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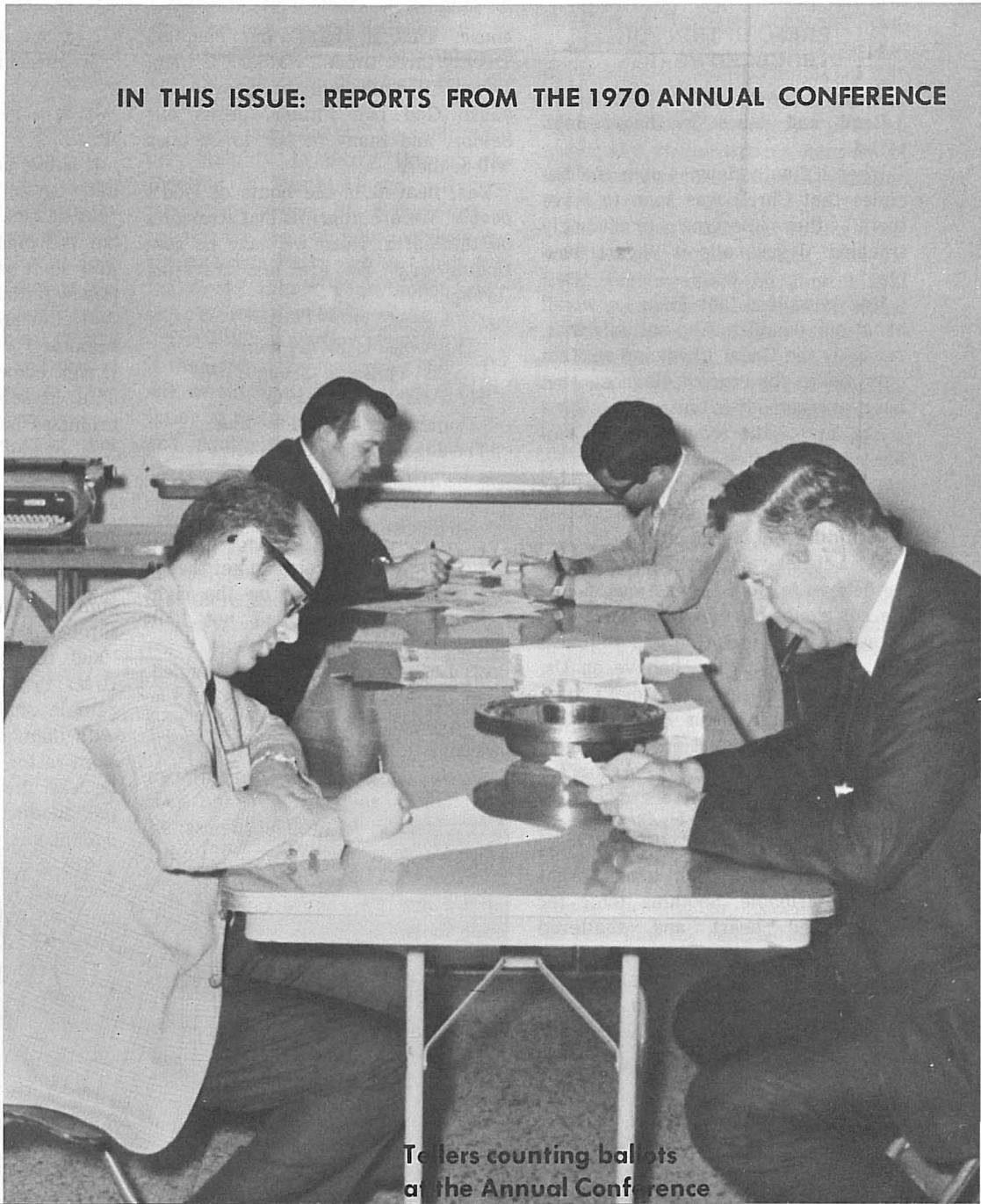
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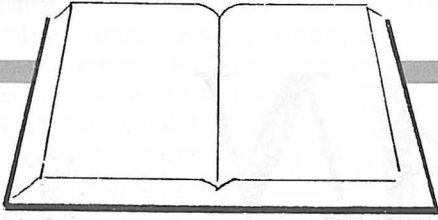
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Tellers counting ballots
at the Annual Conference



According to the Word

PRESCRIPTION FOR TROUBLED HEARTS

Read and learn by heart John
14:1-3

When it finally dawned upon the disciples that Christ was soon to leave them, they became exceedingly troubled. Jesus calls it "heart trouble."

How good it is that Jesus knows all about our troubles. And not only that, but he is the Great Physician who not only makes the correct diagnosis, but has a sure remedy to offer.

Are any of the readers of the **Ambassador** bothered with heart trouble? Here is the best medicine ever prescribed by any doctor. It consists of four different ingredients.

(1) Let not your heart be troubled: **ye believe in God, believe also in me.** Be not troubled or anxious about anything, for you have God and you have Me. Reckon with Us, believe on Us, We shall never fail you. I don't think there is a verse in the Bible that has been of more comfort and blessing to me than Isaiah 41:10: "Fear not, for I am with you, be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, and I will uphold you with my victorious right hand." What an indescribable, soothing tonic for a troubled heart and shattered nerves!

(2) Let not your heart be troubled, **you have a home in heaven.** "I go to prepare a place for you." Jesus calls that heavenly home **my Father's**

house. This is the Father chapter. Twenty three times "Father" is mentioned. Heaven will be heaven because God our Father, Jesus our Savior, and many of our loved ones will be there.

Yes, heaven is the home of God's people. We are pilgrims and strangers on this earth. Here we have no continuing city. We are just traveling through.

"This world is not my home,
I'm just a passing through;
My treasures are laid up
somewhere beyond the blue;
The angels beckon me
from heaven's open door
And I can't feel at home
in this world anymore."

But how are you going to get there? Are you sure you are on the right road? Heaven-bound and not hell-bound?

(3) Let not your heart be troubled, **I am the way (v. 6).** Jesus is not one of the ways, but the **only** way. "No one cometh to the Father but by me." Some try to get there through their own merits, their prayers and good works, but it is utterly impossible. You have to turn away from all other ways and get in on the straight and narrow one. That is the only one that leads home.

"I've tried in vain a thousand
ways
My fears to quell, my hopes to
raise;

But what I need, the Bible says,
Is ever, only, Jesus."

It is a new and living way (Heb. 10:20).

It is like boarding a plane; you commit yourself to it and it takes you to your destination. It is not your efforts but the plane that brings you there. And so it is with the way of salvation by faith in Jesus Christ.

(4) Let not your heart be troubled, **because I promise to take you home.** I will come again and receive you unto Myself. Lots of people make promises but they do not keep them. You cannot depend on them. Their words are worthless. Not so with Jesus Christ. He is Yea and Amen to all the promises. They are sealed by His blood and signed by His name. Yes, He is coming surely and He is coming soon. He is going to break through the cloud one of these days, "and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words." What a homegoing day that will be!

Are you ready, are you all excited about it, filled with holy enthusiasm to win souls for your Savior while you are waiting?

Or are you coming home empty-handed?

Lars Stalsbroten

NEW VICE-PRESIDENT FOR AFLC ELECTED AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN VALLEY CITY LAST MONTH

Rev. Kenneth L. Anderson, Radcliffe, Ia., was elected vice-president of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations at the church's annual conference in Valley City, N. Dak., June 10-14. He succeeds Rev. Richard Snipstead, Minneapolis, Minn., dean of Association Free Lutheran Bible School. The latter failed by a handful of votes on the first ballot to get the three-fourths majority he needed to continue in office after having served four consecutive one-year terms.

Mr. Anderson was elected on the third ballot. He is serving in his first parish in the Association and had prior service in the Lutheran Free Church and the American Lutheran Church. Now 41, Mr. Anderson is a graduate of Augsburg College and the former Augsburg Seminary in Minneapolis.

Rev. Robert Rieth, Kirkland, Wash., was re-elected as secretary of the AFLC, to a second one-year term.

