

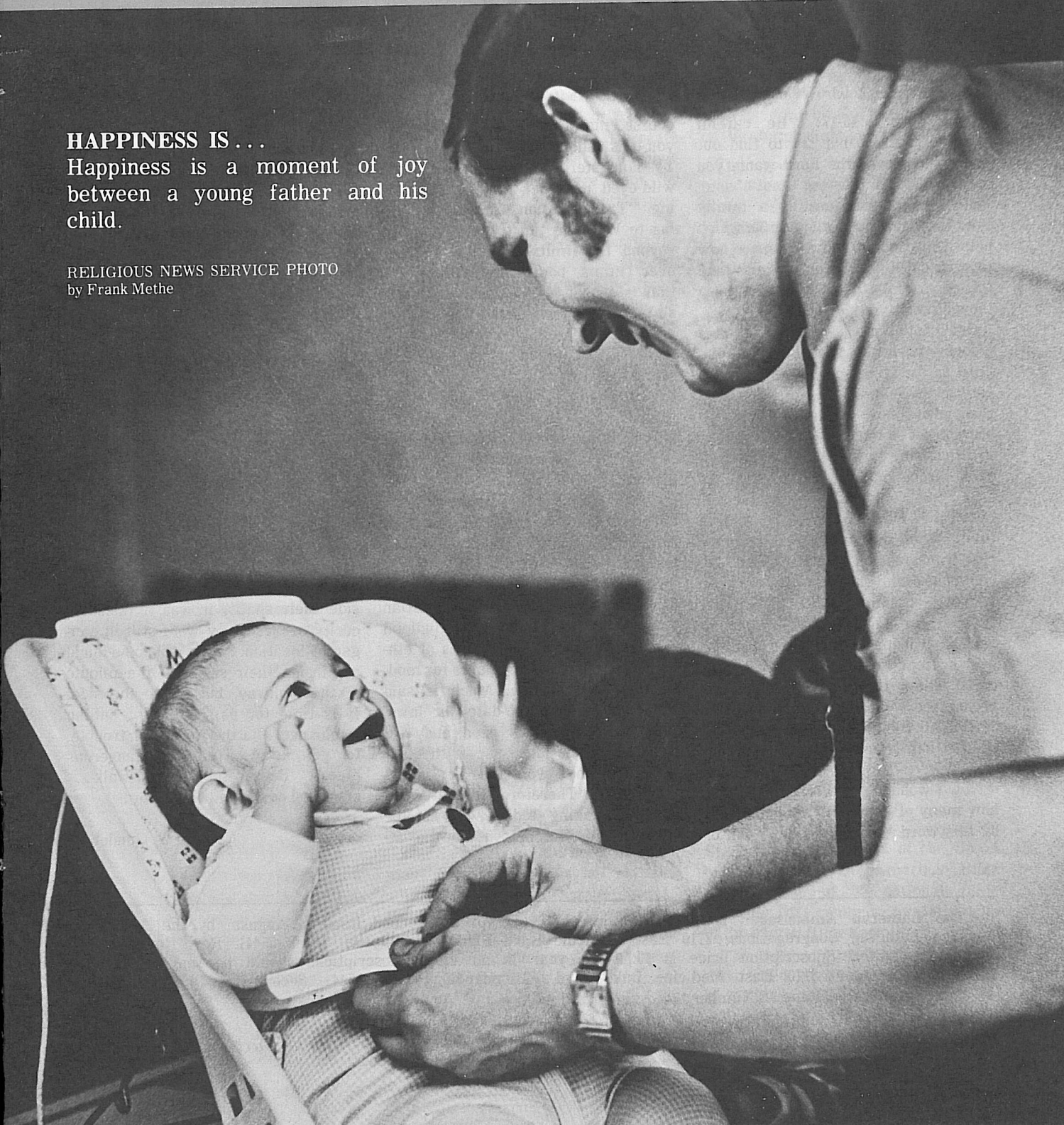
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HAPPINESS IS . . .

Happiness is a moment of joy
between a young father and his
child.

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MEDITATION MOMENTS

BE CAREFUL HOW YOU WALK

Ephesians 5:15-17: "Be careful how you walk . . . but try to find out and do whatever the Lord wants you to."

The other night we as a family read from Proverbs, chapter 29, which helped me understand a bit more how to walk carefully. I would like to take this opportunity to share some of these thoughts with you.

One of the most classic examples of one who **began** to walk before the Lord as righteous, but **ended** so tragically, was Solomon. It amazes me to read about how a man as wise as he, who set so many clear-toned truths in an ongoing flow of harmonious wisdom throughout the Book of Proverbs, could end his life so twisted by wrong. Proverbs 29:16 reads like this: "When the wicked are in authority transgression increases, but the righteous shall see the fall of the wicked." Solomon knew about the causes for Watergates, Wounded Knees, growing crime rates and the ever present wrongs in the world. Solomon knew that transgressions increase and what causes this increase. Setting all things aside, we must recognize that transgression is increasing today.

Now I wonder as I write these lines, how many of you know what is meant by this word "transgression"? Oh, of

course, many do know. To others of you it is understood in the Hollywood, TV land stereotyped picture of some wild-eyed preacher ranting and raving. "Transgression" means, according to Webster, "to transgress, to go beyond the limits set by . . . to pass over (limits, boundaries, etc)." Now that is a neat, concise explanation of sin! Any time we break the law we are transgressors. Our world is a highly-structured set of laws constructed to maintain order according to the needs in society. Historians, to understand an ancient culture, will look for the codes of life, among other evidences, to construct a picture of a certain people.

How apparent it becomes to the casual observer that there are, besides the religious and judicial legal systems, unwritten codes of ethics which also influence our lives. In the case of each of these, the Judaeo-Christian (Ten Commandments), the judicial system and the various codes of ethics, there are great pressures for modification and change. Much is said about the need to up-date our laws. This, of course, has been and will continue to be an issue with Holy Scripture and even the Ten Commandments. Therefore, transgression or law-breaking today will not be transgression tomorrow. So the at-

tempt is made to do away with the Law so that there is nothing to break. Paul speaks of this in Romans 4:15, "... where there is no law, neither is there transgression." Solomon moved away from such a sensitivity to God's will and purpose in his life. Transgression was no longer sinful nor sin a transgressing of the law of the Lord.

Some have, like Solomon, rationalized to a point of permitting no law to influence their lives except their own will or desire. Others have kept the faith. Far too many are permitting the mind of the world to bombard them with its rationalization. Some of us, like turtles, pull in our heads and hide. This spring many turtles were crossing the highways and numerous times I had to move over so as not to hit them. I observed that while they thought they were safe inside their shells, it was a false security because they were still in dangerous location. Safety was to be found not inside their shells in the middle of the highway, but off to the side. It is time for us, instead of pulling in our necks in the middle of trouble, to get away from the dangerous places. "Be careful how you walk . . . know and do the will of the Lord."

Richard W. Gunderson

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The Healing Waters

by Rev. Henry A. E. Johansen
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"And it will come about that every living creature which swarms in every place where the river goes, will live. And there will be very many fish, for these waters go there, and the others become fresh; so everything will live where the river goes" (Ezekiel 47:9, NASB).

I. Introduction.

I would direct your attention to the closing portion of our text: "So everything will live where the river goes."

