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MEDITATION MOMENTS

WE WALKED AND WEPT IN GETHSEMANE'S GARDEN

Read Matthew 26:36-46

In March 1972, my wife and I were privileged to visit the Holy Land. It was during Lent and we viewed many Biblical landmarks associated with our Lord's life and ministry. We wish to share a few of our personal experiences through these Meditation Moments and pray that they will bring blessings as we begin another Lenten season.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of a season when the church invites Christians to practice self-denial and to seek inner renewal. Again, we ponder and read the Passion Story, thinking deeply and seriously of Christ's suffering and death for us. Lent means examination under the Holy Spirit as we search our souls, repent of sin, and seek a closer fellowship with our Savior and Lord.

"I walked today where Jesus walked in days of long ago... those simple lanes they have not changed, a sweet peace fills the air. I walked today where Jesus walked and felt His presence there."

"Gethsemane," at the time of Jesus it was an ordinary name which meant "wine press," a name among thousands of other names. But today, next to Golgotha and the stable with the manger, there is no place that Christians remember with such deep emotion as Gethsemane. How often we have sung that Lenten hymn:

"Go to dark Gethsemane, ye that

feel the tempter's power; your Redeemer's conflict see, watch with Him one bitter hour.

Turn not from His griefs away, learn of Jesus Christ to pray."

The Valley of Kidron is located between the Mount of Olives and the old city of Jerusalem. At the foot of the Mount of Olives is Gethsemane, where Jesus wrestled in prayer before His arrest. The slope of the mountain is covered with ancient olive trees, some believed to date back to the time of Christ.

The Garden today is cared for by the Franciscans of the Roman Catholic Church. Resting under an old olive tree, we asked ourselves, "Did Jesus stop to rest here?" Walking a little further we came to the Basilica of Gethsemane where tradition marks the site of the Rock of Agony, but we were unable to see that Rock. From Gethsemane we could view the Golden Gate, where Christ entered the City on Palm Sunday. It was good to linger there, and with an open Bible, we pondered and prayed, thanking God for giving us Jesus Christ and salvation in His Name. There was beauty and peace—morning sunshine, bright flowers, singing birds. Jesus used this place for prayer because it was so quiet and secluded. It is still a quiet, beautiful, and peaceful place—perfect for prayer and meditation. "Sit here, while I go yonder and pray," the Master said to His disciples. Then He said, "My soul is very

sorrowful and troubled."

Even sitting in the Garden of Gethsemane, we could not fully grasp the agony He suffered and the struggle within His soul as He thought of the Cross He would have to bear for the sins of the whole world. "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as Thou wilt." Here in Gethsemane the final moment had come—Judas would betray Him; in the courtyard, Peter would deny Him, and before Pontius Pilate and the unbelieving, blood-demanding crowd, He would be condemned and taken out of the city to be crucified between two thieves.

Try as we did, we could not hold back our tears any longer. Freely they flowed down our faces as we remembered the words of the hymn, "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord." In that Garden, we, too, struggled in prayer as we rededicated our lives to Christ, asking Him to use this precious experience to enrich our public ministry, to enrich our own personal lives in the years ahead. And isn't this what Lent is all about—pondering the mystery of His Passion, repenting of sin, seeking forgiveness, praying for spiritual power and strength in our warfare against the devil, the world, and our own sinful flesh? With Christ, will we, too, "cry out to God" and seek more of His power, love, courage, compassion, and patience as we continue our walk with the Master day by day?

—Dale R. Battleson

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HOW DOES A CHRISTIAN KEEP LENT?

Many sincere Christians are asking themselves the question, "How shall I keep this sacred season?"

There are numerous ways of observing Lent. The Roman Catholic has his way. The various other church groups have their practices and observances. In most instances the individual church member either follows or disregards the instructions received through his church. But when the real meaning of that which occurred in the life of Christ during His passion begins to dawn upon the soul through a conscious experience of sin and grace, the question is not, "How would the church have me keep Lent?" but rather, "How would my Lord and Savior be glorified through my life in a special way during this season?"

A Christian does not keep Lent to "do penance" for sin. He knows that "Christ hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God." He realizes that it is not by any works which he might do, but only through Christ's merits that forgiveness is procured. Instead of doing penance, he daily repents of his sins, accepts in faith the forgiveness offered for Christ's sake, and looks to Him for the power to win victories over sin.

A Christian does not keep Lent as a time to fulfill his religious obligations for the entire year, with possibly the exception of Christmas. There is a great deal of legalism within the church in connection with the keeping of Lent. Many who are carried away in the mad rush of society, business, and other pursuits, essential and non-essential, during the greater part of the year, welcome Lent as a time when they shall try to make amends. In the measure that they succeed, Lent becomes a balm for their guilty consciences. One who walks with Christ in fellowship day by day knows that Lent is a time to deepen religious convictions and heighten Christian joy

and peace. He knows that sincerity, not formality, pleases God. He keeps Lent in the spirit of freedom in Christ. "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

Lent is a time when a Christian meditates upon the sufferings of His Savior. In spirit, he again goes with the Master "up to Jerusalem." Year after year he makes this sacred "pilgrimage" from the Upper Room to Calvary, in order to better understand and realize the awful consequences of sin, and appreciate the salvation purchased for him at such a great cost. He looks upon his suffering Savior in Gethsemane, and is reminded that part of the contents of that "cup" which caused Him such agony was his own sinfulness and acts of rebellion against God. He sees the meek and holy One before the tribunals in Jerusalem, and shudders at the depravity of wicked men. He beholds His Lord crucified upon Calvary, and thanks God because of the assurance that "the blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth from all sin."

The aim of such meditation is not to reach some ecstatic state, not to feel sympathy for Jesus in His sufferings, but to pray that through this quiet meditation he may also be taught to share with the Savior His passion for lost souls, and be used in bringing the message of the Cross to them.

Lent is also a time of self-denial. A Christian turns away from the world, not because he is in the habit of indulging in the sinful things of the world at other times. Questionable pleasures and amusements do not enter into his reckoning of self-denial at any time. But being in the world, the material things of the world make their claim upon him from day to day. His chief concern is how he may learn to become a careful steward of time and opportunities, and he denies himself the things which may hinder the fulfilling of his "high calling" in the

midst of the commonplace duties of life.

While a Christian should always abound in every good work, being a branch in the Vine, Jesus Christ, he heeds the call of the Lenten season to be particularly active in "doing good unto all men." Appreciating at the same time that his justification before God is "by faith alone," He becomes more conscious of the needs of his fellowmen, and follows in the footsteps of His Master, who came "not to be ministered unto, but to minister." Souls are often brought into contact with Christ through a friendly smile, a kindly thought and a helpful act of someone who is constrained by the love of Christ.

