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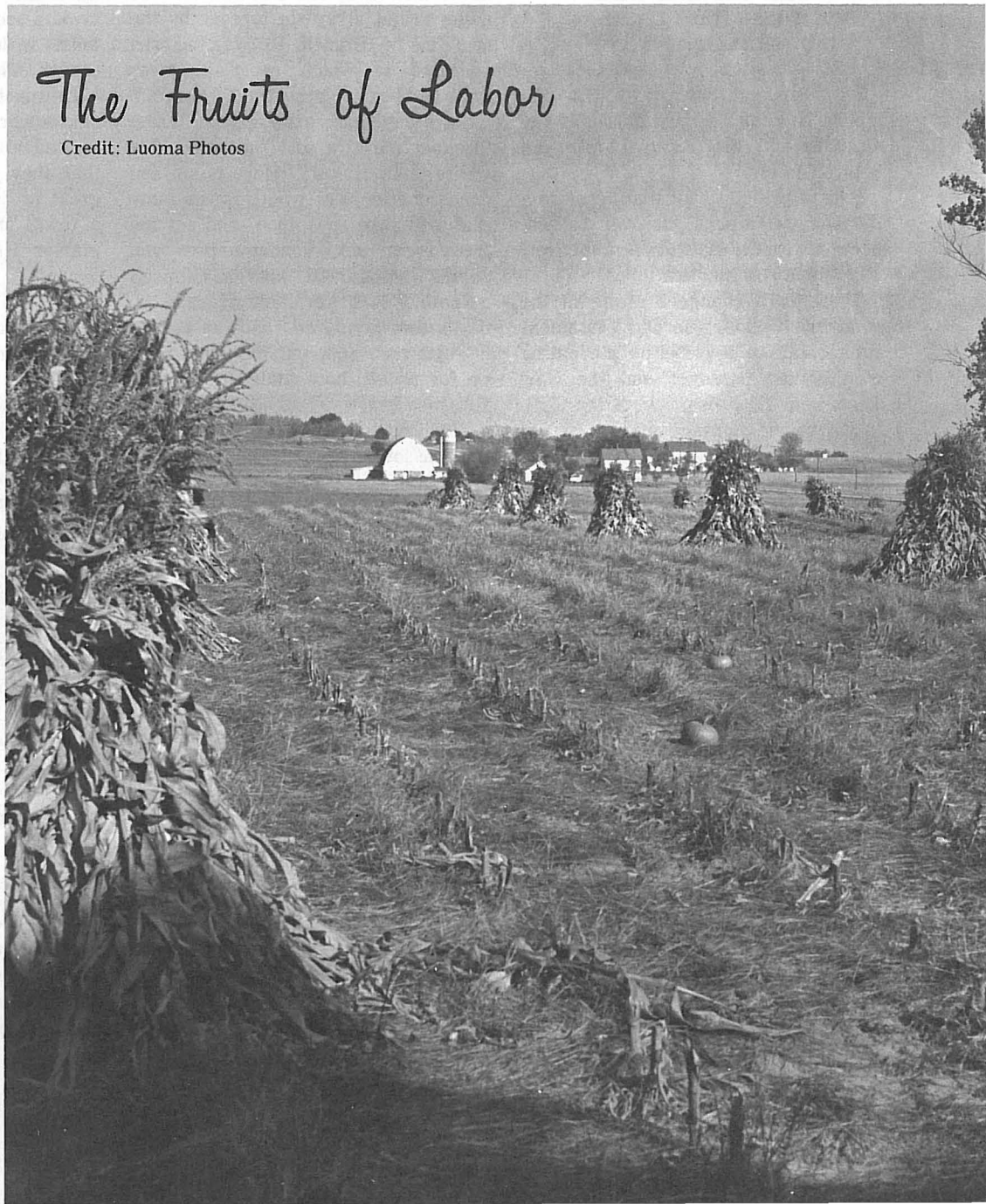
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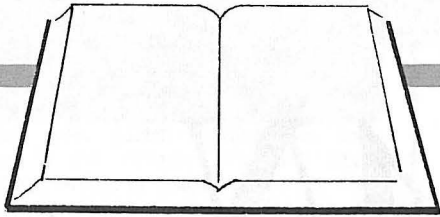
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According to the Word

THE OLD AND NEW PASSOVER FEASTS Luke 22:14-15

As Jesus sat down with His disciples, he said, "I have earnestly desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer."

It is very significant that Jesus eats the Old Testament passover in connection with the institution of the New Testament communion.

There is a change of time in the economy of God. The Old Testament time came to a close by the eating of this last passover and the New Testament time began with the institution of the Lord's Supper. The old dispensation reaches its consummation and the new is ushered in. The old covenant is abolished and the new takes its place. "He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second" (Hebrews 10:9).

"I have earnestly desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer." He had been longing to become the living reality of all the types and shadows of the Old Testament. He earnestly desired to do away with all these temporary and imperfect ordinances and offerings that the Old Testament priests daily ministered. They offered up the same sacrifices over and over again, which could

never take away sin. But now He was going to put away sin forever by the sacrifice of Himself. He was the true sacrifice to which every passover lamb had been pointing for 1500 years.

So many had asked, like Isaac, "Behold the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb?" Here is sin and condemnation, but where is the lamb that will take my place, and set me free from sin, condemnation and death? "God will provide himself a lamb," said Abraham. Here it is. God's own Son. For "He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?"

"I have earnestly desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer." Eat the passover with whom? With His disciples. What kind of disciples? They were quarrelling among themselves about who should be considered the greatest (v. 24). It was a standing rule to wash their feet before they went to the table. This was generally the work of a servant; but they were all too proud to serve in that capacity, so they went to the table with dirty feet. One disciple would soon deny Him, another would betray Him. And still He could say, "I have earnestly desired to eat this passover with you." What did He do? Did He take a whip and drive them

from the upper room? No. Did He braid a scourge of His Word and whip them with the flaming rod of His speech? No. He used something that hurts much more than that. He never said a word, but in His great love He started to render the humble service that they considered themselves too great to do. He girded Himself, took a towel and basin of water and the Master Himself began to wash His disciples' feet. My, how Jesus can put us on the spot and expose our pride so that we abhor ourselves.

John, many years after, writes about this and he looks upon it as a real token of His never-changing and never-ending love. He says: "Having loved His own which were in the world, He loved them unto the end" (John 13:1). He could see their weakness and sinfulness, but He could also see the true repentance in their hearts. Peter wept bitterly over his sin, and so did the rest of them, except Judas. He excluded himself from fellowship with Jesus and His disciples by his own impenitence and unbelief.

Who is a right candidate for communion? One who truly repents of his sin and earnestly seeks God's forgiveness and grace to overcome sin.

(to be continued)

Lars Stalsbrotten

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Was it worth an exhausting two-mile trek over railroad ties and through rugged northern worrds?

Helen B. Mark thinks so.

FOUR LAMBS FROM WOLF SIDING

It is well named Wolf Siding, for wolves roam all through that wild, rugged, but grandly beautiful region of northern Ontario. Bears too are not infrequent prowlers. Children are obliged to go to school en masse to preclude any chance attack.

The tortuous snake road ends abruptly at "Wolf." If you desire to push farther on, there is the boggy bush trail or the railway ties.

