

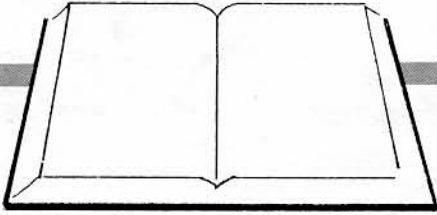
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Rev. John P. Strand
Resigns as President
of the AFLC
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According to the Word

DO WE NEED ANY HELP ON THE FIRST ONE?

In Exodus, chapter 20, we have the Ten Commandments. The very first one is given to us in verses two and three: "I am the Lord thy God . . . thou shalt have no other gods before me." Jesus gave us this commandment anew in a sort of interpretive commentary, saying: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment" (Matt. 22:37, 38). I like what Mark brings out in his recording of similar words of Christ on another occasion, in which Jesus adds: "and with all thy strength . . ." (Mk. 12:30).

A lot of people used to pride themselves in keeping the Ten Commandments, or in at least trying to do so. Perhaps there is very little concern for this in our day, but, at any rate, it might be helpful for each of us to see if we need any help on even the very first one. The Bible has a good deal to say about love toward God and perhaps even more to say about the love of God. Then it also gets down to the very human level of telling us we must express love toward man. "The second is like unto it, thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself" (Matt. 22:39).

Can we love God, or even man, for that matter, by our own sheer will-power? Luther tried it for many years in a monastery and ended up crying out that he hated God for demanding so much of him and convicting him so constantly of his sin. Then through searching the New Testament Luther saw the Gospel, the promises of God to love, to forgive and to save those who don't even love Him, through the blood of His Son, Jesus Christ. He had come upon the great Holy Spirit-given truth of I Jn. 4:10: "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation (covering) for our sins."

Now, certainly one who has not come to Christ and asked Him to forgive sin and come into his life cannot love God; for to love God is not an exercise of the will, it is rather a gift of His Spirit. But do you think one can love God by his own effort after one has become a Christian?

Consider this selection:

PATIENCE is love on the anvil,
bearing blow after blow of suffering.

ZEAL is love in the harvest field,
never tiring of toil.

MEEKNESS is love in company,
when it vaunteth not itself.

PERSEVERANCE is love on a

journey, pressing on with unflagging step toward the end.

JOY is love making its own sunshine, where others see nothing but gloom.

POWER is love driving the soul's chariot wheels over all opposition.

GENTLENESS is nothing but love in her own sweet voice and charming manner.

—Sawdust Trail

The words of this selection may help us to see that even as Christians we cannot love in our own strength. Paul said it this way: "If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit" (Gal. 5:25). So the truth comes home to us, we cannot love enough to be saved, so we cannot by ourselves love even after we are saved. Yes, we need help on the Commandments, even on the first one. "But the fruit of the Spirit is love. . . ." (Gal. 5:22).

Shall we not pray for help on the first one? Shall we not pray every day for **LOVE**, the love of God shed abroad in our hearts? Let us seek His help daily in this, brethren. It will make a world of difference and you can rest assured the world will see the difference.

John H. Abel

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Rev. John P. Strand Resigns As Association President: Church Must Elect New Leader at Cloquet

Rev. John P. Strand, the only president the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations has had, resigned that office by means of a letter, dated May 12, to the pastors and congregations of the church.

He cited a weariness with the burdens of the position and his love of the parish ministry as his reasons for leaving office a year short of completing his third three-year term. In addition he served from the time of the Organizational Conference in October, 1962, to the first regular conference in June, 1963.

Mr. Strand served parishes at Grafton, N. Dak., and Tioga, N. Dak., before becoming president of the AFLC. He is a graduate of Augsburg College and Augsburg Theological

Seminary, both of Minneapolis, Minn., and was ordained into the ministry of the Lutheran Free Church.

A native of Carpio, N. Dak., Pastor Strand is married to the former Millie Thorsgaard of Northwood, N. Dak. The couple resides at 3641 Flag Avenue North, Minneapolis, and has three sons, Steven, in military service, Michael, a student at the University of Minnesota, and John, at home.

Mr. Strand announced in his letter of resignation that he will accept a call from a parish. The office year of the church ends on Oct. 1, and he is expected to serve until that time.

The election of a new president will take place on Thursday, June 10, during the Annual Conference in Cloquet, Minn.

A GREETING FROM THE HOST PASTOR TO CONFERENCE DELEGATES

II Thess. 1:3-4

As pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, the host congregation for this year's annual convention of our AFLC, I want to say, "Welcome, in the Name of Jesus Christ, to our City of Wood Industries." Our people are delighted to have the convention here the second time in our AFLC's

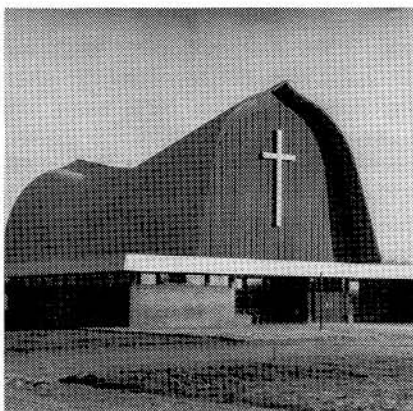
short history. They are desirous of showing the same warm, Christian hospitality shown delegates at the preceding convention held here. We, as a congregation, are indeed happy to be a congregation in the AFLC and we do thank your Lord for the doctrinal stand of our Association as well as the warm Christian fellowship which we have experienced since joining the group some six years ago.

If there is anything which we can

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Rev. Herbert L. Franz
Pastor, St. Paul's Lutheran Church



St. Paul's Lutheran Church
1971 Conference Site

INVITATION TO THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

God is continuing to reveal His blessings on the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations. The work of the congregations has been blessed, as has the work of our institutions and missions. Each year we meet together in conference to plan the work we do together as autonomous congregations. This year that meeting will be in Cloquet, Minnesota.

Every Annual Conference is an important conference. Our corporate work is so important for every congregation and member. This year's conference will have perhaps greatest significance in the area of elections. It will be the responsibility of this conference to elect a president, a vice-president, and a secretary, besides several to corporation and board memberships. Also, which is more unusual, the deans for the Bible School and the Seminary will be elected.

Fellowship is so important to the Kingdom of God. Through our conferences a warm fellowship is built up among our congregations, and the individual members of the various congregations. This is always a blessed experience.

Prayer is the key to all blessing. Let us be in humble prayer that God might of His Grace and Mercy bless us with another wonderful Annual Conference. Please come to Cloquet with a prayer in your heart to do God's will, and to be guided by His Spirit.

Sincerely in Christ,
Pastor John P. Strand
President, Association of Free
Lutheran Congregations

NOTICE OF MEETING

The Mission Corporation of the AFLC will hold its annual business meeting at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Cloquet, Minnesota, on Friday, June 11, 1971. This will be a breakfast meeting at 7:00 a.m.

