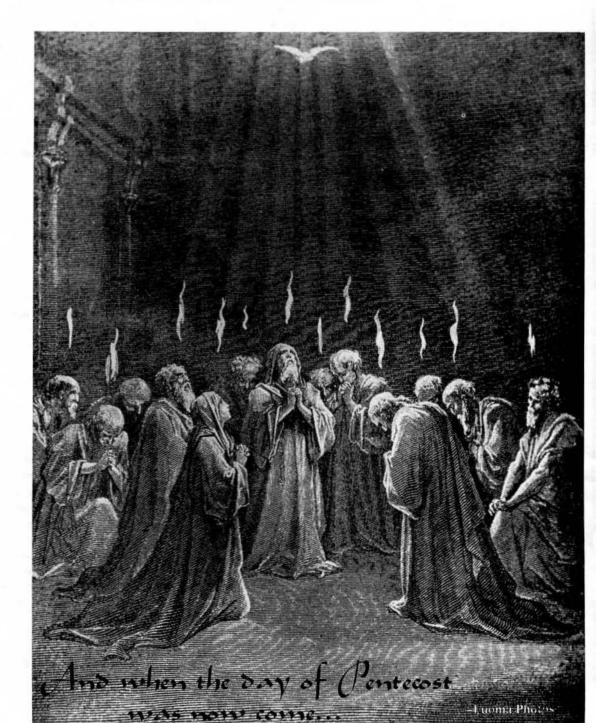
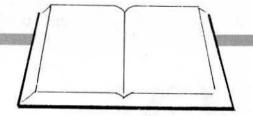
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### According to the Word

### A PENTECOST MEDITATION Acts 1:8

As one thinks of Pentecost and its significance for us today, many different thoughts come to mind. To some it means to speak in tongues, to others it means power, to others it means evangelism, and to others it represents the coming of the Holy Spirit. Certainly all of these things are involved when we think of Pentecost.

As we think of Pentecost and of what happened on that first Pentecost, we ask the question: Why don't we see the same thing happening today? We have the same power and the same Holy Spirit, don't we? We answer, yes, certainly we do. We ask, why don't we see the same results?

As we look at the church today and see all the formality, ritual, and dead orthodoxy and little spiritual life, we ask another question: Will there be another revival before Christ returns? Can we expect another revival before He returns? I am still not clear as to the meaning of Acts 2:16-21, if it could refer to a revival just before the return of Christ.

The kind of revival we need is one that will confront every citizen of this nation from the President of the United States to the lowest and humblest of slum dwellers with the central issue of time and eternity:

What will you do with this Jesus which is called Christ?

I know of no revival in the history of the Christian Church in the world sufficient to meet the emergency of this crisis hour in which we find ourselves today. Therefore, I believe that if God does send the revival some of us have been pleading for, it will exceed in magnitude and scope everything called by the name "revival" since the day of Pentecost.

Just before Jesus left this world to return to His heavenly Father, He gave the church a command. We have this command recorded in Acts 1:8, Matthew 28:18-20 and Mark 16:15-18. This command has not been carried out. We have failed as a church and as individuals. We ask, will we be able to finish the Lord's last command to go and preach the Gospel to every creature? The answer rests with each one of us.

It is possible in one generation to reach the world for Christ if each one who claimed the name of Christ would win one to Christ each year. And if the one that was won to Christ would win another soul to Christ the following year we would double the Christian population every year. Very simple isn't it? Are you willing to do it?

The world population has now exploded to well past three billion. Each year, there are 60 million more to be reached with the Gospel than the year before. Each year, fewer of these are reached. Preaching the Gospel to "every creature" in this vast and growing human tidal wave would seem to be impossible. But, "with God, all things are possible." He has placed us in a magic moment in history. Today, the most explosive force in the world is not atomic, political, or even that of population. It is the force of literacy. People are now learning to read and write at fully twice the rate of the world's increase in population. And they are hungry for something to read.

The rise of literacy in the world has given the Communists their greatest opportunity. China was conquered with the printed page. The Communists did in China in ten years what the missionaries failed to do in 100 years. After ten years of Communist propaganda the Reds boasted that every Chinese had heard the name of Stalin.

Revival today, is it possible? The unfinished task...Can it be finished? We answer...Yes, it can be finished, if we do our part. I feel one of the greatest causes we can support with our material gifts today is helping to get the Gospel to every person in the world through literature.

-Marvin S. Undseth

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# SEVENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE ASSOCIATION OF FREE LUTHERAN CONGREGATIONS

June 11-15, 1969

Hosts: Medicine Lake Lutheran Church, Richard Snipstead, Interim Pastor

Association Free Lutheran Bible School

Association Free Lutheran Theological Seminary

3110 East Medicine Lake Boulevard

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Conference Theme: "Great Is the Lord"

Conference Text: Psalm 145

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11

10:00 a.m. All Conference Committees will meet in the Bible School Classroom for devotions and room assignments.

8:00 p.m. Opening service with message on Conference text by Pastor F. B. Monseth, Osseo, Minn. Opening of Conference by President John P. Strand. The appointment of necessary committees.

