

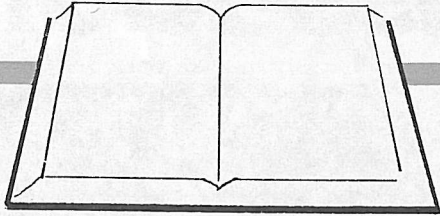
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The Lutheran Ambassador



Fresh Snow and Shadows

Roger C. Huebner, D.D.S.



According to the Word

JESUS FOR TODAY

A year ago, while in Bolivia, we expectantly looked forward to our first Christmas Season at home in the States in five years. We found ourselves in a mental confusion as we had to prepare for the future, especially regarding travel plans, and yet had to continue living and carrying on the work that was necessary in the present. Our confusion was made even more complex as we received boat mail dating back several months and we tried to relate to past, present and future at the same time. Even as our minds would be filled with events that happened previously, the **now** thoughts bringing up the **now** problems and responsibilities would be ever present. It was **impossible to ignore the present**. And as I read in the Bible, "Behold, **now** is the day of salvation," I realize anew the importance of the relationship between salvation and "now"!

We read in our Bibles the truth about ourselves and our world. We see sin in us and around us. At the same time we read about a Savior who so long ago came into this world for the purpose of dying and being resurrected to save us from eternal hell. Yet the reality of Jesus Christ is to have Him in us **now**, patiently working His will in spite of our unwillingness. "Now" means Jesus Christ

and obedience to Him. "Now" means Jesus Christ and salvation. "Now" means Jesus Christ and forgiveness. "Now" means decision. And "now" means 1973! There is no one more pathetic than the man who lives in the past and will not face the "nowness" in his life. If I do nothing else through this article but to help you face the reality of Jesus **today**, I feel that this is worthwhile. You see, Jesus was not only relevant in Biblical times, but even as Scripture says, He is the same yesterday, today and forever...which means 1973 also! The Christian faith is not only for one hour in a building called a church on Sunday morning. It is a "now" relationship brought to reality by the work of the Holy Spirit working faith to believe that Jesus is the Lord of our lives.

I will never forget a trip I made to a village called Chuma back in the mountains near the border of Peru. I was with a national brother, Pastor Guillermo Viorel, who was from that particular area. While visiting various homes we came upon a man who, out of politeness to Pastor Guillermo, invited us in. We shared some Bible verses and asked him if he could believe that Jesus was God and that He wanted to save him. This man, Luis, said that it all sounded good but we could see that it was

futile...he had no "nowness" or urgency about life. The next day was Sunday and as we prepared the room for services his daughter appeared at the door with a request from her father for us to come immediately to his home. We hurried up the mountainous village streets, I lagging behind in a sweat. Upon arriving at Luis' house, we had a beautiful experience. He met us as a drowning swimmer reaches out for life. Gripping our arms he led us into his house and said that he was bothered all night. Jesus Christ was **now** necessary and salvation a must. He would not even permit us to explain the way of salvation further. He knew he would perish and further explanation would have to wait. He needed Jesus **now**! I wish space would permit me to tell you how God has used this man. To him the Savior is real, sin is real, the Bible is real and the command to go is real.

What has the **past** had for you? Has it meant years spent in the fellowship of Christ? And what does the **present** mean? Are you living in the joy of knowing that Christ is your Savior? And what hope do you have for the **future**? Is the promise of God for eternal life real to you? May all your hopes and fears of all the years be met in Him **today**!

Richard W. Gunderson

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“What’s New?”

by Rev. Kenneth O. Moland
Kenyon, Minn.

You have possibly been greeted with the question, “What’s new?” Perhaps you answered in the words of the Preacher, “There is no new thing under the sun” (Eccles. 1:9). As we look ahead to the year 1973, a NEW year, some thoughts on “newness” are in order.

What will be new for you in 1973? Is there the exciting prospect of something new as you think about 1973? Or has the vexation of spirit which inflicted the Preacher already cast a cloud over your days? Maybe you have decided that this year will come and go, but your situation will continue the same. Be careful, lest in your “oldness” you miss the newness of the Christian life.

Obviously, some things need to remain the same. The Scriptures admonish us to “...ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls” (Jer. 6:16). The fundamentals of our faith are the same as they have always been.

The “newness,” then, of which we speak, is not to make new doctrines to conform to our old life, but rather to allow God to make new lives in conformity with His unchangeable Word. That is the sum and substance of a “Blessed New Year.”

When a Christian is asked, “What’s new?”, he should have a list of things of which to testify of the newness of life in Christ Jesus. Of course, before he can testify, he has to experience what is new because of Jesus Christ. Let me challenge you to consider and experience these areas of newness.

NEW HEART

You cannot live the new life with an old heart. Our old heart is des-

perately wicked. There is no good in our hearts whereby we can turn over a new leaf and be pleasing to God. The more leaves we turn, the worse the story gets. The more we strive to please God through our self-reformation, the more grieved He is because of our rejecting the new heart he offers to us.

The new heart is a gift from God given to those who have seen their sin, confessed their sin unto God, and have pleaded for mercy because of the atoning work of Jesus Christ. For Christ’s sake, God gives to that person a new heart. Only then does that person know what Paul writes of in II Cor. 5:17, “Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.” I can’t think of a better way to begin a new year than to receive a new heart by being in Christ. How great it is to let old things pass away! What joy and freshness there is in knowing that God has forgiven and forgotten our sin. The blessing of a new heart ought to be THE blessing of the new year. When that new heart has been received, there are other things which also must become new. Our sanctification must reflect the new heart now within us.

NEW NATURE

Peter states in his first Epistle that the promises given to us by God are given so that we might be partakers of the divine nature, II Peter 1:4. We realize that this shall be fully so only when we see Christ and become like Him when He comes; however, Peter is writing concerning this present age. This is a quality which the Christian seeks to emulate. By being a partaker of the divine nature, he has a new nature. The believer’s attitude and his general disposition

are affected. His “old nature” is no longer to have control of his life. If this is to be so, he must be renewed day by day in the inward man, II Cor. 4:16b. If we are to have the new nature, we must die daily unto self and yield ourselves and our members unto God. The new nature will make the new year blessed for you and for others.

NEW NAME

When Saul became Paul, his change of name was a testimony of the inward transformation in his life. While today we do not generally change names at conversion, the child of God does receive a new name, according to Is. 62:2. Isaiah 56:5 further explains that name by saying that it shall be an everlasting name that shall not be cut off. This is further verified in Revelation 3:12, where it speaks of the new name which God will give to those who are His.

This new name indicates ownership. We are not our own, for we have been bought with a price. He who has been redeemed by Christ will gladly transfer his property rights over to God. The believer has a new name, indicating that he belongs to God.

NEW WALK

Paul told the Romans in the sixth chapter, verse four of his letter, “Even so, we also should walk in newness of life.” Unfortunately, there are too many who claim to have received a new heart, but whose walk tells nothing of their newness. Basically, they continue to live for themselves. Their lives do not express the devotion which they profess with their lips. The new life has not been allowed to work its way into the members of the individual. Perhaps his tongue, or hands, or eyes, or mind, have not “walked” in such a way as to testify to the new life. To walk in the newness

of life involves walking by faith—II Cor. 5:7; walking in the Spirit—Gal. 5:16; walking worthily—Eph. 4:1; walking in love—Eph. 5:2; walking in the light—I Jn. 1:7; and walking as Christ walked—I Jn. 2:6. If we have our life through Christ, then our walk ought to demonstrate that newness of life.