Roy Mohagen, Secretary

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do to make your stay with us an enjoyable one, don't be afraid to call on any of us. Our prayer is that the Lord will bless every service, every session, every committee meeting and every decision which will be rendered at this convention. May the Spirit of Oneness be manifest in every session because He is there.

Sincerely in Christ,
Herbert L. Franz, pastor
St. Paul's Lutheran Church

I took his hand



IN THE SHADOW OF THE CROSS

"He hath not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us after our iniquities" (Ps. 103:10)... His was a long, drawnout case. He had been sick almost a year, practically all of that time in the hospital. Several times he had been near death. At the beginning of his illness he had been quite unapproachable on spiritual matters, often responding with a cool: "That is a private matter." On the other hand, as soon as we started talking about his business he was quite interested and enthusiastic.

While at the hospital he became acquainted with a fellow-patient who later died. This made a deep impression on him. He became more receptive to spiritual things and expressed hope that he would be happy in the hereafter, that God would hear his prayers and accept his faith. "If I could only be sure that I have the right faith..." he would say longingly.

One day later I chanced to see a Catholic priest set a crucifix on a table in front of a woman patient. It so happened that just then a sunbeam fell on the crucifix so that the upper part, especially the thorn-crowned head, gave a radiant reflection of the sunlight. It was a beautiful sight. My eyes shifted to the elderly woman the priest was visiting and lo—on her sighing breast I saw in clear outline the shadow of the Cross!

"There is the secret!" I thought. "Set forth the Cross of Christ in the light of Scripture so that sinners will experience its power streaming out upon their hearts."

I tried accordingly to impress both the shadows and the radiance of the cross upon my sick friend's heart: "The wages of sin is death but the free gift of God is eternal life in Jesus, our Lord" (Rom. 6:23). "God commendeth his own love toward us in that while we were yet sinners

Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8). "He bare our sins in his body upon the tree, that we, having died unto sins, might live unto righteousness; by whose stripes ye were healed" (I Peter 2:24). "I said I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin" (Ps. 32:5). "Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered" (Ps. 32:1).

In due time he began to feel dissatisfied with himself, his "faith" and his prayers. A fear overtook him: "I don't believe the good Lord will cast me out, because all my life I have tried to do what was right and good, but..." He could not say any more. I could see that his life structure was beginning to crumble.

The next time I came he was in a very unhappy frame of mind. "Now I feel quite helpless," he said. "I have been a great sinner all my life, with no one knowing it. One of my friends who visited me here yesterday thought I was losing my mind when I told him that I needed to become a new man. He did not seem to understand. I have been blind, but now I see what I have been like—inside." He pointed to his heart.

Today he wanted communion. I began by reading Psalm 103. When we came to the tenth verse, he wanted it repeated several times and in this way: "He hath not dealt with me after my sins, not rewarded me after my iniquities." This verse came like a wonderful ray of light. He experienced what is recorded in Psalm 34: "They looked unto him, and were radiant; and their faces shall never be confounded. This poor man cried, and Jehovah heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles."

Wm. Hagen

Ed. Note: The biographical sketch of the late Pastor Wm. Hagen will be concluded in the next issue of the **Ambassador**.

NOMINATIONS RECEIVED FOR DEAN POSITIONS

The following nominations were received in response to the call for the same. The Board of Trustees and full-time faculty of the Schools, concurring, will be presenting these nominations to the Annual Conference for election.

Dean of the Seminary
Rev. Amos O. Dyrud

Dean of the Bible School
Rev. R. Snipstead

Rev. E. J. Langness, Chairman
Rev. Raynard Huglen, Secretary
Board of Trustees



In Memoriam

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

MINNESOTA
Minneapolis

Mrs. Raymond Lind, 60, April 9,
Morgan Avenue

Doran

Mr. Carl Christenson, 80,
April 5, Stiklestad

The Lutheran Ambassador

A Baccalaureate Sermon

THE INVESTMENT OF A LIFE

by Rev. A. L. Hokonson
Osseo, Minn.

"Thus saith the Lord: Behold, I set before you the way of life, and the way of death" (Jer. 21:8).

When God created the world, that was poetry; He formed it, and that was sculpture; He colored it and varied it, and that was painting; and then, crowning His work, He peopled it, and that was **drama**.

This drama is being repeated over and over again in each one of you and among them is **your life**. This drama unfolds as you graduate and continue your education or go into your life's work. It becomes a tremendous challenge. Just as you have had disappointments and success in your high school career, so you will experience the same, checkered throughout your lifetime. You may lose many battles, but make sure that the final victory is yours.

Your motto, "With the light of Today, we will explore the path of Tomorrow," is very commendable. You have received some light on many subjects, which should lead you into profitable explorations for tomorrow. This light that you have received in your studies is summed up in the words of Jesus Christ, "I am the light of the world, he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life" (John 8:12). You will find that the light you have, the additions, the multiplications and the subtractions, are summed up in Him who as also the Word says, "All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made" (John 1:3). You have not been alone in your high school career. There have been many investments made in your life. Your parents have a deep investment of love, shown in time, care and financial burdens. Your teachers and pastors each have an investment of instruction and prayer and help in your life. Your school and church and your community each have an investment in your life. And also your nation has an investment in you as an individual. But above all, your Savior, Jesus Christ, has an investment, as was

read in the Scripture Reading (Phil. 1:3-11). And so tonight, I would like to share with you a few thoughts on "The Investment Of A Life." This investment is the most important step that you must make to insure success.

I. The Principle Must Be Safe

Life is a gift from God. He used your parents to give it to you. Your life, a gift from God, is being cheapened on the screen, degraded by unbelief, and secularized by money. But it is still the gift of God. Your life is before you. It is yours to invest as you will, but remember your parents, your teachers, your pastors, your school, church and community have invested some shares, which makes you honor-bound to consider them, and above all, your Savior Jesus Christ. When you wish to invest some money and you go to your banker for advice, you are concerned first that your money, the principle, is SAFE. We who have been in touch with you these many years are also concerned, your parents and teachers, etc. They want assurance that the principle, your life, is safe. What joy in later years when you meet them, and they find that the inherent possibilities in you have blossomed and been blessed, and have brought forth fruit. I have a precious memory of meeting my first grade teacher some twenty years ago and I still can see her interest in the progress of her pupil.

Let me give you some examples of men, gifted men, who were termed successful by the world, but with whom the principle of the gift of life was not safe. They lost the final battle and victory. Upton Sinclair, Pulitzer prize winner, who has written some eighty books, with more than a thousand translations of his works in some sixty languages, has written a book called, **The Cup Of Fury**. It is rightly named. In it, he lists the names of seventy-five prominent men and women in literary work, thirty of them known to most Americans and a dozen of them known throughout the world as literary geniuses. But their lives were distorted by alcoholic poisoning. Among them Jack London, Sherwood Anderson, Sinclair Lewis, O'Henry, Theodora Duncan, Eugene Debs and Peter Dunn.

