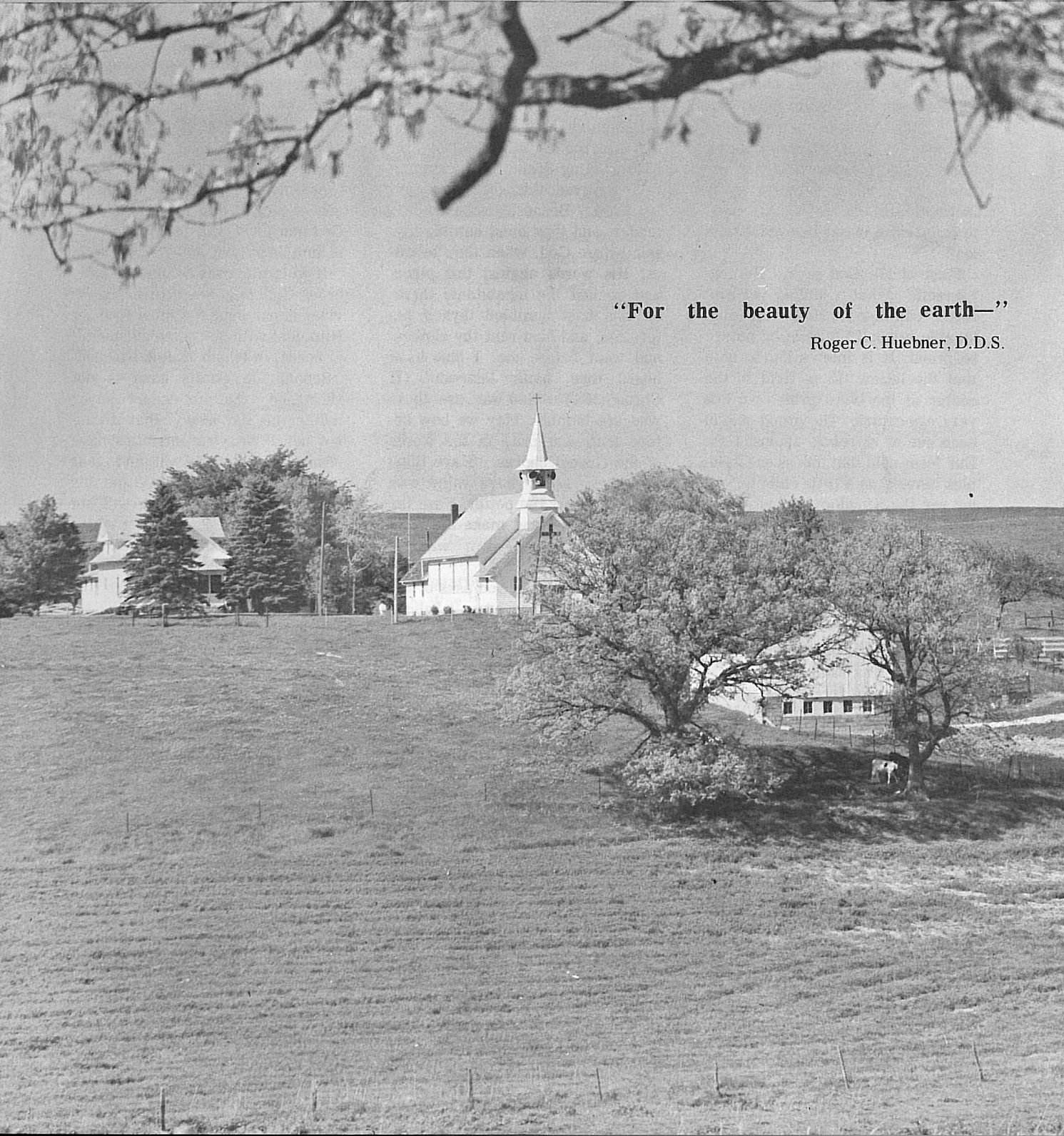


June 4, 1974

The Lutheran Ambassador

“For the beauty of the earth—”

Roger C. Huebner, D.D.S.



MEDITATION MOMENTS

HUMBLE YOURSELVES AND PRAY

"If my people, who are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land" (II Chron. 7:14).

Last time we stressed the fact that God addresses this challenge to those whom He calls "My People." This verse speaks especially to those of us who claim Jesus Christ as our personal Savior and Lord. What is its message to us in relation to the revival we need to experience in our beloved America?

First of all, God says, "Humble yourself." What a simple yet profound command! How can man humble himself? Man is by nature so proud. It is interesting to note that the letter "I" is right in the center of the word **pride**. We are very ego-centric. The proud self in each one of us rebels against God. But Jesus said that unless one humbles himself as a little child he will not see the Kingdom of God (Matt. 18:3, 4). Peter wrote, "God resisteth the proud but giveth grace to the humble" (I Pet. 5:5). King David said, "A broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise" (Ps. 51:17). It is only when one comes to the end of his own resources and in humility cries to God for mercy that he can be saved.

In the verse we are discussing, however, God is speaking about the humility of those who are saved, who are His people. God, in His love, wants all people to be saved. He has chosen those who are saved to be His instruments to carry the saving Gospel of Christ to a lost world. But instruments that are not completely yielded in the hands of the one who uses them cannot be used effectively. We make our own

plans and often seek to carry them out in our own power. Failure and frustration are the results. This is because our natural minds cannot understand spiritual things. God wants us to be channels of blessing but too often we clog the channels with our own ideas. God alone knows what is best. He will use us to accomplish His purpose if we will humbly bow before Him and let Him use us in every way He wishes. King Josiah of ancient Israel received this message from the Lord. "Because thy heart was tender, and thou didst humble thyself before God, when thou heardst His words against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, and hast humbled thyself before me, and hast rent thy clothes, and wept before me; I also have heard thee, saith Jehovah" (II Chron. 34:27). God can use those who are humble. May we bow before Him and pray in the words of the Gospel chorus, "Have thine own way, Lord; have thine own way. Thou art the potter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me after thy will; while I am waiting, yielded and still."

The second thing God asks of His people is that they pray. I believe that this is one of the greatest lacks in the lives of most Christians. We have so much to do that we don't have time to pray. We rush about our work and seek to do the things which we feel God wants us to do. Sometimes we are on the wrong track because we have not sought God's direction. Often we fail because we have struggled in our own power and have not let God work. The late Dr. Hallesby, in his book **Prayer**, says, "To pray is nothing more involved than to let Jesus into our needs. To pray is to give Jesus permission to employ His powers in the alleviation of our distress.

To pray is to let Jesus glorify Himself in the midst of our needs. To pray is giving Jesus access to our needs and permitting Him to exercise His own power in dealing with them."

Prayer is closely related to humility. In humility we recognize our weakness and helplessness. Dr. Hallesby says that helplessness is a prerequisite for prayer. He adds, "Prayer has been ordained for the helpless. Only he who is helpless can truly pray." In our helplessness we cannot bring revival, but God can if we will let Him use us in humble prayer.

If we are to pray so that the power of God may work to bring revival in our land, we must first let Him deal with our personal spiritual needs. In Isaiah 59:1, 2, we read, "Behold the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: but your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, so that he will not hear."

God gives us the assurance that when we bow in humble repentance before Him that He hears us (Ps. 10:17); that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us and will grant the petitions we have asked of Him (I Jn. 5:14, 15).

If there ever was a time in our nation's history when we should be on our knees in humble prayer it is now. Someone has said, "If God does not judge America, He will have to apologize to Sodom and Gomorrah."

Christian friend, God has promised to enter into the situation and do something. His promise is that He will do it through humble, praying Christians. Will you be one of them?