Three members of our Canadian Sunday School Mission Committee for Thunder Bay traced this road on a motor map and decided to make the trip. Our quest was four small girls, with unpronounceable Finnish and Ukrainian names, who had succeeded in memorizing over 300 Bible verses in four winter months. This entitled them to ten days at our summer camp on Lake Superior across the bay. But recently we had lost contact with them. Letters to their school teacher, who had faithfully reported their progress and distributed small prizes for us, were now coming back marked "Teacher left."

The road deviated right and left, churned with ruts by the huge pulp trucks traveling them after a spring thaw. Some hours later, we pulled uncertainly up to a post office combined with a general store, bearing the name of "Wolf Siding." It was 5:00 p.m. Evenings there are long, but still, haste was necessary. Picking out the name of the girl which was easiest to pronounce, we spoke to a woman on the road.

"Can you tell us where Linda M. lives?"

She replied in broken English (which we afterwards discovered to

be a rare accomplishment), "You want Linda? She in store."

Just then a little flaxen-haired girl of ten, with a bright open face, came out and, at the call of the woman, ran towards us.

We introduced ourselves and asked, "Did you get our letter about camp, Linda?"

"Yess. Yust yestairday. I vass going to ansair it tomorrow when the mail goes."

"Do you think you can come to camp?"

"I veesh I could, but my father, he duss not t'ink so."

"Where do you live, Linda?"

"Yust half a mile along the trail, in that fairst small house."

"We will go and see your parents then."

Hand in hand she and I climbed a rocky cliff. The little low cottage was situated on its flat summit. Scrupulously clean, it contained but one large room. The mother, a stout Finnish woman, did not speak nor understand English, so I addressed myself to the father who was Swedish and understood and spoke English fairly well. I sought to gain his confidence by chatting about the drive and the district. Finally, broaching the subject of camp, I praised Linda's exceptional ability at memorizing—in a language not her own—and told him of the reward that was hers.

Slowly Mr. M. shook his head. "Linda only child. She never been away from home—yust to school, store, 'round here. Silver Islet too far."

Crestfallen, Linda peered out from behind her father. It would have aroused anyone's persuasive powers. I explained carefully that there was a camp mother, a trained nurse to guard the children's health, and a cook to prepare good meals. Mr. M. translated it all to the mother. Finally, after a little bickering among the three, consent was given. With Linda's confiding hand in mine, we

skipped happily together down the declivity to the road below, to share the good news with the two others who had come with me.

But what about the three other names? Linda said it would be impossible to reach Bertha's home before dark, as she lived about six miles up the creek. We could send a message to her by the pulp truck the following day, though, she explained. "Her father iss communist," she went on. "He won't let her lairn versess, but she lairn them anyway on the road to school."

"What about the chances of her going to camp, then?" we wondered.

"Oh, I'm sure she can come," Linda assured us. "Her mother let her do anyt'ing. She goes to dances in the school house aivry night."

"How old is Bertha?"

"Thirteen."

The two remaining girls were sisters, Signe and Lahja. Linda said they lived about two and a half miles up the railway ties and then through a bush trail. Would she be our guide? Did she mind the rain? It had begun to drizzle, but was still warm.

"Oh, no, I vill take you thar."

Walking the railway ties

After one walks railway ties for two and a half miles, something happens to the eyes and then the head and then the stomach. But suddenly, to my relief, Linda broke away into the bush and I staggered after her. It was a watery trail, but this little wood nymph skipped along from one slimy stepping stone to another. Finally we came out on a high rocky place in full view of a large cold lake, with a mountain for a backdrop.

"Whitefish Lake," Linda almost whispered, and I wondered if it struck the panic of loneliness in her that it did in me. A little log hut squatted near the shore, but where was the farm? A few chickens, ducks, and cows wandered about what seemed

Miss Mark is a long-time member of the Canadian Sunday School Mission. Since the first camp at Silver Islet, which registered 9 girls and no boys, the work has grown to 590 campers and a staff of 76. The CSSM now owns and operates 95 such camps across Canada.

to be nothing but barren rocks. I marveled how the family lived. They were very poor, Linda assured me. There were six children in the family, but the father would only occasionally get road work. The two girls I was interested in were ten (Signe) and thirteen (Lahja).

The father was occupied with some sort of work on a bench outside the hut. He was a large, gruff-looking man. A little girl—Lahja—scampered excitedly into the house. The mother left off milking in the barn to come and witness the astonishing sight of visitors. With skin like cured leather and bare feet, she kept a half-curious, half-belligerent eye on us.

The father knew little English and the mother none at all, so I quickly gave up the attempt to communicate. Linda suggested we go into the house where there was an older sister who had worked as a domestic in Port Arthur who could speak English well.

Inside, a great fire raged in the wood stove in the living room-kitchen. There was one general bedroom for the family of eight. The only ventilation was a broken window pane, over which was nailed a piece of dirty cloth in an unsuccessful attempt to exclude flies.

Lahja was like a little shy fawn with big soft eyes. The only answers I could extract were monosyllables in a small voice. Signe was bright and happy. But both girls had learned 300 Bible verses in a language and style quite unfamiliar to them. When I explained about the camp to the older girl, all turned out to discuss it with the parents.

Mr. H. shook his head emphatically: "I poor man. No money, bus, train, boat. Silver Islet too far."

Again I explained by gestures and odd words: "Nothing to pay." We would arrange to have the children picked up by the pulp truck on a certain day, meet them in Fort William, and see them safely on the boat in Port Arthur. Then we would bring them home again. He looked at me long, incredibly, trying to read me through and through with paternal cautiousness, while I prayed silently.

Then the mother, who had heard every word of the translation and witnessed the father's blunt refusal, began a loud, sharp tirade against him.

It was impossible to miss her meaning, despite the foreign words. Her girls were certainly going to have such a chance as this and no dumb husband was going to stop them! The man relaxed into a slow smile, gave a grunt and a nod, and the day was won.

A week later, on a beautiful sunny morning, we were at the dock waving farewell to a happy group of girls bound for camp. Among that group was another little group—our four lambs from Wolf Siding—smiling their gratitude out of shining eyes.

"Surprise tonight!"

On Visitors' Day some of us went over to the camp. What a greeting! Where were the shy little country girls? They were brown and pretty, friendly and bubbling, laughing and talking in a positively charming way. Slipping their hands into ours like old friends, they exclaimed excitedly, "We've got a surprise. Surprise tonight!" Then they tumbled over each other in telling of hikes, swims, campfires, outdoor roasts, wonderful meals, and—best of all—the Bible lessons and choruses.

The "surprise" came in the quiet of the evening when they presented a special program of Finnish and Ukrainian songs, and then gospel choruses in English.

We too had a surprise—a gold wrist watch. It was to be presented to an older girl from another district, Tina, who had out-memorized all other contestants. Never shall I forget the moving beauty of the Gospel of John recited in Tina's singing Swedish accent. The majestic loftiness of those words—"In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God... In him was life, and the life was the light of men..." On and on, chapter after chapter, until 500 verses had been given.

It was sheer poetry. But it was more than that. It was worship, unashamed, moving, tearful. The moon shimmered across the clear water and a hushed reverence gripped us all. The soft cadences of Tina's voice carried us along with her. Intuitively sensing the timeless truth of the words, she gave them all she had.

When the watch was placed on her

arm she said brokenly, "Oh, it iss luffly!"

