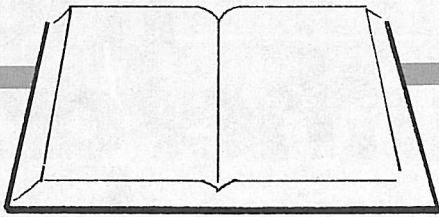


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According to the Word

THE BOOK OF EXODUS

Rev. J. E. Løbeck

The Israelites at the foot of Mount Sinai, Chapters 19-40

We now enter upon the second main division of the Book of Exodus. This main division may, however, be divided into three outstanding subdivisions: The giving of the Divine Law; the awful apostasy of the people; the erection and consecration of the Tabernacle.

The Israelites have now arrived at Sinai, Jehovah's holy place, His altar, in the wilderness. They were redeemed by the blood of the Paschal Lamb as they left Egypt, the house of bondage; here, at the altar of God, they were to enter into a close covenant relation with Him by being sanctified and consecrated. This is the main reason why the Israelites were commanded to make their unique detour. Their way to the Promised Land should go by way of Sinai, God's altar.

Now as the people were gathered together at the foot of Sinai, and Moses was with God upon the mountain, he was instructed to go down to the people and say to them: This shalt thou say to the house of Jacob and tell the children of Israel: Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagle's wings, and brought you unto myself. Now, therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be mine own possession from among all peoples, for all the earth is mine, and ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.

In this remarkable portion of Exo-

dus we find how God through His wonderful love chose the Israelites from among all peoples and brought them to Himself at Mount Sinai. Sinai is not only the Mountain of Law, but it is also the marriage altar where the Israelites were united with God as a wife to her husband.

God had already showed the Israelites His love toward them; now He demands obedience. What a psychology! But no sooner has He put forth this demand to the people before He gives them some unique promises: 1. They shall be His possession from among all peoples. 2. They shall be unto God a kingdom of priests. 3. They shall be a holy nation.

The time which the Israelites spent at the foot of Mount Sinai was 9½ months. During this time they were consecrated to God; they received the Divine Law and ordinances; they sinned in connection with the golden calf; they erected the Tabernacle.

1. The giving of the Divine Law.

How majestically it is introduced: "And God spake all these words, saying: 'I am Jehovah, thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.'"

This law is called the "Greater Law," the "Moral Law," the "Ten Commandments," the "Decalogue." It was given on two tables of stone. As to the division of this law there is a great difference of opinion. But when we look at it closely there seems to be an inner law that should guide us to a correct division.

The Lutheran division of the Ten Commandments is based on this inner law: The first three Commandments on the first table, and the last seven

on the second table. The first table speaks of our duties to God, and the second of our duties to man. A more biblical and logical division cannot be given.

The Civil Code, or the Lesser Law, chapters 21-24, is based on the Ten Commandments, particularly on the second table. This code may be divided into seven divisions: 1. Laws regulating the rights of persons. 2. Laws in regard to personal injury. 3. Laws regulating personal property rights. 4. Laws prohibiting sins against nature. 5. Laws against lying and dishonesty. 6. Laws regulating sacred seasons and the Sabbath. 7. Laws concerning inheritance.

2. The sin of Aaron and the people in connection with the golden calf.

So far this is the greatest sin committed by the Israelites since they left Egypt, the house of bondage, for they now sinned as a people in covenant with God, sinned against clearer light and against a greater manifestation of Divine Love.

3. The Tabernacle and matters pertaining to Divine worship.

The building and erection and consecration of the Tabernacle is the climax of God's dealing with the Israelites at the foot of Mount Sinai.

The purpose of the building of the Tabernacle was to make a dwelling place for Jehovah in the midst of His people. Now God's tabernacling with man began, continued in a higher degree in His Son, and will come to a crowning climax in the New Jerusalem. Rev. 21:1-4.

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Walk With Us Through Israel

by Rev. and Mrs. Dale R. Battleson
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Come along! Share with us, through the Ambassador, some highlights of our recent trip to Israel and Greece!

For the most part, we will fly via the Boeing 747, one of the largest planes in use today, with ten seats abreast, holding nearly 400 passengers. Upon our arrival at the Tel Aviv airport Tuesday evening, we are told that Wholesale Tours International (the company with which we are traveling) has 1,000 people entering Israel tonight! We board a bus for the 4-mile journey to Jerusalem. Already, as we ride through the night, we can sense that this truly is a "holy land."

Wednesday morning dawns sunny and warm. After a typical breakfast of pickled herring, cottage cheese, sliced tomatoes, dry bread and Turkish coffee, we meet Fathy, our Arab guide for the next three days. He takes us by bus to the Old City, St. Stephen's Gate. From here we proceed to the Pool of Bethesda. It's easy to understand now, isn't it, why the lame man was unable to get down to the healing waters for many years—the steps are so narrow and steep. Our next stop is the Church of the Flagellation, where Jesus was tormented before His crucifixion. The Dome of the Rock, third most important Moslem Temple in the world, (also the site of Mt. Moriah, where Abraham offered his son Isaac as an offering to God) is next. We must remove our shoes before entering the temple. We move on to the Wailing Wall, surely the most pathetic sight of the entire trip. The orthodox Jews are here praying that God will send the Messiah, and the many cracks in the Wall are literally stuffed with hand-written prayer requests. The Church of the Holy Sepulchre, built over the site which the Roman Catholics believe to be the original

Calvary and burial place of Christ, is our last stop before lunch.

After a heavy lunch of soup and dry bread, appetizer, full entree, and desert (often the delicious Jaffa oranges), we visit Golgotha, outside the city walls, the place where most Protestants believe Christ's crucifixion took place. Just a few yards from Golgotha is Gordon's Calvary, believed by some to be the tomb of Joseph of Arimathea, where Jesus was buried. We pause here for a Holy Communion Service, perhaps the most touching worship experience we will ever have.

Fathy then takes us back to the Old City to observe the people doing their marketing in the open-air markets. We see many beggars, crippled or blind. What a sight! Surely this must be much as it was when Jesus was here. Children are following us through the streets selling trinkets, and donkeys roam freely—in fact, one of our ladies is very rudely knocked down by one! Our next stop is at the Sisters of Zion Convent (the church of Ecce Homo), where we meet Sister Agnes, a warm and obviously Spirit-filled Catholic Christian. She escorts us to the lower level of the church, where we see what is believed to be the original street on which Jesus walked. Inscribed on the street are the Roman games the soldiers played to mock and torment the Jewish prisoners. Many of us shed tears here, as we listen to Sister Agnes tell of the agony Jesus endured for our sakes. If we ever return to Jerusalem, we know this is one of the places we must visit again.

Thursday is a day for the pursuing of special interests. Fathy invites us to visit his home! We are delighted to see the fruit and olive trees, the almond trees and herbs surrounding the house—also the pet goat.

Although Fathy's mother doesn't

speak English, she prepares tea and serves us Arabian chocolates and bananas. The home is very neat and clean, but very modestly furnished. A black and white television set costs between \$700-900 in Israel. We all agree that this, too, will remain one of the best memories of the entire trip.

At about 4:00 a.m., Friday, we are awakened by the eerie sound of Moslems praying at the temple about a block from our hotel. At 7:30, we left the hotel for a full day of sightseeing. Our first stop is the Mount of Olives, overlooking the Kidron Valley and Old Jerusalem. The Chapel of the Ascension is here; it is used by both the Christians and the Moslems, for the Moslems accept Jesus as one of many prophets. Here, too, for \$1, it is possible to have our picture taken on a camel! Our next stop is Bethany, the site of Lazarus' tomb. Now we travel through the Judean hills, past the Good Samaritan Inn on the Jericho road, toward the Dead Sea, the lowest spot on earth. Wouldn't it be fun to take a dip? Unfortunately, there isn't time, for we hurry on to Qumran, site of the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls. We find here also, the very interesting remains of an Essene monastery. We travel on to Jericho, a very lovely garden city where "Zacchaeus' sycamore tree" still stands.