### THURSDAY, JUNE 12

9:00 a.m. Devotions

Report of Credentials Committee

Election of Nominating Committee for 1970

President's Message

Report of the President of the Co-ordinating

Committee

Report of the Budget Analysis Committee

Treasurer's Report

Report of Committee No. 1

11:30 a.m. Prayer Hour. The prayer hours will be led by

Pastor Herbert Franz, Cloquet, Minnesota

2:00 p.m. Devotions

Report of the Credentials Committee

Report of the Nominating Committee

Election of nominees for the Mission Corpora-

tion and the Mission Board

Election of nominees for the Association Free

Lutheran Theological Seminary and Board

Continuing discussion of the report of Committee

No. 1

Report of the Property Ownership Study Commit-

tee

Election of nominees to the Co-ordinating Com-

mittee

Election of the President, Vice-president and the Secretary of the Association of Free Lutheran

Congregations

Election of Committee No. 1 for the 1970 Annual

Conference

6:30 p.m. Meeting of the Seminary Corporation in the Bible School classroom 8:00 p.m. Mission Festival Service conducted by the Women's Missionary Federation. Sermon by Missionary John Abel

### FRIDAY, JUNE 13

7:00 a.m. Meeting of the Mission Corporation

9:00 a.m. Devotions

Report of the Credentials Committee

Report of the Dean of the Theological Seminary.

Dr. Iver B. Olson

Report of the Dean of the Bible School, Pastor

Richard Snipstead

Report of the Chairman of the Seminary Board,

Pastor Ernest Languess

Report of Committee No. 2

Report of the Nominating Committee

Election of Committee No. 2 for the 1970 Annual

Conference

11:30 a.m. Prayer Hour

2:00 p.m. Devotions

Report of the Credentials Committee

Report of the Chairman of the Foreign Mission

Board, Mr. Robert Knutson

Report of the Chairman of the Home Mission

Board, Pastor Herbert Franz

Report of the Chairman of the Commission on

Evangelism

Report of Committee No. 3

6:00 p.m. Banquet for the pastors and their wives. Message by Pastor Laurel Udden

8:00 p.m. Worship service conducted by laymen of the church. Message by Mr. Leonard Stulen, Spicer, Minnesota

### SATURDAY, JUNE 14

9:00 a.m. Devotions

Report of the Credentials Committee

Continuing Discussion of the Report of Commit-

tee No. 3

Report of the Nominating Committee

Election of Committee No. 3 for the 1970 Annual

Conference

Report of Chairman of the Board of Publications and Parish Education, Pastor Raynard Huglen Report of the Chairman of the Youth Board, Mr.

Sheldon Mortrud

Report of the President of the Luther League

Federation, Pastor Robert Lee

Report of Committee No. 4

### 11:30 a.m. Prayer Hour

2:00 p.m. Devotions

Report of the Credentials Committee
Report of the Nominating Committee
Election of members to the Board of Publications and Parish Education and the Youth Board
Election of Committee No. 4 for the 1970 Annual
Conference

Report of the Chairman of the Stewardship

Board, Dr. Iver B. Olson

Report of the Chairman of the Pension Board,

Mr. Eldor Sorkness

Report of Committee No. 5 Report of the Nominating Committee

Election of the members to the Stewardship

Board and the Pension Board

Election of Committee No. 5 for 1970 Annual Conference

Report of special committee concerning building of the retirement home

Report of special committee concerning charities

Report of Committee No. 1 as the committee on General Resolutions

8:00 p.m. Youth night at the Conference with the youth in charge of the service

#### SUNDAY, JUNE 15

8:00 a.m. Communion Service with the meditation by Pastor Kenneth Anderson, Radcliffe, Iowa

10:30 a.m. Ordination service led by Pastor Julius Hermunslie with President John P. Strand presenting the message

2:30 p.m. Dedication service for the new Bible School classroom-dormitory building with the Seminary Board in charge of the service. The message will be brought by Pastor Trygve F. Dahle, Spicer, Minnesota.

Closing of the Conference

Conference Committee Rev. John P. Strand Rev. Harry C. Molstre

### WELCOME

The Congregation of Medicine Lake Lutheran Church extends a cordial invitation to the Seventh Annual Conference of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations at Minneapolis. With the unique advantages of a Seminary, a Bible School and a congregation at the same location, we welcome all.

As we prepare ourselves spiritually and physically (there is much work to be done), we would ask that all members and friends of the Association be in daily prayer for the Lord's rich blessings at this conference. Only as we commune with the Lord daily and fervently can we prepare for the responsibilities and challenges that we face at conference sessions.

Sincerely in Christ, Mrs. Bert Tildahl, Secretary Medicine Lake Lutheran Church

### THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR THE 1969 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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Mr. Ernest Miedema, Valley City, N. Dak.

Rev. Orville T. Olson, McIntosh, Minn.

(Pastor Hautamaki is the temporary chairman and any suggestions to the Committee in advance of the Conference may be addressed to him, or to any other member of the group.)

\*Ineligible for re-election. Limit of two consecutive terms.

### ELECTIONS TO BE MADE BY THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

\* Denotes Incumbent

\*\* Needs a three-fourths majority to be re-elected

PRESIDENT (3 years)

\*Rev. John P. Strand, Minneapolis, Minn. (Two nominations for the office must be made.)

VICE-PRESIDENT (1 year)

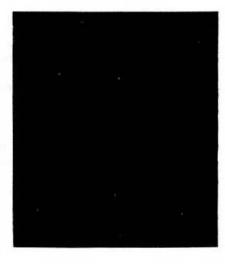
\*\*Rev. Richard Snipstead, Minneapolis, Minn

SECRETARY (1 year)

\*\*Rev. Harry C. Molstre, Valley City, N. Dak.

STEWARDSHIP BOARD (Director, 5 years)

\*Mr. Stanely Block, Spicer, Minn.



### THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS COME

by Pastor Edwin Kjos, Roseau, Minnesota

John 16:5-15

The scene in our text is the upper room where Christ celebrated the Passover with His disciples before He was betrayed. John devotes five whole chapters to this memorable occasion. In these chapters he records the rich discourses of Christ as our Savior spoke to the disciples of His love for them, of their future home, of problems they were to face in His service, and of their need to be as fully surrendered to Him as a branch is to the vine on which it grows.

He had often told them before of the fact that He would some day have to leave them but this they never quite seemed to understand. Peter, upon hearing that Christ should have to go the way of the Cross, once exclaimed. "Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall never be unto thee" (Matt. 16:22). In the upper room Jesus again made it plain that He must suffer and die and rise again and ascend to the Father. This news brought sorrow to the apostles, for they had hoped that He would remain and establish Israel as a mighty nation again as it had been under King David. Though Christ explained to them that His Kingdom was to be a spiritual kingdom they couldn't quite seem to grasp the significance of it all.

Though He was to leave them as far as His physical presence was concerned. Christ assured His disciples that He would still be with them. He would not leave them desolate. Several times in His upper room discourse He told them about the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, whom He and the Father would send to minister to them. I must go, Jesus said, for if I do not go I can't send you the Holy Spirit. Therefore Christ did go the way of the cross. There He satisfied the demands of a righteous God that the wages of sin be paid. There He won for us the salvation which the Holy Spirit now calls us to receive.

In the explanation of the Third Article of the Creed we read a sum-

mary of some of the things the Holy Spirit does. If Christ had not gone the way of the cross the Holy Spirit could not do this work for there would be no Gospel through which He could call us to salvation. There would be no true faith or Christian life in which the Holy Spirit could preserve and sanctify us. There would be no Christian Church and no hope of resurrection and eternal life. Therefore Christ said, "It is expedient for you that I go away." And if I go away the Holy Spirit will come, Jesus said. And when He comes, these are some of the things He will do.

He will convict the world in respect of sin. No one will deny the fact that there is much evil in the world. All around us we see wars, crime, injustices and hardships of all kinds. Many kinds of explanations of these problems and solutions for them are produced by man. Man's efforts have, in general, been fruitless because they have dealt with the symptoms rather than the root of the problems. The Bible tells us that we are all sinners (Rom. 3:10, 23); that we are corrupt to the very core (Jer. 17:9); that all the evil in the world comes out of man's evil nature (Mk. 7:21-23). We like to rationalize and believe that we are capable of being good people and doing what is right, but God condemns our righteousness as filthy rags (Is. 64:6). We don't like to admit this. One of the tasks of the Holy Spirit therefore is to convince of sin. He seeks to expose sin by pulling aside every excuse, every attempt to rationalize and hide sin and to make us see ourselves as lost and condemned sinners before a holy God.

The Holy Spirit also convicts of righteousness. The world and our flesh seek their own righteousness. In spite of the many failures of man he always seeks, by some new effort, to lift himself up, to turn over some new leaf, to make himself more acceptable to God. But then the Holy Spirit comes to convince us that man's righteousness, though it be motivated by the greatest of human efforts and sin-

cerity, can never satisfy God. The Holy Spirit thrusts before us the shocking fact that God is satisfied with nothing less than perfect righteousness (Mt. 5:48; Jas. 2:10; Gal. 3:10).

There are many fine, respectable people in our churches who have somehow not allowed the Holy Spirit to convince them of these facts. They may know a great deal of what the Bible says about sin and grace and believe it. Yet their "Christianity" remains a "do-it-yourself" project. Thus they go on year after year, striving and struggling to be what they believe a Christian ought to be and hoping that when they have done their best, everything will come out all right and God will reward them with a home in heaven. So, even though they, like the Jews Paul laments over in Romans 10, have a zeal for God, it is not according to the right knowledge. They are yet lost. "For being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own, they did not subject themselves to the righteousness of God" (Rom. 10:3).

Then, finally the Holy Spirit convicts of judgment. "Of judgment," Jesus said, "because the prince of this world has been judged" (v. 11). The first one to rebel against God and exalt himself was the devil. He was the first one to practice and advocate a "do-ityourself" religion. He has been judged and condemned (Jn. 12:31). Sad to say, he will not be there alone. For every individual who has not submitted himself to the righteousness of God and been born again of the Holy Spirit will be Satan's eternal partner in that Lake of fire (Rev. 20:15).

But there is a greater work which the Holy Spirit wants to do in every individual. That is to glorify Christ. He does this as He takes all that belongs to Christ and declares it to us. When the Holy Spirit has done His work of convicting us of sin and judgment so that we stand before God without excuse, recognizing our lost and helpless condition, He then comes to

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#### ANNOUNCEMENT

The graduation exercises for Free Lutheran Theological Seminary and Association Free Lutheran Bible School will be held on Friday evening, May 23, at 8 o'clock in the Seminary building. The address will be delivered by Pastor Julius Hermunslie, Fergus Falls, Minnesota.

### TESTIMONIES BY THE BIBLE SCHOOL SENIORS

### Love So Divine

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

What greater love could there be? I'm glad I believe in Christ today and He has saved me. I'd like to share the words of a song I like. "It was love that sent a Savior to this world of sin and woe; It was love that left heaven's portals and came down to dwell below; it was love that stilled the waters on the stormy Galilee: it

was love that paid sin's ransom, one dark day at Calvary. Love so divine, love so sublime, love that is deeper than any sea: love for us all, oh, how can it be?"