An artist, unknown to this writer, has painted a scene which I shall try to describe. The hour is sunrise. The location is Egypt. The time of the year is August, when the sun has its own way. The surrounding landscape is suffering from severe drought under the intense glare. The Nile seems to barely have strength to move its waters toward the sea. A group of swarthy peasants gaze intently toward the south, where one sees an indescribable haze, indicating that perhaps a change will come to alter prevailing conditions. One wonders, why do they wait so eagerly? The answer is, the experience of years has taught that the inundation by the Nile is due. They know not why or how the waters rise, but they do know this, when the waters come, there shall be bread in Egypt. Those blackened pastures will be verdant, and the whole land, people and cattle alike shall eat and be satisfied. There is a Turkish description of the Egyptian climate that is apt: "For three months it is white as pearl, for three months it is dark as musk, for three months green as emerald, for three months yellow as gold."

How does this picture involve the vision of Ezekiel? Certainly, nothing can better image the moral barrenness of the world laid waste by sin than that plain, withered by the consuming heat of the August sun. Noth-

ing can better set forth the life and healing of the Gospel of Christ than the overflowing of that river.

There is, of course, a similarity between this vision and that of John in Revelation 22:1-2: "And he showed me a river of the water of life, clear as crystal coming from the throne of God and of the Lamb, in the middle of its street. And on either side of the river was the tree of life, bearing twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves were for the healing of nations." When all is said and done in regard to the world as we know it, and the New Jerusalem is inhabited with the redeemed then this prophecy as well as that of Ezekiel will come to completion. However, prophecy is often twofold or more. Without doing any violence to the entire passage of Ezekiel 47:1-12, we may say that here is a picture of the benign influences of Christ, coming out of Jerusalem, flowing in ever-widening circles to "Judea, Samaria, and the uttermost parts of the world," imparting blessing to all with its life-giving qualities and on into the eternities of heaven.

This was made possible by the advent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost as promised by Jesus in Acts 1:8, "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth." The Gospel was made effective by the Holy Spirit for the healing and salvation of men. We purpose here to present to you the 1) Source, 2) the progress, and 3) the efficacy of the healing waters.

II. The Source

We are told that on the east side of the city of Jerusalem there is a copious spring, known in ancient times as Gihon, today as the Virgins' Fountain. This spring is located in the valley of the brook Kidron. We

read of Solomon being proclaimed King of Israel at this spring. It is from here that the prudent Hezekiah directed water to the inner city by secret aqueduct to provide water during times of siege. Here the songster David found his inspiration in the purifying waters, as he sang: "There is a river whose streams shall make glad the city of God, the holy dwelling places of the Most High" (Psalm 46:4). The Temple site envisioned by David and built by his son Solomon was but a thousand feet away.

Now there seems to be a connection here in the visions of Ezekiel. His stream flows forth from the Temple foundations. "Then he brought me back to the door of the house; and behold water was flowing from under the threshold of the house toward the east . . . And behold, water was trickling from the south side" (Ezekiel 47:1a and 2b). He seems to envision this spring by which our Lord passed on his way to the Mount of Olives and Gethsemane, where the agony of the work of redemption began, and at its culmination, the tearing of the veil, giving free access to the Holiest of Holies in the Temple itself.

While the Temple is long since gone, and in its place a heathen mosque, nevertheless, the means of grace, the Word, that was embodied there is with us today in the Church. The Church was born at Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came in power. The Church is convened wherever two or three are gathered together in the name of Christ. Here the living, healing waters flow as was told to the woman at the well of Sychar in John, chapter Four.

These who are thus blessed at the gathering of the Church, and who rejoice in its healing waters must remember the analogy of the Gihon spring. While it appears to issue from beneath the ancient foundations of the Temple, its source is in the everlasting hills, far from Jerusalem. It is only here that it appears. God is the

source of our blessing through the Holy Spirit. Jesus mentions the Father's sending of the Holy Spirit at least five times in His upper room table talk. Again at His ascension He promises the Agent of the propagation of the Gospel.

The infant Church waited as in childbirth for some ten days and the promise came to fruition. The orders were: "And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high" (Luke 24:49). Suddenly and richly that baptism of fire fell on the gathered ones and that fire yet burns today.

As soon as Christ ascended on high, the Spirit came down. In our Creed, we declare: "I believe in the Holy Spirit." We are told in John 16:13: "But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth." Men say that truth is power, but it is badly bent in the hands of sinful man. Let the Spirit come into it and it is as a bastion wall in this world of ungodliness. Our preaching is in vain unless we really believe in the Holy Spirit. We need to pray for the power of the Spirit to apply truth to heart and life.

III. Progress

The vision of Ezekiel presented the progress of the river as being gradual and constant. "When a man went out toward the east with a line in his hand, he measured a thousand cubits, and he led me through the water, water reaching the ankles. Again he measured a thousand and led me through the water, water reaching the knees. Again he measured a thousand and led me through the water, water reaching the loins. Again he measured a thousand; and it was a river that I could not ford, for the water had risen, enough water to swim in, a river that could not be forded" (Ezekiel 47:3-5).

This is a description of the progress of the Gospel of Christ. It began with a nucleus of twelve men, untrained as the world would consider them. But we see them as men, trained in the highest theological school that has ever convened. Here were men trained by God the Son, now empowered by the Holy Spirit. These trembling but earnest men of sea and soil were the first preachers of the Gospel. Wealth,

rank, patronage and power, these were arrayed against it, but the Gospel claimed even some of these. Nations and their armies moved against it, but it still grew on. Within a century of its Founder's sacrifice, Rome itself was trembling beneath the denunciation of vice from the Word of God. Tertullian wrote in his apology of the Church: "We are but of yesterday, but we have filled your cities, islands, towns, and buroughs, the camp, the senate, and the forum." History points out that the growth was continual. The fourth century found that Christianity became the religion of the State under Constantine. Following this there were dark times when there was an eclipse of faith, the comeliness of the Bride of Christ was sullied, but it still grew. Vices that were once a thing of glory became acts of shame. The river flowed on, and it flows yet today.

IV. Efficacy

Let us remember two things at this juncture.

Do not rejoice in the progress and forget the application. The progress encourages us to trust. The application reminds us of our responsibility.

God has ordained that the Gospel be carried to all nations. Jesus promised its carriers to be filled with the power of the Holy Spirit. Faith spread from hill to hill as a beacon to light the way. It is true that it has been thwarted by indifference as well as excesses in fanaticism, and yet the river flows on. Dear reader, Christianity can be trusted by the world today as it was trusted by the world of the Apostolic age. Jesus saves sinners still. The Word comforts still. It eases the pain of affliction still. Its praises are gasped from pale beds of death. You may trust the Gospel! You can firmly believe that the power of the Holy Spirit which kindled it at Pentecost will never allow it to die! Learn a lesson from the Master. "But He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, **sat down at the right hand of God**" (Hebrews 10:12). If men are anxious of their work, they do not sit, they stand. But "this man" Jesus Christ, sat down.

The second thought reminds us of responsibility. We are heirs of a heritage, as we read in Romans 8:17. We

are living in great times. The Gospel message is going forth to unprecedented multitudes. But am I holier, am I more spiritually minded, do I get heavenlier by my privilege of heirship? Have I dipped into the healing waters that flow by my doorstep? Let us allow these healing waters to sanctify. Let us bathe daily in the Word, in fellowship and prayers.