Following lunch, we drive on to Mt. Zion, where Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper in the Upper Room, and from there past Shepherd's Fields to Bethlehem and the Church of the Nativity. This church is shared by the Roman Catholics and the Greek Orthodox and is very ornate; thus subtracting from the simplicity of the Christmas story.

Saturday, our fourth exciting day! We travel with our new guide, Joseph, an orthodox Jew, toward Shechem where we quench our thirst

with a drink from Jacob's Well, still working and giving good water after 4,200 years! The Valley of Armageddon, 55 miles long and 13 miles wide is near here, as are the remains of King Solomon's Palace. From here we travel to Mt. Carmel, overlooking the modern sea-port of Haifa.

Sunday morning, after having a short devotional service on the Mount of the Beatitudes, we board a boat for a 45-minute trip across the Sea of Galilee. What a precious experience, as we recall the many miracles of our Lord which took place here. A dinner of "St. Peter's fish" awaits us at the other side of the Sea. After eating, we continue on, stopping at the Jordan River, Cana (doubtfully the original), and Nazareth, where we tour an olive wood factory which makes beautiful souvenirs.

Monday we visit the Yad Mordecai Museum and Kibbutz, the scene of the Six Day War. In the afternoon we drive to Tel Aviv to board our plane for Greece.

On Tuesday we have opportunity to visit the Acropolis and Mars Hill at Athens as well as ancient Corinth. In Corinth we see ruins of the place where Paul preached.

Four o'clock Wednesday morning arrives too soon. We must board our plane bound for home. Considering the time changes, it takes us 24 hours to reach Minneapolis, but, what with catching up on a little sleep, bidding good-by to our new friends, and "oohing" and "aahing" over the majesty of the Alps, it passes quickly. It's a trip we'll not soon forget, don't you agree?

Wholesale Tours International has asked Pastor Battleson to lead another tour January 22-30, 1973—a nine-day Mediterranean Jet Cruise visiting Israel and many of the places mentioned above, plus Lebanon, Cyprus, Syria, and Turkey. Leaving from Minneapolis, the cost of this tour is only \$769.00 which includes air transportation to and from, all meals and lodging and travel on land. If you are interested in this trip of a lifetime, please write for a colorful brochure—Rev. Dale R. Battleson, Box 264, Pukwana, South Dakota 57370. We hope you can come along!

I took his hand

Sketches from the hospital ministry of the late Rev. Wm. Hagen

III. HONORABLY DISCHARGED

One last word should be written about the soldier.

Last Monday he went home—home to our Father's mansions (John 14), we believe, about which he so often read and dreamed. In his many dreams he was sure that he had received messages from there—messages from angels and from Jesus Himself, he said. They came to him even in broad daylight.

"It is only a little while left now," he whispered the Saturday before he died. "Then He will take me home." The smile and assurance with which he said it will remain precious in my memory.

He had lately become very happy and confident in faith toward Jesus. "So it is written," and "so the Lord says," were frequent phrases in his conversation. And the enemy of our souls, the tempter, who formerly troubled him so much, was not able to touch him during the last months. Great cause for rejoicing and thanksgiving!

That last Saturday he also made his final preparations by giving something to missions. "This dollar (now, as before, mostly pennies) I want to give to Home Missions," he said. "I have just read about the great need in that work."

Since he began collecting pennies about two years ago, he had gathered about \$40 for our joint endeavors as a church. He was intensely interested in the Lutheran Free Church and prayed much for all of us. He also prayed for his relatives, friends, and acquaintances, to whom he wrote often, encouraging them to true repentance.

Shortly after his conversion, when he got into discussions with his fellow patients at the hospital, his enthusiasm led him into rather heated arguments. Whenever he had said too much, however, he was not slow in apologizing to his friend and giving him a quiet invitation to seek the Lord. It was remarkable how many people he knew and influenced spiritually. Several of them have already passed on, but those who remain speak respectfully of him as a "straight and honest fellow."

The soldier received an honorable discharge. He had fought in the Word War for his country; he had fought against tuberculosis in his body; and he had been given the grace and the glory of fighting in God's army. He knew the joy of victory.

Wm. Hagen

CHURCH AT EUGENE PURCHASES LAND

Spencer Creek Lutheran Church, out of Eugene, Ore., is purchasing one and one-half acres of land across the road from the present church. It has two buildings on it. They may be used for a church and youth center and the present church building may be converted into a parsonage.

Rev. Lars Stalsbroten is the pastor of Spencer Creek, being assisted by Philip Haugen, a seminary student, this summer. In January, Rev. Elden K. Nelson of Lake Preston, S. Dak., will take over the pastoral duties. He was ordained at the recent annual conference of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations.

Take Time To Be Holy

Remember the Sabbath Day, to keep it holy

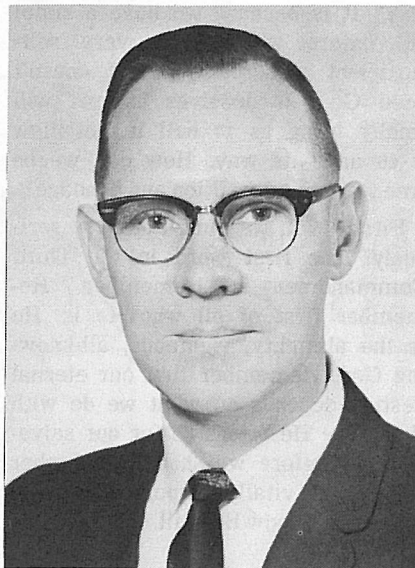
by Rev. Edwin Kjos,
Faith, S. Dak.

The first three commandments, often called the first table of the Law, deal with our personal relationship to God Himself. Our dedication to God and our love for Him are seen in the way we observe these commandments. However, our observance of these commandments cannot be judged by our outward acts but by the attitude of our hearts toward God; “—for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart” (I Sam. 16:7). The first two commandments demand that we put God first in our lives and that we love and honor and respect Him and all that He stands for above everything else. The Third Commandment demands that we take time to be holy. It asks us to set aside time to worship God privately and publicly. It admonishes us to habitually hear and study God’s Word so that we may know it well.

SABBATH AND SUNDAY

We cannot take time here to discuss the difference between the Jewish Sabbath and the Christian Lord’s Day. May it suffice to say that the Jewish Sabbath was a sign of the covenant that the Lord made with the people of Israel on Mt. Sinai (Ex. 31:12-17; Ezek. 20:12, 20). The Jewish Sabbath marked a finished creation. The New Testament Lord’s Day, following Christ’s resurrection, marks a finished redemption.

In the Old Testament the command was “worship on the seventh day.” The New Testament makes it clear that the Sabbath Day rule is no longer enforced (Col. 2:16-17) but that we are to be constantly living in an attitude of worship (I Thess. 5:16-22). Such worship and Christian service requires specific times for public fellowship and study of God’s Word. The day of Christ’s resurrection, the first day of the week, became known



Rev. Edwin M. Kjos

as the Lord’s day and was observed by the New Testament Christians as a day of rest and public worship.

NEED OF GOD’S WORD

In answer to what the Third Commandment means, Dr. Martin Luther wrote, “We should fear and love God so that we do not despise His Word and the preaching of the same, but deem it holy and gladly hear and learn it.”

These few words say a great deal. First they tell us that we should fear and love God. When we respect and love someone we want to be near that person. We are anxious to hear what that person has to say and we joyfully look forward to doing those things which please the one we love. This is natural.

If we love the Lord, we will look forward anxiously to every opportunity to read and hear His Word. We will not read the Bible and attend Church because we feel we must do this occasionally, but because we long to be with the Savior we love and to hear His Word. Anyone who has no love of God’s Word is serving the world. Our Lord says of this person,

“the love of the Father is not in him” (I Jn. 2:15).

