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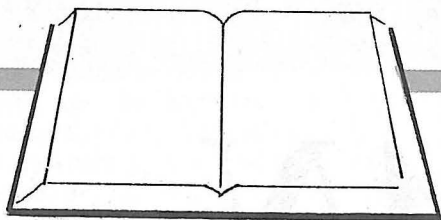
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BOY SCOUT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

— Luoma Photos





According to the Word

AM I A TRUE DISCIPLE OF JESUS CHRIST?

The Lord Jesus Christ always made it very clear that true Christianity is an all-out commitment to Him. He is not looking for men and women who will give their spare evenings to Him, or their weekends, or their years of retirement. Rather He seeks those who will give Him first place in their lives. He looks today, as He has ever looked, not for crowds drifting aimlessly, but for individual men and women whose undying allegiance will spring from their having recognized that He wants those who are prepared to follow the path of self-renunciation which He trod before them. Nothing less than unconditional surrender could ever be a fitting response to His sacrifice at Calvary. Love so amazing, so divine, could never be satisfied with less than our souls, our lives, our all.

Yes, our Lord made stringent demands on those who would be His disciples—demands that are all but overlooked in this day of luxury-living. Too often we look upon Christianity as an escape from hell and a guarantee of heaven. Beyond that, we feel that we have every right to enjoy the best that this life has to offer. We know that there are some strong verses on

discipleship in the Bible, but we have difficulty reconciling them with our ideas of what Christianity should be. We can accept the fact that soldiers give their lives for political reasons. But that “blood, sweat, and tears” should characterize the life of a follower of Christ, somehow seems remote and hard to grasp. Yet the words of the Lord are clear enough. There is scarcely any room for misunderstanding if we accept them at their face value. Let us take a look at some of these terms of discipleship laid down by the Lord Himself.

In the first place there must be a supreme love for Jesus Christ. “If any man come to me and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple” (Luke 14:26). Self-love is one of the stubbornest hindrances to discipleship. Not until we are willing to lay down our very lives for Him, are we in the place where He wants us. In the second place, there must be a denial of self. “If any man would come after me, let him deny himself...” (Matt. 16:24). Denial of self means such complete submission to the lordship of Christ that self has no rights or authority at all. It means that self abdicates the throne.

In the third place there must be a deliberate choosing of the cross. “If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross...” (Matt. 16:24). The cross is not some physical infirmity or mental anguish, because these things are common to all men. The cross is a pathway that is deliberately chosen. It is a path which so far as this world goes is one of dishonor and reproach. The cross symbolizes the shame, persecution and abuse which the world heaped upon the Son of God, and which the world will heap on all who choose to stand against the tide. Any believer can avoid the cross simply by being conformed to the world and its ways.

In the fourth place, discipleship involves a life spent in *following Christ*. “If any man would come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me” (Matt. 16:24). To understand what this means, one need simply ask himself, “What characterized the life of the Lord Jesus?” It was a life of obedience to the will of God. It was a life lived in the power of the Holy Spirit. It was a life of unselfish service for others. In order to be His disciples, we must walk as He walked.

Marvin S. Undseth

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MID-WINTER BIBLE CONFERENCE

February 13-16, 1969

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
David Molstre, Pastor
3626 Chestnut Street
Grand Forks, North Dakota

Thursday, February 13 — 8:00 p.m.

Evening Service—Mrs. Clifford Johnson, Esko, Minn., is the speaker each evening

9:30-10:30 Bible Hour
10:30-11:00 Coffee Break
11:00-12:00 "Christian Education in the Parish," Pastor Raynard Huglen and Mrs. Vernon Nelson

Friday, February 14

9:15 Devotional Hour
9:30-10:30 Bible Hour—Pastor F. B. Monseth gives all Bible Studies
10:30-11:00 Coffee Break
11:00-12:00 "Parish Evangelism," Pastor Herbert Franz
2:00- 3:00 Bible Hour
3:00- 3:30 Coffee Break
3:30- 4:30 "The Modern Ecumenical Movement," Pastor C. L. Halmrast
8:00 Evening Service

2:00- 3:00 Bible Hour
3:00- 3:30 Coffee Break
3:30- 4:30 "The Christian and Politics," Pastor Reuben Wee
8:00 Evening Service

Sunday, February 16

9:45 Bible Class
11:00 Worship Service—Message by Pastor Richard Snipstead
2:00 Commissioning Service for Mr. and Mrs. George Knapp who are leaving for the Brazil Mission Field in February. Sermon by Pastor John Strand.

The noon meals will be served in the church.

Saturday, February 15

9:15 Devotional Hour

WELCOME TO GRAND FORKS



David Molstre, Pastor, Trinity Lutheran Church, Grand Forks, N. Dak.

Trinity Lutheran Church, Grand Forks, N. Dak., and her pastor, David Molstre, extend a cordial welcome to all who come to the Mid-Winter Bible Conference, February 13-16. They pray that the Conference will prove a blessing and will be fruitful to all who attend.

The evening services will begin each night, except Sunday, at 8

o'clock. Mr. Clifford Johnson, Esko, Minn., will be the speaker at these meetings. The entire program for the Conference is given above.

On Sunday morning there is an adult Bible class at 9:45. The morning worship begins at 11. In the afternoon, the final service will start at 2 o'clock. This will be a commissioning service for Mr. and Mrs. George Knapp, who will leave soon after for the mission field in Brazil. Pastor John Strand, president of the Association of Free

Lutheran Congregations, will preach the sermon.

The Women's Mission Circle of the church will serve noon meals on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Adequate motel and hotel accommodations are available in Grand Forks for all. Further information on housing is found in this *Ambassador*, too.

A hearty invitation is given to all to come to Grand Forks for the 7th annual Mid-Winter Bible Conference. God will bless.



Trinity Lutheran Church, Grand Forks, N. Dak. Site of the Mid-winter Bible Conference

Rates of some of the Motels and Hotels in Grand Forks

Dacotah Motor Hotel 106 N. Third	Single	\$ 8.00	bath
	Double	11.00	bath
	2 twin & up	13.00	bath
Ryan Motor Hotel 23 N. Third	Single	\$ 6.50/up	bath
	Double	8.50/up	bath
	Twin	11.00/up	bath
Stardust Manor Motel 2100 S. Washington	Single	\$ 8.50	bath
	Double	11.00	bath
	Two Double	16.00	bath
	(four people)	13.00	bath
	Twin		
Westward Ho Motel Hwy. Two W.	Single	\$ 9.00	bath
	Double	14.00	bath
	Twin	15.00	bath
Royal Motor Court 1301 S. Washington	Single	\$ 6.00	bath
	Double	8.00	bath
	Two Double & one single (Five people)	14.00	
Holiday Inn 1201 N. 43	Single	\$ 9.75	bath
	Double	12.75	bath
	Two Double	17.75	bath
	(Four people)		

The Stardust and Royal Motor Court are closest to the church. Also the hotels wouldn't be too far away as they are right uptown.

