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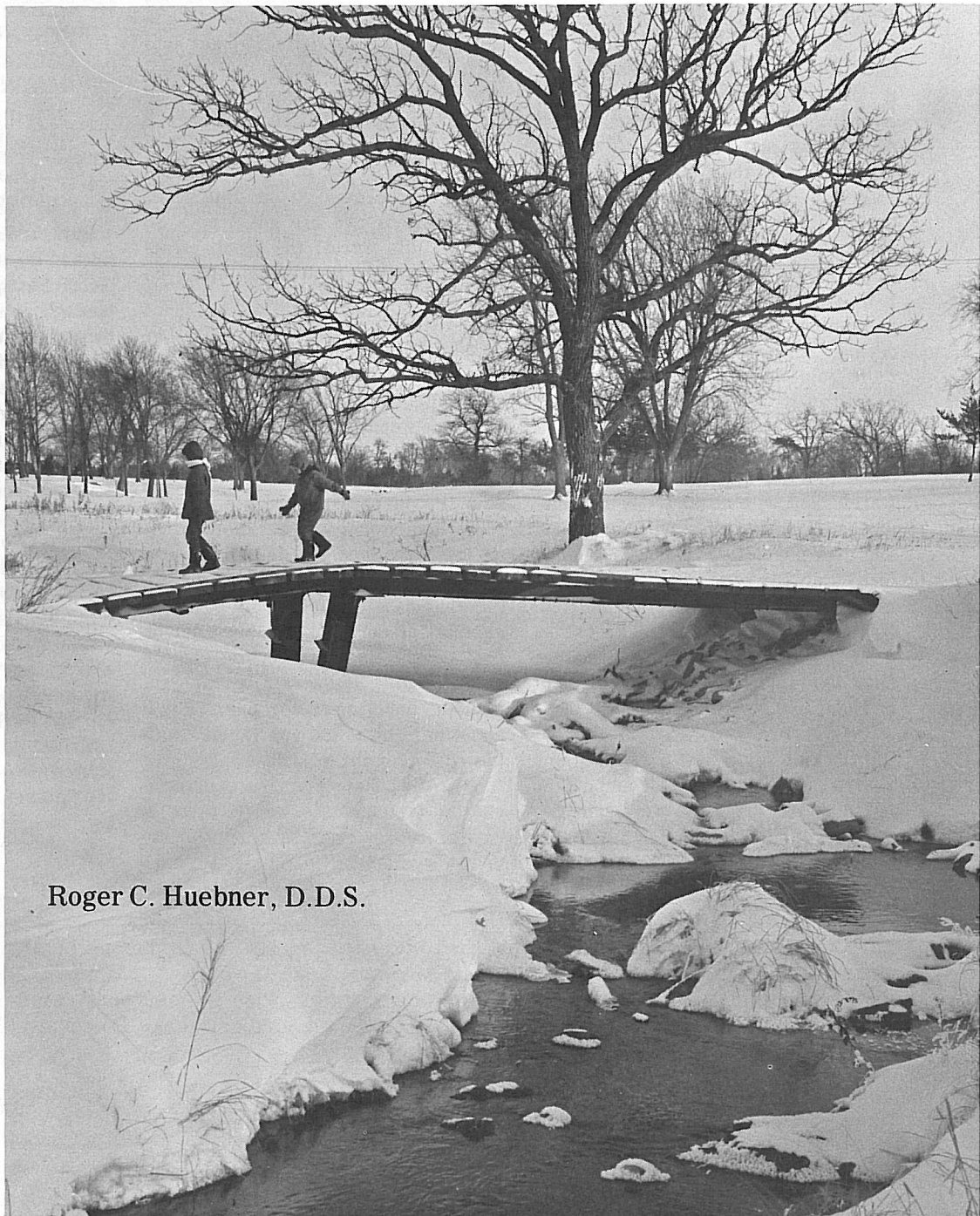
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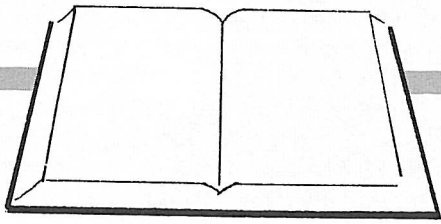
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Roger C. Huebner, D.D.S.



According to the Word

NEW GRACE

New Grace—for a new creature—for a new goal—for a New Year!

“And He that sat upon the throne said, ‘Behold I make all things new!’”

“New” is a quality, an adjective that describes a thing appearing for the first time. Webster also defines it as: “differing from the past, strange, unfamiliar or unused, fresh and having just arrived.” How wonderful to know, then, that there is One, high and lifted up, sitting upon His throne of omnipotence and omniscience who says, “Behold I make all things new.... I shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.”

You and I live in this old world as strangers and pilgrims. At one time our nation was referred to as the “new world,” but with all its trials and tribulations, chaos and strife, pollution and over-population, it has long since lost its quality of newness, and is now more like God’s description in Heb. 1:11b, “...they all shall wax old as doth a garment; and as a vesture shalt thou fold them up and they shall be changed.”

We are like sailors on the sea of life, looking for a new port, in a new land, a “city whose builder and maker is God.” All the while we strain and struggle, plan and participate in the battle of life, that our small and frail

bark might not succumb to the hostile elements and waves of “the sin that doth so easily beset us” (Heb. 12:1). The people of this planet are, in a sense, like the captain in the story who one stormy night found that his boat could make no headway, and while he was struggling to get into port, a nervous passenger said to him, “Do you think we shall get in all right?” He replied, “This is a leaky old boat, and we may go down; and the boilers are not in very good condition, so we may go up. But whatever happens, we are going on.” So it is in this world; the blind, struggling, Christless multitudes, and even we who have the “blessed hope,” have little choice, but to go on. But, hallelujah! what a difference there is in going on! We go on with Him who said, “Behold, I make all things new... These words are faithful and true.”

What have these faithful and true words promised we who have found new life in Christ? Are we nothing more than storm-tossed sailors adrift on the wild seas of life? Oh, praise God, we may take on board an all-knowing, all-loving, all-powerful captain for our soul. We need not be the “master of our fate, the captain of our soul.” Jesus said to each repentant, anxious, asking one, “I will come in to him, and sup (abide) with him, and he with me” (Rev. 3:20b).

So in this New Year, upon the uncharted water of the future, there is new grace, for every new day, for every new creature in Christ. Perhaps

His faithful and true words are well summed up by this little poem, author unknown:

“Wishes for the New Year!”

BLESSINGS in abundance,
STRENGTH for every way,
COURAGE for each trial,
GLADNESS for each day.

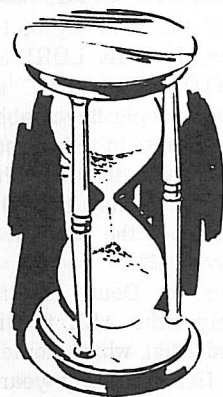
FAITH in heaven’s guidance,
HOPE that’s firm and true,
Yes, the Lord, your Savior
Promises these gifts to you.

But there is more in these faithful and true words than just the promise of new grace, for each new day, to each new creature. There is also, through Him “which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure,” the power to press toward new goals in this New Year. Yes, He by the infilling of His Holy Spirit day by day would inspire, motivate and empower us to new goals, greater heights of service, higher plains of holiness. So then, this coming year, in spite of discouraging news, terrifying tragedies, and daily struggles, may, by His grace, contain new goals and new victories. Will you by faith accept His “faithful and true words” and press on to some new thing for Christ? Perhaps the poetic prayer of Frances Ridley Havergal can be the prayer of each born-again reader, your prayer (“Another Year Is Dawning,” see p. 14).

John H. Abel

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PASSING TIME



Another year has passed!

The division of time into shorter and longer periods belongs to all that is finite about us and our activities here on earth. It reminds us that our lives and actions are limited, marked by a beginning and an end, so unlike Him who has neither beginning nor end. Therefore so much of what we do is not enduring; it has its beginning, but also its end. Only that which the Eternal One works shall endure forever.

Nevertheless this division of time serves a practical purpose. We are governed by it and must take it into account. It is a gift of God to be used to the full as such, consecrated to Him.

Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

To each of us is allotted a portion of time by God in which to realize our destiny for eternity. Each day is a day of grace in which we are met by God's saving will and power in Christ. Each day is a day for labor to be used to the full for the work assigned us by God. Even Christ realized that for Him on earth there would come the night when even He could not work; it was therefore needful to work while it was day. Why stand ye here idle all the day? is the rebuke for all who have not rightly regarded

passing hours and days as from God for an eternal purpose. No doubt to each one of us at the close of the year has come the painful realization of the sins of unused opportunities, of moments unfilled with anything of lasting value for ourselves or others.

Fill brightest hours with labor,
Rest comes sure and soon;
Give ev'ry flying minute
Something to keep in store.

We are building for eternity.

Every day and moment we are erecting a part of that temple of our life work. Everyday routine and recurring tasks take on a new light; all has its significance. No wide-awake Christian can regard his life and his work in any other light without loss to himself.

With God there is no beginning nor end, no division of time. One day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. He is the Eternal One; His movements and power are not governed by passing time.

So accustomed are we to reckon with time, even in the progress of God's work, that we often find ourselves unknowingly limiting God to it, too. God is not bound to clocks and calendars. We lose courage and hope more than once because we forget this.

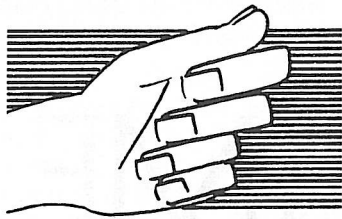
Rather is God dependent on our responsiveness to the promptings of His Spirit, on our obedience and self-surrender to Him, on our faith and prayers. Yes, here God has bound Himself to us; in His own wisdom and love He has ordained it so. Why, we do not know.

In a letter received from one of our missionaries in China just as we were writing this message, are these words: "The **work** of prayer is more important than most realize." Here we have failed and limited God. "Ye have not, because ye ask not;" not because we have not time enough or opportunities enough. To each one of us God has given sufficient time in which to accomplish that which He has set before us to do; we have failed to draw upon the resources. Unused power lies there with Him untouched.

God give us grace in the New Year to draw upon the hitherto unused powers and fill the passing days with that which shall abide, because it is of Him, the Eternal One!

A blessed New Year to all our readers, a year of grace and blessing over us and all our work in the Kingdom of God here at home and abroad!

—Rev. Melvin J. Olson
In **The Lutheran Messenger**



STEWARDSHIP

WHAT DOES IT COST?

That is what most people are concerned about. The same is true toward the Kingdom work with which we have been entrusted.

In Exodus 25:1-8, God told Moses: "Speak unto the children of Israel, that they take for me an offering: of every man whose heart maketh him willing ye shall take my offering." In the following six verses God goes into detail telling people what to give, and it starts with gold, and ends with stones. In other words, with whatever God has blessed you, give, and give willingly, praying God to bless your gift. The psalmist in the 54th Psalm, verse 6, puts it this way: "With a free-will offering will I sacrifice unto thee." God never forces anyone, but He blesses those who give.

In Exodus 34, God tells the people that they shall be careful not to have any gods above Him for, says He, "I am a jealous God." He will not live in a divided heart. In verse 20, He tells the people that the first-born of cattle, sheep and other animals, as well as the first-born of their sons also belong to God, and shall be offered to God or redeemed, and, says He: "None shall appear before me empty."

The whole chapter of Exodus 35 tells what God expects from His children, emphasizing that it shall be a free-will offering. In verse 21, we read: "And they came, everyone whose heart stirred him up, and everyone whose spirit made him willing, and brought the Lord's offering." Oh, that the Lord would stir up the hearts of the people of our AFLC, that they may make use of the few days before our books close Jan. 31, 1971, and bring the Lord's offering, that we may go over the top of our proposed budget.

In Leviticus 27:30, we read: "And all the tithe of the land, whether of

the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, IS THE LORD'S, IT IS HOLY UNTO THE LORD." Oh, how many of our people have robbed God of what belongs to Him, and they lose by it, because they lose the blessing of God, by holding back the tithe. "The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich" (Prov. 10:22).

God says, in Deut. 14:22: "Thou shalt surely tithe ALL the increase of thy seed, that which cometh forth from the field year by year." This also means the tenth of our wages, or any other income we have, even pensions and Social Security, or gifts.

Read I Chronicles 21:18-27, where God told David to build an altar unto the Lord on Ornan's threshing floor, and offer sacrifices unto the Lord, that the plague be stopped. And David asked Ornan to have his threshing floor, "For a full price," but Ornan said, you can have it, I will give it to you. But David said, "Nay, but I will verily buy it for full price: for I will not take that which is thine for the Lord, nor offer a burnt offering **without cost.**" So David bought the place for full price and brought the offering, and the Lord answered by fire from heaven and the plague was stopped. How much has our offering to the AFLC cost us? Has it been a sacrifice?

I know that many of us have given large gifts to the Kingdom work, our own AFLC, but what has it cost us? Has it indeed been a sacrifice, or only what we can spare without hurting us?

In a baseball game one day last summer, a batter came up with a man on first, and the batter bunted, advancing the runner to second base, but he himself was put out. And the announcer made this statement, "What a beautiful sacrifice." The batter was playing for the team, not for personal honor. How about us,

are we willing to make a "beautiful sacrifice" for the good of the Kingdom work?

A missionary doctor, home on furlough from the field, was appealing for funds with which to build a hospital to take care of the sick and needy on his field. A little girl in the audience went home and brought her piggy bank and gave it to the missionary and said, "Take this and build a hospital with." The missionary took the bank and thanked the little girl. In the bank was 52¢. The missionary took the bank with him and told people about it, that she gave everything she had, and raised the \$50,000 needed to build a hospital.

It is not the size of the gift in which the Lord is interested. It is the concern, and the willingness to sacrifice, the Lord looks at. He does not see the size of the gift, as much as the heart behind the gift, and what we have to take from. Jesus said about the widow's mite, "She has given more than they all, for they all gave of their superfluity, but she gave all that she had, even all her living." Many people are ashamed to send in a dollar or five or ten, but if it is a sacrifice to give that much, give it anyway, for the Lord knows how to make the money stretch and return a blessing to the giver.

A little boy, watching a lady pack boxes for a mission in Africa, asked some questions, and then gave the lady a penny and said, "I want to give this to missions." The lady accepted the gift and said, "Thank you; God bless you for the gift." With the penny she bought a tract and put it into one of the boxes. That particular box went to a tribe in Africa which was destitute for clothes and the king of that tribe read the tract, was saved, and became a witness to his people and many people were saved.

Dear friends of our AFLC, God has entrusted to us a great work. It is bearing fruit both at home and abroad. Let us all take inventory of our past giving, and let us bring "willingly" our offering to this greatest work on earth, the Kingdom work of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and pray that the Lord will give us a rich harvest to His honor and glory. Amen.

—Trygve F. Dahle

The Ministry of the Bible Book Nook

Gerald F. Mundfrom, Grafton, N. Dak.

(This presentation was given at the Bible Conference of the Eastern North Dakota District of the AFLC on Nov. 13, 1970, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church; Fargo, North Dakota. It was the wish of the conference that this presentation be published in **The Lutheran Ambassador**.)

As a basis for my presentation today, let me quote II Tim. 2:15: "**Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth.**"

Most of you know of the Bible Book Nook and its ministry. Quite often of late when you come to a District or Association gathering of some kind, you have seen me or some of our books there. And I have reminded you from time to time that the book sales which are at gatherings such as this, is your book ministry, because it is sponsored by this district. However, it has never actually been voted on by the district, indicating that you wish to sponsor this work.

We have talked about it at our pastors' meetings, and I have had their full cooperation and prayer-backing, for which I am truly thankful to God. But today you shall have an opportunity to ask questions, express yourself on this issue, and to vote on sponsoring this mission work as a district.

However, before you do that, I am happy for this opportunity to tell you a little more about the need for this type of a mission, and what its opportunities and challenges are in serving Christ.

First, I should like to say a word about the need for this type of mission work especially in our day.

Our mission is a mission of the printed word rather than the spoken or the preached Word. However, it is not limited to the written Word.

I do welcome the opportunity to speak for Christ whenever the opportunity presents itself.

Everyone I have talked to, who has anything to do with the distributing of Christian literature in its various forms, says that this is a new day for this type of ministry. The general public as a whole is much more interested and open to Christian reading today than some years back. Mrs. Chalmers of the Lutheran Colportage said that the sale of Christian literature is a big business today. It is a big field and its possibilities are unlimited.

During two different summers I attended the Billy Graham School of Writing. There we met and heard publishers and writers in the field of Christian writing and they said the same thing. The field of writing and publishing Christian literature around the world has unlimited opportunity. In many places they eagerly take and read the written Word.

