

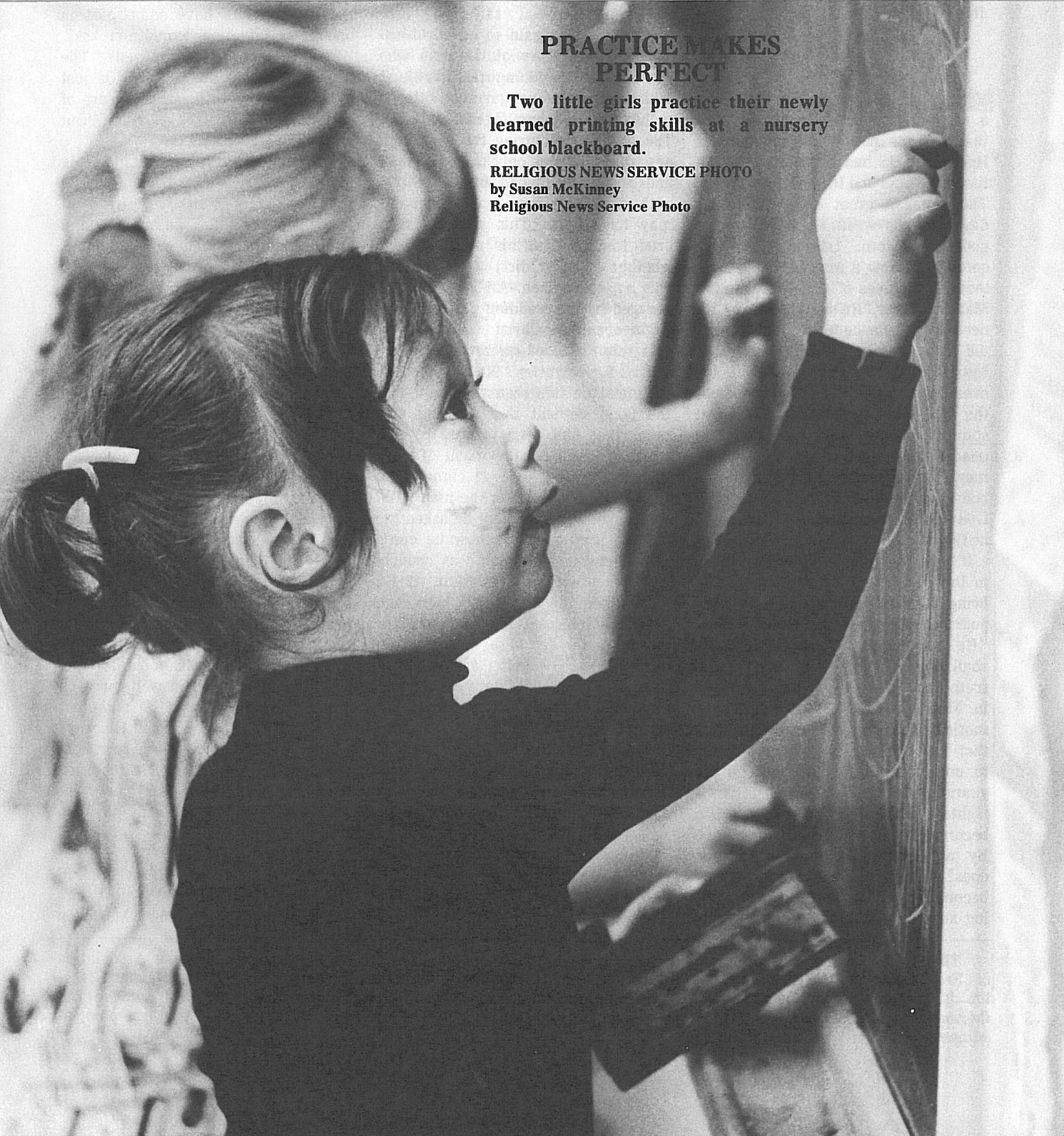
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# The Lutheran Ambassador

## PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

Two little girls practice their newly learned printing skills at a nursery school blackboard.

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# MEDITATION MOMENTS

## WHO SHALL LIVE?

“For in it (the Gospel) the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, ‘He who through faith is righteous shall live’” (Romans 1:17).

The great struggle in the heart of Martin Luther was the question of how a man becomes righteous. He knew that he was not righteous before a Holy God. He had been taught about the sin of man and the holiness of God. There was a great emphasis in his day upon the wrath of God upon ungodliness (Rom. 1:18). It was the question of how a man becomes righteous in the eyes of God that haunted Martin Luther. He was taught of his need to do penance for his sins. Luther did as he was taught with a zeal that few of his day or any other day have ever done. Like Paul, he was before the law, blameless (Phil. 3:6). Yet somehow Martin Luther could not find peace in his soul. He added punishment upon punishment upon his own body trying to find this peace with God but in nothing that he did could he find it.

It was the simple truth expressed in this verse that we are told helped bring the glorious light of God’s truth pouring into Martin Luther’s heart. “He who through faith is righteous shall live.” It was this simple, basic truth that brought the peace of God in Martin Luther’s soul and set in motion the Protestant Reformation that has been a fountain of blessing to untold millions down through the years. “He who through faith is righteous shall live.” How does a man become righteous only by recognizing anything he is or anything he does? NO, a thousand times NO. He becomes righteous only by recognizing and confessing his sin before God

and by faith trusting in the finished work of Christ on the Cross and only then does God declare the repentant sinner **RIGHTEOUS**, by faith through His grace.

This truth is again so clearly illustrated in the story of the man who came to the wedding feast without taking the wedding garment offered to him as he came (Matt. 22:11-14). The garment picturing the righteousness of Christ was only to be received and accepted. It had no connection with what the person was or what he may have done. This garment covered him so that his own apparel, whether clean or dirty, rich or poor, was not to be seen. All were equally covered by the wedding garment, the Righteousness of Christ.

Is this “robe of righteousness” essential for salvation? Note the severe judgment on this man who went into the feast without this wedding garment that had been offered to him when he came to the feast. We are told that when the king came in to see the guests and saw the man without the wedding garment he asked the simple question as to how he came in without it. The man was speechless. Then we read in Matt. 22:13: “Then said the king to the servants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness; in that place there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’” That terrible eternal judgment could have been so easily avoided by simply receiving the garment offered to him.

Now we can so easily say, how stupid this man was to not accept such a marvelous gift! How could he do such a thing? Yet, in spite of the fact we know this truth, have been taught it from childhood, have been reminded of it over and over again, we are constantly in danger of doing the same

thing ourselves even today. Why is it so hard to accept God’s grace as **GRACE**? There is inborn in the proud heart of man the desire and almost the obsession to have some part in one’s own salvation. Proud man asks, “What must I **DO** to be saved?” The answer “Repent and believe” is just not adequate for the proud heart of man. There still is the question, “But what can I **REALLY DO**?”

Repentance — true repentance — is the part that is so difficult for the proud heart of man. We just don’t want to believe that we are as sinful and unclean as Scripture makes us out to be. But it is only when we allow the Spirit of God, working through God’s Word, to convict us of sin, yes, to “slay” us so that we see our lost condition and cry out for God’s mercy that we flee to Christ to be found in His righteousness alone. It is only as we flee to Christ for His mercy, by the Blood of His Cross, that we are made righteous in God’s sight and will live with Him in all eternity.

So as we again observe the anniversary of the Reformation let us not simply assume we are God’s children merely by being a part of the Lutheran Church or any other Gospel-preaching church. To be a part of the fruit of the Reformation is to again see that I stand before God only by faith in what Christ has done for me. And further it is again well for each of us to realize that I do truly put my trust in Jesus Christ and His work on the Cross only as I am first convicted of sin, as I see my lost condition by nature and cry out for mercy for Jesus’ sake. Then and only then do I stand before God, robed in Christ’s righteousness!