If we love the Lord and His Word, one of the things we will look forward to each week is to gather in God’s house to hear His Word. We “deem it holy and gladly hear and learn it.”

We can never over-exaggerate the importance of God’s Word. The Word shows us how we can be saved (II Tim. 3:15). In the process of doing this it convicts us of sin. It shows us God’s judgment upon sin. It leads us to repentance and confession. It leads us to faith in Christ as the “Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world” (Jn. 1:29). Without the Word we would be eternally lost.

CHRISTIANS NEED THE WORD

As Christians we need the Word constantly. It instructs us so that we may not fall into sin (Ps. 119:11). It builds us up in our faith (Acts 20:32). It helps us grow to become mature Christians (II Tim. 3:16, 17). By listening to His Word we learn to know our Savior better and are drawn closer to Him even as Mary was when she sat at her Savior’s feet and listened to His Word (Lk. 10:39). It commands and instructs us to bring salvation to others (Matt. 28:19, 20). It tells us all we need to know for our salvation and Christian growth.

WORSHIP IN GOD’S HOUSE

We can and should read and study the Word of God in the privacy of our own homes, but there is something special about gathering in God’s house and listening to the preaching of God’s Word. A Christian pastor has dedicated his life for the purpose of teaching the Gospel. Many years have been spent in preparation for this God-ordained mission. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit he spends many hours each week preparing a message from God’s Word. Pray for him. Pray for yourself. Then come to Church expecting to hear something from God’s Word for your soul. Listen, respond, and grow in Christ. God’s Word is being taught. To hear the Word and grow in its truth is the main reason we want to be in church every Sunday and on other days when the Word is shared. Deem

it holy and gladly hear and learn it.

NEED OF FELLOWSHIP

We should also be in church every Sunday because we need Christian fellowship. Over and over again we read about the early Christians coming together for Bible Study, prayer and fellowship. As burning coals that are scattered about cool off and die so Christians without the closeness and warmth of Christian fellowship cool off and die spiritually. We need to share our blessings and needs with other one another and pray for one another (Jas. 5:16). This is necessary for our Christian lives. Therefore our Lord encourages us to help one another grow in love and good works, "not forsaking our own assembling together—but exhorting one another—" (Heb. 10:24, 25).

TESTIMONY OF CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

Our presence in church on the Lord's Day also presents a testimony of faith to others. It is uplifting on Sunday mornings to come to a church and see many automobiles crowded around it. It has something to say about the faith of the parishioners and the ministry of the church. A well-filled church speaks with eloquent power to the worshippers about men's universal need of God and His grace. My presence in church is a testimony that I recognize my need of God's grace and want to hear His Word. It impresses upon others the fact that God is real and can be found in His church. It prepares men's hearts for the message of God's Word. Contrariwise, a spiritless, poorly attended church often "turns men off" even to hearing a Christ-centered sermon. It may result in their closing their hearts to the Lord. Many believe that the congregation assembled on Sunday mornings impresses visitors more than even a gifted pastor. A full church, spirited singing and friendly members speak louder than we think.

WORSHIP IS GOD'S WILL

As we consider our need to assemble for worship to hear and learn

God's Word we acknowledge that this is our Lord's will for us. Most people will admit that God's will and way is the best way for each one of us. Why then are so few following the Lord in this "best way"? Why do so many pass up the opportunities to assemble for worship on the Lord's Day? It is because we have a sinful old nature which feels very self-sufficient and feels that it doesn't need God. It deceives us and will finally bring us to hell if we allow it to have its way. How can we be free from this deception and bondage?

First of all, we must take God seriously. The first word in the Third Commandment is "Remember." Remember first of all who He is. He is the almighty, righteous, all-knowing God. Remember that our eternal destiny depends on what we do with the grace He offers us for our salvation. Therefore we should remember that it is vitally important for us to seek and know His will.

WORSHIP REQUIRES TIME

One of the great factors involved in determining God's will is time. We sometimes sing "Take time to be holy," but are unwilling to take the time it takes to learn how. So many other things crowd in and we often let them block the doorway to a knowledge of God's grace in our lives. Certainly there are many other important things we must do. We must put up our hay, feed our cattle, harvest our grain, maybe even go fishing now and then. God knows all about this. He wasn't forgetting this fact when He commanded us to take time to worship Him and study His Word. We will not lose out financially because we "take time to be holy." Jesus said "Seek ye first His kingdom and His righteousness; and all these things (material needs) shall be added unto you" (Matt. 6:33). On the other hand if we don't take time to hear and learn God's Word we will lose something far more important than all the material things this world could possibly offer. We will lose our own souls. Our example will draw our children and others with us. Eternal anguish and remorse will torment

the inhabitants of hell because they **would not** "take time to be holy."

TEMPTATION TO NEGLECT GOD'S WORD

We live in a very materialistic world. Our desire for "things" and pleasure often rob us of the time to learn the eternal spiritual truths we must know for our salvation and sanctification. Because of various reasons we don't take time to go to church on Sunday. Because of a natural spiritual blindness many don't see the real need to hear God's Word. A number of years ago I heard a man say, "They (the church) should be satisfied if we come once or twice a month." He saw no personal need of going to church. He went only to satisfy others, to appear respectable.

Many young people and parents see no great need of Bible Camps. They look upon them perhaps as merely a time of vacation. Too many feel they have no time for such "vacations." After all, there is too much work and other things to do.

In the process of our education we spend many years in elementary school, high school and college. We readily see the need of this in order that we might be well prepared for a profitable, satisfying life. But how few see the need of spending a year or two in what is by far the most important education one could ever receive, the study of God's Word. Many have said, "There are no academic credits given in Bible School. I would be wasting valuable time in my years of education." I wonder what the God before whom we must stand one day thinks of the excuse, "I can't waste time studying God's Word."

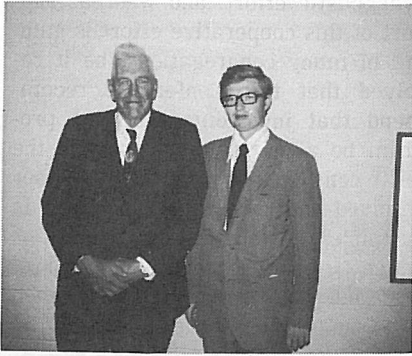
To ignore and doubt God's Word was the first temptation Satan brought to man (Genesis 3:1-5). It is still his chief and most effective temptation.

TAKE TIME TO BE HOLY

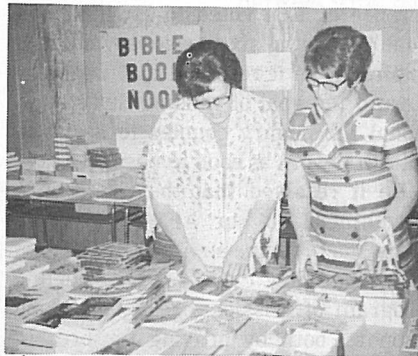
We need God's Word. We need to read it at home. We need to hear it proclaimed in our churches. We need to meditate on its claims in

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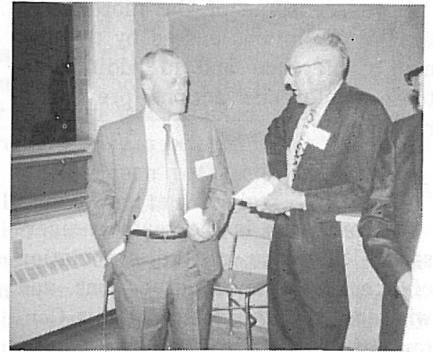
SCENES FROM THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE



M. Norvald Yri, right, of Fjellhaug Bible School in Oslo, Norway, and his host, Mr. Lewis Thorpe, Atwater, Minn.



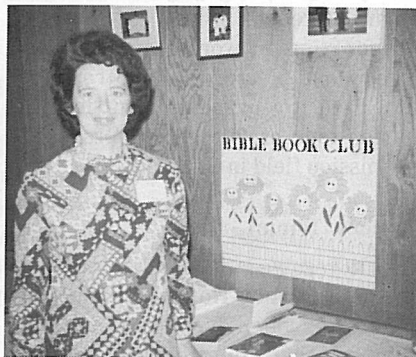
Mrs. Clifford Holm, Minneapolis, Minn., left, and Mrs. Forrest Swenson, Winger, Minn., visit the Bible Book Nook.