At the School of Writing the statement was made that one of the biggest fields of Protestant Christian reading is the Catholic Church. Some convent had ordered two large shipments of Christian literature.

I have reason to believe this to be true, because I have sensed here in Grafton and in my travels that Catholics are interested in what we are doing.

At the Potato Fair, Park River, North Dakota, a nun came and bought Christian reading. The Catholic priest here in Grafton, though he has not come into our store, in more ways than one has stated that he felt our book ministry to be a noble and worthwhile ministry.

I also find that in the short time we have been in this work in a full-time way, that many avenues, many challenges as to just how to develop our work lie before us. I will mention some of them just a little later. We find we cannot pursue every challenge that lies before us. We do need to ask for God's guidance and wisdom

in knowing just which avenue to follow first, or which opportunity to pursue.

Now I do believe that there is a definite place for both the spoken word, and for the written word, in proclaiming the Gospel—and the two should never be in competition with each other, but ever upholding and complementing each other.

However, in order to help you to see the advantages of the written word, I should like to make some comparisons between the spoken word and the written word in order to point out the advantages of the written word.

The printed, or written, word reaches out beyond the church and beyond the immediate area of the church more so than the spoken word. The spoken word to a large extent is confined to the walls of the church or the Christian fellowship, and does not reach out beyond. It is too bad it is this way, and I hope this will change. Perhaps it is changing somewhat. Surely we need to speak of Jesus in the street and in public and in everyday conversation, as well as in church, and from the pulpit.

The printed word, too, is confined to a large extent to the churches and the Christian fellowship. This too should change. We need to write the good news of the Gospel and distribute it into the world much more than we do. **As a Book Ministry, this is our aim and purpose.**

As a church (the AFLC) I believe it is important that we write and let the world know what we believe and what our convictions are. The written word would have an outreach beyond ourselves that the spoken Word (at least in itself) does not have. However, I do wish to emphasize that we need both the written and spoken word as we attempt to witness for Christ.

The world today is looking for something. It is looking for an answer to the mess it is in. And the world is not flocking to the church to get that answer, and I am not so sure it ever will.

But if the church is willing to carry the Christian message, the answer to the world's needs, into the streets, to public places, or to that place where the people of the world are, then the world, or at least some of the world will listen and hear that message. It will read what is placed in its hands to read, and even thank you for it.

Now, ten or fifteen years ago, I would not have been able to say this with the same amount of surety as I do now. I could speak at some length as to how open the world is today to the printed Word, but I must go on. We do have an open door before us when it comes to distributing the printed word.

Another area in which the printed Word has an advantage over the spoken Word is in the area of finance. Have you ever stopped to think what it costs us to have the spoken Word proclaimed?

First, you have to build a church, and as you drive through this land of ours, you soon realize that it has cost a small fortune to build some of our churches. Then there is the upkeep, and the hiring of a preacher and all the other expense that goes with having an active program in a church.

And then when you hear the type of message (which is not good) that is coming from some pulpits today, and the type of program conducted in some churches, you say to yourself, "What a waste of the Lord's money!"

And even where the Word of God is preached in its truth and purity, too often it is just preached to those who come to church, or who are members of the church; and they hear it over and over again, and no one or very few in comparison, outside the church ever hear that Word.

It seems to me that this living water that Jesus speaks about, to a large extent, is bottled up and is only living in a few people. Rather than keeping it living and running as we should, we have bottled it up and let it stagnate in the church. And we have paid a fortune in so doing. We have spent this fortune in having the Word of God preached to ourselves and in having an active program in a costly church, but we have done little to get that Word outside the church. And

we have done this so much that the Word no longer thrills us or sets us on fire for the Lord as it should. We have even lulled ourselves to sleep with that Word as we come and hear it every Sunday, week after week, but do nothing or little about getting it outside the church.

I don't know how you feel about it, but when I think of this, I can't help but wonder if we haven't been poor stewards of the Lord's money. I wonder if it isn't time that we seek a less costly and more effective way of proclaiming the Word of God.

Now what is the cost of the printed word? There is no such cost as an expensive church building or hiring a pastor, but there is some cost. There is cost in time, printing and distributing but, comparatively, it is much less than we are paying for the spoken Word.

We can't help but be aware of the growth and influence that such groups as the Communists, Jehovah Witnesses and similar groups have had upon our society in the last decade. Neither of these groups have built large churches, or had big preaching missions. But in a very quiet, subtle way, and by means of the printed word, they have made inroads into the minds and hearts of many people. They have made their influence felt around the world, and they have even made inroads into the Christian Church while we are busy spreading the Word of God through a costly program, mostly by means of the spoken Word.

Instead of truth forcing the retreat of error and that which is false, the opposite has taken place. Error and false teachings have caused the truth to retreat in many areas—even in many churches.

In the parable of the unjust steward, Jesus gave a compliment to the unjust steward, who can be compared to the world or that which is at error.

The compliment was not that the unjust steward had become just, but that he used wisdom in promoting his message which was a message of the world or of the Devil.

Let me quote Luke 16:8 from this parable: "And his lord commended the unrighteous steward because he had done wisely; for the sons of this world are for their own generation

wiser than the sons of the light."

What is Jesus saying here? I believe Jesus is saying that the world often uses greater wisdom in promoting its cause than the Christians do, or than the Christian church does. Or that the Devil uses greater wisdom in promoting his program, his lies, than the Christian church uses in promoting the truth.

If we will be honest with ourselves, I believe we will have to admit that such groups as the Communists and the Jehovah Witnesses, those who are at error, have used greater wisdom in proclaiming their message (which is false) than we have in proclaiming that which is truth. And they have used the printed word as their primary vehicle in promoting their message. Their method (the printed word) is less costly and more effective than our method—and they have only a lie to proclaim, whereas we have the truth.

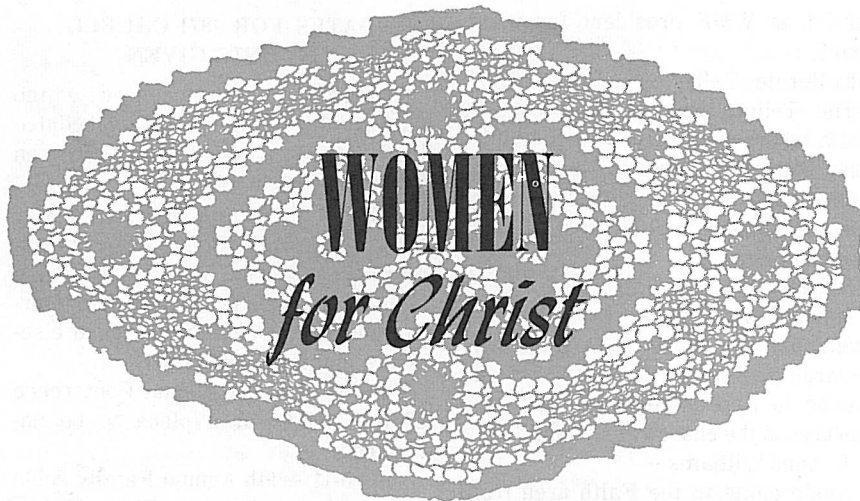
Now I thank God for our Association, and I do believe that He has led us and been with us. But I sometimes wonder if we, too, are not in danger of making this same mistake all over again. We spend a lot of money in proclaiming the spoken Word of God, and for having a place to speak it, but how much are we spending (in comparison) for getting out the printed word?

Our program, too, is costly. And I don't have all the answers. But shouldn't we all seek God in prayer in order to see if there might not be some less costly way to get the Word out than the way we are using. After all, Jesus fed 5,000 not counting women and children with just five loaves and two fishes. That is all, just five loaves and two fishes. We know Jesus can do a lot with a little, if He puts His blessing on it.

Throughout our Association we are paying quite a number of people to preach the Word and this is good. I am not advocating that we do away with the preaching of God's Word.

But I don't know of anyone who is getting paid for writing. We have some who have done writing without pay (including myself) and this is good. When we love the Lord, we don't mind doing something without pay. But the truth is, in this fast-

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THANK YOU

As we enter 1971, a new year, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all the ladies of our WMF a very happy and blessed New Year. May our Lord bless and keep us as we labor together for Him.

