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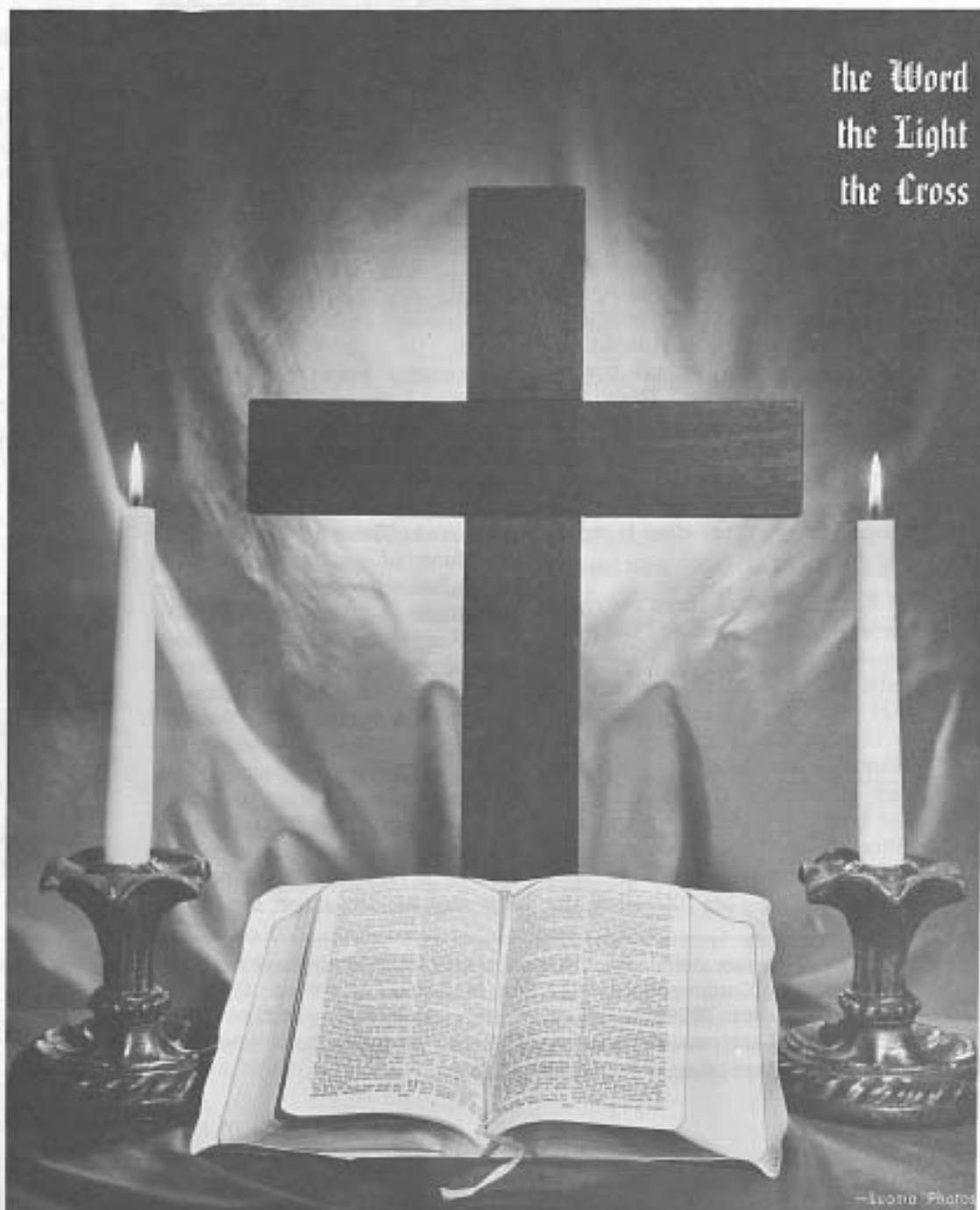
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## According to the Word

### BE A WISE BUILDER

I Cor. 3:10-15

There are many people who have been given the gift of being carpenter or builder and as a result they have formed their companies and submit contracts for various types of building. Their workmanship gives evidence as to what kind of builders they are.

The Apostle Paul in writing to the Corinthian Church speaks of building upon the "foundation." We read in I Corinthians 3:11, "For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ." The Foundation is Jesus Christ. As Christians we are all building on the Foundation with various kinds of material. These are described for us by the Apostle in verse 12, "Now if any man build upon this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, and straw" (New Am. St.). We notice two kinds of material which Christians use to build. One is the durable and rich materials; gold, silver and precious stones and the other class is wood, hay and straw.

Let us consider these materials for use as wise builders. We must consider the cost before we start building. Gold is the emblem of that which is of great value; silver is another costly material and is seemingly scarce in the world today, so much so that many people are hoarding silver coins and certificates; and then we have the precious stones which are also costly. All these are likened to the

emblem of truth and holiness which will stand up under the test.

I would like to think of these materials in the life of believers, that is, these costly materials of gold and silver as materials that go into a dedicated life. As we think of the dedicated life we are thinking of a person who is honestly seeking first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, that believer who has one goal regardless of his vocation—to serve the Lord in whatever way or capacity he can. If he has been gifted with any special talent he is always ready and willing to use it for the glory of God. This person will be willing to go the second mile to help win a person for Jesus Christ. He has also grace enough to overlook the failures of others and to encourage them in the ways of the Lord.

We also have the precious stones and by precious stones we are not only thinking of gems which are esteemed of great value for ornaments but rather those which are obtained at a tremendous cost. These precious stones we think of as our prayer life. Dr. Hallesby says that he was sure that back of every convert there had been someone who had been praying for that individual. What a wonderful privilege is ours to pray, yes, to intercede for the lost. Many a mother has received the assurance from the Lord that her wayward son or daughter would be saved before she left this world even though there was no indication of a changed life before she said farewell to those she loved.

Precious stones are also very costly for the believer. How few Christians today see the need of building with this material. Attendance at the mid-week Bible study and prayer meetings give us some indication of those who are willing to build with this costly material!

Now let us consider the other type of material which Paul mentions—wood, hay, and straw. We all immediately realize these are all cheaper materials and perhaps easier to obtain. They are not so costly, no sacrifice is needed to obtain them and no disciplined life involved. Hay and straw are used for thatching buildings or for a roof and in some cases also for walls of the building. Yes, outwardly it can look like a very nice building. I think we could say this could refer to forms and ritual, as some say, "Well, I have been to church once today so I have done my duty." The outward ordinance has been performed but there is not so much concern with a life of holiness, family altar and the winning of the lost for Christ.

The Word of God says that our building will be put to the test. Every man's work shall be made manifest, "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may become recompensed for his deeds in body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad." Yes, our works will be tried by fire. On the Judgment day the secrets of our hearts will be revealed and the truth as to what every man has done will be manifest.

—Ernest Langness

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# Ole Hallesby

(1879 - 1961)

**Rev. David Molstre**  
**Grand Forks, N. Dak.**

In the Norwegian church history of recent times Ole Hallesby is one of the great names alongside those of the earlier Hans Nielsen Hauge and Gisle Johnson.