“He who through **FAITH IS RIGHTEOUS** shall live.”

—Laurel M. Udden

# HIGH-LIGHTS IN THE LIFE OF LUTHER

1483—On the 10th of November of that year the great Reformer was born.

1511—A visit to Rome disillusioned Luther about the holiness of the Curia at Rome.

Luther found peace with God and peace of soul through justification by faith alone.

When he saw the light he cried: "Through the Gospel that righteousness which avails before God—by which He, out of grace and mere compassion, justifies us through faith. Here I felt at once that I was wholly born again and that I had entered through open doors into Paradise."

1517—Luther posted his 95 theses. His purpose was to clarify Christian doctrine and correct abuses in church practice. Unwittingly he was God's hammer of the Reformation.

1519—The Leipzig Disputation with Dr. Eck forced Luther to see the great truth that the Bible is the final authority in matters of faith and doctrine. Thus was discovered the Formal Principle of the Reformation.

1520—Luther produced three epoch-making books: "Address to the Noble," an appeal to the laity to correct existing evils. "The Babylonish Captivity of the Church," in which Luther attacked and repudiated five of the Sacraments of the Church. "The Freedom of the Christian Man" is a beautiful writing on Christian liberty.

1520—In June of this year Luther was excommunicated. On the 10th of



December Luther burned all his bridges back to the Church when he publicly burned the Papal Bull of excommunication before students and faculty on Wittenberg's campus.

1521—The Diet of Worms. Here Luther had to answer to Pope and Emperor for his doings. When on his way there he was reminded of the fate of Huss. Luther Replied: "Huss has been burned, but not the truth with him. I will go in, though as many devils were aiming at me as there are tiles on the roofs."

When asked to recant his writing Luther refused, unless they were disproved by Scripture or conclusive arguments from reason. This was a great day for the world.

1521-22—Luther was placed in the Castle Wartburg for safe keeping. There he did one of his greatest pieces of reformatory work. He translated the New Testament into the racy Ger-

man of the common man. And thus he created a new epoch in the literary development of Germany as well as in the religious life of her people.

1525—The marriage of Martin Luther, a former monk, to a former nun scandalized the Church of that day. But it became an object lesson which restored the God-given institution of marriage to its proper place among Protestant clergymen and among Protestant laity.

During this year also the terrible Peasant War broke out. Luther sympathized with their just demands, but he could not tolerate their methods of resorting to the sword to gain their ends and so he turned against them with all his power.

1526—The Protestants gained a large measure of security by the refusal of many secular rulers to carry out the Papal decree against Luther. Their realms became a refuge for Protestants

1529—The birth year of the Little Catechism, which for more than 400 years has exerted its benign influence upon millions of men.

1530—The high point of the Reformation came with the reading of the Augsburg Confession before the Diet of Augsburg.

1546—The Great Reformer passed on to his reward. His last work was an errand of mercy, during which he contracted the illness which took his life.

—The Lutheran Messenger



# LUTHER LEAGUE ACTIVITIES

## FALLING IN LOVE

### An Essay in Four Parts—Part III

by Rev. Gerald F. Mundfrom,  
Grafton, N. Dak.

Now another question, are marriages ordained in heaven?

Yes, I believe they are. At least I can say this much for sure, that if you ask God, He will help you to pick the mate best suited for you.

He may not work it out so you get the first one you set your heart on, but He will help you find the mate best suited for you, if you wait on Him if you look to Him for this kind of help.

Next question: (Let me ask a number of questions this time that all relate together, and I will answer them in a lump sum answer.)

How can I tell if such and such a one is for me?

How am I to know that I should now allow myself to fall in love with some certain somebody?

What are the steps or what is the procedure in finding this out?

To what extent do kissing and embracing help me determine this?

Let us take the last question first. Sometimes a fellow feels that if he can get the girl to let him kiss her that this tells him how she feels toward him. Sometimes a girl feels that if a fellow kisses her that this must mean he likes her.

It is tragic that some go further than that, in an immoral way, and use this

as a test to test each other's love.

But none of this is a good way to test love. Some boys kiss many girls, and some girls allow themselves to be kissed by many boys. So kissing and embracing really don't teach you anything.

When a couple is taken up with such it blinds the eyes to the true character of the one they are with, be that character good or bad. In other words, you may be tempted to think that kissing and embracing helps you to get acquainted with or to know the other person, but it tends to do just the opposite.

Just because a fellow kisses you, or a girl allows you to kiss her, is not necessarily a sign that they love you. There are much better ways to find this out.

Again, this is where I, and also the Bible, disagree with Hollywood.

But if kissing and embracing aren't the way to find out if you are meant for each other, how can you find out?

You can tell a lot as you continue in fellowship, having dates together, going places and doing things together. And in this you should give yourself a chance to get acquainted and give the one you are with a chance to get acquainted with you. If your date continues to want your fellowship, this will tell you much.

And if you are ready to become serious with someone, and are wondering if it is safe to fall in love with such and such a person, I suggest that you suggest that you have a time of devotion together in which you share a portion of Scripture together and both take part in prayer. Also, take time to discuss and comment on the Scripture you read.

You can find out much about a person by how he or she prays, or if they pray at all. You can find out in this way what their attitude is toward the Bible and that which is holy.

If they are unwilling, or hesitant, in so reading Scripture or praying, this will also tell you much. Maybe it will tell you that it is best that you look elsewhere for a mate.

But let me add this to what I just said, I don't believe it truly wise to suggest that you pray together the first time you go on a date with someone.

This doesn't mean that you shouldn't witness for Christ to each other even on your first date. To witness for Jesus is always in order in season and out of season, in church and out of church.

So quote Scripture. Give your testimony. Somehow show your colors and let the other party know that you are a Christian, **if you are a Christian.**

You should show your colors in this way even from the beginning and on your first date together. And may God give you the courage and what is needed to do this.

But to pray together right away, that is something else. You just don't pray with everyone. It is well to be somewhat acquainted with whomever we pray with.

But then as you continue your relationship, and if it is growing, in that you are becoming more serious with each other—and if you feel you need to know, if you are going to continue on in your relationship to wherever it leads—and if you yourself feel that you want to continue as you are doing—then sometime prior to becoming engaged, you should learn to pray together.

Such might even set the stage for your engagement. It did in my case. Praying together led to us becoming engaged. And again I am not sorry.

Or such might show you that you are not meant for each other.

Then how about kissing? Is there any place at all for such?

The first time I kissed Margaret was just after we became engaged. I do believe there is some place for kissing and embracing when engaged. I also believe that boy or girl to be wise who waits until they are engaged before kissing and embracing. Save that for that special one.

However, even after being engaged, be careful that you don't fall into temptation. We all have an old sinful self which caters to the flesh and which will cause you to stumble if given half a chance.

It is truly Christian and wise to remain pure, and not to engage in sexual relations until after the wedding. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God" (Matt. 5:8).

(To be continued)



The second of two parts, presenting in full the text of the Lausanne Covenant, which grew out of the International Congress on World Evangelization.

