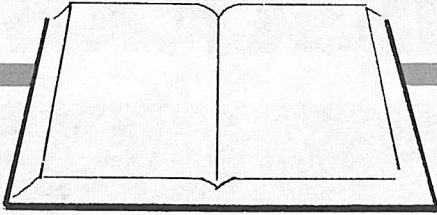


The Lutheran Ambassador



Beside Still Waters

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Missionary Federation and
Bible Camp Information



According to the Word

IS HIS CROSS IN YOUR LIFE?

Luke 9:22a, 23: "Saying, the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected... and he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me."

This Scripture, spoken by Jesus, speaks to us of daily dying, for how can one be on the Cross and not be dying? We might then ask the question, "Wherein can we die daily?" It has been said that in a consecrated, victorious Christian life the Cross will enter into everything and spare nothing. How true this is. Let us think briefly about how the Cross of Christ may enter into our lives.

It might be good to think first of how the Cross enters the appetites. Those who live for Christ and would walk by faith cannot be overly concerned about eating. Perhaps there is too much feasting, while there should be more fasting in our homes and churches. We read not long ago of the president of a freshman class in a Christian college who resigned his position because the class planned a party which he thought was ridiculous in the light of seven thousand dying daily in our world for want of food.

But, then, there are perhaps even

more serious appetites that need to be crucified. How about the appetite so many in the world have, yes, often in the congregation and on the church boards—appetites for power and glory, for prestige and position. Let the Cross spare nothing here.

Does the Cross enter into our education? As we plan for the future and train for a vocation, has the Cross entered in? A true, consecrated, Christian will pray as the greatest of all educators did: "Father, not my will, but thine be done." And to those of us who educate, whether on the parish level or the public level, whether in high school, Bible school or seminary, do we allow the Cross to crucify? Oh, "no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous; nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness" (Heb. 12:11).

Does the Cross enter into our entertainment? How often church youth are directed toward purely worldly activities that have not even satisfied the worldly. The Cross of Christ would challenge us to take seriously the needs of our own generation, and reach out in real spiritual effort to find our entertainment. As young people, we ought to be more concerned about a team testimony than a basketball team. Out for spiritual battles,

not bowling; seeking to bring relief, not rock. Is Christ in our entertainment?

Perhaps it all adds up to a very basic question, and perhaps we should have asked it first, does the Cross enter into our attitudes?

We said earlier that the Cross will enter everything and spare nothing. Perhaps that's what is holding us back. Are we willing to be willing to let the Cross enter in? We know it will cast its purifying glow upon every corner of our being, i.e., our motives, our thoughts and our living. Can we stand that? Not by nature, but thanks be to God, with this Cross comes Christ, for this Cross we speak of is the symbol of His presence. With Christ comes a new nature, a nature that rejoices in the things of God after the inward man, Romans 7:22. So we conclude with the original question. Answer it solemnly and personally: "Is His Cross in your life?"

I pray that your answer is positive, for then you have seen with me, and with Paul, and with countless millions of the faithful through the centuries, this great, all-embracing truth: "O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God (it is) through Jesus Christ our Lord!" (Rom. 7:24, 25).

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My Missionary for a Day

by Mrs. Amos Dyrud,
Minneapolis, Minn.

In scanning through the files of the WMF Secretary recently, a certain newsletter sent out by Mrs. Ole Ose, when she was president of the WMF, interested me greatly. She told how the project MY MISSIONARY FOR A DAY came about. I take the liberty of quoting Mrs. Ose.

"This project is one that has perhaps brought the most blessings, not only to the missionaries but also to the women at home. It originated in 1934 at an annual meeting of the WMF of the Lutheran Free Church. Sister Milla Pederson was at home from Madagascar on her second furlough, but for lack of funds she could not return to her field at the end of that year. The women at the conference sensed her burden to go back. Then the president recommended that the WMF undertake the responsibility of Sister Milla's support. There was a hush, a season of prayer and then a decision—but how was the money to be raised? Volunteers offered a day's salary, a week's, a month's and then a whole year's salary. A woman from the West Coast who had been led to attend this meeting had a sum of money that she wanted to give away, she knew not where until now. About two and half year's salary was subscribed before the convention adjourned. Ever since, the MY MISSIONARY FOR A DAY project has continued, supporting as many as six single lady missionaries in a year."

That was in 1934—this is 1971 or 38 years later! When we were on our way to Madagascar over 20 years ago as new missionaries, Sister Milla was on her way home to retire from active foreign missionary service. However, we trod the same ground and learned to know and love the same people, so we feel a oneness as though we were contemporaries there in Madagascar. When I read that Sister Milla entered into the origin of the My Missionary for a Day Project, I wanted to recaptivate some

of the enthusiasm that must have prevailed at that Conference and share it with you. So I picked up the phone and called Sister Milla and asked her if she remembered that Conference.

"Oh yes!" she said, "That was at the Annual Meeting in Duluth. You see, the Mission Board did not have money to send me back. And it happened so in the quiet. People got concerned and started wondering how to get help to send me back. Then in that meeting they prayed,—and they cried! Oh, it was wonderful! Then there was a woman there who had some money she wanted to give to some good cause and here she offered to give that. I wonder where she is now. I have seen her since that time. Then one after another popped up there in the church and said, 'I'll give such and such.' And it just spread all over the church. And they got money for my support for I don't know how long, right there! Yes, that WAS wonderful."

Then she went on to say what when she came home on furlough and traveled on deputation work, visiting the churches, people all over seemed to feel that they knew her and she felt the same toward them because they had so **personally** helped support her. "One woman told me, 'I never thought that I would ever see you alive!—Well, you know what she meant,'" said Sister Milla.

And then with a new burst of enthusiasm she said, "And how I appreciated the prayer support! When (Rev. and Mrs. Caleb) Quanbecks went home I was left there alone in Manasoa with the schools and two districts. I was so tired in the evening I did not know how I could stand it... but the next morning I would feel so peppy and ready for work again! I would receive babies, sew up and patch wounds from people who had been gored by a bull during the night and take care of all the sick and the other work, and I would realize—'It is because of my MISSIONARY FOR A DAY friends who

are surely supporting me and praying for me!'"

Sister Milla sends greetings to those who may remember her. In spite of her 83 years she has an active mind and also manages quite well physically. She takes care of herself and her apartment directly across from the Lutheran Deaconess Hospital (Address: 1407 East 24th Street, Minneapolis, Minn. 55404) Before Christmas this past year she baked 2,194 sandbakkelse to give to her friends!

The MY MISSIONARY FOR A DAY project has continued on into the AFLC and the enthusiasm has not dimmed. We are thankful to the Lord for the past and we are thankful for the opportunities which are ours today. May we continue to be faithful in giving of our prayer and financial support to our present missionaries: Mrs. George Knapp, Mrs. Connely Dyrud, Mrs. Lawrence Dynneson and soon again, Mrs. John Abel. They can no doubt say "AMEN" to the gratefulness expressed by Sister Milla and not least for the constant prayer support. Let us prevail in prayer that many souls may be brought into the Kingdom. "And let us not grow weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we do not lose heart" (Gal. 6:9). Isaiah 40:31 says: "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."