NEW SONG

In the midst of the many songs being sung today, what is the theme of your composition? Is the song on your lips and in your heart a testimony of new life? Or does it drag along as you grumble about the lumps and bruises you've had to take in life? The Psalmist testified, "And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord" (Ps. 40:3). The new song placed in his mouth was one of praise.

Few people realize what a testimony they can be by simply being a praising person. That is the person who can say something good about Mondays, because God made Mondays, too. That is the person who can be thankful even when the weather is gloomy and everyone else is complaining. Why? Because that person is no longer dependent on circumstances for peace and joy. His relationship to the Lord is the basis for the new and glad song in his heart. Sing a new song!

NEW STRENGTH

None of us knows what the days ahead hold for us. 1973 may be a year of trials and tribulations, we don't know. But he who is living in the newness of the Christ-life knows that his strength will be renewed in the face of tribulation. "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint" (Is. 40:31). God gives His people strength. He promises that as our days are, so shall our strength be. Those who have the Eternal God as their refuge can depend on Him also for their strength, renewed strength.

NEW LIFE

All of these "new" elements are a part of the new life. There are many more you will joyously discover as you set out to live the new life. As you look forward to 1973, and I trust you do look forward to it, realize that the blessings and the happiness of the new year are entwined in the challenges and blessings of the new life in Christ. May you have a blessed new year!

CHRIST IN THE ALPHABET

Advocate	I John 2:1
Burden Bearer	Matthew 11:28
Christ of God	Luke 9:20
Deliverer	Romans 11:26
Elect of God	Isaiah 42:1
Friend of all	Matthew 11:19
Gift of God	John 3:16
Heir	Hebrews 1:2
Intercessor	Isaiah 53:12
Judge	John 5:22
King of Kings	Revelation 17:14
Lord of Lords	Revelation 19:16
Miracle-worker	John 11:47
Nazarene	Matthew 2:23
Only Begotten	John 3:16
Prince	Isaiah 9:6
Quickening Spirit	John 6:63
Redeemer	Job 19:25
Savior	Acts 4:12
Truth	John 1:14
Unchanging Christ	Hebrews 13:8
Victor	John 16:33
Wonderful	Isaiah 9:6
Exalted One	Philippians 2:9
Yoke-breaker	Jeremiah 2:20
Zealous for souls	John 9:4
—The Free Lutheran Lamplighter, Roseau, Minn.	

MRS. DALE M. STONE

Mrs. Dale (Barbra) Stone passed away on Oct. 24, 1972, in Rialto, Calif., of a brain infection. She was born on Dec. 14, 1944, in Moorhead, Minn. Mrs. Stone was valedictorian of her high school graduating class in Felton, Minn., a graduate of Lutheran Deaconess School of Nursing, Minneapolis, Minn., and the Minneapolis School of Anesthesia. Her home congregation was Redeemer Lutheran Church in Fridley, Minn.,

pastored by her father-in-law, Rev. A. M. Stone, who is a part-time teacher in Association Free Lutheran Bible School.

She is survived by her husband Dale, a member of the 1968 class of Free Lutheran Seminary, and their son, Matthew, born April 20, 1972; also by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Olek, Felton, two sisters and three brothers.

Mr. and Mrs. Stone served as members of Campus Crusade for Christ staff in San Bernardino, Calif., and more recently with Jesus to the Communist World, Glendale, Calif.

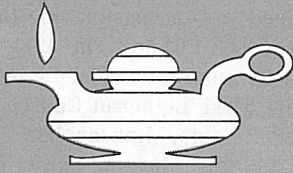
Dale Stone and son Matthew are presently living with Dale's parents at 6950 Hickory Drive N.E., Minneapolis, Minn. 55432.

(Ed. Note: Dale Stone writes, "I thank God for the time with her. I never again expect to meet another person who lived so closely to the ideals in I Cor. 13." He has asked that his poem "Place of the Skull" be reprinted at this time and we are glad to do so.)

PLACE OF THE SKULL

Mocking, jeering,
laughing, swearing,
screaming, leering,
cowering, staring,
praying, bleeding,
thirsting, caring,
interceding,
feeling, bearing,
worship, wonder,
groaning, stripping,
lightning, thunder,
earthquake, ripping,
gambling, nailing,
women sighing,
courage failing,
people dying,
foes dissembling,
friends diminished,
devil trembling,
It is finished,
weeping women,
people hurry,
spices, linens,
rush to bury,
soldiers fleeing,
open prison,
Mary seeing,
Christ is risen.

—Dale M. Stone
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SCHOOL NEWS

FRANK KING, REV. AMOS DYRUD FIND THEY HAD MET BEFORE

Not long after he arrived at Association Free Lutheran Bible School shortly before the end of the first quarter, Frank King of Kensington, Md., was talking with Pastor Amos Dyrud of the faculty. Frank had heard the Dyrud name before, in Madagascar, but he thought it useless to tie the two together. However, when Pastor Dyrud mentioned Madagascar himself, Frank asked if he was the Rev. Dyrud whom he had once met there. The long and the short of it is that Frank King and Pastor Dyrud had met in Madagascar where the latter was a missionary and the former was the son of David S. King, a U.S. ambassador to the Malagasy Republic under President Lyndon B. Johnson. Furthermore, Mr. and Mrs. King had been in the Dyrud home on the island and Ambassador King had been the speaker at the graduation of Naomi Dryud, oldest Dyrud daughter, from high school. It's a small world indeed.

Frank's father, an attorney, served three terms in the U.S. House of Representatives before the Madagascar chapter. David S. King's father served for many years in the U.S. Senate, after himself being in the House. His name was Wm. H. King and both father and son represented the State of Utah.

Frank, an adopted son, is of Algerian and French parentage, and was born in Paris. He is a convert from Mormonism. Although only 19 years old now, he says that the process of leaving the Mormon faith began long ago. Increasingly he grew disenchanted with the life and practice of some in his church. Partly because of this he didn't like the idea of going out as a missionary for his church,

which is expected of young men in that faith.

At the same time as these doubts were being turned over in his mind a friend had been converted to the Christian faith. This friend urged Frank to attend the Bible studies that were being held. Week after week the friend persisted in his invitations. After 36 weeks Frank agreed to attend. Prior to this, Frank had been greatly attracted by philosophy, Eastern religions and Yoga. He gave much study to them and had in mind that he would pool the strengths of all of them into an ideal religion.

But at the Bible study he attended at his friend's insistence, Frank King was impressed by the happiness of those present and the sense of peace which prevailed. The Bible study also was agreeable to him, but when his friend invited him to accept Christ, Frank thought the suggestion absurd. Although only 17 years old at the time, he had studied much and the thought of a simple acceptance of Christ seemed too simple. Nevertheless, after further consideration he agreed to make the decision for Jesus Christ on the assumption that he would receive what his friend said that he would and in the acknowledgment that he was a sinner. The friends prayed, Frank prayed and they were all able to praise the Lord together. Peace and truth had come into his life.

The story is not all happiness, however. A couple of months later, Frank had dropped out of the Christian fellowship. Life, he says, became worse than it had been before his experience with Christianity.

But as he travelled around the country last summer, he came into a coffee house in Newport, Ore., and there he turned back to the Lord. He found good fellowship. For a month he lived in a commune, but he found

that the spirit of inquiry was stifled and he had to move on.

How he came to AFLBS was in this wise. He went to visit Jonathan Stenberg at Lake Stevens, Wash. Jon spoke of attending some Bible School, but the boys sought employment in the Seattle-Everett area and couldn't find any work. Jon had a sister attending AFLBS in Minneapolis and suggested they go there. Frank agreed to try this and the boys came to the Cities in mid-November. They aren't sure how long they'll stay at AFLBS, but for the present they are devoting themselves to the study of God's Word here. Jon Stenberg has attended the Lutheran Bible Institute in Seattle, too.