39 Years Later

All this happened 39 years ago. It came flooding back across the years with a letter recently received from Linda. She and her husband now live at Nolalu (short for Northland Lumber) situated ten miles from Whitefish Lake. Here are excerpts from the letter:

"When I look back to my childhood, 'Silver Islet' Camp was a bit of heaven. We never got anywhere otherwise. My father is living with us. He is 84. He still owns the property at Wolf Siding, but the name of the post office has been changed to Suomi, which means Finland.

American and Canadian tourists swarm these lakes for the fishing, and a highway has been built. . . .

"We attend the new Lutheran church at Kakabeka Falls and also love the Christian broadcasts on radio. Our daughter graduated with an Honors B.Sc. from Queens University and is now teaching at Scarborough College, University of Toronto, while our son is in his last year of medicine at Queens. They have attended Sunday school and church all their lives. My husband is also a Christian. Our son is giving some thought to missionary service in the future. . . .

"Dear friends, what a different story it might have been if you had not sought us out and started our feet on the road to heaven! As for the other three girls, they are all married and scattered: Lahja at Elliot Lake, Signe in Sudbury (she married a high school teacher) and Bertha at Kakabeka Falls. We see her of course, quite often. Bertha's daughter is a Sunday school teacher. All of us have kept the faith learned early in life at camp and cannot be thankful enough for the start the mission gave us, when we were just four scared little lambs from Wolf Siding."

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NEWS of the Churches



LABOR DAY RETREAT HELD AT LAKE BRONSON

On September 5, 6, 7, the First Annual Family Labor Day Retreat was held at the Galilee Bible Camp, Lake Bronson, Minnesota. It began with registration on Saturday afternoon and a session in the evening led by Pastor Melvin Walla of Thief River Falls. Pastor Walter Beaman of Greenbush was in charge of the Sunday morning service. An afternoon service under the leadership of Lay Pastor Rodney Stueland was followed by an evening service planned and presented by the teenagers and children, who were also in charge of a campfire service which completed the day's activities. A final Monday morning Bible study was shared by Richard Erickson, a public school teacher from Newfolden.

Although none of those who shared the Word had previous knowledge of what each other would share, it seemed that each message fit into a divinely-inspired pattern and both those who broke the Bread of Life and those who received it testified of blessing. The Sunday evening youth service was a real inspiration.

While many were able to stay for the entire week-end, some were able to come only for a day or for one or more of the sessions. Campers came from as far away as Wisconsin, although most registrations were from the communities of northwestern Minnesota.

Adults and youth alike were especially touched by the spirit of wholehearted cooperation as everyone pitched in and shared in every way: cooking, washing dishes, playing ball,

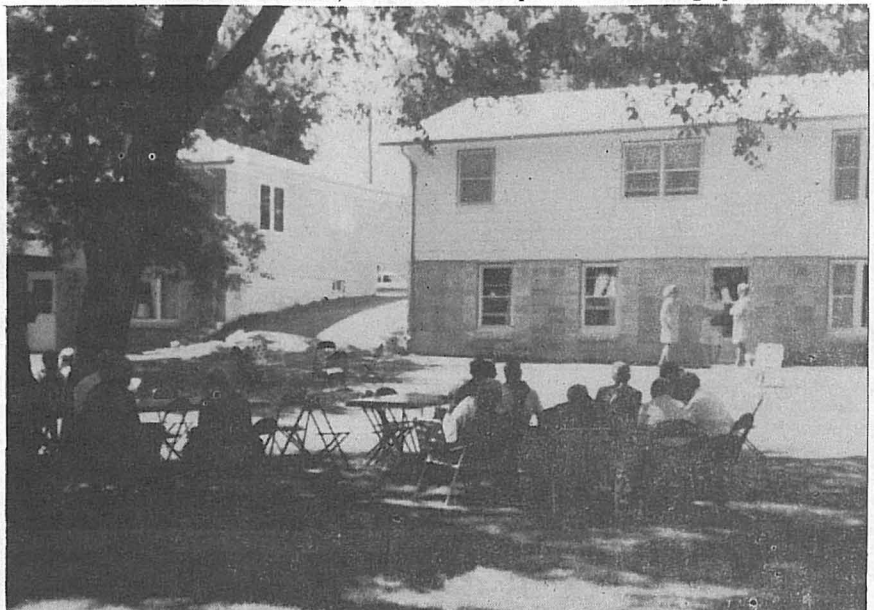
chapel services, and baby-sitting. Many commented on how thankful they were for a relaxed atmosphere and abundant time to share in Christian fellowship over the coffee cup. Several stressed the need for such a retreat as the fall schedule gets into full swing, and a second annual family retreat is tentatively scheduled for next Labor Day week-end.

As each family reluctantly packed baggage and began the journey home, the warm feeling remained that we had all truly been "together" and that we had been with Christ.

—Richard Erickson

CHURCH TO NOTE 75TH ANNIVERSARY

Landstad Lutheran Church, Shev-



Following the 11 o'clock worship service on August 16, the members and friends of Green Lake Lutheran Church enjoyed a noon fellowship picnic and open house at the parsonage home of Rev. and Mrs. Leslie Galland, pictured above.

lin, Minn., Marvin S. Undseth, pastor, will note her 75th anniversary on Sunday, October 25. Letters are being sent to former pastors and members informing them of the activities that are being planned.

There will be a morning service with the Rev. A. P. Anderson of Osceola, Wis., a former pastor, as the guest speaker. The afternoon service will commemorate the anniversary with the message to be delivered by another former pastor Rev. I. M. Norum, Clayton, Wis. Rev. John P. Strand, AFLC president, may also share in the day's activities and bring a message on behalf of the Association.

In addition to the anniversary celebration there will be a mortgage-burning ceremony, as final payment has now been made on the educational unit completed in 1964.

Pastor Undseth has served the congregation since August 1, 1965.

PERSONALITIES

Rev. Rueben Wee conducted his final services in the Tioga, N. Dak., parish, where he has served as an associate pastor since June, 1968, on Sunday, September 6. The following Sunday he began his work in Faith Lutheran Church, Granite Falls, Minn., where he had accepted a call. Rev. Robert Lee continues as the other pastor in the Tioga parish.



Luther League Activities

Edited by Jane Thompson

TWO YOUTH GROUPS TRAVELLED LAST SUMMER

Two musical youth groups from congregations within the Association made brief tours this past summer singing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. One group was from the Dalton, Minn., parish and the other, from Tabor Lutheran Church, Webster, S. Dak.

The Dalton young people, nine girls and two boys, call themselves the Narrow Road Rejoicers. The girl members have sung at some AFLC gatherings in the past. Their summer tour, in August, took them to Valley

City and Grand Forks, in North Dakota, and to Thief River Falls, Shevlin, Virginia, Cloquet, Dalbo and Spicer, in Minnesota. Concerts have also been given in all four churches of the Dalton parish.

The nineteen leaguers from Tabor Lutheran (one was from Saron, Roslyn) made only a weekend tour and that was in July. Concerts were sung at Doran, Minn., Hatton and Grafton, N. Dak., and New Effington, S. Dak. A point of interest on the trip was a stop at Fort Abercrombie near Abercrombie, N. Dak. A dinner break was taken in Fargo and the young people did some shopping and sightseeing before moving on to Hatton.