In a contest among businessmen, for a seat on the Co-ordinating Committee, Clarence Quanbeck, McVille, N. Dak., narrowly defeated Russell Duncan, Fargo, N. Dak., who had been nominated from the floor. Norman Lindrus, Ontonagon, Mich., trailed in third place for the five-year term on the between-conferences administrative body. Rev. Albert Hautamaki, Negaunee, Mich., who had been appointed to fill the unexpired term of the late Rev. Fritjof B. Monseth, defeated Rev. Robert Lee, Tioga, N. Dak., for a one-year term on the Committee.

Hiring Practises

Aside from these elections and others which will be reported later, chief interest at the eighth annual conference centered on a matter which caught most of the delegates by surprise. The event culminated in the passing of motion to table a substitute motion which would have given the conference the responsibility of recommending to the Board

of Trustees of the Association's Bible School and Seminary in Minneapolis its approval or disapproval of a candidate for a teaching position. The vote was 77-70.

The substitute motion replaced one which had been set before the conference by a West Coast District delegate early on Friday afternoon at the conclusion of consideration of the resolutions concerning Schools. The delegate's motion called upon the Board of Trustees to refrain from hiring any pastor to teach who is on the AFLC clergy roster but at the same time serves in a congregation which affiliates with the World Council of Churches.

The motion, admittedly occasioned by the case of Rev. David Molstre who left a congregation at Grand Forks, N. Dak., to work for a while at Hope Lutheran Church (LCA) in Minneapolis, and had been hired as a part-time teacher in the AFLC's Bible School this fall, provoked a lively debate, involving parts of three business sessions in all. A motion to

table the discussion to Saturday afternoon passed by 146-32, but the discussion was later moved to late Saturday morning to accommodate delegates who had to leave after dinner. But the matter was ultimately decided in the afternoon after all.

Proponents of the original motion felt that there was an inconsistency in a member of the Association, which does not belong to the Geneva-based WCC, serving in a congregation with ties to the WCC. They expressed the concern that this would undermine the confidence of the people of the church at large. Opponents of the original resolution described the congregation where Pastor Molstre is working as a reluctant member of the WCC. There was also fear expressed that the passage of such a motion would lead to an unnecessary limiting of contacts with other Lutherans who are also reluctant members of the WCC.

The much softer substitute motion which was tabled was not discussed by the convention but it sought to give the conference greater voice in the hiring of teachers and was meant as a caution to the Board. No mention of the WCC was included in it. (The document "The Relation Between Free Lutheran Theological Seminary and the Association of Free Lutheran



Rev. Kenneth L. Anderson, left, is congratulated upon his election as vice-president of the AFLC by Rev. John P. Strand, president. Rev. Robert Rieth, re-elected secretary, looks on. An interesting sidelight is that Mr. Anderson once served as student intern in the Tioga, N. Dak., parish with Mr. Strand and Mr. Rieth spent a year in that parish as lay assistant, also with Pastor Strand.

Valley City Times Record photo

Congregations," accepted by the 1967 Annual Conference, gives wide powers to the Board of Trustees in the hiring and dismissing of teachers in the Seminary. No mention is made of the Bible School.)

Finances

Considerable attention at the conference centered on the financial condition of the Association. In his address to the church, President John Strand called the 22% increase in contributions to the budget last year encouraging, but pointed out that in spite of that the goal was not reached. He described the current financial problems in the Association as "serious," said that the Association cannot possibly enter all the open doors before the church and may even have to cut back on presently existing programs.

Dr. Iver Olson, chairman of the Stewardship Board, voiced the same concern in his report, the need to curtail planned activities or resort to borrowing. He saw some hope for added funds for current operations in the diversion of funds to that area as One Grand Fellowship pledges are paid up. Dr. Olson repeated the hope that a full-time stewardship director could be secured in the Association soon.

In the discussion on stewardship on Saturday afternoon a committee resolution directing the curtailment of planned activities if sufficient funds aren't available and forbidding the borrowing of funds from "lending agencies" to keep them going was defeated.

The conference gently prodded the various Boards in the church to regularly publicize their needs and not wait until the end of the fiscal year to do so.

By the time the conference was over, a total budget of \$199,919 was adopted for recommendation to the congregations, the largest budget accepted thus far in the church's seven-year history. It was also the exact amount suggested by the Analysis Committee.

Missions

The conference was not asked to make any big decisions about the Association's home and world mis-

sion endeavors, nor did it do so. Resolutions tended to be expressions of thanksgiving and encouragement to greater prayer and more diligent giving. The Home Mission Board was urged to build up its Church Extension Fund and congregations receiving Home Mission subsidies were encouraged to make annual progress in taking over self-support.

The news that the John Abel family cannot return to Brazil this year due to lack of funds became more general knowledge at the conference. The point was made that the way must be opened for that return a year from now. In the meantime Pastor Abel will teach school at Hillcrest Academy, Fergus Falls, Minn., this coming year and continue to serve as pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Fargo. The family will live in Fergus Falls.

New Congregations

Five new congregations were welcomed into fellowship with the AFLC. They are Elim Lutheran, Lake Stevens, Wash., Drummond Lutheran, Drummond, Wis., Faith Lutheran, Mason, Wis., Zion Lutheran, Greenbush, Minn., and Trinity Lutheran, Minnewaukan, N. Dak.

Tenth Anniversary

It was voted to "consider" the observance of the Association's tenth anniversary and that the annual conference that year be held in Minneapolis. There was a question raised as to whether the anniversary should fall in 1972 or 1973. No final decision on that was made. The AFLC held its organizational conference in October, 1962, in Thief River Falls, Minn. The merger of the Lutheran Free Church with the American Lutheran Church did not take place until February, 1963, and the first regular conference of the Association occurred in Fargo in June of that year.

Evangelism

In his report for the Commission of Evangelism, Pastor Trygve Dahle, who terminated his membership on the commission at the conference, called for at least one week of special meetings in every congregation each

year. He also stressed the importance of the attendance of pastors at annual conferences, Family Bible Camps and the winter Bible conferences, including the Sundays. This, too, is evangelism, Pastor Dahle declared. He was replaced on the commission by Rev. J. G. Erickson, Ferndale, Wash.

Other Elections

In other elections at the conference, Rev. Raynard Huglen, Roslyn, S. Dak., was re-elected to the Board of Publications and Parish Education. He also serves as editor of *The Lutheran Ambassador*, bi-weekly organ of the AFLC. Rev. Herbert Franz, Cloquet, Minn., was re-elected to the Youth Board. Rev. Wendell Johnson, Dalton, Minn., replaced Dr. Iver Olson on the Stewardship Board and Rev. Jerome Nikunen, Ontonagon, Mich., took the place of Rev. G. H. Spletstoesser on the Board of Pensions. All the terms are for five years.

In individual corporation meetings (the AFLC is not itself incorporated) the Mission Corporation re-elected Mr. Chester Dyrud, Thief River Falls, to the Board of World Missions and Pastor Franz to the Board of Home Missions. Mr. Joel Rogenes, Buxton, N. Dak., was elected to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Torkel Ose, Thief River Falls, who resigned due to ill health, and Rev. Larry Severson, Abercrombie, N. Dak., was picked to finish the term (one year) of the late Rev. Fritjof B. Monseth. Both of these latter two elections were to the Board of Home Missions.

The Corporation of the Schools elected two new members to the Board of Trustees, namely, Rev. Leslie Galland, Spicer, Minn., for five years in place of Rev. Karl Stendal, and Mr. Raymond Jacobson, Minneapolis, Minn., for one year, to replace Mr. G. N. Arneson who lost his place on the Board when he failed to win re-election to the Corporation.

Attendance

Approximately 275 delegates, including pastors, attended the 1970 Annual Conference. They came from ten states.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE EIGHTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE ASSOCIATION OF FREE LUTHERAN CONGREGATIONS

Part II

The Association of Free Lutheran Congregations has much to thank God for. He revealed His blessing upon the work this past year, too. It has been a good year. The zeal and loyalty of the membership of the Association continues to be inspiring and grounds for deep gratitude to God and each other. An amazing progress in just about every area of the Association work continues. It is well for us to occasionally pause and reflect on what God has done since the fall of 1962. We will soon be ten years old. It would seem that some special thank observance should be made at that anniversary.