Ole Hallesby was born as the sixth of eight children on August 5, 1870, on the Hallesby farm in Aremark not far from the Swedish boundary in the southeastern part of Norway. His mother was a warm Christian who had a special gift of speaking to people about the Lord and she never missed an opportunity. Hallesby's father, too, was a Christian man who had experienced conversion at the age of 20, and his quiet, pious life was an example of true Christianity for his children. As a genuine Haugean, he was an industrious farmer. And he was the spiritual leader of a revival which broke out in 1876. The Hallesby family was one of those most regularly gathered together for the morning devotions. There were still many old Christians who had been Hans Hauge's personal friends and who often gathered together in the Hallesby home. Hauge had died in 1824, about 55 years before the time of Ole Hallesby.

## *Theological Studies*

Hallesby started his theological studies in 1898, but he was then without a personal faith and was filled with intellectual doubts. His goal was to become a man of science. It did not take long for him to become a "denier," having a negative attitude toward the Christian faith. He admired, however, the

"ethical ideal" of Jesus. When he compared himself with it he realized how far he was from it. During his studies, Professor Fredrik Peterson exerted most influence on him, mostly in the positive direction. But Hallesby was also strongly influenced by liberal theology. His theological examinations he passed splendidly, but Professor Petersen asked him, "When will you become a Christian, Hallesby?"

Seeing his sinful condition as he thought of the "ethical ideal" of Jesus, he finally turned to Christ for help and experienced a miracle. In his conversion, he came to a joyful assurance of the forgiveness of his sins and his sonship with God, and it led him to a firm conviction of the authority of the biblical Word and its basis in the revelation of God. When Hallesby went home for Christmas from Oslo in 1902, he had good news to tell his father about the great miracle that God had wrought in his life.

## *Work As Evangelist*

After his conversion the liberal theology that was prevalent in the theological department of the university was out of harmony with his convictions and his zeal for theology cooled down. He felt inwardly and outwardly called to proclaim the Word and so he started his work as a preacher, continuing this activity for about three years. Through his evangelistic work revivals were started in many areas. He was not connected with any organization and received

no salary. He remained unmarried for the time being in order to be free for this work.

For the revival that started in some areas of Naralysin in the spring of 1904 God used in it particularly Ole Hallesby and his father. However, Ole became severely sick at this time and it was diagnosed as tuberculosis of the lungs. But his father said, "If you want to carry on your work in the revival, I will pray that God will make you well without any sanatorium care." Ole continued his work although he was often so weak that he was hardly able to stand while speaking. His father's faith and prayers were not in vain, for before the following winter came, he had completely recovered.

Ole Hallesby was a more gifted speaker, but his father was greater in simple and persevering prayer. Together they travelled day by day from place to place in their small horse cart to conduct meetings, and the Lord blessed their work with continuing revival in which soul after soul was added to the fellowship of saints, both young and old.

In the summer of 1907, something new happened in the life of Hallesby. Professor Sig V. Odland himself came to the Hallesby farm to call Ole to teach dogmatics at the Menighetsfakultet, an independent Lutheran seminary, that was to begin its work the following year, and suggested that he make a lengthy trip abroad for the purpose of study. Ole turned down the call. Odland stayed a whole week at the farm and tried to con-

vince Ole, but it was in vain. The reason for his refusal was that he then felt that his calling was that of a preacher. He had, however, the feeling that in conducting about 300 meetings a year he was preaching himself "dry and empty" and that he hardly was able to continue that way very long.

His father then counseled him, saying, "It was God who called you in 1904 to be a preacher; but it does not hinder God from giving you a new call. That is what He is doing now, and there is always a plan and consistency in what God does. What you, being called of God, have done in these four years, will be of the greatest significance for the new activity to which God is now calling you."

This decided the matter. Hallesby wrote before Christmas 1907 to the Menighetsfakultet that he accepted the call. After the New Year in 1908 he left for studies in Germany.

#### *Work As Professor*

In his teaching in the Menighetsfakultet, Hallesby followed his own firm track, but he allowed his students to ask questions and even present their own opinions. He never tried to avoid "hot" issues and did not try to cover up difficulties. He was ready to discuss the actual problems of the day in his classes when they were taken up and fit into the context.

In his first decade of teaching, he saw the need to publish textbooks for his classes and in 1920 he published his *Christian Dogmatics I, The Principles*; and in 1921 his *Christian Dogmatics II, the Special Part*. His ethics was published in 1928 under the title, *Christian Ethics*.

For Hallesby, the orthodox-pietistic revivalistic piety was no error and straying out of the way, as the liberals generally thought. His great concern was to help people to get right with God and numerous people, among them students, went to him to speak personally of their sins and problems in order to get

the help of the Gospel. His entire work was soul-care, spiritual counselling, also his teaching and preaching, and his personal discussions, as well as his wide correspondence.

Hallesby was a great man of prayer. Before going to a pulpit or lecture room he was in prayer before God, and there was a heavenly glow in his words. In his book *Prayer*, the 53rd edition, 1963, he wrote, "To pray is nothing more involved than to lift the eye of prayer unto the Saviour who stands and knocks, yea, knocks through our every need, in order to gain access to our distress, sup with us and glorify His name.

"Be not anxious because of your helplessness. Above all, do not let it prevent you from praying. Helplessness is the real secret and the impelling power of prayer. You should rather try to thank God for the feeling of helplessness which He has given you. It is one of the greatest gifts which God can impart to us, for it is only when we are helpless that we open our hearts to Jesus and let Him help us in our distress, according to His grace and mercy."

Hallesby said, "Prayer is a part of our daily program of work. We should therefore arrange our day in such a manner that we also have time for that work, just as we provide time for other necessary works, such as eating and dressing ourselves."

#### *Characteristics*

Hallesby was a diligent worker. He had two hobbies: gardening and reading. Gardening gave him fresh air and exercise. Through reading he got knowledge and inspiration. When the children grew they naturally gave help. And he loved to preach on John 15:1-11, on the Vine and the branches.

Many times he had theological students in his home and he liked to show them the well-planned and cared-for garden. It was a symbol of his life and work, which was all well-planned and all cared-for.

Hallesby was a man of will and energy, and a man of action. When he knew what was the truth and will of God, he went on without regard to what people said. He was independent of the opinions of men, wanting to be subject to God alone. Hallesby did not care to follow the fashions of the times; his son says that he was always 30 years behind in fashions.

Ole Hallesby used his time well. He got up at 7 in the morning and worked until 10:30 at night, going to bed at 11. At a quarter to 8 the family was at the breakfast table and this was the time for the morning devotions. Hallesby left home at 8:15 in order to attend the prayer meeting of the Menighetsfakultet at 9. He always walked and it took him about 40 minutes both ways. He was always out in good time and punctual. He had his lecture on dogmatics at 9:15 and after that went up to the Bible school and had his class on Christian doctrine at 10:15. After coming home he ate dinner and then sat at his table to write. He wrote book after book, but he also had a wide correspondence. The majority of the correspondence pertained to soul-care, spiritual counselling. People from all over turned to him to seek soul-care by correspondence. Usually he wrote about 2,000 letters a year.