The Association Free Lutheran Bible School benefitted from both youth group tours. The Narrow Road Rejoicers had raised enough money ahead of time so that they were able to turn over all offerings on the tour itself to the Bible School. The Tabor youth donated all tour proceeds after expenses to the Bible School.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rorvig and Rev. and Mrs. Wendell Johnson accompanied the Dalton youth group on their trip. Mrs. Reuben Nelson, director, Mrs. Sherman McCarlson, Mrs. Ervin Tvinnereim and Pastor Raynard Huglen travelled with the Tabor youth choir. The latter group also has made several appearances in its own community.

All the leaguers who made the trips found them deeply rewarding. They had a talent to share and did so. Perhaps the experiences of these two musical groups will help to encourage other Luther Leagues to do the same. As leaguers graduate from high school, the make-up of any youth group changes. Young people go off to college or Bible School (two of the South Dakota girls are there now), find employment or enter military service. New members enter in to take their places. The exchange of visits by youth groups can prove beneficial for the spirit of the church fellowship. We encourage this sort of thing.



The Narrow Road Rejoicers



The Tabor Youth Choir



WOMEN *for Christ*

ON TIPTOES OF HOPE

By Elizabeth J. Nelson
Grand Forks, N. Dak

"...Save yourselves from this untoward generation" (Acts 2:40b). This portion of Scripture really means something to me today. The word "untoward" is an old word and the meaning in the King James is a little hidden. It means "hard to manage, perverse, stubborn, unseemly." The Revised Standard Version calls it a "crooked generation." Phillips' translation speaks of it as "a perverted generation." The New English Bible calls it a "crooked age."

We are living in a hard-to-manage, perverse, stubborn and crooked age or generation.

It is difficult for women, men and young people to sift their thoughts and struggle through this age. From every side we hear and see the voices and actions of people trying to settle the problems and unrest of our time. Rebellion and demonstrations are everywhere.

I like the way Phillips writes and translates Romans 8:23 because it expresses so well the moment of time that we are in. This is what Phillips writes: "The whole creation is on tiptoe to see the wonderful sight of the sons of God coming into their own" (Romans 8:23). As you read further in this eighth chapter of Romans the Scripture speaks about hope. There is hope for the Christian. There is hope for this generation.

When Peter spoke at the first Pentecost of the Christian Church he said, "Save yourselves from this untoward

generation." There was unrest in the hearts of the people when they came to realize that they had crucified the Son of God. But it was a great deal more than simple unrest, these people were at the point of desperation. The Bible tells us they were "pricked in their hearts." Peter held out the solution when he said to them, "Repent..."

Over a period of many months I have been reading the "Confessions of Saint Augustine." This man searched every possible media for peace. In his age there was a dedicated man of God, Ambrose, whom Augustine longed to speak with but could not. Not because this dedicated man of God was unwilling to speak to him, but because Ambrose was constantly counselling with "thronges of men with their troubles." Augustine was living in a generation of trouble and unrest. He himself must have heard the words, "save yourself from this generation." He longed for someone who would give him his undivided attention. Someone who would really listen to him. Finally Augustine came to understand that God was listening to him and Augustine found peace through repentance and faith in Jesus Christ.

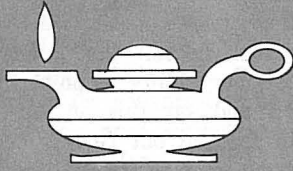
Women today are searching. Just a few days ago I traveled with a woman whose husband was the vice-president of a large firm. They had all the pleasures of this world at their fingertips but now this woman had begun an entire new life based upon truth with God. Her new life was a thrilling experience. She understood what it meant to be living "on tiptoe

to see the wonderful sight of the sons of God coming into their own." Christ Jesus is new each day for her. She shares her faith openly and honestly with all she meets. Yet it is the truthfulness with herself that impressed me most, her ability to point to her own self and say this or that is a problem for me but God is dealing with it and I am waiting to see what He will do with me.

Keith Miller's book *A Taste of New Wine* has had an outstanding sales record, not because it is a beautiful piece of writing, but because of the honesty of the author. A man in our time who really heard the words, "Save yourselves from this untoward generation," Keith Miller turned to Jesus Christ and found his life coming into its own. He began to really live life as God intended.

Yes, women and men are finding answers for the problems of our generation. They are finding them in the pews as the message of Jesus Christ is being proclaimed by honest men of God. They are finding answers in small groups who gather in private homes and apartments to discuss and study the Bible and how its message is relevant to their lives. Out of this seeking comes one wonderful word, as Romans 8:23-24 says, "we are saved by hope," hope that one day we will no longer just look for the perfection of our faith but we will experience it.

Think of the hope and joy that the first Christian Church experienced. Having come from the depths of despair at having crucified the Lord, and rising to the heights of hope in the knowledge that one day that same Jesus would come again and take them home to be with Him, what a thrill it was for them to know that their sins were forgiven! Yet they had to continue to live each day in the hope of His coming. They had no escape from the cares of the world. They had to endure the trials and test of their "untoward generation." We share the same feelings of frustration as we look at the things that are going on in our time. As Phillips says, "We are in a state of painful tension." Yet we must continue in hope and in the joy of the knowledge that Jesus has provided a way to live and a triumphant way to die!



SCHOOL NEWS

DEVOTIONAL SERVICES INAUGURATE SEVENTH SCHOOL YEAR AT THE SEMINARY

The seventh academic year of Free Lutheran Theological Seminary convened on Tuesday, September 15, 1970. The students and faculty met at nine o'clock for an opening devotional service presided over by the Dr. Iver B. Olson, Dean of Free Lutheran Theological Seminary.

The service opened with the singing of the hymn, "My Heart Is Longing To Praise My Savior." Dr. Olson preached on the text Galatians 6:9, "And let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Summer was past, Dr. Olson commented. Another school year was at hand. Well might the seminarians and their professors have become weary in the rigorous harness of summer work in the Kingdom. And well might they have approached with an awesome dread another academic year. But this is not to be the situation for the Christian laborer, whose full-time work in the Lord's Vineyard demands not weariness but zeal. The Christian worker knows that his is the joyful task of proclaiming the Good News of Salvation. This proclamation causes the Christian laborer to have a song in his heart—a song of longing to praise his Savior. And not wearying in well doing, the Christian worker will be permitted by grace to continue sowing the seed of the Gospel. One day there will be a rest for the servant of Christ, and the servant's heavenly inheritance will be accentuated by the reaping done by the angels. That reaping will be the harvest of souls washed clean in the blood of the Lamb.

The service closed with the pastoral

prayer, the Lord's Prayer, and the hymn "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone." The hymn re-echoed the challenge of the dean's meditation: the cross of Christ must here in time be borne by His servants. As a servant of Christ, each seminarian has as his life's goal the bearing of the cross, the proclaiming of the Gospel, and the administering of the Sacraments.

"The consecrated cross I'll bear
Till death shall set me free;
And then go home my crown to wear,
And His dear Name repeat."

Dr. Olson then declared the Seminary opened for the scholastic year, 1970-71. Following an informal period of refreshments and fellowship was an hour of orientation and registration. Dr. Olson explained the course offerings and the graduation degree requirements. As a part of the orientation, the seminarians met to elect the president of "The Concordia Society," the student fellowship organization. Senior seminarian Eugene Enderlein was chosen. Elected student chaplain was senior seminarian Fred Carlson.

