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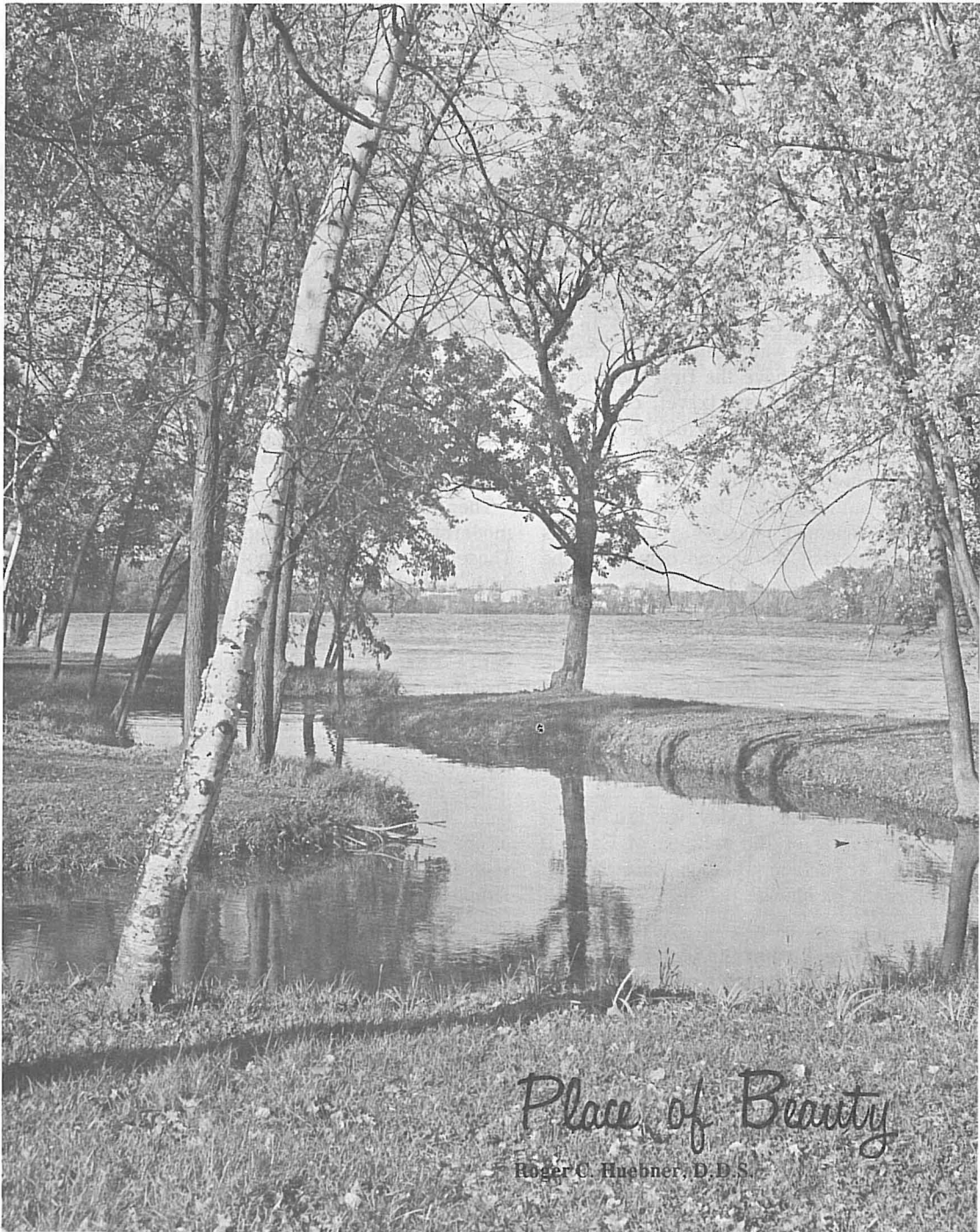
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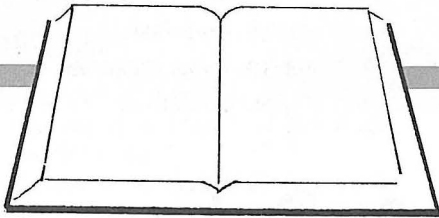
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Place of Beauty

Roger C. Huebner, D.D.S.



According to the Word

THE DAYS OF NOAH Matt. 24:36-39

All the prophecies concerning Jesus from His birth to His death have been fulfilled. Only one important event remains to be fulfilled. His second coming. The disciples believed that Jesus was coming back again, but the great questions in their minds were: "When will He return? What will be the sign of His coming?" Jesus answers them in our text for today: "As it was in the days of Noah, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be."

The days of Noah, before the Flood, are found in Genesis 4, 5 and 6. In the 4th chapter, which tells of the murder of Abel, we have the first mention of religious apostasy, travel, city building, polygamy and sexual perversion, great agricultural advances, music, violence and crime, and disrespect for authority. All these things are being repeated in our day and so it is a sign that the second coming of the Lord is drawing nigh.

Today there is a distinct division between the modernists and the fundamentalists and we are all in one or the other of these two groups. Cain was the first modernist. His brother Abel was a fundamentalist. Cain substituted the religion of the blood for a religion of good works and self-righteousness. Today we are having a revival of the religion of Cain. It is a surface religion that doesn't reach or change the heart. It is a re-

ligion of forms and rituals, vestments and symbols. A stress is laid on bigness, the building of large and beautiful churches, the uniting of all the religions of the world into one great super-world-church. And we see what great strides have already been made in achieving this.

Also in this modernism we find a rise in liberal theology which teaches that faith in the virgin birth, the deity of Christ, the blood atonement, the bodily resurrection of Christ, and His literal coming again are not essential, and that the Bible is not verbally inspired, and that the creation story and the story of Cain and Abel as well as all the first chapters of Genesis are not to be taken literally but to be looked upon only as an allegory. Conversion and the new birth are cast aside as not necessary. Instead, the world is being taken into the church and sin belittled.

Then, on the other side, opposed to modernism, we find fundamentalism. Those who hold this cannot go along with these modernistic teachings. They still believe in the old-time religion and the verbal inspiration of the entire Bible. They accept the whole creation story as it stands in the Bible and man's fall into sin. They believe in the blood atonement and that we need to be born again and saved in order to enter into the Kingdom of God. They oppose the establishment of one great super-world-church. They still call sin sin, and believe that the simple preaching of the Gospel of

Jesus Christ is more important than forms and rituals, and should be the major part of the service. This group is by far in the minority and decreasing all the time as world conditions grow worse and worse.

All these things are sure signs of the times that Christ is coming soon. Prophecies are being fulfilled every day. As we see before our very eyes today conditions as they were in Noah's day before the flood, then we know that Christ's second coming is not far away. Let us therefore be sure that we are right with God and are on the right side; for there are only two ways, the way of Cain and the way of Abel. Man's way by religion and good works, and God's way by grace and by faith. Which way will you take? The choice is up to you. Only God's way leads home to glory. God grant that you do not take the broad way of the world where the crowds are, but taking up the cross and following after Jesus that you walk the narrow way with Him upward which leads to life eternal. Satan is a sly serpent who tries to blind our eyes so that we cannot see. Christ's admonition to you and me is: "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation." In Luke 21:28, Jesus is speaking to Christians when He says: "And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads, for your redemption draweth night."

Hans J. Tollefson

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8th ANNUAL
ASSOCIATION OF FREE
LUTHERAN CONGREGATIONS
FAMILY BIBLE CAMP
JULY 6-12
LAKE GENEVA BIBLE CAMP
ALEXANDRIA, MINN.