The center of the work of the Association continues to be the congregations. Here the Word is faithfully taught, preached, lived by our pastors and co-laborers. We are grateful that that Word does not return void. Eternity alone will reveal the fruits of this faithful toil. We thank God for our pastors and support them by our prayers and means. We should so provide that they can labor without temporal anxiety, as is promised in the installation service.

We are grateful that more and better Sunday School materials are being provided our congregations. This material has had a trial run and is being improved in many areas. The Board of Publications and Parish Education is to be commended for their excellent work.

We have a host of fine young people. This bears witness to many fine homes and congregations. These are days of stress and strain for youth with so many different ideologies and emphases seeking for their minds and bodies. We thank God for our Bible Camps and Luther Leagues. A fine Luther League convention met in Moorhead, Minnesota, last fall.

We as yet do not have a Luther League advisor on the national level. We trust that God will provide one who is mature and proven in ability and concern, and who understands and believes in the Association concerns. Some tragic results have been seen in our day because of wrong leadership in youth work. We cannot be too careful in this area of our work.

Finances

Again this year the Association budget receipts were encouraging. There was a 22% increase over the previous year. This is tremendous and we are deeply grateful to God and all the faithful supporters. The budget was not reached, however, and this is one cause of the serious financial problems we are now experiencing. The Seminary and Bible School receipts were about \$9,000.00 short of the budget. The Mission Fund receipts were about \$11,000.00 short of the budget. A legacy to Foreign Missions amounted to close to \$11,000.00, however, and these monies were expended in current Foreign Missions operations. The situation has deteriorated since February 1, 1970, so that presently all our missions and institutions are operating in the red, a situation which cannot continue long.

The Association is so made up that it is dependent on God's Spirit moving in the hearts of the supporters, and they being obedient to that spirit, so that the needs are supplied. Thus, we are entirely a faith work. Faith is not spending money, but receiving money gratefully, and wisely and prayerfully expending it. God has many ways to lead and guide, and we must be sensitive to His guidance. We must operate on receipts, not on what we hope to get, or blind optimism. This is particularly true when

we operate on funds that come from others. Unless the current financial picture changes drastically, some severe readjustments must be made in our operations.

There are some tremendous opportunities facing the Association. Our schools are having a constantly expanding outreach. There are more and more young people coming to our schools from outside the Association. There are undoubtedly limitless opportunities in Brazil. Our own nation needs the Gospel and the ministry of living congregations more than at any other time. Last year we spent over two and one half times as much on Foreign Missions as on Home Missions. We hear so much about establishing priorities as a nation. Some thought should be given to this by the Association, too. We cannot possibly enter all the open doors and do all that we would like to do. It may even be necessary to cut back on already established opportunities.

The Budget Analysis Committee set up by last year's convention is reporting to this conference. It is believed that the annually elected Analysis Committee will serve a very useful purpose. It will do what the conference does not have time to do, carefully analyze each budget, and the receipts and make recommendations to the conferences. It would appear to be a healthy "check and balance," and a means to maintain a good working relationship between the congregations and/or conferences with the institutions and/or boards.

We are grateful for the generous legacy to Foreign Missions received this past year. Mr. Andrew Rendal, a friend of missions from Roseau, Minnesota, remembered the Lord's Kingdom when he made his will. We encourage others to do the same. A brochure to help people when making out their wills is being prepared.

Necrology

Two pastors very active in the formation of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations were called to the Church Triumphant this past year. Pastor Fritjof B. Monseth died on July 15, 1969. Pastor Morris Eggen died March 22, 1970. We thank God for their witness. Blessed be their mem-

ory. (Here was included a list of special occasions in the congregations during the past year, such as installations, anniversaries and dedications.)

There is need for more up-to-date statistics on our congregations. We hope that such can be secured at the end of this fiscal year.

Our Hope

As we close this report, we remind each other again of our conference text, and the Lordship of Christ. Christ is our hope. While Christians must reconcile themselves to becoming an even smaller minority, and to a coming persecution, their triumph is certain. Let us not expect easier paths, but rather desire a deeper fellowship with the One Who is faithful to His own.

We express a sincere appreciation for fine cooperation again this year. Please be faithful in your prayers on our behalf.

Sincerely in Christ,
 Pastor John P. Strand, President
 The Association of Free
 Lutheran Congregations

CHARTER MEMBERSHIP SERVICE CONDUCTED AT MINNEWAUKAN

Rev. John P. Strand, president of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations, conducted a charter membership service for the newly organized Trinity Lutheran Church of Minnewaukan, N. Dak., on Sunday, May 10, at the Big Coulee Church, where the members are worshipping temporarily.

Lebanon Lutheran, Leeds, and Antiochia Lutheran, Churchs Ferry, participated in the service. The three congregations will form a parish unit and call a pastor jointly.

A total of 92 persons were taken in as charter members of Trinity, including 60 adults, 14 confirmed youth and 18 children.

A fellowship dinner was served following the service.

The parish is being served this summer by Wayne Peterson of Minneapolis, Minn. Mr. Peterson attended col-



Rev. and Mrs. John Strand receive the congratulations of Robert Bilden, Bagley, Minn., at a surprise coffee break celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary on Saturday afternoon of the conference. Actual date of the anniversary is June 23.
 Valley City Times Record Photo

AFFIRMATION OF SUPPORT

“Since we are living in a time when there is a growing tendency to reject all authority, and since these tragic actions stem from the rejection of the authority of Jesus, the Living Word, and the Bible; therefore, BE IT RESOLVED, that the conference encouraged rededication of ourselves to the teachings of Scripture and loyalty to our country. We, therefore, publicly affirm our support of our President, belief and faith in our constitutional republic, adherence to and belief in the concept of America as one free nation under God, and full support of the law enforcement agencies which have the responsibility for maintaining peace and order within our land.”

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lege at Greenville, S. Car., and is a graduate of the University of Minnesota, with a major in psychology. This past year he attended Free Lutheran Theological Seminary in Minneapolis. He has worked for KTIS, AM and FM radio, in Minneapolis the past three years.

His wife Norma attended Association Free Lutheran Bible School and is a 1968 graduate of the practical nurses' program at Fergus Falls, Minn.

The couple resides in Minnewaukan and will return to Minneapolis in the fall where Mr. Peterson will continue his seminary training.

TRY SMILING

When the weather suits you not,
 Try smiling.
 When your coffee isn't hot,
 Try smiling.
 When your neighbors don't do right,
 Or your relatives all fight,
 Sure, 'tis hard; but then you might
 Try smiling.
 Doesn't change the things, of course,
 Just smiling.
 And it seems to help your case,
 Brightens up a gloomy place;
 Then, it sort o' rests your face—
 Just smiling.

Author Unknown
 from Quotes from the Quiet Hour

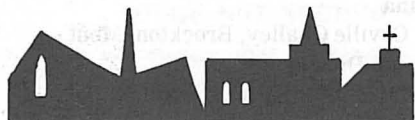
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Today: The Roseau (Minn.) Parish Rose Lutheran Church

Rose Lutheran is the oldest congregation in Roseau County. The church is situated on a sand ridge three miles west of Roseau, the county seat. It was organized under the Norwegian-Danish Conference in 1888. It was a member of the United Church from 1890 to 1903 when it became a part of the Lutheran Free Church.

The present church was built in 1925 and remodeled in 1933. The interior was refinished in nu-wood and the basement was enlarged to make room for a kitchen.

The pastors who have served Rose are K. B. Birkeland, 1888-89; Nils Askeland, 1891-1903; S. E. Odland,

1903-09; A. M. Arntzen, 1909-10; K. Gjesfjeld, 1910-17; R. J. Huglen, 1918-24; E. P. Dreyer, 1924-28; J. T. Quanbeck, 1928-38; A. C. Rykken, 1938-62 (assistant to 1967); Erling Huglen, 1962-67; and Edwin Kjos, 1967-70. Student Michael Brandt is serving the congregation this summer.