Sister Milla Pederson

**THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY
FEDERATION AND THE
ASSOCIATION OF FREE
LUTHERAN CONGREGATIONS**
by Rev. John P. Strand,
President, AFLC

The Women's Missionary Federation has been a very vital part of the program and progress of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations. Organized at the same time as the Association, the WMF has been a mighty force for God's Kingdom.

The purpose of the WMF is set forth in its constitution. "To awaken and deepen interest in and love for the Kingdom of God at home and abroad, thus sharing in the great missionary enterprise of the Christian Church." The WMF is not to set policy, and create programs, but assist the Association in carrying out the decisions of the Conferences and elected boards. The Association is a missionary agency. The entire Kingdom of God is the concern of the WMF, not just a narrow facet of it, and the WMF has been a great supporting agency for the entire Association program.

Women are uniquely qualified to awaken and deepen interest in and love for the Kingdom of God. Interest in and love for God's Kingdom must begin in our homes. While the husband is the priest in the home, it is still true that the greatest impact on children is made by the mother. The woman's role in the Kingdom cannot be overemphasized as children learn Kingdom interest and love from her more than from anyone else. Thus, it is fitting that the WMF has placed an emphasis on Bible study, and the preparation of good Bible studies. This does more to help women in their responsibilities and privileges than anything else.

In building God's Kingdom, it is so important that interest be created. This is done by giving information and involving people in Kingdom work. The WMF has done this very effectively. The women in the Association congregations all feel themselves a vital part of the work because they have become involved through the WMF and have an understanding of the work.

It is my hope and prayer that the

WMF will continue in the course they have begun, and continue, as their constitution says, "to share in the great missionary enterprises of the Christian Church."

**JUNIOR MISSIONS IN THE
WOMEN'S MISSIONARY
FEDERATION**

by Miss Judith Wold, Executive
Secretary of the WMF

The Junior Missions project of the National WMF seems to involve the children as well. This was undoubtedly the intent when the project was originated some years ago. Even today they can assume a keen interest in one aspect of this project.

One phase of Junior Missions is to pay the rent for the Brazil Bible and Book Store. This venture originated soon after the arrival of the John Abel family in Campo Mourao. Each month the WMF sends \$40.00 to the mission in Brazil for the rent on this building.

Mrs. John Abel has given us the following account of the establishment of the Campo Mourao Bible and Book Store:

"Dr. Halley, in his famous **Bible Handbook**, makes this statement: 'Habitual reading of the Bible is an essential part of a Christian's life and may not be neglected except at tremendous spiritual peril.'

Thus from the very beginning of our Brazil Mission effort, we sought to win, and then to hold people for Jesus Christ through home Bible courses and good reading.

In 1965, while we were still in our Central Avenue building where our preaching began in Campo Mourao, we began a small Bible book store. The building we were renting for a church opened up into one of the principle business streets of the community, and so without additional expense we were able to operate a book store. Our stock was small, perhaps 20 or 30 Bibles, a few more New Testament, a dozen or so devotional books, some good biographies, and various Bible plaques and curios. Outside of these things, samples of which we kept in our show window, we had a number of free items, such

as tracts, book-markers, and home Bible study courses.

In 1966 when the national Christians in Campo Mourao had finished, or at least partly so, their new church buildings, we moved into that. This building was several blocks away from the business district, and so was not a good place to show books to the general public. About this time an appeal was made for help for the bookstore from our Sunday schools and WMF. When there was favorable response to this mission ministry, we had the funds to return to the city, renting another small store building and getting organized again. Funds were scarce, and we needed what little we had from the sales to keep up with a galloping inflation and be able to replenish our stock whenever we would go into Sao Paulo for such.

David and some of our church young people began to work as clerks, so our outlay for help was small, and we kept on operating. After David returned to the U.S. for high school, we decided to move back to the church and let the secretary look after the bookstore until the Knapps would arrive. Upon their arrival new thought would be given this ministry.

There were many things to take into consideration. We were facing new problems constantly. Rent prices were continually on the rise. There was lack of adequate personnel. There were the mounting prices, etc. We, by now, had a number of good customers, however. Some would come from almost one hundred miles away and buy several Bibles and books to take back to their churches and people. We felt we would not lose this contact even if we did move off Main Avenue. So back to the Central Church we moved.

Shortly after George and Helen Knapp and their family arrived, they began looking around for an attractive location in the center of the city. This they soon found about one block from where we had first started. By using Bible school students as managers and carpenters, they soon had the book store installed again. With this arrangement there was provided adequate space for more stock.

What have been the blessings of

this ministry in Brazil? As you might already have suspected, many, First of all, Bibles were readily available to our new believers. We were registered as a Bible and Book Store and so could buy needed supplies for our churches and schools at discount prices. There was at hand a supply of Sunday school and Vacation Bible school materials for our own work and also for other evangelical churches. We are at present serving several churches and an even wider area in matters of Christian literature. We are also listed as a publishing house and have published our own Catechism and adult instructional manual, as well as tracts. Perhaps in the future many other publications needed for evangelism and Christian growth will come from our Bible and Book Store and Publishing Company. Then, of course, there is the blessing of being able to provide work for at least two Bible Institute students. This is needed for them to continue in school. By now several hundred Bibles or portions have been sold, thousands of tracts have been given away, and hundreds of pieces of good literature and records have been sold in this area of Brazil.

Truly your prayers and your gifts for the Free Lutheran Book Store of Brazil have been answered and used. This is the ministry of the printed page, the one with whom no one can argue, and few will refuse to read. May He use all of us to help enlarge this ministry for it is His Word . . . 'that goeth forth out of My mouth, it shall not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it' (Isaiah 55:11)."

Should your Sunday school or some other organization desire to contribute to this fund, send all such contributions to the WMF treasurer.

Junior Missions also assumes the salary for the WMF executive secretary. Her duties consist of assisting the WMF president and the mailing of the WMF Newsletter. The major portion of the work involves promotion of and printing publications for the various WMF projects. All mailing of WMF information is channeled through the office of the executive secretary.

A REPORT ON THE WMF BUDGET

"... Hitherto hath the Lord helped us" (I Samuel 7:12).

Without our praying members the financial report of our Women's Missionary Federation would be meaningless. Knowing of the prayer warriors in our local congregations we can come to this time of the year with thankfulness to God for having given us such a splendid financial year.

Our total overall budget has been surpassed by over \$9,000, but several of our individual projects did not meet their quotas for the year.

Although we encourage gifts for all projects we would like to place particular emphasis on our Junior Missions. This is the fund from which we must each month pay one-half of Miss Judith Wold's salary and the Brazil Book Store rental. Because a few Sunday Schools have been so blessed by the excellent material which comes out of Miss Wold's office at Thief River Falls, they have been led to send to the Junior Missions monthly contributions in order that the work may go forward in this area. Perhaps there are other churches, using the AFLC Sunday School materials, who would like to share in this way. Our Junior Missions budget last year was \$4,000 and we received only \$3,249.85, leaving a deficit of \$750.15. We solicit the prayers of each one that we may not fail in this mission.