PERSONALITIES

Pastor Knute Jore has resigned as pastor of the Culbertson, Mont., parish. His immediate plans are not known.

Sabbath days are quiet islands on the tossing sea of life.

Remember that there has never been an overproduction of kind words.

QUIET TALKS

V.

Pastor Lars Stalsbrotten

"Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth" (Rom. 8:33).

I had read this passage hundreds and hundreds of times, but as I read it today, it became new, fresh, and real as if I had never heard it before. What a miracle of the Holy Spirit!

Previously in this chapter Paul has said: "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus" and "we know

that all things work together for good to them that love God," etc.

After unfolding God's great plan and miracle of salvation, it seems like the apostle places himself in the midst of all creation and then shouts: "Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect?" We get the impression that he is challenging heaven and earth and hell, but not a single one stands forth on the witness stand and says, "I can!"

In few words he tells us the reason why—"It is God that justifieth!"

GOD! Yes, God. Not any human being. He says about himself: "The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool" (Is. 66:1).

He does not need to give an account to anyone. He has the last and final word. He justifies every repentant and believing sinner. Even me. Right now. He justifies on his own terms—freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus (Rom. 3:24). He has so completely covered me with the perfect robe of righteousness of His own Son that He cannot find a thing for which to accuse me. He looks upon me in Christ as if I had never sinned.

When I saw this I became so overwhelmed with joy that I could not sit still. I walked the floor and said, "Thank You, Lord; thank You, thank You."

No wonder Ludvig Hope says that everyone who has seen this truth as a living reality can go singing to his grave, for the only judge he will meet on the day of judgment is his own blessed and glorious Savior, Jesus Christ.

What about you, my dear reader? Has this truth become your life, your only hope of salvation? Do you rest on it daily? Do you live in it? Can you honestly and sincerely sing:

"My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;

I dare not trust the sweetest
frame,

But wholly lean on Jesus' name:
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand."

Heaven

Pastor A. L. Hokonson
Faith, S. Dak.

PART II

Three Heavens

Moreover, let us turn to the historical record of God's people. We find that the Hebrews acknowledge the presence of three heavens, as also does the Word of God. (1) The aerial heavens where the birds fly, the winds blow, and the showers are formed; (2) the heaven or firmament where the stars are placed and, then, (3) the heaven of heaven, or the third heaven, which is the place of God's residence, the dwelling of angels and the blessed in Christ (2 Cor. 12:2). This is the true Palace of God, entirely separated from the impurities and imperfections, the alterations and changes of this lower world. Here God reigns in eternal peace. "Behold the heaven and the heaven of heavens is the Lord, thy God's" (Deut. 10:14). It is the habitat of His Holiness, the place where He dwells. It is the sacred mansion of light, joy and glory. The enjoyment of His Presence in Heaven is the supreme and everlasting felicity of the saints. Whatever is requisite to their complete blessedness is enjoyed there. The body is revived to a glorious life and the soul lives in communion with the Lord. The understanding is clearly enlightened with the knowledge of God (I Cor. 13:12). Here the revelation of the Word and works is according to our capacities, but in Heaven it is most glorious, and our faculties are raised and refined to receive it. The communion of the saints and angels in Heaven affords the purest pleasure. And the fulness of joy is everlasting, without defect and without end (I Cor. 13:12).

Heaven is what God made it, and having created it, it is beyond human comprehension in its peace and beauty. The sin of this world

being now revealed in its depth of hate and rejection of Christ accentuates to the Christian the unutterable holy presence of the Spirit of God revealed in His Word. The experience of Moses revealed in the awe of holiness reflected in his countenance when he returned with the Law accentuates the uniqueness of the Holy Spirit penetrating the circle of sin that envelopes this world. Such a holiness emanating from the presence of God to a sin-ridden world can only emphasize what such a holiness in its own habitat of Heaven must be to the soul-sight of a returning pilgrim (Ps. 16:11 and 17:15).

The Ultimate of Faith's Sight

We sing of Heaven, yet in our singing we can only see it by faith alone. Heaven is the ultimate of faith's sight. As I think of this, the thought comes to me also, why has God placed what scientists call a magnetic pole in the north and south respectively? A magnetic pole which is some 1500 miles from the poles of both north and south. Has this a relationship to Heaven? Certainly there must be some spiritual reason for its implantation, as well as any reason that the scientists seek to deduce. I think of the magnetism of the Cross of Christ as I recall the words of Jesus, "And I, if I be lifted up will draw all men unto me" (John 12:32). God does use material things to teach us spiritual values. And so what is the spiritual significance of the magnetic poles? What wonders of Grace the Lord has for us even yet in the future! Paul tells the Philipians, "Think on these things" (Phil. 4:8) often recounting to them a number of aesthetic and material graces. To exalt these things in their perspective is the task of the Christian, and what God has placed in nature and His

creation is surely one of these (Phil. 3:15). And this Heaven is available to us. How do we get there?

Transportation

The Lord provides the transportation for the child of God (I Thess. 4:13-17). He uses the phrase "in the twinkling of an eye" to emphasize the swiftness of the change (I Cor. 15:51). Men can invent planes that can break the sound barrier in unparalleled swiftness. But God has broken the sin-barrier, death. He did it on Calvary and opened Heaven's Gate. There He talked with a soul, and with the Father, and said, "Today, thou shalt be with me in Paradise," and also, "It is finished." What mighty power flowed from Calvary! There is limitation of time and space for man, but not with God. The Christian is to travel on eternity's plan and plane. Just as the voice of the Father from Heaven reached Jesus at his Baptism and Transfiguration, spanning the space from Eternity to Time, so is the swiftness and safety of the Christian's home-going from time to Eternity. One of our pastors recently glimpsed this journey. The doctors attending him said his heart stopped beating, but they massaged it and revived it. The pastor speaks of this glimpse of Heaven as beyond human means of description. Unutterable peace and joy in Christ! So we search and wonder at the words of I Thess. 4:13-17, together with I Cor. 15:52. What comfort and exaltation they hold for the believer! For we remember that we have loved ones in heaven. Will we recognize them?

