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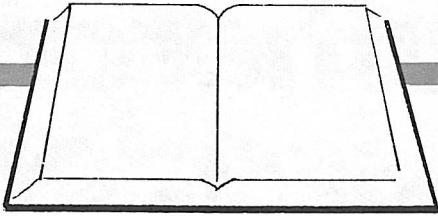
The Lutheran Ambassador

"The power for today



Amos Hinderaker, Radcliffe, Ia., left, who led the Laymen's Service at the Annual Conference, and Edwin Mathison, Bagley, Minn., who spoke.

MORE REPORTS FROM THE 1971 ANNUAL CONFERENCE



According to the Word

ARE YOU LIVING IN ANTICIPATION OF THE CROWN?

James 1:9-12

In our spiritual race in life, Christian athletes love a certain passage of Scripture which the apostle Paul uses in likening our spiritual life to a race everyone runs; only those who qualify may win the prize. To win this race, one must deny himself many things that would keep him from doing his best. In becoming a champion, an athlete strives to reach this point in his career, and so it is spiritually when one strives for the "prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:14). Unlike any other contestant, a Christian runs this race for a heavenly reward that never disappears; "now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible" (I Cor. 9:25a).

"Let the lowly brother boast in his exultation, because like the flower of the grass he will pass away" (James 1:9-10). Many poor people who have given their hearts to Christ, have done so willingly because their wonderful Savior has done so much for them at such a tremendous cost. James does not allow them to pity themselves. He tells each one of us to "contemplate the crown." Being in Christ truly brings to the poor man a new sense of his value, because he is to become a being of priceless value in Christ. The Hebrew Christians knew that they had "a better

possession and an abiding one" (Heb. 10:34). Christ's followers must show this at every opportunity.

As the poor brother can forget all his earthly poverty as he thinks about his spiritual riches in Christ Jesus, so, too, the rich brother has the same promise of the crown of life as one who has been given the assurance through the blood of our Jesus Christ. The two are equals by faith in Christ. Our text reads: "Let the rich boast in his humiliation, because like the flower of the grass, he will pass away." This personal experience before the cross of Calvary makes men of diverse economic means equal before God's throne of grace.

Jesus said, "A man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions" (Lk. 12:15 RSV). A man who puts trust in riches is trusting in things which the chances and changes of life can take from him at any moment. Here we see this life-picture of these things which are so transient. This is also Isaiah's picture, "All flesh is grass, and all the goodness thereof is as the flower of the field: The grass withereth, the flower fadeth, because the spirit of the Lord bloweth upon it: surely the people is grass" (Is. 40:6-7).

Eternal life is not a crown which the high and mighty can gain of themselves, but it is a crown given only to beggars. For this reason, individually, of oneself, a person is so helpless. It is only God who can give the things that abide forever. We are

confronted with this question: "If thou, Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?" In whatever station of life, God's children know that they are by nature sinful and unclean.

To prepare us for the eternal crown, God puts us through the furnace of affliction. Let us meet trials and testings in the right way and experience joy here and in eternity. Our Heavenly Father seeks our love and then He crowns it with the gift of Life, if we are faithful. This Life, in the full and real sense, is royal, splendid, and triumphant. God chops and chips, but only because He wants to ready us for the crown. Whatever your circumstance in life, He would draw us closer to Him.

Our Savior may officiate at your coronation and mine. Peter assures the faithful of this when he says, "When the chief Shepherd is manifested you will obtain the unfading crown of glory" (I Pet. 5:4 RSV). Jesus will reward the faithful as it is related in II Timothy 4:8: "Henceforth the righteous judge will reward to me on that day, and not only to me, but also to all who love his appearing." To look forward to the "crown of life" makes carrying the cross easier. Christ, who wore a crown of thorns for us, will enable us to be faithful to Him in unswerving constancy. The struggle of life is the way to glory, and the very struggle is a glory.

—Reuben Wee

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Report on the 1971 Annual Conference Continued and Concluded

Review

Last time, under the title "Three Men Ordained at 1971 Annual Conference," a number of highlights of the assembly in Cloquet, Minn., June 9-13, were considered. Today that summary is concluded. Some of the resolutions passed by the delegates may be found elsewhere in this issue of the *Ambassador*. The full report of the business of the conference will be found in the Annual Report, due later this summer.

Nogales Work Transferred to Home Missions

The annual conference officially turned the assistance being given to Triumph Lutheran Church, Nogales, Ariz., over to the Board of Home Missions. It was reported that at present the only aid being given is in the form of a subsidy for the pastor's salary. Rev. L. C. Dynneson is the founder of the church and mission and continues to serve there.

Some outreach is made into Nogales, Mexico, but it is done at individual expense and with outside support. The Mexican government places some restrictions, too, on the amount of work that can be done by Americans in that area.

In his report to the conference, Rev. Herbert L. Franz, chairman of the Board of Home Missions, listed



Rev. Hubert F. De Boer

seven congregations receiving assistance. They are Rosedale, Minneapolis, Minn.; Our Redeemer, Kirkland, Wash.; Spencer Creek, Eugene, Ore.; Olivet, Spokane, Wash.; Bethany, Blue Grass, Minn.; Bethel, Grafton, N. Dak.; and Redeemer, Ontonagon, Mich.

Zion Lutheran in Willmar, Minn., Rev. Hubert F. DeBoer, pastor, is no longer receiving Home Mission aid.

St. Paul's in Fargo, N. Dak., has completed buying their church building from the Mission Corporation.

In a conference action, the Helping Hand Project initiated by Faith Lutheran, Kalispell, Mont., was endorsed and the Board asked to implement it. The plan calls for congregations to give extra gifts monthly to young or struggling congregations in order that they can build or improve facilities.

Responsibility Unit Plan Study to be Made

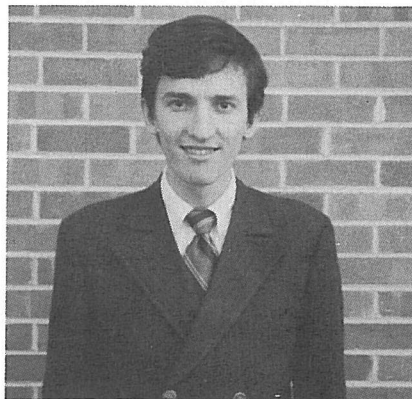
A committee of five members, all of whom are deeply interested in world missions, was set up by the annual conference to study the feasibility of placing the salaries of AFLC missionaries under a Responsibility Unit Plan. Briefly, the plan means that no missionary would be sent out unless he had his support pledged in advance by congregations and individuals. That is, a missionary might be supported by a single congregation, by several or by a combination of congregations and interested individuals.