In the evenings he had visitors, mostly people who wanted to talk with him personally, often up to five a day. It was usual that there were people waiting for their turn to have help from him and he was careful not to be in a hurry in it, for haste spoils in spiritual counselling.

#### *Writing*

Hallesby did not do much theological writing in addition to his dogmatics ethics. Most of his books belong to devotional literature, but they are undergirded by his theology and are in spirit pietistic. The circulation of his books in America has been tremendous, as the fol-

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# WOMEN *for Christ*

## FROM THE CRADLE TO THE GRAVE

Mrs. Oscar Nyflot  
Lake Bronson, Minn.

Everyone can and should live for Christ from the cradle to the grave. This is God's plan for us. None of us needs at any time to live outside of God's will. God made it possible for children to be brought into the right relationship with Him by instituting baptism, whereby Christ comes into the heart of the little child. There are a number of verses which would indicate that an infant is not born into the world innocent and free from original sin. Psalm 51:5 states that we are conceived and born in sin. John 3:6 says, "That which is born of flesh is flesh." Romans 3:23: "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Before Jesus instituted baptism, infants were circumcised at eight days and thus brought into a covenant relationship with God.

Jesus said in Mark 16:16, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." Do infants believe? Jesus gives the answer in Matthew 18:6. After calling a little child to Him, He speaks to the disciples saying, "But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea." Of course infants cannot experience all the different aspects of faith that an adult can, but believing is receiv-

ing (John 1:12) and infants can receive Jesus into their hearts. The fact is, they cannot refuse or resist Christ's entrance as adults can. Salvation is simply letting Jesus come in to take over, letting Him be Master and walking in obedience to His Word. This is very hard to do because of our sinful pride. We hate to get down on our knobby knees and acknowledge our gross sinfulness and utter lack of ability to save ourselves. Intellectual pride seems to be our downfall as a nation right now. Surely with all our education and intelligence we should be able to do something other than prostrate ourselves at the feet of Jesus. How humiliating! However, this is precisely what is necessary. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father but by me."

When Jesus comes into the heart of a little child in baptism, He remains only as long as He is wanted. When the child reaches the age of understanding, he chooses whom he will serve—Jesus or the devil. Jesus is usually pushed out. The process of pushing Christ out of his heart might be so gradual that he is unaware of what is happening. Neglect of reading the Bible and prayer is one sure way of losing out spiritually.

Some feel that a person has to live in sin before he can really be saved. This surely is not God's will for us. I have lived in my baptismal covenant, as has my sis-

ter. Though I have no recollection of a conversion experience, I know I am His because I first received Christ into my heart when I was baptized and today His Spirit witnesses with my spirit that I am His (Rom. 8:16). Baptism is not a pass to heaven, of course. If that were true, most of the people in Europe, Canada and the U.S. would be true Christians and on the way to heaven, in spite of the fact that many are self-righteous (those who think they have no need of a personal Savior), and in spite of the fact that many are living violent and openly ungodly lives. Hitler, Mussolini and Stalin were baptized.

Salvation is more than just a dependence on baptism or a conversion experience sometime in the past. There must be a first time, but as Paul says, there must be a daily dying to self and a drowning of the old man or nature. It is a day-by-day surrendering of our lives to His will. Daily we must acknowledge our lost condition, without hope in ourselves, but in Jesus only. For those of us who have let Jesus reign in our hearts since baptism there is a special blessing because we have been able to draw strength from God all of our lives. The pitfalls we may have stumbled into without God's help have been avoided. All our cares we have cast on Him who promises that all things work together for the good to them that love Him.

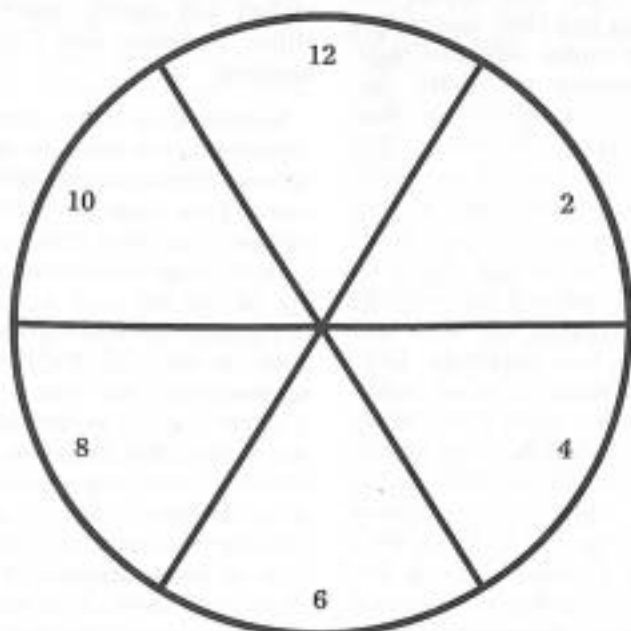
The big question for us to consider is not when we came into a saving relationship with God, but what is our relationship to God right now, today, this very hour? Have we given up the battle against the devil, the world and our own sinful flesh, or have we put on the whole armor of God? There is no victory outside of Christ.

God is able to keep us as His children from the cradle to the grave, if we are willing.



# Luther League Activities

Edited by Jane Thompson



## Luther League Mixer

1. Pick six Leaguers (one at a time) with whom you would like to exchange interviews. Write their names after the time you both agree on for the interview.

For example: If you agree to meet at 2 o'clock then write that Leaguer's name in the 2 o'clock space of the above clock. Be sure that the Leaguer you have picked writes your name in the 2 o'clock space on his clock.

(You cannot pick a Leaguer from your own parish. The exchange interview can be with either boy or girl.)

2. After all dates have been

made, the leader of this mixer will announce the various times.

For example: If he says it is 2 o'clock you will again look up the person with whom you were to have an exchange interview at 2 o'clock.

This will continue until all exchange interviews have been made.

## THE INTERVIEW

During the interview Leaguers exchange as much information about each other as they can in the time allotted. (Scratch paper and pencil are available for your convenience.)

The following is a guide as to

the kind of information you might seek: (a) Name. (b) Address. (c) Name of school. (d) Favorite subject in school and why. (e) Favorite sport and why. (f) Talents the person has. (g) Something about the history of the person: where born, birthday, father's occupation, where he has lived, schools attended, church affiliation, etc. (h) Favorite hymn, favorite Bible verse. (i) Christian testimony. (j) Favorite pastime. (k) Brothers and sisters. (l) Life's ambition. (m) And anything else that would be of interest. (Also observe the person's dress, color of eyes, hair, etc.) Write only that which is complimentary to the one you interview. Do not write anything that would be embarrassing. (The judges will disqualify you if you do.)

3. After all interviews have been made the Leaguer is to pick one of the interviews that he has made and write up a short biography on that person on the basis of the notes that he has taken. He will have until an agreed time to write this biography. It need not be long, but should be interestingly written. This should be neatly done on good paper (there will be some available). It should be written with a ball point pen. Be sure and sign your name.