No writer in our century has known greater acclaim than Jack London, writer of **Call of the Wild**, **Sea Wolf**, **White Fang** and many others. Admired by serious literary critics, sociologists and philosophers, he had legions of friends who sympathized and sought to help him. But to no avail. In 1913, London published a book entitled **Jack Barlycorn**. It is a story of his wild drinking, beginning, incredibly, at the age of five and continuing for some thirty years. At the age of forty he took his own life. Three years before his suicide, he wrote, "I will drink, oh more skillfully, more discreetly than before." He died a drunkard. How pitiful! What power Satan can wield over an individual's life! The investment of the wonderful talents that God had bestowed upon him had not been made safe. Where is he now? You answer.

Sherwood Anderson, 1876-1941, who was a writer about life in the middle west, was a thwarted personality, yet a gifted man. Anderson died at sea in a drunken stupor. One writer described him as a wearied animal going off to an unfamiliar place to die. Another gifted man who loved to write and who is known to millions through his books is O'Henry. His real name was Wm. Sidney Porter. His is a tragic story of frustration through alcoholism. He had to be watched and sobered up to write. Another was Stephen Crane, 1871-1900, who wrote the novel **The Red Badge of Courage**. He died a drunkard at the age of 29. Sinclair Lewis, 1885-1951, the author of **Main Street**, **Babbitt** and **Arrowsmith**, and many others, is another man of great talents with whom the investment of a life was not safe. He would drink publicly. His friends knew him as the "Mad Drinker." He made a public spectacle of himself. Because of physical stamina, he lived to be 66. He died a terrible death in an alcoholic delirium. Upton Sinclair pictures these associates of his in the writing field graphically in his book as men of great gifts, yet losing the principle of life.

The Lord's prophet, Jeremiah, said to his people, "I set before you the way of life and the way of death." You must do the choosng. There have

been many men and women with whom the principle of life was safe. We all could name many. But it is the one with the great talents and with whom the principle was not safe that makes the headlines and is the lesson for all of us. Knowledge, like timber, must be seasoned to be of use. This seasoning often comes through great tribulation and sorrow. Let me give you one example of a great character with whom the principle was safe and he reaped a great reward. I am thinking of that great musical genius, Beethoven. Beethoven, at the age of 32, wrote, "For six years I have been a hopeless case, cheated year after year by the hope of improvement. I am deaf. How can I endure an infirmity in the one sense which should have been more perfect in me than in others! O Providence, grant me at least one day of pure joy; it is so long since real joy echoed in my heart." That prayer was made in 1802. A great musical genius had opened his heart to God. Twenty-four years later, Beethoven was standing on the stage in the theater at Vienna. A vast audience rose to applaud him at the first performance of his Ninth Symphony. Beethoven stood silently. He could not hear a word. Twenty-four years after his prayer to God, he was able to compose a symphony symbolizing the spirit of JOY. Not because his deafness was cured; he was more cut off than ever. It was what happened within him that made the difference. This is just one example of one with whom the principle of life was safe. Our biographies tell us of many more. Make the principle of your life safe and sure with Jesus Christ as your Lord. Not only must the Principle be safe, but

II. The Interest Must Be Right

It was Goethe who said, "Talent develops itself in solitude, character in the streams of life." The interest depends on **you**. When I speak of interest, I am not only thinking of tangible things, but also its meaning to others. Your life is in constant touch with **others**. And so the way you invest your life affects others. The interest, for example, of your teachers' lives or that of your parents is **WHAT YOU DO WITH YOUR LIFE**. If the principle is **secure**, you

will begin to draw interest. Let me illustrate: In Lev. 19:9, the Lord speaks of the concern that we should have for others. He speaks about the unreaped corners. "And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not wholly reap the corners of the field." In other words, they were to leave some for the gleaners, the poor who lived upon such sustenance. In your career, you will touch others who are just in the gleaning stage of life. So some of your corners left for those not so successful as you, can be a blessing for them. You are now in the gleaning stage, reaping where others have sown.

Or take the example of Samuel. I Sam. 3:15: "And Samuel opened the doors of the house of Israel." Maybe your task for a time will be like that of Samuel, just a doorkeeper in the house of the Lord (janitor). I think David was thinking of Samuel when he said, "I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness." Notice that God spoke to Samuel as a doorkeeper. Sometimes our **duties** are in strange contrast to our **VISION**. And yet **OUR VISION MUST NEVER KEEP US FROM OUR DUTIES**. Yes, the interest must be right. God says in Ps. 51:6, "Thou desirest truth in the inward parts." That is what Beethoven had and brought forth fruit. Today, we live in an age of great insincerity on the part of men and nations. Why is this so and what has brought it about? It is because of the fierce struggle for existence, the increasing power of lower standards, the great change that is coming over society because of it. Because of this situation we find also that mankind is faced with the ensuing curse, which is seen in the robbing of life of its dignity, distorting character, and the resulting sapping and undermining of good influence. The only cure for this is reverence for ourselves, faith in God and fellowship with Christ.

III. That Christian Love May Grow

Martin Luther once made this statement, "A Christian is a most perfect lord, subject to no one. A Christian is a most perfect servant, subject to everyone." This is a truth based on the Word of God which we all need

to take seriously. We owe it to God, to our fellowmen and to ourselves to develop that which the Lord has given to us, our gifts. There is a Spanish proverb which says, "God gives food to the birds, but He does not put it in their beaks." I think of this in these categories: 1) To avail yourself of opportunities. 2) To do. and 3) To be. Take the example of the squirrel. He prepares for winter months by gathering and storing his food. In so doing he is taking an inventory instantly of his resources. He knows his weaknesses and so also his need. When I think of **DOING** with a look to the future, I think of Wm. Carey, the great missionary to India. While preparing for this work, he cobbled shoes in England. While doing this he never wavered in his purpose of becoming a missionary. And then if we are "To Be" we find from experience that giving is living. Only that which you give back to the world are you able to possess. Let me illustrate. Think of the beautiful sunbeam! Its seven prismatic colors are red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, and violet. All seven colors fall at once on the blade of grass, which says, "I will take the green and give it back to the world." The other six disappear. The seven colors fall upon the rose which says, "I will take the red and give it back to the world." Only that which it gives back to the world is it able to possess. The sunbeam falls upon another flower, white, and here the miracle of complete self-expression occurs for it takes all the seven colors and gives them back to the world in **PUREST WHITE**. It gives all. This is the miracle that the Lord wants to do for you. He gave Himself on the Cross for you. And so He could say, "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow. Though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool!" (Isa. 1:18). In the making of white paper, the manufacturer can take rags of any color except red and make pure white paper. But he cannot use red. But our Lord can take your sins, though they be red like crimson, and make them as white as snow. What a wonderful assurance that is to us **SINNERS**. You give your life to the Lord Jesus and He will

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THE DRUMMOND-MASON FREE LUTHERAN PARISH

The Drummond-Mason Free Lutheran Parish is a relatively new parish in the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations. It is made up of three churches: the Drummond Lutheran Church, Faith Lutheran Church of West Mason and Moland Lutheran Church, east of Mason. This parish is located in the northern-most portion of the state of Wisconsin, with a part of it lying in the beautiful Chequamegon National Forest.