Edwin M. Kjos

**TWELFTH
ANNUAL CONVENTION
WOMEN'S MISSIONARY FEDERATION
OF THE
ASSOCIATION OF FREE LUTHERAN CONGREGATIONS
Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Thief River Falls, Minnesota**

June 12, 1974

Registration—9:00-10:00 a.m.

Prayer service—9:00-9:30 a.m.

Leader: Mrs. Torkel Ose, Thief River Falls, Minn.

Prelude—Mrs. Gene Sundby, Greenbush, Minn.

Singspiration—Leader: Mrs. Kenneth Moland, Kenyon, Minn.

Devotions—Mrs. James Eletson, Duluth, Minn.

Welcome—Mrs. Mauritz Scholin, Thief River Falls, Minn.

Response—Mrs. Robert Dietsche, Sand Creek, Wis.

Vocal Solo—"Be Still and Know," Mrs. Kenneth Moland, Kenyon, Minn.

Bible Study—Mrs. Kenneth Rolf, McIntosh, Minn.

Hymn Sing

Business Meeting—Mrs. Robert Dietsche presiding

Special Music—Ladies' Chorus from the Newfolden, Minn., Parish

Memorial Service—Leader: Mrs. Melvin Walla, Fergus Falls, Minn.

Soloist: Mrs. Don Olson, Fargo, N. Dak.

Offertory—MISSIONARY FURLOUGH HOUSING

Announcements

Closing Prayer

Table Prayer

Luncheon at Zion Lutheran Church—\$2.25 per person

AFTERNOON SERVICE

1:30 p.m.

Prelude

Hymn Sing

Devotions—Mrs. David Molstre, Thief River Falls

Vocal Solo—Miss Janice Wold, Thief River Falls

Unfinished Business

Special Music—Seminettes, Minneapolis, Minn.

Message—Missionary George Knapp

(Home on furlough from Brazil)

Hymn

Offertory—MISSIONARY FURLOUGH HOUSING

Greetings

Comments

Benediction—Rev. David Molstre, Thief River Falls

FESTIVAL SERVICE

June 13, 1974

8:00 p.m.

Prelude

Singspiration

Devotions—Mrs. Hubert DeBoer, Thief River Falls

Special Music—Ladies' WMF Convention Choir under the direction of Mrs. Paul Bjornson, Valley City, N. Dak.

Message—Pastor Francis Monseth, Teacher at AFLC Schools

Vocal Duet—Rev. and Mrs. Bruce Dalager, Bagley, Minn.

Offertory—BIBLE SCHOOL DORMITORY FURNISHINGS

Special Music

Installation of Officers—Pastor John Strand, President of AFLC

Vocal Solo—Mrs. Clarence Tuura, Cloquet, Minn.

Presentation of Honorary Membership Pins

Benediction—Pastor John Strand

**OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED
AT THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

*designates incumbent

Vice-President (1-year term)

*Rev. R. Snipstead, Minneapolis, Minn.

Secretary (1-year term)

*Rev. Robert L. Lee, Valley City,
N. Dak.

**NOMINATIONS BY THE
ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

*designates incumbent

(Elections by the respective corporations)

Co-ordinating Committee

(5-year term)

(Rev. Harry C. Molstre, Fergus Falls,
Minn., has served two full terms
and is not eligible for re-election.)

Foreign Mission Board

(5-year term)

(Roy Mohagen, Grafton, N. Dak., has
served two full terms and is not
eligible for re-election.)

Home Mission Board

(5-year term)

(Rev. Hubert DeBoer, Thief River
Falls, Minn., was not re-elected to
Missions Corporation at the last
annual conference and is not eli-
gible for re-election to the Board.)

Board of Trustees, Schools

(5-year term)

*Stanley Holmaas, Newfolden, Minn.

**THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE
FOR THE 1974 ANNUAL
CONFERENCE**

Roy Mohagen, Grafton, N. Dak.

Lay Pastor Verle Dean, Culbertson,
Mont.

Arlo Kneeland, Ortley, S. Dak.

Irvin Schmitke, Thief River Falls,
Minn.

Rev. Henry Johansen, Virginia, Minn.

Rev. Wendell Johnson, Dalton, Minn.

Robert Dietsche, Sand Creek, Wis.

Dr. James Gerdeen, Chassell, Mich.

Rev. L. C. Dynneson, Nogales, Ariz.*

Howard Johnson, Astoria, Ore.

*two successive years on committee
ineligible for re-nomination

Letters TO THE EDITOR

**SOME THOUGHTS
ON GIVING TO THE
LORD'S WORK**

For many years I have had something bothering me in regard to the giving of our money. So now I shall attempt to put in writing why it has bothered me at least for the last 20 years or more. Just last year I completed some over three years of being guardian over a very good friend of mine, who had been very close to me for about 35 years. This man was a bachelor and a very fine man and he belonged to the same church as my wife and I do. He was very well versed in the Bible and also very wealthy, but a poor giver to our church work.

He passed away last October and I had gotten him to make out a will a few years back and asked him to leave some of his wealth to our hospital, our church, and our Bible School and Seminary. Well, after he passed away the will was opened and he didn't leave a dime for the Lord's work and I'd say his net worth was around \$200,000. His will was made out to his brother and sister and they are both over 80 years old. His brother is a bachelor and his sister has no children and both of them are fairly well fixed. And each of these two have an oil well and that brings a good income.

Now this estate is handled by a lawyer and he is entitled to what the law will allow him. But I asked a lawyer at our county seat what would go out of an estate like that in taxes and he said it would be at least \$30,000 for all the different kinds of taxes. I realize taxes have to be paid, but what a pity!

Now I shall write about some I know that really gave and I think our editor of the **Ambassador** knows about this deal. Another bachelor by the name of Iver Randklev (Yes, I remember him—Ed.), who had come over here from Norway as a young man and had worked very hard and had made

some very good investments, said that when he got old he'd give everything back to God. So he gave \$50,000 to Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church in Williston and he also gave \$100,000, I believe it was, to the Bethel Lutheran Home in Williston and they built a new addition to it. He also had it set up so that he could stay at the Home until he passed away, which is just a few years back. I remember the Williston paper when it came out with a write-up where he stated that everything had come from God so he felt that everything should go back for God's work. He also was very humble.

Then another party my wife and I knew very well taught school at Oak Grove Lutheran High School at Fargo, N. Dak. The reason we knew this lady so well was that our three sons and our daughter each went there for four years and graduated from that church school. Her name was Miss Martha Kleppe from Newfolden, Minn., who passed away last fall and I see by the **Ambassador** that she had given a big gift to our Bible School and Seminary. I feel that there is a blessing by giving while we are still on this earth and I have been on this earth for some over 70 years and just a while ago Pastor Trygve Dahle and I had dinner at Tioga together and we both talked about how thankful we were to God for the way we had been blessed with good health. And like he said, if you have good health you really have something to be thankful for. I suggest that everyone read I Corinthians 16:2.

I never forget that several times at meetings I have heard Pastor Dahle say, "Give until it hurts and then give some more." I happen to know that he is a good giver. He has stayed at our place several times and this very thing has been discussed at great length by both of us.

And in closing let me say that this bachelor, mentioned at the beginning, was one of my very best friends and we confided in each other, but I could never figure out the money end of this thing. My wife has been visiting out at Billings, Mont., with our daughter since Easter and doesn't know I am sending this letter to the **Ambassador**, so she must not be blamed for

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The Hymnbook Survey Results

by Rev. Raynard Huglen, Minneapolis, Minnesota

In the past months a survey on hymnbooks has been conducted among the churches of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations. It was set in motion by a resolution passed at the 1973 Annual Conference in Ferndale, Washington. That resolution recommended that "the Board of Publications and Parish Education study the need of the future publication of an AFLC hymnbook and report on its findings to the 1974 Annual Conference."