Swante Millimaki, Ishpeming, Mich., left, and Rev. L. C. Dynneson, Nogales, Ariz., chat during a coffee break.



The four men ordained at the annual conference. Left to right, they are Elden K. Nelson, Henry A. E. Johansen, Bruce Dalager and Alvin Grothe.



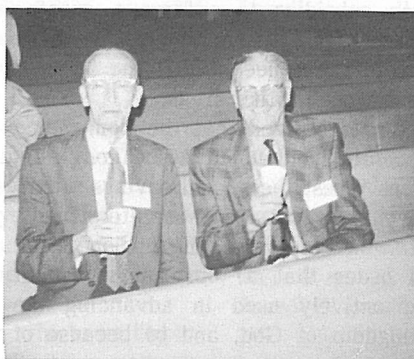
Mrs. Wayne Sletten, Faith, S. Dak., and the Bible Book Club display.



Howard Liedler, Minneapolis, Minn., prepares to move down the serving line at noon-time.



Part of the mobile court during the conference.



Two veteran convention-goers from Fargo, N. Dak., during a coffee break. Left, G. N. Arneson and Nels Flom.



Rev. John P. Strand, left, and Rev. Julius Hermunslie during the mortgage-burning ceremony on Sunday afternoon.



Meals were served in the church dining room.



Dag Risdal, left, head of Fjellhaug Schools in Oslo, Norway, and Pastor Karl Stendal, Ontonagon, Mich., and Raymond Jacobson, Minneapolis.

SOME ANNUAL CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS

Here are some of the more noteworthy resolutions passed by the Annual Conference and in addition to those conference actions previously reported.

Administration

Whereas this is the tenth anniversary Conference of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations, and whereas it is the desire of this Conference to reaffirm its basic tenets, be it therefore resolved that we collectively and individually confess and declare that 1) the Bible is the Word of God, verbally inspired of the Holy Spirit, infallible and inerrant in all its parts 2) Free and living congregations recognize no authority above themselves but the Word and Spirit of God, with emphasis on personal piety, low liturgical worship services and evangelistic outreach.

In view of the devious and subtle inroads that cults and isms, the occult, use of horoscopes, etc., are making into the life of our nation, even into the ranks of professing Christians, be it resolved that our Association of Free Lutheran Congregations, pastors, evangelists and laymen alike stress the need to be on guard and to earnestly contend for the faith that once was delivered unto the saints (Jude 3).

Schools

Be it resolved that the Association pray forth the men whom the Lord calls into His service. May we also continue praying for them through their years of seminary instruction and as they enter into various fields of service; that they may remain faithful in proclaiming the whole counsel of God.

Be it resolved that the Seminary Board be commended for continually seeking to raise the standards of our Seminary and that, with reasonable exceptions based on spiritual qualifications, they work toward accepting only those who have graduated from college. It is also recommended that seminary students meet with a faculty committee annually to determine their doctrinal and spiritual maturity and progress.

Missions (Foreign)

Whereas the annual AFLC conference of 1964 voted to establish the goal of sending six missionary couples to Brazil, be it resolved that we press toward the goal of sending three additional missionary couples to assist in this vital work as soon as possible.

Be it resolved that the Conference recommend to our AFLC congregations and their auxiliary organizations that they carry on a continuing program of missionary emphasis and support, both by praying for present laborers on the field and for new workers in the future, and also by regular weekly financial giving to our missionary outreach.

(Approximate wording) Be it resolved that Pastor John Strand be authorized to organize and lead a charter tour of interested persons to our mission field in Brazil.

Missions (Home)

Be it resolved that we praise God for those former Home Mission congregations which have succeeded in assuming their full financial responsibility. Be it further resolved that the Conference encourage congregations presently receiving Home Mission subsidies to assume a greater share of their local budget because of the great need for Home Mission assistance in other areas.

Be it resolved that the Conference recommend that our AFLC congregations invest their local savings, auxiliary group treasuries, cemetery funds, etc., in the Church Extension Fund, in order that a) our monies might be actively used in advancing the Kingdom of God, and b) because of an equal or greater monetary return than is offered by most lending institutions.

Evangelism

Whereas a full-time evangelist is urgently needed to work throughout our AFLC and whereas the man called must be God's choice, be it resolved that the Commission on Evangelism, in consultation and prayer with the Co-ordinating Committee, Home Mission Board and Foreign Mission Board, seek to secure a full-time evangelist from within our AFLC, who is in agreement with the principles,

doctrines and practices of the AFLC.

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.

Publications and Parish Education

The Conference urges the congregations to send news of their activities and special articles by individuals to **The Lutheran Ambassador**.

The Conference is grateful for the possibility of new confirmation material being explored and urges that preparation continue.

Youth Work

The Conference encourages the training and sending of weekend witness teams out this summer to more effectively proclaim Christ to this generation.

The Conference thanks God for the Bible Camp work and for the efforts of our pastors to promote this ministry.

Stewardship

Be it resolved that congregations and individuals be encouraged to give systematically to the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations.

Be it resolved that all congregations be urged to divide gifts to the various funds of the church (AFLC) pro rata (size of budget).

Pensions

Be it resolved that the Annual Conference suggest to the congregations that they have an offering for the special Pension fund on November 12, 1972.

General Resolutions

Be it resolved that the Conference gives praise to God for the continued

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SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Upheavals of nature are listed in the Bible as being signs of the return of Christ. They are continuing signs, that is, they are found in every age. But nonetheless they are reminders to mankind that this earth is groaning in travail (Romans 8:22) and that it will not abide forever.

It is easy to say that calamities which occur today are worse than those of the past but a look at any almanac or world book will show that there have been some grievous happenings in the past, too, some much worse than those of the present.

Be that as it may, there are many natural disasters in our day. Just recently there have been the terrible floods at Rapid City, S. Dak., and those in some of the eastern states. The one came as a flash, killing over 200 people. The other also took a heavy toll of life and inflicted terrible property damage as great river systems were swollen to many times their size.

Also in these floods, man's attempts to curb the natural elements were shown to be puny and ineffective. In one case, levees newly constructed to master the waters of any flood except the once-in-a-hundred years kind, proved of no value at once. Terrible as the destruction is from any natural calamity, there is value in the word that comes to people, you are not all-powerful.

And then there is that message with which we began, natural disasters are signs that Jesus Christ is going to return and it may happen quite soon. Coupled with the terrors of wind and wave is the decadence of society, shown through man's immoralities and inhumanity to man. As wickedness multiplies it is difficult to imagine how the world can exist much longer.

But the Christian can take heart in the knowledge that Jesus Christ is victorious. He triumphs and will triumph. In Him it is not darkness which looms ahead, but light.

CONFERENCE WRAP-UP

A month has gone by since the annual conference of our church ended. It is interesting to try to sift out some impressions of what happened in Minneapolis and what should happen in our fellowship in the coming years.

It is evident that the Association will continue to grow. Our present membership shows 121 congregations. In comparison with most other church bodies the total is not worth mentioning. Yet, each number represents a group of people in a given community. These people are in their congregations because they hold certain beliefs and they like the way their worship is conducted and they have a program for outreach they can believe in. The fact that new congregations join us each year tells us that they see something they like and want to share in it.