This area has a colorful history that is closely tied to the logging camps and lumber mills that were found throughout the area. The first Lutheran pastor of which there is any record, Rev. N. E. Brink, visited this area as early as 1884 and served as a mission pastor among the Swedish Lutherans of northern Wisconsin.



Drummond-Mason Parish Parsonage in Drummond, Wis.

After him, Rev. J. D. Nelsonius visited and preached the Gospel throughout the Mason area while he pastored the Swedish Lutheran Church in the nearby city of Ashland. A short time later the Rev. J. H. Grotheim took up residence in Ashland, serving both as pastor of the Nidaros Congregation, later of the Lutheran Free Church, and as a home mission pastor in the Mason area from 1887-1894.

When Rev. Henning Yderstad accepted the call as pastor to the Nidaros Congregation in Ashland, he became very interested in the area east of Mason and continued visitation and preaching of the Gospel there.

DRUMMOND LUTHERAN CHURCH

Unlike the other churches of the parish, which are located in the country, Drummond Lutheran Church stands in the center of what is today a resort community in the Chequamegon National Forest, some 20 miles south of Mason. This community came into existence because of a large number of the former inhabitants who had made their living working in the great forests of this area. Today, during the hunting and fishing season, Drummond is host to many visitors. Any Sunday service during the summer months finds Drummond Lutheran Church being visited by friends and strangers alike who are camping in the area.

In order to spread the Gospel among the lumbermen, Rev. Yderstad turned his attention to this community in 1894, conducting services

in the Norwegian language until he retired from this congregation in 1926.

On June 21, 1891, the Independent Order of Good Templars, a non-alcoholic society, was formed in Drummond. A building was erected in the year 1894, and was used for a number of years for public gatherings. Later the building was turned over to the Drummond Lutheran Congregation.

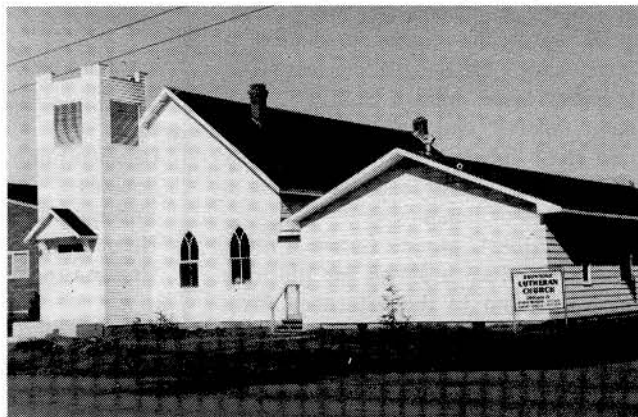
After remodeling, the sanctuary has served the people of Drummond until the present time. In 1962-63 a spacious educational unit was added to the church. This addition, along with new furnishings, carpeting, altar and pulpit cloths, were dedicated to the glory of Christ on November 15, 1970, with Rev. John Strand officiating.

In 1962 the congregation voted to join the American Lutheran Church, remaining a member of this synod until the synod attempted to integrate all the area churches into one new congregation at Mason. The congregation formally withdrew from the ALC on August 10, 1969, and unanimously declared itself in fellowship with the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations on September 28, 1969.

The Drummond congregation purchased the present parsonage in 1962, following the sale of the former parsonage in Mason by her sister congregations. The parsonage is located just a short distance from the church.

The following pastors have served Drummond: Henning Yderstad, 1894-1926; (from 1920 until 1922 services were also conducted by N. B. Ursin

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Drummond Lutheran Church



**NY STAVANGER CHURCH SITE
OF WMF CONVENTION**

The Women's Missionary Federation of the Eastern North Dakota District of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations met in Ny Stavanger Lutheran Church of Buxton, N. Dak., Stephen Odegaard, pastor, for their spring rally on Saturday, May 1. The theme for the rally was "Christ for the World," Romans 20: 13-15.

Mrs. Orville Vigness, Grand Forks, the district president, presided over the meeting which opened at 10 a.m. Mrs. Bernhard Nelson and Mrs. Henry Hanson, Portland, were organist and song leader, respectively. The program included musical numbers by a ladies' group from McLeod, a ladies quartet from Portland and a sextette from McVile.

At the forenoon session Mrs. Reuben Ivesdal of Edmore led us in a Bible study called "The Power to Witness," based on Acts 1:4 and 2:14-21. In the afternoon Dr. Mary Lindquist of Grand Forks presented a missionary challenge, basing her thoughts upon John 4:34-38, "Others have labored and you have entered into their labor." She showed slides and told us of her experiences as a missionary to Japan.

Mrs. Albert Moen, Grand Forks, read from Psalm 95:1-8 for morning devotions and in the afternoon Mrs. Russell Duncan, Fargo, read from Matthew 21:28-32. Closing prayers were given by Mrs. Olaf Solheim and Pastor Odegaard. Morning and afternoon coffee and the noon lunch-

eon were served by the Ny Stavanger Ladies Aid. There were 127 registered. The offering was given to the Association Bible School and Seminary.

Mrs. Donald Jacobson, Secretary

WMF TO CONVENE IN CLOQUET

The Women's Missionary Federation of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations invites all women of the Association and interested friends to attend the WMF Day and annual meeting in Cloquet, Minn., on Wednesday, June 9, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, beginning with registration at 9:00 a.m., and

continuing through the day. Many good things will be in store for us as we will be challenged by the Word and special music.

The theme for the convention is "Co-laborers with God," I Cor. 3:9. Mrs. John Abel, who will be returning to the field in Brazil in July, will lead us in Bible study. Pastor L. Udden, faculty member at our schools, will speak in behalf of them. The offering on Wednesday will be for the Schools.

The WMF will conduct a mission service on Thursday night, to which the entire Annual Conference of the AFLC is invited. Our speaker will be Pastor Roy Bredholt of Grand Forks, N. Dak. The offering that evening will go to Home and Foreign Missions.

We urge and invite as many as possible to attend the convention and mission service. Welcome to Cloquet, June 9 and 10.

WMF Office

NOTICE OF MEETING

The annual meeting of the Corporation of Free Lutheran Seminary will be held June 10 at 6:00 p.m. at the church (St. Paul's Lutheran) in Cloquet, Minnesota. There must be a quorum present before business can be conducted.