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
 Monday - Registration
 First Meal served Monday night
 Evening services at 8:00

WHAT TO BRING

Bible, pencils, paper, bedding, pillows, blankets, towels, soap and other personal needs, swimming suit, playclothes, etc. Cottages accommodate four persons. Divided cottages accommodate two persons per room. Dormitory rooms available for teenagers and single persons.

CAMP STAFF

Dean of Men Dennis Gray
 Dean of Women Miss Pearl Aanstad
 Camp Nurse Mrs. Vernon Russum
 Camp Newspaper
 Editor Rev. Howard Kjos
 Recreation Ranleigh Anderson
 Lifeguard To be announced
 Bookstore Rev. Gerald Mundfrom
 Treasurer Miss Marion Hellekson
 Campfire To be announced

Camp Dean
 Rev. Leslie Galland
Asst. Camp Dean
 Lay Pastor Gene Sundby
Camp Manager
 Sheldon Mortrud
Assistant Camp Manager
 Robert Bursheim
Camp Registrar
 John Arlen Johnson
Assistant Camp Registrar
 Mrs. John Arlen Johnson
Evangelist
 Rev. Laurel Udden
Adult Bible Study Leader
 Rev. Amos Dyrud
Youth Bible Study Leader
 Rev. Francis Monseth
Choir
 Don Rodvold
Confirmation Teacher
 Mrs. Vernon Nelson
Grade School Teacher
 Miss Judith Wold
Kindergarten Teacher
 To be announced
Adult Prayer Hour
 Rev. Larry Severson
Youth Prayer Hour
 Rev. Wendell Johnson
Discussion Hour
 1. Sex Education
 Rev. John Strand
 2. Ecumenical Movement
 Rev. G. L. Halmrast

CAMPING

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

SPORTS

Swimming, boating, softball, tennis, horseshoe, basketball, fishing, conversation, ping pong.

A Bible-Centered Program

DAILY SCHEDULE

7:00 Rising Bell
 7:30 Morning Devotions
 7:35 Breakfast
 8:30 Camp Clean-up
 9:00 Bible Hour
 9:50 Recess
 10:05 Doctrinal Hour
 10:55 Recess
 11:10 Missionary Hour
 12:15 Dinner
 1:00 Quiet Time
 2:00 - 5:00 Recreation
 3:30 - 4:45 Swimming
 5:30 Supper
 6:30 Staff Meeting
 7:00 Prayer Service
 7:45 Evening Service
 9:15 Campfire
 10:30 Lights Out

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

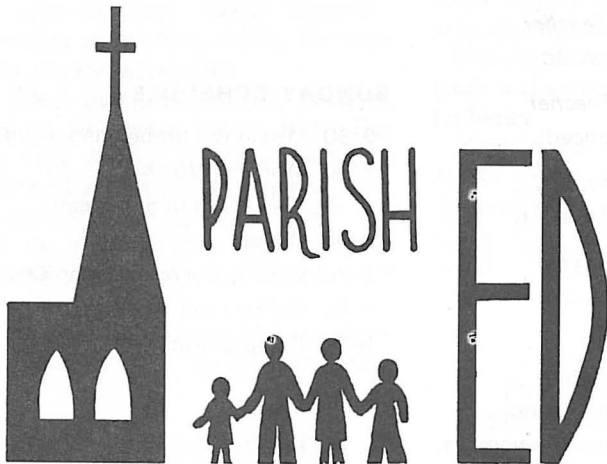
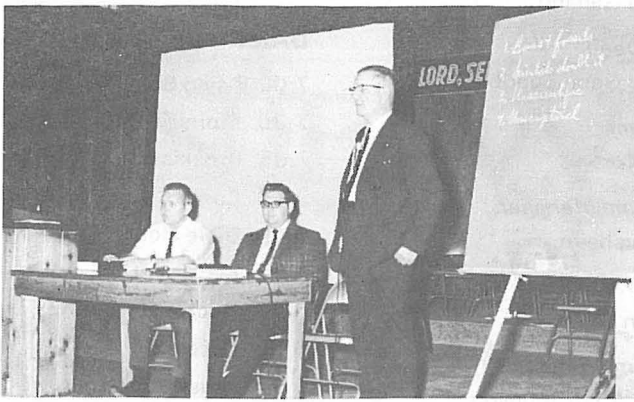
9:30 Missions - (to be announced)
 11:00 Morning Worship
 Rev. Richard Snipstead
 12:00 Dinner
 2:30 Closing Service - Camp Choir
 3:45 Coffee Hour
 5:00 Camp Closed

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 | |

Scenes from Last Year's Family Camp



ARE YOU READY TO TEACH?

Walking down the street one day a lady noticed a little girl leaving the church by herself. When the child passed her, the lady inquired where she had been.

"In there," replied the little girl, pointing to the church.

"And what were you doing in there?" the woman asked.

"Praying" was the prompt reply.

Thinking the child was probably bothered with some problem, the lady inquired, "What were you praying for, dear?"

"Nothing," the child replied. "I was just loving Jesus."

What do our children see in us as we come to Sunday School each week? Do they see this love for Jesus of which the girl was speaking? Do they recognize behind our teaching efforts a love for them inspired by God's

love in and for us? Our response to His love qualifies us to teach and enables us to love others. Without this basic motive our highest endeavors and most selfless plans are futile. J. B. Phillips has paraphrased I Corinthians 13:1 this way: "If I were to speak with the combined eloquence of men and angels I should stir men like a fanfare of trumpets or the crashing of cymbals, but unless I had love, I should do nothing more."

Lack of response to our teaching efforts may be attributed to many things—from our modern day's entertainment-oriented children to poor and noisy classroom situations. But perhaps we teachers need to look to ourselves—and to I Corinthians 13:1. All the combined techniques and lesson plans and clever ideas are wasted if we teach without genuine love. Love, according to the Amplified New Testament is "that spiritual devotion such as is inspired by God's love for and in us." Without that one basic ingredient our best teaching efforts will accomplish little, and we will gain no eternal reward for ourselves. Only when we love our Lord can we be inspired to love others. Remember, it was when Peter responded honestly and affirmatively to the Lord's prodding question, "Do you love Me?", that he was commissioned to his teaching and preaching ministry.

Now shall we prepare for our next class?

God is the source of love.

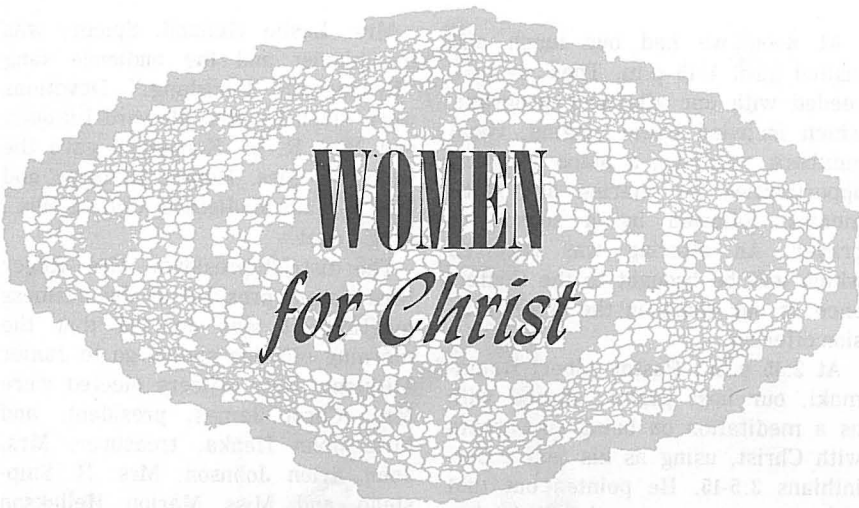
Christ is the proof of love.

Service is the expression of love.