Spruce Lutheran Church

Spruce Lutheran Church is located five miles east of Roseau and one mile south. Roseau County is in the tier of counties adjoining the Canadian boundary. The country is flat except for occasional sand ridges and phenomena such as Bemis hill to the southeast of Spruce. It is agricultural land, but there are still great wooded sections with many evergreens. In a year such as this, the frequent rains have presented great problems for the farmers.

Spruce Congregation was organized on July 5, 1912. Rev. Knut Gjesfjeld, now retired and living in Thief River Falls, Minn., was the first pastor and served until October, 1917. He was followed by R. J. Huglen, 1918-20; E. P. Dreyer, 1924-28; J. T. Quanbeck, 1928-38; A. C. Rykken, 1938-62 (assistant to 1967); Erling Huglen, 1962-67; and Edwin Kjos, 1967-70. Student Brandt is serving the church this summer.

Roseau Lutheran Church

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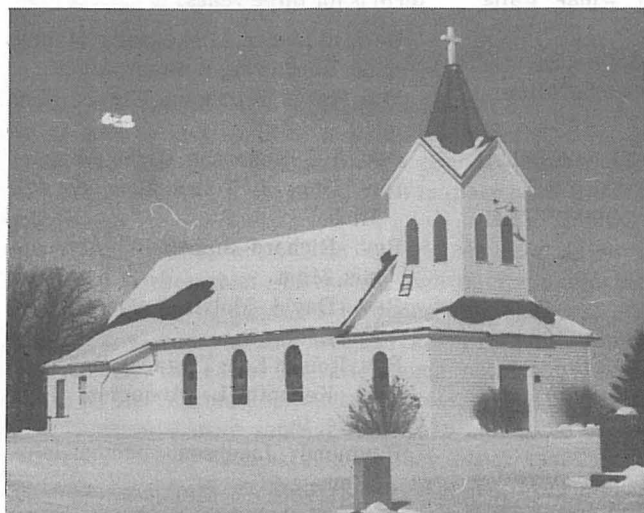
Rev. Edwin Kjos is a native of Pelican Rapids, Minn. He attended Augsburg College in Minneapolis, Minn., and is a graduate of Free Lutheran Seminary. He is married and he and his wife Yvonne have five children, Karen, Mark, David, Linda and Brenda. They recently moved to Faith, S. Dak., where he serves a church there and one in Eagle Butte.

was moved into town and placed upon a basement foundation.

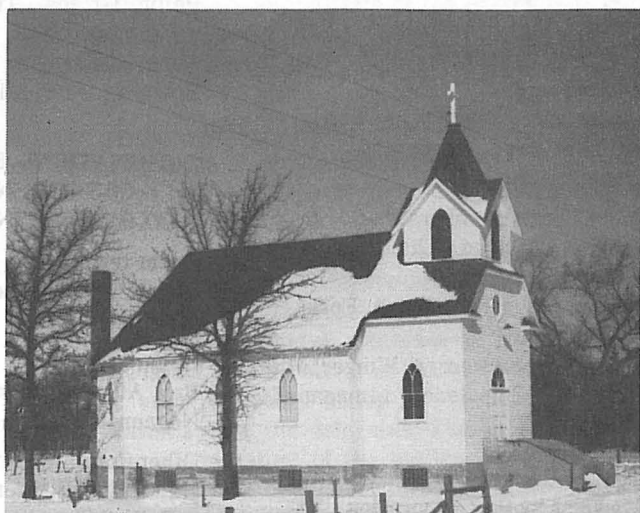
Date of organization for the congregation was May 25, 1966. Most of the original members of Roseau Lutheran had previously belonged to Moe Lutheran, also in town.

Roseau is a thriving business town and has had a great boost in its economy through being the site of one of the big snowmobile manufacturers

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Rose Lutheran Church



Spruce Lutheran Church

**ANNUAL
CONFERENCE ELECTIONS**

Vice-President

1-year term
Rev. Kenneth L. Anderson
Radcliffe, Ia.

Secretary

1-year term
Rev. Robert Rieth
Kirkland, Wash.

Stewardship Board

5-year term
Rev. Wendell Johnson
Dalton, Minn.

Other Board members are:

Even Ose, Thief River Falls, Minn.
Robert Dietsche, Sand Creek, Wis.
Rev. Marvin Undseth, Shevlin, Minn.
Kenneth Olson, Radcliffe, Ia.

**Board of Publications and Parish
Education**

5-year term
Rev. Raynard Huglen
Roslyn, S. Dak.

Other Board Members are:

Kent Quanbeck, McVile, N. Dak.
Mrs. Vernon Nelson, Grand Forks, N.
Dak.
Mrs. Philip Dyrud, Minneapolis,
Minn.
Eula Mae Swenson, Fargo, N. Dak.

Board of Pensions

5-year term
Rev. Jerome Nikunen
Ontonagon, Mich.

Other Board Members are:

Albert Moen, Grand Forks, N. Dak.
Rev. John DeBoer, Villard, Minn.
Eldor Sorkness, Sand Creek, Wis.
Stanley Block, Spicer, Minn.

Youth Board

5-year term
Rev. Herbert L. Franz
Cloquet, Minn.

Other Board members are:

Sheldon Mortrud, Thief River Falls,
Minn.
Gordon Johnson, Grand Forks, N.
Dak.
Rev. Forrest Swenson, Winger, Minn.
Rev. R. Snipstead, Minneapolis,
Minn.

**To the Board of World
Missions by the Corporation**

5-year term

Chester Dyrud
Thief River Falls, Minn.

Other Board members are:

Robert Knutson, McVile, N. Dak.
Rev. Trygve F. Dahle, Spicer, Minn.
Rev. A. L. Hokonson, Osseo, Minn.
Roy Mohagen, Grafton, N. Dak.

**To the Board of Home Missions
by the Corporation**

5-year term
Rev. Herbert L. Franz
Cloquet, Minn.

2-year term
Joel Rogenes
Buxton, N. Dak.

1-year term
Rev. Larry Severson
Abercrombie, N. Dak.

Other Board members are:

Rev. Hubert DeBoer, Willmar, Minn.
Eldor Sorkness, Sand Creek, Wis.

**BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED BY
CORPORATIONS IN VALLEY CITY,
NORTH DAKOTA**

**To the Board of Trustees of Associa-
tion Schools by the Corporation**

5-year term
Rev. Leslie Galland
Spicer, Minn.

1-year term
Raymond Jacobson
Minneapolis, Minn.

Other Board members are:

Rev. E. J. Langness, McVile, N. Dak.
Rev. Raynard Huglen, Roslyn, S.
Dak.
Philip Grothe, Thief River Falls,
Minn.
Amos Hinderaker, Radcliffe, Ia.
Howard Lieder, Minneapolis, Minn.

**NOMINATIONS BY THE ANNUAL
CONFERENCE TO THE
CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE**

5-year term
Clarence Quanbeck
McVile, N. Dak.

1-year term
Rev. Albert Hautamaki
Negaunee, Mich.

Other Committee members are:
Rev. Julius Hermunslie, Fergus
Falls, Minn.
Clifford Johnson, Esko, Minn.

Sheldon Mortrud, Thief River Falls,
Minn.

R. M. Konsterlie, Willmar, Minn.
Rev. Harry C. Molstre, Valley City,
N. Dak.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR
THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF
1971**

Eastern North Dakota

Rev. Harry C. Molstre, Valley City,
N. Dak.

**Western North Dakota-Eastern Mon-
tana**

Orville Qualley, Brockton, Mont.

South Dakota

Dr. Wayne Sletten, Faith, S. Dak.

Northern Minnesota

Stanely Holmaas, Newfolden, Minn.

North Central Minnesota

Kenneth Rolf, McIntosh, Minn.

Central Minnesota

Sidney Swenson, Fergus Falls,
Minn.

Minneapolis

Rev. Leslie Galland, Spicer, Minn.

Northern Michigan

Rev. Hans J. Tollefson, Eben Jct.,
Mich.

Arizona

Leonard Swanson, Nogales, Ariz.

West Coast

Rev. Francis Monseth, Everett,
Wash.