Frank King says that he is non-denominational in belief yet. His contacts with Protestantism have not been many up to now. At home, where he was for Christmas, he has three younger brothers and an older sister and a younger sister. He has had considerable experience in photography and has done some work in making motion pictures.

We are glad to have Frank King and Jon Stenberg as a part of our School family. May the Lord continue to guide them to the place in life the Lord has for them.

BASKETBALL SCORES

Bethel College Frosh 55
Conquerors 40

St. Paul Bible College 83
Conquerors 74

Conquerors 45
Northwestern College Frosh 38

Conquerors 51
Cross of Glory Church 42*

* YMCA league competition

Announcements

Feb. 21—End of the Winter Quarter

Feb. 26—Registration for Spring Quarter

STUDENT BODY OFFICERS FOR 2ND QUARTER

President—Paul Syverson, Pencer, Minn.

Vice-President—Wayne Brown, Wyoming, Minn.

Secretary—Debbie Iverson, Eagle Butte, S. Dak.

Treasurer—Mark Antal, Wayne, Pa.
Chaplain—John Hove, Rosemount,
Minn.

COMMITTEE FOR ALL-SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Karen Pederson, Bellingham, Wash.
Joyce Jenson, Astoria, Ore.
Wayne Brown, Wyoming, Minn.
Mark Antal, Wayne, Pa.
John Kjos, Wyndmere, N. Dak.

THE LEM ANNOUNCES 37TH WINTER GATHERING

“O Magnify the Lord with Me” will be the theme of the 37th annual Midwinter Conference, January 21-26, sponsored by the Lutheran Evangelistic Movement. The conference will be held at Augustana Lutheran Church, 7th Street and 11th Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minn.

The Rev. Kenneth Ellingson, evangelist of the Lutheran Evangelistic Movement, will give his opening message Sunday, January 21, 7:45 p.m., continuing Tuesday through Thursday evenings.

Day sessions will begin Tuesday at 10 a.m. Speakers will include the Rev. Bob Griffin, LEM evangelist on the East Coast; the Rev. Conrad Lund, president of the Lutheran Bible Institute, Seattle, Wash.; and Dr. Henry Brandt, psychologist and author from Flint, Mich.

The Rev. Ralph Bell, associate evangelist of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, will be the featured speaker of the Youth Conference, January 26 and 27, at the Minneapolis Armory. He will speak Friday evening at 7:30 and Saturday evening at 7:00 p.m. An estimated attendance of 6,000 is expected for the Youth Conference.

Others appearing on the Youth Conference program will be Pastors Bob Griffin and Conrad Lund, and the Rev. Victor Ernest, who will speak on the “Occult and Demonism and Spiritism.” Music will be provided by the LEM Gospel teams.

“Christ is the one transcendent and indescribable Personality of history.”
—Mains.

REV. P. A. STROMMEN

A memorial service for Rev. P. A. Strommen, who had passed away on Nov. 17, was held on Sunday, Nov. 19, at Oak Grove Lutheran Church, 71st and Lyndale, in Minneapolis, Minn. Rev. Harold Grindal, the church's pastor, officiated, assisted by Dr. J. Elmo Agrimson, president of the Southeastern District of the American Lutheran Church.



Rev. P. A. Strommen
An earlier photo

A family service had been held the day before at the funeral home and burial had taken place in Lakewood Cemetery.

The soloist at the memorial service was Mrs. Paul Sonnack. She sang “When Peace Like a River” and “Behold a Host.” The audience sang two songs, “For All the Saints” and “Beautiful Savior.” Grandson Peter Strommen, a seminary student, read the Scripture. Pastor Grindal preached the sermon and Dr. Agrimson gave a greeting.

Pallbearers were Peter, Tim and John Strommen, Todd and Paul Strommen, Steve Strommen, Bob Strommen, all grandsons, and Dean Olson.

Pastor Peter Andrew Strommen, son of Andreas and Kari Strommen, was born on June 26, 1887, in Green County near Blanchardville, Wis. He was baptized and confirmed in Adams Lutheran Church. As a young man he attended business college, intending to follow a business career. But a deep experience wherein he committed his life to Christ changed his plans and he determined to prepare

instead for the Christian ministry. He attended Augsburg College and Augsburg Seminary, Minneapolis, being ordained as a pastor in the Lutheran Free Church in 1913. While in the Seminary, he helped found what is now First Lutheran Church in Columbia Heights, Minneapolis.

In 1913, also, he was united in marriage to Nellie Framstad. They established their first home in Rugby, N. Dak. Subsequent parishes were in Calumet, Mich.; Madelia, Minn.; Seattle (Bethany), Wash.; Lambertton, Minn.; and Sand Creek, Wis. It was while serving in Sand Creek that he sustained the loss of his wife. To this union had been added a family of four sons.

After Nellie Strommen's death, Pastor Strommen served as evangelist in the LFC until 1947. In that year he was united in marriage to Elvira Maurstad and the two began years of parish ministry together at Mora, Minn., and Aniwa, Wis. The last years of active ministry were spent as assistant pastor at Pontopidan Lutheran, Fargo, and visitation pastor at Trinity Lutheran, Minneapolis. Following retirement, he and his wife resided in Richfield and have been members of Oak Grove Lutheran since 1963. Unable to walk as a result of a fall in November of 1970, Pastor Strommen lived at Ebenezer Towers until he slept into eternity on Friday morning, Nov. 17.

Pastor P. A. Strommen leaves to mourn him, his wife, Elvira; four sons, Ab, St. James, Minn.; Rev. Luther, Columbus, O.; Dr. Merton, Richfield, Minn.; and Clair, St. Paul, Minn.; fifteen grandchildren; and one great granddaughter. He is also survived by three sisters and two brothers.

Peter Strommen, loved as husband, father, grandfather, and brother, leaves the witness of a man who felt deeply about his family and his church. In the words of one of his contemporaries, the late Dr. T. O. Burntvedt: “Peter Strommen's sound, Christ-centered preaching and work as a parish pastor builds solid congregations.”

(Ed. Note: A contemporary and friend of my father, and also the father of one of my brothers-in-law,
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Luther League Activities

Edited By Wayne Pederson

INVOLVEMENT WITH A PURPOSE

by Wayne Pederson

Some time ago we talked about the importance of involving all the youth of the church in the activities of the youth group. Youth activities led solely by the pastor, or the adult advisors, or the officers, leave most youth just passive spectators. Not only will they become bored and inactive, they will also grow critical and aloof.

It is the responsibility of the leaders, the pastor, the advisors, and the officers, to involve everyone in the purpose and planning of the youth activities.

But involvement should not be solely for involvement's sake. A youth group must live for something beyond itself or it will die. There must be involvement with a purpose. We need to spell out our objectives so that everyone may envision the purpose of our youth organization.

It has been said that those who aim at nothing will surely hit it. Don't let that be true of your youth group. Spell out your objectives and then involve everyone in achieving those ends.

The Lutheran Free Church Luther League Handbook, a few years ago, spelled out a method of involving "every member" in the function of the youth group. I think these suggestions have merit. You may consider organizing your youth group accordingly.

The first purpose of a youth group is Evangelism. Each youth group should have a Youth Evangelism Committee headed by the Luther League president. This committee seeks to bring youth in contact with the Gospel by sponsoring evangelistic campaigns, providing welcoming committees at youth meetings and church services, inviting the unchurched to church and youth meetings. They can also send witness groups into the community where other youth meet, encourage personal witnessing, and generally, take charge of reaching youth for the first time with the Gospel of Christ.