# the Lausanne Covenant

(Continued)

## 8. CHURCHES IN EVANGELISTIC PARTNERSHIP

We rejoice that a new missionary era has dawned. The dominant role of western missions is fast disappearing. God is raising up from the younger churches a great new resource for world evangelization, and is thus demonstrating that the responsibility to evangelize belongs to the whole body of Christ. All churches should therefore be asking God and themselves what they should be doing both to reach their own area and to send missionaries to other parts of the world. A reevaluation of our missionary responsibility and role should be continuous. Thus a growing partnership of churches will develop and the universal character of Christ's church will be more clearly exhibited. We also thank God for agencies which labor in Bible translation, theological education, the mass media, Christian literature, evangelism, missions, church renewal and other specialist fields. They, too, should engage in constant self-examination to evaluate their effectiveness as part of the Church's mission. (Rom. 1:8; Phil. 1:5; 4:15; Acts 13:1-3; I Thess. 1:6-8)

## 9. THE URGENCY OF THE EVANGELISTIC TASK

More than 2,700 million people, which is more than two-thirds of mankind, have yet to be evangelized. We are ashamed that so many have been neglected; it is a standing rebuke to us and to the whole church. There is now, however, in many parts of the world an unprecedented receptivity to the Lord Jesus Christ. We are

convinced that this is the time for churches and para-church agencies to pray earnestly for the salvation of the unreached and to launch new efforts to achieve world evangelization. A reduction of foreign missionaries and money in an evangelized country may sometimes be necessary to facilitate the national church's growth in self-reliance and to release resources for unevangelized areas. Missionaries should flow ever more freely from and to all six continents in a spirit of humble service. The goal should be, by all available means and at the earliest possible time, that every person will have the opportunity to hear, understand, and receive the Good News. We cannot hope to attain this goal without sacrifice. All of us are shocked by the poverty of millions and disturbed by the injustices which cause it. Those of us who live in affluent circumstances accept our duty to develop a simple life-style in order to contribute more generously to both relief and evangelism.

(Jn. 9:4; Matt. 9:35-38; Rom. 9:1-3; I Cor. 9:19-23; Mk. 16:15; Is. 58:6, 7; Jas. 1:27; 2:1-9; Matt. 25:31-46; Acts 2:44, 45; 4:34, 35)

## 10. EVANGELISM AND CULTURE

The development of strategies for world evangelization calls for imaginative pioneering methods. Under God, the result will be the rise of churches deeply rooted in Christ and closely related to their culture. Culture must always be tested and judged by Scripture. Because man is God's creature, some of his culture is rich in beauty and goodness. Because he has fallen, all of it is tainted with sin

and some of it is demonic. The Gospel does not presuppose the superiority of any culture to another, but evaluates all cultures according to its own criteria of truth and righteousness, and insists on moral absolutes in every culture. Missions have all too frequently exported with the Gospel an alien culture, and churches have sometimes been in bondage to culture rather than to the Scripture. Christ's evangelists must humbly seek to empty themselves of all but their personal authenticity in order to become the servants of others, and churches must seek to transform and enrich culture, all for the glory of God.

(Mk. 7:8, 9, 13; Gen. 4:21, 22; I Cor. 9:19-23; Phil. 2:5-7; II Cor. 4:5)

## 11. EDUCATION AND LEADERSHIP

We confess that we have sometimes pursued church growth at the expense of church depth, and divorced evangelism from Christian nurture. We also acknowledge that some of our missions have been too slow to equip and encourage national leaders to assume their rightful responsibilities. Yet we are committed to indigenous principles, and long that every church will have national leaders who manifest a Christian style of leadership in terms not of domination but of service. We recognize that there is a great need to improve theological education, especially for church leaders. In every nation and culture there should be an effective training programme for pastors and laymen in doctrine, discipleship, evangelism, nurture and service. Such training programmes should not rely on any

stereotyped methodology but should be developed by creative local initiatives according to Biblical standards. (Col. 1:27, 28; Acts 14:23; Tit. 1:5, 9; Mk. 10:42-45; Eph. 4:11, 12)

## 12. SPIRITUAL CONFLICT

We believe that we are engaged in constant spiritual warfare with the principalities and powers of evil, who are seeking to overthrow the church and frustrate its task of world evangelization. We know our need to equip ourselves with God's armour and to fight this battle with the spiritual weapons of truth and prayer. For we detect the activity of our enemy, not only in false ideologies outside the church, but also inside it in false gospels which twist Scripture and put man in the place of God. We need both watchfulness and discernment to safeguard the Biblical Gospel. We acknowledge that we ourselves are not immune to worldliness of thought and action, that is, to a surrender to secularism. For example, although careful studies of church growth, both numerical and spiritual, are right and valuable, we have sometimes neglected them. At other times, desirous to ensure a response to the Gospel, we have compromised our message, manipulated our hearers through pressure techniques, and become unduly preoccupied with statistics or even dishonest in our use of them. All this is worldly. The church must be in the world; the world must not be in the church.

(Eph. 6:12; II Cor. 4:3, 4; Eph. 6:11, 13-18; II Cor. 10:3-5; I Jn. 2:18-26, 4:1-3; Gal. 1:6-9; II Cor. 2:17, 4:2; Jn. 17:15)

## 13. FREEDOM AND PERSECUTION

It is the God-appointed duty of every government to secure conditions of peace, justice and liberty in which the church may obey God, serve the Lord Christ, and preach the Gospel without interference. We therefore pray for the leaders of the nations and call upon them to guarantee freedom of thought and conscience, and freedom to practice and propagate religion in accordance with the will of God and as set forth in The Universal Declaration of Human Rights. We also ex-

press our deep concern for all who have been unjustly imprisoned, and especially for our brethren who are suffering for their testimony to the Lord Jesus. We promise to pray and work for their freedom. At the same time we refuse to be intimidated by their fate. God helping us, we, too, will seek to stand against injustice and to remain faithful to the Gospel, whatever the cost. We do not forget the warnings of Jesus that persecution is inevitable.

(I Tim. 1:1-4; Acts 4:19, 5:29; Col. 3:24; Heb. 13:1-3; Lk. 4:18; Gal. 5:11, 6:12; Matt. 5:10-12; Jn. 18:18-21)

## 14. THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

We believe in the power of the Holy Spirit. The Father sent His Spirit to bear witness to His Son; without His witness ours is futile. Conviction of sin, faith in Christ, new birth and Christian growth are all His work. Further, the Holy Spirit is a missionary spirit; thus evangelism should arise spontaneously from a Spirit-filled church. A church that is not a missionary church is contradicting itself and quenching the Spirit. World-wide evangelization will become a realistic possibility only when the Spirit renews the church in truth and wisdom, faith, holiness, love and power. We therefore call upon all Christians to pray for such a visitation of the sovereign Spirit of God that all His fruit may appear in all His people and that all His gifts may enrich the body of Christ. Only then will the whole church become a fit instrument in His hands, that the whole earth may hear His voice.

(I Cor. 2:4; Jn. 15:26, 27, 16:8-11; I Cor. 12:3; Jn. 3:6-8; II Cor. 3:18; Jn. 7:37-39; I Thess. 5:19; Acts 1:8; Ps. 85:4-7, 67:1-3; Gal. 5:22, 23; I Cor. 12:4-31; Rom. 12:3-8)

## 15. THE RETURN OF CHRIST

We believe that Jesus Christ will return personally and visibly, in power and glory, to consummate His salvation and His judgment. This promise of His coming is a further spur to our evangelism, for we remember His words that the Gospel must first be preached to all nations. We believe that the interim period

between Christ's ascension and return is to be filled with the mission of the people of God, who have no liberty to stop before the End. We also remember His warning that false Christs and false prophets will arise as precursors of the final Antichrist. We therefore reject as a proud, self-confident dream the notion that man can ever build a utopia on earth. Our Christian confidence is that God will perfect His Kingdom, and we look forward with eager anticipation to that day, and to the new heaven and earth in which righteousness will dwell and God will reign for ever. Meanwhile, we rededicate ourselves to the service of Christ and of men in joyful submission to His authority over the whole of our lives.