Each Leaguer can write only one biography.

4. These biographies will be handed over to a team of judges. They will judge them. There will be a 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize for both the writer and the one interviewed. Others may be honorably mentioned.

Those so picked will then be read at the banquet at which time the prizes will also be awarded.

—Rev. Gerald F. Mundfrom

(Ed. Note: This "mixer" was tried for the first time at the S. Dak. District Luther League Convention last spring and worked out so well that it is shared here with other districts and local leagues which might like to use it.)

# MEET the Churches OF OUR FELLOWSHIP



## TODAY:

### THE SPICER (MINN.) PARISH

#### Green Lake Lutheran Church

December 17, 1883, was the organization date for the congregation and it was affiliated with the Hauge Synod. Following the formation of the Norwegian Lutheran Church (later the Evangelical Lutheran Church) in 1917, Green Lake was served by Lutheran Free Church pastors but did not formally associate with the LFC until 1936. At the time of the merger of 1963 the congregation elected to be a part of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations.

A number of sons and daughters of the congregation have entered into full-time Christian service. They are Rev. T. K. Jacobs; Evangelist Albert Anderson; Rev. C. M. Hanson, director of the American Lutheran Church Ministry to the Jews; Rev. Harold S. Olson, Lutheran Brethren pastor at Thief River Falls, Minn.; Rev. Ernest V. Streed, pastor of the Evangelical Free Church in Provo, Utah; Rev. Donald Ronning, pastor at Park River, N. Dak.; Rev. James Almquist, who has completed a term as missionary to the Eskimos in Alaska; and Rev. Paul Almquist, pastor of Pontoppidan Lutheran Church, Fargo, N. Dak. The latter three were LFC pastors, now

ALC. In addition, Mrs. Ernest G. Larson (nee Ellen Gynild), is a pastor's wife and was president of the Women's Missionary Federation in the LFC at one time. The Larsons now live at Montevideo, Minn., where Pastor Larson serves two rural congregations. Still another daughter, Alice Rosacker, is the wife of Pastor T. C. Knutson. They now live in Dazey, N. Dak. Both the Knutsons and Larsons were LFC and are now in the ALC.

Green Lake Congregation has encouraged a strong evangelistic emphasis down through the years. Evangelistic services have been held regularly with the invitation extended to the unsaved to accept salvation in Jesus Christ, the Savior, and from time to time souls have experienced peace and joy in the Lord.

The congregation built a church in 1885-86. In 1911 a basement was completed. Additions and various improvements were made at different times. In 1957 a basement Sunday school addition was built. Several years later the upper portion of the addition was completed, providing more rooms, an overflow



Pastor Julius Hermunslie

Pastor Julius Hermunslie has completed eleven years as pastor of Green Lake Lutheran Church this year. He and his wife Marit will soon move to Fergus Falls, Minn., to make their home. A native of Abercrombie, N. Dak., Pastor Hermunslie was graduated from Augsburg College and Seminary and served Lutheran Free Church parishes at Olivet, Minneapolis, Minn.; Northwood, N. Dak.; and on the West Coast, in addition to Green Lake. He is the chairman of the Co-ordinating Committee of the AFLC, a post he has held from the beginning.

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Green Lake Lutheran Church

## QUIET TALKS

### I.

Pastor Lars Stalsbroten

Read Micah 2:13

It is wonderful to meet together at annual meetings, Bible conferences and Bible camps. We look forward to these gatherings with anticipation, and as a rule we go home blessed and encouraged in the Lord.

In I Sam. 23:16, we read: "And Jonathan, Saul's son, arose and went to David into the woods and strengthened his hand in God." There is a great need for this kind of personal work these days. Do we practice this in our congregations after we get home from these larger gatherings? Have you gone to someone recently to strengthen his or her hand in God?

There are many Christians with feeble knees and their hands hanging down. They do not seem to get into the race set before them. Their Christian life can be likened more to a stroll than a race. And when there is a job in the church that requires both lifting and pulling, the hands are too weak. In Heb. 12:12, 13, we read: "Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees; and make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed."

It is my earnest desire that these short meditations may be a real help and encouragement to God's people in these times of crisis.

Micah 2:13 has been of indescribable help and blessing in my Christian life and ministry. It is filled to the brim with comfort and help for a discouraged Christian. It tells us that Christ is God's answer to all our needs. I like these three names of our Saviour:

Breaker  
King  
Lord

Each one tells us in a striking way what He is able and willing to do for us. He says among other

things that He will go before His people. Listen to this: "The breaker is come up before them." Their king shall pass before them. The Lord ahead of them.

My, what a blessed truth! I hope this will become a glorious, living reality in the life of every one of our Association. The Breaker, the King, the Lord, goes before us. He meets and masters all difficulties. We really have nothing to do with them. We are only to trust and follow Him. The whole history of God's people both in the Old and New Testament confirms this truth. I could add that the six years' history of our Association is also a confirmation of the same truth.

I like the Norwegian translation: "Veibryteren gaar foran dem." The way-breaker is come and goes before them. He goes before them and paves the way where there is none.

We like to think of Moses as he stands by the Red Sea with the multitude that God had called him to lead (Ex. 14). There he was surrounded on both sides with mountains, the Red sea in the front, and in the rear Pharaoh with his army pursuing them. What a tight spot! Have you ever been in a place like that?

Yes, it may be black around us, and hopeless within us, but don't forget the upward look. That is just as bright as all the promises of God.

Moses had the upward look. He cried to God and God answered. "Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord." Don't worry, but be still, and know that I am God. I will fight for you, I will save you. Did He keep his promise?

What happened?

The breaker went ahead and paved the way right through the Red Sea. The Lord said to Moses, speak to the people that they go forward, and they followed the Lord through the midst of the sea.

God is faithful who has given us the promises.

Be sure to look up!

[To be continued]

## REPORT OF SHEYENNE VALLEY BIBLE CAMP

The Sheyenne Valley Bible Camp Board met in the beautiful new Trinity Church in Grand Forks, October 7.

Reports of the camp held at Cooperstown, N. Dak., were good to hear. Over one hundred were in attendance at the camp held July 28-August 2. Among the campers were David Abel, who spent the summer at Heimdal, N. Dak., and the Gospel-Aires. Five hundred people heard the Ganddal Pikekor Sunday afternoon. Mr. Verle Dean of the Redby Indian Mission was the mission speaker for the week. Mr. Sterling Johnson of the LEM was the evangelist. They were assisted by the area pastors at the morning classes.

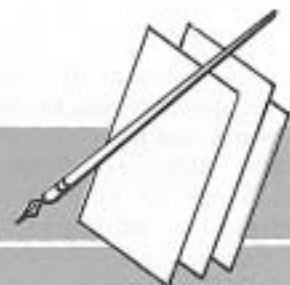
Very fine films were shown afternoons before the recreation period. It was truly a good week. Each day began with the Flag-Raising service in charge of Ken Moland and each day ended with testimonies and singing before the fireplace in the dining room. It was with thankful hearts that the camp personnel heard the testimonies and heard so many witness for the Lord and accept Him as their Savior. It was also an inspiration to have people from the surrounding community visit evening after evening.

