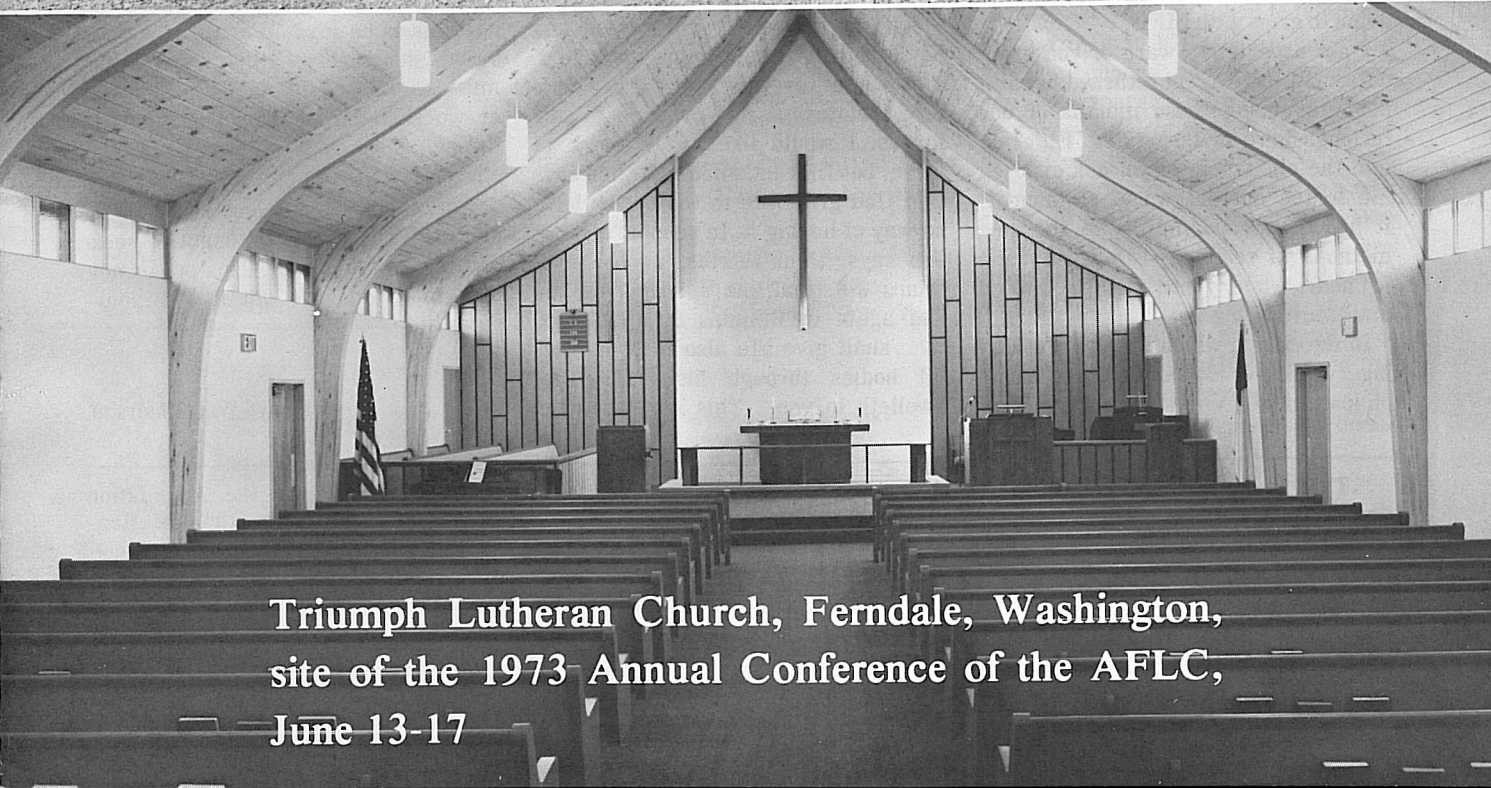


May 22, 1973

The Lutheran Ambassador



Triumph Lutheran Church, Ferndale, Washington,
site of the 1973 Annual Conference of the AFLC,
June 13-17

MEDITATION MOMENTS

Life

Job 24:22: "Yet God preserveth the mighty by his power: He riseth up that hath no assurance of life."

Confirmations, graduations and Memorial Day seem to occupy much time in our lives in the month of May. The observance or participation in them pretty well covers the whole panorama of life. As we observe these occasions we find that it is a time for reflection as well as joy. The graduate who has completed the required courses experiences the self-satisfaction of a job well done, looking forward to the future. In many ways this is also true of the confirmand, for his has been a learning experience. The uniqueness of confirmation ought to be the encounter with Jesus Christ and a mature, deep, spiritual decision to go on with Him. Memorial Day is a time for paying respect to those who laid down their lives so that we today can live free from the domination of a foreign power. We thank God for this freedom and rejoice in it. We are thankful to those who gave time out of their lives to serve and to those who gave their lives on the battlefield. Yes, in each of these instances we come to grips with LIFE.

I am especially aware of you graduates as I have again returned to campus life during these months of our furlough here in the States. Entering into the classroom again has exposed me to the current world of thought. It has been good for me to see new methods of teaching being used and to hear what youth in the United States are saying.

In the course which I am now studying, we have looked at three basic philosophical views of education.

They are idealism, experimentalism and existentialism. Idealism stresses that God is the true reality and learning begins when He reveals truths. Experimentalism is the scientific approach, searching systematically for truth so as to uncover it. It is not as a philosophical system committed to God. Nor is existentialism, although the individual who accepts the system can be. Existentialism is the individual searching for truth, disregarding all established systems until the truth is encountered. I must be free, you must be free.

The point I would like to make is that every member in my class has had to decide whether he accepts the fact that God or a "higher mind" can or should influence him. I would like to draw from this that no matter where you are in life you are confronted with the question of what you are going to do with God. The battlefield, your plans for marriage, the question of your youth, the training of your children, what high school or college campus, the adversities of health or death, all continually confront us with this question.