It seemed that the best way to do this was to send out a questionnaire to the congregations and pastors not presently serving churches. In this way we could get some kind of picture as to what hymnbooks are presently being used and what our people think of the question, should the AFLC attempt to publish her own hymnbook? A report on the survey taken will be contained in the annual report of the Board of Publications and Parish Education, but we are reporting by this means also, and in more complete detail.

By May 15, 64 congregations had responded to our survey, a little over half of those on our roster. Replies had been received from six individual pastors. From the congregations it was learned that 34 use **The Concordia Hymnal** exclusively for Sunday worship services, while 19 others use it together with some other songbook. Three use **The Worship and Service Hymnal** exclusively, three **The Service Hymnal** (perhaps these are the same?) and three, **Favorite Hymns of Praise**. Four other hymnbooks were mentioned by individual congregations.

In those cases where churches regularly use two songbooks in a service, these were mentioned, in addition to **Concordia**, **Favorite Hymns of Praise**, and **Worship and Service Hymnal**, as being used: **The Hymnal** (Augustana), **Crowning Glory**, **Songs for Worship**, **Inspiring Hymns** and **Great Hymns of the Faith**. **Crowning Glory** was used in the most instances, seven.

The questionnaire found that no less than 22 different songbooks are used by congregations for informal services such as Sunday night meetings, Luther League Family Nights, Bible Studies, etc. These are in instances where a church uses only one hymnbook for worship services. Most of the songbooks already mentioned were named in this category also. **Youth Sings** was mentioned most often, five times.

When the question was asked, do you see a need for the AFLC to publish a hymnbook now, 38 replied that they did not and 23 said one should be published. As to the query, would you support such a project if it were economically possible, 30 responded that they would and 24 that they wouldn't. Several answers were qualified. (Naturally, until one knows just what a book is to be he may want to withhold judgment.)

The Greatest Need in a Hymnbook

The question was asked our respondents, if a hymnbook were published by us, what do you see as the greatest need in it as to the type of hymns selected? A great variety of answers was given. We'd like to list them and the number of times they were mentioned, if more than once. It is interesting to note that there were cases where even though congregations indicated they would not support a new hymnal, comments were made as to what a new hymnal should be like.

The greatest needs in a hymnbook were given as: traditional Lutheran hymns following the church year (13)—Gospel hymns of assurance and salvation (25)—hymns of praise promoting spiritual growth—good evangelistic songs (3)—confessing Christ—challenging—well-known choruses—more variety of hymns—traditional hymns (6)—favorite hymns—objective hymns (2)—newer hymns (2)—songs for youth (3)—good quality hymns—songs for Sunday morning worship—the type of songs used in **Service Hymnal**—only the old hymns

—songs not too high in range—seasonal hymns—music in major key—Blood, Word and Christ-oriented songs—victorious songs—chorale type hymns.

Individual pastors mentioned Gospel hymns—hymns with deep spiritual message as in the old Augustana book—the old "nye og udvalgte" songs collected by O. M. Anderson and others.

Comments Given

We should like to take time to enumerate the various comments that were made by those answering the questionnaire. They are of necessity put in brief form in many instances. They are: feel AFLC should have own hymnal, serving all needs—include order of service similar to Order No. 2, or combining 1 and 2 of **Concordia**—use the money needed to publish a hymnbook for foreign missions instead—people complain of few familiar songs in **Concordia**, the others are too hard to sing—**Concordia** hymns and tunes are simple and useable—a pastor calls **Concordia** tunes and words irregular—congregations satisfied at present using two books, but feels our own hymnal would be beneficial—eliminate "unsingable" **Concordia** hymns—survey congregational members as to hymns to be included—songs can be made more singable by being in lower key as **Great Hymns** has done—better seasonal selections, such as for Christmas—have a common order of service—some have gotten new books recently and don't plan to buy any other for some time—sees need at future date for a new hymnbook but now—misses **Concordia** hymns—laments fact many congregations don't use a Lutheran hymnal—says three good books are available now, **The Service Book and Hymnal**, **Concordia** and **The Lutheran Hymnary**—feels other hymnbooks easier than the **Concordia**.

Hymns that have a good melody and are easy to sing—hymns in lower keys—different orders of service ought be included—arrange hymns

by seasons of the church year — fears newer-type songs in a new hymnal, with “the beat” in them — our congregations must have satisfactory hymnals now, hence no need — feel one hymnbook can’t satisfy the need for both Sunday morning and evening audiences — proposed songs should be made known to congregations in advance — **Concordia** is perfectly suited to our needs, changes feared — incorporate more songs into **Concordia** bringing total to 500-550 hymns — many good hymns aren’t in **Concordia** — suggest work of compiling hymns begin now, take 8-10 years for it, begin by getting lists of 50 favorite hymns from each congregation.

Again, individual pastors surveyed offered these comments: more life is needed in our singing, hence use more Gospel songs — prepare a handbook and hymnbook together — the project is too big for us — a former congregation complained that the **Concordia** was too heavy — not enough variety in **Concordia**.

Three individual pastors said they saw the need for a new hymnbook, one did not. Three said they would support the publishing of a new book and one that he wouldn’t.

It should be stated that **The Concordia Hymnal** has recently been reprinted by Augsburg Publishing House, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and is available at \$3.50 per copy, no quantity rate.

What About Costs?

We are sorry that our information on publishing costs is not comprehensive at this time. Much more investigating could be done.

A well-known Christian music publishing company in Indiana offered the information that it had recently printed a 10,000-run of a first edition hymnal for a small denomination at \$2.62 per book.

A well-known publisher in the Twin Cities would offer a figure between three and four dollars. There are so many variables. Much depends on the hymns chosen and the permission needed. Older hymns would generally cost less. Publishing estimates do take the cost of permissions into consideration. It would be possible to have one organization handle editorial, copyright and engraving work and

engage another company for printing if this were more economical. A run of less than 10,000 copies would hardly be reasonable.

Some Personal Observations

Whereas the above material is a factual account of what has been found out through a questionnaire circulated in the church and some inquiry as to costs, what follows is in the nature of some personal observations on the subject of hymnbooks and the Board of Publications and Parish Education should in no way be held responsible for them.

1) It is natural that more of our congregations use **The Concordia Hymnal** than any other hymnbook because it was the one used most commonly by the Lutheran Free Church, where many of our congregations have their roots.

2) I personally like **The Concordia Hymnal** and feel that it serves congregational needs well, after 19 years experience with it in the parish ministry. It takes many years to really become acquainted with a hymnbook. I still find new things in the **Concordia**.

3) It is evident not all share this affection for the **Concordia** or feel that it serves their needs well.

4) When changes are made away from the **Concordia** or some other traditionally Lutheran hymnbook some Gospel-type hymnbook is used as a replacement or as a supplement in worship services.

5) While such hymnals offer many Gospel songs our people love to sing and also present a good many standard hymns that are included in most hymnals, they don’t usually contain many other songs traditionally associated with a Lutheran worship service. Their songs do not reflect the Lutheran teaching on the Sacraments, have little to say about confirmation and do not reflect our liturgical year customs.

6) If the present trend continues, in a matter of years there may be an even greater variety of hymnals in our church, with no single one unifying us or identifying us in the matter of church music.

7) It is evident that there isn’t sufficient interest at the present time to embark on a project of publishing our own hymnbook.