Recognition in Heaven

Many are asking this question. The Word tells us there is such recognition in heaven. In the resurrection appearances of Jesus, the apostles recognized Him, as when He appeared unto them with Thomas present. Jesus moved into the room. He had the power of molecular displacement. He was

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Church Life In Norway

Pastor M. E. Helland
McVile, N. Dak.
PART II

Leading Laymen of the West Coast

I would like to mention some of the laymen whom God has used in the struggle for the kingdom of God in Norway, especially on the West Coast. One such is Thormod Retterdal from Høgsfjord, south of Stavanger. He was born July 12, 1849, the youngest of eight children. The Christian life and the church life as a whole was very low in Norway at that time. The pastors claimed from the pulpits that all people who were baptized, confirmed and went to communion were good Christians. They did not need any conversion and revival, even if they cursed, drank and danced, and lived a very ungodly life.

There had been a few Haugeans also in Høgsfjord, but they were like the other Haugeans throughout the country. They were slaves under the law. They talked with sorrow-filled voice and walked with a bowed-down body. So they tried to be very humble. However, they were not able to win the young people for the Lord and not the old people either. In the midst of these people, the Haugeans, and the real worldly and ungodly people Thormod Retterdal grew up. His was a struggle, too, before he was converted and got peace with God. And soon he was called by God to go out and preach the Gospel that people might be saved. He became a "Bibel bud" (Bible messenger) for "Lutherstiftelsen," where Prof. Gisle Johnson was the leader.

Prof. Gisle Johnson, who was a very fine Christian and theological professor at the University, was the leader of Lutherstiftelsen. But he was not in favor of entirely free

laymen's preaching and other activity over against the ordained pastors and the State Church. Gisle Johnson, however, was an instrument of God to bring about a great awakening and revival among the pastors and students at the University. But he did not believe in "lay preaching" unless there was a great need for it. He based his conviction on Article 14 in the Augsburg Confession.

In the eastern part of Norway the lay people for a time were satisfied with Johnson's "need principle," but not on the West Coast. They had had a great awakening and revival through the preaching of the lay preachers. And Retterdal was one of these. He left Lutherstiftelsen after a while and joined "Vestlandets" (the west land's) inner mission work, and later again, the inner mission federation. Still later he worked for the China Foreign Mission Society. So Thormod Retterdal was not partial, but wherever he travelled and preached the Gospel, there were awakenings and revivals. And Thormod Retterdal travelled along the coast of Norway from Mandal in the south to Finnmarken in the north.

Pastor Lars Oftedal

Speaking about awakenings and revivals in Norway during the end of the 19th century and the beginning of the 20th century, I must remember to mention Pastor Lars Oftedal. He preached the Gospel with such power around and in Stavanger that a great many people were saved. It has been told that even when he was only a parish chaplain in 1870, when he went to have a meeting in a certain place on a Sunday, all the church people went to his meeting; and the regular pastor was left with an empty church. A great awakening and revival broke out wherever Lars Oftedal preached.

He started a paper, "Biblebudet," when he became pastor in Stavanger and right away he secured 500 subscribers. He also started Catechism schools on Jæderen with 400-700 pupils in four classes. The bedehus (prayer chapel) "Bethania" was ready by Christmas 1874. They added to it in 1875. It could hold from 12-15,000 people. Lars Oftedal was king in Stavanger. Yes, we might say that he was a spiritual king over the whole southwest part of Norway. But after what happened in 1891 he was no more king.

More Opposition

Bishop J. C. Heuch wrote against the free laymen's work for a while, but after he came to Kristiansand and saw how much blessing the revivals brought to the people and the communities, he was entirely on the lay people's side. Jakob Sverdrup, the son of H. U. Sverdrup, was also siding in with the lay people in their struggle for free laymen's missionary work at home and abroad. But most of the pastors were against lay preaching of the Word of God and the holding of meetings outside of the church. Pastor Christian Meyer worked hard against even Lars Oftedal and very hard against the lay preacher Thormod Retterdal. Meyer was pastor in the Time parish on Jæderen, but later was pastor in Stavanger. On the 2nd of March, 1880, Retterdal called on Pastor Meyer and then a struggle started between those two men. Meyer claimed that Retterdal had no right to preach the Word of God because he was not ordained, and he himself was rightly called. But Retterdal told Meyer that he had a better call because he was called by God to preach the Word. So the lay preacher got the best out of the struggle that time.

The Conventicle Act Removed

O. G. Ueland was a real "Haugæner" and he was "bøndernes hævding" (farmers' advocate) for both political and spiritual freedom. With his help and with the help of others the Conventicle Act was done away with in 1842 in the Norwegian Parliament (Storting). Preaching by laymen was free inside the State Church from that time on. But there were plenty of struggles after that time, too. Søren Kirkegaard in Denmark, O. A. Lammers and even Olaus Nilson condemned the State Church. Lammers left the State Church but came in again later when he saw that his followers became Baptists, and all kinds of heretics. In Arendal there was an awful commotion and condemnation of the State Church, the public communion in the church, and so on.

State Church Reform

During the years 1869, 1870 and 1872, they worked for church reforms and "menighetsraad" (representation for the congregations) in the State Church with the help of Jakob Sverdrup. On the 2nd of August, 1873, a large convention was held in Kristiania (Oslo) in regard to church reforms in the State Church, but nothing was accomplished. Then several people left the State Church and a "Free Church" was organized. Paul Wettersgreen left the Church in 1867 and many others also.

In the meantime inner mission societies, smaller inner mission federations, prayer and devotional chapels were established by the lay people all over the land and things started to look brighter everywhere, especially on the west coast of Norway where the Christian lay people worked without interference from the pastors and the government.

(To be continued)

The only salvation that holds is the salvation that is worked out. (see Phil. 2:12)

A STATEMENT OF SEMINARY POLICY

The Association Free Lutheran Seminary is an institution of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations and subject to the Association's desires. The Seminary is supported by gifts from the congregations and members of the Association. The Seminary Board is elected by the Seminary Corporation which is an agent of the Association. The Association of Free Lutheran Congregations looks to the Seminary to train pastors needed in the parishes and missions.

The Association is in need of pastors who reflect the faith and practice of the congregations. These pastors are to be servants of the congregations—conservative, pietistic and evangelical. They are to have a childlike confidence in the Bible as being the Word of God to which all men's theories, scholarship, desires and practice must bow.

A pastor is to be above all a man of God. He is to maintain a good devotional life. Only people living close to the Lord can reveal Him.

A seminary student is in the Seminary to learn. He is to study to show himself approved unto God; other interests and desires must take second place to his need to study. The Seminary student ought to develop study habits in the Seminary which will continue throughout his ministry.

A seminary student cannot be a good student unless he limits the hours of work outside of the Seminary studies. Fifteen hours of work per week, outside of the Seminary, should not be exceeded.

A part of seminary work is service in a congregation. Such service opportunities may not be available to all students. These church service opportunities are to be arranged by the Seminary faculty, and no student is to take church work without discussion with the Seminary faculty. Students who do not maintain good scholastic records may be denied

service opportunities during the school year so they can spend more time in study.