Our Home Mission program must be strengthened. We must move into more metropolitan areas where people are congregating in ever larger numbers. The AFLC will always be strong in rural sections. We will be the last to leave a community without a church. But we must build up our base in urban and suburban neighborhoods, something that is being done in places like Minneapolis, Lake Stevens, Wash., Eugene, Ore., and other places, some with Home Mission aid, others without.

It appears that the number of missionary couples we will send into Brazil from America is limited. Not limited in the sense of what we could do, but in the sense of what we will need to do. The native churches will more and more be served by Brazilians, trained in our seminary there. Our missionaries will find themselves largely in teaching work and filling advisory roles. It seems that six couples may be all that are needed, then, to assure an adequate staff at all times, with one or two couples on furlough at any given time.

Therefore, the time is nearing when the AFLC should investigate the possibilities of opening another mission field. We foresee more young people getting a divine call to world evangelization than can be accommodated in Brazil, even allowing for our eventual reaching into Uruguay and Argentina.

And with or without a new mission field abroad, there will be opportunity for inner city mission work. It will turn out to be the hardest work of all, but it is also among the most needed in the world. May God lead.

We shall not add much more to what was said about the Schools last time. The Seminary should have from 18 to 24 men in it at all times in order to meet present needs. These men must be God-called. The Bible School is looking toward an eventual enrollment of about 175 students. It is gratifying to see the interest among young people for Bible training. The AFLC has a real opportunity to provide such education for all who are interested in an evangelical, conservative Lutheran emphasis. Immediately there is the need in the church to provide one-half the cost of the new dormitory for men so that construction can begin next spring.

The church continues to think about securing a full-time evangelist to travel among the congregations. Usually the thought is that he should be an ordained pastor. But he need not be so. The Association is waiting upon the Lord in the selecting of the man. And the longer we serve in the ministry the more we realize that it is the local pastor who has the opportunity to preach to the greatest number of different persons. He must in many ways be his own evangelist while the visiting one may also reach out to those who come to such meetings.

Next year the annual conference is to be held in Ferndale, Wash. Distance will prevent some from attending, but think of the many from the Coast who will be able to be present for the first time. It will be a healthy thing. No one thought of it at the time perhaps, but think how wise it would have been if more West Coast people could have been placed on conference committees for next year when it will be possible for them to attend. A couple are on, but there could have been several more. Now we will have to watch out so that at Ferndale next June a lot of Coast people aren't put on committees for the 1974 conference back in the Midwest.

At least one person who attended the conference in Minneapolis has been removed from us by death. We refer to Mr. Lee Haag of Somers, Mont., and Nogales, Ariz. On Saturday, June 17, he and his wife sang two duets at the morning prayer hour. Their songs were "There Was One Who Was Willing to Die" and "When I Kneel Down to Pray." Nine days later later, on June 26, the Lord called him to his reward while he was visiting at the place where he grew up, Hettinger, N. Dak. How little we know of our times. How good to leave behind a legacy of good works done to God's glory.

**PASTOR HERBERT FRANZ
CONSIDERED EVANGELISM,
REPENTANCE AND REVIVAL
IN CONFERENCE
PRAYER HOURS**

The morning prayer hours at the annual conference in Minneapolis, Minn., last month were led by Rev. Herbert L. Franz, Cloquet, Minn. He spoke on the themes of evangelism, repentance and revival.

On Thursday his topic was "Time Is Running Out for Revival." Some of the thoughts in his talk were these: There must be revival in our land or judgment will come. God's patience has a limit, even as the Flood came at last in Noah's time. Someone has said that if America escapes judgment while pursuing its present course, the Lord will have to apologize to Sodom and Gomorrah. There is a famine of the Word of God in many cities and time is running out for some churches. Do we have travail for souls?

"Reviving the People of God" was Mr. Franz' theme on Friday, with Psalm 85:6 as his text. Here are some of the seed thoughts from the message: Some people act as though man can bring revival. Some folks are up in the air in "revival" but not on their knees. Too many "Christians" are man-made, pastor-made or church-made. True revival will bring divine-made Christians. Pastor Franz referred to an article by Wm. McDonald in *Missionary Crusader*. There the writer lists three weaknesses in present-day evangelism. 1) The Gospel is over-simplified and there is no Spirit-produced conviction of sin. 2) An emphasis on the lordship of Christ is missing. 3) There is a tendency to keep the terms of discipleship hidden until a decision is made.

For people who have sham religious experiences their latter state is worse than the first.

On Saturday morning at 11:30, Pastor Franz discussed "False Repentance" (Ex. 10:16, 17). He listed four types of false repentance. 1) Repentance which comes on a sudden impulse rather than from real conviction. 2) Repentance produced by a fear of death instead of by a real sorrow for sin. 3) Partial repentance which desires forgiveness for certain sins but not sin itself. 4) Repentance which avoids coming face to face with God, the One whom we have wronged. True repentance is a change of heart and attitude toward God.

Special music at the prayer hours was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Lee Haag, Nogales, Ariz., Lay Pastor and Mrs. Gene Sundby, Culbertson, Mont., John Rieth, Ortley, S. Dak., and Roger Strom and Pastor Francis Monseth, Minneapolis, Minn.

Devotional leaders for the six business sessions of the conference were Rev. L. C. Dynneson, Nogales, Rev. Howard Kjos, Hampden, N. Dak., Mr. Strom, Paul Flaten, Strandquist, Minn., Jacob Ullestad, Story City, Ia., and H. Donald Hansen, Minneapolis.

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Bible Camps. We need to study it in Bible schools so that our lives will count for the Lord not only for time but for eternity. If we neglect the Word we will never know the joy of fellowship with a personal God but will follow some false god to eternal condemnation.

We all have some God. Maybe our god is our work or our prosperity. Maybe it revolves around self, pleasure, popularity, etc. Whatever our God is, it gets first place in our lives, in our time. What has first place in **your** life? This is your god.

The Third Commandment calls for a commitment of our time to God. Our time is our life. God calls us to repent of our selfish use of the lives He has given us and surrender them to Him. Christ stands with open arms, inviting us and assuring us that if we come, confessing our sins, He will receive us and make us His own (I Jn. 1:9; Jn. 1:12).

Will we, will you, heed the Third Commandment and "take time to be holy"? We can if we cease to neglect God's Word and "deem it holy and gladly hear and learn it." In doing so we can know the precious joy of living a life surrendered to our Lord's perfect and glorious will.

1973-74 BUDGET ADOPTED BY ANNUAL CONFERENCE

General Fund	\$ 48,316.00
Schools	81,886.00
Foreign Missions	44,000.00
Home Missions	44,000.00
Praise Program	18,000.00
	<u>\$236,202.00</u>

Budget for current year—\$251,563.00 (This includes the special debt retirement goal of \$42,900.00.)

WMF BIBLE STUDY

15. If you want to build a strong wall of Christian living, you must be totally abandoned to the will of God as Nehemiah was. Many things will happen to try to lure you away from your **FIRST** concern, laboring for Christ. Chapter 6 opens with the wonderful report that the wall was almost completed, and even now the enemy tried three new tactics to try to stop this work. Let's study them. What tactic is used in 6:2?

The noted Bible teacher, Dr. Alan Redpath, calls this "the snare of the world's friendship." The world calls out to you, "Come down to **OUR** level." But God does not want you to compromise. What was Nehemiah's response in v. 3, 4?

