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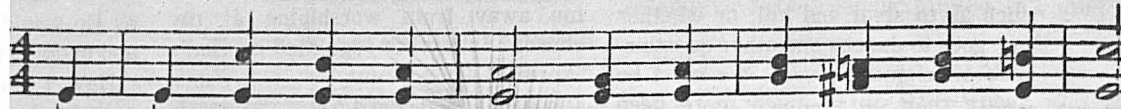
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The Church Year—Palm Sunday ALL GLORY, PRAISE AND HONOR

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on M. Neale, 1854, 1859



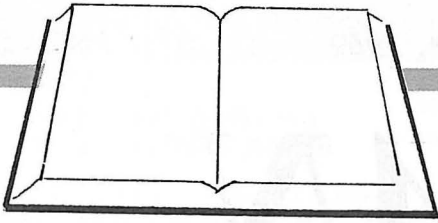
All glo - ry, praise and hon - or To Thee, Re - deem - er, King
The com - pa - ny of an - gels Are prais - ing Thee on high
To Thee, be - fore Thy pas - sion, They sang their hymns of praise



For whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring
And mor - tal men and all things Cre - at - ed make re - ply.
To Thee, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise

For whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring
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According to the Word

A SELF-ANALYSIS INVENTORY

Psalm 139:23-24

During the Lenten season we are reminded of Jesus' suffering and death on Calvary's cross. We also are reminded that He suffered and died for one reason and that was that you and I could be redeemed from the wages of sin. When we talk about sin, many things come to mind. Many people think of sin in only some outward form, such as to steal and kill, or whether one goes to dances and other questionable amusement places. We must be aware that sin is much more deep rooted than just some outward act which is the result of an evil heart.

In the Scriptures we learn that "sin" is in the heart. It manifests itself in various wrong thoughts, words and deeds. To many sin is only doing some outwardly wrong acts. The Scriptures teach that before I was born I was brought into this world as a sinner. I will share with you an examination intended to help you discover the sin in your heart through the ways it tends to show itself in your life. All of this should lead you to the Lord in repentance and faith.

What do I think about most frequently when I am alone? Is it possible that these thoughts represent a person or thing that means more to me than God Himself?

In what do I put my greatest confidence? What things or circumstances do I fear? About what do I worry most?

Are there times when I have tried to hide my faith in Christ? If so, why?

What have I allowed to come in the way of having private devotions? Do I practice the presence of God in all my thoughts and experiences?

Do I delight in God's Word? Do I read the Bible with any degree of regularity? Am I faithful in church attendance? What do I allow to keep me away from worshiping at my church? Is my life regulated by God's Word?

Have I "used God's Name carelessly or in profanity"? Have I "made light of holy things" or someone else's religion?

Have I treated my children with respect and consideration? Have I been setting a God-pleasing example for my children to follow?

Have I been resentful towards anyone, sought revenge, held a grudge, been unwilling to forgive or to seek reconciliation?

Have I been chaste in my thought life? in my speech? in my actions? Have I judged others harshly, despised anyone?

Have I apologized for others, taken blame myself, spoken well of others, prayed for them, returned good for evil?

Have I been sincere and truthful...

under all circumstances? been careful in making statements? sought to verify what I have heard and observed before making statements?

Do I seek praise for myself or my family? Am I put out when my efforts are not recognized? when others are praised or receive advancement?

Have I wasted time, been careless in the use of my resources and opportunities?

Do I regard all that I have as a trust committed to me from the Lord, whose I am and whom I serve, to use as He would use it in blessing people and building them up in faith and love?

Have I sought God's guidance in my daily life? in times of decision? in little things as well as in great?

Do I really hate sin? Am I humbled by my sins? Do I really believe that Jesus Christ came to save sinners of whom I am one? Do I really believe that Jesus Christ came to save me?

Certainly as we have gone through this list on our knees before God, every last one of us, if we are honest with ourselves and before God, have had to pray the prayer of the publican--"God, be merciful to me a sinner."

The message of the Lenten season is that God has provided a Savior to whom we can come with our sins. He has also provided us with One Who can give us victory over our besetting sins as we claim this victory in Him.

—Marvin S. Undseth

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THE PRIVILEGES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BELIEVER

Rev. Reuben Wee
Tioga, North Dakota

Hebrews 10:19-22

For Christians, the Lenten season is a special season of penitence and serious meditation upon the suffering and death of Jesus Christ. Contemplation of the Savior's suffering brings great sorrow to the heart of every Christian, and yet what comfort it can also bring. Christ, by offering His own precious blood upon the cross of Calvary, has atoned for our sins and made us heirs of eternal life. What a blessed and sacred privilege! Our text tells us that we now have "the boldness to enter into the holiest," into the very presence of God, "by a new and living way," and we are further admonished to make use of this privilege "in full assurance of faith."

In the chapters preceding our text, the author of Hebrews has shown how Christ obtained eternal redemption for us, not "by the blood of goats and calves, but by His own blood He entered in once into the holy place" (Heb. 9:12) and "by one offering He hath perfected forever them that are sanctified" (Heb. 10:14), after which He ascended to His throne on high and now intercedes for us. Abundant proof has been presented showing that God has prepared everything for our salvation, and that these great privileges are meant for us, and we are urged boldly "to enter into the holy place by the blood of Jesus."

In order that we may rightly understand our text, we must compare the sacrifice of Christ with that of the high priest under the Old Covenant. The place of sacrifice under the Old Covenant was the Holy of Holies, an inner chamber of the tabernacle, where God especially manifested His presence. It was separated from the Holy Place by a veil or curtain. This place was regarded so holy by God and His people, that no one except the high priest was permitted to enter into it. The priest entered this sanctuary once a year, on the great Day of Atonement, to offer sacrifices to God for the sins of the people. In other words, the peo-

ple could not approach God directly, but only by means of their high priest as mediator.

Our text tells us that the old order of salvation has passed away and that a new and living way has been consecrated by the blood of Jesus Christ. That which was only a typical act under the Old Covenant has, in Christ, become a reality. No longer is there need of a human mediator between God and man, for Christ has, by His work of atonement, conferred upon all believers the privilege of priesthood. Under the New Covenant, the believer has direct access, through prayer and the Means of Grace, to the very heart of God. When we think about the privileges that God, for Christ's sake, has bestowed on us unworthy sinners, we must exclaim with Paul: "Oh, the depth of the riches, both of wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments, and His ways past finding out!"

We may, to a certain extent, be able to express the riches of the privileges Christ has won for us, but how helpless we are when it comes to expressing the price Christ paid for these privileges. Paul says, "Ye are bought with a price." Who can measure the cost of that price? In order that God could atone for the sins of man, it was necessary that He become one of us. Christ was willing to suffer this humility. In due time He was born in the manger in Bethlehem and became like us in all things except sin, but God "laid upon Him the iniquity of us all." He Who knew no sin was made to be sin for us. He bore in His body the sins of the whole world. "Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world," was the description John the Baptist gave his disciples of the Savior.

How was Christ to rid Himself of this great load of sin, which hung like a curtain between Him and the heavenly Holy of Holies? When the high priest of the Old Covenant entered the Holy of Holies on the great Day of Atonement, he covered, so to speak, the sins of the people with the blood of sacrifice, so that God, in looking

down upon the sins of the people, no longer beheld their sins, but only the blood that atoned for them. God's justice demanded as much of Christ. "Without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins." If the sins of the whole world were to be atoned for, it would require nothing less than the shedding of Christ's own blood. Christ was willing to do this because of His love for us. He permitted His sin-laden body to be broken upon the cross of Calvary and with His own blood, that has power "to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him," He covered the sins of the whole world. In that moment the veil, which closed the entrance to the Holy of Holies, was rent from top to bottom, and in that same moment Christ opened wide the entrance to the heavenly Holy of Holies, thus permitting every true believer to enter boldly into the immediate presence of God.