In thinking of the cleansing of the waters, I remember standing, one bright summer day, on the hill overlooking the city of Duluth, Minnesota. My attention was drawn to the murkiness of the polluted waters of St. Louis Bay. My gaze followed the flow of the bay waters through the ship canal and out into the waters of Lake Superior. Lake Superior has been heralded as one of the largest bodies of pure water still remaining in the world. As the bay waters flowed into the lake, I expected the murkiness to remain visible for quite some distance. To my surprise, several hundred yards out from the ship canal, the cleansing waters overcame and the murkiness was no longer visible to the eye. To be sure, the polluted waters were still there, as is sin still in us, but in Christ we are covered with the pristine robe of the righteousness of Christ.

Dip into these waters, dear friend. Allow the Holy Spirit of Pentecost to reveal areas of life that are not cleansed. If you find yourself "pierced to the heart" as were the three thousand that heard the Gospel message from the lips of Peter, and if you find yourself asking, "What must I do?", there is only one answer, and that is that you must repent and confess your sin unto the Lord, receive the forgiveness of sins and be cleansed (I John 1:9). Invite Jesus into your life, he not only wants to forgive you your sin, but He also wants to be your Lord. He wants to live in your heart. Perhaps you hear Him knocking now. Invite Him in, and He will come in (Revelation 3:20). If you mean business with the Lord, you will also receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water.' But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive" (John 7:38-39a).

Invitation to the Conference



Rev. John P. Strand

Conferences can be dull. I do not think any of the Association conferences have been. There just is too much to offer, and too much going on. Certainly this 1973 conference will be challenging and enjoyable.

We have a job to do. These are strange and different days. None of us living have seen days like these. They are days of immeasurable opportunity. God expects much of us. Our nation, our world, our neighbors need our clear, positive witness given in love and faith. The Association's opportunities are tremendous, and we need to plan and act wisely that the best possible use be made of our gifts, talents and means. We also need to constantly re-affirm our convictions, wrought by God's Spirit, established in the Word. We need to use to the fullest the power of prayer to sustain and lead us.

We have a fellowship to enjoy. It is good to get together to enjoy each other, to renew friendships and to make new ones. Surely we of the Midwest will get to know many more of our friends on the West Coast. We

are confident the fellowship in Ferndale will be blessed for us all, and be a source of real joy.

We have a rest to experience. It will not be all work at our conference. If we plan wisely, there will be opportunities to see and enjoy the scenery and vacation-recreation opportunities so richly available. We need to rest, to relax. Here is an opportunity for this, too.

Come to our eleventh annual conference. Come praying, seeking, and sharing. A rich experience is there for us.

"Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness; Come before Him with joyful singing. Know that the Lord Himself is God; it is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him; bless His name. For the Lord is good; His lovingkindness is everlasting, and His faithfulness to all generations" (Psalm 100, NASB).

Pastor John P. Strand, President
Association of Free
Lutheran Congregations

OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED AT THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

* designates incumbent

Vice-President (1-year term)

* Rev. Kenneth L. Anderson, McVille, N. Dak. (Having served three full terms, the incumbent must receive a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority on the first ballot to be re-elected.)

Secretary (1-year term)

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

WHY NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE CONFERENCE OFFERINGS?

(Ed. Note: In a letter to his parishioners in the Tioga (N. Dak.) parish, Pastor Trygve Dahle presents a challenge to those who will not be going to the Annual Conference in Ferndale, Washington, June 13-17. We want to share his challenge with our readers, realizing that it is coming so late that it may be hard to do something about it. But if you can, please do so.)

Now, Pastor Dahle: At the Conference there are five offerings taken, one for each of the five major branches of our work. Those who go to the conference carry the brunt of these offerings. Those who stay at home not only save the expense of travelling but also miss out on the privileges of having a part in these offerings. Why not designate the Pentecost offering to be given to the AFLC, and send it along with our delegates to be given in that offering? Also, there ought to be many who would want to send along a personal check with our delegates to be placed in the offering to Schools, Missions, General Fund or Praise Program. When we think of the wonderful winter God gave us, and think also of the tragedy which has hit many states and missed us, it ought to be worth a "Thank offering" of \$5, \$10, or \$25 or more to God for all His blessings upon us this year.

Why not pray about this and send a "Thank offering" along with our delegates to be placed in one or more of the offerings taken at the Conference? Put your check in an envelope, with your name, address, name of congregation, and the address of the congregation and proper credit will be given from our treasurer of the AFLC both to the individual and to the congregation.

I know of several people who never miss an Annual Conference and each year put in a traveler's check into each of the five offerings, and they are no worse off for doing so. Like one man said, "I shovel out and the Lord shovels in and He has a bigger shovel than I have." "The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich."

May God bless us all that we may

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LARGE CROWD ATTENDS GRADUATION

The chapel was filled on Friday, May 20, as a class of 35 was graduated from Association Free Lutheran Bible School and a class of five from Association Free Lutheran Seminary in Minneapolis, Minn. Parents were in attendance from as far away as Florida and Washington.

The commencement address was delivered by Rev. Jay G. Erickson, Ferndale, Wash., whose son Jim was a member of the senior class. He used Romans 1:16 as his text. Two other pastor fathers participated in the graduation exercises. Rev. Roger Carlson (daughter Kris), Minneapolis, gave the devotions and Rev. Alvin Grothe, Stacy, Minn. (daughter Terry) pronounced the benediction.

The Choral Club sang "The King of Love." The Choir sang "O Day Full of Grace" as the closing song. Both groups were directed by Mr. Donald Rodvold.

The Seminary diplomas were presented by Rev. Amos O. Dyrud, dean of the Seminary, and for the Bible School they were distributed by Rev. R. Snipstead, dean of the Bible School. The graduates were greeted by the faculties of the respective schools and by Rev. Ernest J. Langness, Ishpeming, Mich., chairman of the Board of Trustees.

A reception was served in the church parlors following the service.

The following were graduated:

Bible School—Kristen Carlson, Julie Dahlgren, Laurie Dietsche, Douglas Dobson, Anne Eletson, James Erickson, Thomas Fugleberg, Terry Grothe, Christine Hanson, John Hove, James Johnson, Brian Juliot, John Kjos, Sylvania Kjos, Charles Knapp, Mary Kvanvig, Stephen Lee, Viki Milton, Larry Moan, Colleen Moe, Daniel Mundfrom, Paul Nash, Cynthia Nesland, Christine Olson, Deborah Olson, Karen Pederson, Pauline Persson, James Peterson, Gail Rosenberg, Norman Skaug, Judith Sorley, Gary Stai, Carmen Swanson, Paul Syverson and Anita Waddle.

Seminary—Philip S. Haugen, Ronald D. Knutson, Terry L. Olson, Kenneth W. Pentti and John C. Rieth.

REGISTER NOW FOR THE FALL QUARTER

It is not too early to be registering for the next school term at AFLBS. Already a student body of over 60 is assured. Many other applications will be processed in the next few

weeks. The fall term will begin on Sept. 11, with orientation on Sept 10.

Bible School is for all who would like to devote a quarter or two, a year or two years to the study of the Bible and related subjects and who are willing to accept the discipline involved in such a life.

At this time it cannot be said with certainty what the housing situation will be in September. However, about 100 students can be housed in the present dormitory and that space will be utilized to the best possible advantage. If construction on the boys' dormitory can be started this summer, those facilities would be ready at the start of the second quarter perhaps.

At any rate, now is the time to register to attend AFLBS in 1973-74. Please write for information and registration blanks to

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Minneapolis, Minn. 55441

MY MOST PRECIOUS TREASURE

Job 23:10—"But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold."

Having Jesus as my Friend is the most precious treasure I have ever had in my life.

When I was younger I learned about Him in church and at home, and Bible School was one step further in getting to know the Bible better and, through the Bible, getting to know Jesus better.