Students are expected to spend two summers in internship, arranged by the Seminary faculty. Such internship may be completed before graduation, and must be completed before ordination.

Seminarians are not to accept calls from parishes until after the beginning of their final semester of Seminary work.

There are no tuition charges for the seminarians who become pastors or missionaries in the Association. Special students pay ten dollars per credit hour for Seminary instruction. If a seminary student leaves the Seminary because of disagreements with the policies or teachings of the institution, he must pay ten dollars per credit hour for the education he received prior to his departure from the Seminary if he wishes his credits transferred to another institution.

The Seminary and the Bible School share a common campus. It is best for the two schools to be as separate as possible, however. The seminarians are not to consider themselves as counsellors for the Bible School students.

—Board of Trustees

—Faculty

CORRECTION

The next to the last paragraph in the editorial "Time to Act," (Jan. 21) should have read as follows:

Finally, temperance groups such as the Women's Christian Temperance Union and local temperance societies can be supported in their work of impeding the liquor traffic. The "drys" have still been able to rally public opinion in some situations to defeat the "wets" in local elections. It is always gratifying to see this.

Bearing another's burden lightens one's own.



NEWS of the Churches

EPIPHANY AND OLIVET

Albin Hilding Fogelquist, Jr.

From the eastern mountains,
Pressing on, they come,
Wise men in their wisdom,
To His humble home;
Stirred by deep devotion,
Hasting from afar,
Ever journeying onward,
Guided by a star.

Thou Who in a manger
Once hast lowly lain,
Who dost now in glory
O'er all kingdoms reign,
Gather in the heathen,
Who in lands afar
Ne'er have seen the brightness
Of Thy guiding star.

Gather in the outcasts,
All who've gone astray,
Throw Thy radiance o'er them,
Guide them on their way;
Those who never knew Thee,
Those who've wandered far,
Guide them by the brightness
Of Thy guiding star.

Onward through the darkness
Of the lonely night,
Shining still before them
With Thy kindly light,
Guide them, Jew and Gentile,
Homeward from afar,
Young and old together,
By Thy guiding star,

Until every nation,
Whether bond or free,
'Neath Thy starlit banner,
Jesus, follow Thee
O'er the distant mountains

To that heavenly home,
Where no sin nor sorrow
Evermore shall come.

In 1873 the writer of the above hymn, the Rev. Godfrey Thring, expressed the timeless message of the Epiphany season. The Lutheran Church has recently finished the celebration of the Epiphany season. The Gospel lessons have underscored the powerful injunction of the Epiphany message. Epiphany—Jesus Christ manifested to all men; Jesus Christ proclaimed as Savior of sinners; Jesus Christ exalted as Lord of the nations.

The proclaiming of the Good News is the normal occupation of the Christian believer. Not only is the witnessing of Christ an occupation for the believer, it is the believer's whole life. The daily walk of the believer must be a walk with Jesus so that in every phase of the believer's life the Lord Jesus is confessed before men as Savior. Epiphany challenges us anew. Epiphany brings us face to face with our Christian responsibility. Epiphany is for all believers!

And Epiphany is for the members of Olivet Lutheran Church in Spokane, Washington. Olivet, located in a city of nearly 200,000 inhabitants (the second largest city in Washington), has been challenged to proclaim the Lord of Life. Olivet is roughly 300 miles from her sister churches to the east and to the west. Before Olivet, as before all AFLC congregations, is placed the injunction of Jesus: "Feed my lambs." Christians are



Pastor Einar Peter Dreyer serves the Olivet Free Lutheran Church in Spokane. Born May 5, 1888, at Gimsoy parish, Lofoten, Norway, Pastor Dreyer came to America in 1913. Having served in the A.E.F. in France, Pastor Dreyer attended Augsburg Academy and graduated from Augsburg Theological Seminary. Ordained in 1923, Pastor Dreyer served LFC parishes in Roseau, Minn., New Effington, S. Dak., Spokane, Wash., and Ferndale, Wash., prior to his returning to Spokane to found Olivet. While earlier in Spokane, he served Bethany and began Calvary. He is married to the former Manda Eidem. The Dreyers have 7 children and reside with their daughter Marie at W. 1507 Jackson, Spokane.

enjoined to feed Christ's lambs with the "sincere milk of the word," with the glorious and redeeming Gospel of the Living Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus laid a burden upon the hearts of a small and isolated group of believers in Spokane. These believers were orphans who came out of merged Lutheran churches. Thus it was in the summer of 1967 that this small group met for Bible study and prayer at the home of



Olivet assembled on September 8, 1968, to bid Godspeed to Astrid Sather as she left to take up her studies at Association Free Lutheran Bible School.



CHARITY

A good friend sent us a clipping about two months ago dealing with financial and material aid given to Biafra Relief by the World Council of Churches. The total amount made available to that date was sizeable.

Our reply to the correspondent was that the feature of the WCC which is most attractive to us is just this, its program of relief and material assistance. And that this question of charity is one that we as a non-WCC member must face squarely.

The tasks of the churches are several—teaching, evangelizing, building. Traditionally, the mission has always included what for want of a better name may be called charity (actually, “charity” comes from the Latin word “love”). Churches not only have started many colleges and secondary schools but also hospitals. Mission efforts in other lands have not only included preaching the Gospel but also medical missions, and practical assistance in agriculture and construction. Rescue missions in the cities have dispensed soup and bread and a night’s lodging in ad-

dition to their primary purpose, introducing the Lord Jesus Christ. Nearly everyone in the Association was brought up on that agency which billed itself as “Love’s Working Arm,” Lutheran World Action.

Today we are a church fellowship without any program of charity and this is not good. Our financial abilities are being strongly tested even now without any such program as we seek to support our schools, missions and operational budget. Some congregations have given used clothing to Lutheran World Relief clothing drives, some to the Nogales mission or to Indian missions. Individual congregations may have sent in contributions to scattered charitable organizations. But there are no agencies of relief toward which our people feel a real sense of responsibility.

Therefore, it is embarrassing to have an organization such as the WCC, which we criticize quite freely and sometimes almost with glee, carry on an active world relief program while we have no identifiable program of charity of our own. The commendable relief activities of the world organization do not negate or justify its theological lacks. But neither do our own good points exonerate us from not having a healing or loving or caring arm.

One of our annual conferences charged the Coordinating Committee to investigate this omission in our life together, that is, to recommend some way in which our congregations could enter the physical needs of people in a more real way. When that recommendation comes in we trust that our people will find it in their hearts to share with the needy and thus round out the entire mission of the Christian community.