These blessed privileges bring with them great responsibilities. The author of Hebrews says: "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?" Scripture offers us no escape. Christ died for the whole world and therefore everyone must either accept or reject Him. There is no middle way. There is a way that leads to life eternal and a way that leads to death. Which of these two ways will you choose? Our text urges us to choose the way of life. The closing verse of our text advises us to "draw near" unto God. How can this be accomplished? How can we, as unholy and sinful creatures, approach a holy, pure, and sinless God?

Our text tells us that God has provided a two-fold way by which we may be cleansed from all impurity: (1) By having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience (2) By having our bodies washed with pure water.

The cleansing and sprinkling refer here to the whole process of sanctification. We must acknowledge that our salvation is by grace and grace alone. We are helpless to cleanse ourselves from the least impurity and must rely entirely upon the help of God. This

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NEWS

of the Churches

NEWS FROM THE HATTON, N. DAK., PARISH

We enjoy reading news items from other churches throughout our Association, and we believe that members of other churches do likewise. It is good to see what is going on in other sister congregations. We therefore include here again some news items since last fall from the Hatton parish which includes Zoar of Hatton, Ny Stavanger of Buxton and Valley Free of Portland.

At the Ladies Aid meeting at Zoar church on October 13th four ladies were honored for years of faithful service in the Ladies Aid and the WMF. A fine program was rendered and the ladies were presented with honorary certificates and pins. A special cake was baked in their honor. The four ladies are Mrs. Arthur Haga, Mrs. Clarence Kamphaugh, Mrs. Peder Dahl and Mrs. Agnes Thorsgaard. The latter could not be present because of illness.

Special evangelistic meetings were held for the Hatton parish at Hatton,



Also honored by the Zoar Ladies Aid of Hatton with a WMF pin was Mrs. Agnes Thorsgaard.

Nov. 10-14, with Rodney Stueland, editor of the **Morning Glory**, speaker. The church was filled or nearly filled each evening, and the power of the Spirit's presence could be felt each evening. Wonderful messages from God's Word were given by God's messenger. Several souls were prayed with and gave their hearts to God. This is what we most desire to see and which is the greatest cause for rejoicing, souls saved to God's glory.

Ny Stavanger Lutheran Church had their annual Mission Festival on Sunday morning and afternoon of Nov. 10, with Rodney Stueland the morning speaker. Mission films were shown in the afternoon. The morning offering amounted to \$1800, which was divided equally between the Home and Foreign Missions of our Association. We thank God for mission-minded members.

Loud speaker systems have now been installed in all three of our churches. Don Schroeder of our Valley Free church has done the installation work. Ruben Gunderson donated the speaker system to the Ny Stavanger church of Buxton. The family of Mrs. Ragna Thompson gave the speaker system to the Zoar church of Hatton as a memorial. She passed away last summer.

The Zoar church of Hatton has been without a basement for over 60 years. This past year a basement was built underneath the church. This gives us the much needed Sunday School room which we were so short of for our Sunday School of over 40 children. The kitchen was also moved down into the basement from the chapel section up-



Honored with WMF honorary memberships were, left to right, Mrs. Clarence Kamphaugh, Mrs. Peter Dahl and Mrs. Art Haga.

stairs. Fifty new steel chairs were donated to the church by George Heskin and Julia Sondreal. Fifteen new members were received into the church at Zoar on Sunday, Oct. 13.

Improvements have been made in the Buxton and Portland churches also. The church at Portland has been painted both outside and inside. Our District Luther League Rally was held at Portland on Sunday, Nov. 3. Both the church and the large entryway were filled with mostly young people. Thanksgiving Day services for the Parish were held at Portland. The offering of \$86 was divided equally between Christian radio station KFNW of Fargo and Pastor Franz's program over this same station sponsored by the St. Paul's church of Fargo.

(We would welcome news reports such as this from other parishes, too. Please tell us what has happened recently in your parish.—Ed.)

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED AT COLFAX

The Lord has blessed the Faith Lutheran Church of Running Valley near Colfax, Wisconsin, in a real way. On January 19, thirty three new members were added to our continually growing enrollment. That same evening a program and reception were given for the new members. A deputation team from our Bible School came out and presented a well received program in word and song. Refreshments and fellowship followed.

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TO BE SAVED - LOOK AND HEAR

by Pastor Knut Gjesfjeld
Thief River Falls, Minn.

You may have seen that someone has referred to a poet who wrote the following: "There is life for a look at the crucified one." As I started to meditate upon his statement, I just about came to the conclusion that I doubted if only a look at the Savior would be enough for salvation. Maybe you have been in trouble of the same kind. When I had this trouble I started to search the Scriptures. And one day while listening to the teaching of a Bible teacher, I heard a special statement that just woke up my interest. It gripped me. It was Isaiah 45:22 that was read. Here are the words: "Look unto me and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is none else." This I put together with Isaiah 55:3, where we read: "Incline your ear, and come unto me; hear and your soul shall live." No doubt this is the spirit of the revelation and the essence of the writings of Isaiah.

I have presented this truth to some and they answer that it can't be possible that there is not more to it to be saved than just to look at Him. I understand that an explanation is necessary to grasp this truth. When many do not understand it and are not able to believe it and even say that it is unreasonable, we have to tell them the cause of why they call it unreasonable.

One thing is that they are not familiar with the Book and its teaching. Another thing, a special one, is that they do not know the meaning of this that Jesus is our substitute. Here is the reason, why they do not understand Jesus when He called out from the cross just before He died, "It is finished." Our salvation is so completely ready that no one can improve on it. Trying to add some to it is to spoil it.

Some are trying to pay with tears, some with warm prayers, others with righteous living, some with money, etc. Some think they are pretty good. They are reckoning with some of their own and so they spoil it for themselves. As a warning, I suggest that you read Matthew 7:21-23. That Scripture passage may settle the trouble. The more

you pray and walk in the light the more you will see of your own sin. To be saved you need to see yourself as a lost sinner. It is only sinners whom God can save. Read Luke 19:10. Don't forget that the Word is the authority. It will be the judge on the day of accounting. Your reasoning is not dependable. It is lost sinners who can be saved by looking and hearing. It is only lost sinners who can receive Jesus' suffering and dying. Jesus suffered and died as our substitute. In your own self you are a sinner. In Christ you are perfect, as good as your Substitute.

I must make it clear and stress how important it is for salvation to know that you are a sinner. Our New Testament has told us in print and plain words. Let us read some of it. In Hebrews 10 we are told that they were sacrificing bulls and goats. From other passages we learn that they sacrificed sheep and pigeons. These sacrifices were all types. In 10:3, 4, it is stated, "For it is impossible that the blood of bulls and goats should take away sins." (v. 4) "But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance made of sins year by year" (v. 3). Was it necessary in the Old Testament time to kill animals every year to remind of sin? Then we should be able to realize in the New Testament time that where we see Jesus dying as our substitute that our sin and guilt have deserved death. There is no other way of salvation than through Jesus who died for sin and we are saved by looking on Him and hearing (accepting) His invitation.

BOOK REVIEW

John Wesley, Basil Miller, Bethany Fellowship, 1966. \$1.50, paperback. 140 pages.

If you are like I am, you probably have never been able to devote yourself to full length biographies of great Christians as you would like to have done. A second best, then, is to take a briefer look through an easy-to-read book such as this. **John Wesley** can be read in a matter of a few hours.