My Missionary for a Day has the largest budget of all—\$6,000. This year we were short \$656.86 in meeting our goal. A good balance from the previous year kept us solvent so that none of our missionary wives had to forego a monthly check from the WMF.

Church Extension did not meet its budget of \$4,000. Our receipts were \$3,384.03 so that we were \$615.97 short of meeting this budget.

Special gifts this year totaled \$718.91. This is a splendid interest shown, too, and all of these gifts are passed on to the individuals or projects indicated by the donor. Our convention offerings of \$5,648.05 to Home and Foreign Missions are not a part of our budget, but they ac-

counted for part of the \$9,000 figure over budget. All other projects of the WMF went considerably over budget.

However, we would like to emphasize to all of the women in the WMF that in our overall budget, which is voted upon each year by all of the ladies in attendance at the WMF convention, we have definite commitments to be met each month. Our missionary wives are dependent on their checks each month through My Missionary for a Day; Miss Judith Wold's salary and the Brazil Book Store monthly rental are dependent upon our Junior Missions budget being met; the expansion of our Home Missions through Church Extension is a vital work for the life of our Association. This fund enables us to give assistance to the new congregations coming into the Association and to others who cannot get loans for their property improvement through regular sources.

If it will be convenient in your local groups to arrange sending in your contributions on a monthly basis to the Treasurer of the WMF, it would be of great assistance in keeping the treasury on a current basis. Then, too, by remembering the Women's Missionary Federation monthly in this way, we know you will become more concerned about the individual projects as they come along, and most important of all, there will be the concerned prayers from your membership as they are confronted regularly with the needs of the WMF, as well as those of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations.

We must always remember that our most important project as a WMF is that of Bible Study and prayer. If we aren't involved in both the study of the Bible and prayer, then the gifts which are sent in for the various projects aren't going to be the blessing they could be if they are accompanied with sincere prayer for the use of His gifts. We are only as strong as our members are faithful to the Word.

Mrs. James C. Eletson,
Treasurer
Women's Missionary
Federation, Association of
Free Lutheran
Congregations

THE WMF AND HOME MISSIONS
by Rev. Herbert L. Franz, Chairman
Home Mission Board, AFLC

The story is told about the Lord Jesus returning to heaven on Ascension Day, following His redemptive mission on earth. In the telling of the story, the Savior comes to the gate of heaven and is met by an angelic host with royal greetings and songs of praise. Then, out from their midst steps the Archangel who extends his hand and says, "Welcome home! Did you accomplish your mission on the earth? Did you complete that which you went to do those years ago when we sang over the fields of Bethlehem?"

As the anxious angels waited, Jesus answered, "Yes, I was born in Bethlehem; lived among men as a man; loved them, taught them, and showed them by power of miracle and expression of life, why I had come. And then I died on a cross outside Jerusalem. I was buried. Then, on the third day I rose from the grave. Behold, I am alive forevermore. Yes, it is finished. I died for the whole world of lost and sinful men."

The angels held their breath as they listened to every word. Then Gabriel spoke again, "You died for the whole world; but does the whole world know about it?"

Again the Risen, Triumphant Christ answered: "No, the world does not know; but I told my disciples to go and tell them."

Once more there was silence, until the Archangel questioned even one more time: "But, what if they fail?" The Lord Jesus answered: "I have no other plan."

Did you get those words? I have no other plan than the plan I gave to you in the Great Commission: "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." This plan of presenting Christ to the world is the task of our AFLC, and has been carried out very nobly by our WMF.

How we thank the Lord for the contributions which the WMF has made to our Home Mission program of our AFLC. They have contributed both to the work of Home Missions as well as to the work of Church Extension, the establishment of new congregations.

We also thank the Lord for the prayers and the encouragement which the WMF has given to the work of Home Missions.

But the work of Home Missions needs not only the support of the fine women in our AFLC but of everyone who loves the Lord.

A missionary made a very strong appeal for the need of a million dollars in his mission organization. A few days later, a lady in the area answered her door bell and was met by a lad of ten who said he was in need of money to help raise a million dollars to take the Gospel to the heathen. In amazement, she said, "You don't mean you are raising a million dollars all by yourself!" The little fellow answered back, "Oh, no, my brother is helping me. He is working over in the next block."

The work of Home Missions can and will go forward only as we realize that neither little boys nor consecrated women can do it alone. The task of bringing the Gospel to many more areas in our land is only possible by the supernatural power and presence promised in the Great Commission.

DR. AND MRS. IVER OLSON
HONORED LAST MONTH

Dr. and Mrs. Iver Olson were honored at a dinner at the Swiss Chalet cafeteria in Minneapolis, Minn. on the evening of May 3, by a gathering

of friends in the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations.

The Olsons are leaving for Norway at the end of July and will spend a year in that country. Dr. Olson will be teaching at Fjellhaug Mission School in Oslo during much of that time and he and his wife will reside in an apartment at the school. When they return to the U.S., he will resume his teaching at the Association's Seminary and Bible School, though on a somewhat reduced scale.

Rev. John P. Strand, president of the Association, acted as master of ceremonies. He emphasized that the purpose of the gathering was to "give honor to whom honor is due."

The devotions were given by Mrs. Olson's brother, Rev. Ernest Langness. Mr. Dennis Gray gave a greeting in behalf of the Seminary students. Gift presentations were made by Rev. Raynard Huglen, in behalf of the Board of Trustees; Rev. Julius Hermunslie, for the Co-ordinating Committee; and by Pastor Strand. Vocal music was provided by Mr. Donald Rodvold of the Bible School faculty.

Dr. and Mrs. Olson made remarks of response. Rev. Richard Snipstead, dean of the Bible School, gave a concluding greeting and pronounced the benediction.

Dr. Olson has served as dean of Free Lutheran Theological Seminary for the past six years. He and his wife will accompany the Bible School Choir on its trip to Norway and will travel with the choir until its tour is completed.



Dr. and Mrs. Iver Olson

I took his hand

A GOOD LOSER

Her life had been one of losses from beginning to end. Ten years ago or more she had lost her health. Strong and successful as she had been in everything, it had meant much to lose the cozy company of her own home circle—and of other homes. In her childhood there had been such hearty companionship with her friends in the church and other places! But now she had found it necessary to leave her home, her own dear home, and live alone in a hospital. "What will my husband do," she had thought, "now that he has to manage the home alone?"

But she soon had enough to think about herself in the stealthy sickness that crept first into one part of her body, then another, and so on and on. Bit by bit the months became years, and the years became a decade or more. The doctors found it necessary to remove something here, something there, both internally and externally, until finally she was asking herself: "Is it I, or is it not I, lying here now?" It was a long list of losses. Who could believe that a person could get along with so little remaining of the body?