Boldness is the outcome of love.

—Selected

—Eula Mae Swenson



WOMEN *for Christ*

TEMPTATIONS AND HOW TO OVERCOME THEM

by Mrs. Thelma Martinson
Edmore, North Dakota

Temptation means the state of being prompted to do wrong things.

I read a story in a daily devotional which really explained how temptation comes. Grandma had given Paul and his sister a large box of strawberries to take home. The family enjoyed them very much. There were some left over, so Mother put them in a dish and asked Paul to bring them to the two small children living upstairs. As Paul went to the door, his mother heard him count, "One, two, three, four, five, and so on. He counted louder and faster until he came to their door. Soon he came downstairs; his face was red and he panted:

"It was terrible, Mother, just terrible."

"What was terrible?" His mother asked.

"When I went out into the hall, I thought those strawberries looked so wonderful that I seemed to hear them say, 'Eat me, eat me!' So, I closed my eyes and counted real fast. I was scared that I would eat them."

When tempted, Jesus' reply was, "Get thee hence, Satan" (Matthew 4:10). How many times don't we, too, have to say, "Get thee back, Satan"? In Proverbs 1:10, we read, "My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not." Satan is so cunning and the world has so many alluring attractions. The unsaved follow these and seek to draw the Christians with them. The believer knows that the

things of this world are of Satan, and as we study God's Word we learn that the Lord says, "Consent thou not."

Two close friends were planning a trip together, but they were short of money. The father of one of the boys was a storekeeper, and the other told the merchant's son it would be easy for him to help himself to stock from the store; no one would know the difference. That night the boy lay on his bed wondering how much he should take. He couldn't sleep. The clock seemed to tick louder than usual and to say: thief—thief—thief. His eyes turned to a picture of Jesus which hung on the wall. A light seemed to glow from His face, and the boy could hear the words: No—No—No. He was glad for that still, small voice within that spoke: "No—consent thou not."

We need God's Word and the searching of the Holy Spirit. Because of indifference, and even rebellion, some Christians do not have their spiritual ears attuned to the voice of God, and they cannot hear the Lord speaking to them. When Samuel was a small boy, God spoke directly to Him. His reply was, "Speak, Lord, for thy servant heareth" (I Samuel 3:9). How good to be in tune with God!

In Matthew 26:41, we read: "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation." We must be on guard and start our day in prayer, for Satan is going to try awfully hard and in many ways to lead us into sin. Yielding to temptation is sin and sin separates us from God. Therefore, be alert—be

on guard. Put on the whole armor of God.

Romans 14:12 says: "So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God." No matter what we do or how we live, we have to give an account of how we have lived. Just think! How tragic it would be if we should hear Christ say, "Depart from Me, I know thee not" (Matthew 7:23; Luke 13:27).

"Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free" (Galatians 5:1). We Americans love liberty. There is the Liberty Bell, the Statue of Liberty; but the liberty these represent are not the real liberty. The only liberty that endures is the liberty given by Christ through His blood, poured out on Calvary. He tells us to stand fast and not go back into the bondage of sin. "If the Son therefore shall make you free, you shall be free indeed" (John 8:36).

Trust in Jesus and you will have freedom—the kind that will last. Then you can meet Jesus face to face, and have eternal joy and peace, free from all the heartache and trials of this life. "Cast all your care upon Him, for He careth for you" (II Peter 5:7).

EDMORE CHURCH SCENE OF WMF SPRING RALLY

The Women's Missionary Federation of the Eastern North Dakota District of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations met in Bethany Lutheran Church (Derrick) of rural Edmore, N. Dak., May 2, for its spring rally.

The theme of the meeting was Psalm 107:2: "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so." "A Passion for Souls" was the rally hymn. Mrs. Bernhard Nelson and Mrs. Henry Hanson of Portland accompanied and led the singing, respectively.

Miss Pearl Aanstad, district president, presided at the morning session. Mrs. Herbert Presteng, Grafton, read from Psalm 34 for devotions. Mrs. Edroy Anderson of Minnewaukan sang "Only One Life." Mrs. Sherman Severson of Alsen led our Bible study, which was based on Psalm 107. As the Lord was able to help in all the different situations that are mentioned there He is also

able to help us. We should put our trust completely in Him, she said.

After a business session, Mrs. Ernest Langness of McVillie closed the meeting with prayer. The Bethany Ladies Aid served the dinner.

In the afternoon Mrs. John Rieth of Valley City led in devotions. Soloists were Miss Mary Lindquist of Grand Forks and Mrs. Alfred Berge of Binford. Pam Ivesdal of Edmore told of her experiences while working at the mission in Nogales. Miss Judith Wold, executive secretary of the WMF, brought a greeting.

Mrs. Melvin Walla, WMF president, was the afternoon speaker. She explained the work and projects of the WMF and urged us to pray for them. We were admonished to tell others what God is doing for us and to be witnesses for Christ. "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so."

Pastor Howard Kjos of Hampden, host pastor, closed with prayer.

We had a day of blessing and enrichment and have much to be thankful for.

Mrs. Donald Jacobson
Secretary

HOPE CHURCH HOSTS FIRST WMF SPIRITUAL RETREAT IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN

The WMF groups of Ishpeming, Ontonagan and Eben Junction met at Hope Lutheran Church, Ishpeming, on Saturday, May 9, for their first joint meeting. The theme of this spiritual retreat was "In Times Like These."

The program commenced at 9:30 a.m. with registration and a time of getting acquainted. We then gathered around for hymn singing and devotions, followed by discussion centered around the activities of the various WMF groups.

We were favored by a vocal duet by Pastor and Mrs. Hans Tollefson of Eben, after which Pastor Tollefson, our guest speaker for the day, spoke to us concerning "Witnessing in times like these." Using as his text Romans 13:11-14, he reminded us that Christians have to awaken. Likewise, churches, our nation, its leaders, and the unsaved must awaken! It was a very challenging message for us all.

At noon we had our lunch and visited until 1:15 p.m. Then we proceeded with our afternoon program, which included hymn singing, vocal numbers, readings, a piano solo and opportunities for sharing and testimonies, followed by a season of prayer. An offering was received which will be brought to the Conference as our share in the WMF mission offering.

At 2:15 p.m., Pastor Albert Hautamaki, our host pastor, shared with us a meditation on being co-workers with Christ, using as his text I Corinthians 3:5-15. He pointed out that although we are unworthy Christ has chosen us to work with Him and our number one task is winning souls. We saw our responsibilities as co-workers, also the rewards for faithfulness.

We concluded our day with a time of fellowship.

The retreat was a real spiritual blessing to all forty-five of us who were in attendance and it was good to get together as women of the WMF, sharing together in the blessed work of the Kingdom of God.

Mrs. Kenneth Pentti
Ishpeming, Michigan

REV. AMOS DYRUD SPOKE TO WMF MEETING AT WILLMAR IN APRIL

Guest speaker for the spring rally of the Women's Missionary Federation of the Minneapolis District was Rev. Amos Dyrud, teacher at Association Schools and a former missionary to Madagascar. The rally was held at Zion Lutheran Church in Willmar, Hubert DeBoer, pastor, on April 18.

In the morning Bible study, Pastor Dyrud used Psalm 23 as his text. He pointed out that the Lord is still searching for sheep. Our Shepherd cares for and knows His sheep by name: He feeds, restores, comforts and protects us because we have been purchased by His blood. Death, hell and the Devil are powerless around Christ. There are shadows to go through, but what seems evil can be a blessing in disguise and cause us to come closer to Him, Pastor Dyrud declared.