8) Since the matter of hymn selection is one that should take several years at the least, would the Association think it profitable to set a committee to work to determine which 500 hymns would best serve our needs in the worship service and the informal service? Should the day ever come when authorization was given to print a hymnal, the list of 500 hymns could then be reviewed to determine whether any changes should be made before publishing.

9) The arranging of a list of hymns would be a most interesting study of both texts and music and would cause us all to seriously think of our hymnody, what we want in it and what it should be.

Again, these are personal observations. Please accept them as such.

Finally, speaking on behalf of the Board of Publications and Parish Education, our appreciation is expressed to all who participated in the survey on hymnbooks in the AFLC.

Come to the Annual Conference prepared to discuss these matters on Saturday when they come before our church assembly.



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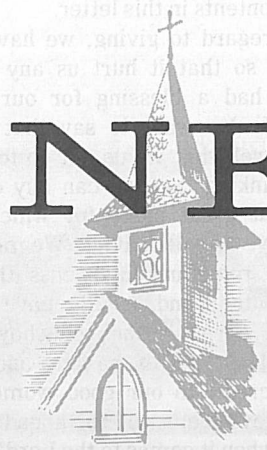
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Melvin A. Jameson, 80, May 6, Calvary

ANOTHER CALL FOR COUNSELLORS

Counsellors are needed for the boys attending Family Bible Camp at Lake Geneva, Alexandria, Minn., this summer. Dates for the camp are Aug. 18-25. If you are interested in counselling this year on a full or part-time basis, please contact Dale Mellgren at Box 233, Abercrombie, N. Dak. 58001.

NEWS of the Churches



GREENBUSH CONGREGATION DEDICATES NEW CHURCH

April 21 was a highlight, and a day of rejoicing, in the life of United Lutheran Church of Greenbush, Minn., as the congregation gathered to dedicate its new house of worship.

The rain failed to dampen the spirits of members and friends as they filled both the church auditorium and the dining hall for the morning service and the 2 p.m. dedication service.

At the 11 a.m. session the Sunday School sang "His Name Is Wonderful" and Rev. Karl Stendal, interim pastor, brought the message. Thirty-four new members joined the congregation.

At the dedication service Pastor Orville Olson had the invocation. Mesdames Noral Sovde, Charles Jenson and Bruce Gunderson brought a vocal

number. Pastors Hubert DeBoer, Jerome Nikunen and Sidney Swenson and Mr. Arthur Grimstad and Mr. Burton Rygh took part in Scripture readings. Greetings were given by laymen Gustav Nordvall, Kenneth Eggen and Jerry Holmaas. Rev. E. L. Borg-Breen, pastor of Bethel Lutheran, ALC, Greenbush, brought a greeting. Mrs. Daryl Haugen and Mrs. Jerome Boen sang.

Pastor John Strand, president of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations, preached the dedication sermon and officiated at the rite of dedication.

Chairman of the congregation, Mr. Ellis Waage, offered remarks and thanked members and friends for helping make the day such a happy occasion. Mr. Sheldon Erickson read letters of greetings from friends of the congregation, and a letter from Lay

Pastor Gene Sundby, pastor of the congregation, who is on leave of absence in Canada because of illness.

Ladies of the church appreciated the modern facilities of both kitchen and dining hall as they served dinner after the morning service and lunch following the service of dedication.

The church edifice is of brick construction and consists of a foyer, auditorium, sacristy, storeroom, furnace room, dining hall, kitchen, library, pastor's study and eight class rooms.

Located on the west edge of Greenbush, the building is close to Highway 11 and is situated on 13 acres of land owned by the congregation.

Pastor and Mrs. Stendal moved to Greenbush, March 8.

—Corr.

REV. HARVEY CARLSON BECOMES GRAND FORKS PASTOR

Rev. Harvey Carlson of Moose Lake, Minnesota, who had served as interim pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Grand Forks, N. Dak., since last fall, was installed in January as pastor of the congregation recently. Officiating at the service was the Rev. John Strand, president of the AFLC.

A native of Minneapolis, Minn., Rev. Carlson received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Augsburg College, Minneapolis, after which he served six years on the staff of the World Mission Prayer League. He completed his seminary work at Lu-

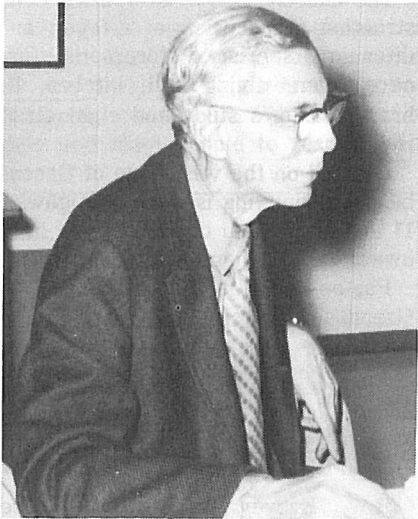


Among those participating in the service of dedication were, front row, left to right, Gust Nordvall, Burton Rygh, Lay Pastor Sidney Swenson, Rev. John P. Strand, Rev. Karl Stendal and Rev. E. L. Borg-Breen; second row, Rev. Hubert DeBoer, Arthur Grimstad, Rev. Jerome Nikunen, Rev. Orville Olson and Jerry Holmaas.



Part of the congregation gathered in the new United Lutheran Church for the dedication.

ther Theological Seminary in St. Paul, Minn., and at Augustana Seminary in Rock Island, Ill., and was ordained into the ministry in 1950. He served his first pastorate in Fort William, Ont., Canada, after which he served for 18 years as pastor of Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church in St. Paul.



Rev. Harvey Carlson

Pastor Carlson was married to Hazel Anderson of Moose Lake in 1942. The couple have two daughters—Mrs. David Rinden (Gracia) of Lynnwood, Wash., and Mrs. Don Norstrud (Faith) of Everett, Wash. A third daughter, Mrs. David Dyrud (Sharon) of St. Paul, passed away in October.

The couple lives in the church's parsonage at 1210 Chestnut Street in Grand Forks.

GOOD MEETINGS AT FAITH CHURCH REPORTED

Pastor Bob Lee, currently serving at Valley City, N. Dak., was the guest evangelist at a series of meetings at Faith Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minn., April 28 through May 2.

In preparation for those meetings the people of Faith congregation had done much praying, visiting, mailing and advertising. Their aim, and hope and prayer, was that God would be pleased to send in hungry souls from the community—that the Great Shepherd of souls would find many of His lost ones during that week.

We were encouraged that two or three families from the community were in attendance at one or more of the meetings. And that God did,

indeed, search out for Himself at least one of those lost ones.

But the clear message in God's working at Faith was, over and over, I am giving you the children. Many of the boys and girls were at every meeting. And they were attentive and responsive.

Pastor Lee was very effective in speaking to both the children and the adults. God used him and his messages to bring awakening, strengthening, encouragement, challenge. We at Faith congregation are grateful to God for the good work He is doing through Bob Lee.

—Corr.

(Ed. Note: I had the opportunity to attend one of the special services at Faith. It did bless my heart to see some of the children of the community at the service. The Association needs to be in the area where Faith is located. God bless the young pastor who continues his work in that neighborhood.)

WILTON CHURCH TO OBSERVE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF FOUNDING

Trinity Lutheran Church, Route 1, Wilton, Minn., will be celebrating its 75th anniversary on June 9. Rev. John P. Strand, president of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations, will be the guest speaker for the 11 o'clock service. Dinner will be served at noon.

At 2 o'clock there will be a fellowship meeting with Rev. Conrad Jergenson, St. James, Minn., a former pastor of the congregation, as speaker. There will also be greetings from members and friends.