The words of judgment and commendation recorded in Matthew 25 have always seemed very serious ones. To be guilty of failing to do good in bread and butter issues of life can be very wrong, too. May we not be charged with that, as an organization and as a fellowship.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence A. Schultz. The Rev. Harold Schafer, then mission director of the AFLC, enthusiastically met with the assembled Christians. The group requested the Rev. Einar P. Dreyer, veteran Lutheran Free Church pastor, to be its shepherd. In September 1967, Pastor Dreyer underwent major surgery. The outlook seemed gloomy for these struggling Christians in Spokane. But the “uplook” was into the face of God! A gracious God permitted Pastor Dreyer to begin services on September 25, 1967. Impetus and Christian encouragement were giv-



Mr. Tysseland and Mr. Fogelquist, Jr., assist Pastor Dreyer at Olivet. Mr. Fogelquist, Jr., right, student pastor, has just returned from a study tour of the Holy Land.

en to the believers by the Rev. Lars Stalsbrotten, Eugene, Oregon, who served for over fifty years in the Lord's vineyard.

Since that first service at the Women's Club, Sunday morning services have been held regularly. The Gospel has been proclaimed. Lives have been touched by the Holy Spirit. Souls have been refreshed by drinking at the wells of salvation. A small growth has been experienced. An active Ladies' Aid has been formed. Mid-week prayer meetings have been enthusiastically and regularly attended. Special meetings with Pastor Stalsbrotten have been held.

God has been at work in the congregation. Olivet's two Luther Leaguers were saved at the West Coast District Rally held at Stillwater Lutheran Church, Kalispell, Montana. Astrid Sather, a daughter of the congregation, is a student at Association Free Lutheran Bible School. Albin H. Fogelquist, Jr., a son of the congregation, is pre-enrolled at Association Free Lutheran Theological Seminary. God has given the needed grace in the lives of these young people.

God has also raised up in Olivet servants to proclaim His Gospel. A faithful and consecrated laborer, Pastor Dreyer has served His Lord in the public ministry since 1923. Pastor Dreyer's zeal and vision have been solely for the Kingdom-building work. Mr. Fogelquist, Jr., assistant teacher at Whitworth College, regularly preaches on Sunday mornings. Called of God especially into the Church's teaching ministry, Mr. Fogelquist, Jr., is currently working on his M.A. degree which he will complete in June. Mr. Norman Tysseland, employed by the Washington Water Power Company, regularly teaches the adult Bible class and assists Pastor Dreyer in the preaching at the mid-week services and in the leading of the Sunday morning services. His heart filled with the love of Christ, Mr. Tysseland daily witnesses for his Savior. The congregation is eagerly awaiting the

arrival of Pastor and Mrs. Karl G. Berg and family. Pastor Berg is dedicated to the nurture of free and living congregations.

God has helped Olivet through dark and gloomy days. The fledgling congregation still experiences trials and opposition in her work. The congregation's most serious problem is to find a suitable place of worship. Olivet welcomes to Spokane members from sister AFLC congregations. Olivet solicits prayers and gifts on the part of her sister congregations. With their faces looking to the future and their trust placed in Jesus, the members of Olivet Free Lutheran Church await their Lord's coming. While awaiting His coming, the congregation proclaims God's Gospel of Salvation. The emphasis and message of the Epiphany season is for all!

EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS WELL RECEIVED

Pastor John DeBoer held evangelistic meetings at Sunnyside Lutheran on November 17-21.

It was a real answer to prayer to see the good attendance every evening from our people at Sunnyside and Hope Lutheran churches. The Word was well received, for which we were very thankful.

Pastor DeBoer spoke on the need of prayer in our lives and also dedicating our entire life to Jesus Christ. Much emphasis was put on the need for revival in our community and that it should start in the lives and hearts of all true believers.

Many have spoken of the great blessings they received from the meetings. Since the meetings the Spirit has really been working and many results have been noticed throughout the community.

A good fellowship was enjoyed by all after each service at the parsonage with coffee and refreshments.

"Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise, be thankful unto Him, and bless His name."

Leslie Galland, Pastor

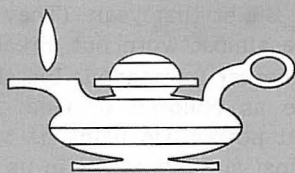
AN OPEN LETTER TO THE CONGREGATIONS

Very soon our congregations will begin to receive information from our office relative to renewing the subscriptions for *The Lutheran Ambassador*. We hope that you will follow the instructions given at that time. If instructions are followed we can spare each other a lot of trouble. Please remember that there are reasons (believe it or not) for asking you to do things in a certain way. Deviations from our requests can only create problems.

May we also suggest these points:

1. Try to be as prompt as you can in doing your part.
2. Naturally, we wish to keep as many subscribers as we can (and gain new ones). Let your ladies aid or church consider paying for those financially unable to do so. Better yet, why not have the congregation or aid pay for all subscriptions?
3. Are there rest homes, clinics, and hospitals near you where your group could place the *Ambassador*? What about your state institutions? They can be placed on your congregational list.
4. We'd like to have our subscription price lower (than \$2.50), but any reduction to the subscriber would just have to come out of the regular church budget. The subscription price only begins to pay the actual cost of producing your *Ambassador*. Pay it cheerfully.

We appreciate anything you can do to publicize *The Lutheran Ambassador* and to get new subscribers. The Business Office



SCHOOL NEWS

BIBLE SCHOOL TESTIMONIES

Full Surrender

One verse that has made an impression on me this year is John 3:30, "He must increase, but I must decrease." This was spoken by John the Baptist as he was preaching of the Christ. How true this verse is! Christ must be seen more and more in my life and I must be seen less and less.

I have found that to really let Christ have first place in my life, in ALL that I do, is very hard to do. I have to be reminded of this time and again as God speaks to me through His Word. And all this means a full surrender to Christ.

I feel that I need Bible School very much. I was saved when I was about 10 years old and have lived in a Christian atmosphere all my life, but this wasn't enough. I didn't know as much as I needed to about the Bible and I hadn't grown as I should as a Christian. I thank God that here I have the opportunity to concentrate on studying the Scriptures. I have found that the more I study, the more God can speak to me, the more I can grow, and the more I can follow His leading.

Psalms 18:1, 2 expresses to me how great my Savior is and that only with *His* strength can I live the way He wants me to. "I love thee, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my Rock, and my Fortress, and my Deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower."

Gloria Hodnefield

Gloria Hodnefield is our only student from Iowa. Her home church is Salem Lutheran at Rad-

cliffe. Gloria is employed in the school kitchen. She plans to return to Bible School for her second year.

Christ Strengthens and Upholds

"When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee."