One delegate spoke against any plan which would require a prospective missionary or one on furlough to visit the churches appealing for financial support for himself.

The study committee will report to the 1972 conference.

In other action concerning foreign missions, the conference reaffirmed a 1964 goal of six missionary couples in Brazil. With the return of the John Abels this summer there will be three

families there. Pastor Abel pointed out that in order to have six families on the field, it is necessary to have other families on furlough, in language school or in other stages of preparation. He also called the conference's attention to the hope that one day our mission work could expand into the neighboring countries of Paraguay and Argentina.



Mr. Yeddo Gottel

Mr. Yeddo Gottel, a 1971 graduate of Free Lutheran Seminary, will return to his native Brazil at the end of the year. He will be ordained by the AFLC in that country and be carried on her clergy roster. In August he will be travelling in the West Coast District and in South Dakota in behalf of missions.

Full-Time Evangelist Sought

The annual conference of 1971 voted to direct the Commission on Evangelism to seek to secure a full-time evangelist for the church. The Commission itself had suggested in its report that perhaps the time is near when such should be done. But no target date for the securing of such a man was set by the assembly.

In the absence of a designated evangelist, the congregations were urged to use other pastors of the church and staff evangelists of such groups as the Lutheran Evangelistic Movement and the Hauge Federation for at least one week of special meetings each year.

Rev. John P. Strand, Association

president, had advanced the thought in his annual message that congregations should also consider "Christian growth" and "Christian worker" series because so often the evangelistic meetings are reaching only Christians.

Nov. 14 Set for Special Pension Fund Offering

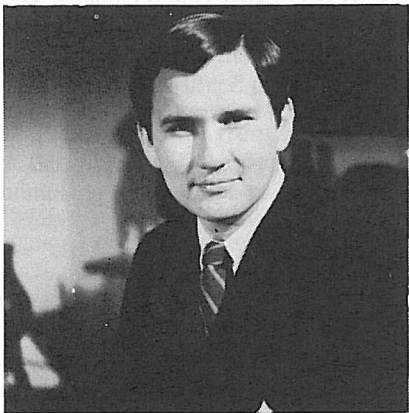
Each year the conferences have encouraged special gifts to a Pension Fund for pastors and their widows, for emergency situations. This year the conference went one step further and set Sun., Nov. 14, as an offering day for this fund throughout the church.

Medical plans other than the one currently in force for church workers are to be studied by the Board of Pensions, according to a directive of the annual conference.

The Stewardship Board announced the publication of a stewardship tract called "God-Motivated Stewardship." It is a reprint of an article which appeared in *The Lutheran Ambassador* on Feb. 2, 1971.

In a stewardship resolution, the conference "emphatically" recommended a yearly review of each pastor's salary by the congregations.

New Youth Director Reports to the Conference



Mr. Wayne Pederson

Mr. Wayne Pederson, Fertile, Minn., who has been at work as part-time youth director in the church for several months, gave his first report to an annual conference. He said that the main thrust of his endeavors has been to encourage Teen Age Bible Studies (TABS).

The conference declared itself "grateful to God for providing a part-

time youth worker in Mr. Wayne Pederson."

Increase in Ambassador Subscription Price Voted

Due to the recent increase in second class mail rates, the conference expressed the belief that an increase in the subscription price of *The Lutheran Ambassador* is necessary. It did not say what the raise should be although the Board of Publications and Parish Education, the Board which will determine the increase, had advocated a jump from \$2.50 to \$3.50 per year. (An increase has been further justified by the announcement since the conference by our printers that each issue will now cost us more, due to rising costs to them.—Ed.)

In parish education, the number of Sunday School courses now available in the *Ambassador* series has been growing regularly. Initial steps in arranging new confirmation material to supplement what we already have have been taken, the conference was told.

Statistical Reports

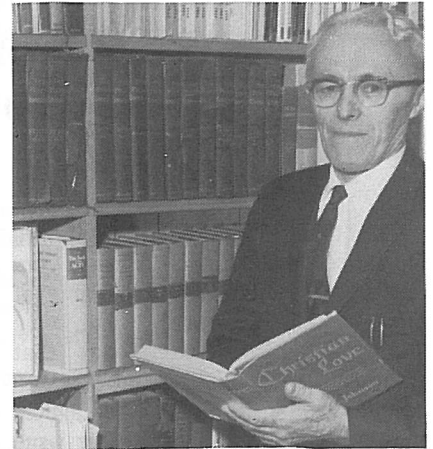
Rev. Julius Hermunslie, chairman of the Co-ordinating Committee, made a plea for greater co-operation in the securing of statistical reports from the congregations, in his annual report. Several attempts have been made previously, he told the conference, but the response was inadequate. Whatever information there is will be printed in this year's Annual Report, he indicated.

Pastor Hermunslie announced that a bequest of \$5,883.54 had been received during the year from the estate of Mr. and Mrs. Ludvig Olson, Tioga, N. Dak.

Inspirational Services

Rev. Karl Stendal, Pukwana, S. Dak., preached the sermon at the opening conference service. He spoke on the conference text, Eph. 3:14-21. He said that the Early Church had a minimum of organization and a maximum of power. Today it is the other way around. God's people, he said, ought to be filled with all the fulness of God, a fulness available in overflowing abundance.

At the mission festival service on

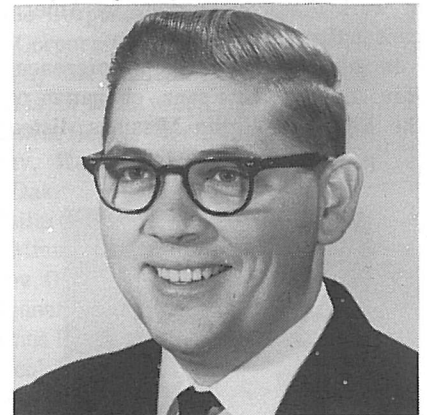


Rev. Karl Stendal

Thursday evening, Rev. Roy Bredholt, pastor of Trinity Lutheran in Grand Forks, N. Dak., delivered the message.

The traditional laymen's meeting was held on Friday night. The speaker was Edwin Mathison, veteran lay preacher from Bagley, Minn., who recently spent some months in the Tioga parish. Mr. Amos Hinderaker, Radcliffe, Ia., led the service, which included a testimony meeting.

Saturday night was youth night. Special music was by the Narrow Road Rejoicers of Dalton, Minn., the Chancellors, a male quartet with accompaniment, from Bemidji, Minn., and a mixed quartet from the Association Lutheran Bible School in Minneapolis. Mr. Ken Moland, treasurer of the Luther League Federation, brought the message.