Another goal of the youth group should be Christian Service. The Christian Service committee, headed by the vice-president, can stimulate interest in full-time service, visit the sick and shut-in in homes and hospitals, work for foreign missions, and support projects for needy, sick or crippled people in the community.

The Spiritual Growth Committee, headed by the chaplain or devotional life secretary, can emphasize Bible reading, promote Scripture memorization, encourage private devotions, and give helps in personal spiritual growth.

The Christian Literature Committee, headed by the secretary, could establish a good youth library of books in the church. They should also encourage youth to write articles for the youth page in the *Ambassador*, maintain an attractive youth bulletin

board in the church, and maintain a supply of tracts for youth to distribute. They might also publish a monthly youth page in their own church paper.

The Stewardship Committee is headed by the treasurer. They assist the church in projects such as securing needed equipment, helping in raising funds for Bible camps and national Luther League, and promoting stewardship and tithing among the youth.

This is just a very basic outline of suggestions for organizing your youth group into committees. I know you can refine and improve them. It is possible for everyone to be involved in some committee. This then will be his prime area of responsibility as far as planning and promotion is concerned. The officers and advisors can meet in executive committee meetings with the pastor to share ideas and plan objectives. It is important to have officers with the concern and ability to involve everyone in these missions. Then the officers meet in committees to work out details. This can save time for the group for you won't have to use precious time when the whole group is together to hack out details which could be discussed in committees.

I know you can get bogged down with committees. But if we (1) can get our objectives as a youth group before us, (2) get everyone involved in seeing those aims carried out, and then (3) divide the responsibility to carry out those purposes, I think we will have come a long way in an effective youth ministry in our church.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES AT SPENCER CREEK

Hello!

This is from the kids at Spencer Creek Lutheran Church, Eugene, Oregon.

We really had a great time last summer. We played volleyball twice a week. Junior and senior H.S. kids played every Tuesday, and fourth to eighth graders met Wednesdays. We had all the way from 30 to 50 kids. After volleyball, we met at the church annex for Bible study, sharing and prayer. Many took part. I



really did not know what it meant to be a Christian before last summer. Christ had never become real to me. Now I know Him and can share Him with others.

We had the joy of having Phil Haugen with us the three summer months. Thank you, Phil.

With sincere greetings from us to all the Luther Leaguers.

—Teresa Robertson

SERVANTS OF CHRIST

The Pukwana Luther League, Pukwana, S. Dak., has formed a new group, the "Servants of Christ" (SOC). Senior High Luther League members may join. They meet every other Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. at the church.

The meetings open with some singing, conversational prayer, or someone may offer to lead in prayer. Then there is a Bible study on the topic "The Christian Citizen." They have a question box and if anyone has a question on something in the Bible, living a Christian life, or other questions, they may put them in the box.

The members are very enthusiastic about this new group. They find it helpful in getting questions answered or finding solutions to their problems.

In August, the members of the SOC group, together with Pastor and Mrs. Dale Battleson, went to the Black Hills to sightsee and attend the Passion Play. They left early on a Tuesday morning and arrived at Mount Rushmore a little after dinner. Then they drove to Spearfish for the Passion Play in the evening.

Each one of the youth who saw the Play will agree that seeing the re-enactment of Christ's suffering and death is an experience they will never forget.

After the Play they stayed overnight in Spearfish. The next day they drove through Spearfish Canyon. By a beautiful little stream they had morning devotions. One of the youth led in devotions, then they had a time of conversational prayer and singing. It was a real joy to fellowship together in the beautiful world God created.

The rest of the day was spent sight-seeing in the Black Hills and then the youth returned home that evening.

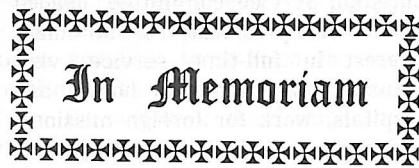
The SOC group members have worked very hard and have completed four beautiful banners to hang in the church. They are made out of burlap with felt letters and cutouts. They deal with the Christian outlook on the subjects of Love, Peace and Hope. The members of the congregation like the banners very much and feel they add a lot to make the church more beautiful.

Lorelei Swanson

PERSONALITIES

New address for **Pastor R. S. Persson** in Astoria, Ore., is 575 34th St. Zip code is 97103. The Perssons are living in a new parsonage erected by the congregation.

Lay Pastor Verle Dean is now serving Zion Lutheran Church, Brockton, Mont., and Bethel Lutheran Church, Culbertson, Mont. The Deans are living in Culbertson. They formerly lived at Redby, Minn.



In Memoriam

Key: The name of the town is the address of the deceased. Following that is listed the name of the deceased, age, date of death and the church in which he or she held membership.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Wallace

Nils Paulsen, 86, Nov. 17, Calvary

Andrew J. Stromme, 91, Calvary

MINNESOTA

Newfolden

Miss Irene Julin, 51, Dec. 14, 1972,

Westaker

Middle River

Elvin Westman, 74, Dec. 16, Westaker

DR. JOHN P. MILTON DIES

Dr. John P. Milton, long-time teacher at Luther Theological Seminary in St. Paul, Minn., and once a teacher at Augsburg Seminary in Minneapolis, Minn., died on Nov. 30, 1972. He was 75.

He was best known among us for his two books, **People Are Asking** and **More People Are Asking**, which gained such wide acceptance a generation ago. Two of his most recent books were **Prophecy Interpreted** and **God's Covenant of Blessing**.

LIFE'S BOOK

No matter what else you are doing
From cradle days through to the end
You are writing your life's secret
story—

Each day sees another page penned.

Each month ends a 30-page chapter
Each year means the end of a part—
And never an act is misstated
Or even one wish of the heart.

Each day when you wake, the book
opens,

Revealing a page clean and white—
What thoughts and what words and
what doings

Will cover its pages by night?

God leaves that with you—you're the
writer—

And never a word shall grow dim,
Till the day you write "Finis"

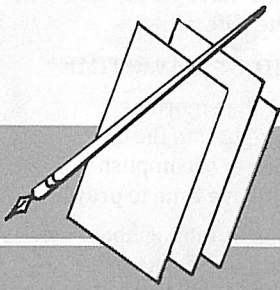
And give back your Life's Book to
Him.

—Anon.

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Pastor Strommen was a friend of the AFLC and maintained a keen interest in its progress and was a reader of the **Ambassador**. I stopped in at his room at Luther Hall, Ebenezer, the night before he passed away. He was unable to visit then and we knew the time of his departure was at hand, but there was only the sense of victory for this servant of the Lord.)

"Joy is multiplied as it is divided
with others."
—Selected



EDITORIALS

KEY '73

Key '73 is an inter-denominational evangelism thrust in the United States during 1973. Its theme is "Calling Our Continent to Christ." Rev. Theodore A. Raedeke, a clergyman of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, is the executive director of the effort. It is expected to involve 150 church bodies, 300,000 local churches and 100 million individual persons in its year-long program.

Actually, the program is scheduled for over a year's duration for it began on Thanksgiving Day with "Phase One," a period of prayer and repentance meant to last through Advent. The coming weekend, January 6-7, is called the "launch weekend," when the program itself will get underway. A TV special, "Faith in Action," will help to inaugurate it.

Key '73 derived its name from the fact that the idea for this evangelism outreach took shape at a meeting of religious leaders near the Francis Scott Key bridge in Washington, D.C. Hence, the name "Key;" '73 refers to the current year, the target year for the program. If one wishes to trace the origin of the plan back further, it goes to the U.S. Congress on Evangelism held in Minneapolis in September, 1970.