It has really been a blessing to me to receive not only the spiritual instruction, but also the wonderful fellowship here at school.

There are many lessons to learn in life and how wonderful it is to know that by looking to Jesus and seeking his guidance He gives us the strength and courage to live lives that are pleasing to Him. In Jesus we have everything we need, for without Him, we are nothing.

Paul says, in Philippians 1:21, "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."

What a wonderful hope that is; to know that by living for Christ here on earth, we shall have peace and communion with Him forever.

Julie Dahlgren '73

A FIRM FOOTING

A BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

It is an indication of the passage of time that the name of Peder Fostervold is unknown to most of the younger generation. And to many who may recognize the name as vaguely familiar, there are few facts they could state about the man.

But some over a generation ago, Peder Fostervold was a leading Christian Lutheran layman in America, an evangelist, editor of **Indremissionsvennen**, and leading founder of the Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation. His voice was stilled on July 24, 1940, but his influence lives on, particularly in those who knew him, and through his writings.

At least one of his books, **Den Faste Grunvold**, was translated into English, as **A Firm Footing** and **The Lutheran Ambassador** is taking this opportunity to reprint parts of that book for its readers. There are places in the translation where we might wish the flow of language were a little different, but we shall reprint as given in the book, published in 1939.

A few biographical facts as listed in **The Hauge Movement in America**, 1941. Peder Fostervold was born July 14, 1884, at Osmarka, near Kristiansund, Norway. At Framnes Christian School in the Hardanger area, he came under the influence of the well-known J. Brandtzaeg. Mr. Fostervold came to America in 1911, already with considerable experience as a layman in Norway.

We have mentioned his activities in the U.S., and he was equally influential among the Scandinavians in Canada. A champion of lay activity in the Lutheran Church, at the same time he was a faithful member of the Luther-

an Free Church congregation in Willmar, Minn., Calvary.

Peder Fostervold's preaching is described as being more in the nature of a testimony than a sermon. In a simple and natural way he bore witness to the living Christ. He had the Spirit-given knack of bringing truths out of the Scripture that others failed to see, always making a personal application to people's needs. When he told of personal experiences as illustrations he had his own way of doing so, "often raising his voice in tense emotion as he told them, but never in a 'preacher's voice.'" All of his preaching was done in Norwegian, "Ny Norsk," to be exact.

His editorials in **Indremissionsvennen** were brief and to the point. He carried on an extensive correspondence, his letters running into the thousands, nearly all hand-written.

His last testimony in print ended with these words: "Our real country is above. There is our High Priest." The last months of his life were spent at the home of his brother, Ole Fostervold, of Willmar.

The first installment of Peder Fostervold's book, **A Firm Footing**, follows. God bless the reading of excerpts from the pen of this great Lutheran lay leader among Scandinavians; God bless it to the edification of all.

TO COME IS TO BELIEVE

The faith which lays hold on Jesus arises in a feeling of misery over sin; otherwise we are like those who imagine they are whole and have no need of healing. This we were taught as children.

Christian experience agrees with this.

When the Holy Spirit through the Word of God reveals to us our sin and our utter helplessness, then we feel the need of the grace of Jesus and His atoning blood. Not before.

Hjertet det maate sin jammer jo kjende
frend det vilde til korset sig vende.

Jesus is the beginner and finisher of our faith. The accused and guilty are invited to come to Him. And when the soul accepts the invitation and comes to Him—that is the secret of believing.

To come is to believe.

And this is the peculiar thing about faith: it does not look at itself—it seeks Him only, Him only.

The true faith takes its refuge in the grace of God; it knows of no other resting-place.

One who seeks a resting-place for his faith in his own heart or seeks grounds for comfort in his own conversion and godliness, finds neither faith nor comfort.

But when in your utter helplessness you look up to Him Who bore your sins in His body and upon the tree, then that look makes you glad.

They looked unto Him and their faces shone with gladness and their countenance was never covered with the blush of shame.

—Peder Fostervold

THE SEEDS WE SOW

If we would have a garden grow
We must take care the seeds we sow.
The flower we wish to propagate
Must from a flower seed germinate.
The weed can only be a weed;
It all depends upon the seed.
So be it with the soil of life.
Weeds can't bear flowers of paradise.
Love cannot spring from seeds of
of hate,
Regardless how we cultivate.
Spite, envy, jealousy and greed;
The blossoms are true to the seed.
If we would have sweet blossoms
grow,
We must be sure it's flowers we sow.

Marlene Moline

Women For Christ

KEPT BY THE POWER OF GOD

by Mrs. Richard Schauland
Ishpeming, Mich.

Jesus saves, He keeps, He satisfies. What a blessed truth to know in these days of unrest and violence. He never changes, even though we change and sometimes forget to bring all things to Him and remember that He will help us, if we trust Him with our burdens.

I'm so happy that God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die for my sins, and by accepting Him I have this gift of salvation. I praise and thank Him for it. Psalm 107:9: "For He satisfieth the longing soul and filleth the hungry soul with goodness."

In Psalm 46:1-2, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea," we have this precious promise.

No matter what happens to us in this life, if we have Jesus to keep us, we can be happy and victorious. Even death itself cannot separate us from Him. Psalm 23:4, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." Having just lost a brother-in-law to death from cancer, what a comfort to know that he trusted in Jesus as his Savior. The verse, I Cor. 15:55, "O death, where is thy sting, O grave where is thy victory?" becomes so true and we can look forward to a reunion in heaven. The sting is taken by Jesus, who paid the price for our sins on Calvary. Even if in life we have sorrow, sickness and suffering, when we come to heaven there shall be no

weeping, only joy and happiness and praising the Lord.

I know that whatever the future holds, Christ will give us strength and victory, if we cling to Him and His promises.

Mrs. Richard Schauland
Hope Free Lutheran Church
Ishpeming, Michigan

SPRING WORKSHOP HELD AT CULBERTSON, MONTANA

Bethel Lutheran Church, Culbertson, Montana, was the site for the spring workshop of the Western North Dakota-Eastern Montana District Women's Missionary Federation on Saturday, March 24. Verle Dean is lay pastor of the congregation.

Registration began at 10:30. Sixty-two ladies were registered. The workshop theme was "Be Thou Faithful," from Rev. 2:10.

Mrs. Donna Munch, Culbertson, played the prelude music and the hymn "Ye Servants of God," which opened the workshop. Mrs. Ruth Iverson, president of the local Aid, gave the welcome and Mrs. Clarice Dean, also of Culbertson, led in devotions, reading John 14:1-6, followed by prayer. A duet, "Teach Me to Pray," was sung by Marie Vance and Barbara Anderson, Beaver Creek Church.

Mrs. Grace Syverson, Zion, gave a report on the winter conference held in Fargo, N. Dak. She stated that the Christian fellowship was wonderful. The attendance was far more than they had expected. Mrs. Ida Walla, president of the WMF, led the program and business sessions. Mrs. J. C. Eletson brought the treasurer's report and stated that the budget had been exceeded. A special

prayer of thanks was offered. Missionary Connely Dyrud talked on his work at the Brazil mission and listed some of the needs there. Thus far the Fargo report.

Mrs. Marvin Tande, Norman, gave a talk on My Missionary for a Day, listing some of the duties and responsibilities involved in the work of a missionary wife. She encouraged us to save our Betty Crocker coupons for the bus they hope to have by the conference in June for the mission at Nogales, Ariz. In closing, she quoted Rom. 8:28 as a guideline for each of us to follow, not only the missionaries.