How can it be? When I realize that I deserve nothing but death and punishment, it's so wonderful to think of what Jesus has done instead. Even after all of this it's often so easy to turn from Him and go my own stubborn way. But we must realize there is nothing good in us and it is only His grace that saves and keeps us if we honestly repent and turn to Him.

-Orpha Flaten

Orpha's home church is Hegland Lutheran of rural Strandquist, Minnesota. She is employed by the Prudential Insurance Co., and plans to continue to work this fall.

### My Closest Friend

"Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you" (I Peter 5:7).

I am thankful that Christ has saved me. Nothing I can do could ever save me but Christ has done all this by

Seated, left to right, Carolyn Jenson, Bruce Klepp and Paulette Pollestad; standing, Marsha Maltby, Myrna Leinonen, Eileen Eversvik and Orpha Flaten.

His death on the cross. Christ died for me, a sinner who doesn't deserve anything. He loved me in spite of all my sin and sent Jesus to save me. All I had to do was believe in Him.

It is wonderful to know, too, that I have a Friend that I can turn to any time, any place. He's a friend that is closer than any person could be. When it seems like nobody else cares and earthly friends seem to fail. God is still there. He cares and understands

-Eileen Eversvik

Eileen's home church is the New Luther Valley Church in McVille, North Dakota. She is employed by the Prudential Insurance Co. Next fall she plans to attend Mayville State College in North Dakota.

### I Need Thee Every Hour

"I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him. the same beareth much fruit: for apart from me ye can do nothing" (John 15:5).

This verse has much meaning to me and especially after studying the Gospel of John this year at Bible School. It made me realize that apart from Him, I could do nothing. It showed me how much I need Him every hour of every day. This was important for me to realize because many decisions have been made and many prayers answered these past two years. My Lord knows what is best for me and He has provided for my needs. His Word has brought much comfort to

God's Word gives us the strength and courage needed for the trials we have on this earth. He can give you this strength and courage, too, if you let Him come into your heart. If you haven't so far-why not right now? You'll be much happier if you do.

—Carolyn Jenson

Carolyn is a member of Barum Lutheran Church, Elk Mound, Wisconsin. She has been employed at the Bible School as a cook. Carolyn plans to do secretarial work.

### God Will Show the Way

"Thou wilt show me the path of life: In thy presence is fulness of joy; in thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore" (Psalm 16:11).

"Praise the Lord!" Isn't that a wonderful promise? What more could a person want in life? I thank God that I can honestly say with David that I have experienced this in my personal life.

Since coming to Bible School and finding the reality of God in my life, I have discovered real life. Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life." How true this is! In Christ, I have found a life worth living.

One of the main concerns of a young person is what he is going to do in life. What path is he going to take? The Psalmist declares in this verse that God will show him the path of life, and what a truly glorious life this is. I'm so thankful that God will lead me throughout my entire life.

The second part of Psalm 16:11 says that there is fulness of joy in the presence of the Lord. People are all looking for happiness. I can say from my own personal experience that there is no joy in life apart from Christ. Only when you know your sins are forgiven can you have real peace and joy and happiness.

The last part of verse 11 states that pleasure is a gift of God. Real pleasure comes only from obedience to Christ; from abiding in Him. I feel the Lord is leading me into full time service for Him. I do not know where the Lord wants me, but I am confident that He will show me.

-Bruce Klepp

Bruce is a member of the Rice Lutheran Church, Bagley, Minnesota. He is employed by W. W. Granger, Inc. Bruce plans to enroll in Bemidji State College.

### Christ Became Lord

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast" (Ephesians 2: 8,9).

I thank and praise the Lord that my salvation doesn't depend on good works. For I could never be good enough or do enough to merit eternal life. In my own self I deserve nothing but eternal punishment. But God revealed His love for me when He sent His Son Jesus Christ to die on the cross for my sins. He made salvation a free gift, available to all who have faith in Him.

I am so thankful that the Lord led me to Bible School. I had accepted Him as my Savior when I was in confirmation class, but it wasn't until I came to Bible School that He became Lord of my life. It has been wonderful to study His Word for two years.

It really is a joy to be a Christian, to know that Jesus loves me and that He has saved me. Someday I'll see Him face to face and what a glorious day that will be.

"For I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day" (II Timothy 1: 12).

-Myrna Leinonen

From Our Savior's Lutheran Congregation of Annandale, Minnesota, Myrna Leinonen is employed by the Prudential Insurance Co. Her future plans are indefinite at this time.

### Thanks for the Bible School

"He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life" (I John 5:12).

This verse has always meant a lot to me because I know that I have eternal life since I have Jesus Christ as my personal Lord and Savior. It is wonderful to have Him in my life for I know that without Him I could do nothing and would be nothing. I am so thankful that God led me to Bible School for these two years, as I have learned many things about Him that I never knew before. My two years here have truly been two of my best and I pray that as I leave Bible School I will continue to grow in faith and in the knowledge of His Word.

I am thankful, too, for all of my wonderful Christian friends and for the Association that cared enough to start this school It is a wonderful thing that we have a place where God's Word can be taught in truth. God certainly is good to give us so many blessings. I'm glad I can say that I belong to Him.

-Marsha Maltby

Marsha, a senior this year at ALBS, is from Stillwater Lutheran Church near Kalispell, Montana She is employed by the Prudential Life Insurance Co. Marsha will be married this summer to Bruce Nikunen of Roseau, Minnesota.

### **God Gives Peace**

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid" (John 14:27).

During these last two years at Bible School, I have come to realize more than ever that God is the answer to everything. He can solve any problem that I'll ever have if I only bring it to Him. He will give me peace and joy.