16. When that approach didn't work the enemy tried slander. What was it? 6:5, 6, 7

When enemies try to tear down your reputation, you can answer with confidence in God as Nehemiah did. See v. 8, 9

17. Another tactic of Satan's is to lure you or your church to be weak and "easy-going" about your religion. How was this put to Nehemiah? v. 10

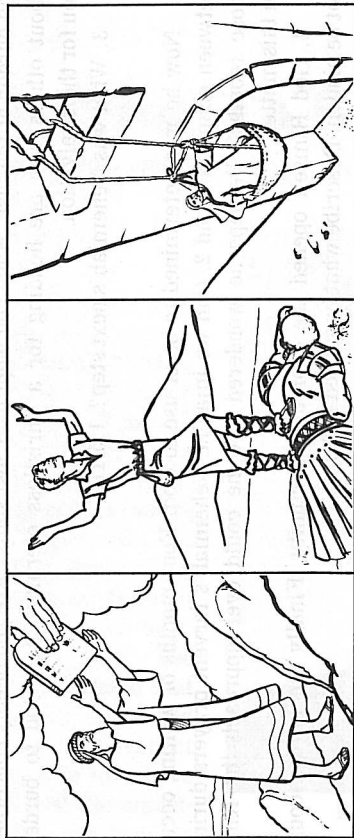
Nehemiah answered boldly, v. 11. He was not going to be governed by what others thought he should do. He was determined to take orders from God alone. **YOU, TOO**, can be a courageous Christian if you make **CHRIST** the strength of your life.

18. At last the wall was finished. What a tremendous victory! Can you imagine how glad the people were, as found in 8:16-17? What strong advice was given to them in 8:10b?

Do you have **REAL JOY**? It cannot depend upon circumstances, but must be from the **LORD**. Read Galatians 5:22, 23 together and discuss how each of us can have true **JOY** flowing forth from our lives.

19. Why did God's blessing remain upon the people? 9:2, 3

Let each of us repent over ruined areas in our walls, and let us "rise up and build" **STRONG** walls of Christlike living!



Lesson 8

August 1972

NEHEMIAH: BUILD A STRONG WALL OF CHRISTLIKE LIVING

Bible basis: Nehemiah 1-9

The Jewish people had been taken into captivity by Babylon. Then Persia conquered Babylon and God used the King of Persia to encourage the Jews to return to their homeland, especially their beloved Jerusalem. After many discouraging years they finally rebuilt the Temple. **THEN** God spoke to another man's heart, **NEHEMIAH**, and burdened him about the ruined walls around Jerusalem.

Remember, as we study Nehemiah, that this is **NOT** primarily a history lesson. Our main concerns are the spiritual lessons which we can draw from Nehemiah.

Just as Nehemiah was called by God to rebuild the walls around Jerusalem to keep the city safe and strong, **YOU, TOO, ARE CALLED** to build a wall around your soul and your church. There is a wall of Christian testimony and witness to be built. As we study Nehemiah, may we each be challenged to build a **STRONG** wall that will glorify our Lord Jesus Christ.

1. What was Nehemiah's position in the court of the King of Persia? 2:1

What an influential position this must have been! Isn't it wonderful that he was not primarily interested in political fame, but rather in doing God's will!

2. What sad news was brought to Nehemiah? 1:1-3

How did he respond? v. 4

Before God can use you to build in His Kingdom, you must first sense the burden of the task. Have you wept over lost souls? Are you deeply concerned about others who are heading for a Christless eternity? Ask God to burden you for their salvation.

3. What was Nehemiah's next step? 1:5-11

Now he was determined to be of use to God. Four months of waiting occur between chapters 1 and 2. Can we imagine Nehemiah's fervent prayers during those months? Perhaps he wondered how he could ever approach the King on this matter.

4. God Himself opened the door of opportunity. Finally the burden could not be hidden. Describe what happened in 2:1, 2, 3.

5. Note Nehemiah's immediate reaction when the King asked what he could do to help. v.4 THEN he was ready to make his request. What was it? v. 5

6. Not only did the King allow Nehemiah to "take a leave of absence" from his court, but he granted other favors. See v. 7, 8, 9.

Isn't it wonderful how God goes before His children when they wait upon Him? Truly He does more than we can possibly ask or think!

7. What do you think is significant about v. 10?

Is the enemy battling you? If you are serious about doing a work for God, you are causing Satan worry.

8. When Nehemiah arrived in Jerusalem he investigated the walls. Describe the scene, according to 2:11-16.

Let us also take time out to quietly and privately inspect the walls around OUR souls. What is your prayer life like? Do you regularly read your Bible? What about your separation from worldly living? How is your walk with God... is it close and trusting, or distant and cool? What is your testimony to others

who know you? Do these areas lie in ruins, as did the broken walls of Jerusalem, or are these areas strong?

9. What a beautiful attitude is evidenced on the part of the people when Nehemiah challenged them? 2:17, 18

Is your church united with this loving spirit of cooperation? What can YOU do to make it that way?

10. What were the enemies' tactics with Nehemiah and the people? 2:19

What was Nehemiah's reply? v. 20

You, too, can speak with boldness to the enemy of your soul. If you belong to Jesus, tell Satan that he has no claim upon your life. When he troubles you, resist him in Jesus' Name.

11. Everyone went to work. It is most significant WHERE each one began building. See 3:10, 23, 29, 30.

You, too, must begin building your strong wall right in your own home. Are you having daily devotions as a family? Are you letting Christ rule? If so, He will protect you from worry, fear and friction that divide other homes.

12. Again the enemy struck. What tactics were used now? 4:1, 2, 3

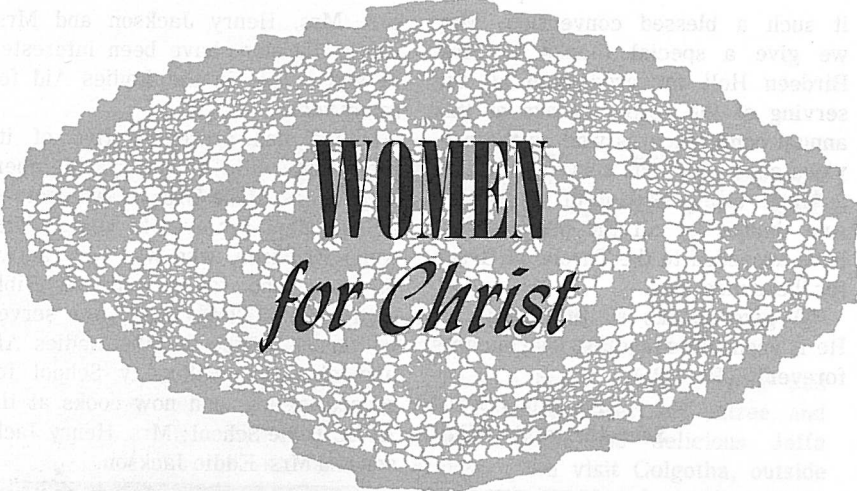
What is the determined response of Nehemiah? v. 6a

13. What else was hindering the building of the wall? 4:10

Is there any rubbish hindering your personal wall-building? Ask God to clean out impurity, pride, unbelief, anger, impurity and self-importance. The Holy Spirit wants to purify us, but we must be willing to let Him do so.

14. When the work was half-finished the enemy struck again, so that it was necessary for the men to do what? 4:16, 17, 18 and 23.

There is a spiritual meaning here for us. We cannot merely battle, that is, fight Godless causes, such as Communism, exploitation of sex, or criticism of God's Word, even though this certainly must be done. But we must ALSO build: that is, put forth the Gospel message, spend our time and monies in advancing the TRUTH, which is Christ. Ask God to give you this balance in your own life and in your church's efforts in your community.



WOMEN *for Christ*

REPORT OF THE TENTH ANNUAL WMF CONVENTION

With thanks to God we can again report a blessed Women's Missionary Federation Convention which consisted of three sessions at the customary times in connection with the Annual Conference of the AFLC, namely, Wednesday forenoon, Wednesday afternoon and Thursday evening. A total of 210 ladies registered.

Mrs. William Farrier led the prayer service with a devotional, after which small groups were formed and many took part in prayer.

Mrs. Harold Kilness led the inspirations with Mrs. Wayne Sletten as pianist. Miss Orpha Flaten was the organist at all the sessions.