We have Bethany Fellowship, Inc.,

to thank for reprinting in paperback this book by Basil Miller which first was published in 1943 by Zondervan Publishing House. So it's a generation old, but if you didn't catch it the first time, here is your chance now.

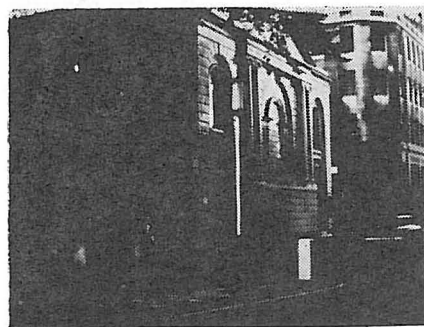
And John Wesley is a man worth meeting. We have heard his name since childhood. Here is a chance to learn more about the founder of Methodism. Learn about this man, the fifteenth child in his family, who travelled a quarter of a million miles on horseback to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ and who at age 84 once rode 240 miles in the space of 80 hours on a preaching mission.

In John Wesley I saw another Martin Luther, for they both knew a strenuous struggle before they experienced peace with God. It is also easy to see parallels with the Apostle Paul. Wesley, like Paul, was at times followed by mobs of rioters bent on ending his preaching. And one is reminded, too, of Hans Nielsen Hauge in reading about John Wesley. For both of these men were not ordained and collided with the church authorities, although they carefully avoided competition with the worship services of the established churches.


The life of John Wesley has special meaning to me after seeing Oxford, where he attended university; Bristol, the scene of early ministry; and, of course, the spot on Aldersgate in London where at the Moravian chapel on May 24, 1738, he felt his "heart strangely warmed" and experienced his evangelical conversion.

The few hours you spend reading this book will be profitable ones.

Raynard Huglen



Aldersgate, London, today. The Moravian Chapel stood approximately where the building in the foreground is located.



WOMEN *for Christ*

LET'S TALK ABOUT

Mrs. I. M. Norum, Clayton, Wis.

A little boy used to come with his little red chair, and sitting down on it, would say, "Let's talk about." What should we talk about? Oh, there were so many things, we could just go on and on. A little boy is full of so many interesting things.

In Psalm 107:3, we read, "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so." There is something in these words to think about and to talk about.

First, who are the redeemed? They are those who have been bought back to God through the atoning death of Jesus Christ on the Cross. We were redeemed "not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot" (I Pet. 1:18, 19). Salvation is a free gift from God, but it is not merely a ticket to heaven for everyone. This gift must be personally claimed and accepted, and then it must be lived, it must be shared and given to others. Only then can we keep this wonderful gift. If we have been redeemed, let us "talk about" what the Lord has done for us.

Why are some of us so silent in our Bible study groups? Some say it is hard to express in words what is in the heart, and perhaps this is so. But it is not hard to talk about other things, for example, about others. Maybe we need to talk more about them to God in prayer. It usually is not difficult to tell someone about bargains at some store, of the success we had with a new dress pattern, or of the astonish-

ing accomplishments of our young children, or our joy in our grandchildren. Why then are we so strangely silent about the things of God? Can it be that some of us have not had the real experience of salvation which changes our lives?

What the heart is full of the mouth will run over with. The early disciples said, "We cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20). Because they could not be silenced, the Good News spread. You know a small pitcher runs over easily if much is poured in. A little stream quickly overflows and brings water to the surrounding area. If our heart is full it cannot be kept closed up. It must find expression in some way.

Let us tell what the Lord has done. This need not always be in spoken words. We can also say it in writing. Pray about it. Enclose a message from the Lord in your letters to friends and relatives.

We can often say it through our attitude, in our daily living, even in our appearance. "Set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity" (I Tim. 4:12). If we have the joy and peace of God it should show in our faces, even in the glow of a happy smile. There is a small leaflet which contains just three words on each side—"Prayer Changes Things," and "Smile, Keep Sweet." Prayer changes things. It is most certainly true. Do we believe it? Trust God and smile!

"Let the redeemed of the Lord say so" with a song in the heart. Let our hearts overflow in praise to God. We have so many wonderful hymns and

spiritual songs (Col. 3:16). Let us sing, "Praise to the Lord the Almighty, the King of Creation"—and mean it! I would rather be a singing meadowlark than a snapping turtle, and wouldn't you?

"Say it with flowers" is a familiar slogan. The most beautiful flower is love, which can only be produced by the Holy Spirit living in us. Tell others what the Lord has done—tell it in love, with joy, in the spirit of kindness, sympathy, understanding, encouragement, appreciation, helpfulness, patience, thoughtfulness. Let the fruit of the Spirit be seen—and heard—remembering that always the first and greatest is love.

As we "talk about" these things, and by the grace of God try to practice them, we are led to see our own shortcomings. Shall we then read Phil. 3:12-14, and press on! The Lord gives grace sufficient when we seek to do His will.

We have a glorious hope awaiting us. One day the redeemed of the Lord shall stand before the Throne of the Lamb, clothed in white garments, giving all the glory and honor and praise to Him forever (Rev. 7:9-17).

"Redeemed, restored, forgiven,
Through Jesus' precious blood,
Heirs of His home in heaven,
O praise our pard'ning God!
Praise Him in tuneful measures,
Who gave His Son to die;
Praise Him whose sev'nfold treasures
Enrich and sanctify!"

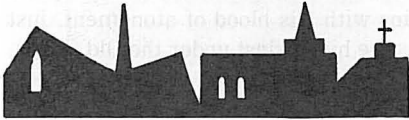
"Now keep us, Holy Savior,
In Thy true love and fear;
And grant us of Thy favor
The grace to persevere;
Till, in Thy new creation,
Earth's timelong travail o'er,
We find our full salvation,
And praise Thee evermore."
(Concordia Hymnal, No. 282)

THE HEALER

1. On the cross crucified,
In great sorrow He died;
The giver of life was He.
Yet my Lord was despised and
rejected of men,
This Jesus of Calvary.

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MEET the Churches OF OUR FELLOWSHIP



**TODAY: The Dalton (Minn.)
Parish, Concluded**

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

At the beginning meetings were held in homes when a few interested people organized the Zion Missionary Society. There was no church building in Dalton at this time. When the Society met Jan. 9, 1911, the decision was made to erect a church building. For several years this building served as a community church.

In Section two of the articles of incorporation we find this clause: "The Society believes and confesses that the Bible is the Word of God revealed for the redemption and salvation of man."

Zion Missionary Society continued as such until 1934 when the decision was made to organize as Zion Lutheran Church and became a part of the Lutheran Free Church. The parish then consisted of four churches namely: Kvam, Sarpsborg, Tordenskjold and Zion. At the first annual meeting of Zion Lutheran Church, on Nov. 12, 1934, Rev. E. Berlie was called to serve. No one full time worker has come out of Zion but many have committed their lives to the Lord because of the preaching and so are serving the Lord in various occupations.

Pastors who have served the parish since 1892 are:

Rev. Elias Berlie 1892-1937
Rev. Joseph Melby 1937-1950
Rev. Rudolph Krafts 1950-1953
David Rokke and Edward Swanson
(Student Pastors 1953-1954)
Rev. John O. Johanson 1954-1963
Rev. Harry C. Molstre 1964-1968
Rev. Carl Ostby and Mr. Otto Saukerson served in the interim of 1963-1964

Seminary student Wendell Johnson is serving the Dalton parish now. He will be ordained in June.