Job was forcefully confronted and he staked his whole being upon God. This verse, together with all of Scripture, relates what God does to and for us. I would like to list some of these, but first let's note that Job says that God gives life to those who have no way of having it. In support of what Job says, Paul relates, in II Corinthians 3:6, that the spirit gives life and again in Romans 8:11 he says, "... shall give life also to your mortal bodies through his Spirit that dwelleth in you." This is the blessed

half of life. What Jesus speaks of when He speaks of being born again, is being born of the Spirit.

In this same verse, Paul also relates that Jesus' resurrection is what works in us. Again, in Romans 14:9 death and the resurrection are experiences for us as Jesus who is Lord influences us. This Lord who has experienced this is the one who desires to be Lord of our lives. When He is Lord we not only have life but **direction** in life, as divine influence is upon us.

Peter, when he writes of the cross, says that this happened that those who are going to be alive because of it ought to live unto righteousness. Peter does not only mean a way of life, but an object of life. Living unto righteousness means living unto God, but it does also mean a way of life, this God-righteousness living in us controlling the way we live. That is why Job could write out of his affliction as he did. In the sight of men, he was filthy, miserable, smelly and repulsive. This was his way of life because his object of faith was unto godliness or righteousness.

Lastly, we live in power. Job realized this as he says, "For yet God preserves the mighty by his power." We must be dependent upon that power or we shall be weakened unto death through delusion. The New Testament church began with power, Holy Spirit-power. God-Power. We as individuals, and as a church, today ought to seek nothing less than that. This power not only maintains life but it communicates life.

—Richard W. Gunderson

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THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE
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June 13-17, 1973

TRIUMPH LUTHERAN CHURCH
FERNDALE, WASHINGTON

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

Wednesday, June 13, 1973

- 9:00 a.m. The Conference Committees meet for devotions, instructions and room assignments.
8:00 p.m. The opening service of the Conference with the sermon on the Conference text being brought by Pastor Kenneth Anderson, McVille, North Dakota. Pastor Jay G. Erickson, Ferndale, Washington, liturgist. The opening of the conference by Pastor John P. Strand and the appointment of the necessary committees. Offering to the General Fund.

Thursday, June 14, 1973

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

Election of Committee No. 1 for the 1974 Annual Conference

- 6:00 p.m. Meeting of the Seminary Corporation at Johnson's Fine Food
8:00 p.m. Mission Festival Service conducted by the Women's Missionary Federation. Message by Pastor Richard Snipstead. Offering to the the Bellingham Hotel, Washington Room. WMF Officers.

Friday, June 15, 1973

- 7:00 a.m. Mission Corporation Annual Meeting at Cedars Cafe Banquet Room
9:00 a.m. Devotions
Report of the Dean of the Theological Seminary, Pastor Amos Dyrud
Report of the Dean of the Bible School, Pastor Richard Snipstead
Report of the Chairman of the Seminary Board, Pastor Ernest Langness
Report of Committee No. 2
Election of Committee No. 2 for the 1974 Annual Conference
11:30 a.m. Prayer Hour
2:00 p.m. Devotions
Report of the Chairman of the Foreign Mission Board, Mr. Robert Knutson
Report of the Chairman of the Home Mission Board, Pastor Herbert Franz
Report of the Chairman of the Commission on Evangelism, Pastor Jay G. Erickson
Report of Committee No. 3
6:00 p.m. Banquet for the pastors and their wives at the Bellingham Hotel, Washington Room. Message by the Rev. R. L. Larson, Tacoma, Wash.
8:00 p.m. Worship service conducted by laymen of the Church, led by Mr. Roy Mohagen, Graf-ton, North Dakota. Message by Mr. Clifford Johnson, Esko, Minnesota. Offering to the Praise Program.

Saturday, June 16, 1973

- 9:00 a.m. Devotions
- Continuing discussion of the Report of Committee No. 3
- Election of members to the Commission on Evangelism
- Election of Committee No. 3 for the 1974 Annual Conference
- Report of the Chairman of the Board of Publications and Parish Education, Pastor Raynard Huglen
- Report of the Executive Secretary of the Department of Parish Education, Miss Judith Wold
- Report of the Chairman of the Youth Board, Pastor Forrest Swenson
- Report of the President of the Luther League Federation, Pastor Kenneth Moland
- Report of Committee No. 4
- 11:30 a.m. Prayer Hour
- 2:00 p.m. Devotions
- Report of the Colloquy Committee
- Election of members to the Board of Publications and Parish Education and the Youth Board
- Election of Committee No. 4 for the 1974 Annual Conference
- Report of the Chairman of the Stewardship Board, Pastor Wendell Johnson
- Report of the Chairman of the Board of Pensions, Mr. Eldor Sorkness
- Report of Committee No. 5