Peace is a word we hear a lot about today. Everyone is talking about peace: peace in Viet Nam, peace in the United States, and peace all over the world. Everyone is looking for peace. But I wonder how many people look to God for peace.

God gives us a deep inner peace that we cannot get from the world. We may be content for a while with the world, but it isn't lasting. God is the only answer.

I am so glad to say that I have this peace with God and I don't have to look for worldly pleasures to satisfy my desires. All I have to do is look to Jesus and that's all you have to do, too.

-Paulette Pollestad

Paulette is from Alsen, North Dakota, where she is a member of Zion Lutheran Church. Her future plans are indefinite at this time.



### AND A LITTLE CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM Mrs. Leslie Galland, Stacy, Minnesota

Someone once said with a note of despair, "Oh, dear, boys will be boys!" But another, overhearing this remark, and with a triumphant sound in his voice, replied, "Yes, but boys will be men." And the kind of men of tomorrow that the boys of today will become, depends in a large measure upon the training of Christian principles which they get in their homes. "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6).

How important it is that we as parents endeavor to be not so much a critic of our children as an example to them. We can be a much better witness to our children in our homes by what we do and how we react in

many situations than by trying to tell them how to act and conduct themselves.

How many times I have observed my own children and the first graders I teach and find myself speaking through them! They adopt my mannerisms, use my way of disciplining and any expressions of speech I might use.

I often think of the Master, who when asked, "Who is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven?", had called a child and set him in the midst, and I know that God's greatest blessing rests on those who minister to a little child. God has been good to me. I have two precious children whom He has entrusted to me. It is not so many tomorrows before they will have to take their place in society, and soon upon those shoulders that are so young, will come burdens such as every person has had to carry since time began. And so I must prepare

them. First, the little things, neatness, truthfulness, unselfishness, and reverence. Many of these things they do not grasp as first, but as time goes by they become a part of them. How blessed it is to hear them pray at family devotions or listen to them as they excitedly tell of what they learned at Sunday School. Their understanding is increased with time. When they pray before meals, perhaps at first it is a routine, but later it will be a rite.

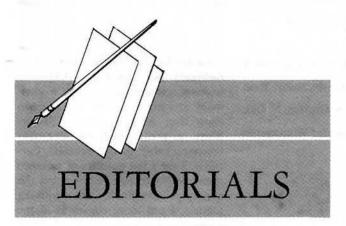
Just as my own children bring me many joys, so do the little ones I teach in my first grade class day after day. So many children today are deprived of a stable home life and it is my prayer that I might be a witness to them. What a joy to hear that most of my children, after Easter when I asked what song they'd like to sing. didn't reply, "The Easter Bunny" song, but they wanted to sing "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today-Alleluia!" What a thrill to see my first graders bow their heads and fold their hands before lunch so we can sing the table prayer together. How many times haven't I heard, "I'd like to go to your church, Mrs. Galland." Then I take advantage of the opportunity and invite them to come to my church, and many times I have found that the parents come, too. What a joy there was for me the day I brought some clean clothes that my own daughter had outgrown for the little girl that always looked so unkempt. I helped her get into her "new" clothes and then as I tried to pull a comb through her tangled, matted hair I wondered why she didn't seem to be in distress as my own daughter is when I comb her hair! I asked her if it didn't hurt. She said with shining eyes, "Oh no, Mrs. Galland, not at all." She was so happy to be fussed over and cared for just a bit, it brought tears to my eyes. The biggest joy was to see her walk into the classroom, proudly, with her head high and she waited for the others to notice her appearance. Yes, what a reward in helping a child have faith in herself once again and showing that someone cares. I am thankful for the opportunities of contacts with homes, to witness to parents after getting to know them through parent-

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### SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION WOMEN'S MISSIONARY FEDERATION

of the
ASSOCIATION OF FREE LUTHERAN CONGREGATIONS

| Minneapolis<br>REGISTRA |         | June 11, 1969<br>9:00 to 10:00 a.m.      |
|-------------------------|---------|--|
| PRAYER                  | SERVICE | Mrs. Clifford Johnson, Esko, Minnesota   |
| PRELUDE                 |         | Mrs. Robert Bursheim, Minneapolis, Minn. |
| SINGSPIRA               |         | Mrs. William Smerdon, Barnum, Minn.      |



### HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS

We shall only mention a couple of "housekeeping" items this time in connection with the approaching Annual Conference of 1969. They pertain to two notices carried in this issue of **The Lutheran Ambassador**.

There is information concerning housing of pages 9 and 16. A certain number of rooms are available in the dormitory on the conference grounds. Reservations for those accommodations are to be sent directly to the church office. Those rooms are limited and so it would be well if many others could make plans even now to stay with relatives in the Cities or at motels, some of which are listed in this issue. Please remember that you will have to make your own motel, or hotel, reservations directly.

The other point we wish to comment on now concerns the Nominating Committee for 1969, listed on page 4. This committee is desirous of placing before the Conference as able, dedicated and available people as it can for the many board, committee and corporation positions which must be filled. For some time now the Committee has been seeking suggestions from the pastors of the Church. Undoubtedly they would welcome advice and assistance from any interested person and the temporary chairman may be reached at his address.

The Report of the Property Ownership Study Committee (April 15, 1969) called attention to the need for great care in choosing members of the Co-ordinating Committee since it is the between-conferences administrative council of the church and acts as a "board of deacons." But there is surely no other position in the fellowship which we would feel is not important.