Preceded by devotions, the classes convened at eight o'clock on Wednesday, September 16. A joint chapel attended by the seminarians and the students from Association Free Lutheran Bible School was held that morning. The Order of the Church School Service, *The Concordia Hymnal*, page 426, was used. Dean Olson served as liturgist and preacher. The service, again stressing the serving love of the believer for His Savior, opened with the hymn, "I Ought to Love My Savior." The sermon was based on Luke 16:1-10, the parable of the unjust steward.

In his own inimitable manner, Dr.

Olson presented an insight into the truths of the text. The world is clever and prudent in its secular stewardship; the Church dare not be any less prudent in its own stewardship. Rather, Christ's Church must be actively engaged in the Kingdom-building work. This activity demands the surrendered life of every Christian. Led of the Holy Spirit, the Christian is to be the faithful steward of the Lord of Life.

The service closed with the singing of the hymn, "Lord of Spirits, I Surrender."

"Lord of Spirits, I surrender
For Thy use Thy gifts to me:
O but show Thy mercy tender
When my song no more shall be;
More and more my heart's aflutter
With the thoughts I may not utter,
While life's riddle great I ponder.

Let my laurels in oblivion
Turn to dust, I shall rejoice
If my soul, renewed, is given
There to sing with sacred voice,
If, in accents pure and glorious,
I may join the hymn victorious
At Thy throne to harps of heaven."

Those who prayerfully sang that hymn were blessed and renewed for another year of preparation for Kingdom-service.

—Albin Hilding Fogelquist, Jr.

BIBLE SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED MINNESOTA GIRL

Two scholarships totalling \$125.00 were presented to Beverly Jean Holm, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Holm, at the Badger Creek Lutheran Church, Badger, Minn., during the morning worship service by assistant pastor, Mr. Burton Rygh.

A \$100.00 check was awarded to her from the Women's Missionary Fellowship and a \$25.00 check from the Luther League Family Night.

Miss Holm, a 1970 graduate of Badger High School, has entered the Free Lutheran Association Bible School in Minneapolis. She has been an active member of Badger Creek Lutheran Church, including teaching a Sunday School class for the past two years.

Putting that aside, an argument used by proponents of the ordination of women is that it isn't forbidden by Scripture. The argument is debatable in view of the Apostle Paul's word, in I Corinthians 14:34, that women are to keep silence in the church. On the other hand, most Christian churches haven't ruled that as an absolute prohibition against women's participation in congregational and denominational activities. As examples, note their work in Sunday School, membership on boards and committees, and that they are, in some churches, full delegates to conventions. Furthermore, they give talks in Churches and if they are missionaries, may even occupy the pulpit.

But, if it can be said that the ordination of women is not forbidden in the Scriptures, it does not automatically follow that it should be practised. Proponents will certainly agree to that. After all, as an example, human slavery isn't forbidden in the Bible, but enlightened Christian conscience has ruled it out as intolerable today.

So the issue must be decided on other merits. And there are legitimate points which can be raised against the ordination of women. The Bible doesn't preach "unisex" or a one-sex concept. The word of Paul that "there is neither male nor female" (Galatians 4:28) refers to the fact that as far as sharing the blessings of salvation goes, it does not matter whether one is a man or a woman. Christ died for both, just as He did for Greeks and Jews.

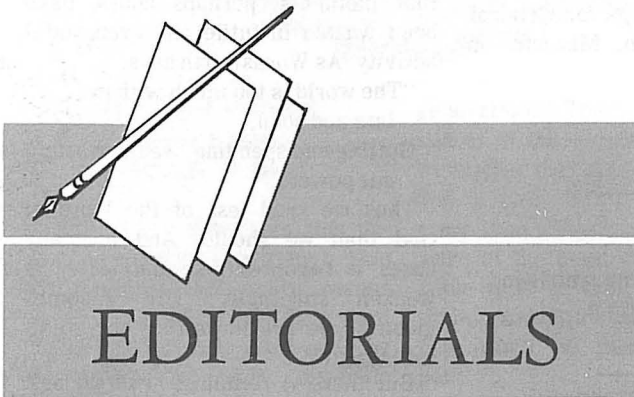
Jesus Christ chose twelve men as His disciples and apostles. Loyal women assisted in the work, sometimes putting men to shame in their loyalty, as witnessed to at the time of the crucifixion and resurrection, but the early Christian Church was organized on the basis of male leadership.

Men and women fill unique roles in the fabric of society. These are established by the Lord God. The Bible presents a picture of partnership, of mutual love and respect in marriage, but with a certain leadership for man. It should not be necessary to point out that where father and mother correctly assume their respective responsibilities the children thrive most and are best prepared for life.

Many opportunities for service in the church exist for women. Many inspiring chapters of devoted work for God's cause have been written by women. As missionaries, nurses, deaconesses, parish workers and secretaries, Sunday School teachers, ladies aid workers and as mothers they have performed noble and notable endeavors. The denial of ordination to women indicates no less appreciation for what they have done in the past and no less opportunities for service for Christ.

The Association of Free Lutheran Congregations from the first has welcomed women as delegates to its annual conferences and permitted them to serve on boards and committees. A woman has been nominated for a post as high as that of secretary of the church.

But in the matter of ordination of women, we don't see any chance of that happening among us.



WOMEN AS PASTORS

At its convention last summer the Lutheran Church in America (LCA) voted to approve the ordination of women as pastors in the church. The decision was passed easily and after only a half-hour of debate. The American Lutheran Church (ALC) will vote on the same issue at its convention in San Antonio, Texas, in October. Should the ALC follow LCA's lead in the matter, not a sure thing, two of the big three in American Lutheranism will have taken the precedent-shattering step. Such action would hinder relations between them and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LC-MS), which is much less apt to permit women in the ministry in the foreseeable future.

It is reported that when Dr. Robert Marshall, president of the LCA introduced Dr. J. A. O. Preus, president of the LC-MS, to the church's convention in Minneapolis the night after the ordination of women was approved, he pointed out that "Dr. Preus is the father of one son and seven daughters—and in view of our action last night they may have brighter prospects in our church than in his." That bit of by-play brought a moment of amusement to Dr. Preus and the convention delegates.

NEW EDITOR, DEAN NAMED FOR LUTHERANS ALERT-NATIONAL

Rev. Raymond Larson, Kenyon, Minn., has been named editor of **Lutherans Alert-National**, monthly publication of the organization of the same name. He once served as editor of **The Word Alone**, a forerunner of **Lutherans Alert-National**. Pastor Larson will assume his duties on Nov. 1. The position is full-time.

Chosen as the first full-time dean of Faith Evangelical Lutheran Seminary in Tacoma, Wash., is Rev. Sterling R. Johnson, Minneapolis, Minn. Recently he has been an evangelist with the Lutheran Evangelistic Movement. Prior to that he was a parish pastor. Pastor Johnson has already begun his work at the independent training school for pastors, operated by LA-N.

Pastors Larson and Johnson are clergymen of the American Lutheran Church. The former succeeds Rev. Frank A. Miller and the latter, Rev. Kent E. Spaulding.

Lutherans Alert-National is a group seeking to curb alleged liberal trends particularly in the ALC. The seminary operated by the group is in its second year. LA-N hopes that its seminary graduates will be accepted as pastors within the ALC in a manner similar to Norway where men trained by Menighetsfakultet (Independent Seminary) are given posts in the State Church even though the latter has its own theological seminary.