Mrs. Leslie Galland, Spicer, was the pianist and the audience sang "Rescue the Perishing." Devotions were given by Mrs. Howard Lillquist and Mrs. R. M. Konsterlie gave the welcome. Mrs. Robert Dietsche and Mrs. Gerald Madison of Colfax, Wix., sang a duet.

The district president, Mrs. Roger Rasmussen, presided at the business meeting. It was decided that the morning offering should go to Junior Missions. New officers elected were Mrs. Carol James, president, and Mrs. John Hanka, treasurer. Mrs. John Arlen Johnson, Mrs. R. Snipstead and Miss Marion Hellekson were named as the nominating committee. An invitation for the fall rally from Medicine Lake Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, was accepted. Twelve churches were represented at this rally and approximately 130 persons were registered.

Sandra DeBoer and Pamela Rasmussen sang a duet before a delicious dinner was enjoyed, served by the women of the church.

At the afternoon session of the rally, Mrs. Willard DeRuyter of Spicer led the devotions and Mrs. Dietsche and Mrs. Madison again sang. Mrs. Clifford Olson, who had spent some time in New Guinea, gave a greeting. Mrs. Alvin Grothe led in prayer for Mrs. Connely Dyrud in Brazil.

Rev. Dyrud, an uncle of Connely Dyrud, used Ezekiel 34:11 as the basis for his message to the rally. He said that the Lord seeks the lost, who are that because they took their eyes off the Shepherd. Pastor Dyrud stated that when we are slaves to Christ, then we are free indeed. He encouraged prayer for the shepherds—missionaries, pastors, school teachers, so that God can bring forth new life.

The Green Lake Ladies Chorus sang "Fill My Cup, Lord," after which the offering was received and it went to the General Fund of the WMF. The song "Take the Name of Jesus With You" was sung, after which Pastor DeBoer offered prayer and pronounced the benediction. Coffee was served. We thank our Lord for another blessed meeting about His Word and work.

Mrs. Irvin Hodnefield
Secretary

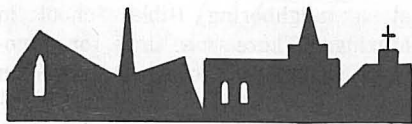
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Today: **Triumph Lutheran Church, Nogales, Ariz.**

What began as an independent Lutheran mission at Nogales has now become an organized congregation, Triumph Lutheran, with an outreach at three different locations in Nogales, Sonora, Mexico. The church, erected in 1966, and mission compound (see picture) are located a

larger and boasts colorful shops with silver, glass and tin items, plus pottery, leather goods and baskets. The Flower Festival in early May is an annual attraction.

The Nogales mission, out of which Triumph Evangelical Lutheran Church emerged, was started in 1950 by Lawrence Dynneson, then a layman, and Mr. Leonard Swanson. Other Christians assisted in the work. Services were first held in homes on the present mission compound. Club buildings and rented halls were also used until the new church could be used in mid-September, 1966. The interior of that building is nearly finished now. The Women's Missionary Federation and the Luther League Federation of the AFLC helped develop the building fund to the point where the congregation took courage to begin construction of its own house of worship. The church had been organized in January, 1964.

Triumph Lutheran affiliated with the AFLC that same year. The congregation and mission outreach are receiving some assistance through the Board of World Missions.



Lawrence C. Dynneson, pastor of Triumph Lutheran Church, is a 1960 graduate of Northwestern Lutheran Seminary, then located in Minneapolis, Minn. His first call was in the United Lutheran Church, sponsors of the seminary. During his three years at Louisville, Miss., the ULC became a part of the new Lutheran Church in America. Then Mr. Dynneson, a native of northeastern Montana, and the United Evangelical Lutheran Church, returned to the mission at Nogales which he had helped to begin before leaving to further his education. Pastor Dynneson, once also a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and his wife Gola have four daughters, Karla, Miriam, Pauline, and Lois Ann. Karla is one of the Bible School graduates in the congregation.



Triumph Lutheran Church and the mission compound. The present parsonage is situated directly below the church.

third of a mile northeast of Nogales on Highway 82 (Patagonia Road.)

The Santa Cruz County Seat is a city of over 7,000 and is a popular port of entry for United States travelers. There is a rich Spanish history in the area. A Franciscan missionary came into the territory in 1539. It is also the country of Pete Kitchen, famous pioneer, whose ranch lies a few miles north of town. The Nogales across the border in Mexico is much

The congregation owns about one-third of the original two-acre mission property, with sufficient space for parking and additional buildings on the terraced hillside. Part of the present parsonage was built in 1952 as the Dynneson home. An addition came in 1959. Due to some shifting of mission property lines, the parsonage is on the Swanson property and its use is donated until a home for the Dynnesons is completed out of the former store and carport on the Dynneson property.

Three members of the congregation are now Bible School graduates and

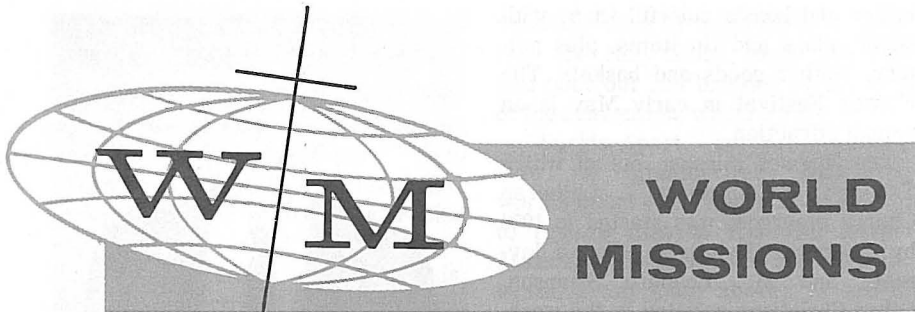
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Triumph Lutheran Church



Mr. Leonard Swanson, in private business, who has been associated with the work at Nogales from its inception.



WORLD MISSIONS

THE FIELDS ARE WHITE UNTO HARVEST

SCHOOL DAYS

Proverbs 15:28: "The heart of the righteous studieth to answer." That is what our students at the **Instituto Biblico Mouraoense** are doing. They are studying at your Bible School here in Brazil from 8 to 12 o'clock five days a week. They are examining the Scriptures and getting a working knowledge of God's word.

II Timothy 2:15: "Give diligence to present thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed, handling aright the Word of Truth." These students are diligently studying to be approved by God. They are memorizing Scripture and applying their knowledge that they need not be ashamed before God or man. These students are learning in the classroom how to handle the Word of Truth and they apply it on weekends as they witness. Because of the many preaching points, there is no shortage of witnessing opportunities. The upper class men are all sent out on weekends. Hopefully, one of them can play an instrument and lead the singing. The other one preaches.

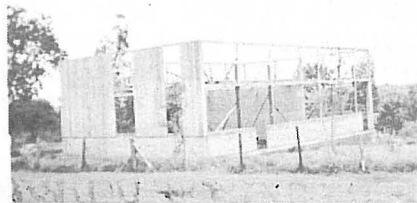
Monday, as the teams arrive home, there is much rejoicing over their weekend opportunities to tell of salvation in Jesus Christ. Tuesday morning the week's classes begin with a devotional, at which time the teams give an account of the weekend's blessings.

The girls are active in witnessing, too. Each time that Pastor George and Pastor Vitor go out of town to preach, an upper classwoman goes along to tell an illustrated story to the Sunday School children and teach choruses. A first-year girl student goes along also to observe and learn. Two girls have a childrens' street

meeting every Sunday afternoon in a **bairro** with 35 children attending. This could and should be done in numerous other places right here in town.