(Mk. 14:62; Heb. 9:28; Mk. 13:10; Acts 1:8-11; Matt. 28:20; Mk. 13:21-23; Jn. 2:18, 4:1-3; Lk. 12:32; Rev. 21:1-5; II Pet. 3:13; Matt. 28:18)

## CONCLUSION

Therefore, in the light of this our faith and our resolve, we enter into a solemn covenant with God and with each other, to pray, to plan and to work together for the evangelization of the whole world. We call upon others to join us. May God help us by His grace and for His glory to be faithful to this our covenant! Amen, Alleluia!

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## THE WORD, THE ANVIL

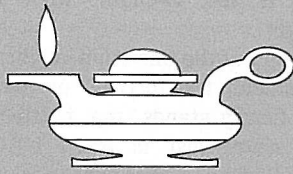
Manmade theologies ebb and flow  
Like the tides on the ocean beaches;  
The Word of God is the anvil that  
breaks  
Their puny hammers in pieces.

Rev. Edward A. Johnson  
Ohiowa, Nebr.

This life, therefore, is  
not righteousness,  
but growth in righteousness;  
not health, but healing;  
not rest, but exercise.

We are not yet what we shall be,  
but we are growing toward it.

—Martin Luther



# SCHOOL NEWS

## FUNDS STILL NEEDED FOR MENS' DORM

Though the response to both the appeal for gifts and loans has been overwhelming, we are still in need of both additional gifts and loans as we come down to the finishing stages of the new men's dorm.

Cash gifts are most appreciated, of course. Each cash gift reduces the amount of money that must be borrowed. If there are those among our readers who could help us with a gift at this time, it would be a tremendous help.

Loans are also needed to finish and equip the building, and also to complete the landscaping. We also need a cushion fund to pay back any borrowers who may need their money. The Seminary Board is currently paying 8% interest on loans of \$1,000.00 or over for a five-year period or more. Six percent is paid on loans of less than \$1,000.00. If you could help us in the loan program, please write to us at the Bible School.

We are happy to be able to report that we have received the funds or pledges for furnishing 18 student rooms in the new dormitory. There are nine rooms which need donors to pay for the furnishings. \$600.00 will furnish a student room. Let us know if you are interested in helping us in this way.

We are pleased to report that the student lounge and faculty lounge have also been furnished. We would welcome a donor for the study-hall. The cost there is \$1,800.00.

—Rev. R. Snipstead

## Introducing our Seminary Students

### GOD HAD OTHER PLANS

God's promises are rich and wonderful and, for me and my family, very real. There are two that have

been a part of our Christian walk in the last two years. "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added to you. Therefore do not be anxious for tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own" (Matthew 6:33) "... and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20).

Medicine Lake is about a half hour drive from our home in Mound, Minn. With my wife Anita and four daughters, DeAnn, Andrea, Angela and Danielle, to support, plus transportation, school supplies and things of that nature, we have had to live each day at a time, trusting Him to provide and in the most unusual ways He has provided our financial needs and spiritual strength sufficient for each one of us (Matthew 6:33).

Not very long ago I was totally determined to master my own fate, fight my own battles and to make my mark on the world. I had been working for a security equipment company in the area and had been in the main group, and had worked for its growth fully expecting to make it big in position and money. God had other plans for me. Through close friends of ours I came to know Christ as my personal Savior and Lord. My wife also came to know the joy of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

We were able to join with a group of believers meeting once a week and for shared prayer and song in our homes. In the spring I was asked to join the staff of Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church as youth worker, Bible teacher, parish worker and maintenance man. This presented the choice of leaving the business world for a lesser paying and less secure position, but I felt after prayer and soul searching that this was what God wanted for me. It was the first time in my life I have had to claim God's

promises and step out in faith to serve the Lord. As time went by, our understanding of God's Word grew and in about five months I was no longer able to teach Catholic doctrine and was asked to leave. All through this time God's call to serve Him became stronger and stronger. Through a very blessed friend, Pastor Leonard Masted, I was introduced to the AFLC Seminary. So, through God's grace and blessing, I have been accepted. We are still calling every day on His promises, especially Matthew 28:20: "And lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

—Dean Casselton  
Junior, AFLS

## BIBLE SCHOOL EDGES ALUMNI IN HOMECOMING FOOTBALL TILT

In a brilliant defensive battle the present Bible School students held off the Alumni team 6-0 in the annual renewal of a traditional rivalry. There was no scoring until the fourth quarter which gives the story of the game, a tough, hard struggle between the 20-yard lines. Some college and pro teams could have learned something about playing defense from these two fine teams.

Because it was a battle of defenses first and foremost, it is difficult to single out any individual players. The linemen, linebackers and safety men all did their part. There were some pass interception that played a big part in neither team gaining an advantage to speak of. Otto Rodne of Manfred, N. Dak., had two for the Bible School; Dan Mundfrom, Grafton, N. Dak., had one for the Alumni. John Presteng, also of Grafton, and the player-coach, stopped an Alumni drive late in the fourth quarter with a catch that pretty well ended the hopes of the former students.

The lone score came in the fourth quarter when Bob Nelson, McVile, N. Dak., who will be entering school again next quarter, threw a 26-yard touchdown pass to Steve Johnson, Upsala, Minn. But an attempted pass to Don Olson, Bothell, Wash., for the conversion went awry and the final score was 6-0.

Jim Peterson, Thief River Falls, Minn., quarterbacked for the Alumni.



The touch football game was officiated by Byran Nelson, Valley City, N. Dak., College student, and Pastor Raynard Huglen, AFLBS dean of men.

### SUCCESSFUL HOMECOMING STAGED AT AFLBS

The annual homecoming at Association Free Lutheran Bible School was held on the last weekend in September, the time at which it is to be held each year. A large group of former students was back on campus for the occasion.

Activities began on Friday night when an abortive attempt was made to show a film depicting the famine in Africa and some of the relief efforts being made. The projector refused to function, however, and John Nichols presided over an hour of singing and sharing to the accompaniment of a sputtering movie projector. Refreshments were served in the church parlors.

On Saturday morning Tim Skramstad, seminary senior, gave a Bible study of Matt. 5:13-16 with the topic of Christians as salt and light in the world. At the 10 o'clock hour, Rev. Richard Anderson, Minneapolis, considered the question, how is it possible to study Scripture and remain unenthused about sharing Christ? He cited the encounters of Andrew, Peter and Philip with Jesus Christ. A discussion was included in the hour.

The results of the elections in the alumni association meeting on Saturday morning are found following this article. Steve Lee, Minneapolis, was elected president to succeed Jim Rasmussen, McHenry, N. Dak. An alumni retreat is scheduled for the second weekend in April, 1975. Alumni memberships were set at \$2.00 per year. It was decided that homecoming planning revert to the former system of having the Bible School plan the program, but there will be consultation with alumni representatives and the next year those are Rev. Richard Anderson and Linda Moan, Minneapolis. This year the planning was done by the various graduating classes.

In the annual renewal of the football rivalry between the present and former students of AFLBS, the pres-

ent students were the victors 6-0.

Another highlight of homecoming was the banquet on Saturday night at Soul's Harbor (formerly Nicollet Hotel) on Washington and Nicollet Avenues.

A large crowd attended. Don Olson, student body president, was master of ceremonies. Mr. Wayne Pederson of KTIS radio and a graduate of Free Lutheran Seminary was the speaker. Special musical numbers were rendered.

While not officially a part of homecoming, many former students attended the worship service at Medicine Lake Lutheran Church on Sunday. Rev. R. Snipstead, dean of the school, preached the sermon.

That afternoon the wedding of Karen Snipstead and Wayne Floan took place. Also not a part of homecoming, it was nevertheless an occasion for many former and present AFLBS students to meet one another. Karen and Wayne attended AFLBS, too.