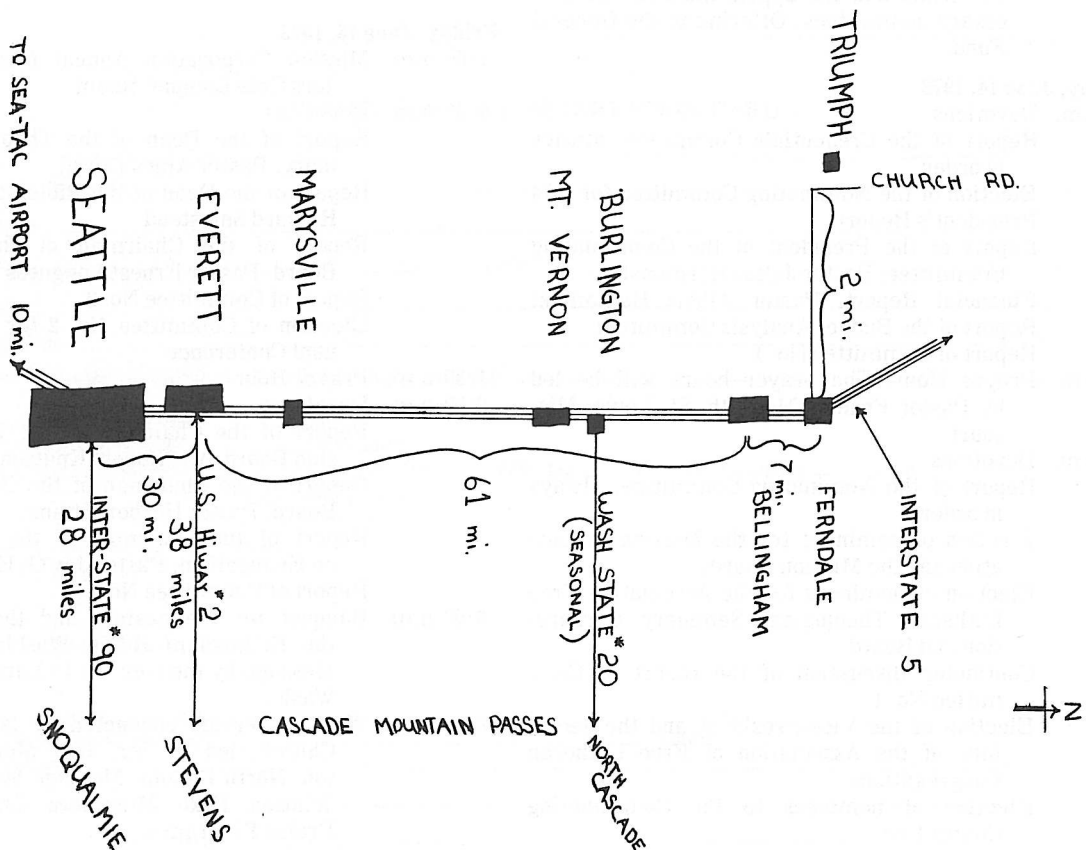
- Election of the members to the Stewardship Board and the Board of Pensions
- Election of Committee No. 5 for the 1974 Annual Conference
- Report of Special Committees
- Election of the Budget Analysis Committee for 1974
- Report of Committee No. 1 as the Committee on General Resolutions
- 8:00 p.m. Youth Night at the Conference with Mr. Terry Olson leading the service. Message by Pastor Kenneth Moland. Music by the Bible School Gospel team. Offering to Home Missions.

Sunday, June 17, 1973

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

Conference Committee

Pastor John P. Strand
Pastor Robert L. Lee



Welcome to Ferndale

As pastor of the host congregation, Triumph Lutheran Church, may I extend a warm Christian welcome to all who will be traveling to the West Coast to attend the Annual Conference, June 13-17th. As your map would indicate, Ferndale is geographically located in the far northwest corner of our country. Just a short distance of ten miles west from our city you may look out on the Bay area and the San Juan Islands. A north-bound route from Ferndale takes one some twelve miles to the Canadian border and the gateway to scenic Vancouver, B.C. Here, in the picturesque Pacific Northwest we shall assemble for the 11th Annual Conference of the AFLC. Those traveling by automobile from the midwest, have the option of coming via the beautiful new North Cascade Highway (Hwy. 20), a scenic tourist route just opened to the public, which offers truly breath-taking views of mountain terrain.

We believe we have something be-



Rev. J. G. Erickson

yond attractive scenery to offer, however. You will find in Ferndale a thriving congregation, committed to the principles and the objectives of the AFLC. Triumph Lutheran Church is made up of two former Lutheran Free Church congregations, merged in

1967. The present church edifice was built by the merged congregation and dedicated in 1969. Conference sessions will be held in the spacious sanctuary. Some fourteen classrooms will facilitate Conference committees and other smaller group meetings. A Book Store will be supplied and staffed by the Bible Book Mission of Grafton. Meals and lunches will be served in the church fellowship hall augmented by an extended facility. It is our purpose as a congregation to make your stay in Ferndale a most pleasant experience. A courtesy committee will be on hand to assist guests in every way possible.

As we prayerfully await the fellowship and blessing so characteristic of our Conferences each year, we are praying that this Conference shall, under God, give birth to a spiritual awakening that will kindle a revival throughout our entire Association. May God grant this to His glory!

Pastor J. G. Erickson



Triumph Lutheran Church

excursion boat, the **Jonathan Padleford**, on Saturday night, May 5.

About 100 persons attended the unique banquet on the boat's maiden voyage of the spring season. A ham dinner with apple pie dessert was enjoyed by all.

Dale Finstrom, Buxton, N. Dak., student body vice-president, was the master of ceremonies. Kermit Berge, Binford, N. Dak., treasurer, gave the devotions. Paul Syverson, Roseau, Minn., led the singspiration. Mr. Dale Lundgren, St. Paul, Minn., who lost the use of his legs in an automobile accident some years ago, provided the special music by singing three solos. His father, from Rockford, Ill., was also a guest at the banquet.

The address was given by Rev. Harold Hosch of the school faculty and he spoke on the life of Moses.

The senior class prophecy was read by Junior Joel Erickson, Ferndale, Wash., and the class will was read by Senior Terry Grothe, Stacy, Minn.



GOSPEL CARAVAN TO TRAVEL THROUGHOUT CHURCH

An eight-member Gospel caravan from AFLBS is going to travel in the Association this summer, carrying the message of the Gospel of Jesus and the story of the Bible School to the congregations. The tour will begin on June 5 at Tabor Lutheran Church, Webster, S. Dak., and will conclude some time in August.

Members of the team are Mary Kvanvig, Bagley, Minn.; Julie Dahlgren, Lake Park, Minn.; Anita Waddle and Sharon McCarlson, both of Webster, S. Dak.; Tom Fugleberg and Paul Syverson, both of Roseau, Minn.; Jim Lindgren, Concord, Nebr.; and John Hove, Rosemount, Minn.

After the stop at Webster, the caravan will go to Faith, S. Dak., and the West Coast where the churches of that district will be visited and the team will participate in the annual conference in Ferndale. Then it will be back to the Midwest for the remainder of the summer.

In addition to visiting local congregations and parishes, the Gospel caravan will visit Bible camps and will spend a week each at the Family Camp at Alexandria, Minn., and the Luther League Federation convention in Minneapolis, Minn.