It is so wonderful for me to know that in all things Christ is present to strengthen and uphold me. At times when things don't seem to be going the way they should, this verse has become full of meaning for me. I'm thankful for these months that I've been at Bible School, and for God's real presence here. I'm praying that as I continue my studies here at school that I will continue to grow in the knowledge of His Word, and in my own personal faith. I'm also thankful to God for the Christian fellowship, and for the wonderful friends I've made while here at school.

Shirley Solheim

Shirley Solheim comes to us from Calvary Lutheran Church at Everett, Washington. She also

plans to return to Bible School in the fall.

Deeply Indebted to Him

Psalm 2:5 "Lead me in the truth, and teach me: for Thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day."

This has been my personal prayer at Bible School. To be led by God's truth: how steadfast and sure a path! To be taught of Him: how rewarding is the lesson that God teaches us. The God of my salvation, I am not worthy to claim, but am deeply indebted to and privileged to praise and serve. Jesus my Savior has given of Himself that I might have life and experience the true peace and inner assurance that comes only from waiting on Him all the hours of my life.

I pray that this also be your prayer. Do you dare ask God to lead you, to teach you, to grant you salvation? He is waiting every hour of the day.

Lyle Hanson

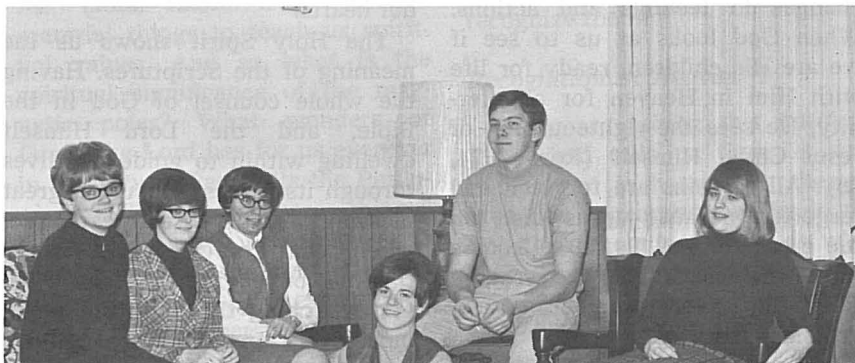
Also from Calvary Lutheran at Everett, Washington, is Lyle Hanson, another first year student who has decided to return next fall. Lyle is employed by Aaron Carlson Millwork

The Lord's Will


"I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eyes" (Psalms 32:8).

I am in Bible School this year because I know it is the Lord's will.

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Pictured left to right in the new dormitory at Bible School are Phyllis Nelson, Gloria Hodnefield, Linda Haabak, JoLinda Dahl, Lyle Hanson and Shirley Solheim.



WOMEN *for Christ*

IN HEAVENLY PLACES

**Mrs. Harry Johnson
Chatham, Michigan**

Eph. 1:3: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ." Eph. 2:6: "... and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus."

When I was a young Christian, I thought it strange that we are in heavenly places while we are living on the earth. But through the years, the Lord has been showing me many of those spiritual blessings with which He has blessed each believer. And I am beginning to understand why He speaks of our life in Christ as "heavenly places."

We receive this spiritual life by grace through Christ (Eph. 2:8). Our standing before God does not change with our day to day changes in feelings and actions. When God looks at us to see if we are His children, ready for life with Him in Heaven for all eternity, He sees the righteousness of Jesus Christ Himself (Rom. 4:24, 25). All my sins are forgiven and forgotten because Jesus died on the cross for me. Ps. 103:12: "As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us."

This spiritual blessing of being made right with God by the faith

of Christ, has become increasingly precious to me, especially each time my six children were tiny babies.

There just wasn't time and energy to read my Bible and pray as I should. Often I had to stay home from church on Sunday mornings, or miss midweek Bible study. My heart would grow cold and my thoughts usually would be on the cares of the moment. But even during these busy weeks my spiritual life was safe in Christ. How I rejoiced that my salvation depends on what Jesus Christ has done and not on my works or worship.

Another of the spiritual blessings we have through Christ is the Holy Spirit, who dwells in the heart of each believer (Jn. 14:16, 17). It is a great comfort to have Him there in times of sorrow, loneliness, or trouble. Often we feel that God is far away, but we know He is still right with us abiding in our hearts.

The Holy Spirit shows us the meaning of the Scriptures. Having the whole counsel of God in the Bible, and the Lord Himself dwelling within to guide our lives through its words, is truly a great blessing. About three years ago, when our church group began thinking of leaving the LCA, I began searching the Scripture in almost every spare minute. I knew that was the best and surest place to find the Lord's will. It is kind of

a joke with us that we wore out two Bibles that year. (They really were almost worn out already.)

Another tremendous blessing we have as children of God, is His great power. He helps us to fight against sin and works in us to tell the Gospel to others. We read in Rom. 7:25 that the only victory we have over our sinful nature is through Jesus Christ our Lord. I think many times we love our sins too much to let Christ help us overcome them. Jesus speaks of His power in Matt. 28:18-20. At the same time He tells us to teach all nations. We don't usually need any special working of His power to live our earthly lives. But when we begin to preach and tell others of Jesus, we have the forces of Satan working against us. Then Jesus works through us with His own mighty power.

An example of the working of His power is how He helps my sister, who is a missionary nurse in Rhodesia. Several months of the year she has 70 to 100 patients a day who come to the clinic. She, with the help of an African nurse and two nurse's aides, must diagnose and treat each one. Also, they care for a few who stay at the clinic for treatment, treat emergency cases, and deliver babies. This seems like an impossible schedule, but God has graciously given them strength and wisdom, so that the people may hear the Gospel and believe.

I have experienced so little, in a personal way, of the power of God working through me; but I know it is there, available every moment. All these blessings are our present possession. Christ has already "made us to sit in heavenly places." We understand only a few of all the spiritual blessings He has given. Besides all this, He gives us Heaven forever to serve and worship Him perfectly. Eph. 2:7: "That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus."

Praise and thanks to our precious Lord Jesus Christ!



Dear Editor:

Re: Radio Broadcasting. A suggestion has been given to me by one of our members that there should be a rotating of radio tapes of messages that are regarded as unusual or noteworthy among churches of the Association having radio broadcasts.

Such could prove to be invaluable in providing suggestions or ideas as to type of formats being used and in addition provide inspiration for another pastor's broadcast. It could be used to greatly enhance the fellowship among the preachers. Such could, of course, also include those not having broadcasts and who, possessing tape recorders, would like to audit the tapes for blessings derived as well as provide the opportunity to give forth suggestions and criticism.

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The plan would consist of a list made up of participating churches having radio broadcasts, each one mailing a tape to the person following on the list and the recipient doing likewise until the tape had made the rounds and then coming back to the original sender who would then send a new tape. I think that such could be a real blessing and an enhancement of our radio ministries.