### ALUMNI ELECTIONS

#### Alumni Association

President—Steve Lee, Minneapolis, Minn.

Vice-President—Kermit Berge, Binford, N. Dak.

Secretary—Shirley Solheim, Minneapolis

Treasurer—John Schlenk, Thief River Falls, Minn.

Chaplain—Don Berge, Binford, N. Dak.

#### Alumni Committee on Relations with the Board of Trustees

Bryan Nelson—Spicer, Minn.

Dave Russum—Grafton, N. Dak.

#### Committee to Aid Organization of Area Alumni Groups

Steve Lee, Minneapolis

Tim Skramstad, Minneapolis

### COMING EVENTS

Nov. 3-7—Spiritual Emphasis Week at Medicine Lake Lutheran, Rev. Alvin Grothe, speaker

Nov. 25-27—Final Examinations

Nov. 28-Dec. 1—Thanksgiving Vacation

Dec. 2—Registration for Winter Quarter

### THE WORD OF GOD

What is the strength, what is the might,  
The glory of the Christian knight,  
The shield, the fortress of the ages,  
That firmly stands, tho' battle rages,  
That never lost in war's hot fray?  
God's Word it is, that wins the day.

Oh, say, what is the two-edged steel  
That naught can blunt, that all must feel,  
While armor ne'er was made, could bar it,  
And piercing the soul, yet does not mar it,  
That oft our weakness does reveal?  
God's Word it is, with power to heal.

What comes like storm, with crack and snap,  
And drowns the roaring thunder-clap,  
While sinners shudder when they hear it,  
And mighty lords fall down and fear it,  
What comes to tell them doom is nigh?  
God's Word it is, from Him on high.

What soothes with tones so mild and sweet,  
As when the birds bright summer greet,  
What brings us hope in grief and sadness,  
What changes sorrow into gladness,  
And drives away all haunting fears?  
God's Word, that wipes away our tears.

Oh Word of strength, of life divine!  
Salvation from our God is thine.  
A gift unspeakable, a leaven,  
A beacon on our way to heaven,  
The way, the truth, the life thou art—  
God's Word—with thee we ne'er will part.

Then come with might from God on high!  
On thee alone our hearts rely.  
And lead the flock of Christ up yonder,  
Wherever His saints with joy shall wonder  
That saved they stand before the throne  
By God's own Word, His Word alone.

Wilhelm Pettersen  
(translated from the Swedish)

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# editorials

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## CERTAIN TRUTHS RECOVERED

On Oct. 31, 1517, a German monk in Wittenberg nailed a set of 95 theses or propositions to a church door. He made his theses public in the hope that they would be the subject of debate. Their posting on that mid-autumn day did set off a chain of events that far exceeded anything that Martin Luther dreamed of, and which led to the establishing of the Lutheran and other Protestant churches. We are heirs of that movement which is known as the Protestant Reformation.

Martin Luther was God's man for the hour. Huss, Wycliffe and Tyndale had made their contributions but it was Luther who lit the fuse. Somehow he had the ability to attract attention to his ideas. He was a man of immense talent and intellect—and God had chosen him for just such an hour upon the world scene.

The Protestant Reformation recovered or re-discovered, if you will, a number of truths of which we shall discuss three today.

**The Supremacy of the Bible.** The Roman Catholic Church had wandered far from this position. As a result of placing the decisions of popes and councils on a par with Scripture, and in many cases above it, strange practises were occurring in the church. One of the most visible of these was the selling of indulgences or pardons, in other words, release from the punishment for sin.

To Luther, who had by this time broken through to the truth that salvation is by faith in Christ's meritorious work, the sale of indulgences was an abomination and he was equally certain that God was of the same opinion. As a consequence, because of his conviction that all things must be judged by Scripture and clear reason which bows before the Scripture, he cast his lot on the side of the Word Alone. The Lord gave him the courage to say, "Here I stand; I cannot do otherwise. So help me God."

We continue to stand on this principle—the Scriptures decide all matters of faith and life. Where the Bible speaks, we are silent before it. Where godly men differ in approach and understanding we act in charity, all the while seeking

more light on the issue at hand.

In the Roman Catholic Church some changes have taken place. Even more have taken place within individual members apart from official doctrine. But material still crosses our desk, coming from reputable Catholic organizations, which calls for prayers to Mary and other saints, something of which the Scriptures know nothing.

We can still read in our daily newspaper that Holy Year plenary indulgences may be obtained by area Roman Catholics through pilgrimages to leading Twin Cities cathedrals. The indulgences provide that "temporal punishment remaining after sins have been forgiven is satisfied." This is 1974 and the Roman Catholic Church still holds on to practises of which the Scriptures know nothing.

**The Priesthood of Believers.** The Old Testament had its priests and mediators between God and man. This was God-ordained. Then Christ came as the great High Priest, not to offer the traditional and circumscribed sacrifices, but to offer Himself as the one effective sacrifice for sin. Now any sinner may come directly to God through no other mediator than Jesus. The believer may approach God through none but the Christ.

The Roman Catholic Church had held to a greater sanctity or holiness for the clergy and members of religious orders. Luther, searching the Scriptures, found no basis for this thinking. No work is holier than another in God's sight if it is done unto Him. Thus it was that Luther made the oft-referred to comment about the housewife in the midst of her daily chores performing holy service to God as well as the clergy did in his. Church vocations differ only in function and every Christian is to seek God's kingdom and glory first.

T. A. Kantonen said, "To be a Christian is therefore infinitely more important than to be a clergyman, an archbishop, or a pope. Beside the all-important distinction of being 'in Christ' or 'out of Christ,' distinctions within the Christian fellowship are dwarfed into relative insignificance."

Each Christian becomes a priest to his brother, not in the sense of lording it over him, but in the sense of being a helper, a servant to him. The notable passages on universal priesthood are I Peter 2:5, 9 and Revelation 1:5-6, 5:9-10 and 20:6.

**Justification by Faith Alone, by Grace Alone.** Rev. Laurel M. Udden, in his article for Meditation Moments in this issue, develops this principle of the Reformation in an effective way and in more detail than we can give at this time. Out of a great personal soul struggle such as few among us may have matched and perhaps none exceeded, Luther came to the realization that he could be saved only by what Jesus had done for him, by laying hold of that by faith, apart from any good works he may have presumed to have done. When the earnest monk accepted this work of atonement for himself, blessed release came.

We chide our Roman Catholic friends for their slowness to lay aside those extra requirements for the full appropriation of salvation, such as their continued entanglement in indulgences, as noted above. But at the same time we have to lament the fact that many Lutheran people still have the notion, too, that they can do, **must do**, some-

thing to help in their salvation. There is still a lot of works righteousness. People depend on Jesus and something else. The problem is that unless we depend on Jesus alone, and His robe of righteousness for us, we are not really depending on Him.

Martin Luther re-discovered the way of salvation. This is one of his great legacies to us. May Roman Catholics, who trust in works and Christ, because of their doctrine, and Lutherans and other Protestants, who trust in Christ

and works in spite of their official doctrine, come to trust in the Lord Jesus alone for their salvation. Luther cannot save, but the truth he recovered can save as it is personally received—that the just live by their faith in the Savior Jesus.

May the great truths of the Protestant Reformation, which event we observe on October 31, come alive for every reader of **The Lutheran Ambassador**. And as they are believed, let them be shared with a needy world.

### A LETTER FROM THE SUNDBYS IN CANADA

Dear Friends in Christ:

Greetings in Jesus' Name!

