll hear you as you plead.

"The prayers are yet unanswered,  
due to your unwillingness  
To yield to me completely  
that your will I might possess.

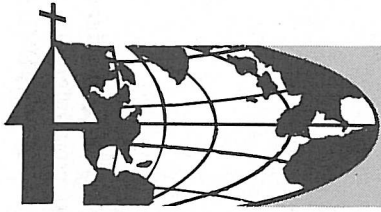
"You must be my spokesman  
to reach these scattered lambs,  
For they will never hear you  
unless you follow My commands.

"You must be the helping hand  
that reaches out in love  
And in the name of Jesus  
guides them to My courts above.

"You must not covet riches,  
or honor, or acclaim.  
Your prayers must be for others  
as you pray in Jesus' name."

Mrs. Kent Quanbeck  
McVile, N. Dak.

Lutheran Ambassador



# CHURCH-WORLD NEWS

## 12 LUTHERANS IN NEXT CONGRESS; 3 REPRESENTATIVES LOSE SEATS

New York—(LC)—Three Lutheran Republicans were ousted from their seats in the House of Representatives as Democrats dominated the nationwide off-year elections in the wake of the Watergate scandals and President Nixon's forced resignation.

In the 94th Congress, convening Jan. 3, the Senate will include the present three Lutheran Democrats, one a holdover and two who easily won reelection, and the House will have seven of the present 11 Lutheran Republicans and two Lutheran Democrats, including a newcomer.

These numbers are likely to be subject to upward revision when complete information is available on the religious affiliation of those elected to Congress for the first time.

All considered strong supporters of President Nixon, the three Lutheran legislators who went down to defeat were Joel T. Brodyhill of Virginia, a member of the Lutheran Church in America, who was seeking his 12th term; Earl F. Landgrebe of Indiana, also an LCA member, who sought his fourth term, and Harold V. Froehlich of Wisconsin, bidding for his second term. Froehlich, who voted for Nixon's impeachment, lost to Robert Cornell, a Roman Catholic priest, in a district that has been Republican for years. Froehlich is a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

Ancher Nelson of Minnesota, a member of the ALC, who is completing his eighth term in the House, did not run for reelection.

Returned to office for his sixth consecutive six-year term in the Senate, after four terms in the House, was Warren G. Magnuson of Washington, a member of the ALC, who is affiliated with Immanuel Lutheran church in Seattle.

Winner of his second full term, after serving two years of an unexpired term, was Ernest F. Hollings of South Carolina, a former governor of the state and former member of the Executive Council of the LCA.

Continuing in office, as his term does not expire until 1976, is Senator Vance Hartke of Indiana, a member of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

The lone Democrat among the Lutherans retaining their House seats was Robert F. Bergland of Minnesota, elected to his third term, who is an ALC member. He will be joined on that side of the House by Paul Simon of Illinois, a member of LCMS. Simon, former lieutenant governor of Illinois, lost the Democratic nomination for governor in 1972.

The seven Lutheran Republicans reelected on Nov. 5 were:

William Armstrong of Colorado (ALC) to his second term; Don H. Clausen of California (ALC) to his seventh term; Edwin Eshleman of Pennsylvania (LCA) to his fifth term; Louis Frey, Jr., of Florida (LCA) to his fourth term; Albert H. Quie of Minnesota (ALC) to his tenth term; Floyd D. Spense of South Carolina (LCA) to his third term, and M. Gene Snyder of Kentucky (LCMS) to his fifth term.

(Dale Milford, who won reelection as a Texas Democrat, has been identified as a Lutheran, but is listed in

the Congressional Quarterly as a Protestant. He reportedly prefers not to be attached to a specific denomination.)

Of the current three Lutheran governors, only one was up for reelection Cecil D. Andrus of Idaho, a Democrat and member of the ALC, easily won his second four-year term. Not candidates this year were Gov. Arthur A. Link of North Dakota, a Democrat and an ALC member, and Gov. Otis R. Bowen of Indiana, a Republican and a member of the LCMS.

## HONDURAS VICTIMS GIVEN WORD OF GOD

Surviving victims of the devastating hurricane in Honduras are now receiving the comforting Word of God along with their clothing and food allotments.

The American Bible Society shipped, via air cargo, 30,000 portions of Romans and 5,000 New Testaments for Protestants and Roman Catholics in response to an urgent call for them from Saul Gomez, secretary of the Honduras Bible Society.

Ever since the hurricane struck late in September the Honduras Bible Society headquarters in Tegucigalpa, little damaged, has been a haven for many left destitute by the storm. Bible House has been a center for the collection and distribution of food, clothing and money to aid the victims.

Mr. Gomez heads a committee, involving more than 20 denominations and organizations, which carries on this ministry of relief to survivors. In time of sorrow and disaster people

need material relief and cry out for the Word of God which gives them reassurance and support.

The supply of Scriptures in the Honduras Bible House was soon depleted. Through Alberto J. Carcamo, secretary of the United Bible Societies regional center in Mexico City, the appeal for help was directed to the American Bible Society which responded immediately. The American Bible Society is one of the 56 national Bible Societies that comprise the United Bible Societies membership.

It is through the generous contributions of churches, other organizations and individuals that the American Bible Society, a nonprofit organiza-

tion, is able to answer emergency appeals for Scriptures from victims of disasters, such as the violent, cyclonic storm that hit Honduras.

Since its organization in 1816, the American Bible Society has had as its threefold purpose the translation, publication and distribution of the Scriptures, without doctrinal note or comment, to people everywhere in a language they can understand and at a price they can afford.

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