NOTICE OF FALL MEETING

The Women's Missionary Federation of the Central Minnesota District will hold its fall rally on October 14 at Tordenskjold Lutheran Church, rural Dalton. Registration begins at 10 a.m., with the morning session starting at 10:30. Pastor Wendell Johnson, Dalton, will lead the morning Bible study and Mrs. Melvin Walla, WMF president, will be the guest speaker for the afternoon meeting. The theme verse for the day is Acts 26:18.

There will be a pot-luck dinner at noon. All women are encouraged to attend.

Mrs. Harold Erickson, Secretary

THIRD QUARTER OF FISCAL YEAR ENDS OCTOBER 31

The third quarter of the fiscal year of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations ends on October 31, 1970.

The uptrend in income for the church in the months of July and August was encouraging. A great task remains, however. Congregations are urged to make contributions at several points throughout the year. Some may find it easiest to do so at the end of each quarter.

Designate the offerings for General Fund, Praise Program, Missions or Schools.

"For they sow the wind,
and they shall reap the whirlwind,"

Hosea 8:7a

THE GREATEST TREASURE by Prof. P. A. Sveeggen

The Word of God is the greatest treasure. The Scriptures are worth more than all earthly wealth.

"More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold."

Many treasures there are in the world, valuable, pleasing, filling the eye with delight,—diamonds, rubies, precious pearls. Much wealth there is in the world, and splendor,—monuments of glory, sculpture, painting, magnificent buildings, achievements of earthly grandeur, great and wonderful. Much to be desired are these things in their way.

But the Word of God is better.

Put the question: How much would I want, if some one could give anything I should ask in return for his taking the Word of God completely out of my soul? Absurd question! It couldn't be done, in the first place.

But supposing it could be done, would I permit it? My soul's immortal hunger rebels. I would not permit it. The Kingdom of God, with its eternal possibilities, is worth more to

me than all the kingdoms of the earth with all the wealth to be found in them.

It is, of course, in a way, a matter of choice. But the balances favor the Word of God, so clearly, that one would be blind not to prefer it. The Word of God is the greatest treasure.

Admitting that, do we make use of it? To a certain extent, perhaps, but not at all as much as we might. We are too busy with many things. When a day is over, we find generally, that moments, perhaps hours, have been wasted in futile and even sinful activity. As Wordsworth says,

"The world is too much with us;

late and soon,

Getting and spending, we lay waste
our powers."

Thus we read less of the Word of God than we should. And in many cases it becomes less and less. We weaken spiritually; life becomes gloomy; we are forgetting our greatest treasure.

But there it remains, nevertheless, the greatest treasure we know of. How strange, that anyone should think of neglecting it in favor of something he knows is inferior.

Let us all change that! Prayerfully, thankfully, let us commune constantly with God in His Word, until it becomes second nature, a permanent habit of mind and spirit. Not that we can sit with the Bible in our hands all the time; but, if our attitude is that of delight in this treasure, a thoroughgoing recognition of its supreme value, we will inevitably read and study it in such a way that its contents and spirit will grow into our very hearts and become an integral part of our spirits.

Let us pray that this may be so:

God let Thy Word increase within
us,

In mind and heart and spirit win us,

So that in Christ from day to day

We grow in grace in fullest mea-

sure,

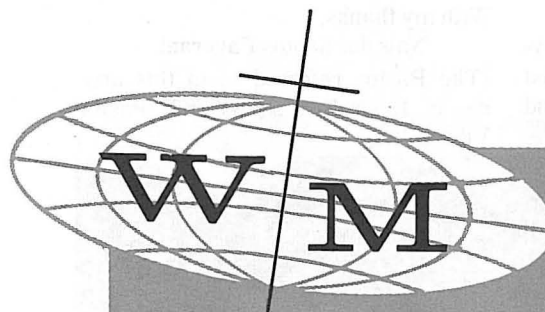
And find in Him Thy mercy's trea-

sure,

And Thou in us delight always.*

* Translation from a verse in the Norwegian Catechism.

From **The Lutheran Messenger**



WORLD MISSIONS

THE FIELDS ARE WHITE UNTO HARVEST

LAR PARANA

Here is a summary of the labor done in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ for the glory of God our Lord.

"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might . . ." (Eccles. 9:10a).

Until the month of November, 1969, the Lar Parana women met for their normal once a month meeting at the church. Then we had an election, organizing the directorship, composed of president, secretary, treasurer and spiritual department leader. This directorship has brought about 11 meetings, two having been for Cradle Roll, two evangelistic meetings and the other seven services of gratitude for blessings received. These have been held in the homes of the women of the church and others who are interested in the Gospel. In all of these meetings the church co-operated, having invited the pastor of the church to preach. We also had a special meeting on health and hygiene, having as our speaker the Inspector of Sanitation from the local Health Department. It was a well-attended meeting, all the women in the community were invited, along with representatives from two other societies of the city.

We also continue having special meetings every two months, with the women from the central church, under the direction of Dona Helen. She has brought us new crafts of great profit to all. I am in charge of developing the message on the theme "Our Children and Our Home."

At Lar Parana we divided our women's society into two groups for one month and had the "Festa of the Secret Families." For two Sundays each family received a visit from another

at 3 p.m. It was lots of fun to anticipate the surprise visit and wonder who it would be. This festa had the following theme message, "What can we do for the church?"

To better reach our community with the Gospel, we divided the girls of the Bible School into three groups, who in turn organized Good News clubs in different locations. Everyone received blessings from God because of the new experiences.

In the Sunday School department we nominated two Bible School students to do visitation work with those Sunday School pupils who are absent. Two times each week the girls of the Bible School unite for a prayer meeting in which we ask the blessings of God upon each one and also upon the weekend labors. On Saturdays when there are no special meetings, I bring messages to these girls about "Our Bodies the Temple of the Holy Spirit."

In our church in Lar Parana we have had two Daily Vacation Bible Schools. At one we had 150 children present, with 65 decisions for Christ, not counting the little ones who made decisions. In the city of Santo Rei, which we also have charge of, we have had two DVBSes also. This is a small city and there were 39 children present, with 15 decisions, including one whole family. This was the most blessed experience we have had in this place. This family has come to church for some time but has never really been born again. Now after this New Birth, every time we visit their home we can feel the warmth of Christ enveloping the home and a joy never before known there. The couple, with their eight children, never before had devotions or even prayed in one Spirit, and now even

the youngest joins in the singing and prayer during family devotions, **Graças a Deus (Praise God)!**

From a little Bible Club we had in the community near the Bible School we won 12 children as students in the Lar Parana Sunday School and the father of five of them is now attending also. **Graças a Deus** who gives us victory in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The people of our community are always sick and in need of the application of injections, for which we call the Pastor. He in turn makes use of the opportunity and takes the Gospel to the souls, while making the treatment of the body. Some people have made decisions for Christ and of the last couple the woman is already working for the Lord.

Since the presence of children at the Sunday evening services has been such a reality, we have organized a special service for them. While the Pastor directs the service in the temple, one of the girls or women leads the service for the children in the schoolhouse beside the church.

The latest plan, for which we are praying, is that God will bless the first Camp for Children, ages 8 to 12 years, which we will have during the last week in July, God willing. For the coming year we have more ideas and



Dona (Mrs.) Faverani, wife of a pastor and teacher at the Bible School in Campo Mourao, and the writer of this letter.

plans which we trust are also the plans of the Lord. Our success in working with children is contributed to by the efforts of Dona Helen who plans and prepares the material for

DVBS and for the Sunday Schools.

Our sincere prayer is that everything will serve to honor our God who has given to us the health and strength for such tasks.