Bible study for the day was given by Pastor Trygve F. Dahle. It was on the theme for the day. He stated that faithfulness is a virtue and listed Noah, Abraham, Joseph and Moses as examples. He asked if we were faithful examples—in our daily devotions, to our mates and our children, in the stewardship of our time, talents and treasures, and lastly, if we were faithful witnesses for God in our church and communities.

We exchanged name tags for birthday prayer partners. The hymn "Jesus Saves" was sung and the morning session closed. A delicious noon lunch was served by the Culbertson Ladies Aid and the offering amounting to \$95.25 was given to the boys' dormitory fund.

The afternoon session opened at 1:30 with the singing of "Great Is Thy Faithfulness." Mrs. Arlene Iverson, Zion, read "A Day in the Life of Mrs. (John) Abel." Mrs. LaVonne Mickelson and Mrs. Joanne Jorgenson, Zion, sang a duet.

Miss Patricia Bentsen, Madagascar, formerly of the Culbertson area, showed interesting slides of her work in a hospital in Madagascar, and how they tried to heal people both in body and spirit. She had a table of handwork and articles made in that country on display and it was interesting to see.

Pastor Dahle sang a solo before the afternoon offering. The offering amounted to \$100.90 and was given to My Missionary for a Day.

Mrs. Elvira Sundhagen, St. Olaf, gave the invitation for the fall rally to be held there. The closing hymn,

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editorials

MOUNTAIN TOP EXPERIENCES

Bible camps have been mountain top experiences for many young people. The term "mountain top" doubtless comes from the Transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain. Peter, speaking for James and John also, said, "It is good for us to be here." So it has been that young people, stirred and moved, even changed, by the Bible camp experience, have testified, "It was good to be here."

Some have come to camp having remained in their baptismal covenants. Fellowship with the Lord has never been broken. At camp they have found their lives deepened, their faith matured. For some, the call to service and ministry has been heeded.

Other young people come to Bible camps in a rebellious or indifferent mood. They have been at cross-purposes with the will of God. Life has been out of joint. Fellowship with Christ has ceased to exist. But through the camp ministry the call of the Holy Spirit to return again to the Lord has been heard and obeyed. Life has been transformed. A new creation has come forth. For them, too, it has been good to be there.

These are mountain top experiences. We realize that the term is more appropriately used of one who is already a Christian and who experiences a new infilling of the Holy Spirit, but we take the liberty here to use it also in connection with the one who experiences conversion.

Bible camp time is here again. We trust that all our

camps are prepared for this very purpose, to help young people (or in family camps, people of all ages) wherever they are spiritually. Just as the Sunday-by-Sunday preaching and teaching in the congregation must minister to the needs of all who attend, so the Bible camp program must do during the week it is in session.

A list of Bible camps in the AFLC, including the association Family Camp, is found in this issue of the **Ambassador**. Give our camps your support by your prayers, financial aid, and if possible, your own attendance.

May the camps of this summer be mountain top experiences for hundreds, to God's glory.

HONOR YOUR FATHER

June 17 is Father's Day. This day runs a poor second to Mother's Day, but it is picking up in popularity.

Mother spends more time with the children. She is associated with tenderness and self-sacrifice. She guides the direction of the home in a unique way.

Father is the provider. Ideally, he is the head of the household and home. He is to be God's minister in the home. He, too, is to show tenderness, to be loyal to his family and a defender, but all in a little different way than a mother can.

In God's plan, husband and wife complement one another. Their relationship is to be one of mutual love, partnership and companionship, with the husband as first between equals. Happy is the home where this is true and all is bound up in love for Jesus Christ.

Honor your father. Show him your love and respect, not only on one day in the year, but always. He has done more for you than you can ever repay. And let us honor the memories of fathers who have departed this life. It is well to lay a flower memorial on a grave. It is an even greater tribute to live a life which honors that memory and honors the Lord Christ.

P. A. "AL" FREDRICKSON

P. A. "Al" Fredrickson, 68, died recently at Spokane, Wash. He was a retired administrator of Good Samaritan Homes on the West Coast. In earlier years he served as Sunday School superintendent at Trinity Lutheran Church, Enumclaw, Wash., and Calvary Lutheran Church, Spokane, both of the Lutheran Free Church. At one time he edited the "Beacon," the newsletter of the West Coast District in the LFC.

He was born at Climax, Minn., and his wife, who survives, is from McIntosh, Minn.

PERSONALITIES

Rev. Trygve F. Dahle, Sr., will

terminate his interim service at Toga, N. Dak., on June 24 and will move back to his home in Spicer, Minn. He reports that on July 1 he will have completed 50 years in the ministry, 47 of them as an ordained pastor. He began his ministry in South Dakota, serving Our Savior's in Wau-bay and Tabor of Webster.

MR. OTTO SAUKERSON HOSPITALIZED IN CHAMBERLAIN

Lay Pastor Otto Saukerson (retired), Chamberlain, S. Dak., became ill some weeks ago and is hospitalized at Chamberlain. It would be good if the people of the church remembered this faithful co-worker in

prayer, and also his wife Myrtle, who watches patiently at his side. Cards and letters may be sent to them either simply at Chamberlain or in care of the hospital.

MRS. JOHN ABEL ARRIVES FOR BRIEF U.S. VISIT

Mrs. John Abel of Campo Mourao, Brazil, has arrived in the United States for a brief visit and to attend the wedding of her oldest son, David. The wedding took place on May 21 at Briarcliffe Manor, New York.

Mrs. Abel will attend the Annual Conference of the AFLC in Ferndale, Wash., before returning to Brazil where she and her husband serve as missionaries.

BIBLE CAMPS OF THE AFLC

Association Family Bible Camp Lake Geneva, Alexandria, Minnesota July 9-15 Pickrel Lake, South Dakota

July 2-8. Camp address: Grenville, S. Dak. Dean—Rev. John Wogsland, Waubay. Registrar—Rev. Larry Severson, Wallace. Bible teacher—Missionary Connely Dyrud. Evening speaker—Evangelist Sterling Johnson (LEM). Cost—\$10. Age—12 years or through grade 6 and up.

Bethany, Minnesota

July 17-22. Camp address; Bemidji, Minn. Dean—Rev. Orville Olson, McIntosh. Registrar—Mrs. Birdeen Holt, Fosston. Bible teachers—Missionary Connely Dyrud (seniors) and Mrs. Robert Bilden (juniors). Evening speaker—Pastor Dyrud. Cost—\$13.50. Age—beginning 4th grade and through 9th grade. Physicals will be given at camp on opening day.

Lake Retreat, Washington

July 16-22. Camp address: Issaquah, Wash. Dean—Rev. Michael Brandt, Lake Stevens, Wash. Registrar—Lynn Walty, Lake Stevens, Wash. Bible teachers—Rev. Armin Gesswein and Rev. Robert Rieth (adults); Rev. Elden Nelson (youth); others for kindergarten through 6th grade. Evening speaker—Rev. Armin Gesswein. Cost—\$22.50, adults; \$19.50, teens; \$17.50, children; families, \$75.00.

Upper Peninsula, Michigan

August 22-26. Camp address: Little Lake, Mich. Dean—Rev. Ernest J. Langness, 858 N. Pine St., Ishpeming, Mich. Registrar—George Johnson, Eben Jct., Mich. Bible teacher—Rev. Amos O. Dyrud. Evening speaker—Evangelist Sterling Johnson, (LEM). Cost—\$25. Age—Family camp.