I Thessalonians 4:11: "And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work, with your hands, even as we charged you." Yes, the students learn to work with their hands, too. Most of them are attending public school. They go during the afternoon or in the evening. There is not much time left in the day for anything but study and work. They all have their own clothes to wash, boys as well as girls, by hand. The girls keep the schoolrooms clean and work in the kitchen. The boys keep the grass cut and help with the work on the construction of the new building on campus.

Yes, our campus is gaining a new two-story building. The work goes slowly, as only one man is hired. This helps keep the cost down. This building will house the girls' dormitory, an apartment for Pastor Vitor and his family, an apartment for our single teacher, Tereginha, a small lounge and a large classroom. This building will be a fine addition to **Instituto Biblico Mouraoense**, your Bible School here in Brazil.

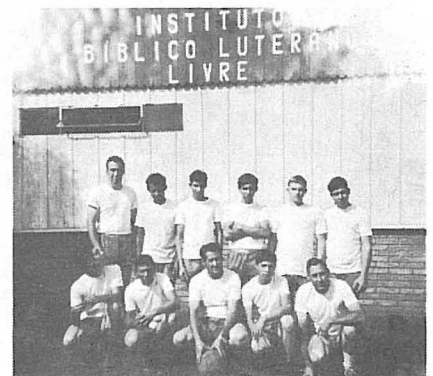


Occasionally our students do get time to relax. There is a physical education class on Saturday, a time to limber up. And Brazil loves an excuse for a holiday. So there are often



several days every month when work comes to a joyous halt. Two weeks ago there was such a day and our school was invited to spend the day at a neighboring Bible School in Maringa. There was time for devotions, sports, good food and a good trip both ways in two Volkswagen minibuses. This week there is another holiday. The boys will go for an afternoon swim at the electric dam reservoir. The girls will stay 'home' and fix their clothes, which they like to do and never have time for.

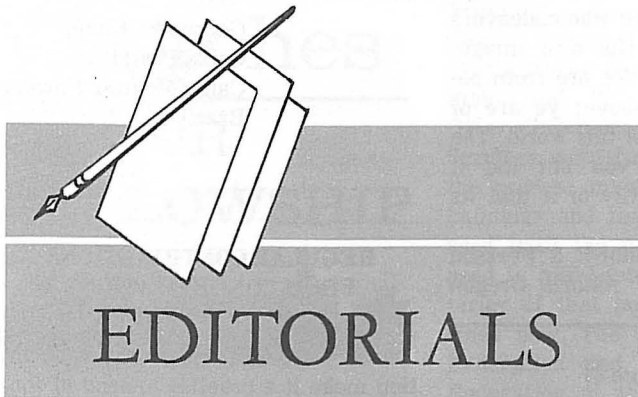
Remember our students in your prayers. They are eager to learn. One handicap is that most of them lack that early training in going to school. Now in their teens, they are striving to "catch up" on lost time. Maybe you would like to pray for



them by name. There are Manuel, Carlos, Nathaniel, Gersino, Joao, Aristides, Dicesar, Alcides, Jairo, Dirceu and Nilson. The girls include Genir, Elza, Oliria, Nilza, Marlene, Clarinda, Maria and Loudite.



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PITCAIRN'S ISLAND

There are few historical events which can match the drama of the mutiny on the English ship **Bounty** and the events which followed. Most of our acquaintance with the saga has come through the **Bounty** trilogy by Charles Nordhoff and James Norman Hall. In **Mutiny on the Bounty**, the revolt of part of the crew against Capt. (or Lieutenant, if you prefer) William Bligh is told. **Men Against the Sea** is the story of the incredible journey of Capt. Bligh and 18 loyalists in a 23-foot open boat for 3600 miles after they had been cut adrift by the mutineers, eventually coming safely to Timor in the Dutch East Indies.

The third book, **Pitcairn's Island**, describes the adventures of those who stayed with the **Bounty**. A number of the men took up residence in Tahiti, and only nine of the original crew, seeking a place of greater safety, went on to uninhabited Pitcairn's (or Pitcairn) Island, accompanied by six Tahitian men and 12 women. There this group, led by Fletcher Christian, ringleader of the mutiny, went about setting up a new life on that dot in the Pacific.

To be brief, the story on Pitcairn isn't a happy one. Violence, drinking, enmity left a trail of desolation in that idyllic place. Some men died violently and at last only one man of the original 15 remained, with some women and 20 children. That lone man, Alexander Smith (or as some prefer, John Adams), having been taught to read by Young, a shipmate, began reading the **Bounty's** Bible in earnest. He did so after coming close to taking his own life when he contemplated jumping off a high cliff, as he thought of the chaos which he had seen in the godless society of the island.

In his reading he plodded through the Old Testament. When he came to the New Testament and the life of Jesus, he made his peace with God and found that life had meaning after all. Alexander Smith began to teach the mothers, then the children, the teachings of Christ. We may question his understanding of the Scriptures, but he did his best to build a life for his people according to the Bible. When this proved successful, he feared that

they would be discovered by the outside world and the old evil influences come in again.

Eventually the little Bible-directed colony on the island thought to be uninhabited was discovered, in 1808, by the American whaler **Topaz**. What the American sailors found there was dramatic testimony to the power of the Bible's teachings when taken seriously. In more recent years, in the Second World War, something similar happened when American marines came upon the village of Shimabuku on Okinawa Island.

We have thought of Pitcairn's Island and Shimabuku in connection with the current upheaval of society. This is a vulgar and profane society. There are class and race hatreds. Materialism and idolatry abound. Men live and die violently. In many quarters absolutely nothing is sacred or holy. Could it be, if the world stands much longer, that it will be discovered that in the Bible lies the salvation for individual men and for society? Could it be that it will be seen that Jesus Christ is the way to God the Father and to an ordered, purposeful life? Will it be seen that in following the Commandments of God order can come out of terrible disorder? Can what happened in tiny tightly-knit communities like Pitcairn's Island and Shimabuku happen on a national scale?

Of course, the possibility of transformation through Christ has been preached all the time since the Reformation. And there are conversions. There are new lives, new ventures in brotherhood. But no spark has ignited, in living memory, a prairie fire of response to II Chronicles 7:14 across the land. It is this we speak of and wonder about. Is God readying someone to lead this movement back to God? Will men, driven to the cliff of self-destruction, turn in desperation to the Holy Bible as Alexander Smith did and re-discover the great truth of the Book that Jesus is the way to salvation for all who believe?

SUPPORT BIBLE CAMPING

Another season of summer Bible camping is at hand. In our own rather small church fellowship many hundreds of persons are going to be involved in youth or family camping. Thus, a large host of people will come face to face with the claims and challenges of Jesus Christ. Wherever the Word of God is faithfully handled, as it is in our camps, there is the possibility that great things can happen for time and eternity.

It is our hope that the Bible Camps with which we are associated will receive whole-hearted support from the congregations and interested individuals. When it is remembered how many young people, for instance, have come to grips with one of life's greatest questions at Bible camps, it can easily be seen that this is a program that deserves our best effort. Perhaps no one single effort made by the churches, apart from the Sunday Schools, has so much potential for good, for such little financial outlay, as the Bible camp movement.

Take a renewed interest in your area or district camp and the Family Camp this summer.

ANOTHER PLAGUE— GLAMOURIZED CHRISTIANITY

Recently, at our West Coast District Luther League Convention, we had the film "Worlds Apart." Such a film is a tragic misrepresentation of what it really is to be a Christian and a travesty upon the claims of Christ for Christian servitude. It is, in effect, a portrayal of the Christian experience as a life of glamour. It is a Hollywood presentation of Christianity and it is phoney, phoney all the way through—a young army doctor, represented as a Christian, attends a drunken orgy, supposedly making a testimony by drinking orange juice. Any one who would go to a drinking party where the liquor flows freely and who would fail to rebuke others for drunkenness could scarcely be called a Christian and at best would have rocks in his head, not knowing of what spirit he is.