The Dalton Parish Parsonage

SARPSBORG LUTHERAN CHURCH

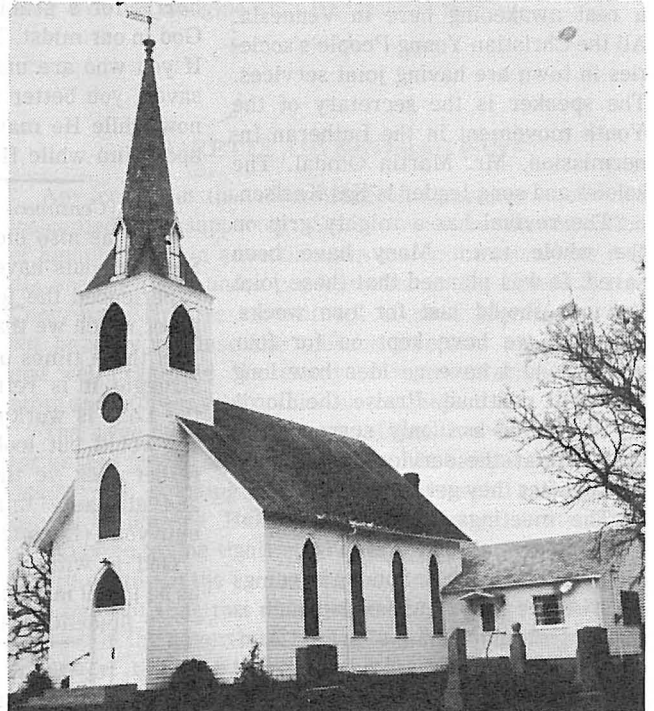
Sarpsborg Congregation was organized at a meeting held in Nils N. Rovang's home, Jan. 27, 1872. The name Sarpsborg was taken from a city located in southern Norway. Many of the members had come from Nordland and they wished to have a name reminiscent of that part of their homeland.

Services were first held in homes or school houses. In November, 1875, deed to the present site was secured and building operations were promptly begun. Records show that \$186.72 was paid for material for the church plus \$54 for freight to the village of Herman in Grant County, and then members hauled the materials home by ox-teams. A small church it was, only 26' by 32', with a small enclosed porch,

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Zion Lutheran Church



Sarpsborg Lutheran Church

QUIET TALKS

By Pastor Lars Stalsbroten

VII.

Revival at Vennesla, Norway

Vennesla is a small town located about 20 miles north of Kristiansand. The Lutheran Free Church there (comparable to the Church of the Lutheran Brethren in America) was an annex to the main congregation in Kristiansand, which is now the largest Lutheran Free Church in Norway.

The group in Vennesla built their own church in 1915. The following year the congregation was organized and in 1921 it became a self-supporting church with their own pastor. Up to that time they had been served from Kristiansand.

The Lord has visited Vennesla with quite a few great awakenings down through the years, and the Lutheran Free Church there which had a very small beginning now has a church that seats between four and five hundred.

My good friend Gudmund Jortveit writes in *Budbereren*, the official paper of the LFC in Norway, that the Lord is again visiting Vennesla with a mighty revival.

He writes, and I quote: "Today I have good news. We are experiencing a real awakening here in Vennesla. All the Christian Young People's societies in town are having joint services. The speaker is the secretary of the Youth movement in the Lutheran Innermission, Mr. Martin Omdal. The soloist and song leader is Kai Karlsen.

"The revival has a mighty grip on the whole town. Many have been saved. It was planned that these joint services should last for two weeks. Thus far we have kept on for four weeks, and I have no idea how long they will continue. Praise the Lord!

"People do not only surrender to the Lord at the services, but in the houses after they get home.

"The meetings have been held at the Free Church, but now it is getting altogether too small. Sunday evenings we meet at the Gymnasium which is the largest place in town. Last Sunday evening there must have been at least 1200. The preaching is sharp and fearless. The Word of God surely is

sharper than any two-edged sword; and Omdal does not wrap cotton batten around the sword. He uses it as sharp as it is. The truth about sin and grace, heaven and hell, is sounded out clearly without fear and favor. The Holy Spirit's convicting power is upon the audience and there is really sorrow for God that worketh repentance unto salvation not to be repented of (II Cor. 7:10). We don't believe much in using figures, but last Sunday evening there must have been at least 50 that started to seek the Lord. Glory be to God!

"We have to keep on praying, for there are still many here that need to get saved. And it is God's will that not any should perish, but that all should come to repentance (II Pet. 3:9).

You who are praying for your loved ones, remember—

'God is still on the throne
and remembering His own.'

This is the kind of revival we need here in America, too—in every one of our congregations, schools and missions.

Without revival it is so easy to slide back into a rut of dead formality and self-complacency. I was along in many blessed revivals in Norway, and when I hear about an awakening I just long to be there.

May there be a united cry from our hearts for a gracious visitation from God in our midst. The time is so short. If you who are unsaved expect to get saved, you better seek the Lord right now while He may be found, and call upon Him while He is near (Is. 55:6).

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God has also blessed us spiritually. Seeking souls have come to Him and experienced the joy of salvation. For all of which we thank and praise Him.

In these times of world tension and struggle it is refreshing to see how the Lord is working through it all, if we would but look up to Him. "But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Luke 12:31).

God is with us in a real way, let us be joyful in Him.

Student Pastor Connely J. Dyrud

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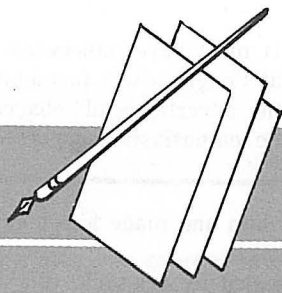
is a difficult thing for us to understand. We want to assist God in sanctifying

us by our own good work. We want to postpone giving our hearts to Christ until we are better fitted to do so, yet one day goes and another comes and we find ourselves no better. The more we examine ourselves in the light of God's Word, the worse our condition seems to become. We have made a wrong beginning. There is only one way to come to Christ and that is: "Just as I am without one plea, But that Thy blood was shed for me, And that Thou bidst me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!"

This must be our plea. We must pray God, for Christ's sake, to cover our sins with His blood of atonement, just as the high priest under the Old Covenant covered the sins of the Israelites, so that God no longer sees our sins, but only Christ's blood of atonement. For this purpose God has placed certain Means of Grace at our disposal. In little children it is effected "by water and the Spirit in the Baptism of regeneration, but in adults, who have fallen from the grace of Baptism, it is wrought by God's Word."

Even after we are admitted into covenant relation with God, we still need the cleansing power of the Holy Spirit. It is true that we are born again and made new creatures in Christ Jesus, but sinful thoughts, sinful words and deeds still bother us. God, in His wisdom, has also thought of this, and has given us His inspired Word and His Holy Supper, whereby we may overcome the evil inclinations of our hearts.

How good our God is! He has permitted us to enjoy greater privileges than even the holiest of His prophets under the Old Covenant. When you consider Who it is that has bought these privileges for you and how much it cost Him to purchase them; when you consider how much He loved you and how much He has done for you, will you not do a little for Him? Will you not give Him your soul which He has bought with a great price? Will you not do it for yourself? You reap the benefit. May God help you to live a life in the service of the Master. May He give you courage to bear all trials, to overcome all temptations, and when your final hour comes, may He grant you grace to depart into everlasting glory.



EDITORIALS

A GOOD BIBLE CONFERENCE

The report (including pictures) on the 1969 Winter Bible Conference will have to wait until next time, but we only want to comment today about what a fine conference it was. It was held in Grand Forks, N. Dak., Feb. 13-16.