David C. Molstre, Secretary

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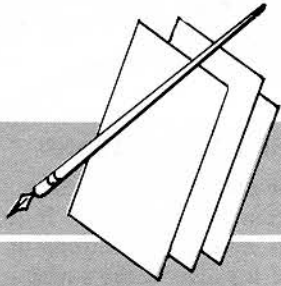
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BUDGET RECEIPTS

	<u>Proposed Yearly Budget</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Total Received</u>
General Fund	\$ 38,250.00	\$ 9,562.50	\$ 5,959.87
Schools	61,424.00	15,356.00	10,842.15
Foreign Missions	36,000.00	9,000.00	9,367.02
Home Missions	34,245.00	8,561.25	4,645.21
Praise Program	30,000.00	7,500.00	4,394.10
	<u>\$199,919.00</u>	<u>\$49,979.75</u>	<u>\$35,208.35</u>

Received last year same time—\$23,355.29

One Grand Fellowship—\$225.00



EDITORIALS

(The following editorial was written before news was received of Pastor Strand's resignation as President of the AFLC.)

CLOQUET BECKONS

Three years ago St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Cloquet, Minn., hosted an annual conference of our church for the first time. Upon her invitation we are going back again this year to the pleasant city situated near the twin ports of Duluth and Superior.

The best of hospitality prevailed in 1968 and the same is anticipated this time from Pastor Herbert Franz and his fine congregation.

As one tries to foretell newsworthy events which may come out of this conference, nothing very momentous looms on the horizon. That is, no major decisions appear likely, no strongly controversial issues are apt to rise. Business before the assembly in all probability will be routine. Certainly nothing to the contrary has crossed our desk to this time.

Perhaps of most interest will be the election of deans of the Seminary and of the Bible School. As to the Bible School, selection of a dean is only a formality. It is an embarrassment that conference action concerning Rev. R. Snipstead, who has served in that capacity several years, has not been taken before. His official appointment cannot be considered anything more than a foregone conclusion as this step is taken to comply with the By-Laws of the Schools Corporation.

As to the Seminary deanship, only one candidate has been formally advanced and the election of Pastor Amos O. Dyrud to that position seems a certainty.

The regular elections of any conference are important and that is true for Cloquet, 1971, also. In fact, they may prove one of the most interesting parts of the convention. There is no election for a president this year, but the terms of vice-president and secretary are up again and a host of board and committee seats. Much of the work of any church fellowship, even of a de-centralized one such as ours, is done by committees, so these elections are far-reaching in consequence.

The selection of Mr. Wayne Pederson, a seminary student, as a part-time youth director of the Association, will also come before this conference. He has been carrying on his duties for several months pending official approval.

The Bible School might have the next really big project for the church in mind, but it is not known at this writing whether or not it will even be suggested at the Cloquet meeting. The project is the erection of a classroom-administration building or some building which could serve at least two functions. Increasingly, the need for new facilities are seen. A question to be faced, however, is whether enough progress is being made on paying the debt on the dormitory to justify a new building program so soon.

Our readers will recall a letter some months ago by one of the pastors urging a wiping out of the Association debt before any new programs are initiated and future progress on a pay-as-you-go basis. Perhaps that philosophy will be debated at Cloquet.

Prior to the convention last year we did raise the possibility of an anniversary year ingathering for the church. That would be a "natural" for the tenth anniversary. However, if the tenth anniversary is to be observed in 1972 (ten years since the Thief River conference and 75 years since the founding of the Lutheran Free Church) there would not be an opportunity for an annual conference to approve advance plans for an anniversary year unless those plans are hammered out at Cloquet. Observing the tenth anniversary in 1973 (ten years since the demise of the Lutheran Free Church) would enable a committee to come to the 1972 conference with plans for 1973 and which the conference could approve. The first course will probably be chosen because the 1972 conference is to be held in Minneapolis.

It isn't known whether the world and home mission departments plan any new advances beyond what would normally be expected. Both areas face continuing open doors. With the highest work force ever on the field in Brazil, increased and steady support is going to be needed there. Home Missions will undoubtedly discuss the Helping Hand Project for new congregations originated in the new church at Kalispell, Mont. We hope that more emphasis will also be given to the Church Extension Fund.

It doesn't need to be said, but we do so anyway, that attendance at any conference is very important. The more who take the time and make the effort to come, the better it is for the AFLC. May we make a special plea for the attendance of corporation members? You have a special responsibility

It is God's work we are about. Let us as congregations dignify it by our presence and effort. Conference days are good days, too, rich in fellowship and the Word of God.

Plan to be at Cloquet, June 9-13. Uphold the meetings in prayer.

THE BROTHERHOOD OF FAITH

"The Christian is united by the strongest bonds to those who share this faith with him whether they come from his own denomination or another."

Declaration of Faith, II:2

What is the "faith" which Christians share? The previous statement in the second section defines it as belief in and acceptance of the "sufficient work of Jesus for his salvation" and submission to baptism.

It has been correctly stated on numerous occasions that there will not be "Lutherans" or "Methodists" or "Baptists" in heaven, but only those who are "washed in the blood of the Lamb." Ultimately, the determining factor in where a person spends eternity will be what he did with Jesus Christ, God's Son. "I am the way, and the truth, and the life," Jesus said; "no one comes to the Father, but by me."

If denominational labels won't be important on the other side, are the folks correct who say that one church is as good as another and doctrine isn't all that important? We don't think so. Is Christ clearly presented as the Savior in the teachings of the church? Has the atoning work of Jesus been obscured by even a partial reliance on man's efforts toward his own salvation? Is there a strong dependence on the Bible as the Word of God and as authority? Not only must denominational teachings be examined, but the loyalty of the local congregation to them. No, one church may not be as good as the next.

There are various systems of Christian doctrine. This has come to be in the nature of things. God is going to have to sort it all out one day. He has the wisdom to do that. We don't. But every Christian should study the Scriptures and study the doctrines of his own denomination. He should be fully persuaded in his own heart that the latter agrees with the former. He should be convinced that the doctrines of his church represent the Scriptures more faithfully than those of other churches do. Only in this way will he be fully satisfied. We trust that this is so for Lutheran Christians.

Now to get back to the main thought of today's statement or article—Christians are united by the strongest of bonds. Who has not felt that bond with someone hitherto a stranger, perhaps of another race or nation? One tie binds the followers of Jesus, a common faith in Him as Savior. Where two people have experienced the same grace of God through Christ, live by the same sanctifying power and share the same commitment to bear witness of Jesus to the whole world, there is a fellowship the world cannot match.

When Jesus said, "Whoever does the will of God is my brother, and sister and mother" (Mark 3:35), what did He mean but that His followers (the doers of His will)

are united in a relationship closer even than that of blood?

There is much talk about the brotherhood of man. Much deeper than that kinship of the flesh is the spiritual fellowship of the Christian faith.