Pastor R. S. Persson
Astoria, Oregon

(We will have to leave it up to the pastors interested to implement this suggestion by Pastor Persson. It sounds like a good idea. —Ed.)

REV. A. C. RYKKEN

Rev. A. C. Rykken, Roseau, Minn., passed away on Dec. 1. He was 79. Funeral services were held at Moe Lutheran Church on Dec. 4, with Rev. Erling B. Huglen officiating. Interment was in the Moe-Rose cemetery.

Mr. Rykken had been the assistant pastor at Moe since his retirement from full-time service in 1962. Prior to that he had served the Roseau parish (Moe, Rose, Spruce, Norland and Melum, discontinued) for 24 years. Other parishes he served during his ministry were St. Olaf in Minneapolis, Minn. (assistant), Vang, N. Dak., Chipewa Falls, Wis., Adrian, Minn.,

Palermo, N. Dak., and Hallock, Minn., all in the Lutheran Free Church. He was ordained in 1916 and was a graduate of both Augsburg College and Theological Seminary.

Albert Rykken was born Sept. 8, 1889, at Willmar, Minn. In 1917 he married Sigrid Gynild.

He is survived by three sons, Reyden, Minneapolis; Franklyn, Roseau; and David, Coon Rapids, Minn.; three daughters, Marjorie, Grand Forks N. Dak.; Lucille, Mrs. Howard Bronson, Denver, Colo.; and Dorothy, Mrs. Erick Wattman, Roseau; four brothers and two sisters.

Blessed be his memory.

The following radio broadcasts are sponsored by Association congregations or individuals. There are others, too, and when they are reported they will be listed here. This Log will be printed from time to time.

Astoria, Oregon

Glad Tidings Broadcast, KVAS, Sunday a.m., 8:45 (15 min.). Bethany Lutheran, Ray Persson, pastor.

Everett, Washington

The Bible Lutheran Hour, KWYZ, Sunday a.m., 9:05. Calvary Lutheran, Francis Monseth, pastor.

Grand Forks, North Dakota

The Trinity Lutheran Hour, KILO, Sunday a.m., 10:05. 1440 kc. Trinity Lutheran Church, David Molstre, pastor.

Fargo, North Dakota

St. Paul's Free Lutheran Hour, KFNW, Sunday a.m., 12:30. 900 kc. St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Kenneth Moland, student pastor.

Williston, North Dakota

Free Lutheran Meditations, KEYZ, Sunday p.m., 1:30. Laymen's League, Morris Borstad, Tioga, chairman.

Tioga, North Dakota

Worship Service, KTGO, Sunday a.m., 9:30. 1090 kc. Zion Lutheran Church, Robert Lee and Reuben Wee, pastors.

Ferndale, Washington

The Lutheran Hour of Praise, KPUG, Sunday a.m., 9:00. Triumph Lutheran Church, Jay Erickson, pastor.

Thief River Falls, Minnesota

Trumpet of Truth, KTRF, Sunday p.m., 7:00. Newfolden Lutheran Parish, Gene Sundby, pastor.

Kirkland, Washington

Moments of Meditation, KGDN, Sunday p.m., 4:00 (15 min.). 630 kc. Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Robert Rieth, pastor.

HEAVEN

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not limited by physical substance. And they knew Him. Note His words to Thomas, "Blessed are they that have not seen and yet have believed" (Jn. 20:29). What a beautiful recognition of faith! In Mk. 8:11 we read, "And I say unto you that many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven." These men had not lost their identity. James, Peter and John recognized Moses and Elijah as they conversed together on the Mount of Transfiguration about the coming decease of Jesus (Lk. 9:31). Moses and Elijah knew each other. Even Lazarus, who was in heaven, was known by the rich man who was in hell (Lk. 16:23). Yes, we shall meet and know our loved ones in heaven. We shall know the family of the glorified, the patriarchs, prophets and priests, apostles and martyrs, angels and saints. As the Apostle Paul exclaims, "Now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known" (I Cor. 13:12). In Heaven, there is perfect light, perfect faculties and perfect facilities. It is the family of the glorified. It is as the writer of Hebrews declares as the desire of the Christian, "a better country," that is, a heavenly (Heb. 11:16).

And so we therefore note that God also has a space program far beyond anything that man can devise; a heavenly one for His saints who labor here that they may find their eternal rest there in the wonderful Grace of Him who has prepared these mansions, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

TESTIMONIES

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The Lord really does lead and guide and He does know what is best for us. I know now that coming to Bible School was the best thing I could have done this year.

I had originally planned on going to college right away after high

school. But the Lord made me realize that I needed the foundation that I am receiving in the Word this year at Bible School before I go on to college. I have learned so much in our classes this year and also receive much from the fellowship at School with the many Christian friends. I'm sure that what I have learned and experienced this year in Bible School will continue to be very valuable throughout my life.

JoLinda Dahl

JoLinda Dahl is another of our first year students. She comes from the Grace Lutheran Congregation at Bagley, Minnesota. Jo is presently employed at the Texa Tonka Nursing Home.

He Will Show the Way

"Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given to us in Christ Jesus before the world began" (II Timothy 1:9).

"Before the world began" Christ has always had a purpose for my life. A definite plan has been laid out that only I can fill. And if I don't follow that course there will be souls that are untouched. This really struck home the other day when one of the teachers said that millions would go lost because someone forgot to say, "Here am I, Lord, send me." Maybe I don't belong on foreign fields; I don't know what God has for me to do, but He has promised to show me His way in Psalm 32:8 and again in Proverbs 3:5, 6.

I can't express how much Jesus Christ means to me. The new life that He has given is something that I can't explain. I thank Him for the opportunity I have to "grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ" here at Bible School.

—Phyllis Nelson

Phyllis Nelson is from the Valley Lutheran Church in Portland, North Dakota. She is employed at the Hopkins House. Phyllis also plans to come back to ALBS next year.

I Have Seen God's Working

Romans 8:28: "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

Ever since I was saved in the fall of 1966, I have been able to see God's hand working in my life. Although sometimes I have not seen or understood His plan or purpose until later, yet His way has always been best. He has blessed me abundantly these past two years. It seems like I am most ungrateful when He blesses me the most, but He still cares for me and seeks to get me to do His will.

God led me to Bible School this year. He has provided good friends, fellowship, and a job. Most important of all, He has been speaking to me through the classes and His Word. I believe that He is calling me to become a missionary. One night I wondered if it was the glamour of a foreign country that attracted me to missions. I turned to my Bible and God showed me II Corinthians 11:23-33, a passage that describes Paul's sufferings. Then I knew that the little I might suffer, the little I might do could never repay or equal what Christ did for me when He died on the cross. As His servant I must place myself at His command and with Thomas claim Him "My Lord and my God."