Rev. Larry Severson

Rev. Larry Severson, Abercrombie, N. Dak., gave the meditation at the holy communion service early Sunday morning. The host pastor to the conference, Rev. Herbert L. Franz, preached the sermon at the morning worship service.

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SOME ANNUAL CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS

Administration

Be it resolved, that the Conference encourages each individual in the Association to a more disciplined study of the Scriptures, allowing the Holy Spirit to equip him in the spiritual warfare, in these days of confusion and the occult (deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons), 1 Timothy 4:1.

Be it resolved, that the Conference encourages each proclaimer of God's Word, lay or ordained, to faithfully hold forth the "thus saith the Lord," by word of mouth and example, so that the church may be the salt that God intends it to be, and thus true repentance of sin and life in Christ may result.

Be it resolved, that the Conference encourages each congregation to pray for and support the pastor whom God has placed in their midst that he might be true to his God and faithful.

Be it resolved, that the Stewardship Board be commended for its program of using laymen to visit our parishes to give information and that the conference encourages the congregations to make use of this program.

General Resolutions

Be it resolved, that the Conference recommends that each person fully commits himself to Christ so that His power will be daily manifested in and through him (Ephesians 3:14-21).

Missions

Be it resolved, that the Conference urges our congregations and pastors to remember in compassion and prayer our persecuted brethren suffering in lands of suppressed religious freedom.

Be it resolved, that we encourage our people to pray more diligently and give more diligently that increasing opportunities (in home missions) may not fade away from us.

Evangelism

Be it resolved, that we urge those who have been blessed in any way to share their experiences with our fellowship through the pages of **The Lutheran Ambassador**.

Be it resolved, that the Conference encourages continued emphasis upon evangelistic preaching and teaching in our parishes and that our people support their pastors in prayer.

Be it resolved, that in observance of Hans Nielsen Hauge's (200th) birthdate the Conference greatly encourages the exercise of spiritual gifts by our laymen that the borders of our church be enlarged through their preaching.

Schools

Be it resolved, that the members of our Association pray forth the men whom the Lord calls into His service. May we also continue praying for them through the years of Seminary instruction and also as they enter into fields of service, that they may remain true in proclaiming the whole counsel of God.

We view with deep appreciation the addition of Pastor Francis Monseth to our Seminary faculty and also the addition of Mrs. Aini Myking as Dean of Women at our Bible School.

Be it resolved, that we encourage our congregations to send their youth to attend our Bible School and to make congregational scholarships available to them for that purpose.

We heartily endorse the action of the Board of Trustees in purchasing four and one-half acres of land with a two-bedroom cabin adjoining our headquarters property.

Publications

The Conference urges that the congregations send to **The Lutheran Ambassador** news of activities in their congregations that would be of interest in the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations.

The Conference is grateful to Dr. Iver Olson for his excellent work in compiling the devotional book entitled **Waters in the Wilderness** and to all those who wrote articles for it and assisted in any way.

Parish Education

A. The Conference gives thanks to God for the additional educational means He has provided and for the willing workers who have given so freely of their time and effort and also to those who have sent in their

evaluations on the materials.

B. The Conference urges the congregations to make use of the educational materials available through the office of the Executive Secretary.

Youth Work

The Conference approves the recommendations of the Youth Board that pastors and congregations throughout the AFLC present a strong Scriptural and evangelistic outreach to our youth in these grim and perilous times when large segments of youth are disillusioned and discontented.

Stewardship

Be it resolved, that congregations invest any dormant funds or re-invest other secular investments in the work of the kingdom. We particularly recommend investment in Church Extension or the Schools loan program.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEES FOR THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF 1972

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Rev. Roy Bredholt, Grand Forks, N. Dak.
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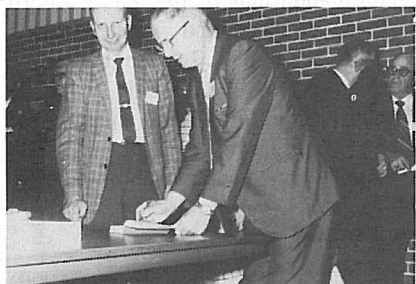
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Student Pastor Alvin Grothe, Stacy, Minn.
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Haldor Hegg, McIntosh, Minn.
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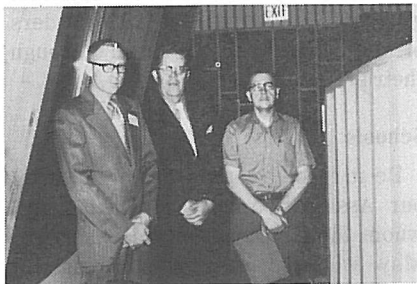
Mrs. Harry Rorvig, Dalton, Minn.
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Rev. Dale Battleson, Bagley, Minn.
Rev. Larry Severson, Abercrombie, N. Dak.

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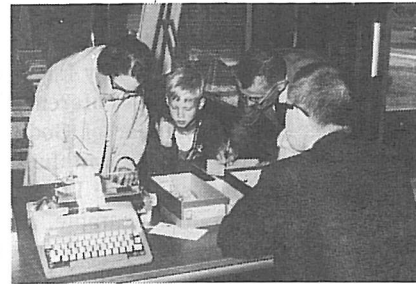
Scenes from the Annual Conference



Dr. Iver Olson, right, autographs the devotional book which he edited, while Rev. Marvin Undseth, Shevlin, Minn., stands by.



Three of the men from the church in Cloquet who helped to take care of the many arrangements necessary in hosting a conference.



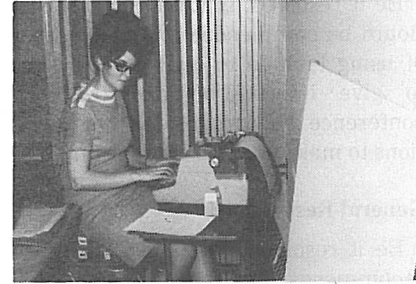
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Breden, Wyndmere, N. Dak., register for the conference while a grandson and Rev. Marvin Haara, Brooten, Minn., look on.



Rev. Amos Dyrud led the morning prayer hours at the conference.



A group of hungry delegates prepare to move through the serving line. A free-will offering was taken for every meal.



Mrs. Andy (Karen) Anderson was the conference typist. She worked long hours and did excellent work.



Rev. David Molstre, left, visits with two new parishioners, Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Mortrud, Thief River Falls, Minn. Pastor Molstre will begin serving the Thief River parish this summer.