A Christian has also a definite responsibility in connection with the Lenten services held in his church. These should be "revival services" in the true sense of the word. While the Holy Spirit is present in every service where the Word of God is preached in truth, He has a special opportunity when the heart is prepared. The message of the Cross softens many a heart making it more receptive to the working of the Spirit. In the measure that the Christian yields to the influence of the Word he will experience a revival in his own life. Then he will look to God for a revival in the hearts of others. He will be present at the services with a praying heart, and the pastor who preaches the Word will receive added power. The result will be conviction of sin in the hearts of the unrepentant as well as the Christians, and the Holy Spirit will perform miracles of grace.

Thus the Lenten season becomes a "time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord," and the Christian who has "observed Lent" will go forth into the Easter and Pentecost season with more strength and courage to live Christ and witness for Him.

**The Lutheran Bible Institute
Tract Service**

My Trip to Michigan

by Rev. Gerald F. Mundfrom,
Grafton, N. Dak.

Part III—Conclusion

by Rev. Gerald F. Mundfrom
Grafton, N. Dak.

It was still snowing when I started out again. The road was wet. The snow melted as it touched the highway. My next stop was Eben Junction, which was only a short drive of about 50 miles.

I faced a new anxiety now. The wet snow stuck on the road signs, covering them so that I could not read them. How would I know where to turn off highway 41 and onto highway 94, if I could not read the signs?

God took care! Eben Junction is only a few miles south of Ishpeming. (It is more east than south.) God had stopped the snow before it got as far south as Eben Junction. Not only were the signs clear of snow as I neared my turnoff, but also the ground. The lawns were green in the Eben Junction area. It was almost like coming from winter into summer.

Eben Junction is only a wide place in the road, as some would say. Some maps do not even list it. However, it does have a post office, a store and two churches.

There is a new pastor, Rev. Wallace Jackson, serving the AFLC church at Eben Junction. I had only briefly met Rev. Jackson at our annual conference last summer. He had then just come into our Association.

The congregation at Eben Junction has an interesting history. They formerly belonged to the LCA synod. Because of a very liberal pastor, a large portion of the congregation left the synod. They also left their church building and parsonage to the LCA synod, which they had helped build. Later they bought back the church and parsonage at a very reasonable price.

I arrived at the parsonage just as Rev. Jackson and his wife were going to eat their noon meal. They graciously made a place for me at the table and made me feel very welcome.

Soon we were busy talking. In our conversation I mentioned that I should like to take a Christmas tree along home with me. I had traveled through miles of wooded area and had seen countless numbers of little evergreen trees.

"Oh, I think that could be arranged," said Wallace, and he reached for the phone. He talked to Elmer Juntunen, who is a farmer in the area. Elmer promised to deliver a Christmas tree to the parsonage yet that afternoon.

I was shown my room for the night and decided to take a nap before setting up the Christian book fair for the evening.

When I awoke the Christmas tree was there. I set up the book fair and Pastor Jackson helped me fasten the Christmas tree to my car.

The weather was more threatening now. There was a strong wind and snow in the air. It was turning colder. Rev. Jackson was wondering if any would come to the meeting. There was also competition with the local school, which was having some special program that evening.

After supper I went to the church early in case anyone came early to look at the Christian book fair. And some did come early. I was able to meet Elmer Juntunen and thank him personally for the tree.

Some of the men of the church became concerned that I might be stopped on the way home, because of a new ruling in Michigan, which required a special permit to cut a Christmas tree. They feared that just before Christmas some might try to smuggle trees out of the state and that the highway patrol would be suspicious of anyone with an out-of-state license carrying a Christmas tree.

In order to be safe, Elmer prepared a statement stating that he had given me the tree. There was a notary public present who notarized the statement. I put the paper in my billfold. (But I was not stopped and did not need this statement.)

A goodly number turned out for the meeting. God's Spirit was present. Some questions were asked about the Bible Studies I have written and which I was offering for sale. After the meeting they decided to use these studies in their women's group.

The book fair was well received and a good deal of browsing and buying was done.

Rev. Jackson and his wife helped me to pack everything together, ready for loading. Because of the bad weather we decided to wait until morning before loading it back into my station wagon.

My spirits were high as I went to bed, because of blessings received. I did not go to sleep right away, but thought on the happenings of the day and the trip into Michigan thus far. After a bit I fell asleep.

The next morning, Thurs., Nov. 21, the ground was covered with snow. Mrs. Jackson had a good breakfast of bacon and eggs ready to eat. Pastor Jackson helped me load the books and I was on my way. I greatly appreciated the Jacksons and was glad that they are a part of our Association.

The weather began to brighten, the sun came out for a while and then it became cloudy again. But the road was clear and I had good traveling.

I had further to travel again on this day. The next and last place would be Pastor Kenneth Pentti's church near Bessemer. It is about 225 miles between Eben Junction and Bessemer.

I traveled through mostly wooded area. Quite a number of the eating places were closed for the winter. Finally I found one that was still open.

I had a good talk with the lady who was operating this restaurant, and gave her one of my sermons. My bill came to \$1.25, but the lady only took \$1.00 from me. This told me that she had appreciated our conversation and the sermon I had given her. She promised to read it.

I did not travel very far after lunch before I noticed a hitchhiker, whom I offered a ride. He had been among the large number who had been laid off from work in the auto industry in Detroit. He was hitchhiking to Grand

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"I DIDN'T DO NOTHIN'!"

by Rev. Frank A. Miller
Boscobel, Wis.

Text: Hebrews 7:26-27

Some time ago there was a program on television about "Crime and Criminals." One scene in particular showed the apprehension of an individual, an offender implicated in a crime that had been committed, who loudly protested his innocence: "I didn't do nothin'!"

We may laugh at the inelegant English or slang he used to protest his innocence, to plead innocent of any crime or of committing any evil or doing anything wrong. What he was trying to say was that he had refrained from evil, that he "didn't do anything wrong," or to put it another way that he "did nothing wrong or evil."

But circumstantial evidence, the extenuating situation in which he was found, in spite of his loud, vociferous protest, clearly implicated him, indicated definitely his involvement in the crime. Beside which, his use of slang, inelegant or faulty English, really tripped him up. For as any school child can tell you, his "double-negative (two 'nos") produced a positive, affirmative statement (a "yes"). When he cried, "I didn't do nothin'!" he was stating positively, "I did something" or "I did it!" He proclaimed not his innocence but his involvement!

Yet this isn't an isolated instance of one man placing himself in jeopardy; it is a situation, a "real-life" situation in which many well-meaning or well-intentioned Christians find themselves, or will find themselves when they offer their lives, in testimony, before the judgment-throne of God. When they testify to their righteousness, their innocence, they will be in jeopardy of a similar "double-negative." "I have led a good life; I have never done anything wrong; I have refrained from doing evil, from sinning." A recital of what they *didn't* do!

The answer might come, and such is clearly indicated in Jesus' own parables of the Pharisee and the Publican (Luke 18:9-14), and the Sheep and the Goats (Matthew 25:31-46): "That is true; you have kept yourself from evil, from wrong-doing; you refrained from evil. But, you didn't do good!" Innocence in God's sight is not merely refraining from doing evil, but in doing the good! In offering or protesting our innocence we might be proclaiming our guilt. As Shakespeare put it, "He doth protest too loudly! (or much)!"