But such are the ways of glamourized Christinity. It is a phoney Hollywood approach that says we will win others to Christ if we only join them and look and act and sing like them. Such efforts always generate love to oneself. Glamourized Christianity knows nothing of separation from the world or of bearing a cross or of being despised by the world. Glamourized Christians love to win souls—such bend all of the pleasures to achieve the same and know nothing of the sacrifice of the self life but work tenaciously to win souls to an experience in Christ as its own and produces those who are two-fold more sons of hell than themselves. Understand this, that a hootenany approach will always produce hootenany Christians. Actually it is another form of works righteousness which strongly desires to bring others into communion with the same shallow, glamourized Christianity as a justification for its own inherent shallowness.

Glamourized Christianity has all of earth and assumes to have all of heaven also. It lives very comfortably with the world, never loses its friendships and in contrast is just a little bit uncomfortable at a prayer meeting when everyone is waiting for someone else to pray.

The film caused two pastors and two pastors' wives (only ones on hand

Saturday noon of convention) to pray that the Holy Spirit would overrule and pour out His blessing on the rest of the convention, which He did.

"Worlds Apart," certainly a fitting title for glamourized Christians, worlds apart from God who endeavors to restore man to His own image. Jesus says to such, "Ye are from beneath, I am from above; ye are of the world. I am not of this world. The world cannot hate you but me it hateth because I testify of it that its works are evil."

Pastor R. S. Persson
Astoria, Oregon

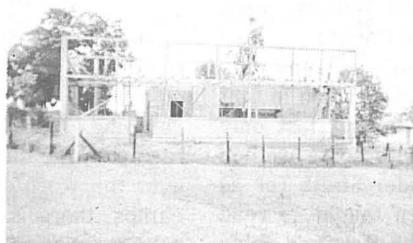
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We also have night students who do not live in. They are a real challenge to our teachers as this group is more mature, and eager to forge ahead.

Remember our teachers in your prayers, too. They have a demanding work as they guide these young people in their studies, work and play.

Colossians 1:27-29—"Christ in you, the hope of glory; whom we proclaim, admonishing every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ; whereunto I labor also, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily."

Your missionaries, George and
Helen Knapp



P.S. "Thank you" to all of you who contributed clothing for Brazil which came in missionary barrels. We had sorted things late last year and after school started in March the students were given an opportunity to choose a few items each. They were very pleased and told us to tell you "muito obrigado." Winter nights will soon be here and those warm home-pieced quilts will be a blessing to the students.

So far this year five people in our family have had birthdays. A BIG "thank you" for all the good wishes we have received from so many friends in our churches. It is always good to hear from you.

George W. Knapp
Caixa Postal, 44
Camp Mourao, Parana
Brazil

REGULAR CONTRIBUTIONS FROM CONGREGATIONS WOULD HELP

Some congregations in the Association make it a practise to send in contributions for the common endeavors—missions, schools, general fund, Praise Program, etc.—monthly, every two months, or quarterly. This is a great help to the business office as there are a good number of obligations which must be met monthly.

If every congregation sent in the monies it has on hand for benevolences even every quarter, this would be a great benefit to the work of the church. A congregation's major donation may have to be made at a particular time in the year, but smaller amounts coming in several times in the fiscal year would make a big difference in the conduct of the Association's financial affairs.

Would your church council at its next meeting be willing to talk this matter over, and if need be, bring to the attention of the congregation for decision?

The end of the second quarter of the current fiscal year is July 31.

CHOIR, BIBLE STUDY STARTED AT WEST LAKE LUTHERAN

A choir under the direction of Mrs. Richard Black has been started at West Lake Lutheran Church near Sunburg, Minn. There are presently 20 voices in the choir.

The congregation is also beginning a Bible study in the book of I John.

Mr. Dennis Gray is student pastor of the congregation.

15. What wonderful promise have we in Matthew 6:33?
16. Yet, Matthew, too, warns us in chapter 16:26. What is the warning?

In summary let us consider the following:

- a. He came to the right person—Jesus.
- b. He came the right way—running.
- c. He came in the right attitude—humility.
- d. He asked the right question.
- e. He made the wrong decision.

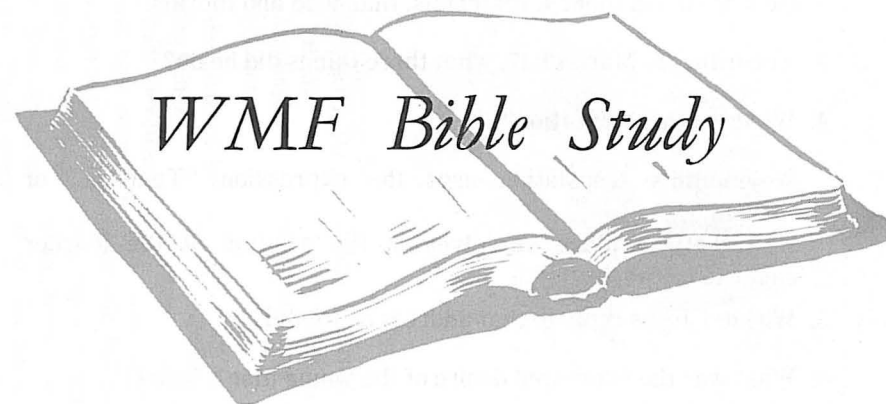
Solution—

Turn from that which keeps you from God.

Zacchaeus lost all but gained everything.

The rich young ruler gained nothing and lost everything.

“Nothing in my hands I bring,
Simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked come to Thee for dress,
Helpless come to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly,
Wash me, Saviour, or I die.”



Lesson Seven

July, 1970

A Divine Moment ...

... With The Master



THE RICH YOUNG RULER

Security! What a comforting expression! To many it speaks of rest and contentment. We smile as we witness a child who still holds on to the tattered end of a worn blanket. Just to hold the remaining remnant to his face makes him feel secure—contented. Security! Yes, but what really is permanent? Jesus taught about a security that was eternal.

1. Who came to Jesus in Luke 18:18?

If he was a member of the Sanhedrin he must have been over thirty years of age.

2. How is he portrayed in Matthew 19:20?

He was rich in money, materials, manhood and morals.

3. According to Mark 10:17, what three things did he do?

4. What was his salutation?

Weymouth's translation uses the expression "Teacher" or "Rabbi."

How well to place ourselves in the position of the learner eager to be taught.

5. Why did Jesus reply to that address as He did?

6. What was the expressed desire of the young man's heart?

He must have felt that something was lacking in his life. Having so much, yet he was concerned about the other world. Aren't we thrilled when young men do become concerned about the hereafter? Is not this also indicative of the fact that this world does not have in it that which will make us completely happy?

7. How did Jesus feel toward this young ruler (Mark 10:21)?

The Twentieth Century N.T. says that Jesus' heart went out to him. Maybe Jesus saw in him great potential. If he would only decide to follow in Jesus' footsteps. This was his moment of decision.

8. Jesus reminded the young ruler of his relationships with his fellowmen. What were they (Luke 18:20)?

9. What was his response?

Notice the "I". Was he self-centered? Is this evidence of pride and vain conceit in his own merit and strength? How different all would have been if he had admitted that all these he had broken from his youth up. It is also interesting that Jesus did not point out to the young man his obligation to God. Neither does the young man refer to God.