We would like to use this opportunity to thank all those who attended the Family Bible Camp, Alexandria, Minn., for their generous gift and also for their prayerful concern on our behalf. We do not know who you are but we hope this sincere thank-you will reach most of you, if not all, via **The Lutheran Ambassador**.

Surely God is good and we certainly experienced this goodness much these past months. God never forsakes His children and He cares for all their needs one way or another.

We continue to covet your prayers as the physical problems have not improved dramatically. We have been assured that rest and time will bring complete restoration. Meanwhile, we realize that the Lord can speed up, or eliminate entirely, the slow healing process should His purpose be best served in that way. However, there are many ways to serve the Lord, and if His way is best served by a season of, or even by a lengthy, illness, who are we to say we know better.

How precious it is to learn afresh that His grace is sufficient. It is a lesson that is best learned through the trials of this life. Some seem to think that the Christian is to be free from all such troubles and tribulations. Indeed, some think we should demand to be free from all these things. What foolish, spoiled children we would be.

No, we belong to the army of the Lord Jesus Christ and we must remain faithful and true to the Commander-in-Chief no matter how difficult or dangerous the assignment may seem to be. We hope that you will all join with us in praying for grace and mercy to be true until the end.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Pastor Dennis Gray for so ably taking charge of the Family Bible Camp. Also, I want to express appreciation to all the staff and the speakers and teachers.

I, and the family, would also like to express our deepest appreciation to all in the AFLC who have so faithfully prayed on our behalf, and who have also expressed concern in other ways, including financial. Your support has been most encouraging through these many months. May God bless and strengthen each one of you for the battles that are still to come.

Let us keep looking up for our redemption draweth nigh. I Thessalonians 3:12-13.

Sincerely in Christ,

Pastor and Mrs. Gene Sundby and family  
Box 161

Outlook, Sask., Canada

(Ed. Note: Lay Pastor Sundby was to have been the dean of the Family Camp this past summer but was prevented from this by his illness.)

### BIBLE SERIES HELD; CHURCH PURCHASED

Our congregation, Our Savior Lutheran, Bessemer, Mich., was much blessed recently when Pastor Harold Hosch, instructor at our Bible School and Seminary, held a series of meetings on the theme of the Holy Spirit. These meetings were held from Tuesday, September 3rd, through Sunday, September 8th.

All who attended were richly blessed and enlightened. We grew to a deeper understanding of the person and work of the Holy Spirit. We thank the Lord for this servant of His who has been gifted to teach the Bible truths in such a way.

Our Savior Lutheran Church has recently purchased the former Trinity Lutheran Church building (Missouri Synod), and Pastor Hosch was the first servant to speak in our new house of worship as well as being the last to preach at the former worship site, the Bessemer City Hall. We praise the Lord for opening the door to a new church home for us.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Pastor Kenneth Pentti

Our Savior Free Lutheran Church  
Bessemer, Michigan 49911



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.

### MICHIGAN

Ishpeming

Earl G. Quayle, Mar. 1, Hope

Matt Annala, Sept. 25, Hope

### MINNESOTA

McIntosh

Henry Baar, 82, Sept. 9, Trinity

Miss Orene Jackson, 54, Sept. 19,  
Trinity

Spicer

Maggie Swanson, 86, Sept. 2, Green  
Lake

Lewis Thorpe, 68, Sept. 20, Green  
Lake

### SOUTH DAKOTA

Harrisburg

Mrs. Merle (Goldie) Gray, 65,  
Sept. 21, Springdale (Mrs. Gray was  
the mother of Pastor Dennis Gray,  
Grafton, N. Dak.)



There are countless passages in the Bible admonishing us to praise our Lord and Savior. If His Word is truly the guideline for our lives why do we not hear more praise from the lips of His people? Praises to a great God coming from the hearts of people who have been redeemed, reaching out to those who are still outside of the fold.

#### WMF REMINDERS

Let us keep in mind that October has been "My Missionary For A Day" month. Are you bringing each one of our missionary ladies daily before the throne of God? Are you sharing with them the abundance that God has bestowed on you? Are you willing to take the time to sit down and write to them and encourage them?

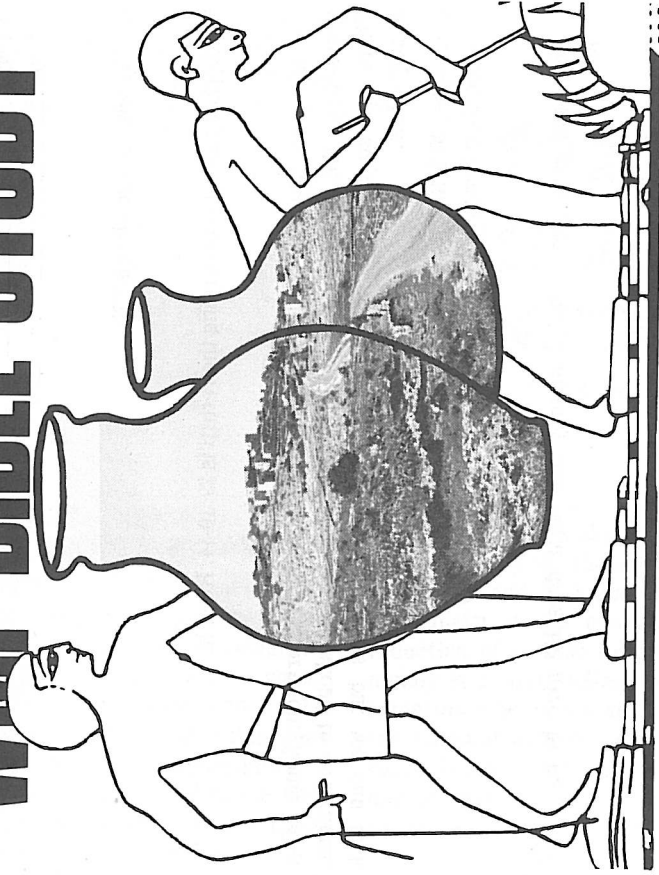
Our project for November is Cradle Roll/Junior Missions. We are committed to pay one-half of the salary of the Parish Education Secretary, Miss Judith Wold. Through her office is channeled all the printed materials that are sent on to the local WMF presidents, missionaries and pastor's wives. This project also subsidizes the distribution center for Bibles and other spiritual literature on the mission field in Brazil.

Each year the WMF Board has tried to compile a mailing list. However, because elections in the local WMF groups are held in different months of the year the list is never up-to-date. Is it possible for those of you in the local WMF groups to hold your elections in one of the last three months of the year—October, November or December? When the informational sheet is sent for you to fill out at the end of the year we would then have a listing of the new officers for the new year.

We again must praise and thank God that he has given us the new dormitory for our Bible School. If any of our local groups would like to furnish one of the dormitory rooms, the cost is \$600.00. When you send your money to Mrs. Emberson, be sure and specify what it is for.

—Mrs. Robert Dietsche  
President, WMF

# WMF BIBLE STUDY



## JEREMIAH RESTORATION

### LESSON XI

In Lesson 10 we saw how God fulfilled everything He spoke against Judah. Because He is faithful to keep His word we know He will also perform the good things He promises. Today we look at some of the most beautiful literature ever written, but it is much more than that—it is God reaching out in love to comfort His people with promises of good things to come.

1. What is His promise in 32:42?
2. How certain are His promises? 33:20
3. Note the 6 things God will do for His people. 24:6, 7  
I will \_\_\_\_\_  
I will \_\_\_\_\_

I will \_\_\_\_\_  
I will \_\_\_\_\_  
I will \_\_\_\_\_  
I will \_\_\_\_\_

4. Why will God do all this? 7b

5. Another passage concerning the return is 29:10-14. Read it.

Jeremiah 30-33 is the main section concerning restoration. Some of it speaking of the return in 70 years but most of it looking ahead to end times. There are so many precious promises in these chapters but we can look at only a few.