The Corporation of the Schools used the conference as the opportunity for its annual meeting. A portion of the corporation is shown here.

I Have Set Before You an Open Door

by Pastor Edwin M. Kjos,
Faith, S. Dak.
Revelation 3:8

The ninth annual conference of our AFLC is now history. But it is not something one can easily relegate to the past and forget. For those who attended the conference the warm hospitality of the pastor and members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church will long be remembered. It added much to the success of the conference. A spirit of Christian love, unity and concern seemed to permeate the entire conference. For this we thank and praise our Lord. Each day was a time of real Christian fellowship and inspiration, of evaluation and planning. To us also came a tremendous challenge and call to "fulfill your ministry"; to "work while it is day; for the night cometh when no man can work." Our members who were unable to attend certainly missed one of the highlights of the year of our AFLC fellowship. We had much for which to thank God.

We were happy that Pastor Strand consented to continue on through this next year as our president. May we continue to remember him in prayer as he gives of himself in this place of great responsibility.

We also rejoice that the \$12,000 Foreign Missions deficit of last year has been eliminated and that Pastor Abel and his family can return to Brazil this summer. We are also happy that we exceeded our total budget of last year by seven per cent. How this thrills our hearts.

Sometimes when we are rejoicing in blessings and in work accomplished we have a tendency to sit back and savor those pleasant experiences. At this time I think we especially need to consider the fifth point in Pastor Franz's introduction to his Home Missions report: The need to **CONTINUE** in our mission. Open doors await us!

Perhaps, as never before, has the AFLC had set before it such open

doors for evangelism in many areas. The Lord has blessed our fellowship and has given us a heavenly vision of eternal souls crying for the Bread of Life in our Bible School, in home and foreign missions. Will we, like Paul, be obedient to the heavenly vision, or will we, instead of bread, give them a stone?

We rejoice in the rapid growth of our Bible School. In 1969 we dedicated our new Bible School building and dormitory. Who would have guessed that two years later we would be thinking of turning down Bible School applications because of a lack of room. In a world where much of the "church" is denying God's Word are we also going to have to deny the Word of Life to young people who are hungry for God's truth? How we need to pray that we may be fully consecrated to the task of walking obediently in the light of the heavenly vision God has given us.

Throughout our land there are areas where concerned Christians are longing for an evangelical Lutheran congregation and fellowship. They are understandably concerned about their children who are growing up under the influence of a liberal church. Many of them have come to us for advice and help. But we are short of men and funds. Such doors which were once open are now closed because we were unable to move in. Doors which are now open may soon be closed if we fail again. In addition to ministering to needs in these areas we need these congregations and more concerned Christians in our fellowship if we are to have a solid base for the expansion of our Bible School and our foreign mission program. Are we going to let these souls down?

From our mission field in Brazil come reports of enthusiastic response to surveys made by our missionaries in outlying areas. Doors are open for expansion. Through these doors we

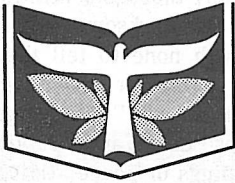
"behold how many thousands still are lying bound in the darksome prison-house of sin, with none to tell them of the Savior's dying, or of the life He died for them to win." Are we going to enter these doors and "publish glad tidings; tidings of peace; tidings of Jesus, redemption and release"?

The open doors set before us speak of urgent needs. Often in our conference was the thought expressed that we are living in the last days. Time is short. We would like to act but are hampered by a lack of men and funds. What can we do?

Certainly we, as an AFLC, have not yet realized our potential or fulfilled our ministry. One of the first things we must do is to examine the needs. Let us read again the conference reports. Let the burden of the needs expressed become our personal burden. Then, study again what the Scriptures say concerning man, his sin and judgment, and the great commission given to us to bring Christ's salvation to meet these urgent needs. Like Christ, we should be moved to compassion. Then we will pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers. We will be willing ourselves to go where He leads. "Our" money will become what it really is, God's money, and every financial need will be met.

Will we accept the challenge Christ gave us at the conference? We can, by the grace of God. First of all, each Christian must be revived. We need to seek the Lord in His Word with a realization of our sinfulness and need and allow Him to cleanse and renew us. When we glow with the fire of a Spirit-sent revival those who are cold and indifferent will be drawn to Christ. With revival will come consecration for the service to which we are called.

The service to which we are called is reflected in the needs of expansion in many areas, including our Bible School, home and foreign missions. Our current budget of almost \$200,000.00 meets only minimum needs. It allows for no expansion. We as individuals and as congregations can give word to our boards that they should enter the open doors set before us by our going way over the top in every phase of our budget—NOW! Perhaps not all



"...where the Spirit
of the Lord is,
there is freedom."
II Corinthians 3:17

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June 25, 1971

Dear Friends:

GRACE AND PEACE!

I am sure that the blessings and joys of our Annual Conference in Cloquet continue to warm our hearts. God is good and gave us a truly blessed convention. The fellowship and unity was Spirit-directed and motivated. This was a Christian conference. We thank and praise our Lord.

As you know, I resigned as the President of the Association in May. This decision was made after much study and seeking to know God's Will. After my resignation, many expressions from folks from within and from without the Association came to me. Then the conference requested that I continue. I was and am overwhelmed with the sentiment and concerns expressed. Certainly I feel very unworthy and humbled by it all.

On Friday afternoon, a generous financial gift from individuals and congregations was given to Mrs. Strand and myself. Again we were humbled and made to realize the extent of our fellowship and concern. By means of this letter we wish to thank all in the Association for the confidence you have shown in us, and for the generous gift. Thank you most of all for your promise of prayer support. We pray that we might become more worthy of your fellowship in the work of the Association.

Sincerely in Christ,
Pastor and Mrs. John P. Strand

can give more than they have given but most of us can. Where \$100.00 may be on the budget, how about giving \$200.00? Our debts would all soon be liquidated and the open doors would be entered.

The Old Testament believers were commanded to give a tenth of their income back to the service of the Lord. The New Testament makes it clear that 100 per cent of what we are and have belongs to the Lord. We are stewards of HIS goods. Certainly we cannot with a clear conscience give back less than ten per cent of HIS means for the purpose of winning those for whom He gave His all.

What will be our response? Eternity alone will reveal the joy of the many who will be a part of that "Great White Host" in heaven because we were obedient to the heavenly vision and entered the doors the Lord opened to us. Brethren of the AFLC, we are

now experiencing what Paul expressed in I Cor. 16:9: "A wide door for effective work has opened to me. . . ." Let us, by the grace of God, enter that door! Let us "work while it is day!" Let us "Fulfill our ministry!"