The Board continued business by electing Pastor Ernest Langness of McVile as president; Pastor Hans Tollefson of Hatton, vice-president; Lee Quanbeck, McVile, treasurer; and Pearl Aanstad, Hampden, secretary. Other board members are Clarence Quanbeck, McVile, and Pastor David Molstre and Gordon Johnson, both of Grand Forks. Pastor Molstre was elected camp dean, with Pastor Howard Kjos, Hampden, as assistant.

The 1969 camp will again be held at the Cooperstown camp. We are thankful for the fine cooperation of this camp. The dates are June 29-July 4.

—Secretary





## EDITORIALS

### VOTE ON NOV. 5

Americans boast of their freedoms, including that of the ballot box. Thousands of young American men have died to obtain and preserve self-determination for our country and for other nations as well. And yet, even in a presidential election it can be assumed that fully one-third of the eligible voters will not take the trouble to cast their votes.

It can be argued, of course, that to not vote is also a form of voting. On the one hand, it can signify an implicit and deep faith that those who do get to the polls will make an excellent choice and however the election turns out will be completely satisfactory to the abstainer. On the other hand, not voting can mean that one is so disgusted and disenchanted that he has no good choices at the ballot box and there is no use to even vote for a lesser of two or more evils.

The answer to the first line of reasoning is the old adage that for evil to triumph all that is necessary is that good people do nothing, including voting. Over the years elections may turn out in an acceptable manner even with many people not voting. But of a sudden, lo and behold, a dramatic or subtle change may take place because too many well-meaning persons have failed to exercise their franchise.

An answer to the second group, those who don't vote because of their disgust, is to remind them that this is a democratic form of government and we wish to keep it that way. There must be room for legitimate protest, but our government consists of legislation, elected officials and a system of checks and balances and change must be accomplished through the means the constitution allows, not through coup d'etats, bloodless or otherwise.

If anyone is thinking of not voting on Nov. 5, and is eligible to vote, we ask him to think seriously of going to the polls. Surely there must be some candidate who approximates one's own political philosophy.

Let the would-be abstainer consider this, too. How good would it be if there were no chance to vote or if an election were Russian-style, that is, only one candidate for each office?

Do you prize the privilege of the free ballot or

could you live under the system the Czechoslovakian people must endure?

### WAYS TO REACH OUT

At the recent Sunday School Convention in South Dakota these two examples were given of how Christians were able to reach out to help others are worthy of mention.

The first is about a layman who discovered that there were no Sunday School opportunities in the rest home in his community. So he arranged to conduct a class there on Sunday mornings. The class which gathered there organized, elected officers, etc. Some time later a son of one of the ladies in the class, and she was in her eighties, made it a point to meet the Bible class teacher because he wanted to meet the man who would take the trouble to come and teach a class for his mother and the others. The upshot of the matter was that the teacher was eventually able to lead the son to faith in Christ and later to involve his whole family in church. Therefore, someone who saw a need and was willing to make an effort proved a blessing to many.

The other incident was this. Mrs. H—— lived in a city and had a young neighbor lady, Peggy, who seemed completely uninterested in spiritual things. Her personal habits, as well, gave this impression. They seemed to have nothing in common. And yet, one day Peggy came over to her house quite upset over the death of her grandmother. Mrs. H—— tried to give what comfort she could and in the course of their chat expressed the idea that it would be nice if some of the neighborhood ladies could have Bible studies together.

It was summer now and nothing had been done. Mrs. H—— kept the thought in mind but felt that summer would be a poor time what with families away on vacation and she made no plans to get a group organized. Then one day in September she had been away and when she returned her daughter told her that Peggy had been over. She had reported that she had contacted the women of the neighborhood, they would like to get together for weekly Bible studies, they could meet at 9:30 on Tuesday morning and would Mrs. H—— be willing to be their leader? Of course she would, and a tremendous opportunity fell into her lap through a young lady who was separated from her by a generation gap and a background gap.

So there are opportunities and there may be one at your doorstep. Your kitchen table may be the place where the Lord can speak through you, as Laura Koskela expressed it in her article on the Women's page (Oct. 1, 1968). It is dangerous to say, "There are no opportunities for me for Christ in my present situation." There may be some very precious ones, ones that only you can do something about.

## OLE HALLESBY

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lowing numbers show: *The Christian*, 20th edition, 1961; *Religious or Christian*, 12th edition, 1962; *Conscience*, 19th edition, 1964; *Why I Am a Christian*, 35th edition, 1964; *Under His Wings*, 30th edition, 1961; *Prayer*, 53rd edition, 1963.

Of the last book mentioned, Hallesby himself said, "I cannot understand that I have written so good a book." By this he meant that it was given him.

### Conclusion

When the Menighetsfakultet had its 40th anniversary jubilee Hallesby was 69 years old. He wanted to retire, but being strongly encouraged he continued his work until 1942. At the 40-year jubilee he gave the address that has been called Hallesby's testament. He said in it, among other things: "When I look on our young pastors there is hope for the future. I see a new generation of pastors with a new ministerial ideal, close to life, close to people, practical and open to new impulses, free from the snobbishness of the academicians and officials. . . .

"The future of our Church belongs to the young, and there are many of them today. Since I shall soon depart. . . I wish to ask today for a couple of things:

"1. Never forsake the theology of the cross. As long as we practice that theology the Menighetsfakultet is invincible.

"2. Never forsake the hard and offensive proclamation of conversion. God give you grace to proclaim conversion and forgiveness of sins, with a burning and praying concern for souls.

"3. Never forsake the low church line that the Menighetsfakultet has followed from its beginning till today. . . . A churchianity that lacks vision and use for the voluntary Christian work in congregations has no home right in the Menighetsfakultet.

On Sunday, November 20, 1960, he gave his last sermon. In the sermon he exhorted God's people to walk with the Lord and live according to His Word.

In May, 1961, Hallesby's wife passed away. It was a hard blow to Hallesby, but even when he was left alone, he said, "God is so good. I am not alone but feel as though she were present here unseen." He said, "In my sorrow I may thank God that I have it well with God and men, and am every day allowed to believe in the forgiveness of my sins. The evening sun of my life is smiling down to me and predicts that I shall soon be allowed to move home."

In the evening of November 21 of that year, Hallesby's children were gathered around his sickbed. His oldest son, Pastor Christen Hallesby, read Psalm 34. The next morning Hallesby was taken home to the Lord; an expression of victory and peace was on his face.

The text for his funeral sermon is recorded in Heb. 13:7: "Remember your leaders, who have spoken the word of God to you; whose faith follow, considering the end of their life."