With my thanks,

Nair dos Santos Faverani
(The Pastor referred to in this article is Dona Nair's husband, Pastor Vitor.)



The WMF group at Lar Parana church, Campo Mourao



The WMF at Central Church in Campo Mourao

OUR TRIP TO NORWAY

By Pastor Lars Stalsbroten

Part II

Yes, as I mentioned last time, we had real revivals up there in Telemark (1935-37). The theaters and dancing halls became empty and the churches and prayer-houses were filled with young people. Satan was furious, but God was victorious.

It gave me a wonderful feeling to be back on the old camp ground, even together with my former beloved assistant pastor, Lervik. This family retreat was held at Fjell-tun up in the mountain between Drangedal and Treungen in Telemark. The Free Church has a beautiful Bible camp here with dormitories, chapel, dining room and kitchen. Here they meet with the young people both summer and winter and many are won for the Lord.

We had our first meeting Saturday night. The chapel was filled to overflowing. Sunday we had open air meetings both morning and afternoon, with loud-speaker. There were over a hundred cars and several busses. It can't be described in words how wonderful it was to meet so many of my old friends whom I had labored together with years ago. I experienced anew that the spiritual relationship is more intimate and real than even the blood relationship. When we

were through shaking hands my hand was entirely numb. I couldn't help but think, when it is so blessed to meet here what will it be like when we shall meet, eternally saved, in our glorious home land.

We also stopped for services at Nissedal and Treungen, Telemark. From there we went to Eggedal where I was born. The bus had not started to run over Norefjell to Hallingdal, so one of our relatives from Nesbyen in Hallingdal came after us. We had a very enjoyable time there visiting with relatives. Then our good friends from Oslo caught up with us again and took us in their car clear to Bergen. We drove over that famous Hardangervidda, the largest mountain plateau in all Europe. What an experience! And what breathtaking sights along the way.

Where can you find such friends who will go entirely overboard to show favors and kindness. These friends spent at least 2000 crowns on us. It humbled me because I felt so unworthy to be treated with such tender love and concern. I can never thank God enough for giving us such genuine friends. It sure helped a poor pastor's pocket book because it is very expensive to travel in Norway.

Well, now we are in Bergen. Great celebrations are going on. Bergen is celebrating its 900 years anniversary.

I served the Lutheran Free Church here from 1946-48. This was right after the war, with strict rationing and great housing problems. My wife and I lived in one tiny room and we could not get meat more than once every three weeks. Some difference now from then. They have it better there now than we ever had it in America. So many families have not only a nice home, but also a TV, a car, and a hytte (mountain cabin). We have many friends here, but being it was right during vacation when most of the people were away, we had only two services. The time goes too fast. Soon our six weeks are up.

Oliver and I were invited as American guests to attend Generalforsamlingen of the Norske Lutherske Missionsamband (the General Assembly of the Norwegian Mission Association) to be held at Trondheim, July 2-5.

The boats to Trondheim were all booked up so we had to take the train to Gol in Hallingdal and the bus from there to Lillehammer at the upper end of Mjosa, the largest fresh-water lake in Norway. If I remember right, it is 60 miles long.

Next time I will tell about the great Mission Conference at Trondheim, which was without comparison the highlight of our Norway trip.

FREE LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Class Schedule, Autumn Semester, 1970
Opening Devotions, Every Morning, 7:45-8:00

Period	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
I 8:00-8:50	History of Missions Pastor Dyrud	I & II Corinthians Pastor Udden	Basic Principles of Theology Dr. Olson	Introduction to the Pentateuch Pastor Dyrud	Introduction to the Pentateuch Pastor Dyrud
II 9:00-9:50	Beginning Hebrew Mr. Fogelquist	Beginning Hebrew Mr. Fogelquist	Comparative Symbolics Dr. Olson	Beginning Hebrew Mr. Fogelquist	I & II Corinthians Pastor Udden
9:50-10:10 Mid-morning Break					
III 10:10-11:00	Introduction to the Pentateuch Pastor Dyrud	Basic Principles of Theology Dr. Olson	American Church History Dr. Olson	Basic Principles of Theology Dr. Olson	American Church History Pastor Dyrud
IV 11:10-12:00	I & II Corinthians Pastor Udden	Comparative Symbolics Dr. Olson	JOINT CHAPEL: FLTS & AFLBS	History of Missions Pastor Dyrud	Homiletics I Pastor Dyrud or Homiletics II Pastor Udden

**WEST COAST DISTRICT
LEAGUERS PLAN 1971 TRIP TO
NOGALES**

Plans are being made by approximately 25 Luther Leaguers and adults from the West Coast district to visit the church at Nogales, Arizona, next summer. Tentative plans call for departure from Everett, Wash., on June 21 with a return on July 10. The young people would hope to assist in mission work at Nogales in any way they could. A program of evangelism is also planned on the journey to Arizona.

**JESUS, IN MY WALK AND
LIVING**

Jesus, in my walk and living
Let me ever follow Thine;
Bearer of the cross, O teach me
Patiently to take up mine.
If by fellow men despised,
Make me like to Thee, O Christ,
O'er their sins and errors grieving,
And all injuries forgiving.

Let Thy precepts be my guidance,
Shining on my gloomy way;
Holding to Thy blest example,
Who can err or go astray?
Thou who fully didst fulfill
For our sake Thy Father's will,
Help me so to live that never
Aught from Thee my soul shall sever.

In my joys and in my sorrows,
Teach Thou me that perfect faith
Which, in trustful prayer persistent,
Wavers not in life or death.
My will unto Thine I yield;
With Thy Word and Spirit filled,
Let my life to Thee be given:
Service here, and praise in heaven.

For my task, O lord, equip me
From Thy store of rich supply,
That the world and all its evils
I may in Thy strength defy.
Willing, yet in body weak,
I Thy safe protection seek;
Perfect strength in weakness give me,
In Thy saving arms receive me.

Johan Hjerten
(from **The Hymnal**)

Letter TO THE EDITOR

ENFORCE THE RULES

At our WMF rally at Faith Haven last spring the theme was "Committed to Christ for His Cause." The Lord laid this message on my heart and I want to share it with you.

The theme verse was II Cor. 5:20: "Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God." Ambassador means a representative, a special mission.

Our mission is to represent Christ, but first we must see our sins, "for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God," Rom. 3:23 and Rom. 6:23, "For the wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Then we must be born again, Jn. 3:3. That means an about face. Acts 26:18 explains it so good. Also II Cor. 5:17. Then after we are saved we are to represent Christ as witnesses for Him. Our time, talents and money belong to Him. First we must ask on the basis of Jn. 16:24, that our joy might be full and I Cor. 16:2 where it says that we are bought with a price. See also I Cor. 7:23-24, Mal. 3:8-10, II Cor. 9:7, Ezek. 3:18-19 and 33:8-9.

The latter is a solemn warning to us Christians. What are we doing about it? God has put the same words twice in Ezekiel, so it's twice warning. Time is short. What we are to do for Christ we must do now. The way it looks the end time is not far away. In Ezek. 22:30-31 it says that the Lord didn't find a man to stand in the gap. How it must grieve God's heart. No intercessors. Read all these verses. May it bring conviction in your hearts as it has mine. How I need daily the searchlight of God's Word. For it's the Word through the Holy Spirit that's going to bring conviction upon our hearts. I marvel at God's love for me. I am so unworthy of it, don't deserve it.