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Some conference delegates visited the Association's congregation in Duluth on Sunday morning. It is St. Stephen's Lutheran Church at 1931 West Third Street and is served by Student pastor Henry Johansen.

At the ordination service in the afternoon, the president of the AFLC, Rev. John P. Strand, gave the address to the ordinands and others assembled.

The morning prayer hours were led by Rev. Amos Dyrud, newly-elected dean of Free Lutheran Seminary. His

texts were Rom. 11:33-36, Is. 6:1-8, and Matt. 28:18-20.

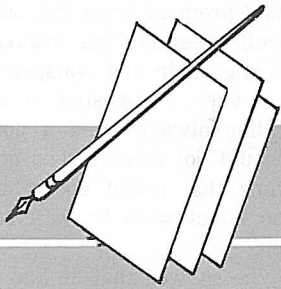
Devotions opening the various business sessions of the conference were led by Stanley Holmaas, Newfolden, Minn.; Rev. Jerome Nikunen, Roseau, Minn.; Ernest Miedema, Valley City, N. Dak.; Robert Bilden, Bagley; Chester Dyrud, Thief River Falls, Minn.; and James Fugleberg, Badger, Minn.

USED CONCORDIAS WANTED

Used Concordia hymnals are desired by Buffalo Lake Lutheran Church, Sisseton, S. Dak. They must be in good condition.

If you have any available, please contact Soren Engevik, Route 1, Sisseton, S. Dak. 57262.

Buffalo Lake Lutheran Church is the newest member of the AFLC.



EDITORIALS

A STEADY CONFERENCE

Two recollections concerning the Annual Conference of 1971 will stand out above others, we think. One was the change of mind of the church's president, Rev. John P. Strand, in which he expressed his willingness to remain in the presidency. This development was covered in the previous issue of the *Ambassador* and suffice it to say now that with that question decided, a large load was lifted from the minds of the delegates.

The second impression of Cloquet, 1971, that will remain was the warm spirit of fellowship and the lack of tension. We hasten to add that lack of tension in the body politic is not always a sign of health and well being. It can be the harbinger or advance messenger of decay. But for our conference and church it was an indicator of strength. The delegates enjoyed being with one another. There was no evidence of party spirit and factionalism. This was good. This is not to say that there are no differences of opinion within the Association. But at Cloquet they could have been discussed in good spirit.

It isn't possible to speak of the recent conference as being decisive or climactic in the sense of the business conducted. The issues, apart from the presidency, just weren't that big or dramatic. No new buildings were voted. No new mission fields were opened abroad or any grand new strategy laid down for the work at home.

The conference was a steady one, doing the work that needed doing, undramatically, yet definitely.

If we have any regrets it is that not more was said about plans for the tenth anniversary of the Association next year. In fact, hardly anything was said. To our knowledge, no resolution was adopted by this conference that had anything to do with the next year being the tenth anniversary or with plans for observing it. That means that any plans for the next conference and the year itself are pretty much at the disposal of the Co-ordinating Committee and the Annual Conference Committee. That is fine, but some direction from this year's annual conference would have been good.

The preaching and devotional messages at Cloquet were as fine as at any of the past conferences. The testimonies were uplifting, representative of what these times of sharing should really be. Special musical numbers, including some for the prayer hours, added to the entire

program. The excellent church choir at St. Paul's rendered a real service and good music, too.

From all reports we have, everyone came away from Cloquet with a deep sense of gratitude to the Lord for blessings received. The church which we call the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations faces forward confidently into the new year.

CO-OPERATION WITH NON-LUTHERANS

"We envision opportunities for our congregations to cooperate with other Protestant churches in the area of evangelism and witness to their communities. However, care must be taken not to compromise the Lutheran understanding of the Scriptures."

Declaration of Faith, II:6

The previous statement in **Declaration of Faith** made it clear that Association congregations are not afraid of co-operating with like-minded Lutheran congregations in order to further the cause of Jesus Christ. Yes, they welcome the opportunities.

But the statement before us now goes a step further. It declares that there will be opportunities for our churches to co-operate even with non-Lutheran Protestant churches in evangelism and Christian witness. The local congregations and pastors can best decide whether they can participate in any community program. They can determine whether taking part will best serve the cause of Christ and the interests of their own church.

Evangelism which devotes itself to confronting men and women with their relationship to Jesus Christ can be embraced by a wide variety of Protestants. But wherever the speaker, even though he knows he is acting as the voice of the entire evangelical community, makes remarks critical of a segment of that community, real questions as to the rightness of sponsorship arise. For instance, a non-Lutheran speaker may be critical of the Lutheran understanding of the sacraments or make disparaging remarks about confirmation. Such instances only prove unsettling to the Lutheran participants in a crusade.

Sometimes a group of evangelical churches will band together for a crusade of evangelism. The first year one church selects a speaker from its own denomination. It particularly is happy with the meetings that year. but in some other years that congregation may not be nearly so pleased with the presentation made.

The statement leaves the door open for participation with non-Lutheran Protestants, but it cautions against compromise of the Scriptures. If the joint ventures build up the congregation, well and good. If, on the other hand, they sow seeds of doubt and divide even the Christians, then they have done more harm than good. It is one thing if co-operation is directed only toward calling sinners to repentance, all the while respecting the differences that divide, but it is another thing to engage in co-operation with those who under-cut those with whom they don't agree.

This statement, II:6, leaves the door open to co-operation with non-Lutheran Protestant Christians, but it asks us to be careful so that the most good may come.

I took his hand

CROSS-BRED DISEASE AND A SIMPLE SINNER

A rather well-educated patient whom I have been visiting for some time has thought a good deal about that phenomenon in the plant and animal world that is so aptly called "cross-breeding." I have found it quite difficult to follow all his involved explanations of the subject, as he has wandered into the fields of anthropology, botany, and biology, as well as into more remotely related fields, but it has all been very interesting. He has found cross-breeding in almost everything.

Lately he has begun to wonder if the doctors have unwittingly managed to produce new and undesirable diseases of some hybrid types, with all their new and supposedly improved techniques. He himself, he said one day, has been treated at various times and by several different doctors for his ailments, and in each case the result has been that he has contracted some other sickness than the one he was last treated for. Not only that, but the ailments which the treatments produced, he maintained, could not be cured by these self-same doctors; consequently he has had to suffer patiently on account of all their "knowledge." Anger was evident in his pale, bluish-white cheeks.