6. Chapter 30:8-10

When their bonds are burst whom will they serve? 8, 9

The Lord removes fear and dismay and what does He give in its place?  
10b

7. Chapter 31:3, 11-14

Note the kind of love with which God loves us in v. 3.  
What does this mean to you?

8. Chapter 32:27, 37-41

What assurance does the Lord give that all things will be done as He has said? v. 27

How many times does God say "I will" in vs. 37-41?

9. Chapter 33:2, 3, 6-11

When we call, what is God's promise? v. 3

What four things will He give in v. 6?

"There shall be heard again the voice of mirth and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the voices of those who sing, as they bring thank offerings to the house of the Lord:

'Give thanks to the Lord of hosts,  
for the Lord is good,

For His steadfast love endures forever!'

For I will restore the fortunes of the land as at first, says the Lord" (Jer. 33:11, RSV).

**Please Note:** This is the final Bible study for this year. Ladies aids are urged to plan some special program or study for their December meetings. The Bible study for January will appear in a December issue of **The Lutheran Ambassador**.

#### PRAISE

We read in John 9:24: "Then again called they the man that was blind, and said unto him, Give God the praise: we know that this man is a sinner." Are you praising God today? Perhaps you have never been physically blind as this man was but have you allowed Him to bring you out of spiritual blindness into His marvelous light? When the blind man's parents were asked about the change in their son's condition and how it came about, they replied, "He is of age, ask him. He shall speak for himself." If Christ has saved your soul, brought you out of spiritual blindness, have you shared this most wonderful of all experiences with someone? In Romans 10:9, 10, we read, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." Ephesians 1:6, 12 tell us: "To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved," and, "That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ." Again in Psalm 33:1, we read, "Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous: for praise is comely to the upright."

## JOINT MEETING OF AFLC BOARDS, COMMITTEES HELD

A joint meeting of all boards and standing committees of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations was held on Friday, Sept. 27, at the church headquarters, Minneapolis, Minn. A good representation was in attendance.

President John P. Strand presided. Rev. Alvin Grothe, Stacy, Minn., read the Scripture, I John 5, and offered prayer. Pastor Strand based his message for the day on Philippians 1:9-11. He cited the growth taking place in the AFLC but said it is accompanied by growing pains. He gave as examples of this 12 vacant parishes at the present time and the rising costs of operation. Then he went on to discuss the spiritual needs of the church. The Association as a whole will reflect the spiritual leadership she receives, he declared. He pointed to the prayer of Paul for abounding love and knowledge which is discernment. The result of such spirituality will be the approval of things excellent and the having of the mind of Christ. It will issue, too, in service which is concerned only about the glory and praise of God, the church president asserted.

A prayer session followed the address by Pastor Strand.

Rev. Albert Hautamaki of the Business Office made a report on the church's finances. At the end of August, he reported, 35 per cent of the total budget for the year had been received, compared to 34 per cent a year ago. (For the standing as of September 30, see the Budget Receipts report elsewhere in this issue.)

Rev. Kenneth L. Anderson, chairman of the Co-ordinating Committee, spoke on behalf of that board. He divulged that Gull Harbor Lutheran Church, Olympia, Wash., had severed her affiliation with the AFLC after a rather brief sojourn. That loss has been offset by the accession of a new congregation in Cleveland, O., a new

state for the Association. He reminded that lay pastors must seek an annual renewal of their licenses and are expected to take advantage of the short courses made available by the seminary.

Following dinner, Mr. Clarence Quanbeck, McVille, N. Dak., read the Scripture, II Timothy 4:1-8, and offered prayer. Mr. Stanley Holmaas gave the report of the Board of Trustees and Rev. Richard Snipstead and Rev. Amos Dyrud commented on the programs of the Bible School and Seminary respectfully. Much of the Bible School report dealt with the new boys' dorm. Pastor Snipstead reported an enrollment of 95 students while Pastor Dyrud could report 18 students in the Seminary, five of them in the first year class.

Mr. Robert Knutson represented World Missions at the meeting. He and Pastor Strand plan a visit to Brazil, possibly in November. An addition is being built to the Bible School and Seminary at Camp Mourao. Miss Priscilla Wold will be commissioned as a missionary on Oct. 27, he said, and will leave in the next months for Brazil. He stated that inflation is very bad in Brazil and that the field expense allowance has been increased ten per cent to help alleviate the pinch of rising costs.

In talking about Home Missions, Rev. Herbert L. Franz announced that Zion Lutheran Church, Tioga, N. Dak., will be giving \$6500 a year for two years to assist Calvary Lutheran in Fergus Falls, Minn. He pointed to this as the type of support other established congregations might give in order to help stretch the home mission effort. Pastor Franz spoke of other areas of mission activity, including some possible new opportunities. Rev. Robert Rieth gave information about the building project at Our Redeemer Lutheran, Kirkland, Wash., of which he is pastor.

Rev. Jay G. Erickson reported for the Commission on Evangelism and said that later this fall his commission, the Youth Board and the Co-ordinating Committee expect to place a call for the evangelist-youth worker the last annual conference authorized.

The completion of the new confirmation studies was cited as the major project before the Board of Publications and Parish Education by Rev. Raynard Huglen. Sales of the Ambassador Sunday School Series this fall are comparable to those of the last two years, he reported.

Rev. Wendell Johnson spoke mostly concerning the new bulletin service which the Stewardship Board has begun. Sixty-four congregations are making use of it at the present.

The Special Offering for unusual expenses of retired pastors, pastors' widows and active pastors was emphasized by Mr. Clifford Holm of the Board of Pensions. The offerings are being taken this fall. He reminded those present that the Board of Pensions would like to be advised when love offerings are given directly to need situations so that it can correctly ascertain where needs continue to exist.

There was no report from the Youth Board.

Pastor Strand called the group's attention to those in disaster areas of the world. Gifts may be sent directly, or can be forwarded by the Business Office, to the World Relief Commission, relief arm of the National Association of Evangelicals.

Mr. Knutson spoke briefly on the need for greater co-ordination of the constitutions and by-laws of the corporations within the Association in reference to the nomination and election practises when vacancies occur.

Some of the boards held individual meetings before and/or after the close of the general session.





# WORLD MISSIONS

THE FIELDS ARE WHITE UNTO HARVEST

## WINTER CAMPS

by Mrs. George Knapp, Osseo, Minn.

By the time you read this, schools will be in session again and summer will be a pleasant memory. The trees will have put on their most colorful dress because the frost has touched them. Maybe even a touch of snow has been in the air and your nose has been nipped by the frosty air. Such an invigorating time of year! Maybe on a hot Indian Summer afternoon you will reminisce about the camp you were to this past summer. What fun! New friends, new experiences, time to stretch and grow, time to swim and, best of all, time to listen to and study God's precious Word. Words written just for you, years and years ago they were written, but God had YOU in His plans even then. So the Words are for you and me. He has a special plan for each life, each life has a purpose. Have you found God's purpose for your life? This is a good reason for attending Bible Camp. There the teachers are eager to help you understand His Word and apply it to daily life.

Our camps in Brazil are for the same purpose, to give the Brazilian youth an opportunity to grow spiritu-

ally. July is winter vacation month in the Brazilian school system. We then conduct our winter Bible camps. It can get very cold, so come with me and bring extra blankets and all your warm clothing. We start the day by gathering to sing the National Hymn and raise the flag. We then drink coffee with milk and eat buttered bread. There is room inspection. Things must be in order or your team will lose points! Mr. Welcome is our special speaker this year. He has a very good study and is gifted in working with youth. We really understand him and God's Word becomes a personal message so that everyone is blessed.