I wish to thank all the ladies who have been so kind to write articles for our WMF page in the *Ambassador*. You have been wonderful to help in this part of our work. Many of you will be asked to contribute something for the coming year. May you consider doing so with God's help.

Let us make use of the talents the Lord has given us and thank Him for the privilege of serving Him.

Mrs. Birdeen Holt
Fosston, Minn.

First Vice-President, WMF

RESOLUTIONS FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR

- H Humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God. I Peter 5:6
- A Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. Matt. 7:7
- P Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established. Proverbs 4:26
- P Pray without ceasing. I Thess. 5:17
- Y Yield yourselves unto God. Romans 6:13

- N Not my will, but thine, be done. Luke 22:42
- E Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith. II Cor. 13:5
- W Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation. Matt. 26:41
- Y Ye therefore shall be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect. Matt. 5:48
- E Endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. II Tim. 2:3
- A Always abound in the work of the Lord. I Cor. 15:58
- R Rejoice in the Lord. Phil. 4:4
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Willmar, Minn.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL WMF WORKSHOP

The Annual WMF workshop will be held in connection with the Bible Conference at Spicer, Feb. 19, at 4:30 p.m., with registration. A program will follow at 5:00 p.m., and supper at 5:30, at which time the National WMF officers will present the projects and have a time for questions and suggestions. The cost of the evening meal is \$1.50 and we would like to have an estimate of how many will be attending, for those preparing the meal, so would each lady who is coming kindly fill in the pre-registration form and mail it to the president, Mrs. Melvin Walla, 404 S. Kendall, Thief River Falls, by Feb. 1, if possible, that we might have some idea. We would encourage as many ladies

as possible to attend and would especially like to have the officers present but all members and others interested are welcome. This is a good time for fellowship and getting acquainted.

I plan to attend the W.M.F. workshop at Spicer.

If more coming from your aid
give number _____

Mrs. Melvin Walla
404 S. Kendall
Thief River Falls, Minn. 56701

MINNEAPOLIS CHURCH AGAIN SITE OF LEM MIDWINTER CONFERENCE

The Lutheran Evangelistic Movement (LEM) will sponsor its 35th annual Midwinter Evangelistic Conference January 24-29, with conference headquarters at Augustana Lutheran Church, 7th Street and 11th Avenue South, Minneapolis. Theme of the conference will be "The Midnight Cry."

The conference will open Sunday evening at 7:45, at which time the Rev. Merton Jannusch, pastor of Faith Lutheran Church (MO.), Green Bay, Wis., will give the first in a series of evening messages.

Day sessions will begin Tuesday, the 26th. Morning speakers will be the Rev. Martin Larsen, pastor, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Moscow, Ida., and the Rev. Carl Johansson, pastor, Trinity Lutheran Church of Minnehaha Falls, Minneapolis.

Afternoon speakers will include the Rev. John Dahlin, former teacher at Northwestern College; the Rev. C. M. Hanson, director of Jewish Missions with the ALC Commission on Evangelism; Mr. Dick Klawitter, youth director, Glendale Lutheran Church, Seattle, Wash., and a panel of laymen.

The youth conference, directed by LEM youth director, Gary Alfson, will begin Friday at 7:30 p.m. at First Covenant Church, 810 South 7th Street, and will continue all day Saturday, beginning with registration at 9:15, at the Minneapolis Armory, 500 South 6th Street.

Evangelist Tom Skinner, director

of Harlem Evangelistic Association, and author of **Black and Free, Words of Revolution and How Black Is the Gospel**, will be the featured speaker on Friday and Saturday evenings, as well as Saturday morning.

Other youth conference speakers will be the Rev. Carl Johansson, Dick Klawitter and Sheila Broderick, youth counselor of drug abusers. Musicians will include Walt Kallestad and The New Life and LEM teams, Living Dimension Singers, The Clear Light and the Gospel Crusaders.

The Saturday evening youth rally at the Armory, at which Tom Skinner will conclude his series of messages, will begin at 7 o'clock. Open to both youth and adults, the rally is expected to draw up to 5,000 people.

The Lutheran Evangelistic Movement is an independent organization, serving Lutheran churches of all synods in the United States and Canada through Bible conferences, evangelistic meetings, camps and youth work.

SIX WOMEN HONORED AT FAITH WMF MEETING

Recently the WMF at Bethel Lutheran, Faith, S. Dak., honored six of their women in special recognition at the church. The local WMF president, Mrs. Dorothy Weichert, presented the following ladies with Honorary Membership pins:



In the group picture, left to right, are: Alice Udager, Bernice Teller, Petra Flatmoe, Anna Williams, Tonta Home.

1. Alice Udager—

Alice was born and raised in the Faith country. She and her husband raised six children and have always been faithful members of Bethel. She

served as WMF president for many years.

2. Bernice Teller—

The Tellers had a ranch east of Faith where they raised their family. They both held offices for many years during the time when there was no permanent pastor. She has recently moved to Sturgis.

3. Petra Flatmoe—

Natives of Norway, the Flatmoes lived on a ranch close to Coal Springs. Several years ago they retired and moved to Faith where they are good workers in the church at Bethel.

4. Anna Williams—

Annie came to the Faith area from Pierre, S. Dak. She and her husband had a ranch south of Faith. She now lives in Faith and is a faithful member of the church and WMF.

4. Tonta (Tante) Home—

A native of Norway, she became a widow and for many years has done the ranch work alone. She recently purchased a trailer-house and is living in Faith. Many people are treated to her lefse at Christmas time.

6. Laura Anderson—

Laura's folks homesteaded north of Faith. She and her husband had a ranch on Thunder Butte Creek. Besides being a faithful church and WMF member she finds time to travel. She spent last winter in Arizona.



Laura Anderson

Tonta, Alice, Petra and Laura have all made trips to Norway in recent summers. All of these ladies are active in community affairs as well as acting as babysitters for grandchildren and always being first to come and last to leave when serving banquets, church dinners, and etc.

On behalf of the whole congregation we want to say a humble thank you to these six ladies and quote from Proverbs 31, which says: "She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all" (Proverbs 31:26-29).

DATES FOR 1971 CHURCH EVENTS GIVEN

Dates have been announced for the various church-wide events scheduled in the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations in 1971.

Feb. 18-21 — 9th Annual Winter Bible Conference, Green Lake Lutheran Church, Spicer, Minn., Rev. Leslie Galland, pastor. See the housing information for the conference found elsewhere in this paper.

June 9-13 — 9th Annual Conference of the AFLC, at a place to be announced.

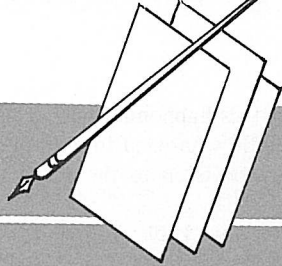
July 5-11 — 9th Annual Family Bible Camp, Lake Geneva Bible Camp, Alexandria, Minn. Rev. Leslie Galland is the dean.

July 20-25 — 5th Convention of the Luther League Federation, Association Free Lutheran Bible School, Minneapolis, Minn.

CHARTER FLIGHT TO NORWAY

The Bible School Choir is availing itself of the charter facilities of the Scandinavian Historical Society in travelling to Oslo this summer. The plane will leave from Winnipeg, Manitoba, on July 30, and return from Oslo on September 9 to Winnipeg. The cost for the round trip will be somewhat under \$250 per person. All passengers are on their own in Europe between the two flight dates.

In order to qualify for the charter flight, passengers are required to be members of the Scandinavian Historical Society for at least six months prior to departure date. The cost of such membership is two dollars per person—or husband and wife together. People who are contemplating making use of this travel opportunity are requested to get in touch with the choir immediately for application blanks and particulars. Applications, with membership fees, must reach us not later than January 25, 1971. Apply to AFLBS Choir, 3110 East Medicine Lake Blvd., Minneapolis, Minn. 55427.



EDITORIALS

LAST CALL

Now is the time, with only about three weeks left of the current fiscal year, to make a final push in our congregations for the Association benevolences. On January 31 the books will close and the curtain will be rung down on another year. What will the record for the year be?

Personally, we think it will be a good year as far as total income for the church is concerned. Without doubt a new high in contributions for benevolences will be set in the Association. We are equally confident that that total will match or exceed the budgeted goal for the year of \$175,000.

So there are no problems? Not quite. While World Missions had exceeded its goal in early November and will go far beyond it (and it needed to because of a fairly large deficit from other years), the Dec. 1 report showed all the other causes—General Fund, Home Missions, Schools and Praise Program—in strong need of further funds if their goals are to be met. Therefore, if your congregation is yet going to make a contribution to benevolences before Jan. 31, or can do something extra, please concentrate on these last-mentioned funds.