### BOOK REVIEW

*Thy People Shall Be My People*, Ruth June Perl (Bethany Fellowship, Inc., 1968), \$4.50

Christian stories of God's will, and His purpose for individuals, their love, romance and adventure, when written honestly and frankly, are fascinating and helpful. Ruth Perl begins her book *Thy People Shall Be My People* by telling of her mother's death when Ruth was twelve, and her "childhood call" to be a missionary. Also, of her

happy two-year marriage to Doug, and of his accident, hospital experience and death, and her own deep sorrow and struggles through which she found the Lord's will. God's "better plan" led her to Biola Bible College in Los Angeles to prepare for a life ministry among the Jews. Here she met Mike Perl, a young Jew who had been rescued from suicide to become a powerful believer in Jesus Christ as Savior and Messiah.

God spoke often to Ruth of the Biblical Ruth and Boaz, and of how the lonely young widow left her people and country to go to Israel. After graduation from Bible College Ruth studied the Hebrew language at a government school in Israel, but was warned never to mention the word missionary. Mike Perl's plans to attend a university in Israel brought him there by plane the same day as Ruth arrived, and he helped her find the language school—a farm home known as a *kibbitz*. Living conditions were primitive and rugged, and Ruth worked four and one-half hours each morning in exchange for afternoon language classes in Hebrew. Opportunities to witness for Christ were rarely well-received, or tolerated there, or elsewhere in Israel.

Ruth's love for Mike deepened in a strange land, but neither were sure of God's will about marriage, and they returned to America separately, but met again in California. The story of their romance and marriage is a moving, stirring drama, as is the account of their work among the 10,000 Jews in the San Bernardino area. God blessed their united ministry, and gave them three sweet children to add joy to their lives. The chapters "Fulfillment" and "Fruitfulness," you will want to read and re-read as you say sincerely to all your friends and family, "Read ALL about it!" and be blest! in *Thy People Shall Be My People* by Ruth Perl. God bless you.

—Mrs. Arvid Hokonson  
Faith, S. Dak.

# Letters TO THE EDITOR

## HOW MANY AFLC BROADCASTS

Bethany Lutheran Church of Astoria is now sponsoring its own radio broadcast on Sunday morning, which is aired at 8:45. The program is entitled "Glad Tidings Program of Bethany Lutheran Church of Astoria." As such, Bethany is the only church in its area which has a radio broadcast. It would be interesting to know how many churches in the Association are sponsoring radio programs. We would recommend to all churches that inquiry be made as to the possibility of having such representation in your own areas. There are many blessings in having such an outreach. It has meant a great deal to our choir having the additional expression and has stimulated great interest within the church.

In the entry of our church we have a rack containing envelopes for the radio work with the instructions to place the same in the offering plates. In addition there is a board entitled "Radio Fund" upon which is posted the current amount in the fund. The response has been tremendous. We have a special secretary and treasurer of the fund who posts the figures on the board as radio envelopes are received. The offering board utilizes the numbers used in posting hymns.

Is there available radio outlet in your community? Is the message of the church being heard outside of the confines of its four walls? We regard this as one of the greatest investments of our church.

—Pastor R. S. Persson  
Astoria, Ore.

## EASTERN NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT WMF HELD CONVENTION

The Eastern North Dakota District WMF met at Grace Lutheran Church, Valley City, N. Dak., on Saturday, Oct. 5. The theme of the rally was "Be ye watchful, prayerful, and thankful," (Col. 4:2). Eula Mae Swenson presented the Bible study on prayer. Alvin Grothe was the afternoon speaker. Total attendance was 118.

—Mrs. Russell Duncan

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"Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates."

Rev. 22:14

## A DESERT DAY

Night creatures of the desert  
Retire at break of day.  
To dark and hidden places  
They slowly make their way.

As the first ray of morning  
Is seen in Eastern sky  
A waking bird announces,  
"The time has come to fly."

The sun appears in splendor,  
Its help and strength to give  
So earth may be a happy  
And healthful place to live.

Horned toads find insects tasty,  
And quails feed their brood;  
While lizards dart and scurry  
To find their daily food.

Saguaros reaching skyward,  
And every plant and flower,  
Proclaim "God loves the desert.  
Here, too, He shows His power."

Late afternoon brings shadows  
That are so very long.  
The sun goes down; and twilight  
Inspires a night-bird's song.

The evening breeze is pleasant  
As light fades in the West.  
Now comes to daytime creatures  
A time for sleep and rest.

—Ella Rasmussen  
Tucson, Arizona

## WANTED

WANTED . . . YOUNG PEOPLE FOR FOREIGN LAND, not called on to die for your country, but called on to live or die for CHRIST in BRAZIL. The need is desperate, the door wide open, the work growing. Pray the Lord of the HARVEST for laborers for this harvest field. Write . . . AFLC Foreign Mission Board, Robert Knutson, Chairman, McVile, N. Dak. 58254.

## THOU GOD CHANGEST NOT

There is much talk in our day about how everything all around us is changing. It is true that many things are changing, and very rapidly, but certainly not everything. All who will can read the signs of the last times in the things that are taking place, and many are filled with fear and apprehension over what will be coming upon the earth. How good, then, that there are those things that still remain the same, even when so many things are shaking.

First let us remember that God's Word is and always will be the same. Jesus said, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away" (See Matt. 24:35). "For ever, O Lord, thy word is firmly fixed in the heavens.... Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path" (Ps. 119:89, 105). The light of the Word is still our guide in life.

In spite of what men may think or say, God's standards of right and wrong, good and evil, are still the same. Sin has not changed. Sin is sin, whatever it may be called today. Calling something by a new name does not change its nature.

Let us not forget, however, that God's love is still the same also. "I have loved you with an everlasting love, therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you" (Jer. 31:3). God so loved that He gave His Son, not to condemn the world but that the world might be saved. His mercy endures forever. God is still able to save to the uttermost all who draw near to Him through Christ. The Gospel is the only power of God for salvation to every one who believes.

The road to heaven has not changed. It is still the never-changing way, the way of the Cross of Christ. "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but by me" (John 14:6). There is no other way. There is no other name under heaven given among men by which we

can be saved (Acts 4:12). "For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God, not because of works, lest any man should boast" (Eph. 2:8, 9).

If someone has strayed from this road, the way back is clearly marked by another unchanging word—"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (I John 1:9). And "if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin" (I John 1:7). This is a continuing daily experience as we walk with Him.

God's promises still shine in the gathering darkness around us. There are young people who are seeking for that which will satisfy their souls. Have faith in God! "All things whatsoever ye pray and ask for, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them" (Mark 11:24). "If ye shall ask anything in my name, that will I do" (John 14:14).

Let us keep on praying for a Spirit-filled awakening in our churches everywhere. Jesus is coming soon, according to His own promise. "Wherefore you also must be ready, for the Son of man is coming at an hour you do not expect" (Matt. 24:44).

Praise God for the solid rock on which to stand when other things are tottering and falling. Our help is in the name of the Lord. Our hope is built on Christ who says, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" (Matt. 28:19). "Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday and today, and forever" (Heb. 13:8).

"The eternal God is thy dwelling place, and underneath are the everlasting arms" (Deut. 33:27).

Unless our life is built on the changeless Word of God, and our soul is anchored in Christ, we are on dangerous ground.