**ELECTION TO THE SCHOOLS
CORPORATION**

The following persons were elected
to the Corporation of the Schools by
the Corporation itself after nomina-
tion by the Annual Conference. The
term is for three years.

Howard Lieder, Minneapolis, Minn.
R. M. Konsterlie, Willmar, Minn.
Mrs. Robert Bursheim, Winger, Minn.

Rev. A. L. Hokonson, Osseo, Minn.
Rev. Hans J. Tollefson, Eben Jct.
Mich.

Rev. Richard Snipstead, Minneap-
olis, Minn.

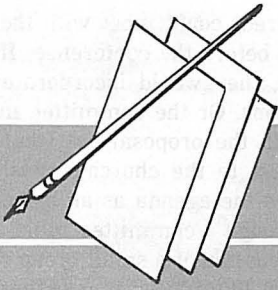
Rev. David Molstre, Minneapolis,
Minn.

Rev. Robert Lee, Tioga, N. Dak.

Rev. Kenneth L. Anderson, Rad-
cliffe, Ia.

Raymond Jacobson, Minneapolis,
Minn.

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EDITORIALS

LODGE NOT NEEDED AT VATICAN

It is unfortunate that the President of the United States has felt it necessary to appoint Henry Cabot Lodge as his personal emissary to the Vatican in Rome. We protest this action and call it unnecessary and an affront to the principle of the separation of church and state.

Vatican City may have legal status as an independent state in Italy, but is so tiny that it cannot warrant personal representation from the leader of the most powerful nation on earth. Therefore, it is as a religious power that it is approached by our government and it is on this basis that we oppose this step by Mr. Nixon and recognizing that he isn't the first American president to do something like this.

The argument is made that the Roman Catholic Church, for all its far-flung empire, is an invaluable listening post to the world. It's hard to see how this personal tie will turn up anything useful that couldn't be gained without it. In fact, it almost makes the Roman Church suspect, that it would withhold information necessary to the world's good unless it is given this special recognition.

If this is meant to be a bridge-building operation to the world's Roman Catholics, it has an adverse effect on many Protestants who cannot see value in this diplomatic tie between our civil government and a church body. It isn't fair to those of other religious beliefs who do not expect nor want similar recognition. Ambassador Lodge isn't needed at the Vatican.

VALLEY CITY IS HISTORY

Another annual conference of the church has come and gone. Due to lack of time no editorial in this issue is intended to fully sum up the recently concluded conference in Valley City. But it is our intention to make some general comments.

The conference attendance was not as good as some years but better than others. The size of the auditorium was misleading in judging attendance, too. It seems certain that more favorable weather conditions this spring would have increased the attendance noticeably. Some familiar faces from the northern areas of North Dakota and Minnesota were missing this year and some people had good reason to be absent as they raced to complete seeding operations on their farms. (Others, we are told, will not get their crops in.)

The auditorium in Valley City again provided very good

facilities for a conference. Situated only a block from downtown Valley City, the memorial structure contained a large-sized dining hall and kitchen, book display area and office space, in addition to the ample assembly section and stage.

The people of Grace and Zion Lutheran Churches did their best to give a good welcome to delegates and make their stay a pleasant one. The meals were excellent and efficiently served. This writer took note of the beautiful bouquets of flowers which graced the stage of the auditorium—roses, spirea, irises, mums and daisies, perhaps others. Someone has called the iris "the poor man's orchids." Be that as it may, any flower blossom is an absolute miracle and eloquently testifies to the glory of God's creation.

There was improvement this year in the style of the resolutions which were presented to the delegates. There was more uniformity in approach. Some resolutions are couched in the "be it resolved" manner, while others do not contain that legal atmosphere. In time there should be a definite swing to one side or the other.

Resolutions tend to be largely expressions of thanksgiving and praise. Few hard and fast decisions are made at the conferences. Those are hammered out by boards and committees during the year. As has been said before, this makes the elections at conferences very important. It also points up this that there may be the need to identify candidates for office in some way. We have operated on the premise that everyone knows everyone else. This may not be true and if a person is simply choosing between two persons unknown to him, we may wonder how intelligently the outcome will be. Having several ballots mimeographed this year, and perhaps last year, is certainly an improvement. That should be done for the nominating committee also.

This year's conference did not have an ordination service and that always takes something away from an annual meeting. God willing, future conferences will have a number of men ready for separation unto the holy ministry and it will be the joy of the church to commission them for their noble calling.

With this we conclude these general comments and may possibly remark on the state of the church next time in the light of the recent annual conference in the Sheyenne Valley of North Dakota.

SCREENED RESOLUTIONS

The bringing in of an unexpected individual resolution which turned out to be the attraction of the conference and the one that would take up the most time (part of three sessions), raises the question of whether such need be allowed even while protecting the democratic process.

Reference here is to the resolution which was presented to the conference on Friday afternoon at the conclusion of the discussion on Schools. The resolution, directed at a specific area of faculty hiring for the Schools, came without warning upon the delegates. The chair may have been aware of the nature of the motion, we don't know. But here was a whole new issue, throwing the conference off schedule, forcing overtime sessions on both Friday and Saturday afternoons and crowding parish education, youth

work, stewardship and pensions into one afternoon.

But, it will be argued, if an issue is of sufficient interest and importance, it must be heard and the time taken will be well spent. On the other hand, all of us can imagine topics that might be introduced at a conference which could immediately generate great interest and debate, but would it be good to bring them forth without the prior knowledge of the convention?

To protect a fair and orderly conference, there are a couple steps that could be taken. First, all issues of importance which are to come up before a conference should be made known in the church paper ahead of the conference opening. Here **The Lutheran Ambassador** must share part of the blame for not publicizing possible business items to a greater extent. More should be done on this score in our church.

A second possibility toward eliminating the surprise resolution (excepting resolutions of thanks and appreciation), would be to require that all resolutions must be screened by one of the resolution committees and there are five of them each year. That is, a person or group who wished to propose an item of business they were sure

would not be otherwise covered, could meet with the appropriate committee the day before the conference. If the committee members agreed, they would incorporate the motion in one of the resolutions. Or the committee might not wish to be identified with the proposal but would be willing to forward the request to the church's president and secretary for inclusion on the agenda as an independent motion. The approach through a committee could have this value also that in the discussion of a small group some new light might be thrown on the matter in question and some new positions possibly taken.

If fear is expressed for the safety of democratic process, there is always the possibility open that one's wishes can be expressed in an amendment to a motion before the house.

All of this is written with the conviction that it isn't fair to a conference which has accepted a certain schedule to suddenly find everything disrupted. This is no attempt to cover up or declare immunity to examination for any board, committee or official. It is simply a searching out for what might be the best way to properly bring matters of business before a conference.

BRETHREN, CALLED BY ONE VOCATION

Brethren, called by one vocation,
Members of one family,
Heirs through Christ of one salvation,
Let us live in harmony;
Nor by strife embitter life,
Journeying to eternity.

In a land where all are strangers,
And our sojourning so short,
In the midst of common dangers,
Concord is our best support;
Heart with heart divides the smart,
Lightens grief of every sort.

Let us shun all vain contention
Touching words and outward things,
Whence, alas! so much dissension
And such bitter rancor springs;
Troubles cease, where Christ brings
peace
And sweet healing on His wings.

Judge not hastily of others,
But thine own salvation mind;
Nor be captious to thy brother's,
To thine own offenses blind;
God alone discerns His own,
And the hearts of all mankind.

Let it be our chief endeavor,
That we may the Lord obey,
Then shall envy cease forever,
And all hate be done away;
Free from strife shall be his life
Who serves God both night and day!

C. J. P. Spitta
(from **The Lutheran Hymnal**)

LAY PASTOR STUELAND INSTALLED AT NEWFOLDEN

Mr. Rodney Stueland was installed as lay pastor of the Free Lutheran Parish of Newfolden, Minnesota, at a service held on Sunday afternoon, April 12, at 2:30 p.m. in Westaker Lutheran Church. The service began with the hymn "O Master Let Me Walk With Thee," followed by a special number by a quartet from Hegland church (one of the parish churches), "Each Step I Take." Scripture and prayer were given by Paul Flaten of Hegland church. A solo, "Until Then," was rendered by Mrs. Gilman Stennes of the Bethania

church, the other member of the three-point parish.