In a notice from the Board of Foreign Missions we are told that the financial situation for that Board has brightened sufficiently that even now it is determined to be possible to return the John Abel family to the mission field in Brazil next summer. This is a cause for rejoicing and it is heart-warming to see how the church has rallied to the support of world missions to make this possible. Continual strong backing for the mission outreach in Brazil will be necessary always. The people of the Association and other friends seem ready to give it.

While that is so, we make a plea again that we do not fall behind in support for any one of the other causes. They are equally necessary. Failure or poor support in any one of them will seriously cripple our life together and the total "mission" God has given us.

GEN. CHARLES DE GAULLE

It is some time ago since Charles de Gaulle passed away but it is still appropriate to make mention of him in **The Lutheran Ambassador**. Before his death he was the world's greatest living person. That mantle had fallen on him after the deaths of Sir Winston Churchill and Dwight D. Eisenhower. Who carries it now, we don't know.

After Gen. de Gaulle's death, a commentator remarked how it is an interesting fact that all (or was it almost all) famous political leaders gained part of their fame through war. When you stop to think about it, it is true.

And Gen. de Gaulle will be remembered very much for his Churchillian spirit in behalf of a free France during the Second World War.

He was a strong man, a man of conviction. He will be remembered for that, too, even though most people disagreed with him on some point or other. You looked at him and you saw strength of character and resolve.

One other thought comes to mind at the death of Gen. de Gaulle. He had been in retirement for a couple years, quietly. We can draw a comparison here with our own former president, Lyndon Johnson. Both men were pictured in office as hungry for power and with the desire to dominate others. The manner in which both could step aside gracefully and shun the limelight thereafter makes one wonder if some of the characterizations of the news media were true. It appears likely that these men saw and knew their own times and lived by that. And whatever one may have thought of them while in office, we must give them credit for learning a lesson others could do well to follow.

FACING FORWARD

We have entered the new year of 1971. A new way lies before us. Some of us have quite a few plans laid out for the year already. It is good if we approach the year in the spirit of James the Apostle, who said, "You ought to say, 'If the Lord wills, we shall live and we shall do this or that.'"

In the Association a number of issues could well come before us for consideration concerning our work. Without much pre-meditation here are some possible items to be resolved.

World Missions: How many more missionaries and/or missionary couples can be sent out in the next five years?

Home Missions: Where are the most promising areas for making substantial home mission endeavors and when should such work be started? What can be done to materially make the Church Extension Fund an effective force in the work?

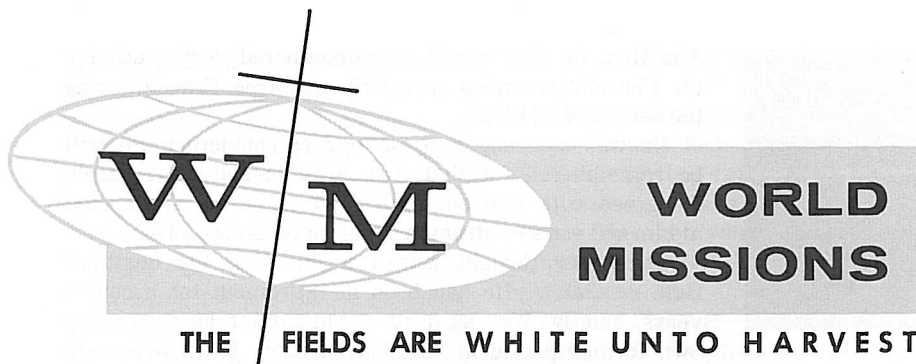
Schools: With our present facilities, will it soon be necessary to limit enrollment at the Bible School? What can be done to strengthen the program in the Theological Seminary?

Administration: When will it be feasible to think of erecting a building for church offices and Bible School and Seminary classrooms?

These matters have all received some attention already. They will likely get some more serious consideration in the next twelve months and in some cases firm decisions will be made.

As far as inter-Lutheran affairs are concerned, 1971 may see more talk and perhaps some action about a fellowship of the smaller non-aligned evangelical, conservative, Lutheran bodies in America. What attitude the AFLC would take toward such a venture is hard to say. Time will tell.

All in all, as the Lord tarries, we can look forward to an interesting year both within the church fellowship and as members of society at large. May our actions as individuals and as a fellowship of congregations be guided by the desire, "If the Lord wills."



MOCIDADE WITNESS
by Charles Leslie Knapp

"Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak" (Matt. 26:41).

"And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son" (Jn. 14:13).

These are two blessed promises. Our young people have seen these in operation. Ever since March of this year, when we reorganized our Young People's Group and started looking to God in prayer and witnessing, we have seen spiritual growth as well as better attendance at meetings.

We meet every Saturday evening at eight o'clock. The first three Saturdays of each month are simple meetings where we have the reading of the minutes, sing inspirational songs, and study the Word of God. We may have these meetings at the home of one of the members of our group or at the church. Every fourth Saturday there is a social meeting. We sing songs, have lunch, play games and study God's Word.

Prayer is the greatest power existent in this world! When Christian youth realize this and start using it, things can really happen fast. The young people here started using it on a Sunday in March and have every Sunday since. At 8:30 a.m., we have a twenty-minute prayer meeting. The results have been spectacular. People have come to church from street meetings. Souls have come to Christ and found eternal Life. The youth group has improved spiritually with the blessings that are always the result of a prayer of faith. Attendance at these meetings has not been spectacular. But those present have been blessed.

WORLD MISSIONS

THE FIELDS ARE WHITE UNTO HARVEST

"I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians... For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." (Rom. 1:14, 16).

"And He said unto them, Go ye into all the WORLD, and PREACH the GOSPEL to every CREATURE" (Mk. 16:15).

Witnessing is needed next to prayer for a healthy spiritual growth. Thinking of that, the youth have organized a group for Sunday afternoon home visits. The Bible School teacher, Senhorita Terezinha, has really helped with this part. She is the main one in the group of three that has been working so far. We hope soon to be able to get more groups out to preach the Gospel to "every creature." There have been eight decisions. Some of the "used to be faithful" have been animated by these visits and are again attending the meetings with regularity. Some who very seldom came are now faithful and some new souls are attending.

Not all youth in a group of some 20 to 30 young people can participate in the visits, but all may help and witness at a street meeting. Everyone has an opportunity to take part at the 7 p.m. street meeting, held each Sunday several blocks from the church. There have been some decisions there and some have come to church. A Christian is not always well accepted by the world and we once had a group of men with accordions and plenty of singing to compete with our group. The Holy Spirit won, though, because as I was really getting wound up in the sermon this group became quiet. The next Sunday we had our meeting a block farther down the avenue. We have had very good attendance and no real competition since.

Why all of this happening to a group of young people who used to only play games and just listen to the Word of God?

What does the Bible mean when it says, "But be ye doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves" (Jas. 1:22)?

I believe and know that this YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUP has grown spiritually because of actively taking part in PRAYER and WITNESSING.

REV. JOHN ABEL WILL RETURN TO BRAZIL IN 1971

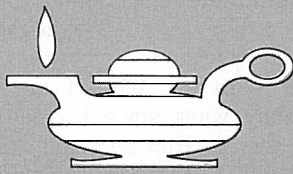
The members of the Foreign Mission Board meeting in Fargo, N. Dak., on Tuesday, Dec. 8, rejoiced in being guided to pass the following resolution unanimously: "The Board will send the Abel family back to the work in Brazil with the tentative date of return July 15, 1971."

At the last annual meeting, Foreign Missions was some \$12,000.00 in the red. Following an appeal to the congregations, the response has been so good that at the present time the deficit has been reduced to \$1032.03. The Board felt, upon the basis of this response on the part of the congregations, that they could assure the Abels that they would be able to return to the field in July of 1971.

However, the Board wishes to emphasize to the congregations that the present budget only includes the present missionary force now on the field, the Knapps and the Dyruds. With the additions of the Abels and Seminary Student Yeddo on the field next year, it will be **necessary** for the congregations to **oversubscribe liberally** the budget for the year 1971-72. The Board senses in the present flow of income the enthusiasm shown for the need of the Abels' return, and feels that the congregations will oversubscribe the budget to enable us to carry on the work for the coming year of 1971-72. We rejoice in such a faith and loyalty on the part of the Association Churches. Joshua 23:14.

