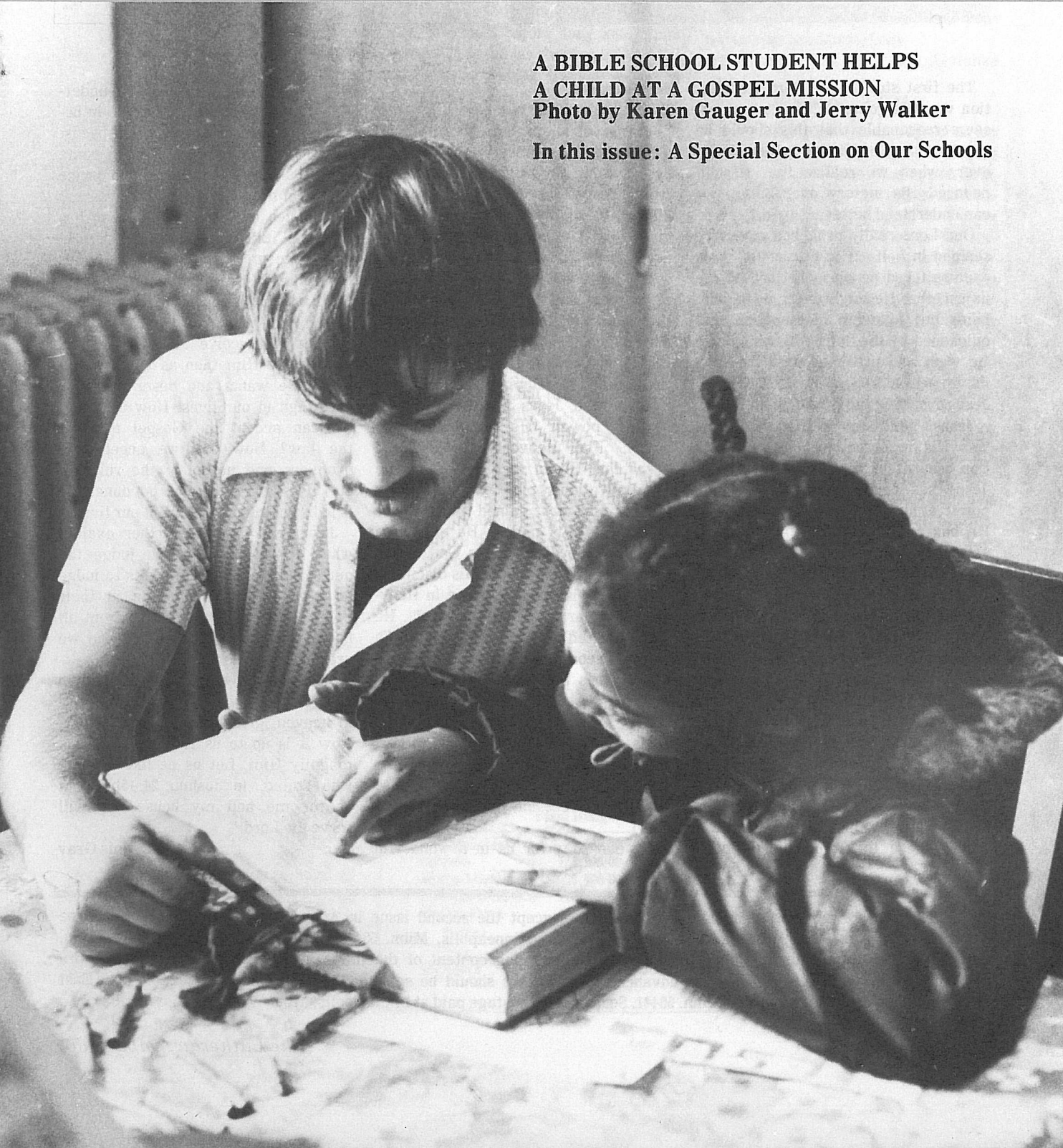


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The Lutheran Ambassador

**A BIBLE SCHOOL STUDENT HELPS
A CHILD AT A GOSPEL MISSION**
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MEDITATION MOMENTS

THE EXALTATION

The first step in our Lord's exaltation was His going to hell. It does not seem reasonable that this should be the first step in His exaltation. However, when we realize that He announced His victory over Satan, we can understand better.

Our Lord really preached a victory sermon in hell. "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit: by which also He went and preached unto the spirits in prison..." (I Peter 3:18, 19). Jesus preached the Gospel in hell!

Jesus' next step in His exaltation was His resurrection. His resurrection assures us that He is truly God. Jesus has conquered death and the power of sin through the resurrection. He has made complete our personal salvation. "It is finished!" No more need be accomplished. It is ours through faith!