10. But this didn't satisfy, because what question did the young man ask (Luke 18:18)?

Yes, he asks for a task to perform. To live by the law demands perfections, and **this** the man is unable to fulfill. He who thinks he can is deceived. Only Jesus can fulfill the requirements of the law for us. Is this what the young man was failing to grasp? What does the Scripture say?

a. Romans 3:20, 28

b. Romans 4:6

c. Galatians 2:16

d. Ephesians 2:9

e. II Timothy 1:9

11. What formula for victory does Jesus give to the young man? List the five interesting action words in Matthew 19:21.

If the rich young ruler had the love for his neighbor as he claimed to possess, Jesus would ask him to prove his love. Yes, the young man had asked to perform a task. Was the price too high? In Christ's kingdom, to receive all is to give all. Was the young man guilty of covetousness? We cannot serve God and mammon. Wealth is a talent to be used and employed for the glory of God.

12. How did the young man respond?

Weymouth says that his brow darkened.

The Twentieth Century N.T. says that he went away distressed.

Man finds it hard to believe that eternal life is a gift and not a reward for what he has done. To keep the commandments is fine, but to know the Lord Jesus is far better.

13. What solemn warning does Jesus give in Mark 10:23-27?

The needle's eye might refer to a low, narrow gate in the wall of Jerusalem. It is fairly impossible for a camel carrying a burden to pass through.

14. There is also another admonition and warning in I Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19.

THE PREACHER AND HIS PEOPLE

After the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, He met His disciples one day on the shores of the sea of Galilee. It was there our Lord told Peter to feed His sheep (John 21: 15-17).

Also, in Acts 20:28, "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with His own blood."

Yes, the Lord Jesus was very definite in telling His ministers to "feed the church of God," that is, to feed His people.

If he is a saved pastor (that is the only kind God calls), the first thing he must know is that they are sheep not goats.

A true, born-again preacher can tell the difference. If you are in doubt as to whether someone is God's sheep, preach the truth of God's Word, under the power of the Holy Spirit, and you will soon find out. The duty of the preacher is to preach salvation, in season and out of season, to see that his people are saved, "born-again" in Jesus Christ. Never let them rest until they are.

You can not feed God's people on denominational programs, they will not grow on them.

If you are to feed your people on the Word of God and on Christ, you will have to separate it from the stack of fodder, which is given in much church literature of this day.

The church has never been and is not now a place of entertainment; it is a place to preach the whole Gospel of the Word of God.

You do not grow a group of Christian young people by taking up their time in sports and other entertainment, such as "rock and roll" and many other worldly doings. The Devil sure has pulled the blindfold over the eyes of the present day ministry, believing this is the only way we can keep our young people in the church. May I say, this is the only way you can keep the goats in the church.

Therefore the pastor must preach the Word of God to feed his people and they will never tire. They want

the whole counsel of His Word. The total depravity of man must be preached, that they may see themselves anew. They want to know the Holy Spirit, how He works in the souls of men. They love to hear about the second coming of Christ, for that is their blessed hope. God hates sin. If the preacher is afraid of preaching against sin to his members, for fear of offending them, they are not his sheep but goats.

In this day of apostasy, we have many false teachers and preachers. In Matt. 23:13 we read, "But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer them that are entering to go in." "Suffer" means to allow or permit those who seem to want to be saved. It seems that the preacher in the pulpit would want to see souls saved, which is the purpose of the church. Contrary to this, he must be spiritually blind. Matt. 15:14: "And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch." John 10:1: "He that entereth not by the door (Christ) into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, is a thief and a robber."

Unsaved religionists in the pulpit or pew, who are modern day Pharisees, who deny repentance, not only will not enter into salvation themselves, but shut up the kingdom of heaven against others who want to be saved. In this day of apostasy, which we see all around us, men deny the doctrine of repentance and the general truths of the Bible. The true shepherds of souls enter the ministry with an eye single to Christ, glorifying Christ, doing all in the strength of Christ, walking in His steps and laboring to bring men and women to Christ, for "by grace alone are ye saved."

Mrs. Francis Drown
Bagley, Minn.

CORRECTION

In the Letter to the Editor "Doesn't Like the NEB," May 26, 1970, the Bible verse given as Philippians 1:6, should, of course, have been 2:6, in referring to the "Kenosis doctrine." We regret this error.

LUTHERANS ALERT—NATIONAL TO HOLD ANNUAL CONVENTION

The Fifth Annual Convention of Lutherans Alert-National will be held in Moorhead, Minn., June 23-25. Sessions will be held on the campus of the State College.

Featured speakers at the meeting sponsored by Lutheran pastors and lay people concerned about liberal trends in the Lutheran Church today, particularly in the American Lutheran Church, are Rev. Herman Otten, editor of *Christian News*, and Carl Fredrik Wisloff, one of Norway's foremost conservative theologians.

Rev. R. H. Redal, Tacoma, Wash., is president of Lutherans Alert-National. Editor of the groups publication, *Lutherans Alert National*, is Frank A. Miller.

O GOD, WHO SAIDST

O God, who saidst, "Let there be light,"

We lift our hearts and hands to Thee:
Shine in our lives with glory bright,
And scatter far the shades of night,
Thy Word our beacon be.

O Christ, who camest as our light,
God's glory beaming from Thy face,
We pray Thee, raise us to the height
Where Thee we see, O precious sight,
The Lord of truth and grace.

O Holy Spirit, shed Thy light
Upon the Word, that we may know
Its saving sentences aright,
And learn to conquer by its might;
Set all our hearts aglow.

Samuel M. Miller
(from *The Hymnal*)

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several other young people are planning to attend.

A number of evangelistic campaigns have been conducted at the mission. Teen Challenge of Phoenix recently led a city-wide campaign and many people were prayed with.



NEWS

of the Churches

LAKE REGION PARISH, SOUTH DAKOTA

Rev. Marvin Undseth, Shevlin, Minn., was speaker at evangelistic services at Saron, Roslyn, and Hope, Sisseton, in April. A heavy snowfall at the beginning of the week and continuing moisture for several days hampered attendance at the meetings. A youth supper at Hope on the Tuesday evening drew a good response. It was the first strictly youth supper ever served at Hope Church in over 70 years. Pastor Undseth's ministry of the Word during the week was greatly appreciated.

Tabor Lutheran Church, Webster, hosted the annual parish WMF Day on June 3. The afternoon gathering featured a visit by Miss Judith Wold, executive secretary of the WMF. She led the group in Bible study and also discussed the projects of the women's auxiliary of the AFLC.

Raynard Huglen serves the three churches of the Lake Region Parish.

REDEDICATION HELD FOR WILLMAR CHURCH

Rev. John Strand, president of our AFLC, officiated at the rededication of the Zion Lutheran Church of Willmar, Sunday, May 3rd. Regular services were conducted for morning worship, at which Rev. Strand broke the Bread of Life in both congregations, in Willmar and Granite Falls.

Then at the rededication service at 3 p.m., pastor and people lifted their hearts and voices in thanksgiving to God for giving Zion Lutheran the facility for worship here in Willmar.

Neighboring pastors and friends

brought greetings and congratulations to the congregation from God's Word. Those who thus took part were Pastors Leslie Galland and Trygve Dahle of Spicer, and Student pastors Dennis Gray of Brooten and Larry Halvorson of Sacred Heart. Rev. Amos Dyrud, a teacher at our Schools, brought a message in song, accompanying himself on his autoharp. Mrs. H. De Boer and daughter Ann also brought a message in song, using their autoharp. Pastor Dahle sang one of his original and well-received Gospel songs, in addition to his greeting.

Following the service, a delicious lunch was served by the Ladies of Zion Lutheran.

Many remarked about the beauty of the newly renovated chancel and appointments. Also, there was such a fine spirit of fellowship experienced by all.

—Corr.

EVERETT AND LAKE STEVENS, WASHINGTON

A Women's Missionary Federation was organized at Elim Lutheran Church, Lake Stevens, on May 7.

Seven persons joined Calvary Lutheran in Everett in May.