We urge the congregations to send all monies directly to our treasurer at Headquarters.

Sincerely in His Service,
Foreign Mission Board
A. L. Hokonson, Chairman



SCHOOL NEWS

INTRODUCING THE TWO LOWER CLASSES OF FREE LUTHERAN SEMINARY

MIDLERS

Born and raised in South Dakota, I came to Minnesota in 1968 after having attended California Lutheran Bible School and the University of South Dakota. I married the former Jeanne Johnson, a nurse at Northwestern Hospital, Minneapolis. I attended one year at the University of

Minnesota and am a midler at Free Lutheran Theological Seminary. I am currently called of God to serve as student pastor at Roseau Lutheran parish, Roseau, Minnesota.

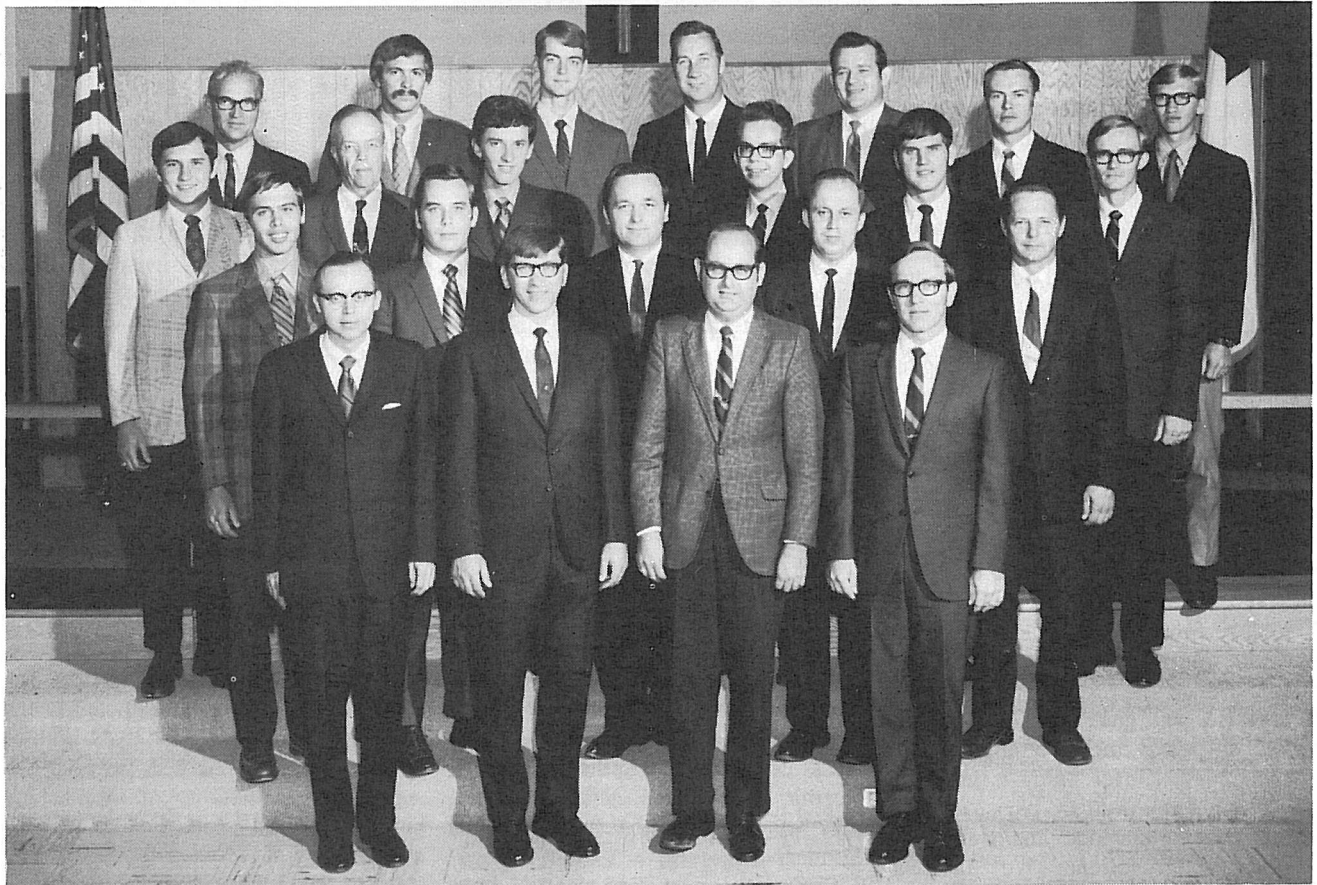
—Michael W. Brandt

The son of Albin and Helen Fogelquist, I was born in Spokane, Washington. In that city I graduated from Grant School and Lewis and Clark High School. I was baptized and confirmed according to the Confessions of the Lutheran Church. During the

ministry in Spokane of the Rev. Arthur J. Reesnes, I was led to a personal assurance of my salvation.

I graduated from Whitworth College with a Bachelor of Science degree with majors in mathematics and European history. From Whitworth College I earned a Master of Arts degree with an emphasis in historical theology. While pursuing graduate studies, I taught in the history department at Whitworth College. During my college years I served as student pastor of Olivet Lutheran Church, Spokane. As a charter member of that congregation, I worked with the Rev. E. P. Dreyer. The Lord has used Pastors Dreyer, Lars Stalsbrotten and Arvid L. Hokanson in the pruning of my life.

Since June, 1959, I have felt called of God to serve Him in His Vineyard. Step by step the Lord has led me through the dark valleys and the



Student Body, Free Lutheran Theological Seminary, 1970-71. Front row: Fred H. Carlson, John C. Rieth, Dennis D. Gray, Elden Nelson. Second row: Terry L. Olson, Michael W. Brandt, Henry A. E. Johansen, Kenneth Pentti, Kenneth N. Sortedahl. Third row: Wayne Pederson, Anker B. Harbo, Yeddo A. Gottel, Albin H. Fogelquist, Jr., Kenneth Moland, Bruce Dalager. Fourth row: Gene B. Smith, William Anderson, Jonathan D. Walters, Alvin J. Grothe, Eugene W. Enderlein, Ronald D. Knutson, Philip S. Haugen. Not pictured: Norman S. Tenneboe. Since the above picture was taken, Mr. Anderson has discontinued theological studies and Mr. Walters has transferred to Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minn.

shadows of this life. He is constantly revealing to me the light of His all-sufficient grace. Isaiah 43:25.

—Albin Hilding Fogelquist, Jr.

I lived with my parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernhard Dalager, on their farm near Roseau, Minnesota, until I graduated from high school in 1964. I then spent two years at the Lutheran Brethren Bible School in Fergus Falls, Minnesota, where extensive traveling on Gospel teams and choir tours was a factor in my hearing God's call to the ministry. God then led me to Eugene, Oregon, where I worked as youth director in Immanuel Lutheran Brethren Church while I attended Lane Community College.

The following year, I returned to Minnesota where I married the former Karen Moe of Thief River Falls and studied at the University of Minnesota until 1969. I then entered Free Lutheran Theological Seminary and am presently serving as an AFLC student pastor at Section Ten Lutheran Church, Cumberland, Wisconsin, and Bethany Lutheran of Marsh Lake, Clayton, Wisconsin. My wife and I have a son, Nathan Jerome, one-and-a-half years old.

—Bruce Dalager

I am one whom God took off the farm at Badger, Minnesota, and from a carpenter's trade for full-time service in His Kingdom. I first began studies at Lutheran Brethren Schools, Fergus Falls, Minnesota, after which my family and I spent over two years in Brazil under the AFLC Board of Foreign Missions. One year was spent in language study in Sao Paulo and the remaining time in Campo Mourao, Parana. Because of my wife's illness, we were forced to return home. Two months later she went to be with the Lord.

But He was good to me; in June, 1969, He gave me another partner in His service. Her name is Loretta. We now serve the AFLC parish, Stacy, Minnesota: Sunnyside and Hope Lutheran congregations. We have a family of six children.

It is a great blessing to be one of the middlemen in our Seminary. I thank God, and you who support our Seminary, for this privilege. I Corinthians 15:57.

—Alvin J. Grothe

I am in the middler class of Free Lutheran Theological Seminary. Our home church is St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Cloquet, Minnesota. For the past year I have been serving on an interim basis St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, Duluth, Minnesota.