LIFE

Life. And it's yours! You have the privilege of deciding what to do with it. How does God fit into the aurora of your life? That depends on what your relationship is with Him. But if you love Him, and really want to please Him, you'll find that the best way to accomplish this is by learning what He's given you in the Word. New direction for your daily life as well as the future can be achieved here at Bible School like nowhere else. The atmosphere allows you time to be still and know that He is God. Searching, trusting, learning, praying, opportunities to challenge your own faith and receive blessings by sharing the vitality of the Gospel with others. AFLBS has it. So it's your life—make it a fulfilled one for our gracious God!

Cindy Nesland '73

(Ed. Note: On June 3 Cindy will become Mrs. John Schlenk in Thief River Falls, Minn.)

AFLBS BANQUET HELD ON RIVERBOAT

The annual All-School Banquet for AFLBS was held on the Mississippi

HOMEGOING

The sadness that accompanies our end

Comes not alone; it is escorted by A greater joy and gladness which declare:

"For Christians nothing ever ends with death."

In lying down to sleep I end my day,

But I can never say I'm done with life.

Tomorrow morning I'll start work again

At other desks, in greener fields than these

Which now call forth my greatest efforts here.

There I'll recite God's mighty acts anew

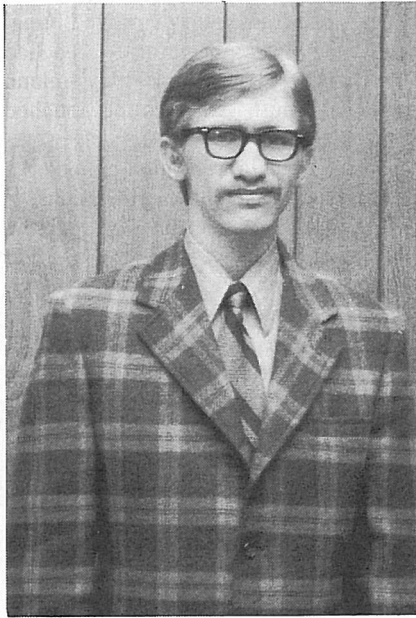
And, most of all, I'll live that endless age

In wonder that the Christ should die for me

And, dying, live that I might rise again.

Pastor Edward A. Johnson, LCA
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THE GRADUATES OF FREE LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, 1973



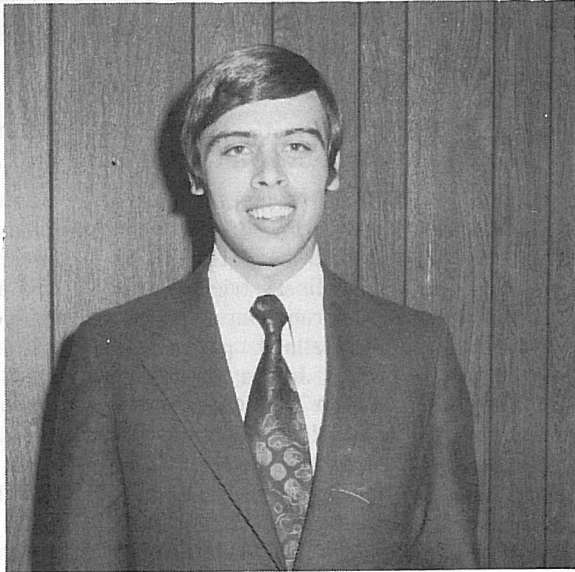
Philip J. Haugen
Home Town: Portland, N. Dak.
Called to St. Paul's Lutheran Church,
Fargo, No. Dak.
Ordination plans not yet announced



Ronald D. Knutson
Home Town: Brooten, Minn.
Called to the Mason-Drummond, Wis.,
Parish (Faith, Drummond, Moland)
To be ordained at Medicine Lake
Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minn.,
July 29



Kenneth Pentti
Home Town: Ishpeming, Mich.
Called to Lutheran Church, Bessemer,
Mich.
To be ordained at Hope Lutheran
Church, Ishpeming, July 1



Terry L. Olson
Home Town: Winger, Minn.
Called to Salem Lutheran Church,
Radcliffe, Ia.
To be ordained at Dovre Lutheran
Church, Winger, July 15



John C. Rieth
Home Town: Valley City, N. Dak.
Called to Ortley Lutheran Church,
Ortley, S. Dak.
To be ordained at Grace Lutheran
Church, Valley City, N. Dak., July 1

"Pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest" (Matthew 9:38)

Women For Christ

PENTECOST 1973

Mrs. Vernon R. Nelson
Grand Forks, N. Dak.

David Livingstone opened the door to Africa in December 1840. He moved across that great land for 30 years and died May 1, 1873. His Sunday School teacher once told him, "Make religion the every-day business of your life." With tenderness and love, native converts buried his heart under a tree and carried his body over a thousand miles to the African coast. Later his remains were laid to rest in Westminster Abbey in London.

Now, 100 years after his death, we are at Pentecost 1973. The Pentecost long ago, in Acts 2:39, reveals the powerful truth that led Livingstone and other missionaries like him through heartache and difficulties, "For the promise is unto **you**, and **your children**, and to **all** that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call."

David Livingstone's life revealed two attitudes, one toward himself and the other toward Christ: that the everyday business of his life was to live as a Christian in every possible way and, "I will place no value on anything I have except in relation to the Kingdom of God." He knew that the promise of God's redemption through Christ was a gift for all...even to those in distant lands. No personal discipline was too severe if it accomplished the goal of bringing that promise to a waiting world.

The Pentecost in Acts 2 saw the birth of the Church and, consequently, the modern mission program as we know it. Warren W. Webster said in his address to the Evangelical Foreign Mission Association in April, 1972,

"The Church was never intended to be self-centered; it is to be Christ-centered, with an outward rather than inward, orientation to the world for which He died."¹

Christ did die for all. Sunday after Sunday a living, active congregation sends forth witnesses into the community. There may be times when these witnesses cannot speak for Christ, but their Christian presence in any situation is the "conscience," or that influence for good that holds back the flood-tide of wickedness for a time. Other witnesses may send out the Gospel through distribution of Christian literature, sponsoring Christian radio programs, or sharing Christ through the written word. God has given others the ability to speak boldly and lead souls to a new-found faith in Jesus Christ. The important thing about Pentecost 1973 is to share Christ through whatever means Christ has given you!