"God be thanked," she had said, "at least I haven't lost my sense of humor." So she had laughed again—a good and understanding laugh.

But not today. Today things were obviously very serious. For now these two good friends of hers had slipped away, one after the other. I had learned to know them myself, so I could sincerely share the grief with her. Our loss, but their gain, we both believed.

We had called one of them the "artist." Her look, her voice, her bearing, even her fingertips—everything made her seem as if she had been born and bred purely for the realm of the beautiful. Many there

were whom she had gladdened with small pieces of art she had completed as she lay there year after year, crippled though she was. And it was with the most beautiful joy and thanksgiving that she had received the Word of God! Yes, one day we had witnessed the awakening of her soul to life in God.

The other one had experienced almost every imaginable sort of domestic trouble, which would make a long story in itself. Finally, standing on the ruins of her life she had manifested a child-like faith and trust in God, such as one rarely finds. It had been especially remarkable that she could believe implicitly what God said in His Word and remain steadfast in that Word with such inner joy and thanksgiving, even when everything in her life had seemed to go wrong. From her experiences I had learned to know a little of what must lie hidden in the expression, "the good fight of faith."

No, not so much smiling as seriousness today, because these two departed friends were on her mind. But that was not all. She had lost her home also—the house and all the furnishings, which she had struggled to keep through these many years, hoping against hope.

And then she poured forth what had been the worst blow of all. She had now lost also her husband! He whom she loved was lost—gone. If he had only been dead! But, no—he lived with another woman!

To think that men can be such plain, unvarnished sinners as that!

Yes, she told me the story just as it had happened. This final loss had not come entirely as a surprise, but even so there was the feeling of loss, bitter loss.

She waited for a word of comfort. What could I say?

"You have at least not lost Jesus,"

I said finally. "No one can take Him from you."

We were both strengthened by the great truth that God has given us His Son and through Him all things needful.

A life of losses, great losses; but also a life of great gain.

It spurs on, on to God.

(Readers will be interested to know that while this woman suffered deeply through her losses, God later saw fit to restore many of these losses, much the same as in the case of Job.)

—Wm. Hagen

(The biographical sketch of Pastor Hagen's life will be concluded in the next issue. It was crowded out this time.)

BOOK REVIEWS FROM THE BIBLE BOOK NOOK

HEAD OF THE HOUSE

by Grace Livingston Hill

price \$.60

Reviewed by Mrs. Roy Bredholt
Grand Forks, North Dakota

Head of the House is about a young girl who takes over the care of her younger brothers and sisters after the sudden death of her parents. They encounter many problems and in desperation the parentless family calls on God for help. Their prayers are heard. Their problems are solved one by one; but because of their troubles, they find themselves in a situation where their need for Christ is presented to them. Each of the family members comes to Christ. There is also a romantic side to the story, so it would be particularly interesting to young girls. It is a good wholesome story with a strong Christian message which is not overdone. This book can be enjoyed by all but would be of special interest to women.

YOUNG ONLY ONCE

by Clyde M. Narramore

price \$.95

Reviewed by Mrs. Delbert Jones
Wyndmere, North Dakota

Let's have fun! We're young only once. We all have heard that remark. But remember, God wants us to glorify Him even in our fun.

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Luther League Activities

Wayne Pederson, Editor

MEDICAL PROJECT

Serving Jesus Christ is never dull. At least, this has been my experience since I asked God to lead me wherever He could use me most effectively. As you do this in your life, you will be amazed at the challenges and opportunities that come your way to serve Him.

I was reminded of another area of service the other day from our fellow communicators in Brazil. Here is another place that could use the service of a life dedicated wholly to Jesus Christ. Maybe that person is you. I'd like to share with you the challenge of the letter.

"We on the mission field ask you as youth director to continually keep the youth aware of the great need of prayer for the missionaries and their work and also the great need for more missionaries at home and abroad.

"We would also like to share with you as youth director a real and pressing need. Most of the students in our institute are very poor and when illness strikes them, we, the missionaries, are responsible for them that they get medical treatment. Dr. Garcia has been a faithful and generous doctor in helping our mission by giving cut-rates, but there are still expenses. Then there are the pharmaceutical supplies which really count up, as these supplies are every bit as

high, or even higher, than drugs in the States.

"Now, I don't know if you were aware of the fact that the financial end of these medical supplies both for students and poor families comes out of the pockets of the missionaries. Therefore, missionaries are not only responsible for the spiritual well-being of the souls here, but also the physically sick. With this in mind, we as the mission staff make a two-fold plea to you... to share with us in this sacrifice: first, and foremost, to uphold us in united prayer as we minister to the sin-sick souls. Secondly, to share in the financial burden of the physically sick. The average medical bill runs around \$30.00 a month, and we now have a standing bill of over \$100.00 at the pharmacy that has accumulated beyond our means as we have been helping others.

"Now if you as a Luther League would be willing to take on part or all of the \$30.00 per month as a National Luther League project, it would relieve us of the financial pressures that do build up in this area. And we could also supply vitamins for some of these families that are chronically ill, thus helping to maintain better health.

"As you know, the Sunday Schools have taken on our bookstore as a monthly project and this has been a terrific help for Campo Mourao, as we are the only Christian bookstore

here in town. The WMF has continually taken on various and vital projects to help our ever-growing mission needs. We therefore present this challenge to you as a League to get involved with us in this very essential two-fold endeavor of missionary work: ministering to the sin-sick and physically sick, Proverbs 19:17."

"Joy in His service, Missionaries Connelly Dyrud, George Knapp, and Vitor Faverani"

God has placed us where we are to serve Him in our niche in the world. I feel that this is another opportunity to let God use our prayers and money for His glory. Pray about this, talk it over in your league and youth group.

By the way, **Words of Wisdom**, Proverbs 19:17, says "When you help the poor you are lending to the Lord—and He pays wonderful interest on your loan!"

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This book deals with the problem many young people face. There are problems of dating. Should a Christian date someone who isn't a Christian, so they can witness to him? What about petting?

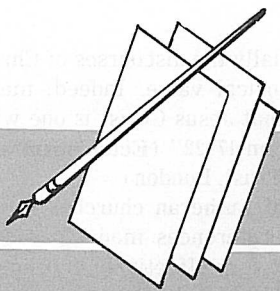
Another problem for some teenagers is choosing life's work. Take inventory of any special talents you may have or where your interests lie. Read literature on various occupations. Remember the greatest guidance comes from God.

Take a good look at yourself. In I Samuel 16:7, it says, "Man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart." Your outward appearance is important but what's in your heart will show the real "you."

Other chapters discuss Getting Along with Your Family, Military Service, Wedding Bells and God's Will for Your Life.

It is a book with a Christ-centered theme, full of good ideas and advice.

Both of the above books may be purchased from the Bible Book Nook, 809 McHugh Avenue South, Grafton, N. Dak. 58237.