My wife and I have four sons ranging in age from seven to sixteen. Our home is Carlton, Minnesota, where my family keeps the "home fires burning" while I attend classes.

By secular vocation I am a heavy truck mechanic. I am currently employed part-time in that capacity by Ruan Transport, Inc., Pine Bend, Minnesota.

—Henry A. E. Johansen

A middler seminarian, I am originally a member of Maple Bay Lutheran Church, rural Fertile, Minnesota. I completed college work and received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota. I have previously served as an AFLC student pastor in Fargo and Grafton, North Dakota.

—Kenneth D. Moland

A second year student, I am from Lake Preston, South Dakota, where I was in business for several years before going to Bible School and college. While attending Seminary, I am also working part-time as youth director at Emmaus Lutheran Church (ALC), Bloomington, Minnesota.

—Elden Nelson

A 1965 high school graduate at Fertile, Minnesota, I was active in drama, speech, and music. I attended Bob Jones University and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from the University of Minnesota in 1969.

In 1968 I married the former Norma Ness at Maple Bay Lutheran Church. Norma, a "pioneer" AFLBS student, now works as a practical nurse in Minneapolis.

During the past four years I have been involved as announcer and producer for the Northwestern College Radio network and KTIS AM-FM in Minneapolis.

Presently a middler seminarian, I am serving as week-end pastor for

the Minnewaukan Lutheran Parish, Minnewaukan, North Dakota.

—Wayne Pederson

The Lord has blessed my life in so many ways since I made a full surrender to Him and said, "Father, here am I, send me." Our family has never known such love, joy, and peace in life since my coming to Free Lutheran Theological Seminary. We are especially thankful for the prayers of the people back home in Cloquet and Duluth, Minnesota. We are grateful to our Lord Jesus Christ for the blessings and challenges of serving Faith Lutheran Church of Running Valley, Colfax, Wisconsin.

Praise God for providing for all our needs.

—Kenneth N. Sortedahl

JUNIORS

Born in Minneapolis, I have been a life-long Christian. In 1931 I graduated from Augsburg College, Minneapolis; and in 1940 I received a Master of Arts degree from the University of Minnesota. For ten years I taught high school in Minnesota and North Dakota. For the past 27½ years I served as an FBI agent. Presently I am auditing several classes at Free Lutheran Theological Seminary.

—Anker B. Harbo

I was born April 17, 1949, at Mayville, North Dakota. I attended grade school in the Portland area and graduated from Portland High School in 1967. In 1970 I received a Bachelor of Science degree from Mayville State College, with a double major in mathematics and physical science. I am presently a junior at Free Lutheran Theological Seminary.

—Philip S. Haugen

Formerly from Brooten, Minnesota, I attended Concordia College and the University of Minnesota for nearly two years. I have been employed at Honeywell in Minneapolis for the past nine years. During this period I married the former Elouise Swenson of Kerkhoven. We now live with our two children in north Minneapolis. Having struggled with the thought of the

ministry for some years, I am now pleausrably attending Free Lutheran Theological Seminary.

—Ronald D. Knutson

I was raised in Winger, Minnesota, and graduated from McIntosh High School, McIntosh, Minnesota. After attending Le Tourneau College, Longview, Texas, for one semester, Association Free Lutheran Bible School for one year, and Moorhead State College for the past three years, I felt God calling me into full-time service for Him. I am married to the former Jean Presteng, Grafton, North Dakota. I am presently a junior at Free Lutheran Theological Seminary.

—Terry L. Olson

I was born and raised in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Following graduation from the Ishpeming High School, I attended one year at Lutheran Bible Institute, Minneapolis, Minnesota. I am married to the former Dorothy Jean Hill, Negaunee, Michigan. We are the parents of two children: Rebecca Lynn, age six, and Brian Kenneth, age five. After struggling with a call into the ministry for many years, I am attending Free Lutheran Theological Seminary.

—Kenneth Pentti

I am from Valley City, North Dakota. There I received my education. My wife and I are members of Grace Lutheran Church, Valley City. Prior to entering Seminary, I taught elementary school and served three AFLC congregations at Leeds and Churchs Ferry, North Dakota.

—John C. Rieth

AFLBS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

“Make a joyful noise unto the Lord”
(Psalm 100:1).

Surely the words of this verse were given meaning at the annual AFLBS Christmas concert. Oh, what a thrilling, inspiring experience it was to have been present to listen to the wonderful Christmas story in word and song brought to us by the choir, the choral club, the chorale, and the orchestra!

What a privilege was ours to bring our family to such an event as this! I'm sure this feeling was shared by many as the huge auditorium of Medicine Lake church was filled with people—from babes in arms to octogenarians.

The church was a beautiful sight to behold, decorated with evergreen boughs, wreaths, and a beautiful Christmas tree. A very impressive arrangement of beautifully designed banners adorned the chancel.

This was the first time our family attended the AFLBS Christmas concert and as I sat listening I couldn't help but regret that we had never before taken time out from a busy schedule to go to the concert. God willing, we shall not be absent next year. Words cannot express the thrill that was mine as the narrator, the singing groups and the orchestra brought to us the old, old story of the birth of our Lord and Savior.

The highlight of the evening was the final number, the “Hallelujah Chorus,” sung so gloriously by the combined choirs and former choir

members. It brought tears of joy to the eyes of many of us present.

After the concert, we drifted down to the dining room for a time of fellowship over a cup of coffee and Christmas goodies.

Besides being a privilege to us in attendance, it truly must have been a privilege to those who sang and played. What a glorious opportunity the boys and girls of today have to be able to attend our Bible School and to partake in such events as this.

Clifford and I feel very fortunate that God sent us here to work among the people of the Association. We have been doubly blessed in that He also made it possible for our daughter Beverly to attend Bible School. She does not sing in the choir but has received such great blessings from just being able to attend the classes and from the wonderful Christian fellowship which can only be found in a place where the Word of God is taught in all truth and purity.

May I suggest that your plans for the next Christmas season be made to include a visit to Medicine Lake church where you will be taken on an imaginary trip to a lowly manger in Bethlehem as you listen to the beautiful songs and carols sung by the AFLBS choirs? I'm sure you, too, will truly say, “It was good to have been there.”

—Mrs. Clifford Holm

Ed. Note: Another woman wrote this about the concert: “We drove to Minneapolis yesterday afternoon to take in the Christmas concert last evening. I can't even properly put into words how tremendous it was. For the closing song they had all three choirs which consisted of about 80 voices sing the “Hallelujah Chorus” and they were accompanied by the orchestra. One just couldn't hold back the tears as they sang ‘King of kings and Lord and of lords.’ How glorious it was to see the church filled to capacity, with people sitting in the choir loft also. What an inspiration! One just can't thank God enough for the Bible School and what He is doing there. Praise God for the AFLC and our leaders.”

more room for it in our budget. We need to be willing to pay the price of getting our beliefs and convictions on the printed page much more than we have done so far. I truly believe that that group or church that uses the printed word as a means of proclaiming its message will succeed. (And they need not necessarily be Christian in order to succeed.) I believe this to be especially true of this age. I mean that we need to really go out with the printed word in a big way.

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THE BIBLE BOOK NOOK

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moving age, time is at a premium. None of us can afford to give too much of our time, because we need it in order to earn our daily bread. We don't expect those that preach the Word to do it for nothing. It would not work, because a preacher has to live.

What I am trying to say is that if we really hope to get the printed Word out, and take advantage of the mission opportunity we have in using the printed word, we need to make

**HOST PASTOR GIVES
INFORMATION ABOUT WINTER
BIBLE CONFERENCE HOUSING**

Rev. Leslie Galland, Spicer, Minn., has announced the following information concerning housing for the 9th Annual Winter Bible Conference to be held at Green Lake Lutheran Church, rural Spicer, Feb. 18-21. All reservations are to be sent to him.

Meals will be served at the Bible Camp, beginning with Thursday night supper.

The following are the rates for lodging and meals at Green Lake Lutheran Bible Camp, where most of the conference-goers are expected to stay.

Lodging per night

Adults—\$1.50

Children

6-13—.75

under 6—Free

There are bathrooms for all the rooms.

Each person will have to bring sleeping bags, or sheets and blankets, pillows and towels.