Lake Metigoshe, North Dakota

July 30 - August 5. Camp address: Bottineau, N. Dak. Dean—Rev. Eugene W. Enderlein, Minnewaukan. Registrar—Rev. Dennis D. Gray, 1586

Hill Avenue, Grafton. Bible teacher—Rev. Gerald Mundfrom. Evening speaker—Missionary Connely Dyrud. Cost—Dorm facilities: \$17 adults; \$13, teens; \$10, ages 6-12; \$5, tots; families, \$65. Inquire about tenting and camping rates. Family camp.

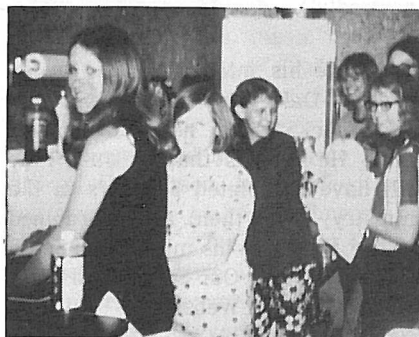
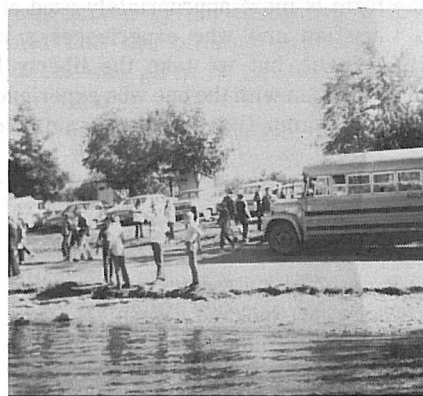
Sheyenne Valley, North Dakota

July 1-6. Camp address: Coopers-town, N. Dak. Dean—Rev. Eugene W. Enderlien, Minnewaukan. Registrar—Rev. Kenneth Anderson. McVile. Bible teacher—Rev. Fred Carlson. Evening speaker—Rev. Henry A. E. Johansen. Cost—\$23. Age—13 or 8th grade, through young adults.

Galilee, Minnesota

August 10-12, young adult; August 13-19, 10 yrs., through grade 9. Camp address: Lake Bronson, Minn. Dean—Lay Pastor Rodney Stueland, Newfolden. Registrar—Mrs. Bernard Dalager, Roseau. Bible teacher—Rev. Bruce Dalager. Missionary speaker—Rev. Connely Dyrud. Evening speaker—Lay Pastor Gene Sundby. Cost—\$10, young adults; \$15, plus physical, regular campers.

Pictures are from Pickrel Lake Camp in South Dakota.



'Revive Us Again'

COME TO THE 11th ANNUAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE LUTHERAN
CONGREGATIONS FAMILY BIBLE CAMP JULY 9-15
LAKE GENEVA BIBLE CAMP ALEXANDRIA, MINN.

Bible Camp offers a disciplined
routine

Daily Schedule

- 7:00 Rising bell and devotions
- 7:30 Breakfast
- 8:15 Staff meeting
- 8:30 Camp clean-up
- 9:00 Bible Hour
- 9:50 Recess
- 10:05 Choir (discussion for adults and
teens not in choir)
- 10:50 Recess
- 11:05 Mission Hour
- 12:10 Dinner
- 1:00 Quiet Time (film in auditorium
for teens and those who will
not be quiet)
- 2:00- Recreation (swimming, softball,
5:00 volley ball, box hockey, horse-
shoe, ping pong, boating, etc.
Also practicing the art of con-
versation.
- 5:00 Choir
- 5:30 Supper
- 7:00 Prayer Time
- 7:45 Evening Service
- 9:15 Campfire (Tues., Thurs. and
Sat.)
- 10:00 Bedtime (to your dorms)
- 10:20 Dorm devotions (all ready for
bed)
- 10:40 Lights Out

Sunday Schedule

- 7:30 Rising Bell
- 8:00 Breakfast
- 9:30 Bible Hour
- 11:00 Morning Worship (Choir Con-
cert)
- 12:15 Dinner

CAMP CLOSES

FAMILY CAMP FACULTY

- Evangelist Rev. Robert Lee
- Adult Bible Teacher Rev. Harold Hosch
- Youth Bible Teacher Mr. Philip Haugen
- Mission Hour Rev. & Mrs. Connely Dyrud
- Choir Mr. Don Rodvold
- Confirmation Student Pastor Ron Hoehne

- Grade School Miss Judith Wold
- Kindergarten Mrs. Harry Rorvig
- Nursery Miss Mary Beth Rorvig
- Adult Prayer Hour Miss Shirley Solheim
- Youth Prayer Hour Rev. Philip Featherstone
- Student Pastor R. Anderson

CAMP STAFF

- Dean of Camp Lay Pastor Gene Sundby
- Asst. Dean Rev. Wendell Johnson
- Head Counselor Rev. Alvin Grothe
- Manager Mr. Sheldon Mortrud
- Asst. Manager Mr. Clifford Holm
- Registrars Mr. and Mrs. John Arlen Johnson
- Rev. and Mrs. Leslie Galland
- Dean of Men Rev. Dennis Gray
- Asst. Mr. Dale Mellgren
- Dean of Women Mrs. Aini Myking
- Asst. Miss Marjorie Benson
- Camp Nurses Mrs. Vernon Russum
- Miss Mary Rolf
- Service Leader Rev. Kenneth Moland
- Newspaper Editor Rev. Howard Kjos
- Recreation Director Mr. Emory Flaten
- Mr. Gary Qualley
- Bookstore Rev. and Mrs. G. Mundfrom
- Treasurer Mrs. James Eletson
- Office Manager Miss Orpha Flaten
- Head Usher Mr. Ben Stave

"I was glad when they said unto
me, Let us go into the house of the
Lord."

LOCATION

BY CAR: Go to the Viking Statue,
downtown Alexandria. Turn or con-
tinue east and go approximately one
mile after last set of lights. Turn
north (left) where RR crossing is
available. Camp is approximately
three-quarters of a mile and to your
right.

BY MAIL

In care of
Lake Geneva Bible Camp
Alexandria, Minnesota 56308

BY PHONE
763-3680

ARRIVAL

After noon on Monday July 9th.
First meal is Monday Supper. CAMP-
ERS MUST NOT ARRIVE UNTIL
1:30 P.M. MONDAY.

WHAT TO BRING

Bible, pencils, paper, a good supply
of bedding, towels, and all your per-
sonal necessities.

Cottages normally hold four. Di-
vided cottages accommodate two
each. Dormitory rooms are for teen-
agers and single persons.

CAMP RULES

1. No radios or record players
2. Bermuda shorts for recreation only
3. Dresses or skirts for all sessions.
Pant suits may be acceptable
4. No mini-skirts
5. No bikini bathing suits
6. No firecrackers

RATES

Weekly Rates

Meals and Lodging

Children	\$8.00
Teenagers	\$15.00
Adults	\$20.00
Registration fee per person	\$1.00
Registration fee per family	\$2.00
Maximum family rate	\$75.00
Individual meals are available at camp.	

HEALTH CERTIFICATES

According to Minnesota State Law
all Campers must have a health certi-
ficate filled out and signed by a phy-
sician and also by a parent or guard-
ian if under 18 years. Ask your pastor
for the prepared form for this pur-
pose, or contact: Pastor Gene Sundby,
Box 68, Greenbush, Minn. 56726

It is very possible that your physical
can be used for more than one pur-

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LUTHER LEAGUE ACTIVITIES

"REFLECTING GOD'S IMAGE" THEME OF WEST COAST LUTHER LEAGUE CONVENTION

Do we as Christians really let Christ personify Himself and His ways in our attitudes and actions as we should? The world is crying out for lives such as this. Are we mirrors of God's love? The theme of the annual West Coast District Luther League Convention in Astoria, Ore., April 27-29, was "Reflecting God's Image."