"Change and decay in all around I see;

O Thou who changest not, abide with me."

—Mrs. I. M. Norum  
Clayton, Wis.

## 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

Greenbush  
Ludvig Larson, 81  
Aug. 27, Poplar Grove  
Dinus H. Johnson, 62  
Oct. 1, Bethlehem

### NORTH DAKOTA

Binford  
Mrs. Elmer A. Miller  
Oct. 15, Bethany

### JESUS IS THE FRIEND YOU NEED

When the sun shines bright and  
your heart is light,  
Jesus is the Friend you need;  
When the clouds hang low in this  
world of woe,  
Jesus is the Friend you need.

#### Refrain:

Jesus is the Friend you need,  
Such a Friend is He indeed;  
He who noteth ev'ry tear,  
He will banish ev'ry fear,  
Jesus is the Friend you need.

If you're lost in sin, all is dark  
within,  
Jesus is the Friend you need;  
God alone can save thro' the Son  
He gave,  
Jesus is the Friend you need.

When in that sad hour, when in  
death's grim pow'r,  
Jesus is the Friend you need;  
If you would prepare 'gainst the  
tempter's snare,  
Jesus is the Friend you need.

—I. E. Reynolds  
(from *Hymns of Praise*, No. 2)

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### THE PARSONAGE



For a number of years the congregation shared ownership of a parsonage with other congregations in the same parish. A parsonage was purchased in Spicer by the congregation in 1937. In 1965-66 the old house was removed and a new home was built on the same lot.

for worship services, a pastor's study and a nursery.

Green Lake Lutheran Church, located two miles south of Spicer, was part of a three-point parish in the early years of her history. Later Green Lake and Grace Lutheran of Lake Lillian formed a parish. Since 1947 Green Lake has been a one-point parish.

Pastors who have served the church are: K. C. Holter, 1883-89;

T. J. Oppedahl, 1890-93; Bernard Reitan, 1894-98; Simon Hanson, 1900-02; J. S. Halvorson, 1903-09; I. A. Johanson, 1910-17; E. E. Gynild, 1917-23; O. L. Christensen, 1924-33; Olaf C. Helland, 1933-37; G. A. Almquist, 1939-46 and 1956-57; Trygve F. Dahle, 1947-51; Mr. Donald Fladland, 1951-56; and Julius Hermunslie, 1957-68. Pastor Hermunslie has resigned, effective Nov. 18.

### PICKEREL LAKE BIBLE CAMP ANNUAL MEETING TO BE HELD

The annual meeting of Pickerel Lake Lutheran Bible Camp Association will be held on Thursday, Nov. 7, at Egeland Lutheran Church, Waubay, S. Dak., at 1:30 p.m.

Mr. Maurice Olson, Waubay, is the president. Already chosen dean of next year's camp, which will be in session June 23-29, is Rev. A. L. Hokonson, Faith, S. Dak. Assistant dean will be Rev. Lyle Nielsen, Wallace, S. Dak.

Speakers for the 1969 camp have not yet been announced.

### TREASURER'S PROGRESS REPORT February 1, 1968 to September 30, 1968

	Proposed Yearly Budget	Current Budget	Total Received
General Fund .....	\$ 35,650.00	\$ 23,766.66	\$14,479.35
Seminary & Bible Sch.	36,200.00	24,133.33	8,637.67
Missions .....	49,000.00	32,666.66	21,909.61
Praise Program .....	40,000.00	26,666.66	26,170.73
	<u>\$160,850.00</u>	<u>\$107,233.31</u>	<u>\$71,197.36</u>

Total Received for Library — \$244.00  
One Grand Fellowship — \$9,483.33

### ANNUAL CONFERENCE DATES

The 1969 Annual Conference of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations will be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on June 11-15.

### PERSONALITIES

Pastor Julius Hermunslie, Spicer, Minn., has accepted a call to serve as pastor of Calvary Lutheran Church, Fergus Falls, Minn., and will assume his duties with this congregation on Dec. 1, 1968. Pastor and Mrs. Hermunslie will be moving to Fergus Falls on Tuesday, Nov. 19. After that date their address will be 832 West Stanton Avenue, Fergus Falls, Minnesota 56537.

Pastor Orville T. Olson, Greenbush, Minn., has resigned from his parish and has accepted a call to serve the McIntosh, Minn., parish, consisting of the following congregations: Calvary, Fosston; Mt. Carmel, McIntosh; and Trinity, McIntosh. The Olsons will move to McIntosh the first week in January.

Rev. Gerald F. Mundfrom, Pukwana, S. Dak., has resigned from the Pukwana parish (Pukwana and St. Olaf). Future plans are indefinite at this writing.

### PARISH EDUCATION NOTICE

Mrs. Bert Tildahl will be handling Parish Education matters, including filmstrips, at the office in Minneapolis, 3110 E. Medicine Lake Blvd., rather than Miss Marion Hellekson. Please address your inquiries for assistance to Mrs. Tildahl.



# NEWS

## of the Churches

### MORGAN AVENUE LUTHERAN CHURCH HELD FALL FESTIVAL

On Sunday, October 6, 1968, Morgan Avenue Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minn., held their annual Sunday School Rally Day and Fall Festival. This year they are celebrating the seventieth anniversary of the church. Guest speaker for this occasion was the Rev. Richard Snipstead, Dean of the AFLC Bible School. His message was entitled "The Gift of Humility." Following the morning services, a bountiful dinner was served by the ladies of the Ruth Guild.

The church and Sunday school supports four missionaries: Miss Patricia Lelvis and Miss Ruth Hanson in West Pakistan, Miss Dorothy Christianson in India and a national worker in Mexico. Also, this summer the Ruth Guild voted to support a Korean American orphan, Kim Nam Shin, age three years. Already they have boxed and shipped ten boxes of clothes to the Korean Orphanage and sent a large box of new clothes to Kim for her birthday. Recently, Rev. Ray Rosales, faculty member at the Lutheran Seminary in Mexico City, spoke at the monthly meeting which the congregation holds to emphasize missions. Chester R. Heikkinen is pastor of the church.

### FERNDALE, WASHINGTON

Rev. Jay G. Erickson will be installed as pastor of Triumph Lutheran Church, Ferndale, on Sunday, Nov. 3, 11:00 a.m. Pastor John

P. Strand, president of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations, will officiate.

### LAKE STEVENS, WASHINGTON

Thirty-seven persons were in attendance at the first service conducted on Sept. 15. Sunday School was started on October 13.

A three-man Steering Committee has been formed to guide the organization of the new congregation. Members are Ken Stenberg, Gordon Rux and Martin Hegna.

Evangelistic meetings were held Oct. 20-24 with Pastor Robert Rieth of Kirkland as the speaker.

Dedication of the church building is set for Sunday, Nov. 3, 2:30 p.m. Rev. John P. Strand, president of the AFLC will officiate and preach the dedicatory sermon.

Francis Monseth, Everett, is serving Lake Stevens.