In his annual report to the church last June, Rev. John P. Strand, president of the AFLC, encouraged the church's congregations to take part in the evangelism

program, feeling that benefits from participation would outweigh the dangers. The Conference responded by passing the following motion: "Whereas 'Key '73' is an important evangelistic effort, and Whereas support of this cooperative effort is gaining in many congregations, Be It Resolved, That this Conference recommend that involvement in this program be a matter of decision in the local congregations and Be It Further Resolved, That the AFLC endorse in principle evangelistic programs which are based upon the Word of God and thus turn men and women to a living faith in Jesus Christ."

So there is the word of the annual conference to the congregations. It should be stressed that every denomination and every congregation is free to participate in any way desired and which will agree with a church's beliefs and goals. A congregation can use any official materials available from the Key '73 office or ignore them.

Much good can come from the Key '73 evangelism program. All who work for evangelism in 1973 will find an opening of new doors simply from the fact that "evangelism" will be a big word around the country. People will be aware of it. This could be the time to make a big move for Christ in our local communities.

The sad part about Key '73 is that some of those who participate in it will not have a true concept of Biblical evangelism. Salvation for them is affiliation with a local church or a denomination, or both. Key '73 will be merely a church membership drive. And if people are brought into churches where the Gospel of Christ is not preached, little will have been done for them after all.

Don't take everything you hear about Key '73 as a movement of the Holy Spirit. Some of the effort and work will be only man's striving. But in our own churches let us endeavor to have our evangelism efforts this year truly Christ-centered and Holy Spirit-directed. Other denominations and local congregations will have the right emphasis, too. God bless these efforts with a rich harvest.

It will be interesting to hear, as the year goes on, what special things congregations of the AFLC are doing this year to help win our continent to Christ. They will have to do more than simply hold a week or two of evangelistic services to fulfill the purposes of Key '73.

THE VALLEY

I have been through the valley of weeping,
The valley of sorrow and pain;
But the "God of all comfort" was with me,
At hand to uphold and sustain.

As the earth needs the clouds and the sunshine,
Our souls need both sorrow and joy;
So He places us oft in the furnace,
The dross from the gold to destroy.

When He leads through some valley

of trouble,
His powerful hand we can trace;
For the trials and sorrows He sends us
Are part of His lessons of grace.

Oft we shrink from the purging and pruning,
Forgetting the Husbandman knows
The deeper the cutting and paring,
The richer the cluster that grows.

Well He knows that affliction is needed;
He has a wise purpose in view,
And in the dark valley He whispers,
"Hereafter thou'lt know what I do."

As we travel through life's shadowed valley,
Fresh springs of His love ever rise;
And we learn that our sorrows and losses
Are blessings just sent in disguise.

So we'll follow wherever He leadeth,
Though pathways be dreary or bright;
For we've proof that our God can give comfort,
Our God can give songs in the night.

—Unknown

WOMEN for Christ

PRAYER TIME

by Mrs. Palmer Haugen
Portland, North Dakota

I Thess. 5:17: "Pray without ceasing." How the Lord does admonish us to pray.

I know in my own life, I find that prayer-time is the all-important phase of a Christian's life. This is what gives peace, courage, strength, and guidance in every walk of life. Praise the Lord, He taught us how to pray (I Pet. 5:7). Prayer-time is the arm of the Church and will keep us going in the right direction, if we seek Him daily in Word and prayer.

Praying men and women are needed in all walks of life. Our prayer meetings are essential for our homes, churches, communities, and nation, to keep steadfast in the Lord. Trust the Lord and He will give you the strength to pray audibly in public, with loved ones, and friends. What a blessed fellowship we can have with others who love to pray.

There are four aims of prayer (Heb. 7:25): Anything, Anytime, Anywhere, and Anyone. God is the same today as the God of miracles of which we read in the Scriptures. He answers prayer, not always in our ways or in a way recognized by us, but answer He does (Phil. 4:6). God in His infinite wisdom and providence provides an answer which is so far above our requests as heaven is above the earth. The ways of the Lord in answering prayer are beautifully described by a Confederate soldier over 100 years ago, but which are just as true today: "I asked God for strength,

that I might achieve—I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey. I asked for help that I might do greater things—I was given infirmity, that I might do better things. I asked for riches, that I might be happy—I was given poverty, that I might be wise. I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life—I was given life, that I might enjoy all things. I got nothing that I asked for—but everything I had hoped for. Despite myself, my prayers were answered. I am, among all men, most richly blessed."

In Ps. 5:1-3, the psalmist David tells us to pray and pray often. Pray **now**, as the Lord gives us grace. If there are any (which we know there are) who feel there is no need for prayer-time now, there will come the time as spoken about in Rev. 6:15-17. They shall pray for the rocks and the mountains to fall on them and hide them from the face of Him that sitteth on the Throne and from the wrath of the Lamb. Then it is too late.

A mere profession of Christianity will not keep us out of Hell. We must have the real thing. We must know the Lord as our personal Savior. He gave us this free gift, and paid for our sins through the blood on Calvary. What a Savior!

May we let the Holy Spirit direct our lives. The Holy Spirit doesn't want our service, He wants to work through us. How the enemy is silenced in all his opposition to the works of God's power. So let us be obedient to the Lord and pray and pray diligently. Let us attend the prayer meetings. If you don't have meetings, I strong-

ly urge you to start right **now**. Don't say, I didn't have time! Here is a poem by Ione Eitemiller.

I DIDN'T HAVE TIME

I got up early one morning
And rushed right into the day:
I had so much to accomplish
That I didn't have time to pray.

Problems just tumbling about me,
And heavier came each task,
"Why doesn't God help me?" I
wondered,
He answered, "You didn't ask."

I woke up early this morning
And paused before entering the day.
I had so much to accomplish
That I had to take time to pray.

The spirit of the world drives. The Lord Jesus leads. **Follow Him.**



Mrs. Clara Moe, left, was presented an Honorary Membership pin by Mrs. Roy Mohagen, president of the Mission Circle of Bethel Lutheran in Grafton, N. Dak., at a recent meeting.

The Mission Circle also announces that it is the wish of the late Marion Hellekson's brother that her personal belongings be given to the Circle. They in turn are giving her articles such as pots, pans, towels and dishes to the mission home in Minneapolis which will be established for the use of missionaries home on furlough.

BLUEGRASS CHURCH SITE FOR WOMEN'S MEETING

Bethany Lutheran Church, Bluegrass, was the host church for the fall rally of the Central Minnesota District WMF. The rally, held on October 10th, had as its theme "Jesus Christ, Our Rock." Psalm 31:3 was the theme verse, "For Thou art my

rock and my fortress, therefore for Thy name's sake, lead me and guide me." The theme song was "He Leadeth Me." Mrs. Rod Stave led the inspirations, with Mrs. Gene Erickson and Mrs. Steve Jacobson at the piano and organ. Mrs. Charles Rovang, district president, presided, and Mrs. Gene Erickson, Bethany WMF president, responded with a welcome. The morning devotions were led by Mrs. LaVerne Thompson, reading I Corinthians 10:1-17, and the afternoon prayer fellowship was led by Mrs. Lennie Bothun, reading Hebrews 4:16 and Philippians 4:6. The music for the rally was sung by Pastor and Mrs. Hermunslie, "I Walked One Day Along a Country Road," Mr. and Mrs. Steve Jacobson singing "He Touched Me" and a group of ladies from Bethany and Zion of Wadena who sang, "Jesus, Rock of Ages."