Next, Jesus ascended into Heaven. This took place 40 days after His resurrection. He "shewed Himself alive after His passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them 40 days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God" (Acts 1:3). This was a wonderful thing to behold, seeing the risen Lord Jesus Christ and then watching Him as He was brought to Heaven in a cloud, there to be on the Father's

right hand.

Christ who had "humbled Himself," "became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross," in order that by so doing he might redeem men from destruction. Therefore "God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Philippians 2:9-11).

As a man Jesus had not used all of His power. He controlled this power. The Heavenly Father had asked that He do such until the time that salvation's plan could be completed. He now gained that power back. It is His power. He now uses that power in Heaven, as God. Jesus said these final words to His disciples, "All power is given unto me in Heaven and in earth" (Matthew 28:17). He was exalted by His Father. His work was completed.

How does the ascended Lord Jesus use His power? First, He prays for us. "Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us" (Romans 8:34).

He can pray for us in a wonderful

way. This is because as God He understands us. He identified with us in becoming a man. He knows our needs. He knows our feelings. We can come to God's throne of mercy and grace in time of need. Jesus prays for us.

He rules over us. The Father has given all things into His hands. He will reign until all things are under His rule. "For he must reign, till He hath put all enemies under His feet" (I Corinthians 15:25).

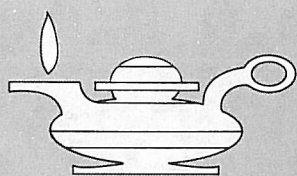
When we receive Jesus as Savior, we receive Him then as Lord. At all times He wants and deserves to be sovereign in our lives. How is it that we can accept the Gospel and not the law? How can we accept the promises and not obey the ruler of our lives? This cannot be done. He is to be our ruler throughout our lives.

Jesus will then be further exalted when He comes back to judge the quick and the dead. He wants to judge no one. He wants to rule in their lives. He wants to protect us from all harm. He can only do this when we are yielded to Him.

Jesus deserves to be magnified in our personal lives. He has such glory in heaven, given Him by the Father. Now it is up to us to exalt Him and magnify Him. Let us be like Joshua, who stated, in Joshua 24:15b: "but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

—Dennis Gray

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SCHOOL NEWS

AN INTERVIEW WITH THE DEAN OF THE BIBLE SCHOOL

An informed church is better equipped to share the burden and vision of AFLBS. The following interview with Pastor Ken Moland, questioned by Sondra Iveson, AFLBS senior, provides a short but concise view of the Bible School through the eyes of the dean.

When you first entered your ministry as Dean of the Bible School, what were your goals or aims for the school?

First, to maintain AFLBS' emphasis on the supremacy and sufficiency of the Word of God. Here is our strength and direction. Then, also, the need of students to practice what is being learned prompts the goal of developing Christian service opportunities. The end result of Bible School training should be establishing and equipping God's people. After a year as dean, my goals have intensified and the means of reaching the goals are being clarified. I am increasingly convinced of the value of practical experience. Personal, one-to-one contact between students and faculty also continues to be an effective means of establishing and guiding students.

In what ways must this school always remain faithful?

Certainly "God's Word is our great heritage." As a school dedicated to the teaching of that Word, we must continue to hold it high. AFLBS must also remain faithful to the church, the body of Christ, which it serves. The congregation is a primary concern.

How do you view the school's future?

Challenging and encouraging. The

increasing need to equip lay workers for the Kingdom's cause poses interesting possibilities for AFLBS. I see youth and adults being equipped through varied ministries of AFLBS. Our evening classes are one example of this outreach.

There are other Bible colleges, church schools, Bible institutes, etc. What role does AFLBS play in the Lutheran church?

Basically, by preparing students to be effective servants in the congregation. Some of our students go into full-time service, but most do not see AFLBS as vocational training. As students are equipped, they will become a greater asset to the church, hopefully multiplying themselves as they teach others. An educated and committed laity will prove to be a great strength to the church.

When calling faculty members, what qualifications do you consider important?

My primary concern would be in regard to a teacher's love for the Word of God and the Christ there revealed, expressed in a desire to communicate that Word to students. Secondly, he should have a genuine love for people, expressed by a willingness to give of himself in interpersonal relationships, both with colleagues and students. Then, because of our emphasis on the local congregation, he should be one who has a love and appreciation for the local church. If possible, he should have had experience in the parish ministry, which would enable him to integrate his work at AFLBS with the congregational emphasis.

Have there been changes in curriculum and in students themselves?

The components of curriculum are changing regularly, but its thrust is

consistent. Recently, some more Christian education courses have been added. Evening classes are a new dimension just this year. I suppose if there were a noticeable trend, it would be toward practical areas.