Daily our newspapers, magazines, books, and Bible scholars remind us of the soon return of Jesus our Lord. Until Jesus comes, a harvest of souls lies ready before us. The population explosion indicates more souls yet to be won for Christ than at any other time; the Jews are searching spiritually and opening their hearts to Jesus; and China, that great giant, is once again beginning to open its doors to the Western world. In 1941, Augsburg Publishing House printed **Forward With Christ**. In the teacher's manual, chapter 35, a survey of a mission field report, listed that there were in China a total of 2,047 Sunday School pupils; 8,428 in Church membership; 321 Chinese workers and 64 missionaries in a field of 8,000,000 souls. These are old statistics, China

has for many years, been closed to the Gospel. Will this great land of the dragon become the land of the open door?

One hundred years after Livingstone, has Africa been totally reached for Christ? When will the vast inland areas of South America be touched by the Gospel?

Donald McGavran has called the next decade a "Sunrise of Missions."² As the sun rises each day we find ourselves either as part of the "field white unto harvest," as Jesus pointed to the vast numbers yet unsaved, or we are one of the "laborers sent into the harvest" to win others for Jesus.

How do you measure Pentecost 1973? Are you an active, outward witness for Jesus Christ? What is your attitude toward the whole world for which Jesus died? We know little about sacrifice others have made, and when we look up to Jesus, we must cry as they did at Pentecost, "What are we to do?" The Words of Peter still ring out loud and clear, "Repent."

1. Warren W. Webster, "The True Goal of Missions," *Christianity Today*, December 22, 1972, p.11.

2. C. Peter Wagner, "Fierce Pragmatism in Missions—Carnal or Consecrated?" *Christianity Today*, December 8, 1972, p. 13.

"GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD" THEME FOR WMF SPRING RALLY

"Ge ye into all the World" was the theme for the Women's Missionary Federation Spring Rally of the Minneapolis District held at Green Lake Lutheran Church, Spicer, Minn., Leslie Galland, pastor, April 10. Mrs. Carol James of Medicine Lake Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minn., opened the meeting with the reading of a tract called "Go" and led us in singing our theme song, "The Voice of God Is Calling."

Mrs. Norman Haugen read Mark 16:15 and offered the prayer. Mrs. Earl Jones gave the welcome. Mrs. Connelly Dyrud, Thief River Falls, Minn., sang "I'll Go Where You Want Me To Go." Chorus singing was led by Mrs. Dale Flickinger.

Missionary Connelly Dyrud brought the morning message entitled "Mis-

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editorials

WESTWARD HO!

Faces will be turned westward this summer for that is where the Annual Conference of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations will be held in 1973. The location, to be exact, is Triumph Lutheran Church, Ferndale, Washington.

The Lutheran Free Church had its annual meeting out West once, in 1951, at the old Bethany Lutheran Church in Seattle. Your editor was a seminary student in those days and we had to stay home and "mind the store" in the parish at Morris, Minn., while the pastor, Rev. A. H. Sevig, attended the conference. But the same spirit of adventure that was present then is around now as our church fellowship anticipates the assembly at Ferndale, June 13-17.

While our own contacts on the West Coast have been minimal, only once as far west as Portland and Seattle, there is some family connection with the area. After working briefly as a woodsman out of Tofte, Minn., and as a farm laborer around Clarkfield and Minneota, Minn., Father spent some of his early years in America, 1906-11, on the Coast. There, among other things, he attended Bethania College in Everett and helped lay some of the sidewalks in Seattle.

NOTICE OF MISSION CORPORATION MEETING

The Mission Corporation of the AFLC will meet for breakfast in the banquet room of the Cedars Cafe, Ferndale, Wash., on Friday, June 15, 1973, at 7:00 a.m. This will be the annual business meeting of the Corporation.

Roy Mohagen, Secretary

NOTICE OF SCHOOLS CORPORATION MEETING

The annual meeting of the Corporation of Free Lutheran Seminary will be held on June 14th at 6:00 p.m. at Johnson's Fine Foods Restaurant in Ferndale, Wash.

There must be a quorum present before business can be conducted.

Rev. David Molstre, Secretary

The Lutheran Free Church became involved in church work on the Coast early, before and at the turn of the century. Among the first organized were congregations at Silvana, Poulsbo and Everett in Washington and Bethany in Astoria in Oregon. The LFC had a strong fellowship out West at the time of the merger.

When the AFLC came into being, Calvary of Everett and Golgotha and First of Ferndale (now host Triumph Lutheran), were among the first to declare in favor of the AFLC. Our work on the West Coast is growing. There is really no limit to the possibilities for expansion if pastors and Home Mission aid were available. At present we have eight pastors working in Oregon and Washington.

The 1973 Annual Conference does not look as if it will contain many surprises or big issues. There is no presidential election, something that always generates more interest. The decision about building the boys' dorm at Bible School will likely have been made by the Board of Trustees before conference time, so that shouldn't be an issue. We don't know of any unusual proposals scheduled to come before conference.*

But we will be taking up the business of the church fellowship and this will be the first opportunity many of our people who live on the Coast will have had to participate and that in itself will be interesting. All of us from back East will be an encouragement to them and we will be enriched and stimulated through meeting the brethren on the western edge of our church.

Let us all pray much for Annual Conference, 1973. Pray for the leading of God's Holy Spirit. May the days of conference be rich ones in fellowship, in inspiration from the Word, and in challenge from the Lord of the Church.

*Since the editorial was written, it has become known that the Board of Trustees will seek further guidance from the Annual Conference concerning the proposed building of a boys' dorm at the Bible School.