The choir from the parish sang "Break Thou the Bread of Life" just before President John Strand of the AFLC delivered the message. Following the sermon there was a solo by James Olson from Westaker, entitled "Jesus and Me." A response was given by Pastor Stueland. Remarks and greetings were given by neighboring pastors. The service was closed with the singing of the hymn "Lord Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing." Pastor John Strand presided at the entire installation service. A fellowship hour followed the service.

**TREASURER'S PROGRESS REPORT
February 1 to May 31, 1970**

	Proposed Yearly Budget	Current Budget	Total Received
General Fund	\$ 40,500.00	\$13,500.00	\$ 6,330.09
Schools	59,000.00	19,666.67	8,100.30
Foreign Missions	35,500.00	11,833.33	9,553.76
Home Missions	25,000.00	8,333.33	3,966.66
Praise Program	15,000.00	5,000.00	1,912.74
	\$175,000.00	\$58,333.33	\$29,863.55
Total One Year Ago			\$44,402.45
One Grand Fellowship Receipts			\$558.33
Special Pension Fund			\$160.50

WOMEN for Christ

REPORT OF THE EIGHTH ANNUAL WMF CONVENTION

Our eighth Annual Convention of the Women's Missionary Federation was held at the Civic Auditorium, Valley City, N. Dak., Wednesday, June 10th. The prayer service was led by Mrs. Orville Qualley, Brockton, Mont. Mrs. Melvin Walla, Thief River Falls, Minn., WMF president, opened the convention and introduced our song leader, Mrs. John Abel, Fargo, N. Dak. Mrs. Bernard Myking, Cloquet, Minn., led in devotions. Mrs. Paul Bjornson, president of Grace Ladies Aid, gave the welcome, followed by response from Mrs. Walla. Ladies of Valley Lutheran Church, Portland, N. Dak., favored us with two numbers during the morning session. Mrs. Ervin Hodnefield, Radcliffe, Ia., gave the morning Bible study, based on II Chronicles 25:9: "And Amaziah said to the man of God, but what shall we do for the hundred talents which I have given to the army of Israel? And the man of God answered, The Lord is able to give them much more than this." Her study was divided into three parts: 1. Power of God: We that

belong to the Lord, are as children of a king. We become heirs of God through Christ. God's Word is quick and powerful. 2. Prayer Power: Important work of the women of the church is to pray. The Lord would give us much more if we would but pray. 3. Working Power: We are to use the power given us. Prevail, wait, and let Him lead us. Our lives are to be completely dedicated to Him and only then will He be able to use us and give us much, much more.

A memorial service was led by Miss Pearl Aanstad, Hampden, N. Dak. A representative of each District took part in this service by placing a carnation in a vase in memory of WMF members who have departed from this life.

The afternoon session opened with a hymn sing. Devotions were given by Mrs. Kenneth Nash, Colfax, N. Dak. Mrs. Rodney Stueland, Newfolden, Minn., sang a solo, "God Did a Wonderful Thing."

Pastor Herbert Franz, Chairman of the Home Mission Board, brought the afternoon message, based on John 9:4: "I must work the works of him

that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work." Daylight is fading. Spiritual blindness is worse than physical blindness. Night is coming when man cannot receive Christ or the Word cannot be given out. We need men and women dedicated to the responsibility of getting the message out, but we need to know the Savior ourselves for the blind cannot lead the blind. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the light." There must be complete dedication. We must be sold out to the work of Home Missions. Jesus was sent by the Father to do His Father's will, and He obeyed the Father. He came to glorify God. Whatever God has given to us He expects us to dedicate to Him. We need men and means. We can't expect God to lay His finger on someone else if He wants us to do, go, tell or give. Let us use what we have. We are not our own. We have been bought with a price, and therefore we must glorify God. We are co-workers with Christ and ambassadors for Christ. He works in us, and through us, through power of the Holy Spirit. We need men and women with a purpose and a vision. Work while it is day.

Mrs. Lawrence Dynneson of Nogales, Arizona, and Mrs. John Abel of Fargo, N. Dak., each gave greetings from their respective mission fields, namely the Mexican border mission and the Brazil mission.

The Ladies Chorus of Grace sang a number, "Who Will Bear My Burden?" The Beaver Creek ladies, Tioga, N. Dak., presented a skit on the WMF projects. Mrs. Melvin Walla



Part of the audience at the WMF convention in Valley City.
Valley City Times-Record photo



Officers of the WMF, pictured left to right, are Mrs. Melvin Walla, president, Mrs. Harry C. Molstre, secretary, Mrs. Robert Dietsche, second vice president, Mrs. J. C. Eletson, treasurer, and Mrs. Birdeen Holt, first vice president.

Valley City Times-Record photo

graciously thanked all who had a part in the day's program and work of the WMF. A motion to accept the 1971 proposed budget of \$20,000.00 was made and passed. 214 ladies registered for the day. The following officers were elected: Mrs. Birdeen Holt as first vice-president and Mrs. Amos Dyrud as secretary.

At 7 a.m. a breakfast meeting was held on Thursday morning at Grace Church for pastors' wives, national officers, district presidents and ladies aid presidents. Bible verses, ideas, problems, and blessings were shared.

The Thursday evening Mission Festival Service opened with a sing-spiration. Miss Judith Wold, Thief River Falls, Minn., led in Scripture reading and prayer. Mr. John Rieth sang a solo, "The Ninety and Nine." Missionary John Abel gave a greeting. The message for the evening was brought by Missionary Amos Dyrud. He based his message on the theme verse, II Chronicles 25:9. The Lord is able to give or do much more, for in His hands are all power and wisdom in heaven and earth. Our God is a Holy God who wants our undivided attention. Thank God for all he has done for and through the WMF and the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations. Proclamation of the Gospel is a command and His promise is that He will be with us, Acts 1:8. The church should be militant, pressing the claims of Christ. We should be projecting ourselves by praying, giving and sending sons and daughters out into His service.

Pastor Strand installed the newly elected officers. An Honorary Life Membership pin was presented to the one retiring officer, Mrs. Harry C. Molstre.

A special "thank you" to the host congregations, Grace and Zion of Valley City, for their wonderful Christian hospitality and for all the kindnesses shown during this convention time.

Mrs. Harry C. Molstre
WMF Secretary

**WESTERN N. DAK.—EASTERN
MONT. LADIES GATHERED
AT TIOGA FOR CONCLAVE**

The Western North Dakota—

Eastern Montana District WMF workshop was held at Zion Lutheran Church, Tioga, North Dakota, on April 11, 1970.

Mrs. Adeline Kvam, Tioga, welcomed the group with a response by Mrs. Orville Qualley, Brockton, Montana, followed with Scripture and prayer by Pastor Robert Lee, Tioga.

Mrs. Melvin Walla, WMF president, brought greetings and told us how important all our projects are and that our goals be met, but we must not look only at the dollars for the most important part of our work is the winning of souls. She presented the Bible study around the theme "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matt. 6:20). We find that we must be careful what we hold as our treasure for a treasure is anything we strive to attain and dread to lose.

Members from the Beaver Creek Ladies Aid presented a very interesting skit on the different WMF projects, explaining each one thoroughly.

The message was brought by Pastor Gene Sundby, Culbertson, Montana, taken from Rev. 3:18, where we find three treasures. The first one is faith, which is the greatest and a rich resource; second, garments of righteousness; and, third, the Holy Spirit, who comes to convict.

Rev. Reuben Wee, Tioga, closed the meeting with prayer. Session offerings were given to Church Extension and the lunch offering went to the Junior Missions.

Mrs. Vernal Arnstad, Secretary

**FAITH HAVEN SITE
FOR WMF MEETING**

The Central Minnesota District Women's Missionary Federation Spring Rally met at Faith Haven Lodge on Tuesday May 5. The Henning ladies hosted the meeting.

"Committed to Christ for His Causes" was the theme. II Corinthians 5:20 was the theme verse and the theme song was "God Leads us Along."