EDITORIALS

THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY FEDERATION

In a day when there is much talk about women's liberation, we are devoting a good portion of this *Ambassador* to the Women's Missionary Federation, an organization which has worked side by side with and in the church for the extension of God's Kingdom. The WMF has been a remarkable aid to the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations from the beginning. As a matter of fact, while there may have been some doubt as to how well the Association would do, there was little question but what the WMF would succeed.

If we go back further, the Women's Missionary Federation extends backward to 1916, in the Lutheran Free Church. That means a period of 55 years of uninterrupted service. What a valuable assistance has been given over all those years! What a large host of women has supported the program and task of the church!

In the AFLC the WMF has received consecrated leadership under her three presidents: Mrs. O. K. Ose, Mrs. Herbert Presteng and Mrs. Melvin Walla. Now the WMF again has an executive secretary, Miss Judith Wold, to aid in administrative work.

The vitality of the WMF can be seen in the annual conventions the organization holds, in the district meetings and rallies and, yes, in the monthly gatherings of the local aids or societies. Truly the work is in good hands. We see the WMF mission as threefold: the opportunity for fellowship and Bible study, the financial support of the program of the AFLC and the marshalling of the spiritual resources of the women of the church to undergird the Lord's work.

The WMF has had this verse as her motto: "Ask of me and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance and the uttermost part of the earth for thine possession" (Ps. 2:8). A fitting promise from God's Word!

We are glad to feature the work of the Women's Missionary Federation in this issue of *The Lutheran Ambassador*.

THE VOICE OF A MAN OF GOD

"The voice of a man of God explaining the truth of God to the youth of today."

Those are words used to help answer the question, "What is a Bible Camp?" A Bible Camp is many things; wonderful, happy, pleasant things. But most of all it is being in touch with the Word of God for a week's time,

drawing aside to concentrate on God's voice in the midst of the din of the distracting voices of the world.

A Bible Camp is another attempt by the church to reach out to precious, energetic youth, with their hopes and fears and sins, and to direct them in the Lord's ways. To plead with them not to aim low in life, but to set their sights on the highest way—commitment to Christ.

Some young people come to Bible Camp as God's children. They are in various stages of growth spiritually, even as they are physically. They are to be led further in their walk with the Lord. Some campers have lost their way, even in the teen-age years. But the fact they have come to camp at all is a hopeful sign. They will still give Christian truth a hearing. Pastors, faculty and counsellors are all eager to be of help in reclaiming these young lives for Christ.

The voice of a man of God. Yes, that voice can help a Christian teen-ager grow in the faith and it can help a young life which is drifting come back to the Shepherd's fold. There should be many adult friends of Bible camping when one sees what happens to some young people because they push Jesus Christ out of their lives.

We are happy to carry in this issue of the *Ambassador* the announcement of some Bible Camp opportunities in the Association this summer. There are more, but these are the ones we've been told about.

BEER ON THE BORDER

That was quite an expose of a serious problem which appeared in a recent issue of the Roseau (Minn.) *Times-Region* and which we got through the Warren (Minn.) *Sheaf*.

A courageous editor stepped on many toes when he laid bare on page one of his paper a tragic problem in his community, teen-age drinking, aided and abetted by a law in Manitoba which permits the sale of beer to 18-year-olds.

There is too much to tell here, but the Roseau story is one of a minority of juveniles who are bringing a bad name on other young people and the community. Carloads of kids from the U.S. side of the border (not only from the Roseau area) enter Canada, usually with at least one 18-year-old in them. After a heavy bout of drinking they come back to the border stations. The autos sometimes contain girls as young as 13 and 14 and they are perhaps with men of 22 and 23 years. Juveniles are often so drunk that they have difficulty standing when ordered to leave their cars at ports of entry. One girl was clad only in her undergarments when the car in which she was riding stopped at the border. Many cars have Canadian beer hidden in them.

The northern Minnesota youngsters do not confine themselves only to beer. Some cars have four or five fifths of hard liquor in them, causing officials to wonder where the kids get the money to buy it.

The heavy traffic of these youthful drinkers at a single port of entry on a weekend, perhaps 30 to 50, causes problems for the law officials who want to keep track of things as much as they can. Their job is not made any easier when some parents chew them (the officers) out for calling at a late hour to tell them that their sons or daughters

are not in fit condition to drive their cars home from border crossings.

Most of the teen-agers who are involved in the drinking at age 13 are girls. Law officials wonder how the drinking escapades "can go on without the parents knowing...or how the kids can get back home without their parents knowing."

The teen drinking problem is apparently worse in that particular border area than elsewhere (Canadian adults have been coming to U.S. "watering holes" for years), but every American community has some teen-age drinking going on. It is too bad that many young people elect to go this route through life. There are those who will be able to function somewhat acceptably in life even with this habit. Many others will wreck their own lives and the lives of others because of it.

There is a more excellent way and blessed are those who find it and walk in it.

THAT THEY MAY BE ONE

"We believe that Jesus in His High Priestly Prayer prayed that those who believe in Him might find and accept each other."

Declaration of Faith, II:3

The High Priestly Prayer of Jesus is contained in the 17th chapter of the Gospel of John. The Holy Spirit has caused this outpouring of the Savior's heart to be recorded for us. It is a prayer for His own. Certainly Jesus prayed for the whole world, but in this prayer He devoted Himself to petitions for those who believed in Him and who would put their trust in Him.

In the prayer there is a thought which is repeated several times. It occurs first in verse 11: "that they may be one, even as we are one," and reoccurs in verses 21 through 23.

This prayer has been taken as the proof-text or the basis of the ecumenical movement. Largely on the strength of this prayer the devotees of ecumenism have branded the existence of the various denominations in the organized Christian Church as one of the great sins before God. Some of those who see the passages in John 17 as the great heart cry of Jesus for organizational unity are earnest and Bible-believing people. But David Hedegaard brings out another side when he states, "It should be added that many ecumenical theologians who use this text in this way (to prove the need for unity of the churches) do not believe that Christ really spoke these words. Often they maintain

that the Gospel of John—especially the discourses of Christ in this Gospel—has little historical value. Indeed, many of them do not really believe that Jesus Christ is one with the Father, as He claims in John 17:22" (**Ecumenism and the Bible**, The Banner of Truth Trust, London).

The drive for the merger of Lutheran churches in the '50's and '60's saw numerous references made to Jesus' prayer in John 17. Some used it very effectively in promoting what they saw as a desirable end, also from God's point of view, the unification of church synods.

The other interpretation of John 17:11, 21-23, and the one which we as a church have adopted, is that there already exists real unity among the followers of Jesus Christ in this world. Vernon C. Grounds, in his chapter "The Biblical Basis of Christian Unity" in the book **The Dynamics of Christian Unity** (Zondervan, ed. by W. Stanley Mooneyham), puts it this way, "They (the believers in Christ) may not be one organizationally, but they are one organically. They may not be one visibly, but they are one vitally. And that—and that alone, I venture to assert—is the burden of our great High Priest's intercession."