Devotions were led by Mrs. Herbert Presteng. Mrs. Clifford Holm gave the welcome for the convention and Mrs. Melvin Walla responded. A ladies sextet from Colfax, Wisconsin, favored us with music, after which Mrs. Raymond Jacobson led the Bible Study on John 14:6, on the topic "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life." She called our attention to the broad way and the narrow way giving the access, characteristics and promises for each. The Word of God as the Truth was stressed. The Word of God is to be our basis for admonishing each other. Paul's motto, as he traveled, would be a good motto for us, as written in I Cor. 2:2 "For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified." The need to memorize Scripture was stressed. The new life in Christ, with the admonition from Col. 2:6-7, left us with

a challenge and inspiration: "As therefore you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so live in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving."

Mrs. Gerald Gilbertson favored us with a vocal solo.

Mrs. Julius Hermunslie led the memorial service at which we gave tribute to our members who have passed on to Glory during this past year. Each WMF district president or representative placed a carnation in a vase honoring those from her district as Mrs. Kenneth Moland sang. These were solemn and precious moments.

Mrs. Torkel Ose led in devotions at the opening of the afternoon session. Special music by a ladies' sextet from Kenyon, Minnesota, and the Monseth-Rieth-Strom men's trio from Minneapolis richly added to the program. Pastor Richard Gunderson from Bolivia, who had been scheduled to give the afternoon message, was detained in Bolivia due to illness in the family, so Mrs. Leonard Swanson from Nogales graciously consented on very short notice to speak. She spoke on Psalm 126:6: "He that goes forth weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him." How precious to have a part in the great work of bringing souls to Christ, she said. Christians are sometimes tempted to get discouraged but we must refuse to let Satan have the victory of our discouragement. Isaiah said, "Go and tell." God sometimes changes your calling. She thought she was called

to live and die in Madagascar but God changed that. (She served there some years at the beginning of her missionary career.) Be open to the calling of the Lord. He is faithful. If He calls you, He will enable you. Be versatile—willing to learn new things. We need young ones—such as in radio work, because radio work is opening in Mexico now. She closed by saying, "We need you to pray us through! The King is coming! The King is coming!" (The Swansons have been working with the Dynnesons in Nogales—Mrs. Swanson ministering especially to those on the Mexican side of the border. They have been self-supporting and not under any regular mission board.)

A business meeting was held at both sessions at which the various reports were given. The proposed budget of \$24,000.00 was adopted for the year of 1973. Mrs. Roy Bredholt was elected first vice president and Mrs. Amos Dyrud was re-elected secretary. The nominating committee for 1973 was announced: Mrs. Raymond Jacobson, Mrs. Kenneth Anderson and Mrs. Martin Konsterlie. The resolutions committee was also announced: Mrs. Herman Dietsche, Mrs. Richard Dimick and Mrs. Arvid Nelson.

A breakfast meeting for the national and district WMF officers, local presidents or a representative and the pastors' wives was held at Morgan Avenue Church. Rich fellowship was also enjoyed there. The ladies expressed a desire to give some kind of financial support to Mrs. Leonard Swanson for her work across the border in Mexico. This matter was turned over to the Board for action. (It can be reported that this was done and after consulting with the Mission Board and Pastor Strand the national board voted to put her on with the other missionary ladies at \$125 per month from the "My Missionary for a Day" fund.)

Thursday evening was the festival service. Mrs. Richard Snipstead led in devotions. Music was furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Peterson, who sang a duet, and by the Seminettes of the AFLC Seminary. Pastor Trygve Dahle gave the evening message and awakened in us thankfulness for the blessings of the Lord upon us as he

directed our thoughts on God's working these past ten years in the AFLC. He seriously challenged us with the task that lies before us—and he did not spare words of admonishment and warnings of sins amongst us. He closed his message by singing prayerfully and impressively one of the songs he has composed.

Three Honorary Membership pins were awarded at that service:—Mrs. Birdeen Holt, out-going first vice-president of the WMF; Miss Marian Hellekson (in absentia) for faithful and outstanding service in the AFLC in the headquarters office these past five years and who is presently hospitalized with a recent fracture; and to Miss Inga Helland (in absentia) who was a former missionary to Madagascar for many years under the Lutheran Free Church and who is now retired and resides in Norway. She has followed along with great interest in the work of the AFLC and has been faithful in both prayer and financial support to various phases of the work.

Greetings were read from Mrs. Abel, Mrs. Dyrud and Mrs. Knapp—our missionaries in Brazil.

The offerings of the Convention this year were for Junior Missions/Cradle Roll (which includes home and foreign missions) and to Church Extension. These offerings amounted to \$4,918.22 and more may have been mailed in later to the treasurer, Mrs. Eletson. To God be the glory!

Names of all the former officers who have served on the national board these past ten years were read and those who were present were asked to arise. They were: Mrs. Ole Ose, Mrs. Herbert Presteng, Mrs. Raymond Jacobson, Mrs. Albert Moen, Mrs. William Farrier, Mrs. Harry Molstre, Mrs. R. M. Konsterlie, Mrs. Jay Erickson, Mrs. Clifford Johnson, and Mrs. Richard Snipstead.

We were left with the feeling of joy in the Lord and a oneness of purpose as the Tenth WMF Convention came to a close. Those who attended were greatly blessed and our prayer is that those who were unable to be present may also share the blessings as they read and hear the reports.

We want to express a thanks to all who in any way took part to make

it such a blessed convention. May we give a special thanks to Mrs. Birdeen Holt for organizing all the serving of the coffee breaks at this annual conference as well as the previous ones while she served faithfully as first vice-president of the WMF. And thanks for all the prayers that have ascended to the Throne of Grace for these meetings.

"O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, His steadfast love endures forever!" (Ps. 118:1)

Mrs. Amos Dyrud
Secretary of the WMF

CRADLE ROLL PARTY HELD

The annual cradle roll party was held in connection with the June 21 meeting of the Bethany Lutheran Ladies Aid, Abercrombie, N. Dak., in the church parlors.

Mrs. Maurice Myhre, cradle roll secretary, was in charge. Mrs. Toby Johnson sang the solo "My Children, Look to Me." Jane Myhre gave a reading, "Aim of the Cradle Roll." The song "God Bless These Babies Dear" was sung by Diane Hendrickson, Becky Oscarson and Sandra Myhre. Norma Myhre lit five white candles as her mother, Mrs. Maurice Myhre, read the names of the five cradle roll members: Bradley Flaa, Michael Flaa, Julie Kinneberg, Laureen Severson and Royce Severson.

Nancy Flaa, Jodi Flaa and Judy Oscarson sang "Jesus Bids Us Shine" and Norma Myhre read "Beverly's Secret." Shelly Myron sang "The King Is Coming."

A cake in the shape of an open Bible was made by Mrs. Floyd Johnson of Colfax, N. Dak., which was served with the lunch.

Pictures were taken of the cradle roll members, their mothers and Pastor Larry Severson.

The hostesses were Mrs. Gordon Hendrickson and Mrs. Ray Kinneberg and they served a delicious lunch.

OILAND LADIES AID HONORS TWO MEMBERS

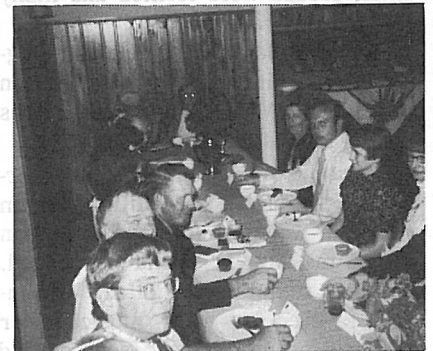
The members of the Oiland Ladies Aid of rural Greenbush, Minn., honored two members with Honorary Memberships in the Women's Missionary Federation recently. The two honor-

ees, Mrs. Henry Jackson and Mrs. Eddie Jackson, have been interested in and active in the Ladies Aid for many years.