Mrs. Ray Jacobson of Minneapolis led us in the morning Bible study, on Christ Our Rock. A very helpful outline was passed out. God is Our Rock in Creation, Deuteronomy 32:4, 18. He established certain laws that govern our world, and gave an order to everything in creation. Christ is Our Rock of Salvation. Psalm 95:1: "O come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our Salvation." We must be willing to receive him and believe what He has done for us. If we have experienced Him as our Rock of Salvation, then we can also experience Christ as our Rock of Refuge, she said. He is our refuge in many different situations, in times of violence and also when we come under attack by men. Christ is the Cornerstone. Without Him, our whole spiritual building would crumble. Do not reject the Cornerstone. Christ is our Foundation. In Matthew 7:24, we are told to build our life on Christ and not on our own accomplishments. If our foundation is not built on Christ, it will crumble when testings come. These may be false teachings, sickness or death or the lure of earthly riches or ambition. God's Word must be our source of strength. Mrs. Jacobson closed with the words of the song, "On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand, All Other Ground Is Sinking Sand."

The offerings for the day were for

"My Missionary for a Day" and the General Fund of the WMF. A potluck dinner was served at noon.

The afternoon message was given by Pastor Roy Bredholt of Grand Forks, N. Dak. He used Ecclesiastes 11:9-12 as his text, the subject being our youth. He directed his message to women, who have a tremendous opportunity to influence the youth in our homes for Christ. There are nearly 40 million people between the ages of 14-24 in our country or one-fifth of the entire population of the U.S. How can this vast, well-educated, group be reached with the fact that they need Christ? There is youth's own need to know Christ as Savior and then the future of Christ's church on earth depends on this age group. There is a great interest in spiritual things in early teenage years. They are hungry for direction, and many times are not given credit for their basic seriousness. Between the ages of 12-24, most people are won for Jesus Christ, who are ever won. One survey conducted showed only four per cent accept Christ after the age of 30. The Bible speaks to us clearly about youth. Think of Joseph, David and Mary, how they served the Lord in their youth, he said. Youth have the ability to see right through us. Our daily lives must prove to them that Jesus is indeed the Rock, the Foundation upon which we are building. May each of us be filled with a desire to win our youth, as first their lives will be changed and the course of our church and our country will be changed, Pastor Bredholt declared.

The benediction was pronounced by Rev. Fred Carlson, pastor of Bethany church. There were 73 registered.

Mrs. Harold Erickson
Secretary

NORTH CENTRAL WOMEN MET AT McINTOSH FOR RALLY

The fall rally of the Women's Missionary Federation of the North Central District was held at Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church, Rev. Orville T. Olson, pastor, on Oct. 7, 1972.

Our president, Mrs. Kenneth Johnson, opened the meeting by reading the theme verse, Hosea 6:11. Then the theme song, "Jesus Calls Us,"

was sung. Devotions were given by Mrs. Ed Mathison, Bagley. She read Galatians 6. Mrs. Haldor Hegg of McIntosh extended the welcome. A duet was sung by Mrs. Alvin Jorgenson and Mrs. Melford Grundyson of Mt. Carmel Church. Pastor Bruce Dalager of Bagley led the Bible study, based on Hosea 6.

In the business meeting, two new officers were elected, Mrs. Kildahl, treasurer, and Mrs. Robert Bilden, vice-president.

A delicious dinner was served at noon by the Ladies Aid.

The afternoon session began with a hymn sing. Mrs. Birdeen Holt of Fosston led the prayer time and read some verses from Psalm 34. Mrs. Jorgenson and Mrs. Grundyson sang again. In her talk, Miss Judith Wold, Thief River Falls, Minn., executive secretary of the WMF, emphasized the importance of sending in monthly donations to the WMF projects.

A solo was sung by Mrs. Harry Hustad of Dovre Church, Winger. An offering was given to the General Fund. Attendance for the day was 85. Rev. Olson closed the meeting with prayer and pronounced the benediction.

Mrs. Hjalmer Hanson
Secretary



Ten women were awarded Honorary Memberships in the Women's Missionary Federation at the Oct. 11 meeting of Section Ten Lutheran Church, Cumberland, Wis., Tim Skramstad, student pastor. Pictured above are the honored ladies, standing, left to right, Mmes. Lydia Mathison, Alma Nelson, Alma Shields, Henry Solum, Elsie Farb and Ed Brown; and seated, Nellie White, Otto Thompson, Maria Knutson and Lena Olson. A gift was also given by Selma Alberg in memory of her mother, Mrs. Sven Alberg.

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NEWS of the Churches

DEDICATION SERVICES HELD AT ORTLEY

Dedication services were held at Ortley Lutheran Church, Ortley, South Dakota, on Sunday, September 17, 1972, with about 125 present for both morning and afternoon services. Pastor John Strand, president of the AFLC, was guest speaker and John Rieth, student pastor of the congregation, and Pastor Larry Severson of Wallace, South Dakota assisted. A fellowship dinner followed the morning worship service. The dedication program was held at 2:30 p.m. The service included special musical numbers. Greetings were read from pastors who were unable to be present. They were Pastors Larry Halverson, Herbert Franz, Amos Dyrud and Raynard Huglen.

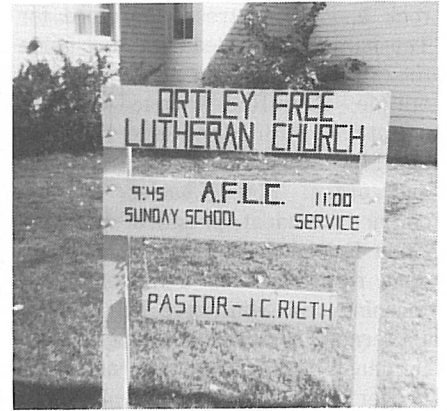
In October of 1970 about 25 interested persons met to discuss the possibility of purchasing the former Zion Lutheran Church in Ortley and organizing a new congregation. After addi-

tional meetings the church property was purchased and on January 18, 1971, Ortley Lutheran Church was organized. A Sunday School, Luther League, and the Women's Missionary Federation were organized shortly. Junior Missions was organized in the fall of 1971. Through the winter and spring of 1971 several pastors and laymen filled the pulpit of the church. In June, 1971, Seminarian John Rieth began serving the congregation. He has been there since, ministering on week-ends during the school year. Ortley Lutheran Church joined the AFLC in the summer of 1971. The charter membership closed in January, 1972, with about 150 baptized members registered.

Roadside signs advertising Ortley Lutheran were constructed by the Luther League during the summer of 1971. One has been placed east of town and another west of Ortley. A third sign made by the LL stands by the church.



Part of the crowd in attendance at the dedication service at Ortley Lutheran Church.



The sign by Ortley Church.



One of the highway signs put up along the highway.

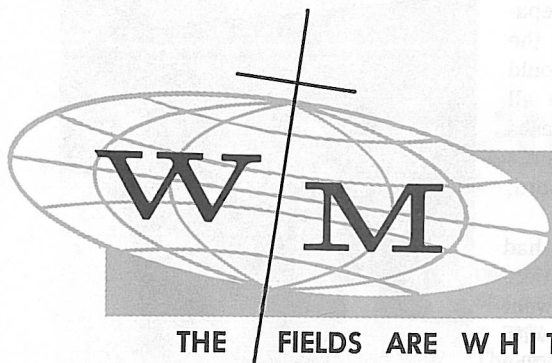
OUR SAVIOUR'S OF BROOTEN HAS SPECIAL MEETINGS

Our Saviour's Lutheran of Brooten held three nights of special meetings October 24-26. The speaker was Rev. Dennis Gray of Bethel Lutheran of Grafton, N. Dak., a former student pastor in the parish.