The possibility of diseases cross-breeding to produce new and hitherto unknown diseases sounded quite far-fetched to me and the discussion became rather involved for my mere layman's understanding, so I had to try to find some direct bridge to related topics in more familiar fields.

I found one. Yes, he had heard of such a thing as mixing religions and knew that there are people who, so to speak, "cross-breed" religions and get others to suffer under some sort of new cult. He was reminded of such expressions as "he has made a new

religion," or "he has taken up a new religion."

My learned friend, who usually does most of the talking, paused a bit, and concluded with more emphasis: "You know, people have to have something to live by—something more than bread!"

This brought us back to the all-important question of man's inner life.

He did not exactly feel like saying that he lived an inner life in the Christian sense; he felt rather that he was living somewhat "on the borderline," just able to distinguish between people who lived the inner life and those who did not. He then asked me, surprisingly enough, to illustrate the difference between such people with a concrete example. Immediately I thought of a recent personal experience, which I related to him about as follows:

"One day a message came from the hospital saying that a certain patient wanted me to call on her. At her bedside I realized at once that she lay in the last stages of tuberculosis, a fact which she, however, did not seem to realize. She wanted to find peace with God. Although she had lived all her life under the influence of God's Word and our Lutheran Teachings, she had not really experienced anything personal in her confessions. Having lacked any zeal or warmth in her soul, she felt a deep inner unrest. It was my privilege to help her into the light and warmth of God's love at the place where it shines brightest, the Cross of Christ. A peaceful rest filled her heart.

"She continued that way until the end, living yet another Sunday. That Sunday her husband was present, nervous and otherwise unfit to be of any help, fidgeting about with empty words of encouragement on his lips as he massaged her cold hands vigorously. She could not speak a word, but she tried to reach out her hand to me, and I responded with a

strengthening promise from the Lord as a farewell greeting. Her husband then called me aside and whispered, 'My wife is very well-posted in religion and has always lived a good life; she should not be disturbed now with anything that might upset her. She will no doubt soon be well and strong again.'

"Thereby he showed that he had no understanding of the inner life. She was inwardly alive; he was not."

"I think I understand you," remarked by friend. "To him religion was just a lot of phrases; at least it was not living. But, let us talk more about this 'inner unrest' as you call it. What do you mean by that?"

We had many talks together on that and other related subjects, with repeated references from David, Asaph, Paul, Luther, and Tolstoy, whose religious experiences had great significance for him. There is, we agreed, an unrest or anxiety which leads to conversion, and there is also an unrest or dissatisfaction among the converted which leads to sanctification.

Bit by bit our talks become clearer and simpler. The doctors were left in peace; cross-bred diseases were no longer so interesting. One thing remained: a simple sinner who wanted to be saved by grace.

But that indeed is the most wonderful thing of all.

Wm. Hagen

NO AMBASSADOR UNTIL AUGUST 17

In accordance with our established policy, there will be no publication of *The Lutheran Ambassador* until August 17, the first issue of August being omitted. After that interruption, a paper will be published every two weeks.

We are sorry that this "vacation" period finds a considerable amount of material backlogged, particularly pertaining to Women's Missionary Federation affairs. We ask your indulgence until these reports can be printed.

It has been imperative that the material presented in this *Ambassador* be included today.

Thank you for your consideration.

The Editor

14. Why do we need to see our own sins and not those of others? (Rom. 14:10-13 and II Cor. 5:10)

The closer we live to Christ, the more of our own sin we will see, and the less of others' sin. The farther we live from Christ, the less of our own sin we will see and the more critical we become of others.

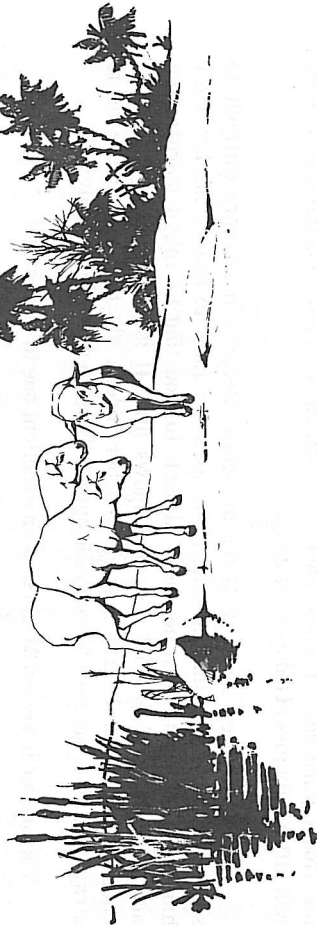
15. Under what inspiration do you suppose the hymn writer composed the song "I Walk in Danger All the Way"? (I Pet. 5:8 and Heb. 11:32-40)

16. How is it possible, then, for a true believer to reach heaven safely? (Rev. 2:10; Jn. 15:5; II Tim. 4:7-8)

17. If God knows everything about us, why should we yet pray the prayer found in verses 23 and 24? (Jer. 17:9; II Pet. 3:17; Heb. 7:25)

I walk in danger all the way;
The thought shall never leave me,
That Satan, who has marked his prey,
Is plotting to deceive me.
This foe with hidden snares
May seize me unawares
If e'er I fail to watch and pray:
I walk in danger all the way.
I walk with Jesus all the way,
His guidance never fails me,
Within His wounds I find a stay
When Satan's pow'r assails me;
And by His footsteps led,
My path I safely tread
In spite of ills that threaten may
I walk with Jesus all the way.
—Brorson

WMF BIBLE STUDY



Psalm 139

August, 1971

SEARCH MY HEART, O GOD

In earlier Psalms David has often reminded us of the love and mercy of God, but in this Psalm he warns us not to make God's love an excuse for sin, because God's eyes are as a flame of fire. God is all-

5. Why do many people seek to flee from God? (Jn. 3:19-20 and I Cor. 2:14)

6. Suggest some of the places people think they might hide from God? (verses 7-12)

7. What phrase proves no one can hide in any place or at any time from God? (verse 8; Prov. 15:3; Zech. 4:10)

Neither change of hemisphere, nor distance, nor darkness can at all change the soul's nearness to its ever-present God. What a joy this is to those who know God as Father and Friend.

8. Why does God have a personal interest in each individual in this world? (Is. 43:1, 7; Jn. 3:17; II Cor. 5:15)

9. What are some of the marvels of this body of ours which God has created? (verse 14; Gen. 1:27; Catechism: Meaning of the First Article)

10. What mystical body may be referred to in verses 15 and 16? (I Cor. 12:20, 27 and Rev. 21:27)

11. How often does David think about God? (verses 17 and 18; Ps. 1:2; Ps. 16:8)

David is so occupied with thoughts of God that he pursues his meditations sleeping as well as waking. As he awakes from slumber, his first bright waking consciousness is that God is by his side. What is better than this?