Oiland has presented five of its members with Honorary Memberships: Mrs. Rose Brekke, who served as president for over 25 years; Mrs. Anna Erickson, who was very active in choir and taking part in Bible study; Mrs. Alma Wold, who served in various offices of the Ladies Aid and also taught Sunday School for several years, and now cooks at the AFLC Bible School; Mrs. Henry Jackson and Mrs. Eddie Jackson.



Pictured, left to right, are Mmes. Henry Jackson, Rose Brekke, Anna Erickson and Eddie Jackson. Not pictured is Mrs. Alma Wold.



The Green Lake Luther League, Spicer, Minn., honored their high school graduates and their parents at their monthly league meeting held on May 24. Pastor L. Munson and the Artisans of Sacred Heart, Minn., presented the program. The three graduates were Lynette Olson, Darlene Stulen and David Gross.

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leadership of Rev. John P. Strand as president of our church and for his acceptance of a fourth term in office.

Be it resolved that the Conference gives thanks to Pastor Robert Rieth for his diligent work as secretary of the Association the past three years.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR
THE 1973 ANNUAL
CONFERENCE**

Eastern North Dakota—Rev. Stephen Odegaard, Hatton, N. Dak.
Western North Dakota and Eastern Montana—Orville Qualley, Brockton, Mont.
South Dakota—T. Iverson, Eagle Butte, S. Dak.
Northern Minnesota—Gus Kveen, Roseau, Minn.
Central Minnesota—Luverne Thompson, Fergus Falls, Minn.
Minneapolis—Clifford Holm, Minneapolis, Minn.
Northern Michigan—Kenneth Pentti, Ishpeming, Mich.
Nogales—Rev. L. C. Dynneson, Nogales, Ariz.
West Coast—Lloyd Larson, Everett, Wash.
North Central Minnesota—Roy Quam, McIntosh, Minn.

Note: AFLC regulations for the Annual Conference call for at least three (3) pastors to serve on the Nominating Committee. Since only two were elected, some adjustment will likely be made by the Co-ordinating Committee prior to the 1973 Conference.

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEES
FOR 1973**

Committee No. 1 (Resolutions)
To be reported later.
Committee No. 2 (Schools)
Rev. Stephen Odegaard, Hatton, N. Dak.
Robert Lofthus, McVille, N. Dak.
Stanley Block, Spicer, Minn.
Eugene Nesland, Thief River Falls, Minn.
Swante Millimaki, Ishpeming, Mich.
Committee No. 3 (Missions)
Rev. Alvin Grothe, Stacy, Minn.
Rev. Richard Gunderson, Minneapolis, Minn.
Sherman McCarlson, Webster, S. Dak.
Robert Broden, Fertile, Minn.
Rev. L. C. Dynneson, Nogales, Ariz.
Committee No. 4 (Publications, Parish Education and Youth Work)
Rev. Dennis Gray, Grafton, N. Dak.
Rev. Dale R. Battleson, Pukwana, S. Dak.
Mrs. Marlys Johnson, Mentor, Minn.
Irvin Hodnefield, Radcliffe, Ia.

Mrs. Harold Erickson, New York Mills, Minn.
Committee No. 5 (Stewardship and Pensions)
Charles Robinson, Eugene, Ore.
Carol James, Minneapolis, Minn.
Rev. Edwin Kjos, Faith, S. Dak.
Rev. Larry Severson, Abercrombie, N. Dak.
Orville Qualley, Brockton, Mont.

Note: The Conference elected three persons to both the Nominating Committee and Resolutions Committees. Since it is impossible for a person to serve on both effectively, a choice will have to be made by the Co-ordinating Committee.

**NEW CONGREGATIONS
WELCOMED INTO THE AFLC**

The following twelve congregations were welcomed into the AFLC by the 1972 Annual Conference:

Faith, Kalispell, Mont.
Buffalo Lake, Eden, S. Dak.
Scandia, Sedan, Minn.
Emmanuel, Kenyon, Minn.
Faith, Minneapolis, Minn.
Our Savior's, Zumbrota, Minn.
Tunbridge, Rugby, N. Dak.
Bethany, Bemidji, Minn.
Rosedale, Minneapolis, Minn.
Hauge, Kenyon, Minn.
Hickory Grove, Boscobel, Wis.
Cavary, Wallace, S. Dak.

Total number of congregations in the AFLC: 121

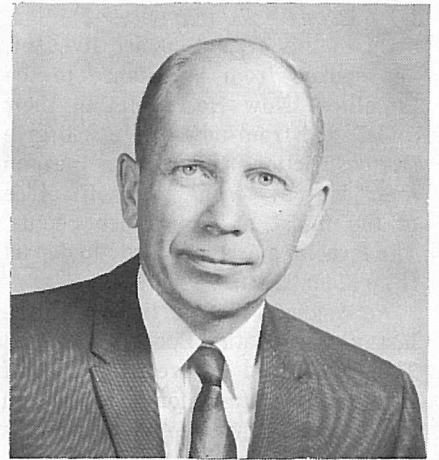
**REV. RAYNARD HUGLEN
NAMED AS DEAN OF MEN
AT BIBLE SCHOOL**

Rev. Raynard Huglen, Roslyn, S. Dak., has been named as dean of men of Association Free Lutheran Bible School in Minneapolis, Minn., and will take up his duties at the beginning of the fall school term.

He will continue as editor of **The Lutheran Ambassador**, a position he has held since the magazine was started in February, 1963.

For the past eight and one-half years Pastor Huglen has served the Lake Region Parish in South Dakota, consisting of Hope, Saron and Tabor congregations. In June, 1971, a fourth church was added, Buffalo Lake Lutheran.

Other parishes served by Pastor



Rev. Raynard Huglen

Huglen were at Medicine Lake, Mont.; New Effington, S. Dak.; and Hatton, N. Dak. He is a native of Wildrose, N. Dak., and a graduate of Augsburg College, Minneapolis, and the former Augsburg Seminary, also in Minneapolis. His father, the late Rev. R. J. Huglen was a pastor in the Lutheran Free Church.

**LEE HAAG PASSED AWAY
ON JUNE 26**

Lee Haag, 70, of Somers, Mont., and Nogales, Ariz., passed away on Monday, June 26, at Hettinger, N. Dak., where he was visiting following attendance at the Annual Conference in Minneapolis, Minn. Funeral services were conducted from Hettinger Lutheran Church on June 30 by the church's pastor, Wm. Jiran.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Swanson of Nogales were in attendance, as was Mr. Melvin Engebretson of Webster, S. Dak., who has made extended visits to the mission at Nogales, where the Haags had also spent much time in assisting in the work. A greeting and tribute to Mr. Haag from Rev. L. C. Dynneson of Nogales was read at the service.

Mr. Haag is survived by his wife and nine sons.

NO AMBASSADOR NEXT TIME

According to custom, there will be no issue of **The Lutheran Ambassador** next time, that is, August 1.

The next issue will appear on August 15 and material for that issue should be in the hands of the Editor by July 29. Announcements of September activities should be sent in by that time.

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Up to this time God has lived at, and spoken from a distance to the Israelites. Now He dwells in their midst, and from now on He will give His instructions to the Israelites on their journey, from His holy place in the midst of His chosen people. The Israelites are now ready to depart from Mount Sinai.

We conclude these articles with the last verses of the Book of Exodus: Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of Jehovah filled the tabernacle. And Moses was

not able to enter into the tent of meeting, because the cloud abode thereon, and the glory of Jehovah filled the tabernacle. And when the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the children of Israel went onward, throughout all their journeys: but if the cloud was not taken up, then they journeyed not till the day that it was taken up. For the cloud of Jehovah was upon the tabernacle by day, and there was fire therein by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys (ch. 40: 34-38).

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