—Linda Haabak

Linda Haabak is one of our students from Klotten and attends the New Luther Valley Church. She is employed at the Hopkins House. Linda's plans are to return to ALBS next year.

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More recently he was acting chaplain at Lutheran Deaconess Hospital in Minneapolis.

Pastor Gornitzka was a beloved Bible teacher, pastor and evangelical spiritual leader.

He is survived by his widow, two sons, one of whom is the Rev. Reuben Gornitzka, Palm Desert, Calif., and two daughters.

CHURCH-WORLD NEWS

LUTHERAN GRID ALL-STARS DRAWN FROM 28 SCHOOLS

Minneapolis (LC) — Athletes at 28 Lutheran schools have been selected for the top 1968 all-Lutheran college football team.

Citing the intense competition to claim a place again among the "glittering stars of 1968," Bud Thies of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat sports staff said the selections this year proved to be the toughest he has experienced in 20 years of picking all-star teams.

Thies selected the team in an article appearing in the January issue of *The Bond*, monthly magazine of Lutheran Brotherhood, fraternal insurance society with headquarters here. This is the fifth year *The Bond*, with a circulation of 330,000, has sponsored the all-Lutheran football squad selection.

Of the 29 football-playing Lutheran colleges and universities considered for offensive and defensive teams, Sports Writer Thies noted that 14 of the schools had records over .500 led by the 9-1 of nationally high ranked California Lutheran.

The first offensive team included:

Backfield—Ken Anderson, Augustana College, Rock Island, Ill., quarterback; Toby Morgan, Lenoir Rhyne College, Hickory, N.C.; Paul Ander, Augustana College, Rock Island; and Joe Stauch, California Lutheran College, Thousand Oaks, Calif.

Ends—Kurt Krueger, Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Ind., and Ken Moland, Concordia College, Moorhead, Minn.

Tackles—Bob Olson, Wartburg College, Waverly, Iowa, and Bob Wagner, Wittenberg University, Springfield, Ohio.

Guards—John Tomlinson, Thiel College, Greenville, Pa., and Murray McMurray, Wartburg College, Waverly, Iowa.

Center—Dick Kerschbaum, Capital University, Columbus, Ohio.

Kicker—Mike Schmiesing, St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn.

(Ken Moland, offensive end on the team, is student pastor at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Fargo, N. Dak., and will enter Free Lutheran Theological Seminary in the fall.—Ed.)

DR. RAND OF ST. OLAF HEADS EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

Pittsburgh (LC) — Dr. Sidney A. Rand, president of St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn., was elected president of the Lutheran Educational Conference of North America at its 55th annual convention here in mid-January.

Dr. Rand, who served as vice president in 1968, succeeds Dr. Erling N. Jensen, president of Muhlenberg College in Allentown, Pa., as head of the conference, an annual forum for discussion of concerns in church-related education.

Named vice president of the educators conference was Dr. J. A. O. Preus, president of Concordia Seminary in Springfield, Ill.

Howard E. Holcomb of Washington, D.C., assistant executive secretary in the Division of Educational Services of the Lutheran Council in the USA, was elected secretary-treasurer.

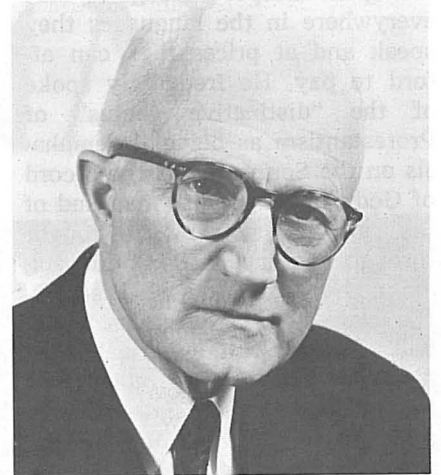
FOUR U.S. PLANES ACQUIRED FOR BIAFRAN RELIEF FLIGHTS

New York (LC) — Acquisition of four Globemaster cargo aircraft from the U.S. Government will allow Joint Church Aid, the religious agency airlifting food into Biafra, to double its daily shipments, a Lutheran leader of the relief effort said at a press conference here.

The Rev. Viggo Mollerup of Denmark, secretary general of Nordchurchaid, relief agency of the Scandinavian Churches, also said that the quality of the cargoes being flown into Biafra is being improved so that more food value

can be received with less shipping weight. The C-97s, with a capacity of 18 to 20 tons, will also transport the cargoes at about half the former expense per ton, he said.

DR. LATOURETTE DIES



New York—Dr. Kenneth Scott Latourette, noted church historian and prolific author of some 80 books, was working on several more at the time of his accidental death on December 26, 1968. Among these was the history of the 152-year-old American Bible Society, a work commissioned by the Society's Board of Managers on October 4, 1962.

For years a close friend of the Society and a staunch supporter of its work, Dr. Latourette was named an honorary life member of the American Bible Society at its 150th Annual Meeting on May 12, 1966. The citation presented to him on the occasion paid recognition to the man whom many called "the greatest living Church hisotrian," for "your fifty-six years as teacher and as distinguished historian of the Christian missionary movement and for your present activity in the preparation of the history of the American Bible Society."

Expressing the regrets of the Society over the news of Dr. Latourette's untimely death when struck by an automobile in Oregon City,

Oregon, on December 26, Dr. Laton E. Holmgren, General Secretary, said: "The Bible cause throughout the world has lost one of its warmest friends and most enthusiastic advocates. From his early days as a youthful China missionary to his mature years as church historian and mission statesman, Dr. Latourette saw the importance of providing the Gospel message to men everywhere in the languages they speak and at prices they can afford to pay. He frequently spoke of the "distinctive genius" of Protestantism as being its emphasis on the Scriptures as the record of God's dealings with man and of the salvation which He wrought through the incarnation, crucifixion and resurrection of His Son. His many friends at Bible House will greatly miss his warm humor, his keen vision and his radiant testimony to the place and power of the Gospel in the life of the world."

**COLLEGE TEACHER,
BIBLE SCHOOL INSTRUCTOR
DIE RECENTLY**

Mrs. James (Mimi) Kingsley, 54, professor of Spanish at Augsburg College in Minneapolis, Minn., for 21 years, died in January. Burial was in Pine Bush, N.Y.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by two daughters and two sons. She was an aunt of Joan Baez, folk singer.

Rev. Odd Gornitzka, 82, for 30 years associated with the Lutheran Bible Institute of Minneapolis, died last month in Thousand Oaks, Calif. He was laid to rest in that city.

Mr. Gornitzka was born in Norway, was educated at St. Olaf College and Luther Seminary, and served parishes in Seattle, Wash., Farwell, Minn., and Westby, Wis.

At the LBI he was not only a teacher, but at times dean and acting president.

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