It stands to reason that the Nominating Committee is itself a very important group. As the Conference Program indicates, the Nominating Committee for 1970 will be chosen as one of the very first items of business at this year's meeting.

While each district in the Association may have at least two nominees to the Committee, no district last year

advanced more than one candidate, the first time we have ever seen that happen at an annual conference. It was a very sluggish start to the conference business, seeming almost to border on apathy. We do hope that all delegates will come prepared to go to work and that there will be more candidates for this most important committee.

As we said at the start, these have been thoughts about the "housekeeping" at the conference. But there wouldn't be any conference without such details either.

### MOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

For those delegates and friends desiring motel lodging for the Annual Conference, the following motels are listed. We encourage you to register early by writing or calling directly to the motel. The Minneapolis area code is 612. Rates are per night.

### Cosmopolitan Motel

Highway No. 100 at 36th Ave. N. Minneapolis, Minnesota 55428

Phone 537-3696

1 double bed — \$9.50

1 double bed and single — 12.00

2 double beds - 14.00

### **Knoll-Way Motel**

| Highway No.   | 12 at Plymouth Road |
|---------------|---------------------|
| Minneapolis,  | Minnesota, 55427    |
| Phone 545-991 | 4                   |

1 double bed — \$8.50 2 double beds — 12.00

Twin beds -11.50

### Bell Motel1 person — \$9.0013712 Wayzata Blvd.2 people — 11.00Highways No. 494 and 12Larger rooms

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### Aqua- Tel Motel (Osseo Area) 1 person — \$8.50 Highways No. 52 and 152 2 people — 10.00

 $\begin{array}{ll} \mbox{Minneapolis, Minnesota 55427} & \mbox{3 people} - 12.00 \\ \mbox{Phone 425-3283} & \mbox{4 people} - 14.00 \end{array}$ 

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### Hyatt Lodge Phone 544-3601 8635 Highway No. 12 1 double bed — \$10.00 Minneapolis, Minnesota 55426 2 double beds — 14.00

### Minnetonka Motel

| 15818 Wayzata Blvd.          | 1 person — \$8.50 |
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| Minneapolis, Minnesota 55391 | 2 people - 10.50  |
| Phone 413-4616               | 4 people — 16.50  |

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teacher conferences, P.T.A., etc.

Perhaps, by this time, someone might say, "But as a pastor's wife and Christian mother, isn't your place in the home at all times?" Yes, certainly it is. But then God has given me the grace and strength to minister to the needs of my family and be active in my church. Also He has given me a burden for children who are not so fortunate and do not have Christian training and perhaps through a testimony at school someone will come to know Him as their personal Savior. What a great need for Christian teachers today in our schools! Certainly it isn't the quantity of time we spend with our own children, but the quality of time. Since I am a working mother. I am more conscious of the necessity of spending time each day with my own children.

Just the other day I spoke to a lady, who, in speaking of her own upbringing, said she had all the material things, but there was a lack of communication among the members of her family. She said she knew her parents loved her, but she felt she could never go to them with a problem and talk it over. In many of our homes today there is such a lack of communication. Consistency in our daily Christian walk, consistency in disciplining our own children and good communication is so very important. And of course, at the heart of it all Christ and His name should always be upheld.

Yes, I wonder, as all mothers do, what the future holds in store for my children. But how wonderful when I realize that I do not have to fight the battle alone. There is a Hand much greater than my hand, a Mind far wiser than mine that sees into the future and guides their destiny accordingly.

Why feel afraid and wonder about them? Why not just commit them to Him who is able to keep them from falling and present them faultless before the throne of grace. He is able! Our prayers, as parents, for them will make them willing to be obedient to His call. It is the only safe insurance and security for my children and yours!

BENEDICTION ...... Rev. Herbert Franz

Home Mission Board, Rev. Herbert Franz, Chairman

GREETINGS ...... Mrs. Lawrence Dynneson, Nogales, Ariz.

COMMENTS ...... Foreign Mission Board, Mr. Robert Knutson, Chairman

MISSION FESTIVAL SERVICE 7:30 p.m. June 12, 1969

PRELUDE ...... Mrs. Robert Bursheim

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DUET ...... Rev. and Mrs. Richard Snipstead, Minneapolis, Minn.

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HYMN

Rev. John P. Strand BENEDICTION

They were now able, because of this incident and other experiences they had had with Jesus, to face all danger unafraid. Neither were they afraid to die for their faith when the time for that came. Heaven lay just ahead.

God does give the grace, strength, faith and whatever is needed for the task of promoting His Kingdom. He does not forsake his own.

#### Conclusion

The best kind of training that one can receive for Christian living or for Christian service is that training which first will increase and strengthen our faith in Christ and His promises; and second, will help us to see what great blessing and riches can be ours when we have Christ.

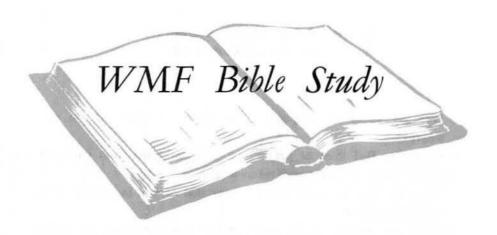
It was just this that Jesus did for His disciples. Through the miracles Jesus revealed Himself as the Son of God with power to raise even the dead.

Through Jesus' teachings and such incidents as the Transfiguration on the Mount, the disciples were able to get a glimpse of heaven and to realize in Jesus a Savior from sin and a hope for heaven.