How good it is to gather together about God's Word, to come aside for these days and think on spiritual concerns. And many people came to Grand Forks to make this one of the best attended conferences ever. Friday and Saturday nights and Sunday morning the auditorium of the church's first unit was filled. On Sunday afternoon at the commissioning service for the George Knapps a crowd of 300-400 people overflowed the sanctuary. Attendance at the day sessions was good, too.

How pleasant it is to greet old friends. Yes, this also is a strong attraction for coming to Bible conferences, family camps, annual conferences, to say nothing of district functions. Someone spoke of this fellowship as being a foretaste of heaven. And that is true, for those who here put their faith in the Lord Jesus and are one in Him.

The members of Trinity outdid themselves in showing hospitality. They were gracious and warm-hearted hosts. Pastor and people are encouraged in their work in Grand Forks. They have a beautiful first unit in a good location and the work is growing. Speaking of hospitality, Association people seem to have the gift for hospitality.

Thank you, Pastor Molstre and members of Trinity, for wonderful days together in Grand Forks in February. Above all, thanks be unto God for His mercies.

TROUBLING THOUGHTS

Not a few things are troubling today. American Christians grasp at any straw of evidence of religious interest. Any sign of encouragement is welcomed. And then sometimes hope is disappointed.

For instance, the columnist's story read "Prayer Breakfast Impressive Occasion." It was about two such events shortly after the new President's inauguration. Reading further, it was stated that Senator — had given a prayer at one of the breakfasts. The joy in learning that was marred by the fact that we had just read a story on said Senator in a national magazine and there he had

been quoted a number of times using what used to be called profanity.

That brought to mind an article in another publication of nation-wide repute last summer. It was about the mayor of one of our largest cities. According to the story, he sometimes preaches in churches in his town and can do a creditable job in a non-liturgical or sedate setting. Yet, in the same story the Mayor is quoted using profanity, including taking God's name in vain.

More than once we have been disappointed in politicians in this regard. A speech has been closed with reference to deity and many hearts are hopeful. Then later when you read verbatim quotes from some of these men, the joy is taken away.

Another troubling thought comes from reading about a popular entertainer in another country who was "converted" through the ministry of a well-known evangelist. The puzzling thing was that the story revealed that this person has not given up night club entertaining since his "conversion." Oh no, he will still book into even the largest club of his nation's largest city. In the old days an entertainer might have gone back once, but never twice. It's hard to figure out.

Paul wrote, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come" (II Cor. 5:17). It has been understood that when Christ takes control of a life there are new interests, new motives, new words and thoughts. We believe that's still true.

We must not become overly optimistic when God is mentioned by politicians and entertainers (and both are pretty influential people). Wait and see what direction life takes in all of its areas. If the words don't agree with life and other speech the speakers are guilty of a pretty cheap trick, trying to get some mileage out of God. You can imagine what He thinks of that.

CIGARETTE ADVERTISING BAN?

Any curbs on the advertising of cigarettes should be welcomed and supported. Some moves in the direction of banning certain advertising in the communications media are presently under consideration in the United States Congress. Effective curtailment of such advertising will not be easy because the tobacco interests are powerful and well organized. Write to your representative and senators and express your opinion on the subject.

The issue is not basically social, political or economical for us, but moral. Medical evidence has been accumulating against the smoking habit at such a rapid rate that it cannot be ignored. Every pack of cigarettes shortens life and may be laying the groundwork for some real suffering before death. In the face of this, it would seem reasonable and sensible that this commodity should be severely restricted in the advertising it is allowed. To picture smoking as one of the finest and best things that a person can ever do in life is misleading, to say the least. And yet that is just what is permitted today.

Everyone who begins the smoking habit today is surely going to have much to answer for, in the face of the medical evidence available now. It is much better never to start.

Advertising has an effect. It must have, otherwise it wouldn't be used. We hope that Congress will formulate a realistic policy to regulate the advertising of tobacco. And in this it should have the enthusiastic support of all of us.

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Chorus:

He was wounded for our transgression
 He was bruised for our iniquities;
 Surely He hath born our sorrows,
 And by His stripes we are healed.

2. Price for healing was paid,
 As those cruel stripes were made
 Within Pilate's Judgment Hall.

Now His suffering affords
 Perfect healing for all:
 This wonderful Healer's mine.

3. Came the leper to Christ,
 Saying, "Surely I know
 That Thou, Lord, cans't make me
 whole."
 When this great faith was seen,
 Jesus said, "Yes, I will," and

Touched him and made him clean.

4. He has healed my sick soul,
 Made me every whit whole, and
 He'll do the same for you.
 He's the same yesterday
 And today and for aye,
 This healer of mine today.

Mrs. Helga Melby
 Greenbush, Minnesota

NO GREAT DEBT

We note the passing of the great Swiss theologian, Karl Barth. He is reputed to have had a decisive and dominant influence on the most important developments of the century. Actually this should mean that his views have had a great bearing upon my own spiritual life and development. But I am more inclined to state that I have a far greater indebtedness to my pastors, my Lutheran Church, Sunday School teachers and others whom I am sure were not in any great degree influenced by such deep theological discourses but rather found their inspiration directly from the Scriptures and the Confessions of the Church.

Possibly and admittedly I have not possessed the intelligence to absorb or decipher such new theological trends and presentations. Generally, I have had to read such theologians five to ten times to determine what was set forth and upon such revelations was left cold instead of having the heart strangely warmed as by the Holy Writ. Barth is credited with introducing a new vocabulary. Who needed it? It seems to me that the Word is plain enough and further that Jesus never spoke in such highly polished jargon that the common people who heard Him gladly ever needed a lexicon at hand to understand what He was saying. It is wonderful to me that faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God and that such Words are Spirit and they are life.

Barth is said to have introduced new concepts. Now what would anyone want with new concepts when we have the wonderful heritage of our forbears,

the Reformers and the Word of God which tells us that all we have to do to enter the Kingdom of Heaven is to receive it as a little child and in such childlike faith and understanding to be born again. In addition Barth introduced a new bibliography in the first effort of theological reconstruction. It is strange with the advent of such that there is such great heresy and denial of the blessed doctrines by those seeking for theological reconstruction and that such have so completely missed the revelation that Jesus Christ has come to save sinners and give His life as a ransom for many.

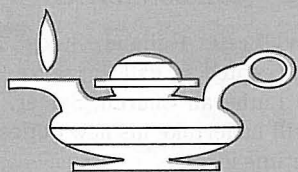
In the century of Barth I have lived. I have had great theological difficulties. In particular I had difficulty with infant baptism. I did not find the answer through Barth or any of the other top named brands of theologians. How I struggled with the matter. I felt that I should be a Lutheran as I was so indebted to my Church as being the means through which I came to salvation. The more I struggled the darker it became. (I had written a thesis substantiating the invalidity of infant baptism by Scripture.) Finally I threw

up my hands and cried, "O Lord, let's forget the whole deal and I won't even mention baptism." Then a wonderful thing happened. The Holy Spirit who has come to instruct revealed to me that the matter of infant baptism revolved around the fact of original sin. I saw that there was no such thing written in the Word as "the age of accountability." Afterwards I was to tell a Baptist preacher that if he could show me from the Word of God the fact of the age of accountability, I would repudiate all my Lutheran teaching, renounce my ministry and become a Baptist. He admitted that he himself had not seen this before and was gracious enough to state that at last he could understand that the Lutherans endeavored to base their baptism upon the Word of God. The Holy Spirit is a wonderful teacher and I thank God for those teachings that remain according to the Word of God.