Crafts class is a chance to use our hands to make things and we all enjoy making a clothespin vase, jewelry box and a plaque with a cross on it made with colored egg shell. This we will put on the wall in our room at home to remind us of the "why" of Bible Camp. Because of Christ's death on the cross, His death for me, a sinner, through repentance I may receive salvation, a free gift from God.

We eat an adequate noon meal and then read our Bibles for an hour in our cabins. In the afternoon we play

volleyball and "futebal" (soccer). Which team will win? Some go riding horses; a few stout souls will enter the cold water for a swim.

The evening meal is served at 6 and soon afterward there is a Bible quiz, question hour and the evening message by Mr. Welcome. Many from town attend the evening meetings. There are showers of blessings.

After a week of Youth Camp there is Children's Camp for ages 8 through 12. What a lively bunch, eager to go, go. This camp has story hour, work books and color sheets and, of course, crafts and sports, too. Who can memorize all the verses and win the white ribbon, which signifies Peace? And who will have the neatest book at the end of the week which will contain the pages on our prayer studies, our coloring, and study sheets? If you don't win first place, maybe you will get the green ribbon which is for Hope. "Hope to win the white one next year." And did you memorize the verses? If not you will get the red ribbon, which signifies "luta" or fight! Yes, fight with one's self, disciplining oneself to do better and win the Peace ribbon next year!

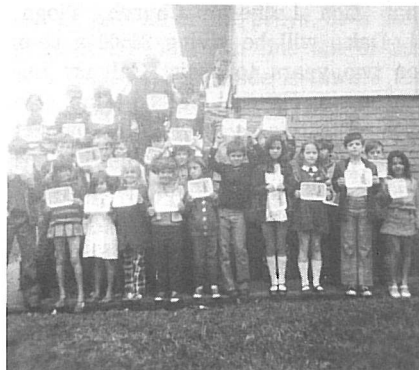
Children's Camp was a lot of fun; we studied "In the Footsteps of Jesus."

How many of you worked hard to earn money to go to camp?

Let me tell you a bit about four children I know. Eva came and stayed at my house for two weeks before camp. Her home is on a little farm way out in the country near our Santo Rei church. She earned her way to camp by cleaning my house, setting the table and wiping dishes. It was the first time she had ever been away from home! She even had her eighth



The children's camp. The Brazilian flag carries the words "Order and Progress."



Crafts class at the camp.



The working team and last day blues. Left to right, Dona Nair, Helen and George Knapp, Elza, Calvin Knapp and Alipio. Ivone is in the foreground.

birthday while here and she had her first birthday party, too. She happened to be out of the room the moment I put her cake into the oven. When she saw it through the glass in the oven door, she asked, "But how did it get in there?" Eva (or Eve, and she has a brother named Adam!) enjoyed camp very much and is eager to work and go to camp again.

Cleuza was awarded her week of camp because of her faithfulness in helping with a Sunday School held in the shade of a tree each Sunday that the weather permitted. Cleuza is eleven years old. She is the oldest in the family and suffers from an allergy on her hands. One hand was dry and the skin was cracked and sore in the cold weather. Jesus can heal her hands. Is our faith strong enough?

Then there were Ana and Nilton. Nilton is called the "Shadow" because he is so small for his ten years. He got this name because of shadowing Charles at camp three years ago. These two children come from a poor family also. Their father paid for his children's camp by giving us vegetables he was given at his work in the Mercado. This is where the farmers sell their garden produce. There were others, too, too poor to pay for camp but who came to visit and be present for the story and study hour. How hard did you work to go to camp? Phil. 2:13: "For God is at work in you—to work for His good pleasure."

Camp included films, hygiene classes, intelligence quizzes, talent night (Are you learning to play a musical instrument? II Chr. 5:13c "—musical instruments, in praise to the Lord.") and skits, bonfire and a night of dedication. Each camper lit his small candle from the big candle which represented "Jesus, the Light of the World."

Jn. 8:12: "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Because of Bible Camp: "Let your light so shine before men, that they may—give glory to your Father who is in heaven." And those who are wise shall SHINE—" (Matt. 5:16, Dan. 12:3).

Let us be wise!

Let us shine, you and me.

Amen.

## ADDRESSES OF OUR MISSIONARIES

Remember them with a greeting at Christmas.

Rev. and Mrs. John H. Abel and family  
Caixa Postal 44  
87300 Campo Mourao, Parana  
Brazil

Rev. and Mrs. Lawrence Dynneson and family  
1548 Patagonia Road, P. O. Box 1211  
Nogales, Arizona 85621

Rev. and Mrs. Connely J. Dyrud and family  
Caixa Postal 44  
87300 Campo Mourao, Parana  
Brazil

Mr. and Mrs. George Knapp and family  
15 Gaywood Drive  
Osseo, Minn. 55369

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Swanson  
Box 1211  
Nogales, Arizona 85621

Miss Priscilla Wold (to be commissioned)  
Abercrombie, N. Dak.

On loan to the World Mission Prayer League

Rev. and Mrs. Richard W. Gunderson  
Casilla 266  
La Paz, Bolivia



**Minnewaukan, N. Dak.**  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
Rev. Eugene W. Enderlein, pastor  
Oct. 27-31  
Rev. Kenneth Pentti, Bessemer,  
Mich., speaker

**Ishpeming, Mich.**  
Hope Lutheran Church  
Rev. Ernest J. Langness, pastor  
Oct. 27-Nov. 1  
Lay Pastor Sidney Swenson, St. Paul,  
Minn., speaker

### ASSOCIATION OF FREE LUTHERAN CONGREGATIONS 3110 East Medicine Lake Boulevard Minneapolis, Minnesota 55441

#### BUDGET RECEIPTS February 1-September 30, 1974

	1973-74 Total Proposed Budget	Current Budget	Received during September	Total Received to Date	% of Current	% of Total
General Fund	\$ 56,000.00	\$ 37,333.34	\$ 1,376.29	\$ 22,301.15	59	39
Schools	82,830.00	55,220.00	2,646.94	31,261.49	56	37
Home Missions	50,000.00	30,333.34	1,547.27	18,530.18	61	37
Foreign Missions	57,370.00	38,246.66	5,964.75	27,007.46	70	47
Praise Fund	18,000.00	12,000.00	234.76	6,989.98	58	39
Totals	\$264,200.00	\$173,133.34	\$11,770.01	\$106,090.26	61	40
1973-74	\$236,202.00	\$157,468.00		\$ 92,424.32	59	39

Legacies—\$80,045.97

Dorm Fund to Date

Cash Received through August	\$166,200.40
Cash Received during September	770.41
Total Cash Received	\$166,970.81*
Unpaid Pledges	17,568.00*
	\$184,538.81*

(\*Note: these figures are corrected since the last reports)

**Salol, Minn.**

Norland Lutheran Church  
 Rev. Jerome Nikunen, pastor  
 Oct. 27-30  
 Rev. Raymond Martin,  
 Finland, speaker

**Minneapolis, Minn.**

Medicine Lake Lutheran Church  
 Rev. Amos O. Dyrud, pastor  
 Nov. 3-7  
 Rev. Alvin Grothe, Stacy, Minn.,  
 speaker

**Dalton, Minn.**

Kvam Lutheran Church  
 Rev. Wendell Johnson, pastor  
 Nov. 7-10  
 Rev. Francis Monseth, AFLC Schools,  
 speaker

**HELP WANTED**

Needed: Christian woman to be companion to and do light housekeeping for semi-invalid middle-aged woman. Located next door to AFLC church.

Write to:

Mrs. Harlan Hjermstad  
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