At the end of their training, when Jesus arose from the dead and ascended into heaven, these disciples were truly assured and convinced that Jesus was the Son of God, and in Him was everlasting life. Their assurance of this was reflected in the zeal and enthusiasm with which they proclaimed Jesus after Pentecost. The Holy Spirit now also gave them encouragement and power to do the same.

They now dared to proclaim Christ even when they faced death in so doing. They now had no fear of death because Jesus had overcome death.

We, too, by taking a place at Jesus' feet and learning of Him, can receive faith, and power, and assurance of salvation, so as not to be ashamed of Jesus and to boldly proclaim Him to all the world. The Holy Spirit will also empower us, if we commit ourselves.



### NEW TESTAMENT BIBLE HISTORY QUESTIONS

Lesson 6

June 1969

Jesus Teaches His Disciples

#### Introduction

Jesus chose twelve men to help Him in His ministry of saving souls while on earth. And He trained them to carry on this ministry after He ascended to heaven.

These men were carefully chosen. Jesus looked for a certain quality in those whom He chose.

It was not cultural background, wealth, special training, prestige or education that Jesus looked for when He called His disciples. In fact, most of His disciples were greatly lacking in these kinds of qualifications. Most of the disciples whom Jesus chose were lowly men. They had neither wealth nor social prestige.

Jesus looked for men who would be truly dedicated to Him, and who would be willing to be trained in the specific ways of His will for them. A truly surrendered heart willing to sacrifice self is the one qualification Jesus is interested in when He chooses men (or women) for a special task.

### Jesus Teaches His Disciples To Pray

(Matt. 6:9-13 and Luke 11:1-4)

- 1. Is it our words and language or our hearts that God looks at when we pray?
- 2. What does God think of prayer that does not come from the heart?
- 3. If God already knows our needs before we pray, why pray?
- Name the requests in the Lord's Prayer that pertain to God's program of saving the world.
- Name the requests in the Lord's Prayer that pertain to our earthly welfare.
- Name the requests in the Lord's Prayer that pertain to our soul's welfare.
- 7. What, according to the Lord's Prayer, is necessary in order to receive God's forgiveness?
- 8. What is meant by "fasting" or "to fast"?
- 9. What is the purpose of fasting?
- 10. Do you think Jesus taught each one of His disciples to pray privately, or did He teach them as a class?

The first three petitions of this prayer relate themselves to God's Kingdom on this earth, or to the missionary, evangelistic, or soul-winning effort that God wills to find in us. This should have priority in our prayer life. As we pray for the extending of God's Kingdom on this earth, we need to be willing to identify ourselves with this cause of God, and be willing to be used in whatever way God wills to use us in His program.

In the rest of the Lord's Prayer, we pray for our own material and spiritual needs. Why do we now pray for these needs? So that we can use them to extend God's Kingdom, for which we have already prayed, as well as our own soul needs.

Nowhere in Scripture does God give man the right to use that which He has entrusted to Him (be it material or spiritual blessing), for his own selfish use only. It is to be shared. It is to be used in spreading the Gospel.

### Jesus Is Transfigured on the Mount

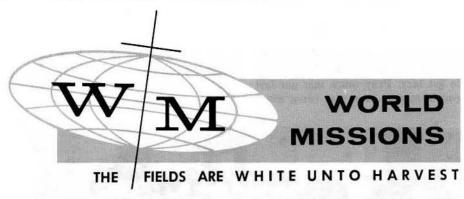
(Matt. 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-8; and Luke 9:28-36)

- 11. Whom did Jesus take with Him to the top of the mountain?
- 12. What is meant by Jesus being "transfigured" before them?
- 13. Who else was present besides Jesus and these disciples?
- 14. What did Peter suggest?
- 15. Was this a good suggestion?
- 16. If Jesus had listened to Peter, what trial or difficulty would He most likely have escaped?
- 17. Who spoke out of a cloud?
  - a. What did He say?
- 18. What was it that caused the disciples to fall on their faces?
- 19. Why do you think Jesus gave this experience to these disciples?
- 20. Why do you think this account is written in the Bible?

Here Jesus gave three of His disciples a glimpse of heaven. We notice that Jesus hand-picked these three men.

These men later on were to be used in a special way to establish the Christian church and to extend God's Kingdom on earth. This would take courage. Such a task was not without danger and risk to their own lives.

But these men now knew that no matter what happened they were on their way to heaven, of which they had already had a glimpse.



### CLOTHING FOR BRAZIL

There have been numerous inquiries about the possibility of sending barrels of clothing for distribution in Brazil along with the Dyruds when they leave in August. It is true that a need exists for clothing, but it must be kept in mind that not only is there a limit to the barrels the Dyruds can take with them, but there is a problem in getting the barrels into the country, and also in getting them from Sao Paulo to Campo Mourao. This can be costly and is often done with either damage to or loss of the contents. Under some conditions it would cost as much to ship the clothing as it would be to buy it there. So the sending of clothes is not be greatly encouraged. However, to those who feel strongly about this, please send only clothing that is clean and in good condition. Also remember that most of the year light clothing is all that is required. Blankets and shoes are perhaps two items that would be of the greatest use. Board of Foreign Missions

### FOREIGN MISSIONS IS IN NEED OF FUNDS

Since the beginning of the AFLC, God has in a wonderful way blessed our work. He has seemingly put His approval on much that has been done. There is no question in the minds of many that this has been due in a large degree to the concern and effort that has been made in the area of Foreign Missions. We were a small, struggling group of churches when we very early in our existence began a mission program. Some people said we should wait and get better organized at home first, before we undertook work in a foreign land. But we moved ahead in faith, faith in our Heavenly Father to lead the way, and faith in our brethren to support the work with their prayers and gifts.