On Tuesday evening, music was provided by the parish choir and by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Arness and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gafkjen. Each couple sang two numbers. On Wednesday evening, the parish choir sang and a group of young people from the Crow Lake church sang two numbers. They were the first confirmands of Pastor Gray at Crow Lake. On Thursday evening music was provided by a ladies' group from Zion Lutheran in Willmar and by a group from Scandia church.

On Tuesday evening Pastor Gray spoke on the theme "Flee for your Life," from Genesis, in regard to Lot fleeing Sodom. On Wednesday eve-

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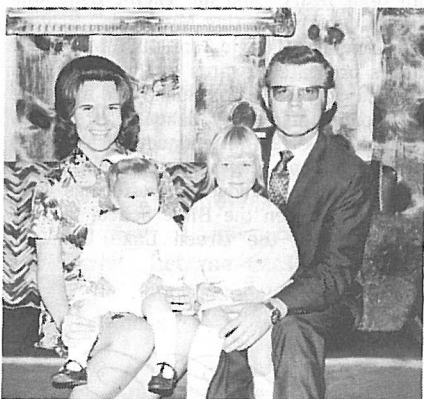
WORLD MISSIONS

THE FIELDS ARE WHITE UNTO HARVEST

DEPARTURE CLOSE AT HAND

There is excitement in the air as we are preparing to return home to the U.S.A. again. These nearly three and a half years have flown by so fast that it seems like just yesterday when we were packing our barrels to leave for Brazil. Now we are going through our clothes' barrels again, sorting out the last pieces and giving to the poor who pass by our door. This is a good opportunity of sharing the Gospel with them. We give them tracts and also a word of testimony with the clothes as we like to share our spiritual as well as material blessings with all people.

Many times we hear people in the States say that missionary life is a struggle, always moving, never a place to call home. Yes, it can be a struggle if you get pre-occupied with it, and feel sorry for yourself, but then we think of Heb. 13:14: "For here we have no continuing city, but we seek one to come." So we lift our eyes off our selves and look to our "permanent dwelling" (I Cor. 4:11)



Pastor and Mrs. Connelly J. Dyrud with their two daughters, Christina, left, and Shannon.

yet to come and then all our struggles become so small. We then count our blessings that the Lord showers upon us and go on our way rejoicing; thanking Him for good health, a growing work in this big country and praying Christians in the States supporting us. Plus many more uncountable blessings.

In our work and travels we have the joy of seeing God work in other countries and among other peoples and cultures. We see the same sin problems known to all people. We see the same God of the universe working miracles and transforming lives in all parts of the world. This proves to us that our God is not dead but very living and active. And that "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, and forever" (Heb. 13:8).

We have grown to love the people of Brazil very much and find working with them in the churches and school rewarding, but getting more difficult as the enticements of the modern world are ever present in the bigger cities and even penetrating the jungles. For example, we have come across small towns cut out of the jungle only a year or two ago, but they already have TV sets in the bars, run by private diesel generators. And these bars are filled with people watching TV and drinking till all hours of the night. It's a fact we have found to be true, that when television comes to a community the church attendance drops off and the work becomes more difficult. We believe it's the novelty of the thing when it first comes. It's like a child with a new toy, but yet it's a distraction away from the Gospel and anything that is placed before God becomes an idol, doesn't it?

This year has been a great experience in my life, as dean of the Bible School and Seminary. The work on the field is divided among the missionaries each year as some come and some go. There is always a shortage of workers to fill all the openings, so we have to double up on the jobs; such as teaching and pastoring churches at the same time. We therefore pray that you at home will continue to pray that the Lord will raise up more workers to fill in these ever growing tasks on the field.

Even with the love for the people and for the work in this country, we still have those home ties that can't be broken. We long for the fellowship of relatives, friends and church brethren. We therefore will be awaiting our furlough home to the States, Lord willing, the second week of December, after a mission fact finding tour into Paraguay and Argentina with pastors Abel, Knapp and Yeddo Gottel. We plan to open new work in those countries soon, which has been our long range goal. We ask that you remember these future mission fields in your prayers also.

We are waiting to visit you all in your local churches and homes, conferences and Bible camps. "Ate logo" (until soon), may the Lord bless each of you until we meet.

Joy in His service,
The Connelly Dyruds

(Ed. Note: The above article appears after the Dyruds have returned home, on Dec. 15, but we print it now anyway.)

ANNUAL MEETING OF NLM TO BE HELD

The annual business meeting of Northern Lutheran Missions will be held at Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church, McIntosh, Minn., Orville Olson, pastor, on Saturday, Jan. 20, 1973, at 1:00 p.m.

At 7 o'clock, a mission-oriented service will be conducted. There will be singing by Indian Mission groups from Redby and White Earth. Pastor Lester Erickson of Barnesville, Minn., a former missionary to Africa, will bring the message.

DeFloren Rude, President
Harvey Dyrud, Secretary

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**"SO SEND I YOU"
THEME OF GRANITE FALLS
GATHERING**

"So Send I You" was the theme of the Minneapolis District WMF Fall Rally held on October 14 at Faith Lutheran Church of Granite Falls, Minnesota.

Mrs. Earl Jones, our vice-president, was in charge of the meeting. Mrs. Aini Myking of Minneapolis had the devotions and Mrs. Phyllis Johnson extended a welcome. The Ladies Trio of Radcliffe, Iowa, sang, after which the morning offering was received.

The morning message was given by Rev. Richard Gunderson, missionary to Bolivia. He chose Acts 5:17-21 and said that since the theme of our rally was "So Send I You"—So Go! Get Going! We have the means to go, but are too tied down to things to get the Gospel out. We are sound asleep. We need a revival! Go and take your stand! God saves us to glorify and praise Him! Take your stand and declare it, he said. To be deeply and well prepared we need to get into the Word. Go where the people are. Jesus died for all people and loves those that do not attend church, too. Christ has not given up on them. God wants His church going—So GO!!, Pastor Gunderson challenged.

The business meeting was opened in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It was decided that the morning and afternoon offerings were to be divided equally between the Praise Program and Honorary Membership. A gift of money was sent to Orpha Flaten as a thank you for the secretarial work done for the WMF. It was also decided to have the spring rallies on a week day and continue having the fall rallies on Saturdays.

After a delicious noon meal served by the ladies of Faith, Mrs. Art Hegberg had devotions. The Ladies' Chorus from Green Lake Lutheran Church of Spicer sang.

The Bible Study, given by Rev. Gunderson, was taken from Isaiah 1:16-19. There are four basic aspects of the Christian life: (1) Purification; (2) Separation from sin; (3) Learning experience; and (4) Involvement or good works. How are we to be puri-

fied? We must be washed in the blood, confess our sins and repent. To separate from sin we must put away the old. Our learning experience should be to learn to do right. We are all undergraduates in the school of Jesus Christ. We must do our good works now, and do them as unto the Lord, he declared.

Rev. Reuben Wee, host pastor, had the closing prayer and benediction. After the coffee hour the ladies went home encouraged and challenged with the messages in song and word. The total offering was \$248.81, 101 ladies registered and 15 churches answered roll call.