As Jesus prayed for oneness among His followers, He had in mind the perfection of the spirit of love in their relationships with one another. The New Testament does not present a picture of Christians without problems in relationships. Rather, it reveals a community where a large portion of God's grace was needed day by day so that the fellowship might be strengthened. It is for this unity and this acceptance that Jesus prayed in the Upper Room. It is for that unity that He prays also today.

The Association believes that there is room for denominations within the organized Christian Church. Some diversity can add a richness which is lost in uniformity. Even as some men and women can be better friends outside of marriage than in it, so it may be that church bodies will do better and have greater respect for one another by remaining separate than they would in coming under one roof.

Assuredly, if all members of all Christian churches were true believers, and all enjoyed a high degree of sanctification and all agreed on all points in Biblical doctrine, it would be practical to speak of one big church. But in the absence of this the press for church union leaves us cold. The Christians are already one. Their fellowship across synodical or even denominational lines is to be strengthened. But mergers or unions of imperfect outward organizations, that may not accomplish much for God's Kingdom.

PERSONALITIES

Rev. Marvin Haara has accepted a call to serve the Brooten, Minn., parish (West Lake, Sunburg, Crow Lake and Our Saviour's) and has taken up the work there. He formerly served Good Shepherd Lutheran Church at Virginia, Minn.

REV. AMOS DYRUD TO TEACH AT ELBOW CAMP

Rev. Amos O. Dyrud, faculty member of the Association Schools, will be the Bible teacher at Elbow Lutheran Bible Camp, Elbow, Sask., July 4-11. The evening speaker will be Evangelist **Arthur Johnson** of Willmar,

Minn.

The camp is a family-type camp and is operated by means of free-will offerings and donated work. Mr. Gordon Joel, Elbow, is the camp dean.

Swimming is available nearby at Diefenbaker Lake, the reservoir of John W. Gardiner Dam on the Saskatchewan River.

15. How do we "number our days" and get a "heart of wisdom"? (Jn. 5:24; Rom. 10:15; I Pet. 2:11-12)

A "heart of wisdom" is God's gift to the person who not only considers the brevity of his life on earth, but who also recognizes that he is a steward of the time which God gives him, and lives accordingly.

Moses was a man of faith who claimed the promises of God in prayer. While he waited for the answer, he was secure in God, his dwelling place. To every tempted and tested soul God sometimes seems far away, but we must persevere in prayer until God again comes near with comfort and strength.

16. What does the Psalmist mean by "satisfy us early" in verse 14? (Ps. 63:1; Jer. 19:13; Ps. 5:3)

17. What is implied by "thy work, thy glory; and thy beauty," as we read in verses 16 and 17? (Gal. 2:20)

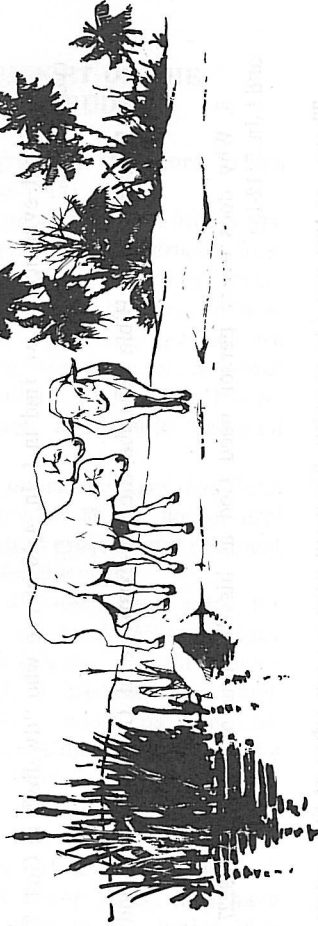
18. According to this Psalm and Ps. 27:4, what is the **one** most important thing in life? (II Tim. 4:7 and Rev. 21:3-4)

Oh Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee;
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee;
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

—Stuart K. Hine

WWMF BIBLE STUDY



Psalm 90

July, 1971

TIME AND ETERNITY

This Psalm of Moses is worthy of the man who had seen God face to face. There is pictured the contrast between the uncertainty of human life and the eternal stability of God. The earth with its oceans and mountains, the universe and its worlds, were created by God. He Himself has no beginning or ending. Our time on earth may be likened to a breath, a tale told by the campfire at night, or the grass grown up in a few days, then withered.

Moses goes on to describe the forty years of wanderings in the wilderness.

The countless graves were a bitter harvest of Israel's rebellion. Oh, may God give us a heart of wisdom that we may not make those same mistakes.

The closing verses of the Psalm are a prayer that we may use our time for God's glory and give our children a spiritual heritage, not just a material one. We were created for God's glory. May this vision never be dimmed by the materialism of our present age. A missionary friend of ours made this statement while visiting us: "Live on as little as possible. Use your time and money to bring the message of salvation to as many people as you can. Life is brief and uncertain; eternity is forever."

Choose your favorite verse from Psalm 90; memorize it.

1. Moses is known as a man of God. What is the difference between a man who knows **about** God and a man of God? (Jas. 2:19-26 and Jn. 1:12; also Matt. 7:21-23)

2. How does Deut. 33:27 (Moses' farewell message) compare with Psalm 90?

3. What evidence do we find in I Jn. 4:16 of one who "dwelleth in God"? (verse 1)

4. How does the Bible describe the pre-existence of God? (verse 2 and Rev. 1:8)

5. Why does every person need God as his dwelling place? (Heb. 9:27 and I Jn. 5:12-13)

There are two ways to eternity. They cut across each other at the portals of death, never to meet again. The broad way leads downward into eternal woe. The narrow way leads to eternal bliss.

6. In the light of eternity, how does God reckon a thousand years of time? (II Pet. 3:8)

7. What is meant by the terms "grass" and "dream" (sleep) in verse 5? (Job 20:8-9 and I Pet. 1:24-25)

It takes as little effort from God to remove man from this earthly scene as for the flowers and the grass to wither and die. A man must be able to see beyond the present—that which he may never hold or even shape with his hands, he must be able to see in his dreams. Life can be great, not by what we hold in our hands, but by catching a glimpse of the expanse which

is eternal.

8. What connection is there between our brief life on earth, our sins, and God's anger? (Gen. 2:17 and Rom. 5:12)

Man was created good. God intended that he should increase in goodness by exercising his free will in choosing that which was good and rejecting evil. Because God is holy, man's disobedience made it necessary for Him to pronounce a curse upon sin which also involved man, the sinner. He had to live in a world which was under the curse of sin, and in a body in which dwelt a nature contrary to God's will. This accounts for the fact that man's life on earth, even the longest life, is short, and his days are filled with "toil and trouble."