THE RESIGNATION OF PASTOR STRAND

Pastor John Strand's letter announcing his resignation as president of our church came this morning. It came as a surprise and yet not as a surprise. Anyone at all acquainted with him knows of his love of the parish ministry. It was difficult for him to leave it in the first place and he never felt completely at home away from it. As he returns to what he calls his "first love," we cannot but wish him the very best.

His letter mentions the burdens of the office of president. Perhaps sometimes we think that being president of a fellowship such as ours would be the easiest job in the world. But it isn't. We have some of the same problems that beset any church group and sometimes, because of our small size, they become even more painful. The formative years of the AFLC have had their share of crises. Rightly at times, and often wrongly, the president feels the brunt of the load. Pastor Strand looks forward to being relieved of these cares.

A number of years ago Pastor Strand sent a letter to the *Ambassador* tantamount to a resignation from the office he will now leave. But in thinking it over, he was willing that it not be published. He has given our fellowship additional years of valuable service since that time.

When the AFLC was organized in October, 1962, it was certainly the Lord's leading that the conference agreed so well that Pastor Strand must be the president of the organization. God grant that some of that same unanimity of spirit may be found at the Annual Conference in Cloquet in June as a new president is chosen. Whoever he is will need a large measure of God's grace and the whole-souled co-operation of the church fellowship.

We regret the resignation of Pastor Strand, but being able in some small way to feel the weight of his reasons, we yield to him and ask God's continued blessing upon him as he returns to the front-lines of the task he has so often articulated so well, the building of free and living congregations.

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give it back to you in purest white to serve others in Christian love. The purpose of all life is to glorify God.

The Washington Monument in Washington D.C. is 555 ft. high. It took 37 years in building. Its foundation is 36 ft. deep. Back in the 1920's I walked the stairs to the top. The elevator was out of order at the time. But the thing that impressed me about this monument was this, the top is of aluminum and around the apex are these words in Latin, *Laus Deo* ("Praise God" or "Praise the Lord"). That is what your life and my life

should be. Its ultimate purpose is to praise the Lord." Will you raise your sights high, your personal standards so HIGH that the monument of your life will be a culmination of praising the Lord? You say in your motto: "With the light of Today, we will explore the path of Tomorrow." So, live your life on the basis of appreciation, not on comparison, and you will find Christ as the Light of the World. He is no security against storms, but He is PERFECT SECURITY in storms.

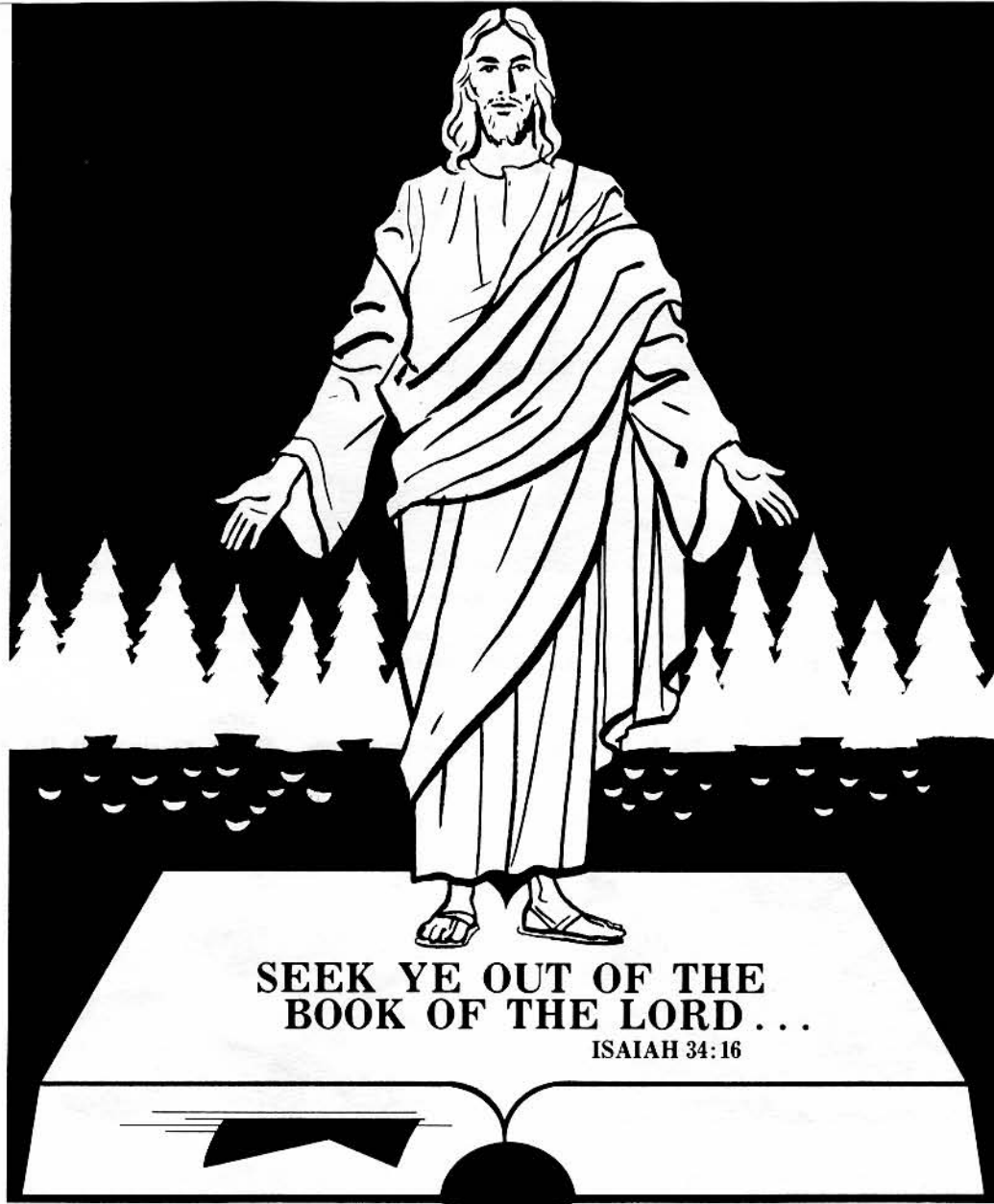
(This sermon was preached at the Eagle Butte, S.D., High School several years ago.)

CORRECTIONS

Please note the following corrections in WMF Bible Studies.

In the study for February, page 3, second paragraph from the bottom, the sentence should read, "She in turn could **now** help others in grief because of the experience of healing in her own soul."

In the study for May, a line was inadvertently left out of the second paragraph on page 2. The sentences should read, "Even in our sinful world, a joyful song can be sung by the child of God set free in Christ. For memory work, let us hide Psalm 40:3 in our hearts."



9th ANNUAL FAMILY BIBLE CAMP

JULY 5-11
Lake Geneva Bible Camp
ALEXANDRIA, MINN.