Then another burden God has laid upon my heart is our Bible camps. We have rules but we don't enforce them. I am afraid we are dressing too much like the world. Do we want the Bible camps to go as our nation's laws are not enforced because police are afraid to step in and enforce them in many places?

From my experience in working and in our home, I know that we didn't like what father and mother told us but I have come to respect them for enforcing what they told us to do. And same with the children and young people I have taken care of and had to deal with. They didn't like it. In fact, some hated me, but later came to respect me for it. I showed them that I loved them but also that I meant what I told them and was firm with them. So it paid off in joy and blessing in the end even though it was hard at first.

So if we are to win our young people for Christ we must first show them the love of Christ but also be firm with them, for deep down they respect us for it. So for the sake of our young people, enforce the rules.

God didn't make them or us to show off by how we dress, but a body to be used to His glory and honor. I don't see how anybody can glorify God by the way they dress. It's an abomination to Him and His cause. We are here to win the lost for Him. We all need to check how we dress. I am as guilty as anyone.

Thank you to Mr. Norbert Limmer for what he wrote in the *Ambassador* (March 3, 1970) about dress. I wanted to write him but didn't know his address. So accept my thanks even if it is late.

Mrs. Pauline Pope
Wadena, Minn.

GRACE

Merciful, wondrous, marvelous
grace,
All of life's sins and transgressions
erase;
Richer than diamonds, more precious
than gold,

It cannot be bought, it cannot be
sold;
Strengthening,
healing,
it welcomes us all,
Touching the heart with its beckoning
call;
Bought with Christ's body, paid by
Christ's blood,
Given so freely, a gift of Christ's
love;
Suffering,
bleeding,
and dying for me,
Body impaled on the terrible tree.
Merciful grace from the Wondrous
One
Shines on my soul like the welcoming
sun;
Born I a sinner with no place to go
But to the hell fire consuming below,
Adam's fall bound me to Satan's own
race,
Dead was I but for God's ransoming
grace.
I a blind beggar before His great
throne,
Stumbling through life afraid and
alone;
His love touched my eyes so that I
might see—
With His redeeming grace He set me
free;
Cleansing,
restoring,
paid for on a cross
For all we sinners whose souls would
be lost;
Worthy not we of His death and His
pain,
Yet His amazing grace flows down
like rain;
Holding,
enfolding,
remolding our hearts—
A life eternal its mercy imparts.
You who are dead in a dark grave of
sin
Open your hearts and His grace will
pour in;
Free for the asking, fulfilling all need,
Cleansing, renewing all thought, word
and deed;
Peace to the soul 'mid this frenzied
world's pace—
Merciful, wondrous, marvelous
grace.

Marlene Moline
Lansing, Iowa

CHURCH-WORLD NEWS

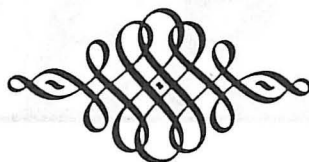
ATTENDANCE DROPPING AT SEAMEN'S CENTERS

Frederikshavn, Denmark—(LWF)—A number of fishermen's and seamen's homes in Danish ports will have to close their doors because of falling attendance figures, according to S. Nepper-Christensen, chairman of the Danish Innter Seamen's Mission.

Pastor Nepper-Christensen told the annual assembly of mission delegates that changing patterns of fishing, with fishermen operating farther from port, was a major factor in the decision to close the seamen's home at Elsinore, which this year was leased out to hotel operators. Other homes will also have to close down, he said.

Meanwhile, at Sandefjord, Norway, delegates to the Norwegian Seamen's Mission general assembly discussed increasing stress problems for ships' crews as modernization of ships calls for smaller crews and shorter stays in foreign ports.

Plans were discussed to give seamen pastors more mobility, enabling them to visit ships as well as operating centers in port cities. One such program in Japan was approved following a successful trial period.



FIFTH 'ADVICE CLINIC' NOW OPEN IN DENMARK

Aarhus, Denmark—(LWF)—Five Danish cities have now opened church-run "advice clinics." Aarhus pastors opened their St. Nicholas Service September 1, with headquarters in a former military barracks.

The Danish program started some years ago in Copenhagen, at the urging of the Church Crusade (Kirkens Korshaer). Since then, similar pro-

grams have been instituted in Esbjerg, Odense, and Aalborg.

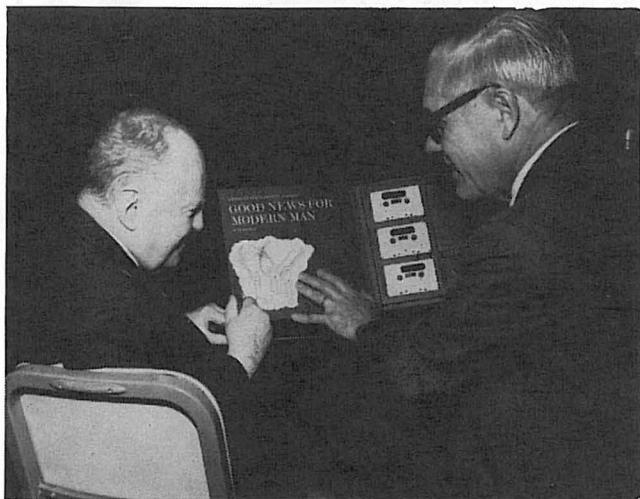
Cost of the service is borne by voluntary contributions. Participating pastors in Aarhus have each contributed 100 kroner (about US\$20) to the program.

Physicians and social welfare workers have volunteered to give professional advice when needed.

Leaders of the Aarhus program emphasize that no records will be kept of visitors, and that all who participate in the program are under oath not to give to others information confided them by visitors.

The service will operate evenings, when the clinic is open. During the night, persons in trouble will be able to reach a member of the St. Nicholas Service by telephone.

"We don't expect to be able to help others solve all their problems," said one participant. "But perhaps we can be of assistance by giving people the chance to open their hearts."



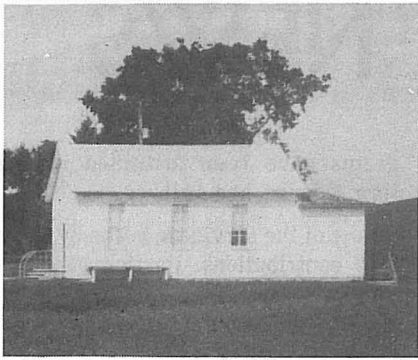
AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY PHOTO

The first Scripture recorded on cassette tapes, the entire New Testament in Today's English Version, popularly known as "Good News for Modern Man," is examined by blind readers at the Library of Congress's Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Washington, D. C. Carl Allenswroth, 73 (left), is a regular visitor to the Division's Reading Room. With him on right is The Rev. Dr. Dale C. Recker, Secretary for Blind Work of the American Bible Society, who presented the album to the Library.



AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY PHOTO

Quizmaster Phil Gammon hosts special guest, Swiss-born Biblical artist Annie Vallotton, on "The Living Bible" Quiz, live radio program of the American Bible Society. Miss Vallotton illustrated "Good News for Modern Man," the New Testament in Today's English Version.



The above parish building was dedicated by the Sunburg Lutheran Church, Sunburg, Minn., on August 30. Pastor John Strand, president of the AFLC, gave the dedicatory address. Many friends were present to give greetings from the Word of God.

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