12. Why was David grieved over wicked men? (Is. 6:5, 9 and Matt. 3:7-8)

13. What are two key phrases used in this Psalm? (verses 23 and 24; Jer. 17:10; and Ps. 25:5)

knowing. He can detect any spiritual disorder as well as administer the cure. He knows our secret sorrow and can apply healing balm. In His foreknowledge, God is aware of our thoughts and purposes even before they are mature in our own mind.

God is everywhere present. David had no desire to flee from God, yet guilt-ridden sinners often avoid a confrontation with God even as Adam and Eve sought to hide from God in the garden. However, no one has succeeded in fleeing from God.

God is all-powerful. He created man with a glorious life-plan and purpose. Whether that plan is realized depends on the action man takes upon God's revealed will.

God is all-righteous. There was harmony in God's world until sin entered and thwarted His divine purpose. Since God is all-righteous, He must deal justly with sin. David is faced with the enemies of God who are bent on destroying God's purposes. If these enemies continue in their rebelliousness, they will ultimately meet God as their Judge.

David has been alone in God's presence. Because it is more difficult to see sin in ourselves than in others, he asks the Lord to search his heart for hidden wickedness. Then he opens himself to God that he might learn to see and know himself as God sees and knows him. It is well that we also pray each day that our hearts may not harbor hidden sin that will cause us to stray from God, but seek to maintain open fellowship with the Lord always.

The prayer in verses 23 and 24 is an excellent one to memorize.

1. How deeply does God search us, according to Hebrews 4:12-16? (Matt. 9:2-6)

2. To what does "downsitting" and "uprising" refer in verse 2? (Job 6:1-4 and Ps. 145:1-5)

The **downsittings** of life are times of weariness, depression, failure, short-coming, and inconsistency, when we are far short of our best. Our **uprisings** are our strongest, happiest, holiest moments, when we are at our best. (F. B. Meyer)

3. What does God know about you? (Job 42:1-2 and Jn. 4:29)

4. Why are we unable to comprehend an all-knowing God? (verse 6; Is. 55:8-9; I Cor. 13:9, 12)

WOMEN for Christ

REPORT OF THE NINTH ANNUAL WMF CONVENTION

The ninth Annual Convention of the Women's Missionary Federation was held at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Cloquet, Minn., Wednesday, June 9. The Prayer Service was led by Mrs. Raymond Jacobson, Minneapolis, Minn. Mrs. Melvin Walla, Thief River Falls, Minn., WMF president, opened the meeting and introduced the song leader, Mrs. William Smerdon, Cloquet, who then led the singspiration. Miss Margaret Anderson, Sand Creek, Wis. led in devotions, using II Cor. 5:20-6:1-3 and I Cor. 3:9 as her texts. Mrs. Evelyn Emberson, Esko, Minn., and a member of St. Paul's Lutheran gave the welcome and was followed by the response given by Mrs. Walla. "To Be Used of God Is My Desire" was sung by Mr. Bruce Dalager of Cumberland, Wis. Mrs. Dalager, who was to have sung a duet with her husband, was still hospitalized. Mrs. Walla led the group in special prayer for her. Mrs. John Abel, Fergus Falls, Minn.,

led the morning Bible study, based on I Corinthians 12:1-14. "Gifted for Service" headed her outline of three main points: I. The Holy Spirit gives the gift of faith. II. The Holy Spirit manifested—(A.) Gifts working in love, speaking of diverse gifts, diverse administration and diverse workings. (B.) Gifts given to every believer. III. The Holy Spirit's purpose for giving gifts—(A.) To unite believers to Christ. (B.) To unite believers to each other.

Following this study, Mrs. Abel received a gift from the WMF which was presented by Mrs. Walla. The Abels are preparing to leave for the mission work in Brazil this summer.

"This Love is Mine" was sung by Mr. Dalager.

The Memorial Service was led by Mrs. Herbert Presteng, Grafton, N. Dak. A representative of each district took part in this service by placing a rose in a vase in memory of WMF members who have departed from this life since our last Annual Conference.



Pictured here are the officers of the WMF. Left to right, Mrs. Melvin Walla, president; Mrs. Amos Dyrud, secretary; Mrs. Robert Dietsche, second vice-president; Mrs. Birdeen Holt, first vice-president; Miss Judith Wold, executive secretary; and Mrs. J. C. Eletson, treasurer.

The afternoon session opened with a singspiration, followed by devotions led by Mrs. Laurel Udden, Minneapolis, who read John 17:13-26. The business meeting begun in the morning was continued and the election results were announced. All three "out-going officers" were re-elected: Mrs. Walla, Mrs. Robert Dietsche and Mrs. J. C. Eletson. Roll call by districts was held. The 1972 budget of \$22,000.00 was adopted. 165 ladies registered for this WMF day.

The afternoon program gave emphasis to our schools—the Bible School and the Seminary at Medicine Lake. Mr. Donald Rodvold, choir director and instructor at these schools, favored us with two vocal solos. Pastor Laurel Udden, also an instructor at the schools, gave the afternoon message. In the absence of the secretary, Miss Judith Wold reports the following from his message. "People come to the Bible School because God has something to do with it," said Rev. Udden. With this he referred to Ezra 7:10. He reported that during the past year 20 had been enrolled in the seminary and 74 in the Bible School.

Home training is so essential. The Bible School reinforces this early teaching by presenting God's plan for all ages. The faculty feels a tremendous responsibility. Pastor Udden challenged us to depend on God. He stressed the need for daily repentance. He urged us to pray for a constant revival. There must be daily sorrow for sin. A revival finally did come in Nehemiah's day. He closed by announcing that the Lord was coming soon. There is an urgency in our day. Live in the spirit of revival and wait for Christ's coming.

The audience sang "Take My Life and Let It Be" and the offering was received for the AFLC Bible School and Seminary.

There were missionary greetings from Mrs. Milton Hove who has spent some months visiting her daughter and family (the Connely Dyruds) in Brazil and Mrs. George Knapp, missionary from Brazil who is home for a brief visit with her parents and daughter. This service closed with the benediction pronounced by Rev. Udden.

Miss Wold also reports on the WMF

breakfast on Thursday morning. Each lady read the Bible verse which appeared on her table favor. Those who received the same verses became prayer partners. Mrs. Walla recalled to our memory the theme for last year, "He is Able." She reviewed her trip to the West Coast and to South Dakota. She closed her greeting with a prayer. Greetings were given by Mrs. Knapp, Mrs. Hove and Mrs. Abel. A general question and answer period was shared on the various WMF projects. The women were encouraged to use the information contained in **The Lutheran Ambassador** from the various mission fields. Each lady was presented with a recipe kit from the WMF.