THE GRADUATES OF FREE LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, 1971



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To be ordained at the Annual Confer-
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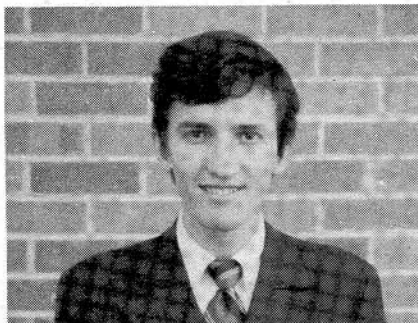
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Dakota, Parish (Trinity, Antiochia,
Lebanon).
To be ordained at the Annual Confer-
ence.



Dennis D. Gray

Home Town: Harrisburg, South Da-
kota
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Grafton, North Dakota.
To be ordained at the Annual Confer-
ence.



Yeddo A. Göttel

Home Town: Campo Mourao, Parana,
Brazil
Returning to Brazil to serve in the
Church there.
To be ordained at the Brazil Annual
Conference.



Gene B. Smith

Home Town: St. Paul, Minnesota

ELECTIONS BY THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The incumbent is listed in the par-
enthesis.

Stewardship Board

5-year term (Mr. Robert Dietsche)

3-year term (vacant upon the death
of Mr. Kenneth Olson)

Board of Publications and Parish Education

5-year term (Mr. Kent Quanbeck)

Youth Board

5-year term (Mr. Gordon Johnson)

Board of Pensions

5-year term (Rev. John De Boer)

All are eligible for re-election.

NOMINATIONS BY THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Conference nominates candi-
dates for the Co-ordinating Commit-
tee (an independent corporation) and
the Committee in turn elects its own
members.

Two five-year terms expire this
year:

Rev. E. Albert Hautamaki

Mr. R. M. Konsterlie

Both are eligible for re-election.

SUMMER PREACHING

Faculty members at our Seminary
and Bible School will be available on
a limited basis for preaching assign-
ments in the parishes this summer.

Please contact Rev. R. Snipstead,
3110 E. Medicine Lake Blvd., Minne-
apolis, Minn. 55427, for further details.
Telephone: 612-544-9501.

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of Hayward and by L. R. Lund of Ashland from 1923-1931); Torgney Kleven, 1931-35; T. C. Knutson, 1935-39; Ole Helland, 1940-50; Carl Overvold, 1951-55; G. J. Bretheim, 1955-60; James Glasoe, 1960-61; Wayne Steinbrecher, 1961-65; Richard H. Quamme, 65-68; Student Pastor Eugene W. Enderlein, 1969-71.

All three churches of this parish have an active Women's Missionary Society and Sunday School. Faith Church also has an active Men's Brotherhood and an enthusiastic group of Luther Leaguers. Faith Church looks forward to having young people attending the Association Free Lutheran Bible School this fall. The three churches have an active missionary outreach into the area by sponsoring a weekly radio broadcast, THE LUTHERAN AMBASSADOR, over station WATW in Ashland, Wisconsin, every Sunday at 12:30 p.m., 1400 on the dial.

How we praise the Lord that these three churches that started out together are again working together as one for the extension of God's Kingdom.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

On Jan. 19, 1898, Rev. Yderstad conducted his first service west of Mason. This service was held in the home of one of the several Scandinavian settlers who had requested that Pastor Yderstad visit the area and share with them the Word of God. The following month another service was held, at which time several peo-



Eugene W. Enderlein
Student Pastor

ple expressed the desire to organize a congregation. Following the Easter morning service on April 10, 1898, a letter of call and a declaration to organize a Lutheran congregation were presented to Rev. Yderstad. A constitution was adopted and the West Mason Scandinavian Lutheran Congregation became the second Lutheran work in the Mason area. For several years the congregation conducted its worship services in a schoolhouse of the district.

The dream of a church building did not become a reality for a number of years. A gift of land in 1908 and construction work by the members of the congregation finally resulted in the completion of a church building in 1913. The present fellowship hall and Sunday School unit was added in 1953. The church is located approximately 2 1/2 miles west of the Village of Mason.

In January 1948, some of the Lutheran people from in and around Mason banded together to form a third Lutheran congregation in the Village of Mason. In November of the following year a building to serve as the home of the Central Lutheran Church was completed and dedicated. On Easter Sunday, April 2, 1961, the Central Congregation and the West Mason Lutheran Congregation officially united to form the present Faith Lutheran Congregation of West Mason, using the facilities of the former West Mason Scandinavian Lutheran Church.

As an LFC congregation, Faith Lutheran became a part of the American Lutheran Church through the

merger of 1963. When the Moland Church withdrew from the parish at this time, the parsonage which was jointly owned by both congregations was sold.

With the resignation of the pastor in the spring of 1968 and the arrival of a new pastor who was to start a new work in Mason, to serve all the Lutheran congregations of the area, Faith Church found itself without pastoral services. In the fall they formally withdrew from the ALC. Services were conducted during this time by the members themselves until Easter Sunday of 1969, when seminarian Eugene W. Enderlein began serving them. On October 6, 1969, by a unanimous vote, the congregation declared itself in fellowship with the AFLC.

The following pastors have served Faith: Henning Yderstad, 1898-1934; T. C. Knutson, 1935-39; Ole Helland, 1940-50; Carl Overvold 1951-55; G. J. Bretheim, 1955-60; James Glasoe, 1960-61; Wayne Steinbrecher, 1961-65; Richard H. Quamme, 1965-68; Student Pastor Eugene W. Enderlein, 1969-71.

MOLAND LUTHERAN CHURCH

The first Christian church service was conducted by Rev. H. Yderstad in November, 1884, in a school house east of Mason. It was here on Jan. 2, 1895, that Scandinavian Lutheran Congregation was organized, which later was named Moland Lutheran Congregation. Rev. Yderstad then accepted a call in 1898 to serve the Mason congregations. He moved to

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Faith Lutheran Church

THE NINTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE
OF
THE ASSOCIATION OF FREE LUTHERAN CONGREGATIONS
JUNE 9-13, 1971
HOST CONGREGATION: ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
CLOQUET, MINNESOTA
HERBERT L. FRANZ, PASTOR
THEME: "CHRIST, THE POWER FOR TODAY"
CONFERENCE TEXT: EPHESIANS 3:14-21

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, 1971

- 10:00 a.m. The Conference Committees meet for devotions, instruction and room assignments.
- 8:00 p.m. The opening service of the Conference with the sermon on the Conference text being brought by Pastor Karl Stendal, Pukwana, South Dakota. The opening of the Conference by Pastor John P. Strand and the appointment of the necessary committees. Offering to the General Fund

THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 1971

- 9:00 a.m. Devotions
 Report of the Credentials Committee
 Election of the Nominating Committee for 1972
 President's Report
 Report of the President of the Co-ordinating Committee, Pastor Julius Hermunslie
 Treasurer's Report
 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 Amos Dyrud, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- 2:00 p.m. Devotions
 Report of the Credentials Committee
 Report of the Nominating Committee
 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 nominees to the Co-ordinating Committee
 Election of the Vice-President and the Secretary of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations
 Election of Committee No. 1 for the 1972 Annual Conference

- 6:00 p.m. Meeting of the Seminary Corporation
- 8:00 p.m. Mission Festival Service conducted by the Women's Missionary Federation. Message by Pastor Roy Bredholt, Grand Forks, North Dakota. Installation of WMF Officers.