9. Explain the statement "sins so secret that none but God detects them." (I Sam. 16:7; Acts 5:3-5; I Cor. 4:5)

10. What is the only remedy for secret sin? (I Jn. 1:7-9 and Rev. 1:5; also Ps. 32:5)

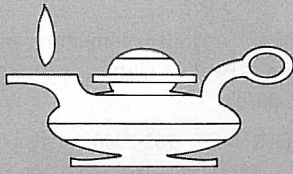
11. What type of people spend their lives as a "tale that is told" or as a sigh? (Is. 57:20-21 and Prov. 19:1)

12. In contrast, what is the description of true believers as recorded in I Cor. 6:11? (Titus 3:4-6)

13. What is mentioned in verse 10 as the average length of a person's full life?

Time moves along swiftly. It is like a stream which never stands still, which cannot be stopped. There are many who would like to stop time because they fear growing old. However, no one can halt the advance of age. We must follow the stream of time; and this stream flows steadily and briskly. How fast it goes! When we look ahead, time seems endless, but when we look back we see how fleeting it is, how rapidly it passes. Time is the beginning of eternity.

14. What will be the power of God's anger in eternity toward those who refuse to **believe** and **obey** His Word? (Jude 13-15; Jn. 3:36; Mk. 9:47-48)



SCHOOL NEWS

EASTERN CHOIR TOUR SUCCESSFUL

The AFLBS Choir of 1970-71 recently completed its annual spring tour which took them east this year—as far east as Erie and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. They sang 11 concerts and made many friends as they stayed in the homes of these gracious people.

The warmth and gratitude expressed by these host congregations to the choir was most impressive and memorable. They were surprised and delighted at the musical excellence and the prevailing spirit of worship in every concert. And these characteristics would surely have been enough. But I think our friendly hosts were frequently overwhelmed by the mature behavior and graciousness of our own young ladies and gentlemen, and this may well be the impression they will remember longest.

Furthermore, at every gas station or lunch counter or bakery or wherever a few of our choir members would gather, after observing their conduct and attitudes an observer would be moved to say, "Who are you? You're about the nicest young people we've ever had in here." Such situations were a frequent and grand opportunity for us to leave a strong Christian witness.

The choir sang for the morning worship service at the largest Lutheran church in the Pittsburgh area. The pastor was so thrilled with the three anthems sung that he asked the choir to sing alone (at sight) one verse of each successive congregational hymn, a challenge well met by the choir.

Perhaps the impressions can best be summed up by the following quotes from letters sent by some of the pastors visited:

One from Ohio, "It was a privilege and a pleasure to have you and your

choir with us here at Faith Church. We know that the impressions and influences of all of you were positive and will be effective for a long time. Thanks for coming."

Three pastors from Pennsylvania write, "What a spiritual joy it was to have you with us at our services today. The 'afterglow' is blinding me to all defeat and problems. My heart just rejoices."

"We enjoyed the concert thoroughly. The music was beautiful. The variety was good. The spirit was contagious. The sharing of God's Word through music and testimony was appreciated. The evening was an inspiration. All who served as hosts for the members were rewarded in a special way. Each family sensed the Spirit of God present in the life and conversation of each young person. It was a pleasure and a blessing for all of us. God was at work through the whole experience. Please come back to Good Shepherd the next chance you get."

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise Him all creatures here below—certainly just about every form of Christian joy in music continues to ring here at Bethany because of the blessings that the Lord has provided for us through the coming of your Bible School Choir for its concerts this past Sunday."

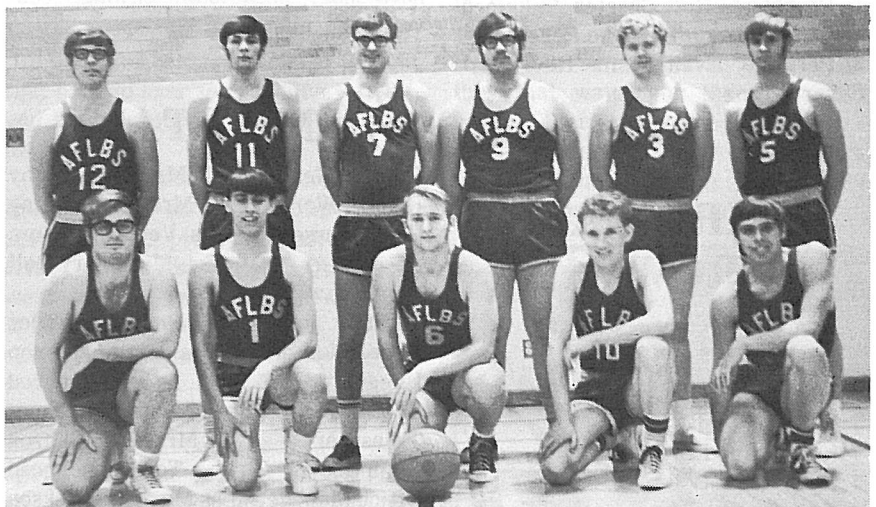
Most of the people we visited had never heard of the AFLC or our Bible School. They know now. And indubitably the choir and the school and the entire Association will be in their hearts and prayers for a long time.

AFLBS BASKETBALL TEAM HAS GOOD YEAR

The basketball team of the Association Free Lutheran Bible School, participating in the Minneapolis YMCA Church Athletic League, has completed its schedule of games with a 9-4 won-lost record, barely missing the city championship playoffs.

Competing in the men's division, the team went undefeated for the first half of the season. The second half had the top echelon teams from the two divisions moved together in the same division so they would compete against each other. (Likewise, the weaker teams were placed into a common division.) In this more vigorous and talented competition our boys fought their way to a 3-2 record

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The AFLBS basketball team.

Back row, left to right: Don Balmer, John Schlenk, Paul Persson, Tim Jones, Bryan Nelson, Don Berge.

Front row: Tony Pollestad, Dennis Strand, Coach Richard Anderson, Emory Flaten, seminarian and assistant coach Terry Olson.

Not pictured are seminarian Ken Moland and Randy Hall, scorekeeper.

FAMILY CAMP

July 5-11

Camp Dean

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Asst. Camp Dean

Pastor Gene Sundby

Camp Manager

Sheldon Mortrud

Assistant Camp Manager

Clifford Holm

Camp Registrar

John Arlen Johnson

Assistant Camp Registrar

Mrs. John Arlen Johnson

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Rev. Roy Bredholt

Youth Bible Study Leader

Rev. Laurel Udden

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Mr. Don Rodvold

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Mrs. Kenneth Rolf

Grade School Teacher

Miss Judith Wold

Kindergarten Teacher

Mrs. Herbert Presteng

Adult Prayer Leader

Student Pastor Alvin Grothe

Youth Prayer Leader

Student Pastor John Reith

Topical Hour

1. Prophecy—Rev. Chester Heikkinen
2. Luther League—Wayne Pederson
3. Personal Evangelism—Rev. Herbert Franz

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

A Bible-Centered Program
Classes for All Ages

DAILY SCHEDULE

- 7:00 Rising Bell
7:30 Morning Devotions
7:35 Breakfast
8:30 Camp Clean-up
8:30 Staff Meeting
9:00 Bible Hour
9:50 Recess
10:10 Choir
11:00 Recess

- 11:10 Topical Hour
Tuesday, Thursday—Prophecy
(Adults, Teenagers)
Friday, Saturday—Personal
Evangelism
(Adults)
Friday, Saturday—Luther
League Workshop (Youth)

- 12:00 Dinner
1:00 Quiet Time
2:00-5:00 Recreation
5:30 Supper
7:00 Prayer Service
7:45 Evening Service
9:15 Campfire
10:30 Lights Off
Young People who don't care
to be in choir will be in discus-
sion groups. Adults who don't
care to be in choir will be
taking part in workshops.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

- 9:45 Bible Hour
11:00 Morning Worship
12:15 Dinner
2:30 Closing Service (Camp Choir
in Charge)
3:45 Coffee Hour
5:00 Camp Closed

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

SPORTS

Swimming, boating, softball, tennis,
horseshoe, basketball, fishing, con-
versation, ping pong.