In Matthew 27:12-25, we read of One who could rightly proclaim His innocence. Yet before Pilate He, we are told, "answered him (Pilate) not a word!" Christ Jesus could have protested the perjured testimony of the false witnesses, the hate and violence to which he was unjustly subjected by His enemies. He could have said, "Has not your own wife pleaded with you as to my innocence? And what of your own feelings, Pilate? You know I'm not guilty!" But, we are told, "He answered not a word!"

Now, surprisingly, Jesus was under the jeopardy of the "double-negative"; for, so to speak, He "didn't do nothin'" by His silence. And yet He **did something—He did everything**, and in a vastly different sense than that which we have so far indicated as to "doing something." For He did all in perfect innocence. "He was," our text tells us, "the perfect High Priest," perfectly holy, faultless, blameless or innocent; that is, totally without evil, who offered Himself, His Body, His Blood, His Life, once and for all for the sins of all mankind.

Any man can give his life for another. That's a noble sacrifice. But it cannot fully redeem another; for the "sacrificer" would be a sinner still and himself in need of redemption and salvation. A high priest of Old Testament or Biblical times could offer a sacrifice for his people; but this was temporal, not eternal. The high priest was a sinner and first had

to sacrifice for himself and be assured of God's acceptance of his sacrifice; in addition, the sacrifice had to be constantly repeated, "daily," according to our text. The high priest could no more than any man, any human, offer complete redemption, complete forgiveness; even at its best the sacrifice could never be complete or perfect.

Now by the same token, if one were to be a perfect high priest, a perfect redeemer, a perfect savior, he must know, he must experience fully and completely from what he is to redeem his people. He must know intimately what alienates man from salvation and redemption. "We do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin" (Hebrews 4:15). And that's the crux of it all; Christ Jesus was without sin and therefore perfect in His innocence. He was man, fully man, fully human. He knew intimately all the frailties of man, the besetting tribulations man was and is subject to, temptation, trial, torment.

Yet He was fully divine. He was intimate with sinners; He constantly walked among them and ministered to them during His earthly sojourn. Yet He was "separate from them." He was holy, unpolluted by sin; He was blameless, faultless, without evil; He was undefiled, unstained by sin. He was exalted and lifted above the very heavens; He accomplished His redemptive, redeeming, saving work and was "crowned with glory and honor." He ascended into Heaven to sit on the right hand of God. His work, His sacrifice, His assumption of all the Sin of all mankind, was acceptable to God. His was the adequate, perfect sacrifice for all guilty men! Jesus on the Cross knew His work, the redemption, was completed, "It is finished; Father, into Thy hands I commend myself." And the confirmation of this by God was the fact of His glorious resurrection.

Here, in the words of Hebrews, our text, was the perfect High Priest, who made the perfect sacrifice; the perfect Redeemer, who through His perfect innocence offered the sacri-

fice which restored all mankind to God.

Dare we then protest our innocence, "I didn't do nothin'!"

Come, you all, and be brought, restored, reconciled to your heavenly Father; enjoy forever that which Christ Jesus, your Savior and Redeemer has obtained for you!

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Rapids, Michigan, to pick up a car to drive back to Detroit.

This young man was a great talker and told me much about himself. I wanted to talk to him about spiritual things, but somehow just did not get on these things. I did give him one of my sermons and wished him God's blessing as he got off at a truck stop shortly before coming to Wakefield, where I was to call Pastor Pentti. I had now driven back into the Central time zone and regained the hour I had lost on Sunday.

At Wakefield I called from a filling station. It did not take Kenneth long to get there.

Pastor Pentti lives in Ramsay, but his postoffice is Bessemer. He led the way and I followed him to his home, where he introduced me to his wife. I had known Kenneth for some time, but had never met his wife or family before. They have three children, the youngest is still a baby, just learning to get around in a stroller.

Kenneth had some calling to do. I was shown my room for the night. There was plenty of time, so I took a nap.

Later we had supper. Then we left for church so as to get the Christian book fair set up before the meeting.

The church is a couple of miles from the parsonage. This is a young, growing congregation and the church building has a fresh, inviting look about it. It had only recently been purchased from the Missouri Lutheran Church people.

Kenneth helped me to set up the book fair, and soon the people began to come. They browsed and bought before the meeting, and again after the meeting.

The crowd was about average compared to other places on this trip. The book sales were very good for a small group. There was a warm cordial

feeling among these people. They love their pastor and he loves them. They made me feel very welcome and wanted. The message I brought was appreciated.

I had a long way to travel the next day, so Kenneth and I packed and loaded all the books after the meeting. I slept well and woke up refreshed the next morning.

That was Friday, Nov. 22nd. I got an early start and soon crossed the state line back into Wisconsin. The weather and roads were good. My destination was Bagley, Minnesota, my last preaching place before going home. It was a long ride of about 300 miles from Bessemer to Bagley. It was a rather uneventful trip. Everything went well. I arrived in Bagley in late afternoon. I was made to feel welcome by the Dalagers, who were expecting me. They have two small children, who also made me feel very welcome.

There was time to set up the Christian book fair before supper. Bruce helped me. The church is right next to the parsonage and everything was very handy. The congregation had been worshiping in an overcrowded small church, but this last summer rebuilt and made it larger. Pastor Dalager told me that already they were crowded for Sunday School room.

Mrs. Dalager fixed a delicious supper of roast chicken, which tasted so very good after a long drive.

Again the people came early to the meeting and began browsing and buying from the Christian book fair. The Spirit of God was again present at the meeting that night. Sales were good. The church in Bagley has a little Christian book sales of its own. Pastor Dalager picked out a number of things from my sales which would be for resale in their Christian Book Nook. These items were sold at a discount.

The stop at Bagley was a wonderful conclusion to my whole trip. I greatly appreciated the fellowship I had with Pastor and Mrs. Dalager and the people of his parish. I made a friend in their 5-year-old boy who was most willing to go along home with me.

It was a clear night, so I decided to drive home. It is about 130 miles to Grafton. I stopped at a phone booth

and called my wife and told her to not lock the door.

My heart was full as I drove that last lap home. God had been with me all the way. I had been blessed in so many different ways.

I had preached seven times in seven different places. I traveled 1308 miles. There just was no way of measuring the spiritual blessings. They were the greatest of blessings. I also had a nice Christmas tree.

I got home about 1:00 a.m., Saturday morning, Nov. 23rd. I had many things to share with my wife and family.

If . . .

If I could wipe the furrows from your brow and make you smile, I would.

If I could smooth your paths lest you fall and hurt yourself, I would.

If I could give you all life's earthly goods to make life easier, I would.

If I could fill your heart and soul with joy and peace, I would.

If I could help you walk close by our Lord, completely trusting Him, I would.

If I could place God's loving arms about you, that you might lean on Him, I would.

If I could wipe away all mem'ry of all hurts and tribulation, I would.

Yet I cannot so much as speak to you, lest I bring you greater pain.