FRIDAY, JUNE 11, 1971

- 7:00 a.m. Mission Corporation Annual Meeting (Breakfast), St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
- 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 Langness
 Report of Committee No. 2
 Election of the Dean of Association Free Lutheran Theological Seminary
 Election of the Dean of Association Free Lutheran Bible School
 Report of the Nominating Committee
 Election of Committee No. 2 for the 1972 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, Pastor Arvid L. Hokonson
 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
- 8:00 p.m. Worship service conducted by laymen of the Church. Message by Mr. Edwin Mathison, Bagley, Minnesota. Offering to the Praise Program—Debt Reduction.

SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 1971

- 9:00 a.m. Devotions
- Report of the Credentials Committee
- Continuing Discussion of the Report of Committee No. 3
- Report of the Nominating Committee
- Election of members to the Commission on Evangelism
- Election of Committee No. 3 for the 1972 Annual Conference
- Report of the Chairman of the Board of Publications and Parish Education, Pastor Raymond Huglen
- Report of the Executive Secretary of the Department of Parish Education, Miss Judith Wold
- Report of the Chairman of the Youth Board, Mr. Sheldon Mortrud
- Report of the President of the Luther League Federation, Pastor David C. Molstre
- 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 1972 Annual Conference
- Report of the Chairman of the Stewardship Board, Mr. Robert Dietsche
- Report of the Chairman of the Board of Pensions, Mr. Eldor Sorkness

- Report of Committee No. 5
- Report of the Nominating Committee
- Election of the members to the Stewardship Board and the Board of Pensions
- Election of Committee No. 5 for the 1972 Annual Conference
- Report of Special Committees
- Election of the Budget Analysis Committee for 1972
- Report of Committee No. 1 as the Committee on General Resolutions
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Banquet, Bruce Dalager, Speaker
- 8:00 p.m. Youth Night at the Conference with the Luther League Federation and the Youth Board in charge of the service. Ken Moland will bring the message and there will be special music by the Narrow Road Rejoicers as well as other special music. Offering to Home Missions.

SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 1971

- 8:00 a.m. Communion Service with the meditation to be given by Pastor Larry Severson, Abercrombie, North Dakota.
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service with the message by Pastor Herbert L. Franz, Cloquet, Minnesota. Offering to Foreign Missions.
- 2:00 p.m. Ordination Service led by Pastor Julius Hermunslie. Message by Pastor John P. Strand. Offering to the Bible School and Seminary. Closing of the Conference.

Conference Committee
 Pastor John P. Strand
 Pastor Robert E. Rieth

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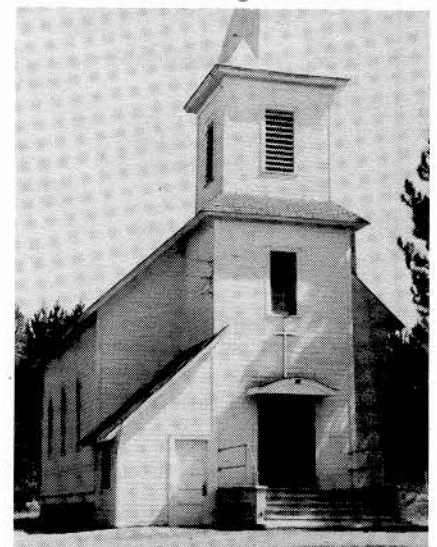
Mason and endured much hardship, clearing the land in the virgin forest for a home and bringing the Gospel message to the pioneer settlers, traveling by horse and buggy. With much united effort and sacrificial giving, a church was erected approximately 4 miles east of Mason. The first Gospel service was held in Moland Lutheran Church on October 5, 1902. The church labored faithfully in the community as a member of the Lutheran Free Church until March, 1961, when the newly arrived pastor would no longer continue services there. On January 14, 1962, Moland Lutheran withdrew from the Lutheran Free Church and was without a pastor until August of that same year. Jointly with the First English Lutheran Church of Ashland they called a pastor. From this time until September, 1970, they were served by and

maintained fellowship with the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Mankato, Minnesota. Following the death of their pastor last September, the congregation unanimously voted to work with their neighboring AFLC Churches (Drummond and Faith Lutheran). The first service as a part of the Drummond-Mason Free Lutheran Parish was held at Moland Lutheran Church on October 25, 1970. It was Thoralf Yderstad, son of the founding pastor and beloved laborer in Moland Church for many years, who encouraged this affiliation. (Thoralf Yderstad went home to be with the Lord on December 15, 1970; see **The Lutheran Ambassador**, March 16, 1961, issue.)

The following pastors have served Moland: Henning Yderstad, 1894-1934; T. C. Knutson, 1935-39; Ole Heland, 1940-50; Carl Overvold, 1951-55; G. J. Bretheim, 1955-60; James Glas-

oe, 1960-61; E. B. Swenson, 1961-63; Torald N. Teigen 1963-70; Student Pastor Eugene W. Enderlein, 1970-71.

Eugene W. Enderlein



Moland Lutheran Church

**DEVOTIONAL BOOK SHOULD BE
READY BY ANNUAL
CONFERENCE TIME**

The new devotional book, **Waters in the Wilderness**, written by Association people and interested friends and edited by Dr. Iver Olson should be off the presses in time to be on sale at the Annual Conference in Cloquet, Minnesota, June 9-13.

The cloth-bound book will contain a devotional reading for every day in the year. It will sell for \$3.50 per copy, plus postage for mail orders.

Address orders for copies to the following address:

Devotional Book
3110 E. Medicine Lake Blvd.
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55427

It is unlikely that any orders can be sent out in advance of the Conference.

PERSONALITIES

Rev. Jerome C. Nikunen, formerly of Ontonagon, Mich., has moved to Roseau, Minn., where he is serving the parish consisting of Roseau, Spruce, Norland and Rose congregations. The family resides at 805 2nd St. N.E.

Rev. Ernest J. Langness has resigned as pastor of the parish at McVille, N. Dak. (New Luther Valley and Bethany) in order to accept a call to serve Hope Lutheran Church, Ishpeming, Mich. The family will move to their new home the first of July.

Rev. David C. Molstre has accepted a call to serve the Thief River Falls, Minn. parish (Our Savior's, Bethlehem, Reiner and Rindal). The family will move from Minneapolis, Minn., where he has been an associate pastor at Hope Lutheran, in August.

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