CAMP STAFF

Dean of Men Mr. Dennis Gray
Dean of Women Mrs. Aini Myking
Camp Nurses Mrs. Vernon Russum
Miss Mary Rolf

Camp Newspaper

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Lifeguard To be announced
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Campfire To be announced
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Head Usher Arne Aanestad

LOCATION

BY CAR: 1 mile east of Alexandria
on Highway No. 52, approximately

1 mile north, located on west side
of Lake Geneva.

BY MAIL: Address in care of Lake
Geneva Bible Camp, Alexandria,
Minn. 56308

BY PHONE: 763-3680 (Area Code:
612). Monday—Registration. First
meal served Monday night. Evening
services at 8:00.

WHAT TO BRING

Bible, pencils, paper, bedding, pil-
lows, blankets, towels, soap and other
personal needs.

Cottages accommodate four persons.
Divided cottages accommodate two
persons per room. Dormitory rooms
available for teenagers and single
persons.

CAMP RULES

1. No radios
2. Bermuda shorts or slacks for rec-
reation period
3. Dresses or skirts for sessions.
4. No mini-skirts
5. No bikini bathing suits

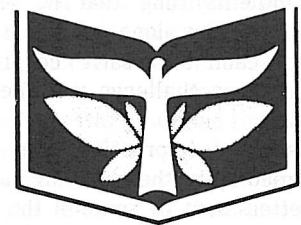
RATES

Weekly Rates

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| Meals and Lodging | |
| Children | \$ 7.00 |
| Teenagers | \$14.00 |
| Adults | \$19.00 |
| Registration fee per person | 1.00 |
| Registration fee per family | 2.00 |
| Maximum rate for large families | 70.00 |
| Individual meals available at camp. | |

CAMPING

Camping area is available on the
northwest corner of the camp, for
campers with tents and camping
trailers.





BIBLE CAMPS OF THE AFLC

Galilee, Minnesota

June 21-27. Camp address: Lake Bronson, Minn. Dean—Lay Pastor Rodney Stueland, Newfolden, Minn. Evening speaker—Rev. Kenneth L. Anderson. Mission hour—Rev. John H. Abel. Bible teacher—indefinite. Cost—\$13, plus \$3 for medical check-up day camp opens. Children 10 years and older need not be accompanied by parents. Sessions for younger children.

Sheyenne Valley, North Dakota

June 27-July 3. Camp address: Cooperstown, N. Dak. Faculty: Rev. Laurel Udden and Rev. Amos Dyrud.

Pickerel Lake, South Dakota

June 21-27. Camp address: Grenville, S. Dak. Dean—Rev. Raynard Huglen, Roslyn, S. Dak. Bible teacher—Rev. Amos Dyrud. Evening speaker—Rev. Gordon N. Berntson, Rugby, N. Dak. Cost—\$10. Age—12 years or through grade 6, and up.

Moments of Meditation, Minnesota

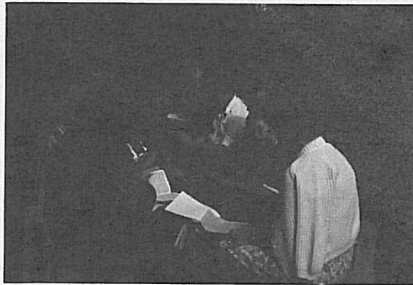
June 14-19. Camp address: Lake Park, Minn. Dean—Rev. Jacob Andreasen, Hitterdal, Minn. Faculty—Pastors Andreasen, R. P. Haakonson, John H. Abel, Wendell Johnson, Larson. Age—9 years and up. Cost—\$18. Medical exam needed. Junior Camp.

Lake Retreat, Washington

Aug. 9-16. Camp address: Issaquah, Wash. Dean—Rev. Robert Rieth, 11611 N.E. 140th, Kirkland, Wash. Evening speaker—Rev. David Langer. Adult Bible study—Rev. Karl Berg. Teen Bible study—Mr. Ken Moland. Family camp. Children below five, free, maximum family rate—\$75.00.

Note: This list is not complete. Other camps may be announced later.

Pictures are from Pickerel Lake Camp, S. Dak.



A LETTER FROM A SON TO HIS DAD ON HIS BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday, Dad!

You know, many times in sharing or in preaching, I share the things I learned from my father. At the time I was with you at home, I did not understand your giving, and sometimes resented it, but now it remains forever an inspiration to me. I always recall that my dad would always give more, and not think anything of it, and would treat strangers as if they were part of the family.

It has always been particularly exciting for me to have an understanding father. One who did not try to push me to become a farmer, but rather encouraged me in what I was doing. I have really been fortunate having you stand behind me all the way. You do not know how many other young people envy me. They say, "It must be nice to have a dad

like that." It is, too.

It has been a source of pride to me, also, to know that my dad is a Christian who is continually growing in the Lord. It is great having a father with whom I can talk over spiritual things and who leads in prayer. It is also exciting to know that you are searching and daring to ask questions, and talk about your faith with others. Few have as solid a home as mine.

I am glad that you have brought me up in the discipline of the Lord. I do pray for some of your pain to go away and that this next year will be an even better year for you as you walk with the Lord.

Thank you for everything.

Love from your son

(Ed. note: The above letter, appropriate for Father's Day, too, was written by a young man preparing for the Lutheran ministry.)

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This unusual event necessitated a play-off and after winning the first game, our boys lost the second (against a team they had defeated twice during the regular season). A victory would have put us into the city-wide championship and an incredible 5-way tie for first place.

The purpose of our participation, although very limited, in an athletic program is primarily a fundamental physical necessity to exercise and a mental need to compete. The results are toned and coordinated bodies for the participants and emotional exercise provided by healthy competition for both the spectator and the participant. School spirit is the obvious

manifestation of our participation; teamwork is another. It is also an excellent example of the fact that Christians can have as much fun as anyone.

Paul, judging by his frequent athletic allegories to Christian living (e.g. I Corinthians 9:24-27) recognized the value of such involvement.

We had an excellent team this year coached by Richard "Andy" Anderson. Mr. Anderson will serve as part-time recreational director at the Bible School next year in addition to coaching and embarking upon his ministerial training at our Seminary. The team's final contest was against the high school visitors to our Bible School during Promotion Days.

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