All that I can do is pray for you—
and God in His goodness could give you all of these things, my friend, but He will limit them according to what is good for you.

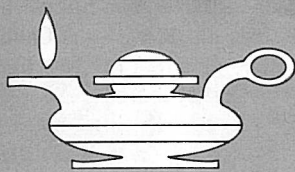
—Mabel Quanbeck
McVile, N. Dak.

FROM BETHLEHEM TO CALVARY

From Bethlehem to Calvary,
The journey of a day;
From shining star to painful cross
Along the pilgrim way.

From Bethlehem to Calvary
We never walk alone,
Christ walks the path again with us
And gently leads us home.

Marlene Moline
Lansing, Iowa



SCHOOL NEWS

Introducing Our Seminarians

FURTHER BLESSINGS

I am Dale Mellgren, a senior seminarian this year. My wife Mary and two daughters, Alison (3½ years) and Janelle (11 months) live at Abercrombie, North Dakota, while I attend classes during the week. On weekends I serve Bethany Lutheran Church near Abercrombie and Stiklestad Lutheran Church near Doran, Minnesota.

I have much in common with many of the seminarians in that I, too, was very slow in accepting God's call to the ministry. Employed at PALS (Poultry and Livestock Supplies) in Willmar, Minnesota, prior to entering seminary, I had thought that associating and working with Christian people might be acceptable to God. However, He wouldn't give me peace, until I had made the decision to obey His call. The Lord has since demonstrated His faithfulness many times over and shown us the wisdom of trusting all things to His loving care.

Two events very close to the hearts of Mary and me are the births of our daughters. We committed both of them to the Lord before they were born, knowing that God promises to care for all of His children. In the case of Alison, the Lord manifested His care in that just prior to her birth it was discovered that her heartbeat was erratic. The doctor warned me that she might not live; however, God gave us a healthy little girl. With Janelle, the situation was somewhat reversed, with the difficulty coming in the early part of Mary's pregnancy. Though the doctor again feared for the child's welfare and we were greatly concerned, God again gave us a healthy little girl. We thank God for hearing our prayers and those of

family and friends, offered on behalf of our little family. God is faithful, He gives us what is best when we seek His perfect will. We do not know the future, but we know that for now He has chosen to give us our children. They have become His own in Baptism and we look forward to growing together in Christ with them.

God has met all of our needs. Philippians 4:19 has become a very real promise to us: "But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Our trust in Christ has been increased as His Spirit has worked in our hearts through the Word. He has used faithful brothers and sisters in Christ to encourage us in our faith and in meeting all of our temporal needs.

It is with an element of regret that I look toward graduation. I will miss the close fellowship with dear friends in Christ here at the Seminary. Yet, I look forward to spending more time with my family and entering full-time service for our Lord. Certainly further blessings await us through fellowship with Christ and His people in His area of choosing. We praise God for all of you dear people who pray for us and have helped make these years such a rich experience. Let us all look forward to God's continued mercy as we seek, by His grace, to serve Him more fully. "Oh how great is Thy goodness, which Thou hast laid up for them that fear Thee; which Thou hast wrought for them that trust in Thee before the sons of men" (Psalms 31:19).

—Dale Mellgren

REPORT ON DR. MORRIS' CHAPEL TALK AT OUR SCHOOLS

Dr. Henry Morris, who spoke in our chapel on Jan. 29, is from the Insti-

tute for Creation Research. That organization is involved in research, writing textbooks, searching for Noah's Ark and publishing a free monthly newsletter called "Acts and Facts."

His subject was that of creation vs. evolution and geological ages. Evolutionists believe that the earth is 3 billion years old, based on time and fossils.

He asserted that we can't tell the age of a rock by its physical appearance. Fossils are caused when there is a sudden, mass death with a rapid burial; therefore, because of their appearance, they are placed in a geological age by paleontologists.

Dr. Morris then discussed whether there were geological ages and how others try to fit them into the Bible. He talked about two theories. 1) The theory that the geological ages took place before the six days of creation is termed the Gap Theory. It is placed between Gen. 1:1 and 1:2. His counter argument against the Gap Theory is that sin and death would have had, then, to exist before the fall of man, the order of creation then differs from that given in the Bible and it makes the six-day creation an actual re-creation of the earth.

2) The Day Age Theory says that the geological ages took place during the six days of creation. Dr. Morris points out the weakness of this theory as being that it is un-Biblical, it does not correlate with the universal flood and it, again, is based on fossil records.

Human remains have been found among the animal fossils and human death could not occur until after the creation and fall of man, according to Rom. 5:12.

Dr. Morris commented on the thought of some that Genesis is a poem, not history. But Gen. 1-11 is referred to 80 times in the New Testament. Therefore, if you reject the Genesis account you also reject the New Testament.

If evolution once existed, why did it stop? Man has been the same for centuries. God can destroy or create things in one day that takes evolution thousands of years.

The assumptions of evolution, fossil records and geological ages are all

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AMOS HINDERAKER

Amos Hinderaker, son of Halvor Hinderaker and Dorothy Johnson Hinderaker, was born November 12, 1901, at Radcliffe, Iowa. He was baptized and confirmed in Bethany Lutheran Church and attended the Radcliffe rural schools. On November 22, 1922, he was united in marriage to Minnie Augusta Willig of Hubbard, Iowa. The couple moved to a farm northwest of Radcliffe. In 1934 they moved to a farm 1½ miles west of the first farm, where they were engaged in farming until retiring in 1966. They remained living on the same farm until the time of his death, December 6, 1974.

On May 13, 1925, he, together with his wife, was saved and came to a living faith in Christ as his Savior and Lord. He served as a deacon and Sunday School teacher for many years at Bethany Church. In 1954, when Bethany closed, he joined Our Savior's Lutheran Church and later transferred to the Salem Lutheran Church of which he was president and also taught Sunday School. Up until his time of death he was president of the Central Iowa Innermission, which post he had held for about 19 years. He was also serving on the Boards of the Association Free Lutheran Schools and the Latin American Mission. He had been president of the Hauge Innermission Federation for many years and on the board of the Lutheran Evangelistic Movement. The marked emphasis of both prayer and testimony was this: that his relatives and friends might have assurance of salvation.

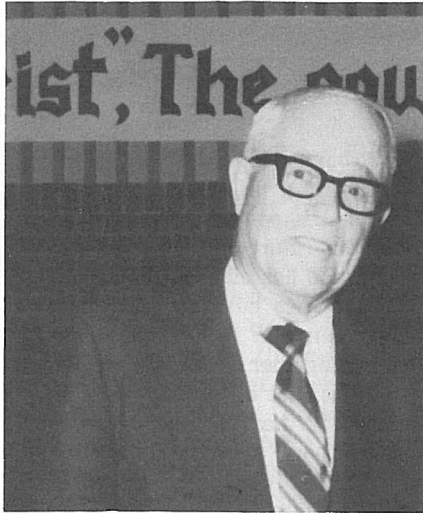
In 1958, he and his wife took a trip to Norway to visit relatives and in 1972 they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with many friends and relatives present.