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BUDGET RECEIPTS

February 1, 1973-April 30, 1973

	Proposed Yearly Budget	Current Budget	Total Received
General Fund	\$ 48,316.00	\$12,078.99	\$ 7,088.00
Schools	81,886.00	20,471.49	10,668.70
Home Missions	44,000.00	11,000.01	6,999.03
Foreign Missions	44,000.00	11,000.01	5,391.44
Praise Program	18,000.00	4,500.00	2,210.27
Total	\$236,202.00	\$59,050.50	\$32,357.44
Budget Last Year	\$251,563.00		\$40,636.53*
*Includes Special Debt Retirement Offering			
Legacies—\$103.37			
Dorm Fund			
Cash Receipts	\$86,265.77		
Unpaid Pledges	31,126.00		
Total	\$117,391.77		

**THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE
FOR THE 1973 ANNUAL
CONFERENCE**

Rev. Stephen Odegaard, Lacey, Wash.
Orville Qualley, Brockton, Mont.
Tilvert Iverson, Eagle Butte, S. Dak.
Rev. David C. Molstre, Thief River
Falls, Minn.
LaVerne Thompson, Blue Grass,
Minn.
Roy Quam, McIntosh, Minn.
Clifford Holm, Minneapolis, Minn.
Kenneth Pentti, Ishpeming, Mich.
Rev. L. C. Dynneson, Nogales, Ariz.

**OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED
AT THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

* designates incumbent

Vice-President (1-year term)

*Rev. Kenneth L. Anderson, McVile,
N. Dak.

(Having served three full terms, the
incumbent must receive a 3/4 majority
on the first ballot to be re-elected.)

Secretary (1-year term)

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

**NOMINATIONS BY THE
ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

* designates incumbent
(Elections by the respective corpora-
tions)

Co-ordinating Committee

(5-year term)
(Rev. Julius Hermunslie, Fergus
Falls, Minn., has served two full
terms and is not eligible for re-elec-
tion.)

Foreign Mission Board

(5-year term)
*Rev. Trygve F. Dahle, Tioga, N. Dak.

Home Mission Board

(5-year term)
*Eldor Sorkness, Sand Creek, Wis.

Board of Trustees, Schools

(Two 5-year terms)
*Amos Hinderaker, Radcliffe, Ia.
*Rev. Hans J. Tollefson, Eben Jct.,
Mich. (by appointment)

**ELECTIONS BY THE
ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

* designates incumbent

Stewardship Board

(5-year term)
*Rev. Marvin Undseth, Everett, Wash.

**Board of Publications and
Parish Education**

(5-year term)
*Mrs. Philip Dyrud, Minneapolis,
Minn.

Youth Board

(5-year term)
*Rev. R. Snipstead, Minneapolis,
Minn.

Board of Pensions

(5-year term)
*Stanley Block, Spicer, Minn.

Commission on Evangelism

(5-year term)
(The term of Haldor Hegg, McIntosh,
Minn., Harry Rorvig, Dalton, Minn.,
or Rev. Hans Tollefson, Eben Jct.,
Mich. expires.)

**SEMINARY CORPORATION
(SCHOOLS)**

The Nominating Committee of the
Annual Conference will present two
(2) names for every vacancy on the
Schools Corporation. Nominations
may also be made from the floor.
The Corporation elects its own mem-
bers. Members of the Board of
Trustees must come from the mem-
bership of the Corporation. Failure
to be re-elected to the Corporation
while serving on the Board of Trustees
automatically excludes one from
membership on the Board. Here is
the present membership.

* denotes Board member

Terms expire in 1973:

Rev. Kenneth L. Anderson, Radcliffe,
Ia.
Mrs. Robert Bursheim, Winger,
Minn.
Rev. A. L. Hokonson, Spokane,
Wash.
*Raymond Jacobson, Minneapolis,
Minn.
R. Martin Konsterlie, Willmar, Minn.
Rev. Robert L. Lee, Valley City, N.
Dak.
*Howard Lieder, Minneapolis, Minn.
Rev. David C. Molstre, Thief River
Falls, Minn.
Rev. R. Snipstead, Minneapolis,
Minn.
*Rev. Hans J. Tollefson, Eben Jct.,
Mich.

Terms expire in 1974:

Ernest Hegre, Northwood, N. Dak.
Rev. Raynard Huglen, Minneapolis,
Minn.
Philip Grothe, Thief River Falls,
Minn.
Rev. Orville Olson, McIntosh, Minn.
Kenneth Rolf, McIntosh, Minn.
*Amos Hinderaker, Radcliffe, Ia.
Jacob Ullestad, Story City, Ia.
George Johnson, Eben Jct. Mich.
Howard Johnson, Astoria, Ore.
Rev. Karl Stendal, Ontonagon,
Mich.

Terms expire in 1975:

Rev. Dale Battleson, Pukwana, S.
Dak.
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can also be made from the floor.
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This ends the section in the Book of Acts which tells about the churches in Jerusalem, Judaea and Samaria. We have seen the Church founded, tested, strengthened and increased. There have been martyrs for the faith they professed. There were great milestones reached in this early Church. We have seen the first part of Acts 1:8 fulfilled. In the following lessons we shall learn that the "Good News" of the Gospel will be carried to the "uttermost parts of the earth."

15. Three men are mentioned in the final verse of this chapter; who are they?

16. Paul emerges and enters the picture again. Who went to seek him and where was he found? 11:25, 26

17. Up and until this time the disciples and followers of Christ were called "of the way." What new name are they given in 11:26?

In the past lessons we have seen how the Gospel was beginning to be preached to the Gentiles, and that Saul, who was to become the apostle to the Gentiles, had been converted. He had been prepared for a great work, and made "fit for the Master's use." His name was changed from Saul (Jewish name meaning—"desired one") to its nearest Latin (Roman) equivalent of Paul (meaning little). The new name may have been suggested by his littleness of stature.