Mrs. Harry Rorvig, the district president, presided at the meeting.

Mrs. Wendell Johnson of Dalton led the group in singing. The organist was Mrs. Ernest Walwatne of Dalton.

Devotions were by Mrs. Laura

Oscarson of Fergus Falls, who read James 2. A welcome was given by Mrs. Selmer Sorkness of Henning.

A ladies' trio consisting of Mrs. Betty Rovang, Mrs. Milton Erickson and Mrs. Wendell Johnson of Dalton sang "He Hideth My Soul." Bible study was led by Mrs. Verner Berglund of Ashby, who spoke on the theme verse. Today we should sit at the feet of Jesus. We should be servants to each other. It is precious to have pastors, missionaries and other Christians in our homes. Family and children are blessed through them. Keep your eyes upon Jesus. She concluded by saying that when we pray for loved ones, leave it all in God's hands.

Mrs. Erickson sang "Sweeter than Them All."

Potluck dinner was served at noon.

Mrs. Fritjof Monseth of Fergus Falls led the prayer fellowship. She used Matthew 7:7-11. Afternoon devotions were by Student Pastor Roy Erdahl of Fergus Falls, who read John 21:15-17.

During the business session, Mrs. Harold Erickson of Sebeka was elected secretary.

Pastor Sterling Johnson of the Lutheran Evangelistic Movement spoke on witnessing. He said some women are so busy dusting and cleaning and that it is a trick of Satan to keep them away from God. The main problem with Martha was that she wanted to serve Jesus before He served her. DO YOU WANT WHAT GOD WANTS? It's all right to sing, "Rescue the Perishing," but do you do anything about it? God wants it from the heart.

Pastor Johnson said Faith Haven Lodge will not be a camp to hear about Jesus Christ long, if we do not witness of Him. Instead it will be a camp to force our youth to learn Communism. He recommended the tract from Lutheran Colportage entitled "I believe God's Word." He ended his message with, "be anchored to the Word," never anything else.

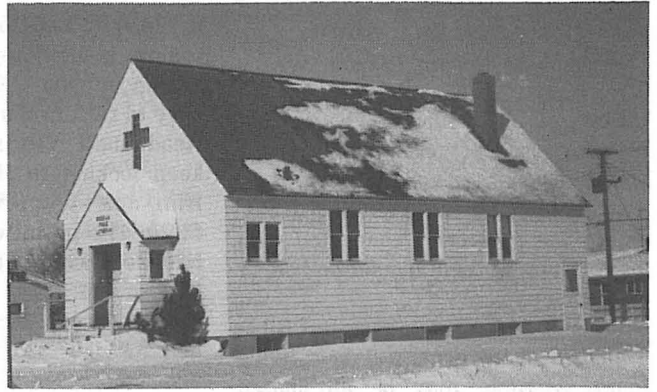
The Morning offering was to "My Missionary for a Day" and the afternoon one to Praise Program.

The benediction was by Pastor Sidney Swenson of Fergus Falls.

Mrs. Lawrence Dahlgren
Secretary



Roseau Lutheran Church



Norland Lutheran Church

in the country. The border country is a cold land in the winter, but the citizens are hardy and enjoy the winters with their snowcatting, ice hockey and curling.

Rev. Edwin Kjos served Roseau Lutheran until this time. Student Brandt is serving it this summer.

Norland Lutheran Church

Norland Congregations grew out of an inner mission society in the Salol community. From 1912 to 1940 the Salol Inner Mission Society met in homes and schoolhouses and in 1940 organized as a congregation.

The church is three miles east of Salol and two and one-half miles north. It is northeast of Roseau. The building was moved from Pencer in 1940. In 1961 remodeling was begun which included the putting in of a new chancel. Work was completed in 1965 and the finished project dedicated at the 25th anniversary that year.

Norland has been served by these pastors: Knut Gjesfjeld, 1912-17; R. J. Huglen, 1918-21; J. I. Nystuen, 1922-

23; E. P. Dreyer, 1923-25; J. T. Quanbeck, 1928-38; A. C. Rykken, 1938-62 (assistant to 1967); Erling Huglen, 1962-67; and Edwin Kjos, 1967-70.

Rev. Kjos recently left the parish, having accepted a call to serve the Faith, S. Dak., parish. Student Michael Brandt is serving the parish this summer.

PARISH ALIGNMENT

Rose Lutheran Church, organized July 16, 1888, is the oldest congregation in Roseau County. For a few years, Rose was the only congregation in the community. During this time there was a constant growth. Both Swedes and Norwegians were members of the congregation. However, the Swedes were anxious to have a congregation of their own. As soon as they felt able to organize on their own, a number of Swedes separated from Rose and formed their own congregation. This was in the summer of 1895. The Melum congregation was then organized, with several who had

been members in Rose joining there. Then in December of the same year the members of the Rose Church agreed to divide and form two congregations. The western part was to retain the old name and organization while those of the eastern part formed a new congregation. Thus, Moe congregation was organized. As other congregations were organized in the community, they all had members that once belonged to Rose. In a very real sense Rose was the mother church of most of the congregations in the community.

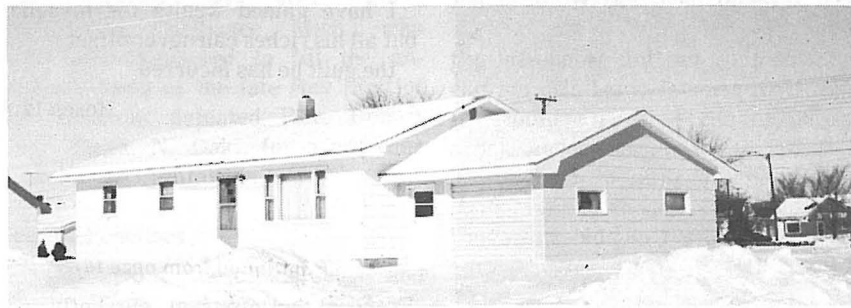
In 1903, the Rose, Moe, Pinecreek and Mellum Congregations united to call Rev. S. E. Odland.

In 1924, Rose joined with Moe, Mellum and Spruce Congregations and called Rev. E. P. Dreyer.

When Norland Congregations was formally organized in 1940, she, too, joined the parish to make a five-point parish.

In February, 1961, the final annual meeting in the Mellum Congregation was held and the congregation united with Rose Church to form a four-point parish once again.

When the Moe Congregation merged with the American Lutheran Church several members left the congregation to organize Roseau Free Lutheran Church. This organization took place May 25, 1966. Early in 1967 the Roseau Free Lutheran Church, Rose, Spruce, and Norland united to form an AFLC parish and called Edwin Kjos to be its pastor.



Rose, Spruce, and Norland congregations were formerly joined with Moe Lutheran Church of Roseau in a Lutheran Free Church parish, until many of the Lutheran Free Church congregations, including Moe, united with the ALC. Rose, Spruce, and Norland congregations remained independent.

In their annual meetings in January, 1967, they decided to become affiliated with the AFLC and form a new parish along with the Roseau Free Lutheran Church. A new three-bedroom home was purchased at Karlstad, Minn., and was moved to Roseau in July. The following September, it was completed for occupancy and Pastor Kjos and his family, who had been living in an apartment, moved in.

The house stands immediately west of Roseau Lutheran Church.

God puts the excess of hope into one man in order that it may be a medicine to the man who is despondent.

—Henry War Beecher

LET'S USE THE WORD
by Mrs. I. M. Norum, Clayton, Wis.

Many of us, I suppose, have treasured keepsakes tucked away in our homes. Though seldom if ever used, they are kept for sentimental reasons, because of memories connected with them. Many of them cannot be bought with money.

Sometimes we see a beautiful Bible displayed as an ornament in a living room. A Bible may be an unused keepsake or it may be a true friend.

A Bible that has been used much will show wear. Its pages will be marked up, lines underscored, and perhaps it is coming apart in the seams. I prize my old Bible because it has been a faithful companion, a fortress and bulwark in many experiences in life. It takes "a heap of living" in a Bible to feel at home in it, you know.