He was injured fatally in an automobile accident near Monterrey, Mexico, while on a business trip with other members of the Board of the Latin American Mission.

He was preceded in death by an infant son, his parents and five brothers. He leaves to mourn his departure his wife Minnie; four children, Richard of Radcliffe, Dorothy of Seattle, Washington, Lorraine (Mrs. Donald Thompson) of Ellsworth, Iowa,

and Joyce (Mrs. James Hanson) of Jewell, Iowa; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild; also one brother, Rev. Leonard Hinderaker of Ottawa, Illinois; and one sister, Mrs. Mabel Maakestad of Radcliffe.

Blessed is his memory.



Mr. Amos Hinderaker, who lost his life in an auto accident in Mexico in December. A member of the Board of Trustees.

SOME PERSONAL WORDS

We know from the Bible that the Lord gives life and He alone has the right to take it. Our plans for Amos Hinderaker have been interrupted. And yet God's plan has continued on for him. With Amos, we must rejoice, for he has gained that which he had longed for, to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. His desire in life can be summed up in verse 21 of Philippians 1: "For to me to live is Christ and to die is gain."

Amos Hinderaker was a man of deep convictions and strong faith in Jesus Christ. His life in many ways exemplified a warm and living Christianity. He was well respected in the community and Christian circles as a man of God. He always had a warm spirit and smile which touched many hearts. We will miss him but will not forget the Christ he revealed by his life.

It is only fitting to note that Amos was on a trip into Mexico as a board member of the Latin American Lutheran Mission when he was killed.

It was his desire that the Christ who loved him so be shared with many around the world.

Amos' work is completed but his spirit lives on. May Jesus Christ continue to be glorified in these lives that were touched by his.

Pastor Terry L. Olson
Radcliffe, Iowa

IN MEMORY OF AMOS HINDERAKER

"Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor" (I Tim. 5:17a).

The Board of Trustees of the AFLC Schools gives thanks to God for the opportunity of having served with Mr. Amos Hinderaker of Radcliffe, Iowa.

Mr. Hinderaker was a man of commitment to Christ who had a vision for youth and Christian schools. He was concerned for the welfare of the students both spiritually and practically. He was also concerned with the fiscal needs of the schools.

During the time of Mr. Hinderaker's service, the schools of the Association have changed dramatically. Elected to the Board of Trustees of the Schools in 1965, he saw the seminary progress in program, faculty and students. He saw the beginning of the Bible School in 1966 with 13 students grow to over 100 at the present time. With sincere concern for the spiritual growth of AFLC youth, he supported advances in the physical plant of the schools including the building of the first dormitory and classroom building and the new boy's dorm as well as the construction of the Dean's residence.

The Board is thankful to God for the dedicated service of Mr. Hinderaker. We will remember him for his warm-hearted prayers and his concern for the spiritual life of the students and their involvement in the local congregations. We trust that the vision which he had will continue to be present and that his example of faithfulness to his Savior will always be an inspiration to the Board, faculty and student body of our schools.

Board of Trustees of the AFLC
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editorials

THE DRINKING PROBLEM

Many of us remember hearing stories about government officials, perhaps on the campaign trail, who had appeared to be under the influence of alcohol while in some public place or meeting. Personally, we have been somewhat skeptical about such reports, thinking they could hardly be true.

But recent accounts of the drinking problems of various public officials has given some credence to those reports that have been whispered around over the years. A prestigious U.S. congressman admits his alcoholism, after a brilliant career is seriously damaged. A former midwestern governor enters into therapy after a drunken driving arrest, thus bringing a problem into the open which had been the subject of conjecture for quite a few years. A now-retired U.S. senator from a midwestern state gained wide recognition as a reformed alcoholic.

An article in *U.S. News and World Report* (Feb. 3, 1975) dealt with drinking on Capitol Hill. It acknowledged that there has been considerable consumption of alcoholic beverages by our representatives and senators over the years, but that the situation isn't quite as bad now as it has been. But the article presents a sorry picture, suggesting that not a few decisions have been made for the

country by some men and women who had enough alcohol in their blood to lose their drivers' licenses, had they been stopped while driving.

Pressure is cited as a reason why people in government drink. That and the easy availability of liquor in Washington, even in the Capitol building itself. We live in an alcohol-oriented society, that's for sure. TV has popularized social drinking in an enormous way. Liquor interests reap a bonanza of free advertising from all the programs which show the host offering a drink to his visitor or show some other imbibing situation.

Of course, we don't believe it's necessary to drink, period. We believe that it is wiser not to drink. If a person has the inner resources which Jesus Christ supplies, he doesn't need to drink. He doesn't need that crutch. He is able to keep in touch with reality and doesn't need to avoid it or to partially deaden it.

This world is filled with heartache and problems. Many people have turned to drink because of these things. Drinking, in turn, has brought on so many other problems and personal tragedies. It is a vicious circle. Even the one who feels that he can handle his beer and "likker" is part of the problem. Total abstinence is the wise way.

Let us seek for men and women of sobriety in our government at every level, people who can always think straight and do not need drugs to function socially and mentally. It is no credit to anyone to send to office or perpetuate in office someone who needs these crutches to carry out his tasks and thereby dims his effectiveness at the same time.

Then it is our task to present Jesus Christ as the answer to men's needs, as the one who gives purpose for life and provides inner strength to meet the stress situations that come to every person and may be even more the lot of those in government. It is our hope and prayer that more and more of our people in government will acknowledge the lordship of Christ in their lives. Then they will be able to serve even more effectively.

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assumptions that cannot be tested or proved.

Dr. Morris then pointed to earlier studies on the magnetic field. Based on its rate of decrease in the last 160 years, 500,000 years ago the earth would have been so hot it would be a star or vapor. These studies show that the earth is not more than 10,000 years old and this does not leave enough time for the evolution of the evolution theory to take place.

Dr. Morris closed with I Peter 3:15: "Always being ready to make a defense to every one who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence."

Why should we believe in evolution for it's all theory. —Suzi Draeger



April Nygaard, left, Thief River Falls, Minn., and Miriam Stolee, Kenyon, Minn., enjoy a table tennis game.



This truck, owned by the electrical contractor for the boys' dorm, stood at AFLBS for about a year. It became a fixture on the Campus, but is gone now.

AFLC PASTORS ASSEMBLE FOR ANNUAL FELLOWSHIP

The annual pastors' conference for Association of Free Lutheran Congregations clergymen was held Jan. 21-23 at the church's seminary in Minneapolis, Minn. Despite threatening weather on the day the conference began, a good turnout was experienced for the three-day event.

The opening session was a holy communion service at which Rev. John P. Strand, AFLC president, presided. The sermon was preached by Rev. Raynard Huglen, Minneapolis. In addition to speaking of the blessings of the sacrament, he considered the five parts of "The Preacher's Portrait" as set forth in a book by that name by Dr. John R. W. Stott. They are, the preacher as a steward, a herald, a witness, a father of the congregation and a servant.