Calvary Lutheran hopes to field a softball team in the Everett Church League in June and July.

Calvary and Elim have a radio broadcast called The Bible Lutheran Broadcast and it is now heard over two stations, KWYZ in Everett (9:05 a.m.) and KCFA in Spokane (3:30 p.m.).

Francis Monseth is the pastor of these congregations.

YOU CAME AS A FRIEND

Lord, You came as a friend to walk
with me,
You took my hand upon life's lonely
road—
Your shoulders bent beneath my
weary load.
There were sharp stones my blind
eyes could not see—
I never could have crossed alone, but
we
Did, You and I; Your love was like
a goad
To keep me walking down the narrow
road.

—Marlene Moline
Lansing, Iowa

CONCORDIAS FOR SALE

3 dozen good used Concordia Hymnals for sale at \$1.00 each. Contact Fernando S. Weltzin, Morris, Minn. 56267. Phone 589-3046.

BIBLE CAMP TO NOTE ANNIVERSARY

Pickrel Lake Lutheran Bible Camp, Grenville, S. Dak., will note its 30th anniversary in a special observance on Sunday, June 28, closing day of the camp week. The official anniversary service will be at 2 o'clock.

An effort is being made to notify all former campers, about a thousand of them, of the camp's celebration. Invitations have been sent out to almost 60 pastors and pastor's widows, persons who have had a part in the camp's history.

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tired from the 355,000-member church who had been active for 20 years or more. Missionary societies, however, have not been able to replace those missionaries who have completed their terms of duty.

In the past decade membership in this Lutheran church has grown by 41 percent. Lutheranism represents about 23 percent of the territory's population with the inclusion of members of the Australian Lutheran Mission New Guinea and Wabag Lutheran Church.

CHURCH-WORLD NEWS

CHURCH STATISTICIAN FORESEES MEMBERSHIP SLOWDOWN IN THE '70S

St. Louis—Although The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod showed a slight gain in membership in 1969, a slowdown in growth is predicted for the '70s. Its 0.17 percent growth to 3,040,000 members (in North and South America) was the lowest since 1919, according to the Rev. Paul R. Picard, acting research director of the LCMS.

Using LCMS statistics, government population projections, and reports of various pollsters, Picard outlined what he thought the church in general and the LCMS in particular would experience in the new decade.

He cited the "tragedy" of "back-door losses" in the 1960's—members who are lost and are dropped from the rolls—as a continuing threat in the '70s.

Noting that the Gallup Poll finds the influence of religion in life—especially among young people—on the decline, Picard saw lower church attendance as an indication of this trend.

As congregations become larger, more complex, and more metropolitan, he added, they are increasingly affected by secularization, affluence, and leisure.

Picard reported that the geographical areas of greatest population growth in the U.S. are where the LCMS has been weak—southwest, southeast, and the coasts.

Also, the nonwhite population of the U.S. is about 12 percent, whereas nonwhite membership in the LCMS is about one percent.

If these factors continue during the '70s, Picard cautioned, the growth of the LCMS will not follow the population trend of the nation.

SYNOD REPORTS RECORD HIGH CONTRIBUTIONS AND DEFICIT

St. Louis—Total contributions by members of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod reached a record

high of more than \$241 million in 1969, an increase of 5.26 percent.

Congregations retained \$190,548,540 for their work. Of the \$50,985,570 they remitted for work-at-large, \$11,405,787 went to nonbudget items, \$15,520,002 went for district operations, and \$24,059,781 went for synodical operations.

Contributions to the Synod were \$1,741,716 less than in the previous year, a decrease of \$1.04 per communicant member for an average of \$12.29, the lowest since 1962.

The decreased receipts produced a 1969 synodical operating deficit of \$1,071,219, the largest in its history, according to Milton Carpenter, LCMS treasurer.

ALC NAMES EXECUTIVE FOR WORLD MISSIONS

Minneapolis—(LC)—The Rev. Morris A. Sorenson, Jr., 42, of St. Paul, has been named executive director of the Division of World Missions of the American Lutheran Church. He will succeed Dr. Theodore P. Fricke, who will retire June 30.

Mr. Sorenson has been as assistant to Dr. Fricke since 1966, with special responsibilities for ALC work in New Guinea and South America. Prior to that time he was a missionary in Japan for 13 years.

In his new position he will direct ALC mission activities in twelve countries: Brazil, Cameroun, Colombia, Ethiopia, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Madagascar, New Guinea, Nigeria, South Africa, and Taiwan. Approximately 550 members of the ALC are serving in mission fields at the present time.

Mr. Sorenson is a graduate of Luther College at Decorah, Iowa, and Luther Seminary at St. Paul. He and Mrs. Sorenson have four children.

Dr. Fricke, 65, has been executive director of world missions for the ALC since 1963. He held a comparable position in the former American Lutheran Church from 1943 until the merger of three Lutheran bodies to form the present ALC.

Prior to his association with the

world mission program, Dr. Fricke served parishes in St. Mary's, Ohio, and Washington, D.C. A graduate of Capital University and the Evangelical Lutheran Theological Seminary in Columbus, Ohio, Dr. Fricke holds honorary doctor's degrees from Capital University and Wartburg Seminary.

BRAZIL HOST CHURCH DELEGATION MEETS COUNTRY'S PRESIDENT

Porto Alegre, Brazil—(LWF)—A delegation from the Evangelical Church of the Lutheran Confession in Brazil (ECLCB) met here with the country's president, General Emilio Garrastazu Medici, and told him his name heads the list of special guests the church will ask the Lutheran World Federation to invite to its Fifth Assembly here July 14-24.

President Medici arrived in this capital city of Rio Grande do Sul on May 9. ECLCB officials said their audience had been arranged earlier to coincide with the president's visit with government leaders here and in nearby Uruguay.

With the delegation of the Assembly host church, which was led by the Rev. Karl Gottschald, acting president, were two Lutheran members of the Rio Grande do Sul House of Deputies, Oscar Westendorff and Walter Muller. Also, the general secretary of ARENA, the government party, Arnaldo Prieto, assisted in making arrangements for the visit.

ECLCB representatives, in addition to President Gottschald, were the Rev. Guido Tornquist, local coordinator of Assembly arrangements; the Rev. Egon Koch, chairman of the Assembly preparatory committee; the Rev. Ivo A. Franke, president of the Porto Alegre congregation; the Rev. Augusto Kunert, regional pastor and member of the church Executive Council, and E. W. Bergmann, a member of the local press committee.

The group reported later that President Medici was grateful for information about the Assembly and said he

would do his best to accept an invitation to the event if one is offered.

POLISH CHURCH APPROVES STRONGER YOUTH PROGRAM

Warsaw, Poland—(LWF)—A new program to reach out more effectively to the country's Lutheran youth has been approved here by the synod of the Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession.

Having just published a youth hymnal with 125 songs, the 100,000-member church is working out a correspondence course in religion for young adults who live far from Lutheran congregations.

For younger members who wish to remain in closer contact with their church, the Polish Lutheran Church is attempting to arrange monthly pastoral calls by the nearest Lutheran clergyman.

There is barely one pastor for every 1000 members in the nation's Lutheran church. Not infrequently, young people from rural areas which may have a Lutheran congregation have migrated into urban areas where no Lutheran ministry exists.

LACK OF MISSIONARIES HAMPERS MISSION WORK

Lae, New Guinea—(LWF)—Concern has been expressed here by Bishop John Kuder that mission work cannot continue successfully within the Evangelical Lutheran Church of New Guinea if foreign missionary societies are not able to send more missionaries.

In recent years, the 63-year-old American-born prelate—himself in New Guinea since 1934—pointed out that several missionaries have re-

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