Friday evening, students and some adults, too, from our Washington and Oregon congregations, and Kalispell, Montana, registered in the church annex and met in the church sanctuary for a welcome, singspiration, and mixer. Refreshments followed and everyone was assigned to a host for the weekend. About 125 were in attendance. Praise God when you're young, yes!

How good it is to meet together with brothers and sisters and pray in the spirit! Pastor Robert Rieth of Kirkland, Washington, led our prayer service Saturday morning. We split up into small groups and had conversational prayer in different rooms throughout the annex. One of our guest speakers for the weekend, Pastor Armin Gesswein, a traveling speaker and evangelist, led our Bible Study. We learned that as Christians we are transformed **while** we're reflecting and studied the praying Christ in the Gospel of Luke. The Christian life is the life of Christ, and the life of Christ is a life of prayer.

At 11:00 a.m., we then held our business meeting. Our newly-elected officers are as follows: President—John Carter, Lake Stevens, Wash.; Vice-

President—Tad Spading, Kirkland, Wash.; Secretary—Lana Robinson, Eugene, Ore.; Treasurer—Gracia Stenberg, Lake Stevens; and Sandy Joins from Kirkland resumed the office of Devotional Life Secretary, it being a two year position. Pastor Michael Brandt of Lake Stevens was elected our new pastoral advisor. Two major items of new business consisted of adopting the new Rules for Work, the past year's officers had made up for the executive council's guidelines and use; and we would like everyone to pray about the possibility of holding the National Luther League Convention on the West Coast in 1975.

Lunch was served by the ladies of Bethany Lutheran Church, followed by a rap session led by Pastor Gesswein. Afterwards, many of the leaguers spent the afternoon sightseeing and enjoying the beach.

That evening a fine time was had by everyone at the banquet held at a restaurant in Seaside. Don Olson of Kirkland was master of ceremonies. After a turkey dinner, devotions, and a singspiration, Chuck Long, a boy from Georgia who is attending Ecola Hall Bible School in Cannon Beach, Ore., gave his testimony and sang three original songs. We then heard Ron Johnson, champion weightlifter and graduate student from Oregon State University. Ron spoke with authority, humor and conviction. What a joy it was to listen to this young man of God! He spoke of his life when he was in junior high and high school and how he had a weak heart before he met Jesus Christ and let Him straighten his life. You can't change your life unless you change your heart and Jesus is the only one who can do this. He spoke of the excitement in growing and growing and growing in Christ—and yet at the same time stressed the important realization that it isn't easy to be a Christian. Here is where he brought in the interesting analogies between being a Christian and an athlete. Faith and endurance are needed for both. After his message, we sang some more songs while Ron changed clothes and then we all watched his weightlifting demonstration. It really was neat! Many people there hadn't ever seen a weightlifter in action before and Ron answered many questions concerning

the sport. It was a very inspirational and fun night!

Sunday morning Pastor Elden Nelson of Eugene led our morning Bible Study. He discussed some conclusions from our theme verse, "But we all, with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit" (II Corinthians 3:18). We were to ask ourselves if we are mirrors—realizing that God created mirrors perfect—that is, when we become born again. But mirrors quit reflecting when they break, become dirty, cracked, turn the wrong way, or if they receive no light. The reflections of the mirror should be the instant replay of the image of God in the form of the nine fruits of the Spirit at all times.

Pastor Gesswein preached at the Sunday worship service, and throughout the weekend different groups sang special numbers, and individuals from the different leagues led in devotions at various times. The ladies of the church again served a great afternoon meal, and all was well when friends departed, though it was hard to say goodbye!

We are sure seeds were sown this weekend in the lives of teenagers, and we know maturity was gained in many young Christian lives, too. In addition, fellowship was experienced in richest form among the brethren! "O taste and see that the Lord is good; How blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!"

Debby Johnson
outgoing secretary
West Coast District Luther League



Pictured here are the West Coast District L.L. officers: left to right, front row, Lana Robinson, secretary; Sandy Joins, devotional life secretary; and Gracia Stenberg, treasurer. Back row, Tad Spading, vice-president; and John Carter, president.

**THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE
of
THE ASSOCIATION OF
FREE LUTHERAN CONGREGATIONS**

June 13-17, 1973

**TRIUMPH LUTHERAN CHURCH
FERNDAL, WASHINGTON**

**Theme: "GO FORTH WITH JOY"
Conference Text: Isaiah 55**

Wednesday, June 13, 1973

- 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 being brought by Pastor Kenneth Anderson, McVile, North Dakota. Pastor Jay G. Erickson, Ferndale, Washington, 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 14, 1973

- 9:00 a.m. Devotions
Report of the Credentials Committee, always in order.
Election of the Nominating Committee for 1974
President's Report
Report of the President of the Co-ordinating Committee, Pastor Julius Hermunslie
Financial Report, Pastor Albert Hautamaki
Report of the Budget Analysis Committee
Report of Committee No. 1
- 11:30 a.m. Prayer Hour. The prayer hours will be led by Pastor Francis Monseth, St. Louis, Missouri
- 2:00 p.m. Devotions
Report of the Nominating Committee, always in order.
Election of nominees for the Mission Corporation and the Mission Boards
Election of nominees for the Association Free Lutheran Theological Seminary Corporation and Board
Continuing discussion of the report of Committee No. 1
Election of the Vice-President and the Secretary of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations
Election of nominees to the Co-ordinating Committee

Election of Committee No. 1 for the 1974 Annual Conference

- 6:00 p.m. Meeting of the Seminary Corporation at Johnson's Fine Food
- 8:00 p.m. Mission Festival Service conducted by the Women's Missionary Federation. Message by Pastor Richard Snipstead. Offering to the Bible School Building Fund. Installation of WMF Officers.

Friday, June 15, 1973

- 7:00 a.m. Mission Corporation Annual Meeting at Cedars Cafe Banquet Room
- 9:00 a.m. Devotions
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 Seminary Board, Pastor Ernest Langness
Report of Committee No. 2
Election of Committee No. 2 for the 1974 Annual Conference
- 11:30 a.m. Prayer Hour
- 2:00 p.m. Devotions
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 G. Erickson
Report of Committee No. 3
- 6:00 p.m. Banquet for the pastors and their wives at the Bellingham Hotel, Washington Room. Message by the Rev. R. L. Larson, Tacoma, Wash.
- 8:00 p.m. Worship service conducted by laymen of the Church, led by Mr. Roy Mohagen, Grafton, North Dakota. Message by Mr. Clifford Johnson, Esko, Minnesota. Offering to the Praise Program.

Saturday, June 16, 1973

9:00 a.m. Devotions
 Continuing discussion of the Report of Committee No. 3
 Election of members to the Commission on Evangelism
 Election of Committee No. 3 for the 1974 Annual Conference
 Report of the Chairman of the Board of 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 President 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 Colloquy Committee
 Election of members to the Board of Publications and Parish Education and the Youth Board
 Election of Committee No. 4 for the 1974 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 the members to the Stewardship Board and the Board of Pensions
 Election of Committee No. 5 for the 1974 Annual Conference
 Report of Special Committees
 Election of the Budget Analysis Committee for 1974
 Report of Committee No. 1 as the Committee on General Resolutions
 8:00 p.m. Youth Night at the Conference with Mr. Terry Olson leading the service. Message by Pastor Kenneth Moland. Music by the Bible School Gospel team. Offering to Home Missions.