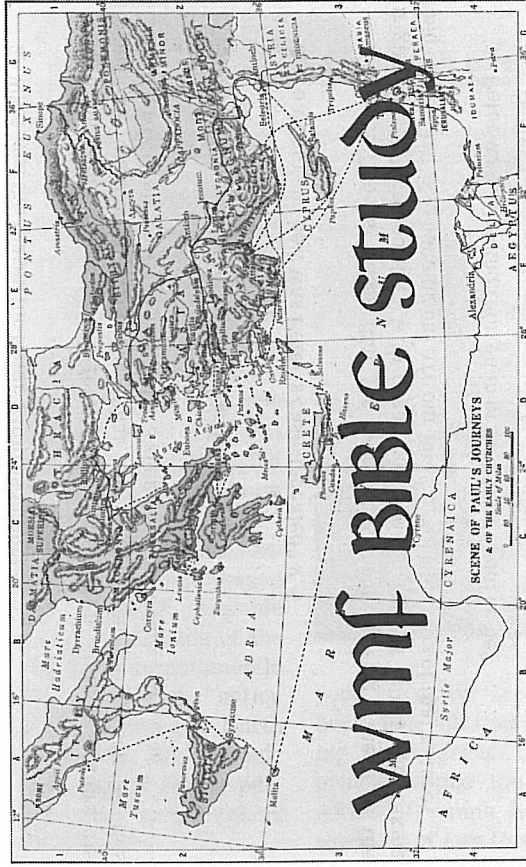
18. What does Paul say about himself in I Cor. 15:9?

19. Take note of verse 24.

May we make the words of the following lines our very own prayer:

Heavenly Spirit, all others transcending,
 Thou who with Father and Son dost abide!
 Come Thou, our spirits in unity blending,
 Come and make ready the heavenly bride!
 Calling and gathering and Jesus declaring,
 Building God's Church, shedding light from above,
 Come, O Thou Spirit of God, never tiring,
 Come and interpret God's wonderful love.

Johan Nordahl Brun



STUDIES IN THE BOOK OF ACTS

Lesson 6

June 1973

PERSECUTION AND DELIVERANCE

Read Chapter 12

This chapter tells how the Church was ready to undertake the task of evangelizing the Gentile world. Thus far the Church had witnessed only in Jerusalem, Judaea and Samaria, with Peter as the main leader. The church had broadened. This chapter also deals with further persecution of the Church, which was instigated by King Herod Agrippa I. He had courted the good will and favor of the Jews, especially their religious leaders, by attempting to follow their customs. We see the hatred these Jews had for the believers and their opposition to the preaching of the Gospel. In spite of ill-treatment, God's protection and deliverance is evident.

The Jews were rejecting Christ as they had rejected Him and His preaching in the earlier years; and their religious leaders were shutting the door for themselves and for most of the people. The Gentiles were beginning to welcome Christ.

1. Which of the three Jameses was killed, and how did he meet his death?

2. What effect did this have upon the Jews?

3. What was the reason for Peter's imprisonment?

4. Four "quaternions" were four shifts of four men, sixteen soldiers, relieving one another at intervals. What may have been the reason for this heavy guard? (Refer back to 5:17-24 for a suggested answer.)

5. How long was Peter to be imprisoned?

6. To whom and how was Peter's case appealed? v. 5

Keith L. Brooks states that the words "without ceasing" mean in the original, "stretched-out-ly," with great intensity. Prayer is not only taking hold of God, but also hanging on. Are our intercessory prayers of that nature?

7. Peter was calm and relaxed in prison. How could he be?

(a) Psalm 4:8

(b) John 21:18

8. There is a promise that every Christian can claim when besieged by trouble and there seems to be no way of escape. See. Ps. 34:7.

9. Trace each step in Peter's deliverance.

10. What did Peter think about all of this? v. 9

11. The angel left and Peter "came to himself." What did he mean by "the thing"? v. 12

12. Peter was led to the home of Mary, the mother of Mark. (This is the Mark who wrote the Gospel and who became one of Paul's co-workers.)

(a) What were the people doing in this home?

(b) Why did Peter go there? v. 17

(c) Is a house of prayer commendable?

The fellowship of God's people becomes dearer when for a time one is separated from them by the evil attempts of unbelievers.

(d) How was he accepted at first?

Peter's deliverance was clear evidence that no government can destroy the true Church while it attempts to undermine it with trials and harassment. To whom did Peter give the glory? v. 17

Peter left to hide in an unknown place. Tradition tells us he traveled among the cities and churches to which his epistles are addressed, until he arrived in Rome. There he was made bishop of the church, and it was there he suffered martyrdom under Nero, being crucified with his head down. Peter boldly preached the Gospel of the living Christ, emphasizing the joy of following Him. He loved and adored his Master, the Lord Jesus Christ. Among the twelve apostles, a more lovable man could not be found. God had shown Peter that the Gospel was for the Gentiles as well as the Jews, and that the wall of separation must be broken down.

The door of the Gospel had been opened to the Jews at Pentecost when Peter had used the "keys of the kingdom." Later, in the home of Cornelius he had put the key in the door that had been locked to the Gentiles and opened it.

In verse 12:23 we again read about King Herod and the judgment which befell him. He was judged by God, not so much for his persecution of the Church, but for another reason. What was it? v. 21-23

Read Proverbs 16:18

13. How did God smite Herod?

Josephus, a historian of that period, also writes about Herod's death. He tells that the king was smitten with a pain in the inward parts; that worms consumed him while yet alive; and that this agony continued for five days until death came.

14. What was happening to the Church during this period?

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NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	**PRICE RANGE (\$)	DIST FR CHURCH (Mi)	*TYPE OF HOUSING	BLOCKS AVAIL.
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Bay Center Resort	8050 Harbor View Rd. Blaine, Wash.	332-6124	7-9	14	3	
City Center Motel	2419 NoWest Ave. Bellingham, Wash.	733-2330	9-18	9	1	X
Leopold Hotel	1224 Cornwall Ave Bellingham, Wash.	733-3500	8-19	14	1	X
Key Motel	212 Samish Way Bellingham, Wash.	733-4060	12-18	15	1	
Motel '6'	3701 Byron St. Bellingham, Wash.	734-6940	6-10	15	1	
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Scottish Lodge	P. O. Box 997 Ferndale, Wash.	384-4040	12-22	2	1	X
Shamrock	4133 W. Maplewood Bellingham, Wash	733-9754	9-13	7	1	X
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**Prices as of Feb., 1973, subject to change.