Meals

Breakfast

Adults—.75

Children

6-13—.50

under 6—.35

Dinner

Adults—1.25

Children

6-13—.75

under 6—.50

Supper

Adults—1.00

Children

6-13—.75

under 6—.50

If there are those who don't wish to stay at the Bible Camp, here is a list of three motels in Willmar:

Viking Motel

North 71

Willmar

1 person—7.75

2 persons—1 bed—10.75

2 beds—2 persons—12.25

Parkway Motel

North 71

Willmar

1 person—10.50

2 persons—1 bed—13.50-15.00

2 beds—2 people—15.00-17.00

Holiday Motel

1102 S. 1

Willmar

1 person—7.50

2 persons—1 bed—9.50

2 beds—2 people—12.50

4 persons—14.50

**ANNOUNCEMENT MADE OF
ANNUAL MEETING OF
NORTHERN LUTHERAN
MISSIONS**

Northern Lutheran Missions will hold its annual business meeting at Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church, Orville Olson, Pastor, McIntosh, Minn., Sat., Jan. 16, 1971, at 1:00 p.m.

At 7:00 p.m. a missionary program will be held with the choir from Redby Lutheran Mission participating. Pastor Sanford Soma of Clearbrook will be the guest speaker.

Northern Lutheran Missions sponsors the Indian Missions at Redby and Bethel Lutheran Chapel and Big Elbow Lake, White Earth, Minn.

DeFloren Rude, Pres.

Harvey P. Dyrud, Sec'y.

**YOUR NEXT AMBASSADOR
WILL BE THE 200TH
PUBLISHED**

The next copy of *The Lutheran Ambassador* which you receive will be the 200th one to come off the presses. Some special attention will be given to this eighth anniversary in that issue.

God has provided, God has enabled.

ANOTHER YEAR IS DAWNING

Another year is dawning!

Dear Master let it be,

In working or in waiting

Another year with Thee.

Another year in leaning,

Upon Thy loving breast,

Of ever-deepening trustfulness;

Of quiet, happy rest.

Another year of mercies,

Of faithfulness and grace;

Another year of gladness,

In the shining of Thy face;

Another year of progress,

Another year of praise,

Another year of proving

Thy presence "all the days."

Another year of service,

Of witness for Thy love;

Another year of training

For holier works above.

Another year is dawning!

Dear Master let it be

On earth, or else in Heaven,

Another year for Thee.

—by Francis Ridley Havergal

RESIGTRATION BLANK

Please send this blank to Rev. Leslie Galland, Spicer, Minn. 56288.
Telephone: 612-796-2534

Name _____

Address _____

Date of arrival at Conference _____

Date of departure from Conference _____

No. of persons in party

Adults _____

Children _____

Type of Accommodations wanted

Bible Camp _____

Motel (which one) _____

CHURCH-WORLD NEWS

DR. JOHN WARGELIN DIES: HEADED THE SUOMI SYNOD

Livonia, Mich. (LC) — Dr. John Wargelin, who served as president of the Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Church when it was known as the Suomi Synod, died here on December 1.

Death came to the 89-year-old churchman at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Soine Torma. The funeral was held at Gloria Dei Lutheran church in Hancock, Mich., headquarters of the FELC before it merged with three other bodies to form the Lutheran Church in America, on December 5.

Succeeding the late Dr. Alfred Haapenen, who retired after 28 years in office, Dr. Wargelin was president of the Suomi Synod from 1951 through mid-1955. He served six months beyond the regular four-year term to allow additional time for his successor to wind up his work as a parish pastor.

The latter, the Rev. Eino M. Tuori of Detroit, Mich., later announced that he could not accept the office and Dr. Wargelin was succeeded in the presidency by his son, the Rev. Raymond W. Wargelin, who headed the Synod for the seven years prior to the formation of the LCA in 1962. Now of Minneapolis, he is a regional secretary for the LCA's Board of American Missions.

Dr. Wargelin was president emeritus of Suomi College at Hancock, having served twice as its president, from 1919 to 1927 and from 1931 to 1937. Ordained in 1906, he served numerous pastorates in Michigan, Minnesota and Illinois. While pastor of the Synod's congregation in Duluth, he was also principal of Mountain Iron High School in Minnesota, 1928-30. While teaching at Suomi College, he was commissioner of schools for Houghton County, Michigan, 1938-40.

Born in Iso Kyro, Finland, on September 30, 1881, Dr. Wargelin was reared in Champion, Mich. He was in the first group of students to enroll at Suomi Academy and College when that school was founded in 1896. He graduated from the college in 1904

and from its Theological Seminary in 1906 with the first class, which also included Dr. Haapenen.

Later, he pursued graduate work at the University of Chicago and the University of Michigan, receiving his M.A. degree from the latter school in 1923. Wittenberg University at Springfield, Ohio, awarded him a D.D. in 1925.

Prior to becoming president of the Suomi Synod, Dr. Wargelin served as an officer of its Consistory or executive board for 29 years. He was a member of the Executive Committee of the former National Lutheran Council from 1948 through 1954. At the constituting convention of the LCA in 1962, he was made recipient of a special lifetime grant from the Church.

Dr. Wargelin was prominent as a speaker for the 18th Amendment (the Prohibition Amendment), was an organizer for the Liberty Loan drive during World War I, and was a frequent speaker for leading cultural events of the ethnic Finns in the U.S. and Canada. He was honored on two occasions by the Government of Finland, receiving the order of the White Rose, Second Class and First Class. In 1966, Suomi College named its new library-science building as the John Wargelin Hall.

Dr. Wargelin, whose wife died in 1963, is survived by his son, Raymond; another son, Philip, public school administrator in Pontiac, Mich., and a daughter, Mrs. Soine Torma, a public school teacher in Detroit, with whom he had lived for the past seven years.

LCMS STAND REITERATED AGAINST WOMEN PASTORS

St. Louis (LC) — Ordination of women, inter-church relations and the adoption of priorities for the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod's general convention next July in Milwaukee were some of the items covered by its Commission on Theology and Church Relations at a recent meeting here.

In response to a request by Dr. Jacob A. O. Preus, president of the

LCMS, the commission reviewed a report on the ordination of women produced by the Division of Theological Studies of the Lutheran Council in the USA.

The CTCR resolved that it had answered the essential issues raised by the report in its document "Women Suffrage in the Church" and reaffirmed the position taken by the LCMS at its convention in Denver in 1969.

The Denver resolution reads: "Those statements of Scripture which direct women to keep silent in the church and which prohibit them to teach and to exercise authority over men, we understand to mean that women ought not to hold the pastoral office or serve in any other capacity involving the distinctive functions of this office."

The commission also urged that the matter be discussed as part of a continuing study on the holy ministry.

"At the moment we are neutral and offer no new opinions," stated Dr. Ralph Bohlmann, secretary of the CTCR.

Since the 1970 convention decisions of the Lutheran Church in America and the American Lutheran Church to admit women into the office of the holy ministry, according to some commission members, introduces a new factor into inter-church relations, the commission requested the president and official representative of the LCMS to explore this matter and report their findings to the CTCR.

Instructed by a Denver resolution to make a study of the World Council of Churches and the National Council of Churches, the commission recommends that as long as both "are presently engaged in a thorough rethinking of their functions and their structures," the Milwaukee convention "take no action in this matter."

A priority of topics adopted by the commission for recommendation to the Milwaukee convention involve a review of the report by the Joint Commission on the Theology and Practice of Confirmation and preparations of studies on the Word of God, charismatic movements, creation, abortion and ecumenism.

**DR. POOVEY NAMED
ACTING PRESIDENT OF
WARTBURG**

Minneapolis (LC) — Dr. W. Arthur Poovey, a member of the faculty of Wartburg Theological Seminary at Dubuque, Iowa, since 1957, has been named acting president of the institution. Effective December 15, he will temporarily fill the position held since January 1, 1969, by Dr. Kent S. Knutson, recently elected president of the American Lutheran Church.

Appointment of Dr. Poovey as acting president was made by the seminary's Board of Regents. Steps are being taken to elect a successor to Dr. Knutson during a special meeting

of the ALC's Church Council next February 19.

Dr. Knutson assumed the office of ALC president in Minneapolis on January 1.

Dr. Poovey, 57, is professor of homiletics at the Dubuque school. He is a graduate of Capital University, and the Evangelical Lutheran Theological Seminary, both of Columbus, O. He served parishes in Monterey Park, Calif., San Antonio, Texas, and Memphis, Tenn. He was a member of the Capital University faculty from 1934 to 1939.

Dr. Poovey is chairman of the ALC's Commission on Research and Social Action, and the author of 10 books. He is a native of Baltimore, Md.

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