Blessings, peace and honor to the passing of a good man, a noteworthy theologian, but I thank the Lord for my Lutheran Church and for those who have faithfully held forth the Word of life.

Pastor R. S. Persson
 Astoria, Oregon





SCHOOL NEWS

ONE DIRECTION TO TURN

Phil. 4:7: "And the peace of God which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

This verse has meant a lot to me in life. I think of the disciples in Matt. 8:23-26. A great storm arose on the sea and they became excited and afraid. Jesus rebuked the winds and the sea and there was a great calm.

So often, I find myself tossed about on life's restless sea wondering where the waves will throw me next. At times like these, I have but one direction to turn and that's to God. He gives inner peace and calm through Christ Jesus.

Alva Flaten

Alva, a first-year student from the Hegland Lutheran Church at Strandquist, Minnesota, is employed by the Billy Graham Association. She plans to begin college next fall.

WONDERFUL LIFE

Jn. 5:25: "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears my word and believes Him who sent me, has eternal life; he does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life."

This is the wonderful promise God

has given you and me through His precious Word. All we have to do is accept Christ into our hearts. I'm glad to say that I've accepted Christ as my Savior and want to live my life for Him.

Since coming to Bible School, I have had the opportunity to strengthen and deepen the true joy and peace of my heart through the study of God's Word and searching for His will in my life. It's not easy just because I'm going to Bible School, for Satan finds me here, too, but I know I can put my hand in Christ's hand and He will lead me through all things. What a wonderful life! With God's grace I can live with praise and thanksgiving to Him for the blessings I daily receive and His promise of eternal life.

Barbara DuBois

Barb is one of our students from Tioga, North Dakota, where she is a member of the Zion Lutheran Church. She is employed at the Hopkins House in Golden Valley Barb's plans for next year are indefinite.

A GOD WHO CARES

Ps. 37:5: "Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him and He will act."

This is one of God's greatest prom-

ises to us as Christians. He has shown me that He will act in my life and make His presence known if I only trust in Him and allow Him to. He has shown me that in order to trust in Him and His Word, I must study His Word, and for this reason I am thankful that I am attending Bible School. The Christian atmosphere in which we are living has been a tremendous aid in helping me to realize more fully that our God is a living and personal God—one who cares about our everyday lives and wants more than anything else to guide us through life, if we only submit to Him.

JoAnn Moland

JoAnn is from Fertile, Minnesota, where she attends the Maplebay Lutheran Church. She is employed at Snyder's Drug Store. Next year JoAnn plans to attend the University of Minnesota.

GOD'S PERFECT PEACE

Is. 26:3: "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee."

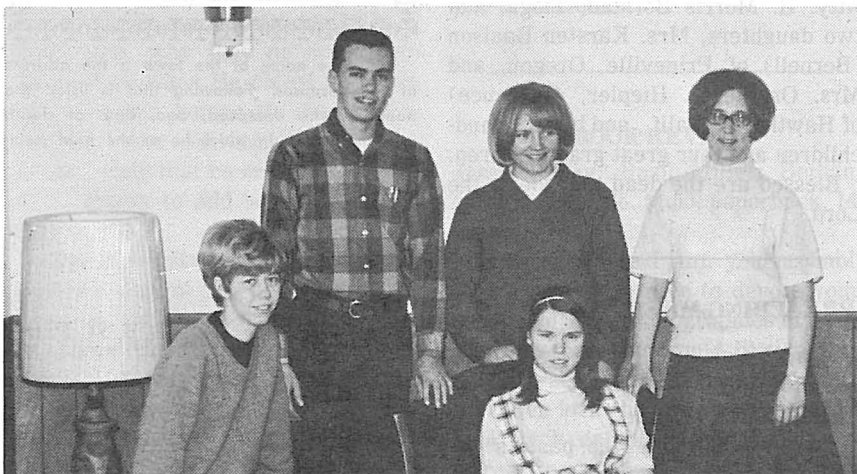
What a wonderful promise is found in this passage. When we turn our heart and mind fully over to God, He will keep us, and more than that, He will keep us in perfect peace.

I'm thankful for the opportunity that I have to study God's Word here at Bible School. Through my studies I have grown in the knowledge of God and His will. In a real personal way I have come to know God as my Lord and Savior.

I am thankful that God's presence is really felt here among us at Bible School. I am also thankful for the wonderful Christian fellowship I can experience with others here. I am very thankful that the Lord has led me to attend Bible School. It has strengthened my life as a child of God.

Shirley Carter

Shirley Carter comes to us from the Triumph Lutheran Church at Ferndale, Washington. She will be married this summer. Shirley is presently employed at the Colonial Acres Nursing Home.



JoAnn Moland, Ronald Strand, Alva Flaten, Shirley Carter, Barbara DuBois

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MRS. G. A. ALMQUIST

Members and friends of the G. A. Almquist family were shocked and saddened by the sudden and unexpected death of Mrs. G. A. Almquist, as well as other members of her family, a few weeks ago. She died December 27, 1968, along with her son-in-law, Gerhard Huseby, and her 11 year old grandson, Glen Huseby, in an automobile accident near Moorhead, Minnesota.

Mrs. Almquist was well known and had many friends in many Lutheran Free churches having faithfully served many parishes with her husband, the Rev. Gilbert A. Almquist. Among the many congregations they served were the following: Pulwana and St. Olaf Lutheran Churches, Pulwana, South Dakota; Olivet Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Green Lake Lutheran Spicer, Minnesota; Running Valley Lutheran (Now Faith Lutheran), Colfax, Bethel Lutheran, Auburn and Sand Creek Lutheran, Sand Creek, Wisconsin; and Gausdal Lutheran Church, New London, Minnesota. They also assisted with interim work, serving parishes in North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Illinois, Washington and Alaska.

Mrs. Elsie Almquist was born January 24, 1897, in Minneapolis. In recent years she had made her home at Spicer, Minnesota, and was 71 years of age at her passing.

Funeral services were held on Monday, December 30, at 2:30 p.m., at the Trinity Lutheran Church of New London. The Rev. Philip Nelson officiated, with Pastor Julius Hermunslie delivering the message.

A second service was held at Olivet Lutheran Church in Minneapolis with Rev. Oscar Weltzin officiating. Pastor Hermunslie again preached the sermon. Burial was in the Fort Snelling National Cemetery on December 31.

Mrs. Almquist is survived by her daughter Muriel, Mrs. Huseby, Hawley, Minn.; three sons, John of Willmar, Minn.; the Rev. James of Farmington, Minn.; and the Rev. Paul, Fargo, N. Dak.; nine grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Roy Johnson, Frederic, Wisconsin; and one brother, the Rev.

W. F. Hempel, Reading, Pennsylvania.

Pastor Almquist preceded her in death on February 10, 1968.

Blessed be her memory.

MRS. ADOLPH BORSTAD

Mrs. Adolph Borstad, Tioga, N. Dak., a pioneer resident of the community, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 3rd at the age of 88 years. Funeral services were conducted at Zion Lutheran Church, Tioga, with Rev. John P. Strand, Minneapolis, Minn., officiating, assisted by Rev. Robert Lee and Rev. Reuben Wee, pastors loci. Burial was in the Zion Lutheran Church Cemetery.

Bertha Ives Borstad was born near Dennison, Minn., Nov. 28, 1880. At the age of seven months she moved with her family to Granite Falls, Minn., where she was reared and educated. On April 6, 1904, she married Adolph Borstad in Maynard, Minn. That same year they came to the Tioga vicinity and homesteaded in Lindahl Township. There they lived until Mr. Borstad's death in 1945, when she moved to town and lived until her death. Mrs. Borstad was a charter member of the Women's Missionary Federation and she and her husband played an important role in establishing the local Lutheran Free Church in the Tioga community. Their farm home was the haven for the visiting pastors of the church and Mrs. Borstad continued to show her keen appreciation of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations until the Lord called her home.