*(1) Motel (2) Campsite (3) Cabins at Birch Bay Resort

"MOTELS"

If motel accommodations will be your means of housing during the conference, the above are recommended. Each motel has eating facilities within one to two blocks, and all request you make your reservations at least one month in advance. If there will be groups of delegates that would like to stay together, those noted above will offer blocks of rooms where indicated.

"CAMPSITES"

These sites include both trailer and tent accommodations, and will cost \$3.00 to \$4.00 per night depending on hookups required. In the state park, there are 126 sites for tents, small trailers, or campers; and 53 sites for trailers or campers. Starting in mid May, you may reserve sites by calling toll free 800-562-8200.

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The cabins available at Birch Bay Resort are very cozy and rent from \$7.00 to \$10.00 per night, depending on the amount of people. These are self-contained units and include facilities for cooking. However, you must furnish your own bedding and dishes.

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In addition to the above, there will also be private housing available with members of Triumph. There is no charge for this housing. However, please note this on your application so we can make proper arrangements.

"RESERVATIONS"

You may contact any of the above directly, or send your application with a dollar deposit to the attention of the "Conference Housing Committee," c/o Gordon Pederson, 782 Malloy Road, Ferndale, Washington 98248. We will arrange for your housing, meeting any desires you request on the application, and return a confirmation back to you. In case of any difficulties; we will advise you immediately. Please indicate person to contact, address, and phone number.

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sion Equation" and read Mark 16:15 and 12:30-31 as his texts. The equation, he said, comes from the first letters of the words God and Others, GO. In Brazil, where he and his wife have been working, the illiteracy rate is being pushed down. The Communists are dedicated in their ministry of spreading evil and we need to be as devout in spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ. One way of doing this is through the tract and bookstore ministry which the WMF helps to support. If we can get our minds off ourselves and turn them over to Christ, then our minds will be on Him and we will follow Him, he said. The people in Brazil are anxious to hear the Word of God. There is a desire to press on into the countries of Paraguay and Argentina with the Gospel, too, Pastor Dyrud declared.

After the message, the audience sang "I Love To Tell the Story." This was followed by the business meeting. It was decided to give the morning offering to Home Missions and the afternoon one to Foreign Missions. The following officers were elected: Mrs. Norman Haugen, Murdock, sec-

retary; Mrs. Roger Rasmussen, Pen-nock, cradle roll secretary; Mrs. Alvin Grothe, Stacy, My Missionary for a Day secretary; and Mrs. John Strand, Mrs. Gary Lott and Mrs. Eldon Kinnunen, nominating committee. Pastor Galland gave the closing prayer.

The afternoon session opened with the singing of the hymn "Take My Life and Let It Be." Mrs. Grothe led in devotions, reading from 1 John 3. A vocal duet from Zion Lutheran in Willmar sang "So Send I You." Pastor Dyrud led in a Bible study on Matt. 25:31-46. Does going to church mean that one is a Christian? he asked. No. It doesn't help to work in the church if one is not saved, he said, for that is mere "churchianity." But unless everyone in your community can testify for the Lord, there's work to be done, he told the group.

Mrs. Dyrud gave a report on a typical day in Brazil and answered questions. She voiced a request for a commercial stove for the Bible school and seminary at Campo Mourao. A motion was entertained and passed that the District send \$100.00 to Mrs. Eletson, WMF treasurer, to hold in trust until enough has been received to buy said

stove. There will be an announcement printed in the **Ambassador** to make this need known to the churches of the AFLC (see the previous **Ambassador** for announcement).

The afternoon offering was received. The song with which the rally had opened was again sung. Pastor Galland gave the closing prayer and benediction. Coffee was served by the church women, after which the ladies departed for their homes and I am certain that they went with a new zest and zeal for the Lord's work. Yes, the fields are white unto harvest. 126 persons had registered for the day.

Mrs. Norman Haugen, Secretary

MEMORIAL DAY

The spring has come in all its wealth.
The flowers make mockery of death.
Yet one loved lies the earth beneath
The silent tribute of our wreath.
Sharp memories of voice and face
That all life's years cannot erase
Come flooding back, yet sharper still
The wonder of the Father's will
That through the parting and the pain
We know that we will meet again.

Marlene Moline

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Price range \$ _____ day.

Date you plan to arrive _____ for _____ nights.

Remarks: _____

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BUS FOR NOGALES ON HAND

A beautiful Dodge 12-passenger bus in the latest orange color has arrived in Ferndale. Yes, the Nogales Bus is here and it looks great. Our latest report to the Association stated we did not know when we would be able to secure a bus due to the fact that a 90- to 120-day period would be required when ordering a bus. We let the Lord take care of it all and a local dealer was able to make a trade with a dealer in the Seattle area so we could get the bus without the long waiting period. Our original goal was to have this bus at the Conference for the Dynnesons and now we have it.

Many of you who have sent in coupons probably have wondered if it was worth it all. We can assure you, it was a thrill to ride in the bus for the first time and take it to the church in Ferndale. **Thank you** for all you have done so far. We are extending our project way up until the Conference. At the present time, we do not have all the money or coupons necessary, but we are going on faith that the way will be found to complete the payments. We would appreciate all the coupons and cash donations you can spare. There possibly will be a free-will debt reduction collection at the Conference.

The Purchasing Committee consisted of Project Chairman Mrs. Don Nelson; Alf Berg; and myself. We are licensing the bus in Arizona, all taxes will be paid, etc. I'm sure you all agree there should be no financial burdens to the Nogales Mission when the bus is presented to them.

The address for coupons and donations is the same:

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POWER OF PRAYER

Nobody knows the Power of Prayer,
But somebody must be listening there
With a friendly ear for the heart
that calls,
Someone who knows when a sparrow
falls.

Miracles lie in the Power of Prayer,
Faith that can banish the soul's
despair;
Hope that can shine like a holy light
And brighten the spirit's darkest
night.

When earthly help is of no avail,
There is one Friend who will never
fail.
Just lift your eyes, the answer is
there,
For nobody knows the Power of
Prayer.

Mick Kenny

(Ed. Note: The above poem was
found among the belongings of the
late Marion Hellekson and was for-
warded to us by Mrs. Roy Mohagen,
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