### FAMILY CAMP DATES FOR 1969 SET

Pastor Leslie Galland, Stacy, Minnesota, announces that the Family Bible Camp for 1969 will be held a month earlier than the past several years. The dates will be July 7-13. The place is the same, Lake Geneva Bible Camp, Alexandria, Minn.

Pastor Galland will be the dean of next year's camp.



White Earth, N. Dak.

Nov. 3-5

Norman Lutheran Church

R. L. Lee and Reuben Wee, pastors  
Speaker: Pastor Gene Sundby,  
Newfolden, Minn.

Ray, N. Dak.

Nov. 6-8

Beaver Creek Lutheran Church

R. L. Lee and Reuben Wee, pastors  
Speaker: Pastor Gene Sundby,  
Newfolden, Minn.

Stacy, Minn.

Nov. 17-21

Sunnyside Lutheran Church

Leslie Galland, pastor  
Speaker: Rev. John DeBoer, Vil-  
lard, Minn.

Roslyn, S. Dak.

Nov. 17-21

Tabor Lutheran Church

Raynard Huglen, pastor  
Speaker: Rev. Kenneth Ellingson,  
LEM

Fosston, Minn.

Nov. 10-13

Calvary Lutheran Church

Pastorate Vacant  
Speaker: Rev. Norman Tungseth,  
Clearbrook, Minn.



# CHURCH-WORLD NEWS

## MILLION MAY DIE IN NIGERIA, CHURCH MISSIONS LEADER WARNS

St. Louis — Without massive relief, 1,000,000 people may die of malnutrition and starvation in Nigeria, warns the chief missions executive of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, the Rev. Dr. William H. Kohn.

The medical missions secretary of the denomination, Dr. Wolfgang F. Bulle, is serving as coordinator of physical and medical relief in Nigeria for the International Committee of the Red Cross.

## LUTHERAN MISSIONARY OBSERVES 100TH BIRTHDAY IN HONG KONG

Hong Kong (LC) — A Lutheran missionary from the United States, who had to flee mainland China during the final stages of its Communist takeover two decades ago, celebrated her 100th birthday here on September 18.

Anna Martinson, although bed-ridden for much of the last 12 years, observed the day by receiving visitors at her home in Little Taofongshan, Shatin, a section of the New Territories in the British Crown Colony.

During the afternoon, the event was also celebrated at Truth Lutheran church in Kowloon with a special service and program of thanksgiving.

According to friends of the 100-year-old retired missionary, neither her age nor her long confinement in bed has weakened her or her spirit.

"She looks spry and strong," wrote one observer just before the anniversary. "Even at this age, she still reads and writes letters and prays a great deal."

Bed-ridden by a broken hip at the age of 88, she had to undergo an operation for the insertion of a surgical pin. Eight years later, her friends related, she insisted

that the pin be removed and "since then, she feels better."

Anna Hauge Martinson was born in Huxley, Iowa, September 18, 1868, and was one of eleven children. She has survived her sister and all nine brothers, the last of whom died approximately one year ago.

She married the Rev. Andrew Martinson, a clergyman of the United Norwegian Lutheran Church in America, on May 17, 1900, and, within two years, she and her husband left the United States for China where he was to die of dysentery in Honan in 1913.

Mrs. Martinson refused to leave the work her husband had begun, her friends related, and continued work among the Chinese in Hsin Tien and Kikungshan, Honan.

Only at the age of 80, when Communist forces drew close in 1948, was she persuaded by her children to abandon the field and seek the safety of Hong Kong.

Two of her three children and two grandchildren are serving as second and third generation missionaries, respectively, under the American Lutheran Church, a successor to the church with which Andrew and Anna Martinson were related.

Her children are Miss Cora Martinson and Dr. Harold Martinson, both of whom are engaged here as missionaries, and Mrs. Pearl Jovaag of Austin, Minn., who is married to a clergyman of the American Lutheran Church.

All three are graduates of St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn. The son, a missionary who is now associated with Lutheran Theological Seminary here, was also graduated from Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minn.

The two grandchildren are the Rev. Paul Martinson, a missionary assigned to Hong Kong who is currently studying at the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago, and

Mrs. Charlotte Gronseth, the wife of a missionary to Taiwan.

Mrs. Anna Martinson has returned to the United States a few times since she first went to China but her hopes to return for her retirement were dashed in 1966 by the fall that resulted in the fractured hip.

As the date for her 100th birthday neared, she termed the plans for the celebration unnecessary and cited a "birthday in heaven" as preferable.

## LWR APPEAL SEEKS BLANKETS AND CHILDREN'S CLOTHING

New York (LC) — Lutheran World Relief will again focus special emphasis on blankets and garments for children during its Thanksgiving Clothing Appeal, an annual drive which has been scheduled for November 24 through December 1.

Both the dates for the appeal and its particular needs were announced here late in September by the Rev. Ove R. Nielsen, an assistant executive secretary in the overseas material aid agency.

"To help needy people in other countries we are seeking gifts of good clothing," the staff executive commented, "but we are placing very special stress on the need for blankets and children's clothing."

Noting that only limited amounts of adult clothing is needed and that such garments are most useful when converted into blankets, he pointed out that "many congregations are already making blankets but we need many, many more."

Letters to parish pastors announcing the appeal and a brochure on the extent of need overseas cite several suggestions for making blankets from clothing.

Ten depots, located in various geographical areas of the country, are used for the collection and processing of clothing receipts.

## REV. DAVID PREUS NAMED VICE PRESIDENT OF ALC

Omaha (LC) — The Rev. David W. Preus, pastor of University Lutheran Church of Hope in Minneapolis, was elected vice president of the American Lutheran Church at its fourth biennial convention here.

Named on the fourth ballot, Mr. Preus, 46, received 476 votes to 458 for Dr. William Larsen, who has held the unsalaried part-time office for the past two years in addition to his staff post as executive director of the ALC's Board of Theological Education.

Born in Madison, Wis., May 28, 1922, Mr. Preus is a graduate of Luther College at Decorah, Iowa, and Luther Seminary at St. Paul, Minn. He also studied at the University of Minnesota Law School, Union Seminary in New York City, and the University of Edinburgh in Scotland.

After his ordination in 1950 by the former Evangelical Lutheran

Church, one of the four bodies that formed the ALC, he served parishes in Brookings, S. Dak. (1950-51) and Vermillion, S. Dak. (1952-57). He was campus pastor at the University of Minnesota for a year (1957-58) before assuming his present pastorate.

## 1969 HOLY LANDS TOUR

Pastor K. A. Anderson of Borup, Minn., is hosting a tour to the Holy Lands, leaving New York, July 31, 1969.

This will be a 15-day leisurely tour of such places as:

Cairo, Beirut, Tel Aviv, Nazareth, Capernaum, Sea of Galilee, Dead Sea, Jerusalem, Mount of Olives, Gethsemane, Athens, Corinth, Rome.

Pastor Anderson is a graduate from Augsburg Seminary and is now serving a Lutheran parish (ALC) at Borup, Minn.

Anyone desiring a brochure to find out more details about the tour may write to Pastor K. A. Anderson, Borup, Minn. 56519.

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