Students expect to be more involved in their educational program now. Also they seem to be more free in making suggestions.

Why can you recommend AFLBS to a young person?

Again, I return to the centrality of the Word. I'm convinced that Bible School education is a life-molding experience which can benefit every Christian. If we are called to serve, and we are, then we are also called to prepare every Christian. I'm persuaded that AFLBS provides that opportunity.

AFLBS is not vocational-centered, that is, training for a specific field of work. It operates more in the area of liberal arts education, giving students a foundation from which to build as God further leads. AFLBS, therefore, prepares students to effectively and fruitfully serve God first of all, then, out of that whole relationship, to make their impact on a needy world.

How can the individuals in congregations support AFLBS?

The Apostle Paul asked the church at Thessalonica, "Brethren, pray for us, that the Word of God may have free course among us..." We sense the prayer support. It is so essential. Also, as individuals participate in school functions, whether on campus at a rally, or in an outlying church, it is a great encouragement.

How can alumni assist in helping AFLBS grow and remain true to its purpose?

Several alumni have constructively evaluated their time at AFLBS. That really helps us. Suggestions, concerns, and sometimes criticisms enable us to grow in our purpose. We count on alumni to also make contact with prospective students. The alumni scholarship fund aids students in paying their way through AFLBS.

AFLBS— A TIME TO GROW

Each September since 1966, students converge on the Medicine Lake campus and are confronted with the acceptance of salvation by faith in Christ and through daily study of the Word are encouraged to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior. These goals are accomplished through four specific areas: academics, worship, service, and fellowship.

ACADEMICS

by Nadine Solberg
McVille, N. Dak.

I've often been approached with the question, "What do you learn at Bible School?" Many people think of it as a Bible camp or church retreat—but it's much more than that. Bible School is a real and vital introduction to the experience of daily encountering God face to face in His Word.

My primary reason for selecting AFLBS was that, despite my church background, I knew very little of God's Word. I was eager to search out the Word before going into my secular training. I wasn't sure what to expect, but as classes began, I knew that Bible School was not to be taken lightly. Annette Twaites, a junior this year, remarked, "I study more now than I did in high school because here I have to dig for the answers." Each class is either directly or indirectly related to the Bible and within each course of study a challenge is set forth.

As I reflected on what I had learned my first year, my response was one of awe. I realized how much God had taught me, but more importantly, what I had left to learn. I felt God leading me to come back for the senior year. It was at a time when I had doubts that a friend related to me that she had learned a lot the first year at Bible School, but the second year made it complete. Now I, too, can say that, as I near the end of my senior year. However, many people see no benefit in Bible School and I've been asked, "What does it



JUNIOR CLASS

Row one, L. to R.: Joel Quanbeck, Annette Twaites, Sandra Myhre, Wanita Martinson, Rebecca Oscarson, Diana Hilmo, Rick Stave, Kathy Johnson, Cindy Alpert, Lois Lindquist and Steve Heidmann; Row two: Paul Lindquist, Marsha Jacobson, Nancy Moe, Julie Rudebusch, Tami Bjorgaard, Debbie Williams, Donna Myhill, Carolyn Schroeder, Becky Kylo, Jerry Blake and Bob Rudebusch; Row three: Jack Randall, Brian Peterson, David Dahlgren, Dennis Tieman, Lynn Kinneberg, Rick Pederson, Steve Myhre, Patti Jury, Cindy Lane and Steve Snipstead; and Row four: Jim Johnson, John Cromer, Brigitta Nelson, Bonnie Dimick, Alan Olson, Miriam Larson, Doug Estrem, Arden Jacobson and Claudia Erickson.



SENIOR CLASS

Row one, L. to R.: Marge Nash, Karen Gauger, Gretchen Kooiman, Philip Johnson, Julie Halvorson, Jerry Walker, Joanne Hanson, Faylin Tostrup, Candi Weinkauff, Nadine Solberg and Mike Prinzing; Row two: Dan Ostrand, Nick Boyovich, Annette Breden, Sondra Iverson, Terri Irwin, Kim Hansen, Lynn Sletten, Linda Finstrom, Robbin Thompson, Heidi Gruber and Dean Rorvig; Row three: Kent Bakken, Brenda Forth, Kathy Quanbeck, Bill Cornish, Jr., Mike McCarlson, Beverly Jones, Erling Langness, Rachel Mundfrom, Shirley Oliver, Susan Grothe and Sandy Bergstrom; and Row four: Kraig Lerud, Lois Olson, Jim Larson, Marshall Engevik, Perry Nash, Robin Kilness, David Lee, Bradley Haugen, Kevin Spading, Steve Holland and Steve Nordvik.

prepare you for?"