At this time we have a great need

in Foreign Missions. In addition to Nogales and the growing work in Brazil, work that must move forward if it is to serve the needs of the people, we have and will have expenses that we should rejoice in. We recently sent the Knapp family to Brazil; we shall soon send the Connely Dyruds down for their stay at language school, and the Abels are coming home for their overdue furlough. It can be seen that in a matter of a few months span, we will have had an above normal need for funds with which to carry on our mission program.

May each of us count our blessings and examine our own stewardship this past year. And might our concern and love for Foriegn Missions not be forgotten. Foreign Missions would greatly appreciate your prayers and gifts.

Robert Knutson, Chairman Board of Foreign Missions

### FROM THE REFRIGERATOR TO THE OVEN

It sounds as though mother is ready to make some goody for the family. But not this time; this is our trip, from Brazil to the U.S. and back again to Brazil.

We left Brazil in the winter and arrived in the U.S. in the summer, in the heat of harvest. There we enjoyed a time of fellowship together with family and friends, meeting many new people.

The time spent in Minneapolis at the headquarters preparing for our return was fully appreciated by all of us. It means so much more to us to know each one of you personally. We feel a nearness now even though many miles separate us. The love of God flows strong through the cord that unites us.

Now to look back it seems as but a dream that we were with you, for the time went by so rapidly. Again we left Minnesota and its snow to, a few hours later, arrive in Sao Paulo and its summer heat. There we began to shed clothes, but continued to perspire.

We still are in the hot season here in Campo Mourao, but enjoying the warm fellowship of the Christians in the churches here. The Lord was good in providing a house for us, and so at midnight on Feb. 27th, we moved in. It's not too uncommon in this land for someone to move out of their house at midnight but very rare that they move in at such an hour.

We are getting acquainted with the people and the work and by the time the Ables leave we should be able to pick up the challenge the work presents.

With this Psalm 121 comes to mind, "The Lord is our keeper and our refuge."

—George Knapp

February, 1969

### Greetings, Ambassador friends,

Our first month of the new year was scheduled full of Daily Vacation Bible Schools and Evangelism, but having the help of two young men like Joao Moacir and Joao Pinetree, we were able to get away for ten days on a family trip across country to the nation's capital-Brasilia. We arrived after 3 days of travel, stopping here and there to visit missionary friends. We staved in a large Presbyterian school, since hotel prices for our family are almost prohibitive. Almost 3 days were spent looking around in this wonder city of modern planning and architecture. Brasilia is only 10 years old, much is yet unfinished and unorganized but it affords a great deal to see and marvel at already. Coming home by way of Belo Horizonte and Sao Paulo was interesting, seeing areas of Brazil we had not seen before, but we were all happy to be back after 4.000 Kilometers of circling-as we said, around Brazil in our capsule (Volkswagen sedan).

These last days have been extra full. John was in charge of a city-wide evangelism campaign by the churches here. The former head of the Billy Graham Association for Brazil, Rev. Walter Kaschel, and his team were our guests for eight days. A large tent was put up for about 1,000 people and was filled every night. About 150 de-

cisions for Christ were registered and we trust many will choose our church for membership. Bible School has just begun and matriculation is up to 20 students. A new Brazilian couple have come to help us and the Knapps should be here soon also. So it goes, no time to get lazy. Pray much that our last couple months here may count much for the strengthening of our Free Lutheran Congregations in Brazil.

Sincerely, Ruby, John and children



Christmas crowd at Lar Parana Church.



Bible School program for our newest congregation, Herveira, Para-



Getting ready for a house meeting.



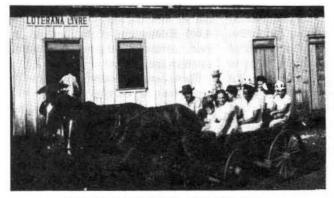
Folks come and go like this



The Bible School program at Herveira



Christmas tree found in jungle on Japanese farm.



How about a happy and bumpy ride home?



Ruby and Lydia navigating a small river on the way to Santo Rei.

The Lutheran Ambassador



Ruby receiving home-grown peaches from one of our St. Rei members Mrs. Maria Costa.



Students visiting homes in Herveira.



**Christmas Pageant** 



Two of our Bible School youth working in DVBS \*Denotes Board member

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us as the Comforter. He informs me that though the wages of sin is death. Jesus has paid the penalty for me and that as my substitute He suffered the curse of sin in my place, so that I could be exonerated of all the guilt and condemnation which really are mine.

But that is not all that the Holy Spirit declares unto me. He also reminds me of the perfect righteousness that God demands and then announces to me that the perfect righteousness of Christ's life has been imputed to my record. "The righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ" is recorded on the heavenly records of "all them that believe" (Rom. 3:22). In Christ we are "without blemish and unreprovable before Him" (Col. 1:22).

But it is important to note that the gracious forgiveness of sins and the righteousness without which we cannot be saved, does not automatically become our personal possession just because Christ has won it for us. It becomes the possession only of those who by repentance and faith respond to the Holy Spirit's conviction and call on and receive Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and Lord.

Dear friend, I hope this has been your experience. For the promised Holy Spirit has come to convict you and call you and make you a new creation in Christ so that you might have eternal life. "But as many as received Him, to them gave he the right to become children of God, even to them that believe on His name" (Jn. 1:12).

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