Sunday, June 17, 1973

8:00 a.m. Communion Service with the meditation to be given by Pastor Alvin Grothe, Stacy, Minnesota.
 10:30 a.m. Worship service with the message by Pastor David Molstre. Pastor Jay G. Erickson, liturgist. Offering to Foreign Missions.
 2:00 p.m. Service of Praise for new workers in the Kingdom. Introduction of recent Seminary graduates. Message by Pastor Amos Dyrud. Offering to Schools.
 Closing of the Conference, Pastor John Strand. Pastor Julius Hermunslie will lead this service.

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

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"O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee," was sung and Pastor Dahle gave the closing prayer and benediction.

Coffee was served by the Bethel Ladies Aid.

Mrs. Eilert Haakenson,
Secretary

MINNEWAUKAN CHURCH HOSTS WOMEN'S GATHERING

The Women's Missionary Federation of the Eastern North Dakota District held its spring rally on May 5 in Trinity Lutheran Church, Minnewaukan, Eugene Enderlein, pastor. The ladies of the Antiochia and Lebanon Churches assisted the Trinity ladies in serving the dinner and the lunches.

The forenoon session opened at 10 a.m. with an organ prelude by Mrs. Edroy Anderson of Minnewaukan. Mrs. Henry Hanson of Portland led us in hymn singing. Mrs. Marlowe Martinson of Hatton gave devotions.

We sang our rally hymn, "Go, Labor On." Debra Hager of Valley City sang a solo entitled "You Can Experience."

Mrs. Eugene Enderlein led a Bible study based on the theme text, Luke 14:15-24. The theme verse was Luke 14:23: "And the Lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled."

Mrs. Orville Vigness, Grand Forks, district president, presided over the business session. Reports were given and nominating and resolutions committees were appointed. Mrs. Gilbert Anderson of East Grand Forks, Minn., closed the morning session with prayer.

After a prelude and hymn sing, the afternoon devotions were given by Mrs. Kenneth Anderson of McVillage. A ladies' chorus from Hampden sang "The Old Country Chapel." Rev. Hubert DeBoer of Thief River Falls, Minn., spoke, using as his text Acts 5:29-32, and emphasizing the place each one of us can fill as home mis-

sionaries. The ladies' chorus sang the song "Others."

The rally offering was given to Church Extension. It was reported that there were 146 registered for the rally.

Pastor Enderlein closed with prayer and the benediction.

Mrs. Donald Jacobson
Secretary

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give as the Lord has prospered us, and that we have the opportunity to have a part in the greatest work on earth—the work of the Church of Jesus Christ.

In His Joyful service,
Trygve F. Dahle, Sr.

And so I begin to see the truth of the old Italian proverb: "When God shuts a door He opens a window."

J. H. Jowett (on Psalm 4:1)



CHURCH-WORLD NEWS

THE CHURCH AROUND THE WORLD

** **The Living Bible** was the No. 1 U.S. bestseller during 1972, followed by **Jonathan Livingston Seagull**, as reported by **Publishers Weekly**. **Seagull** is considered by many as an allegory with religious implications, and **The Living Bible** presents the Scriptures in contemporary English and has sold over 5,000,000 copies. The combined distribution of these two bestsellers seems to indicate the current search for God in today's America.

** Increasing numbers of students are finding Christ on U.S. college campuses. Some campus Bible study groups have increased tenfold, and many new believers are becoming heavily involved in systematic Bible study.

** In Africa, Gospel radio station ELWA recently began beaming the Gospel to the Berber people, who have no written language. ELWA now broadcasts in 40 different languages.

** A year ago, evangelical pastors in Minneapolis, Minnesota, organized a voluntary police chaplain corps. The 45 participating pastors deal with needy people the police refer them to. They counsel, give spiritual assistance at times of trouble, notify next of kin, and help prevent suicides.

** At recent open air meetings in southern Florida, 139 people publicly came to Christ, reports the Pocket Testament League.

LCMS CONVENTION WORKBOOK COVERS WIDE SCOPE OF CHURCH BUSINESS

St. Louis, Mo.—If one didn't know better, he might mistake the golden-covered volume for a big city telephone directory. The book is that large.

But its cover states in bold lettering "Convention Workbook (Reports and

Overtures), 50th Regular Convention, The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, New Orleans, Louisiana, July 6-13, 1973."

When the 1,500 voting and advisory delegates of the LCMS's biennial convention sit down at their tables for session in the South Hall of the Port of New Orleans' mammoth Rivergate Exhibition complex, they will have the workbooks lying before them, for it is their guide to convention proceedings.

Containing about 650,000 words on 477 pages, the workbook is divided into ten sections. Besides the many board, commission and committee reports, there are over 700 resolutions for consideration, as well as introductory materials, special documents and appendices, lists and directories, and instructions to the delegates.

It has been estimated that the average reader would spend at least 43 hours reading the volume. This workbook, however, is 42 pages shorter than the one issued for the 1971 Milwaukee convention, since synodical boards were asked to "streamline" their reports this year.

SWEDISH PRELATE DISCUSSES POSSIBLE CHURCH-STATE CHANGE

Hanover, West Germany — (LC)—The official status of Germany's regional churches might be a model for church-state separation in Sweden, Archbishop Olof Sundby of Sweden said in an interview published here in *Lutherische Monatshefte*.

The Swedish prelate noted that the many Swedes who are not satisfied with their church's "state church" status might give consideration to the German situation where the churches have autonomy but also certain "public right."

Archbishop Sundby, in April in Gen-

eva, expressed support for the Swedish government's recent postponement of any immediate action on a special commission proposal for church-state relationship changes.

He expressed agreement with Prime Minister Olof Palme that the time is not ripe for decisive action on the church-state proposals.

The special commission recommendations, growing out of some 15 years of discussion, would have gradually separated the church from the state.

"I am of the same opinion as the Prime Minister," Archbishop Sundby commented. "He has always said that if we shall alter or change the old relationship between the church and the state in Sweden, we must have a big majority of the people in favor of the change."

The Swedish prelate made clear, at the same time, that he is strongly in favor of freedom for the church to be in charge of its own affairs. While the subject has been studied intensively by the commission, he said he believed more time is needed to expand discussions at the grassroots level.

UBS EXCEED 200 MILLION SCRIPTURES

NEW YORK—Worldwide Scripture distribution spiraled sharply upward in 1972, exceeding 200 million copies for the first time in the history of the United Bible Societies.

This information was revealed in the 157th annual report of the Board of Managers of the American Bible Society, one of 55 national Bible Societies that comprise the fellowship of the United Bible Societies.

The total of 218,429,595 Scriptures distributed registered an increase of 47,313,052, or 27.6 per cent over the

171,116,543 copies circulated in 1971.

Gifts contributed by supporters of the American Bible Society made possible the distribution of 163,624,325 of these Scriptures, 121,122,596 of which were distributed in this country.

Support for the work was received through more than 1.6 million individual gifts to the American Bible Society, plus contributions from 70 denominations, churches and agencies who also supported the Bible cause.

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pose, such as attending another camp or for sport activities at school. Have more than one form filled out and signed. Make sure they are dated.

Also, it may be possible for your parish or district to organize a day to have your physicals. This will normally cut the cost substantially.

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