Trinity was organized on May 20, 1899, in the Lutheran Free Church. In 1963 it became a part of the AFLC. The church is situated in Beltrami County, five miles west from Bemidji on Hwy. 2 and six miles north on Hwy. 89. Trinity is also known as the Pony Lake Trinity Lutheran Church.

The congregation wishes to extend an invitation to members of the AFLC to join us in celebrating the 75th anniversary.

Lay Pastor Walter Beaman is our present pastor.

Mrs. Oliver Ness
Secretary

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any contents in this letter.

In regard to giving, we have never given so that it hurt us any and we have had a blessing for our giving. And I also want to say that I know very well that we do not go to heaven by thinking that we can buy our way to that great place for which I am sure we are all striving. We men seem to be reluctant to discuss this with each other and usually have to talk about our farming and how many bushels we get to the acre and I must give credit to our good women folks as they seem to be ahead of the men when it comes to the Lord's work.

My wife and I have taken in all but one of our annual meetings and it has been a great blessing to both of us. I'd say that last summer the meeting at Ferndale, Wash., was one of the best. We hope to make Thief River Falls for the one this summer. You miss something great if you don't go.

Melvin Gravgaard
Tioga, N. Dak.

GIRLS' COUNSELLORS NEEDED FOR ALEXANDRIA, TOO

Counsellors are needed for girls attending Family Bible Camp at Lake Geneva, Alexandria, Minn., August 18-25. Counsellors must be at least one year out of high school. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Aini Myking, dean of girls, at 2925 Hillsboro Avenue North, Apt. 713, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55427, as soon as possible.

OH GOD, MY SAVIOR, CLOSEST FRIEND

Oh God, my Savior, closest Friend,
All praise to You my soul extends.
You've been the Guider of my life,
Amongst the joy, the toil, the strife.

When filled with joy to You I come,
When filled with sadness to You I run.
Thank you, God, that You do care,
Thanks for being always there.

Dear Jesus, help me become more
like You,
More ready, Lord, Your will to see.
Until I see You face to face,
May I rest wholly in Your grace.

Linda Erickson, AFLBS
Salol, Minn.

editorials

BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE

It wasn't possible for me to go home to visit my mother on Mother's Day (although I did call her), but, wanting to get out for a while in the afternoon, I went to visit quite a remarkable woman. She was a member of a congregation I served in South Dakota some years ago. When I first met her she was almost 84 years old. Today she is 99, awaiting her 100th birthday in November. She came to Minneapolis a little over a year ago to live with a daughter.

Her name is Mrs. Nels O_____. She had been to church on Mother's Day morning, but that was nothing new. Since she came to Minneapolis she has only missed a couple services at the large Lutheran church which she attends with her daughter and granddaughter. There she sits in a front row before the pulpit. She doesn't hear everything by any means but she enjoys the sense of peace in the church and doesn't want to miss being there. On Mother's Day a children's choir had sung and this had meant much to her.

In her daughter's comfortable home she spends much of her time in a rocking chair. Nearby lies a copy of the large-print edition of "Portals of Prayer," a devotional booklet. She reads that with the aid of a magnifying glass, but it's about the only reading Mrs. O_____ can do anymore. Television is rather difficult for her to follow now nor does the radio provide much benefit. Her hands used to be busy with fancywork, but her failing eyesight has taken away that avenue of expression, too. Life has become very closed in, but there is still that one escape, the weekly trip to God's house. And then at home there is the opportunity to talk with others and to talk with God in prayer.

As I have visited with Mrs. O_____ and other older folk, I have thought to myself, "These are beautiful people." There is a beauty of youth and of maturity, and there is one, every bit as attractive, for age. Hair may have turned silver or white, the senses of seeing and hearing may have lost their acuity or keenness, shoulders may have become somewhat rounded, the hand and foot less sure than they once were, and yet there is a nobility in the faces and bearing of these who have borne the burden and heat of the day. They are beautiful.

The elderly need no longer carry the responsibility they once did. Not as much depends on them as was once the case. This brings a spirit of serenity, which is also fortified by the knowledge that history keeps repeating itself and there is really nothing new under the sun. They have already seen happen before what jolts and unnerves the younger generations. The elderly have great wisdom to share with those who will receive it. They can speak with an authority rightfully theirs because they have lived longer. They also have time to listen and to visit. They are havens of refuge and sympathy for grandchildren.

I recall something which I read in Bishop H. E. Wisløff's delightful little book *Solstreif pa veien* (Rays of Sunlight on the Way). The author tells about a young man whom he had confirmed and whom he chanced to meet a few years later. As they talked together the young man revealed that he was on his way to visit his grandfather. In one of those sentences that is so difficult to translate from Norwegian to English, he said, "Jeg er saa glad i bestefar" (I am so grateful for my grandpa). He went on to say that no one had done so much for him as he had. Grandpa has time and he understands me, the young man said; it is so easy to talk with him. He talks so naturally about God that he must know Him very well. "Each night I have to thank God for Grandpa."

Bishop Wisløff adds that the young man's grandfather prayed to God that he might be some little blessing to his grandchildren but he feared that it was not amounting to much. Yet he was proving exactly to be a blessing to his family for he took time for them and prayed for them.

Yes, this is something the elderly can do, they can pray, they can give good counsel and they can be there to listen.

I spoke of the beauty of age. The true beauty comes when it is found in the face and bearing of one who is trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ and who has that inner peace which the world cannot give. All is committed unto the Lord and there is the confidence that He is able to keep it safely until that great and glorious Day.

I thank God for these beautiful people.

A WORKING CONVENTION

We sometimes twit the Missouri Synod for her refinement of theology and close attention to procedure, but we will have to give the Synod credit for being willing to put in time and to work.

At the convention in New Orleans last summer, morning sessions began at 8 o'clock and carried on until 12:30 p.m. Afternoon sessions began at 2 o'clock and finished at about 6 o'clock. If there was an evening session it lasted two hours or so. There were no coffee breaks and although delegates were free to come and go many seemed not to take advantage of that. The convention lasted seven days.

The Missouri Synod is a large church. She has much business to conduct. In this present time the theological conflicts are so time-consuming that seven days was woefully inadequate to take care of the work at hand.

In the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations

we move at a leisurely pace. Including the devotional portions, no session should run over three hours and in that time a half hour will have been taken out for lunch. Our amount of business will not be so great. There are no known really controversial issues before us. There is no danger of an evening business session. Those hours are reserved for inspirational services. All our business matters will be taken care of in three working days.

While good-will will pervade the scene at Thief River Falls, we do hope that our people will examine the convention reports carefully, ask questions about what is not clear and express their convictions on any and all matters before the conference. We trust that our people will nominate and elect people to responsibilities in a wise man-

ner and will not turn anyone out of office through oversight or carelessness as has happened. Let all who come to the annual conference in Thief River Falls, June 12-16, come having familiarized themselves with the elections to be held, the members of the Missions and Schools Corporations, etc.

Finally, while our annual conference should be a working conference, may it also be a praying conference. We trust the way is being prepared by prayer, that the days in Thief River Falls will be undergirded with prayer and that the church may go forward in earnest supplication to the Lord of the church. It is out of such prayer action that we can expect great things from God, prayer united with a willingness to spend and be spent.



SPRING RETREAT FOR FREE LUTHERAN SEMINARIANS HELD IN APRIL

The spring retreat for Free Lutheran Theological Seminary was held at the Salvation Army Camp located a few miles north of St. Paul, Minn., April 16 and 17. The camp site has many new buildings as much work has been done in the last few years on the grounds.