Mrs. Borstad is survived by her son, Atty. H. Morris Borstad, Tioga, and two daughters, Mrs. Karsten Baalson (Bernell) of Prineville, Oregon, and Mrs. Orville G. Hiepler, (Florence) of Hawthorne, Calif., and by six grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord.

PREACHING MISSIONS

Tioga, N. Dak.

Mar. 16-20

Zion Lutheran Church

R.L. Lee and Reuben Wee, pastors

Speaker: Ev. Arthur Johnson, Willmar, Minn.

PERSONALITIES

Rev. Leslie Galland, Stacy, Minn., has accepted a call to serve Green Lake Lutheran Church, Spicer, Minn. He will undertake his new duties there sometime in June.

NOTICE TO BIBLE CAMP LEADERS

A second and more complete Bible Camp directory for the summer of 1969 will be printed in April. If your camp has not sent in details about its summer program, or if there is additional information available now, please send this to the Editor by April 10. Thank you. The Editor's address is:

**Editor, The Lutheran Ambassador
Roslyn, S. Dak. 57261**

CHURCH LIFE IN NORWAY

The following books were used by Pastor M.E. Helland in his series of articles on Church Life in Norway and this list should be appended to the third and last article which appeared on February 18.

Den Kristne Kirkes Historie, by Professor Andreas Brandrud.

Den Norske Kirkes Historie, by A. Chr. Bang

Det Vestlandske Indremisjons Forbund Gjennem 50 Aar

Vaarløysing, by Oscar Handeland



Key: The name of the town is the address of the deceased. Following that is listed the name of the deceased, age, date of death and the church in which he or she held membership.

MINNESOTA

Cloquet

Bernard Myking, 49, Jan. 6, St. Paul's

SOUTH DAKOTA

Roslyn

Mrs. Clarence Storley, 57, Feb. 8, Saron

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on the site of the present church but the entrance was from the west.

This little pioneer church became wholly inadequate for the needs of a growing congregation. A new building was dedicated on July 10, 1895, by Professor Sven Oftedal from Augsburg Seminary.

In Sarpsborg, as in many congregations throughout the Northwest, the revival in the nineties touched the hearts and transformed the lives of many of its members, especially among the young people.

Lars Skrefsrud, Norwegian missionary to India, visited the Dalton Community. An outdoor meeting was held in the Knute Brandvold grove.

Eight sons of the congregation have entered the ministry, as follows:

Halvor O. Sageng, Ole C. Dahlager, John A. Stavney, John A. Paulson, Hans O. Sageng, Oscar Paulson, Jacob Langsjoen, and Emil C. Martinson.

The Third Annual Conference of the Lutheran Free Church was held at Sarpsborg in 1899. The meeting was held in a large tent. The registered membership was 69 pastors and 204 lay delegates. All who attended the conference were housed free of charge.

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GO TO BIBLE SCHOOL?

Matt. 6:33: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you."

This is one verse that really made me stop and think. Was I seeking God's kingdom first? Was I putting my full trust in Him?

When Pastor Francis Monseth first suggested Bible School to me last spring I took it very lightly. I had never thought about it. As time went on this question grew in my mind until I was torn between going to Bible School and attending college. I knew deep down in my heart what would be best. As I prayed about it things kept pointing more and more toward Bible School.

I know now that it was God's will for me to come here. I thank and

praise Him for leading me here. The daily study in the Scriptures brings me to a fuller understanding of what Christ has done for me, and also of what I am to do for Him.

Are you putting God first in your life? Do you have this assurance of salvation for your life? I do and you can, too, if you will give your life to Him.

Ron Strand

Ron is from Abercrombie, North Dakota, and is a member of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church there. He is employed by Aaron Carlson Millwork and plans to return to ALBS in the fall.

In our atomic world, all men are cremated equal.

"Some people's religion is just like a wooden leg. There is neither warmth nor life in it; and, although it helps them to hobble along, it never becomes a part of them, but has to be strapped on every morning."

JESUS, REFUGE OF THE WEARY

Jesus, Refuge of the weary,
Object of the Spirit's love,
Fountain in life's desert dreary,
Saviour from the world above:
O how oft Thine eyes, offended,
Gaze upon the sinner's fall!
Yet, upon the cross extended,
Thou didst bear the pain of all.

Do we pass that cross unheeding,
Breathe no repentant vow,
Though we see Thee wounded, bleed-
ing,
See Thy thorn-encircled brow?
Yet Thy sinless death has brought us
Life eternal, peace, and rest;
Only what Thy grace has taught us
Calms the sinner's stormy breast.

Jesus, may our hearts be burning
With more fervent love for Thee;
May our eyes be ever turning
To Thy cross of agony;
Till in glory parted never
From the blessed Saviour's side,
Graven in our hearts forever,
Dwell the cross, the Crucified.

Girolamo Savonarola, 1454-1498
(from **The Hymnal**)

A BRIEF FINANCIAL REPORT

FINAL

THE ASSOCIATION OF FREE LUTHERAN CONGREGATIONS

	Budget 1968-69	Budget Receipts 1968-69	Budget Receipts 1967-68
General Fund	\$35,650.00	\$30,637.73	\$37,740.64
Missions	49,000.00	41,015.52	39,330.93
Seminary and Bible School	36,200.00	22,671.11	19,309.11
Praise Program	40,000.00	39,245.92	30,825.56
Totals	\$160,850.00	\$133,570.28	\$127,206.24

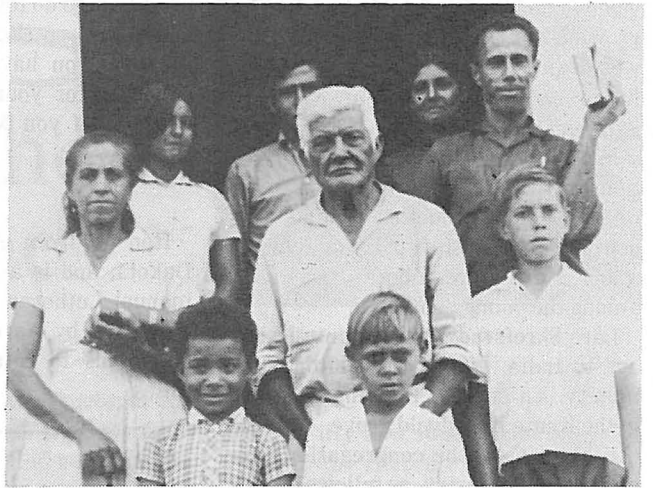
One Grand Fellowship	\$17,113.33	\$31,544.88
Library Fund	247.00	1,134.86
Legacies	56,971.83	11,140.34
Grand Total	\$207,902.44	\$171,026.32

Budget Receipts do not count legacies

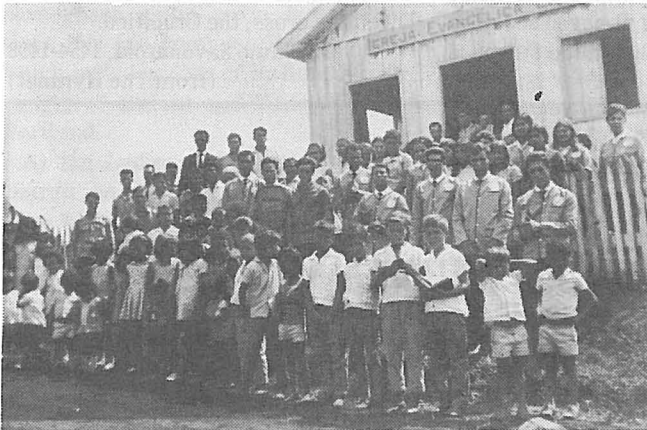
SCENES FROM *BRAZIL*



Our Free Lutheran Bible School youth dressed in the jackets the girls sewed, with school emblem, and singing as an ensemble group in the various churches of our Association, plus a few other places. Their director, Jose Rezende, is standing behind.