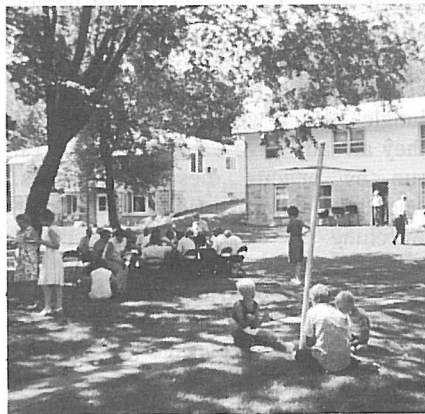
Mrs. Irvin Hodnefield
Secretary

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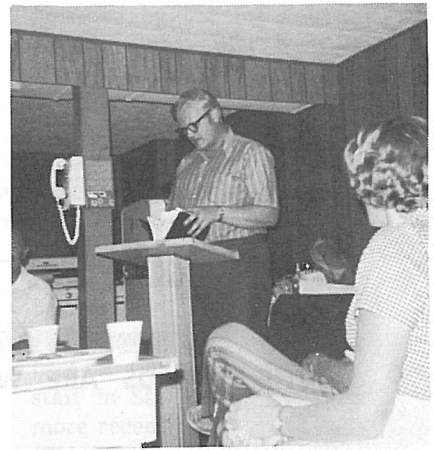
ning Pastor Gray spoke on the Assurance of Salvation from the text, Romans 10:1-13. On Thursday evening, he spoke about putting on the whole armor of God and also about true Christian love. He based his message on two passages of Scripture, Ephesians 6:11-20 and I Corinthians 13.

The attendance was very good and there were many blessings that were received. We thank God for the word in song and the preached Word.

Rev. Marvin Haara
Our Saviour's Parish of Brooten



The annual congregation picnic of Green Lake Lutheran was held Aug. 20th at the parsonage home of Rev. and Mrs. Les Galland in Spicer. A fellowship noon meal was enjoyed by all following the 11 a.m. worship service.



The Homebuilders couples group of Green Lake Lutheran, Spicer, enjoyed a steak fry at the Parsonage home of Rev. and Mrs. Les Galland recently. Rev. Galland led the group in singing and a meditation following the meal.



Sunday School Rally Days were held at Green Lake Lutheran, Spicer, Minn., August 27th, Sept. 3rd and Sept. 10th. Rev. and Mrs. L. Udden of the Bible School in Minneapolis spoke and gave a flannel-graph story Aug. 27th. Mrs. L. Galland and Miss Cindy Gross gave stories the following Sundays. Our theme was from Proverbs 3:5-6, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart" and the Theme Song was "I Just Keep Trusting My Lord." Promotion Sunday was held Sept. 10th. Mrs. Earl Jones presented awards to those who had missed only 4 or less Sundays during the 12 months of Sunday School. Three children had perfect attendance. They were Robert Stulen, Jeanette Stulen and LuAnn Stulen, pictured above. The offerings were divided between the Bible School in Minneapolis and the Green Lake Lutheran Sunday School.



CHURCH-WORLD NEWS

"THERE SHALL BE LIGHT," NEW ABS FILM

"There Shall Be Light," the new film of the American Bible Society, begins with former Astronaut Frank Borman reading the creation story with which he and his Apollo 8 crew electrified the world as they read from the Bible on Christmas Eve, 1968, while orbiting the moon.

As the surface of the moon passes below the voice of Col. Borman rings out again with the words from the beginning of Genesis:

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.... And God said, Let there be light: and there was light."

Returning to the earth the film presents in colorful animation, rare historic stills, and documentary footage, the never-ceasing efforts of the Society to reach people everywhere with the Scriptures, without doctrinal note or comment, in their own language or dialect.

Current translation problems and distribution hurdles, cleared far and near, are discussed firsthand by staff members.

Music, ranging from Beethoven to pop and ethnic selections, forms a suitable background as the Society's story unfolds from its founding in 1816. A dramatic episode is its own translation, "Good News for Modern Man," the New Testament in Today's English Version, which has achieved the enviable circulation figure of 36 million copies since it was first published in September 1966.

The film may be rented from Association-Sterling Films, 600 Grand Ave., Ridgefield, N.J. 07657, or purchased from the Information Department, American Bible Society, 1865 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10023.

UNITED BIBLE SOCIETIES HEARS EMPEROR HAILE SELASSIE I

His Imperial Majesty Haile Selassie

I delivered the inaugural address at the first World Assembly of the United Bible Societies in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in September 1972. The national newspaper, the Ethiopian Herald, reported that the emperor reminded the delegates of the "many references" to his country in the Bible. He also told of the "vital place" the Bible has in the liturgy and devotions of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church. The emperor is the patron of the Bible Society of Ethiopia, one of the 55 national Bible Societies that comprise the international fellowship.

JUSTICE REHNQUIST STRESSES PRIMARY MISSION OF CHURCH

Washington, D.C. (LC) — A United States Supreme Court Justice, addressing some 200 Lutheran pastors and their wives here on Reformation Day, said he hoped the Lutheran church would not follow the example of so many contemporary institutions that tend to be "diverted to any number of worthwhile things that really are not their primary vocation."

Associate Justice William H. Rehnquist, an active member of the Lutheran Church in America, voiced this "devout hope" at a luncheon meeting of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Southeastern District's fall pastoral conference.

As a layman, Mr. Rehnquist observed, he occasionally had the feeling that perhaps this was an outdated notion about the church.

"I realize the temerity with which I should and do suggest to this assembled group," he told the meeting in the Senate Dining Room, "that the primary mission of the church is the salvation of souls. And to the extent the church goes beyond that—and the relationship between what it does, and that primary mission, becomes more and more attenuated—the church runs the risk of becoming a river that's a mile wide, but only a yard deep."

The recently appointed associate justice, who has served as a congregational council vice chairman and Sunday school teacher since he joined the LCA ten years ago, said he hoped the Lutheran church would never forsake the image and teachings of Martin Luther, whom he perceived as being "first and foremost a theologian."

He regarded Luther, he said, as a man who was "at least not primarily concerned with any of the other aspects of the Reformation times that were perhaps equally important when looked at from a historical perspective."

He was referring, he said, to the many social, political and cultural changes flowing from the Reformation. These have tended, he suggested, in many history books to give the impression that though the religious aspect of the Reformation times was foremost, it was so tied in with the subsequent changes in society, that they are often regarded "almost as interwoven strands."

Mr. Rehnquist was one of a dozen speakers drawn from government and church circles, representing widely divergent points of view, who participated in the 3-day pastoral conference to discuss "The Pursuit of Justice: Church and State in Dialogue."

In his address, the associate justice acknowledged that the audience undoubtedly knew a lot more about Lutheranism than he did.

He nonetheless had accepted the invitation to speak, he said, because he felt that as pastors with responsibilities toward their flocks, they might well want to know "what a typical member of the flock is thinking."

"Mix prayer with a study of God's Word. Prayer without the Bible becomes fanaticism. And Bible study without prayer produces coldness of heart and spiritual pride."

—Selected

**CONDITION OF DR. KNUTSON
"SERIOUS AND UNCHANGED"**

Minneapolis—(LC)—The condition of Dr. Kent S. Knutson, president of the American Lutheran Church, continued "serious and unchanged" as of December 15, according to a spokesman for the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn.

Dr. Knutson, 48, who has been a patient at St. Mary's Hospital, a part of the Mayo Clinic, since October 23, has been suffering from what clinic physicians described as "an unusual disorder of the central nervous system."

"The cause (of Dr. Knutson's condition) is unknown and at the present time there is no specific treatment available," said a statement issued by the Mayo Clinic on December 1.

**DR. OSCAR BENSON DIES;
LED AUGUSTANA 8 YEARS**

Chicago—(LC)—Dr. Oscar A. Benson, who served as tenth president of the former Augustana Lutheran Church from 1951 to 1959, died here on December 15. He was 81 years of age and had lived in Chicago since he retired from the active ministry in 1964.

Dr. Benson succeeded the late Dr. P. O. Bersell, who headed the 500,000-member denomination for 16 years, and in turn was succeeded by Dr. Malvin H. Lundeen, who held office for three years until 1962 when Augustana merged with three other bodies to form the Lutheran Church in America.

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