As soon as enough men arrived at the retreat the volleyball court began to receive a good workout. Except for one young man who had sore fingers for the next few days, there were no casualties. Exceptional hustle was a mark of the seminary teachers who participated in the games.

The meals at the camp were delicious. It was interesting getting a chance to meet some of the staff at camp. Their testimony for Christ both in word and deed added to a warm Christian atmosphere at the retreat.

On Tuesday evening Ralph Rokke shared a Bible study with all of us. After that Missionary George Knapp, one of our students, shared one of the real highlights of the retreat. Awards were passed out to many of

the students and teachers. Tim Skramstad received a two-foot long two-by-four with the inscription "Skramstad Memorial Library." Dale Mellgren received a book of sermons. Ronald Hoehne was able to take home with him a bag with the name of a favorite theologian on it. Pastor Francis Monseth received a certificate awarding him with an honorary professorship somewhere. The award granted the undersigned for musical talent came as quite a surprise.

Later that evening a sharing time was held centering on needs of our school. We talked of continuing to improve the library. As the hours slipped by some stayed around for a time of informal prayer.

The next morning a special time was set aside for quiet time and there were other sessions. We praise the Lord Jesus Christ for the many fond memories of this retreat and other retreats held throughout the three years of seminary training.

Dennis O'Neil
Class of 1974

THIS YEAR AT THE SEMINARY

The Medicine Lake Lutheran Church was filled Friday evening,

May 17, for the joint graduation exercises of the AFLC Bible School and Seminary. Mr. Kenneth Stenberg brought the commencement address and confronted us all once again with the urgent need to come alive, stay alive, and actively live and share our life in Christ. It was a challenging message for the graduates, as well as for all who were there. The evening marked the end of one phase, but an even greater beginning, in the life work of the 34 Bible School students and two seminarians who received their degrees.

This event brings to a close another school year, a very rewarding one for those of us in the seminary. The 1973-74 term began with a good-sized class of 15. The second semester registration was 17, including missionary George Knapp, and another new student from Minneapolis, Dean Casselton.

Two seniors graduated this year, and both have accepted calls to the churches they have been serving while in school. Richard Anderson and Dennis O'Neil are now serving at Rosedale and Faith Churches, respectively, in Minneapolis.

Many of the other class members have received internship assignments for the summer, and are presently serving in that capacity. Those assigned and their locations are Don Greven, Sedan, Minn.; Ronald Hoehne, Fergus Falls, Minn.; Tim Skramstad, Binford, N. Dak.; Dale Mellgren, Abercrombie, N. Dak.; Rodger Olson, Finlayson, Minn.; Ralph Rokke, Minneapolis; Ragene

Hodnefield, Vancouver, Wash.; and Wes Langaas, Cumberland, Wis.

We do indeed praise the Lord for His blessings and mercies to us this year. There has been a real spirit of cooperation between faculty and students and a close fellowship within the class that encourages us in our work. One innovation this year has been the establishment of a student committee, one senior and one middler, as class representatives to meet with the Dean and discuss any problems that seem to arise within the class. This has given the students and faculty a much more definite line of communication and has contributed to a greater freedom and fellowship among us. We appreciate very much being able to work this way with Pastor Dyrud as Dean, and the rest of the faculty. It is expressed by the verse from II Cor. 3:17, "... where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom." This is true in the school because our studies are fo-

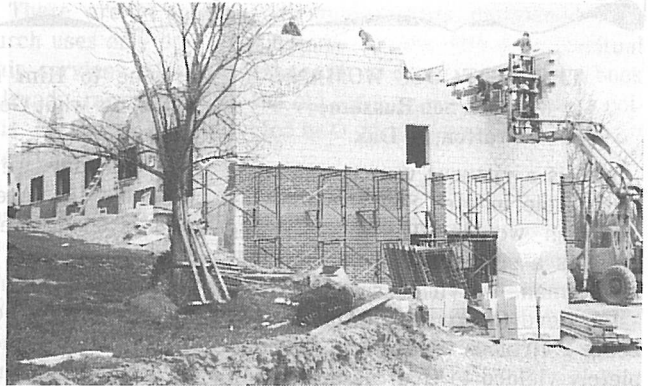
cused on our Lord as revealed in God's Word, and there is freedom because the Spirit of the Lord is there.

A special word of thanks goes to Pastor Udden for his services with us during these past years. We will continue to remember him as he begins his work with the Lutheran Evangelistic Movement.

We would express our appreciation also to the congregations for their support of the schools, and for instructors

who are worthy of their calling. Remember to pray for the continued work of the schools, for the instructors and students. May God bless those who are beginning their full-time service, may He be with the rest of the class in our summer work and future studies. And pray to the Lord of the harvest that He will continue to provide men of His choosing for the ministry of the church.

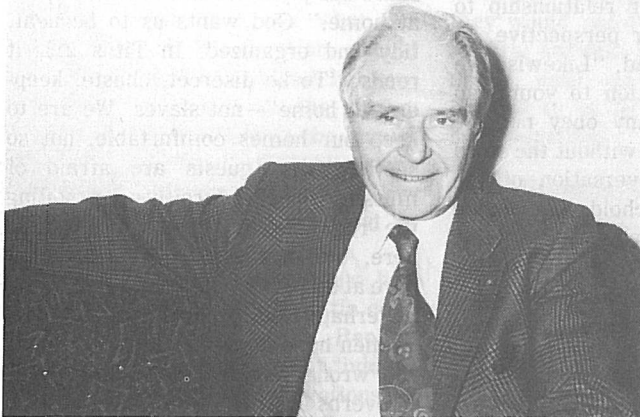
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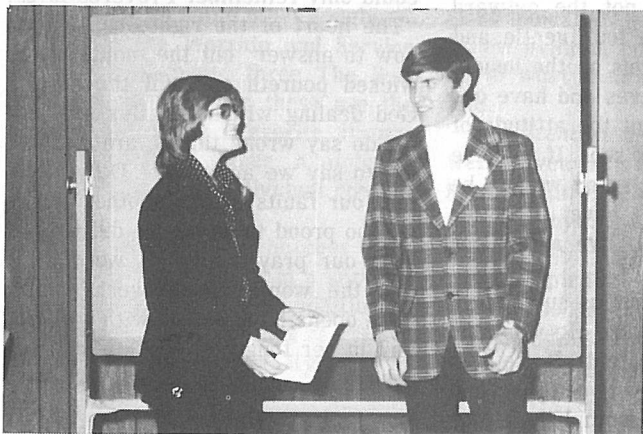
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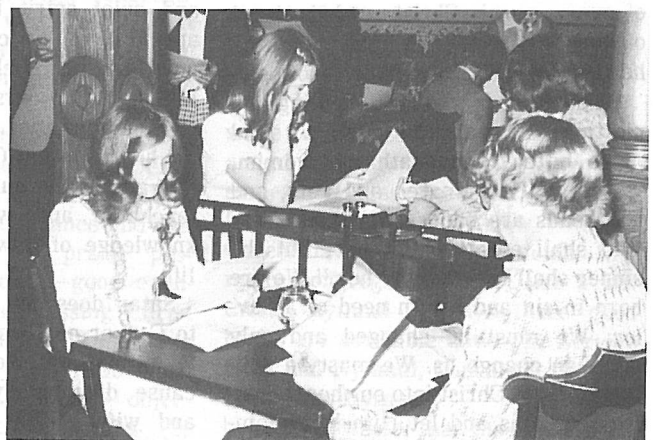
Work on the second floor of the new dorm.



Rev. Leif Flørenes, Oslo, Norway, who spoke at a joint chapel service at the AFLC Schools.