Rev. Francis Monseth, Minneapolis, gave the first lecture on Wednesday morning. In his illustrated presentation he discussed "The Word as Means of Grace." After listing main errors that are held concerning the function of the Word, he described the true evangelical view of Scripture as one which not only sees the Bible as a guidepost, but also as bringing deliverance and salvation. When, in the Scriptures, man is invited to respond to God, the ability is also given to do so. Pastor Monseth also considered the witness of the Word and the relationship of the Holy Spirit to the Word.

The next lecture was one by Rev. Amos O. Dyrud, Minneapolis, on "The Third Use of the Law." The third use of the Law is that of being a guide to the believer. The Christian sees the moral law as an expression of God's will. This is the positive function of the Law, Pastor Dyrud said.

Rev. Ronald Knutson, Drummond, Wis., delivered the sermon at the joint chapel service of the Schools on Wednesday morning. His topic was "Love," based on I Corinthians 13. He reminded the audience that without love other things won't profit. Putting the best construction on what others do can work miracles. Only as we are in love with Jesus can His love flow through us to others, he concluded.



Corrie Ten Boom, right, is greeted by Mrs. Eugene Enderlein, Minnewaukan, N. Dak., left. Miss Ten Boom's travelling companion is shown in the center.

"Local Preparation for an Evangelistic Series" was the topic of Rev. Herbert L. Franz, Cloquet, Minn., in the first hour that afternoon. He listed a number of arrangements which must be made for a successful mission. Of first importance is the local pastor's interest and support. The church council must be wholehearted in support. Prayer cannot be over-emphasized. A number of other areas of planning were listed also.

Following the coffee break, Pastor Strand talked with the pastors and seminarians about the calling of pastors by congregations. It is God's will that each congregation have a pastor. He strongly emphasized that a pastor is God's gift to a congregation, whereas we may sometimes think of the congregation as a gift to the pastor. No two congregations are alike, neither are any two pastors, he declared. How to get the right man to the right place is the question. The congregations are free, they must decide whom they will call. The pastor must decide before his God what he should do with the call that comes to him. Pastor Strand said that he felt that three weeks was sufficient time for a pastor to deliberate a call.

World hunger was the theme for the program at the banquet on Wednesday night at Jolly Troll Restaurant on Wayzata Boulevard. Mr. A. B. Batalden of the Lutheran World Federation and one-time manager of Messenger Press, was the speaker. He and his wife have served in Korea, Vietnam, India and Bangladesh. Mr. Batalden, son-in-law of

the late Paul Bjornstad of Duluth, Minn., first listed 11 personal observations on the world's food needs. He followed that with a list of things we can do in the face of this crisis. Finally, he called on the church to be the conscience of the world about this need and to recruit workers who will help to mobilize the world's resources. A question and answer session followed.

The closing day's sessions on Thursday brought a surprise visit from Corrie Ten Boom, well-known Christian figure from the Netherlands and author of the bestseller, **The Hiding Place**. In the Cities for other speaking engagements, she had become acquainted with Rev. Michael Brandt, Lake Stevens, Wash., on the plane ride from the West Coast. This led to her invitation to speak at the conference and to the Bible School students. Her message was a call to be willing to suffer for Jesus Christ if need be and to be ready. She spoke, too, of lessons she has learned about being willing to forgive those who have mistreated her.



Dr. Herman Preus, who spoke at the Pastors' Conference.

In the second hour, Rev. Harold Hosch, Minneapolis, considered the subject, "The Pastor as Teacher." The pastor is called also as a teacher in the parish. To be a teacher requires disciplined study. Pastors should teach the Bible in its totality, not just devoting themselves to favorite passages. The Bible should be taught in its setting, he said, and with an enthusiasm which will grip the hearers, convincing them that this is God's Word.

A second guest speaker at the conference, Dr. Herman Preus, St. Paul, Minn., professor emeritus at Luther Seminary, St. Paul, expounded on the subject "The Relevance of 17th Century Orthodoxy to 20th Century

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God seems to be speaking of His children as "trophyies" in verses 7 and 8. But trophyies are in recognition of some kind of winning. What triumph will be evidenced when God points to us in eternity as "trophyies" of His grace?

13. _____

Read Acts 17:28.

Do you see where Paul is speaking of three planes of existence? Name them:

14. a. _____ b. _____ c. _____

In many other places in Scripture we have indications of more than one plane of living for humans. What does God tell us about this in:

15. Gen. 2:7 _____

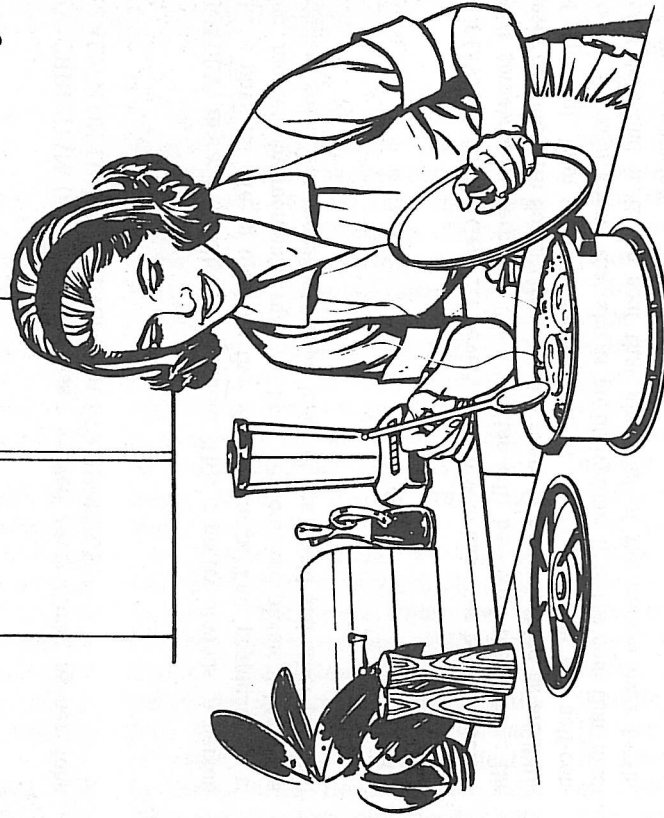
16. Deut. 6:5 _____

17. I Thess. 5:23 _____

18. Micah 6:8 _____

There is one other aspect of this that we should look at. Read the account in Mark 12:18-25. Here some men come to Jesus asking Him whose wife a woman would be if she had been married to seven brothers successively, each one dying. Jesus' answer is very telling—when this physical body dies, the person within, the soul, ceases to be concerned with sex. And in the life hereafter there is neither male nor female. So we can say that on the spiritual plane there is neither male nor female.

WOMEN Bible Study



GOD IS FOR WOMEN ... GOD IS FOR YOU

LESSON 3

March, 1975

God is for You—He Faithfully and Continuously Imparts Life to You
on Several Planes (Ephesians 2)

Memorize Eph. 2:4, 5, 6

Paul lists these planes of life in I Thess. 5:23:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

We could designate these planes of living the (1) physical; (2) soulish or personal; (3) spiritual.