The Thursday evening Mission Festival Service opened with a singspiration led by Mrs. Smerdon, followed by devotions led by Mrs. Harry Molstre, Valley City, N. Dak., who read I John 1:1-5. Mr. Fred Carlson, (who graduated this year from the seminary) pastor of the home mission parish at Blue Grass, Minn., gave a greeting and told some specific instances of how the money for Home Missions does its work of furthering God's Kingdom. He said the money given to Home Missions "is not used to build fancy quarters for the pastor," but is used to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the people. He expressed gratitude for the WMF contribution to the Home Mission work and left us with the challenge of the importance of this work. Mr. Yeddo Gottel, who also graduated from the seminary this year, will be leaving for his homeland in Brazil and he gave a greeting. He expressed his appreciation for the opportunity he has had of studying here and for the friendship of the people in the congregations, who have been like brothers and sisters and mothers and fathers to him. He also thanked for the financial help he has received through WMF scholarships. Mrs. Knapp also gave a greeting from herself and family and the people in Brazil. She expressed thanks for prayers, letters, etc. Mrs. Hove also brought greetings from the seven churches, Bible School and Seminary in Brazil and from the Knapps, the Dyruds and the Richard Gundersons (in Bolivia). She told about the work as she has observed

it these past months and said, "Your money is well spent." The St. Paul's Choir of Cloquet and a quartet from the Bible School at Medicine Lake provided the music for the evening.

Pastor Roy Bredholt, Grand Forks, N. Dak., gave the message of the evening. He called our attention to the motto on the banner—"Christ, the Power for Today". His text was based on Romans 12:3-5 and he also referred to parts of I Samuel 12. Some thoughts from his message follow: The Body of Christ—refers to same function as the physical body—hand is part of the physical body as is the heart, legs, etc. All have a function. The Church is to Christ as the hand is to the body. Sometimes the hands don't do what they should—they are paralyzed, wither, don't function. If the individual or church doesn't do what it should, it withers and doesn't function. "As my Father has sent me, so I send you" says Jesus. We are His hands and feet to do His bidding. In his lifetime here on earth Jesus did not build, paint or compose. He came to seek and to save the lost. This is what the church should be about... Our mission isn't only to bring people to the right relationship to the Lord. That is necessary and fine, but we must reach and teach.

The evening offering was lifted for Missions.

Pastor Strand closed with the benediction.

We wish to give a special thank you for the wonderful hospitality and the many kindnesses shown by the members of the Cloquet Parish. All who attended were richly blessed and our prayer is that those who were unable to attend may share the blessing as they read the reports. A special thanks, too, for all the prayers that ascended to the Throne for these meetings.

Mrs. Amos Dyrud
WMF Secretary

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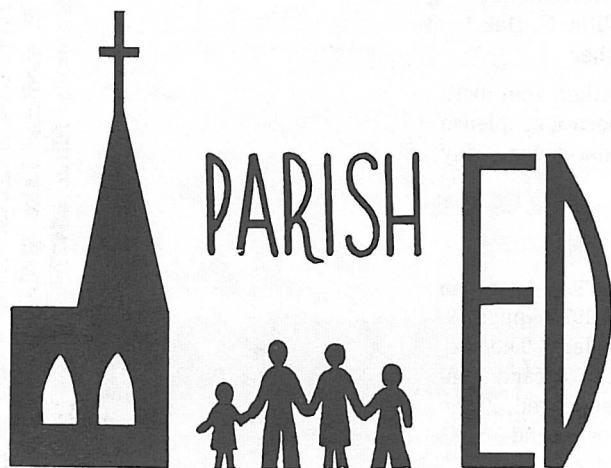
Grade Two	OLD TESTAMENT AND THE TEN COMMANDMENTS Review of Genesis, Stories of Moses and the giving of the Commandments. After Christmas, Bible stories that illustrate the various parts of the prayer.
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SUNDAY SCHOOL CURRICULUM

The title *The Ambassador Sunday School Series* might be quite suitable for the Sunday school materials which are being written by the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations. There is constant progress on every grade level. Second and third grade lessons are available this fall. They include study of the Ten Commandments and the Lord's Prayer. The sixth grade material which includes a study on the sacraments of the church might not be ready for the fall quarter. In that event the second quarter of the course *An Overall Study of the Bible* will be substituted. This includes a review of the New Testament. The title of the sixth grade study is *New Testament History*.

The senior high courses are also recommended for adult classes. The study on the Book of Galatians might not be ready until the second quarter. Additional courses are being written in this grade level.

It is the constant desire of the Board of Parish Education that they receive constructive criticism from those who teach these courses. Only as this is done can additional improvements be made. It will be well to mail these comments to the parish education secretary at the end of each quarter.

The following curriculum outline describes the material taught on each level:

PARTICULARS OF ST. PAUL'S FAMILY BIBLE CAMP ANNOUNCED

The annual Family Bible Camp of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Cloquet, Minn., has been announced. The camp will be held Aug. 2-8 at Covenant Park Bible Camp, Mahtowa, Minn. The congregation's pastor, Rev. Herbert L. Franz, serves as director.

The Bible teacher for the week will

be Rev. R. Snipstead, dean of AFLBS in Minneapolis, Minn. Leader of the Deeper Life Hour and evening speaker will be Evangelist Nels Pederson, staff evangelist for the Lutheran Evangelistic Movement. The Deeper Life Hour will deal with family living.

Children aged five to nine are charged \$9.00 for the week; those under five are free. All others pay \$18.00.

For reservations or other information contact Pastor Franz at 1301 Wilson Avenue, Cloquet.

NOTICE FROM THE BIBLE BOOK NOOK

Rev. Gerald F. Mundfrom, manager of the Bible Book Nook at Grafton, N. Dak., reports that the book reviews published in the *Ambassador* have produced some orders from the readers.

He asks that this notice be made: Please allow for postage and sales tax when ordering books and other supplies from us.

ELECTION TO THE MISSIONS CORPORATION

The following persons were elected to the Missions Corporation by the Corporation itself after nomination by the Annual Conference. The term is for five years.

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CORRECTION

The lead editorial in **The Lutheran Ambassador**, July 6, 1971, page 9, should have been entitled "The Reconsideration of Pastor Strand" instead of the way it appeared, "The Reconstruction of Pastor Strand."

We are sorry for this error.

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