The Word is the power of God which can change our lives. It is a mirror which shows us our sins. It is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword. The Word wounds, but it also brings healing. Our Lord Jesus bore our sins on the cross, so that by His wounds we may be healed. "The Word of the Cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are saved it is the power of God" (I Cor. 1:18).

This is the great and glorious truth of the Bible. "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us" (I Jn. 1:14). That Word is Jesus. He came to save you and me and to live His life in us.

Someone has stated that the Bible is not an eternal life insurance policy to be kept stored in a safety box to have on hand when death comes. No, we need its power for guidance and strength for fruitful and victorious living.

God's Word is food and nourishment for the soul. If we are weak in our Christian faith, going about the Lord's work in a sleepy or indifferent manner, we need a check-up. We may be suffering from malnutrition or spiritual anemia. Let us get into the Word! Read it, think about it, ask the Holy Spirit to make it clear to you. Memorize passages and make them your own—you will never regret

it. Hear it! Let God speak to you personally in the Word. The devil wants to hinder you. Oh, do not get too busy to read God's Word, and to pray! Read—until you see Jesus! Then—keep looking to Him! You will find Him able to provide all you need. Claim His promises! They are yours for the taking. No remedy is effective unless taken faithfully as prescribed by the doctor. The result will be new vigor and vitality—and better vision too.

The Word is our weapon against evil. Jesus knew the Scriptures, and He used this weapon when He was tempted by the devil in the wilderness.

Paul admonishes in Eph. 6:10-17 to "put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." In verse 11, we read, "having shod your feet with the equipment of the gospel of peace." We need the Word for our everyday walk in life. You know, a good pair of shoes just kept in a closet are of no use whatever. The more we use them the more we feel at home in them. So it is with God's Word as we live in it.

The children soon realize how much or how little the Bible means to mother or dad. What kind of an example are we?

A dear friend of ours, near the age of a hundred years, remarked sadly that her sight was failing and it was difficult for her to read. Then she added cheerfully, "But I am well acquainted with the Scriptures." How good it is to have the Word in our heart.

Let us daily use this wonderful gift from God, privately, and also not forgetting to share it with others. It is sufficient for all our needs, and a sure refuge in time of trouble. All our earthly possessions are temporal, but "The Word of God abides forever" (I Pet. 2:24).

We ought to love life; we ought to desire to live here so long as God ordains it; but let us not so encase ourselves in time that we cannot break the crust and begin to throw out shoots for the other life.

—Henry Ward Beecher

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the Corporation, please see **The Lutheran Ambassador** for May 12, 1970.

**ELECTION TO THE
MISSION CORPORATION**

The following persons were elected to the Mission Corporation by the Corporation itself after nomination by the Annual Conference. The term is for five years, unless designated otherwise.

Chester Dyrud, Thief River Falls, Minn.

Sheldon Mortrud, Thief River Falls, Minn.

Miss Pearl Aanstad, Hampden, N. Dak.

Marvin Quanbeck, McVillage, N. Dak.

Rev. Gary Skramstad, Kalispell, Mont.

Rev. Larry Severson, Abercrombie, N. Dak.

Rev. T. F. Dahle, Sr., Spicer, Minn.

Harry Rorvig, Dalton, Minn.

Rev. Forrest Swenson, Winger, Minn.

Rev. Marvin Undseth, Shevlin, Minn.

Two years

Rev. Marvin Haara, Virginia, Minn.

For names of other members of the Corporation, please see **The Lutheran Ambassador**, May 12, 1970.

"Ephraim has said, 'Ah, but I am rich, I have gained wealth for myself'; but all his riches can never offset the guilt he has incurred."

Hosea 12:8

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French, the program currently appears regularly in the United States, Canada, and a growing number of foreign countries.

Winner of 20 awards, the color series is produced at Family Films in Hollywood.

This fall it will begin its 19th consecutive year on the air.

CHURCH-WORLD NEWS

SITE IN FRANCE CHOSEN: DATES REMAIN UNCHANGED

Geneva—(LWF)—Evian-les Bains on the French side of Lake Geneva, about 30 kilometers (20 miles) from here has been selected as the site of the Fifth Assembly of the Lutheran World Federation.

LWF officials announced that a re-adjustment of plans for the assembly—scheduled until June 5 at Porto Alegre, Brazil—is underway. The original dates, July 14-24, are being maintained.

The sudden change of site, it was noted, will necessitate alterations in some portions of the assembly program, but it is intended to carry out the theme, "Sent Into the World," with a full complement of delegates and other official participants.

As of June 8, there was still a question as to the nature of two assembly related programs—a conference of theology professors scheduled at Jose C. Paz, Argentina June 5-8, and the World Encounter of Lutheran Youth, which involves small group travel throughout Latin America and was to include a findings conference at Novo Hamburgo, near Porto Alegre.

Ed. Note: The announcement that Evian-les Bains is to be the site of the LWF Assembly this year instead of Porto Alegre, Brazil, was of special interest to me for in 1967 I saw the city from a boat on Lake Geneva. The picture shown here was taken at that time.

LWF'S REFUSAL TO INVITE BRAZILIAN LEADER LED TO SWITCH IN ASSEMBLY SITE

Geneva—(LWF)—Shifting the site of the Fifth Assembly of the Lutheran World Federation from Brazil to Evian-les Bains on the French side of Lake Geneva does not mean planning a new meeting but is "the continuation of an assembly already underway," it was stated here.

Dr. Andre Appel, LWF general secretary, commented on the events that led up to the change in location and expressed hope that "this difficult situation and painful decision will be thoroughly analyzed in a way that will provide positive direction for the future."

"There is no doubt," he said, "that our inability to carry through the meeting in Porto Alegre will have strong influence at Evian—and it should. We are not released from our obligation to carry out the 'Sent Into the World' theme, even though we're in a different part of the world."

The LWF executive stressed that it is the hope of the federation that there will be substantial Brazilian representation at the assembly so that a "frank and continuing dialogue" with the church there can be realized.

The decision, Dr. Appel said, was made only after days of intensive effort on both sides to preserve the site and only when it became finally clear that there had developed "a polarization of two irreconcilable positions."

The action hinged on what the federation executive called "a secondary question which became a real issue." This was the matter as to whether Brazil government representatives, specifically the president of the country, would be invited to the assembly.

Following reports that the host Evangelical Church of Lutheran Confession desired attendance of the president, several LWF delegations expressed opposition to any governmental participation.

Firm stands were expressed particularly in West Germany and Scandinavia, including a public statement by Archbishop Martti Simojoki of Finland, LWF first vice president, against holding the assembly in Brazil under any circumstances because of the nature of the political situation there.

The incident that led to the final decision, Dr. Appel related, was the LWF announcement on June 1 that it would hold the Brazil site but would not invite federal representatives.

"This hit Brazil like a bombshell," he said. "The host church saw the LWF position as an insulting lack of politeness and felt obliged to renew publicly its desire to have the president invited."

Behind the invitation incident, however, Dr. Appel went on, was a deeper polarization. The host church viewed the assembly as an occasion for wide public participation, an opportunity to gain for itself a new visibility and a chance to impress on its members their place in the world confessional family.

At the same time, officials of the LWF saw the meeting as a scaled-down version of former assemblies and primarily a "working event" free of outside pressures.

A key factor in the decision to change the site, Dr. Appel said, was the fear that the contrasting perspectives would result in "the LWF not being able to be in control of its own assembly."

Serious doubts existed also, he added, that a free discussion of issues



Evian-les Bains, France, with Mont Evian in the background.

—including conditions in Brazil—could take place and that attempts at such expression might result in demonstrations or altercations.

In the face of these doubts, Dr. Appel said, the Brazil church remained insistent that it desired to participate in an open dialogue and that conditions existed for such a discussion.

“The Brazil church today—and others around the world—certainly view our action as an attempt to flee from them,” he said, adding:

“This is understandable but we also have to take into consideration the fact that under the circumstances the Brazil situation would have too much dominated the discussion. We should now be able to look better at the total world crisis, with

its implications in Brazil and elsewhere.

“The real question is to what extent we are a fellowship of churches and how we can show this.”

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