EVERY CHRISTIAN (everyone who has received Jesus Christ as per John 1:12) IS ALIVE ON THREE PLANES SIMULTANEOUSLY.

PHYSICALLY, there is usually no argument. This is pretty obvious. A person must have physical life to exist on this planet, earth. This physical life is received, moment by moment, from the hand of God. And physical life gives the recipient social consciousness—experience of the world and other physical beings.

As a LIVING SOUL (Gen. 2:7) every person who has ever been conceived will exist somewhere eternally. The Christian will be "with the Lord"; the unbeliever will be with Satan (Rev. 20:15). There is no such thing as annihilation of any soul. Man is an immortal soul. It is the soul that has self-consciousness. The soul knows that she is an individual. It is the soul that must find itself lost and it is the soul that gives all of the person over to the Spirit of God in salvation.

The Christian is alive on another plane—he is alive SPIRITUALLY (vv. 4, 5). He was **born dead** (born into physical existence, dead in sin), but has been made alive in Christ. She has received new life, Eternal Life. This is a high plane of life, indeed. The one who receives Christ receives Eternal Life, which is much more than immortality of soul. Eternal Life is a quality of life, it is the life which makes it possible to live in heavenly places now, and in heaven for eternity. Physical life makes it possible for me to live

here on earth, gives me contact with earthly things. Soulsh life makes it possible for me to be a self-conscious being, an immortal soul. But it takes spiritual life, it takes the life of God Himself, to endure eternity with the Savior. We are told this very simply and pointedly in I John 5:11, 12. According to John, how does one "get" spiritual life:

4. _____

In Ephesians 2:4, a part of the memorization assignment, we are told the reason God even considers giving such as we His own Life, the Life that is the Son:

5. _____

NOW THE QUESTION MUST BE ASKED:
HAVE I RECEIVED THIS LIFE, THIS ETERNAL LIFE?

Or, am I only two-thirds whole—am I a fractured person, still dead spiritually?

Please answer with Scripture:

6. How do I receive this Life? _____
7. How can I be sure I have this Life? _____

In verse 4 (Eph. 2) we are encouraged by the words that God is "rich in mercy." Thank God, He is always acting in mercy! What do you see of His mercy in:

8. Is. 42:3 _____
9. Ps. 103:14 _____
10. Is. 1:18 _____

What does God expect to get out of this continuing pouring of Himself into the hearts and minds and bodies of His children? (vv. 7, 8)

11. _____
12. Do you know what a trophy is? Who has trophies to display? _____

Women For Christ

WHEN GOD LIGHTS THE CANDLE

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

Candles are almost everywhere these days. You can find them in grocery stores, card shops, gift shops, even in sporting goods stores, or expensive jewelry shops.

A few years ago we were accustomed to seeing only the tall white tapers used for the church altars or dining tables, but now the candle has changed. It is often colored and comes in various sizes and shapes. In addition to tapers we have candles shaped like animals, or shaped like angles, castles, people or cars. Some, or most, candles are scented: apple, strawberry, peach, anise, orange, cinnamon, or black walnut. The scents are almost endless.

The candle fad is with us for however long the fancy suits us. Perhaps the candle craze speaks of a longing. A hidden hunger for real light. Maybe we long for a burning flame to follow and lead us out of our darkness. Or could it be we seek warmth in our lives? A candle to glow with warmth against harsh reality and make life appear softer.

Young people are particularly fond of candles. Perhaps they use them to produce a romantic illusion or to

give a dingy room a new fragrance. But could it be that we all need a candle to give our lives the glow of a different light?

"For thou wilt light my candle: the Lord my God will enlighten my darkness" (Psalm 18:28). For those of us who are seeking direction, purpose, spiritual growth, and Christian warmth, God has already heard our anxious call.

In the beginning, God separated light from darkness. The two cannot exist together. God is light and in Him there is no darkness at all. He has given us Christ, the Light of the world. Jesus longs to bring this light into our lives fully and completely. Yes, to light our spiritual candle.

Isn't it interesting to notice that in Prov. 20:27 we find these words, "The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord," and that this candle, when lit, searches out the inward parts of that man?

It stirs me to think that God Himself, through His Spirit and the Word, daily searches my soul. That each day, as He enlightens me, He also renews my spirit!

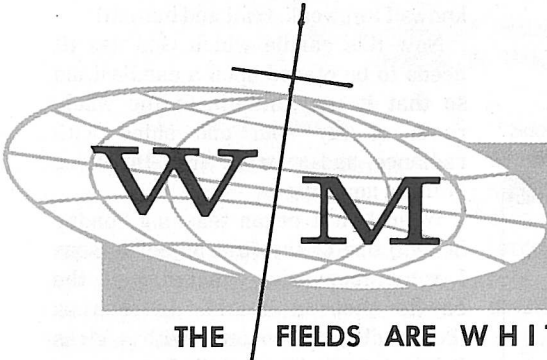
We discover that as the Lord deals with us in warmth and love we begin to turn toward the light of God. There is a longing for more and more of the dark side of our soul to come alive. We learn to get rid of old sins, bitterness or whatever other matters the

Lord sees fit to reveal. It is interesting to discover that He reveals only that which I am able to bear now. He knows I am weak, frail and human!

Now this candle which God has lit needs to be placed upon a candlestand so that it may illuminate the whole room of my soul and shine with radiance and warmth into the lives of those near me.

When I first began teaching Sunday School, one of the first object lessons I remember using was that of the candle under a bushel. As soon as the candle was covered with a glass it began to flicker and die but as soon as air was admitted it burned brightly again. As Christians, we are not supposed to be covered with glass chimneys which become clouded or blackened, and certainly we are not to be placed under a heavy cover of fear and stifled or snuffed out by that fear. We are meant to be radiant, to glow; our faces reflecting the indwelling Spirit of God. Certainly our Christian lives should not be the sickening fragrance of an overscented modern candle, but rather perfumed with the delicate fragrance of Christian sincerity and God's love. God's light brings understanding, forgiveness and love.

Could it be that the modern day candle craze reflects a longing to return to basic light? The Psalmist knew about it. "For Thou wilt light my candle, the Lord God will enlighten my darkness." Basic light. Today even the experts seem to be searching the darkness for answers that do not come and different methods to attack old problems. There is unrest, even in Christian circles. We read that many search for something new and different in Christianity. But the new and different came long ago: "For God who has commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ" (II Cor. 4:6). The people of God are praying that God will bend down and light the spirit of man because darkness is falling. He has given us Christ Jesus, to give light to all mankind in darkness. Now let's put our light on a lampstand so that all may see our lighted candles and follow Him.



WORLD MISSIONS

THE FIELDS ARE WHITE UNTO HARVEST

FROM THE MOBILE HOME

"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Rom. 5:1).