Members of the Sunday School who had "Happy Birthday" sung to them on the day of the choir concert. The grandfather in the center is the oldest member of the church, 82 years old.



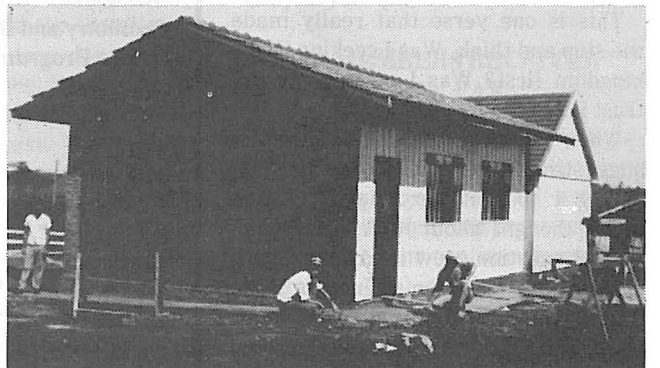
Our Iretama Lutheran Sunday School on the day the ensemble visited there.



Pastor Abel and Brazilian teacher behind the first grade class in the Lar Parana grade school.



Pastor Abel and some of the Bible School young men holding a Sunday afternoon evangelism meeting on the farm of one of the Iretama church members.



Finishing up the new classroom beside our Lar Parana Church. This is the church the Bible School students attend and practice in, while in school. It was formerly pastored by Pastor Grothe and now with this added classroom will serve the Sunday School and the students much better.

CHURCH-WORLD NEWS

SWEDISH TELEVISION WILL EMPLOY PASTOR

Stockholm, Sweden (LWF) — A full-time TV pastor was employed at the beginning of 1969 by Swedish Television.

The Rev. Ingmar Glemme, up to now a pastor in a Stockholm suburb, has worked for a long time on opportunities for the church in television.

YOUTH GET THE VOTE IN LUBECK CHURCH

Lubeck, Germany (LWF) — The Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lubeck has lowered the voting age to 18 years and the minimum age for holding office to 21. Seventy was set as the maximum age for persons to hold elective office.

Delegates to the synod of the 222,000-member church further decided to permit laymen to be elected to the chairmanship of the church council.



A poster boosting a \$1,000,000 open housing fund campaign in 6,000 congregations of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod is shown by Alfred Y. Armstead, left, and the Rev. Leslie F. Weber to the Rev. Dr. Oliver R. Harms, right, Synod president. The "Keys for Christ" effort culminated on Housing Sunday, Feb. 16. Weber agency secretary, of the church's Board of Social Ministry.

TRADITIONAL CLERGY GARB IS QUESTIONED

Copenhagen (LWF) — A continuing discussion of church renewal in Denmark has called into question the current propriety of the long black robes and white fluted collars worn by clergymen, and women.

Among several letters to the editor of *Kristeligt Dagblad* was one which asked:

"The garment was highest fashion in 1569 and to some people has a value of beauty and as part of the church's tradition, but can we afford to keep these medieval garments when trying to reach people in mini-skirts and turtlenecks?"

Another writer suggested that a change in the robe also would prove that pastors have their feet firmly on the ground.

LUTHERANS URGED TO STAND AGAINST RACIAL PREJUDICE

New York (LC)—The Lutheran Council in the USA called here upon all Lutherans to enlist "their thoughts, prayers and energies against racial prejudice and for racial peace, against poverty and for opportunity."

"Let it be known by all Lutherans in the land," began a statement approved at the Lutheran Council's third annual meeting, that ... "We cannot quietly stand by while our nation becomes two societies, separate and unequal, where despair and reaction gather their warring forces."

Introductory paragraphs of the statement affirmed that "God the creator has created all men as his children, in his image" and that Christ "did not make distinction among men because of externals."

DR. MALVIN LUNDEEN RENAMED HEAD OF LUTHERAN COUNCIL

New York (LC)—Dr. Malvin H. Lundeen was elected to his third and last one-year term as president of the Lutheran Council in the USA at its third annual meeting here, February 4-5.

Dr. Lundeen retired last fall as secretary of the Lutheran Church in America and is now assistant to the president of its Minnesota Synod, with headquarters in Minneapolis.

Under the Lutheran Council's constitution, no officer except the treasurer may serve more than three full one-year terms in succession.

Also elected to his third one-year term was Dr. Richard Bardolph of Greensboro, N.C., as vice president. A layman of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, he heads the Department of History at the University of North Carolina.

Named as secretary of the Council was Mr. Arnold Mickelson of Minneapolis, who is secretary of the American Lutheran Church. He succeeds Dr. William Larsen, executive director of the ALC's Division of Theological Education, who had served the past two years. Dr. Larsen, former vice president of the Church, is no longer a representative to the Council.

POLISH PROTESTANTS TOTAL 120,000, MOSTLY LUTHERANS

Warsaw, Poland (LWF) — Figures released here recently show a total of 120,000 Protestants in this nation.

The Evangelical Church of Augsburg Confession (Lutheran) in Poland—headed by Bishop Andrzej Wantula, 63—has over 97,000 members.

In its six dioceses (Teschen, Kattowitz, Masuren, Sarsaz, Posen, and Breslau) there are 208 churches, 152 chapels, 215 sister congregations, and 191 preaching places. In the 129 Sunday schools, 5,464 children are instructed; and in 177 catechism classes, 1,103 children are taught.

About 5,000 members are counted by the Evangelical Reformed Church.

The United Gospel Church—a merger of free churches—has some 7,500 members; the Methodist church about 4,500, and the Polish Christian Baptists, over 4,000 believers.

In East Prussia and Upper Silesia live Protestant Germans who mostly belong to the Lutheran church.

For those German congregations

dispersed in Far Pomerania and Lower Silesia, German is permitted as the worship language.

These parishes are served by two pastors from Stolp, Far Pomerania, and Waldenburg, Lower Silesia, who were called by the Lutheran consistory in the Polish capital.

About 30,000 Protestant Germans live in Poland, though the number continuously changes due to emigration to Germany.

**LWF OFFICERS SELECT
 FIFTH ASSEMBLY SYMBOL**

Geneva (LWF) — A special symbol for the Lutheran World Federation's Fifth Assembly at Porto Alegre, Brazil, in 1970 was approved here by LWF Officers.

Selected from many designs by the assembly preparatory committee of the host Evangelical Church of the Lutheran Confession in Brazil, the symbol was created by Jorge Landman of Porto Alegre.

Main elements of the symbol are a globe and the cross, set within a sharp outline of the symbol for Brasilia created by the renowned architect, Oscar Niemeyer. The design recalls the form used by the architect when he planned the capital city and symbolizes the drive in modern Brazil toward new frontiers.

Continuity from one LWF assembly to the next is found in the globe, which is patterned after the symbol of the Fourth Assembly at Helsinki, Finland, in 1963.

The cross reaches into the world and emphasizes, the Brazilian committee commented, "the very center of the common Christian call to witness and serve in and to this world of ours."

The line of least resistance makes men and rivers crooked.

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