Pattie Erickson, Roseau, Minn., left, and Duane Haugen, Canby, Minn., right, who MC'd a Roommates game at AFLBS this spring.



Vickie Ingulsrud, Edmore, N. Dak., and Don Nash, Abercrombie, N. Dak., foreground, and Wanita Nash, Galchutt, N. Dak., and Jeff Kamphaugh, Hatton, N. Dak., background, at the all-school banquet at the Swiss Chalet.

Women For Christ

THE VIRTUOUS WOMAN

Mrs. Vernon Russum,
Grafton, N. Dak.

Who is a virtuous woman and what is her role in life? She is not just a Christian woman. The Bible states there is a scarcity of a certain kind of a woman—the virtuous woman.

I believe the first qualification for being a virtuous woman is to be completely yielded to God. As a result of being yielded there will be a Christ-likeness in her life.

Proverbs 31:10 says: "Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies."

Why did God create woman? In Genesis 2:18, we read, "And the Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.'" It does not say a "helpmate," meaning we are in a fifty-fifty split, like a partnership. It means a helper, one who is suitable for him. We have an entirely different role in life than men.

In I Corinthians 11:3, it states, "But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God."

Women are by nature scheming and plotting. Ecclesiastes 7:26: "I find more bitter than death the woman, whose heart is snares and nets, and her hands are bands: whoso pleaseth God shall escape from her; but the sinner shall be taken by her." We are born in sin and are in need of a Savior. We must be changed and only God can change us. We must be willing to invite Christ into our heart, confess our sins and let Him have complete control in our lives. God has a plan for each of our lives and we will know this plan only by reading and meditating on His holy Word and by

praying to Him regularly. Then we will know what God expects from each of us.

In our day we hear much about woman's lib. Are we going beyond where God intended us to be?

What does God expect of us in our homes? Are we submissive to our husbands? This is not the key issue in the Christian home, but a relationship to God. Submitting to our husbands is no problem if our relationship to God is in the proper perspective. In I Peter 3:1-4, we read, "Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives; while they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear. Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; but let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price." A gentle and quiet spirit is not the outward appearance. We can look gentle and quiet and be rebellious on the inside. We should be ourselves and have our own personalities, but the attitude of the heart is what God sees. If we have this gentle and quiet spirit we will be teachable and will have a better knowledge of how to live a virtuous life.

Satan does not want us submissive to God or our husbands. He wants us lukewarm or even cold. If he can cause disharmony between husband and wife he has accomplished part of his goal.

It is the wife's responsibility to build up her husband; not his ego or his pride but his confidence in God that

God can use him and will use him. If the wife makes all the decisions, does the leading, runs family devotions, she cannot build up his confidence in God as the head of the house. She should also encourage him to have his quiet time with God.

A virtuous woman is trustworthy. In Proverbs 31:11-12, we read, "The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life." God expects us to be consistent and to do our household tasks willingly and cheerfully. Are we careful with the budget? Can our husbands trust us to spend wisely. We are only stewards of what God has given us.

We are to be hospitable. I Peter 4:9: "Use hospitality one to another without grudging." Are we willing to open our homes to God's workers in our churches? Do we invite the widows, the fatherless and lonely ones in to share our joys? We are to be "keepers at home." God wants us to be neat, tidy and organized. In Titus 2:5, it reads, "To be discreet, chaste, keepers, at home"—not slaves. We are to keep our homes comfortable, not so spotless that guests are afraid of musing up the furniture or soiling the rug. There can be an extreme here, too, the woman who does not care at all.

Perhaps the greatest problem we women have is our tongue. Do we say the wrong thing at the wrong time? Proverbs 11:22: "As a jewel of gold in a swine's snout, so is a fair woman which is without discretion." If we could only remember Proverbs 15:28: "The heart of the righteous studieth how to answer: but the mouth of the wicked poureth out evil things!" Is God dealing with us in this area? If we do say wrong things, are we willing to say we are sorry? Do we confess our faults one to another or are we too proud to admit we did wrong? May our prayer be that we will be like the woman of Proverbs 31:26: "She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness."

TRIUMPH LUTHERAN SCENE OF WMF RALLY

The West Coast District WMF
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The Twelfth Annual Conference of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations

June 12-16, 1974

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Thief River Falls, Minnesota

Theme: CONTINUING IN HIS GRACE

Conference Text: Psalm 91

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 1974

- 9:00 a.m. The conference committees meet for devotions, instructions, and room assignments.
- 8:00 p.m. The opening service of the conference with the sermon on the conference text by Pastor Robert Lee, Valley City, North Dakota. Pastor David Molstre, Thief River Falls, Minnesota, liturgist. The opening of the conference by Pastor John P. Strand and the appointment of the necessary committees. Offering to the General Fund.

THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 1974

- 9:00 a.m. Devotions
Report of the Credentials Committee, always in order.
Election of the Nominating Committee for 1975
President's Report
Report of the Chairman of the Co-ordinating Committee, Pastor Kenneth Anderson
Financial Report, Pastor Albert Hautamaki
Report of the Budget Analysis Committee
Report of the Nominating Committee, always in order
Election of the Nominees for the Mission Corporation and the Schools Corporation
Report of Committee No. 1
- 11:30 a.m. Prayer Hour. The prayer hours will be led by Pastor Jay G. Erickson, Ferndale, Washington.
- 2:00 p.m. Devotions
Report of the Credentials Committee
Continuing discussion of the report of Committee No. 1
Election of the Vice-President and the Secretary of the AFLC
Election of Nominees to the Co-ordinating Committee
Election of Committee No. 1 for the 1975 Annual Conference
Report of the Dean of the Theological Seminary, Pastor Amos Dyrud
Report of the Dean of the Bible School, Pastor Richard Snipstead
Report of the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Pastor Ernest Langness
Report of Committee No. 2

Election of nominees to the Mission Boards and the Board of Trustees

- 5:30 p.m. Meeting of the Seminary Corporation at the Rex Cafe, Thief River Falls.
- 8:00 p.m. Mission Festival Service conducted by the Women's Missionary Federation. Message by Pastor Francis Monseth. Offering to the Dormitory Furnishings Fund. Installation of WMF Officers.

FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 1974

- 7:00 a.m. Mission Corporation Annual Meeting at the Rex Cafe, Thief River Falls.
- 9:00 a.m. Devotions
Report of the Credentials Committee
Continuing discussion of the report of Committee No. 2
Election of Committee No. 2 for the 1975 Annual Conference
Report of the Schools Corporation meeting
- 11:30 a.m. Prayer Hour
- 2:00 p.m. Devotions
Report of the Credentials Committee
Report of the Chairman of the Foreign Mission Board, Mr. Robert Knutson
Report of the Chairman of the Home Mission Board, Pastor Herbert Franz
Report of the Chairman of the Commission on Evangelism, Pastor Jay Erickson
Report of Committee No. 3
Report of the Mission Corporation meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Banquet for the pastors and their wives at Lon's Cafe, Thief River Falls
- 8:00 p.m. Worship service conducted by laymen of the Church. The message will be given by Mr. Donald Hansen, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Offering to the Praise Program.

SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 1974

- 9:00 a.m. Devotions
Report of the Credentials Committee
Continuing discussion of the Report of Committee No. 3
Election of members to the Commission on Evangelism
Election of Committee No. 3 to the 1975 Annual Conference
Report of the Chairman of the Board of

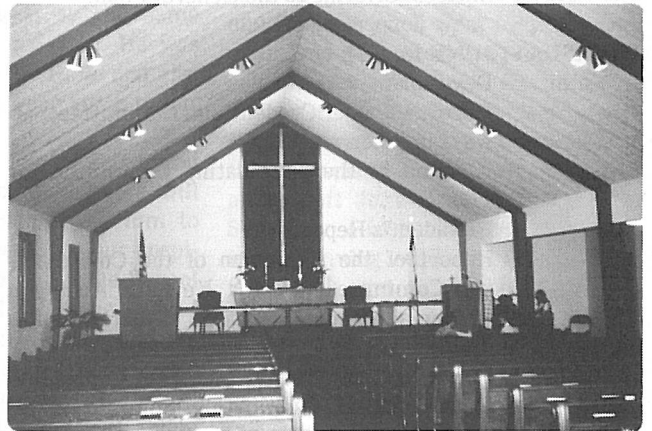
will be given by Pastor Michael Brandt, Lake Stevens, Washington. Offering to Home Missions.

SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 1974

- Publications and Parish Education, Pastor Raynard Huglen
Report of the Executive Secretary of the Department of Parish Education, Miss Judith Wold
Report of the Chairman of the Youth Board, Pastor Forrest Swenson
Report of the Luther League Federation, Pastor Kenneth Moland
Report of Committee No. 4
- 11:30 a.m. Prayer Hour
- 2:00 p.m. Devotions
Report of the Credentials Committee
Report of the Colloquy Committee
Election of members to the Board of Publications and Parish Education, and the Youth Board
Election of Committee No. 4 for the 1975 Annual Conference
Report of the Chairman of the Stewardship Board, Pastor Wendell Johnson
Report of the Chairman of the Board of Pensions, Mr. Eldor Sorkness
Report of Committee No. 5
Election of members to the Stewardship Board, and the Board of Pensions
Election of Committee No. 5 for the 1975 Annual Conference
Report of Special Committees
Election of the Budget Analysis Committee for 1975
Report of Committee No. 1 as the Committee on General Resolutions
- 5:30 p.m. Luther League Banquet
- 8:00 p.m. Youth Night at the Conference with Pastor Pastor Gary Skramstad, Kalispell, Montana, leading the service. The message

- 8:00 a.m. Communion Service with the meditation by Pastor Richard Gunderson, Sedan, Minnesota
- 10:30 a.m. Worship service with the message by Pastor Leslie Galland, Spicer, Minnesota. Offering to Foreign Missions.
- 2:00 p.m. Ordination service with the message by Pastor John P. Strand. Being ordained are candidates Richard Anderson and Dennis O'Neil. Offering to Schools. Closing of Conference.

Conference Committee,
Pastor John P. Strand
Pastor Robert L. Lee



The sanctuary of Our Savior's Lutheran Church where annual conference sessions will be held.

REV. LAUREL UDDEN TO LEAVE ASSOCIATION SCHOOLS TO SERVE THE LEM

Rev. Laurel M. Udden, who has been on the faculty of the Association Schools for the past five years, has resigned his position to become an evangelist for the Lutheran Evangelistic Movement. In a more recent development, he has been named acting director of the LEM, due to the sudden resignation of Rev. Harry Krieg, Jr., who had only assumed his duties a few months ago. Pastor Udden will begin his new work on July 1.

In addition to his teaching duties, he has served as interim pastor at Rosedale Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minn., for several years. Mr.



Richard Anderson, who has just been graduated from the seminary, will become pastor at Rosedale following his ordination on June 16.

Last fall Pastor Udden spent two and one-half months as a Bible mission speaker in the Association. In his new position he will be available to AFLC churches, too, because the LEM is an inter-Lutheran organization.

Pastor and Mrs. Udden and family will continue to make their home at 9324 Northwood Parkway, Minneapolis, Minn. 55427 and will retain their membership in the AFLC. But because of his new duties he will be unable to keep his appointment at the Cooperstown Bible Camp this month.

THE GRADUATES OF FREE LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, 1974



Richard Anderson

Home Town: East Grand Forks, Minn.

Called to Rosedale Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minn.

To be ordained at the Annual Conference.



Dennis O'Neil

Home Town: Mayville, N. Dak.

Called to Faith Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minn.

To be ordained at the Annual Conference.

“Pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest” (Matthew 9:38).

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Spring Rally was held at Triumph Lutheran Church, Ferndale, Wash.; on March 19. The day's meetings began at 10:00 a.m. with thoughts on the theme, "Speak, Lord, Thy Servant Heareth."

Local president Lorraine Johnson welcomed the ladies and district president Persson responded. Devotions were given by Mrs. Francis Willand, Ferndale. She shared I Samuel 3:1-9. A trio from Ferndale sang "So Send I You."

Greetings were read by the secretary from Nogales, Ariz., Martha and Mary Society of Triumph Lutheran, and also a letter from Gola Dynneson. Viola Johnson shared news from the Howard Johnsons who were visiting in Nogales.

The Bible study was given by Faith Nelson from Eugene, Ore. She talked about Hannah listening to the Lord. In order for God to work in us as mothers we must listen to hear Him speak.

Hannah prayed for her son Samuel, Do we as mothers pray for our children?

Helen Helmo, vice-president, led us in a memorial service which closed with a quartet singing "Jesus Led Me All the Way."

Mrs. Vi Nubgaard shared some of her experiences in traveling through Brazil. She told of the work being done there and the need. She suggested we write letters and not forget to pray. Some of the items needed were typewriters, bed sheets and mattresses.

Marilyn Bottem from Vancouver, Wash., spoke of the blessings in seeing God perform miracles. Pastor and Mrs. Stalsbrotten are working there to help Marilyn and Jim start a new church. God has answered and taken care of little problems, giving them strength each day. Marilyn challenged us all with the question, are we reaching out for God's blessings? Remember them in our prayers daily.

Mrs. Undseth from Everett led us

in the prayer service with many taking part.

The business meeting began. A motion was made that the day's offering be divided between Church Extension and a typewriter for Brazil. Committee reports were given by the Ferndale, Everett, Lake Stevens, Astoria, Kirkland Aids and from our new addition, Eugene. A special report from Nogales was given by Alice Heggem. Lake Stevens invited the WMF to their church for the fall rally, the tentative date being September 17. Our president accepted the invitation.

Doris Persson reminded everyone to return to their local groups and share what they have learned and the blessings received. Also that ladies unable to attend the rallies can send their offerings with the others.

The nominating committee, Solveig Hays and Harriet Erickson, reported that they had received the secret ballots from Kallispell. Election results were as follows: president, Alice

Christensen; treasurer, Petra Lee; cradle roll, Viola Johnson.

Judith Wold is to notify us about the ways we can help in supplying materials for the missionary trailers. A motion was made that Mrs. Nubgaard be in charge of notifying and collecting from our district churches. This is a free-will gift so that all may have a part in helping the missionaries when they return home.

Roll call—Ferndale 39, Everett 8, Lake Stevens 8, Astoria 8, Kirkland 7, Eugene 3, Nogales 2, visitors 2, pastors 6, giving a total of 83 present.

A tape made by Judith Wold was available to listen to during lunch break. This was about the work in Brazil.

The meeting was adjourned for a beautiful lunch served by our hosts.

The afternoon session was opened with singing praises to our Lord. The pastors were welcomed. Devotions were given by Peggy Olson, Astoria. Marion Rieth of Kirkland and Marilyn Bottem of Vancouver sang a duet.

Our afternoon speaker was Mrs. Margaret Kittleson, a missionary to Bolivia. She talked about the importance of listening and doing what God commands. We should take time for true meditation that we might be available as transmitters for God.

The offering was received. Pastor J. G. Erickson, host pastor, installed the new officers and closed in prayer.

Alice Bottem
Secretary

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