Peace reigns here in the Mobile Home near Osseo, Minn., a 20-minute drive from Headquarters. We have experienced the "Storm of the Century" and weathered it well.

Some new furnishings have been added to the Mission Mobile Home. The biggest being a "Touch and Sew," Model 758, Singer Sewing Machine. This was most appreciated and has been put to very good use. This was a project and gift from the West Coast WMF District.

A gift of Corelle Livingware was given which are the company dishes and were initiated by the Mission Club from AFLBS. We were thrilled to have 28 young people come out, showing their definite interest in missions.

Recently, a humidifier was purchased through the WMF Mission Home Fund. This adds humidity and comfort to the home on wheels.

The countdown has begun for your missionaries. We've begun to organize our things and look forward to leaving for the field the first part of July. It has been such a pleasant furlough, visiting in your congregations and meeting many of you. In the time left, we are looking forward to more visits about missions and ask you, are you ready for the coming final events of this earth? (Malachi 4:1-3).

Thank you,
Missionaries

George and Helen Knapp

P.S. For those of you who remember birthdates with cards, please correct

your list: Carlos Knapp has his birthday on March 12. A loving thank-you for all the remembrances received during Christmas.



Mrs. Knapp at the new sewing machine.

THREE SUMMER EVENTS SCHEDULED

The 13th Annual Conference of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations will be held at Medicine Lake Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minn., Rev. Jay G. Erickson, pastor, and the Association Schools, June 11-15. The Women's Missionary Federation will hold its annual convention on June 11 at the same location.

The biennial Luther League Federation convention will be held at the Association Schools, Minneapolis, July 23-27.

Family Bible Camp Dean, Rev. David C. Molstre, Thief River Falls, Minn., has announced the 1975 camp dates as being Aug. 18-24. Again this year the camp will be held at Lake Geneva, Alexandria, Minn.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The Women's Missionary Federation office announces that the annual World Day of Prayer will be observed on Friday, March 7, not on March 1 as erroneously announced in one of its communications. Local ladies aids have received a service program for use on that day.

NEW LIFE

As months passed by, there seemed to be few answers to my prayers;

No victory within my life;

No power of Christ to share.

Bound by the law, I criticized

The lives of all but me—

And soon my Light to them was dark,

For love they could not see.

It seemed to me, as I would judge

their lives by outward action,

They were not living in a way

that gave God satisfaction.

Self-righteous pride had filled my

heart with my good life and deeds.

I could not see the faults I had,

So could not see their needs.

My rules and standards I imposed

in attitudes each day,

Instead of letting God work out

His Life in His own way.

But then God used a Christian friend

to show these sins to me.

To God I turned and all confessed—

Forgiveness set me free!

New joy inside, and answered prayer,

New peace and strength within;

New light and insight from His Word;

New Life where sin had been!

Much clearer now I see His love

and how my life He's planned.

Each day brings joy and confidence,

for all is in His hand.

Dear Christian friend, sin unconfessed

will block what Christ can give;

Unyielded attitudes will hurt

His Life in you to live.

Cleansed hearts are those that God

can use, And hearts that He will

bless.

Lives consecrated to His will

Shall know His happiness!

—Linda Moan

Minneapolis, Minn.

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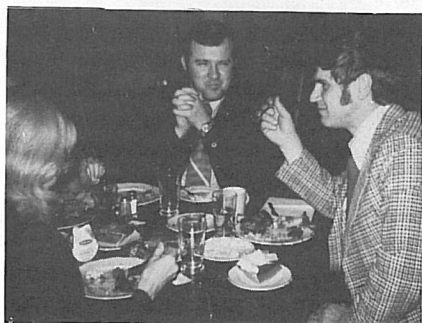
Lutheranism." He said that the 17th century produced the greatest Lutheran theologians since the Reformation, but unfortunately little of their written work has been translated into English. That century was an age of orthodoxy. The church today, he said, is threatened by the same heresies present then. He listed the chief ones as dealing in the areas of free will, doctrine of the Word, the real presence of Christ in the Sacrament and Syncretism, which is the merging of divergent beliefs at the sacrifice of truth. Dr. Preus expressed the hope that the next generation can learn much from the theologians of the century following the Reformation in how to combat the heresies of our time.

The opening devotions at the conference were led by Rev. Julius Hermunslie, Fergus Falls, Minn., on Wednesday (II Tim. 4:1-5) and by Rev. Gerald F. Mundfrom, Grafton, N. Dak., on Thursday (Rev. 3: 3-13).

Some of the pastors and wives stayed at the Bible School dormitories during the conference. Meals were served in the school cafeteria.



Mr. A. B. Batalden, left, who gave the address at the banquet, chats with Rev. John P. Strand, master of ceremonies.

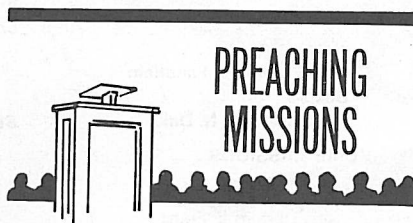


Rev. Curtis Emerson, Zumbrota, Minn., center and Rev. Kenneth Moland, Kenyon, Minn., enjoy good conversation at the banquet during Pastors' Conference. Their wives are at the left.



Locating the beams for the addition to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Kirkland, Wash. The project is moving ahead in spite of the economic condition in the country.

Photo by Glenn K. Landguth



Minneapolis, Minn.
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March 2-6
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Wallace, S. Dak.
Calvary Lutheran Church
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Mar. 16-20 (please note change of date)
Rev. Robert L. Lee
Valley City, N. Dak., speaker

BOOK REVIEWS

Sunset Reflections price \$2.00 paperback
by Johannes Hoijfeld

Reviewed by Mrs. Rueben Gunderson
Pastor Hoijfeld tells of incidents in his life as a pastor. He also has a collection of poems and songs he has

written throughout the years. The stories are about parishioners and also people whom he has met in his ministry.

The Return of the Lord price 1.95
by John F. Walvoord
Reviewed by Mrs. Rueben Gunderson

This author writes of the return of Christ. He gives trends of our day which are fulfilling prophecy. He writes of the premillennial return of Christ. The church will be translated before the tribulation—the seventieth week of Daniel. He writes quite a bit about Israel and the part she plays in Christ's return and her restoration. Also a chapter on the future of Communism according to Scripture. I find many things in this book that we were taught at Lutheran Bible Institute 25 years ago. A good book for Bible students and especially for those interested in prophecy.

Light from Heaven price 1.35
by Christmas Carol Kauffman
Reviewed by Mrs. Rueben Gunderson

This book begins with Joseph as a very young child who had a praying mother. His father was a very selfish and cruel man, who had no love for his son. He grew up without ever hearing a word of praise or kindness from

his father. This young man went through much hardship and testing, but remained true to the Lord. He had a wonderful mother who taught him early to read and memorize Scripture and to pray. Joseph went through some real soul struggles but always the Lord gave him the victory. It depicts a true Christian mother, who sees her son grow to a mighty man of God.

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