I see five main areas for which it prepares me. First, I have learned to study. Second, I have been grounded in my faith and with God's help am ready to meet the challenges of the world. Third, God has strengthened my witness through knowledge of the Word. Fourth, God is directing me in His will and I am learning to rest and trust in Him, knowing that He has a perfect plan for my life. Fifth, I am being prepared for life after death—for eternity.

I have not wasted two years. Rather, I have gained two. But my learning must not stop here. We read in II Timothy 2:15, "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God... handling accurately the word of truth." It is my prayer that I will continue to search my heart in response to this verse. I thank God for the opportunity to have spent nearly two years at AFLBS. Truly Bible School is a time to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior.

SERVICE

by Kevin Spading
Kirkland, Wash.

"Give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, they will pour into your lap. For whatever measure you deal out to others, it will be dealt to you in return" (Luke 6: 38).

One of the highlights of Bible School is the giving of one's self for the service of others to the glory of God. Bible School has so much to offer in this way. Just by allowing God to use you, you see how mightily He works. You experience how rewarding serving Christ is and how enriching it can be for you daily in your walk with Him.

First, there is nursing home visitation. Groups go to visit the elderly or rehabilitation centers and get a chance to sing and share the Gospel. Even one-on-one friendships are found and as friends we bring others to our Savior. How eternally rewarding this is!

Twin City children's missions provide excellent open doors of service. Christian education classes have begun sending groups to observe and teach. Last fall three students conducted a Saturday morning Bible club in south Minneapolis.

Another opportunity is Gospel teams. As a member of a Gospel team you need to give, to give of your time, your prayers and your testimony as you travel on weekends to churches in the Midwest. Being able to show the love of Jesus is vital for us as Christians. Song is indeed an effective way to share.

We need to serve our churches regularly. Opportunities to allow God to develop our teaching talents by way of Sunday school are always available. Students who give of themselves experience the rewards of making an eternal investment.

Our talents in service to God need to be exercised. Bible School has helped me understand this.

Luke 6:38 is so true. When we give, God rewards in such an abundant way. When we die to self and live as Christ's, we truly see blessings in

good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over and pouring into our lap!

Living the Christian life is a matter of being on the offensive, doing things, serving. It's a matter of being active for Christ. It is in this way that we can know the true meaning of what Peter meant when he said, "Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity."

WORSHIP

by Brian Peterson
Wanamingo, Minn.

Psalm 122:1; "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord."

David was a man who knew what a joy and a privilege it is to worship God. He realized how great God was and the praise that He deserved. So often I neglect the many opportunities that are offered to me here at Bible School to come into God's house to worship Him. God loves and certainly deserves our highest praise and, like David, we should rejoice at every opportunity to praise Him.

Here at AFLBS, we have two chapel services during the week. They are times to come together as a student body to worship God with one heart and one voice. It is a great opportunity to join with the new brothers and sisters we have found and praise the Lord whom we serve.

Also, one of the great joys is to be able to attend worship services on Sunday mornings at a local congregation. Here we can find a sense of service and fellowship that Bible School alone can't offer us.

Even though we are studying God's Word in our daily classes, we need to take time to simply worship God for who He is and what He has done for us. God calls each one of us to worship Him. Private daily devotions are essential whether it be in one's room, a floor prayer room, a secluded spot somewhere on campus, or along the shores of Medicine Lake.

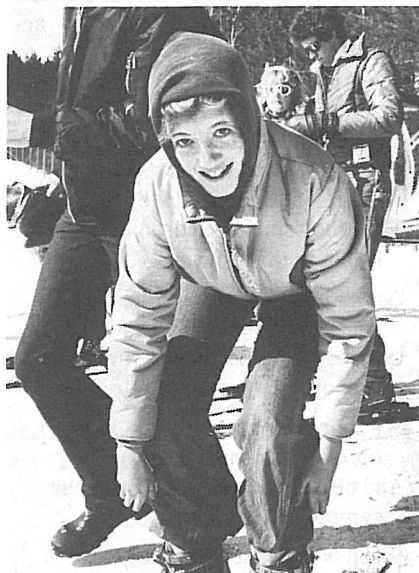
Evening dorm devotions and the early morning prayer time are

blessed moments as hearts are joined in prayer and praise to our Lord and Savior.

Students come to AFLBS with unique needs. All of us, however, are "duty bound to thank, praise, serve, and obey..." our Lord who creates, redeems and sanctifies to the end.



Rock... rock... rock. Jerry Walker, Kenyon, Minn., left, and Kraig Lerud, Thief River Falls, Minn., tend to their rocking chairs as they, along with five other annual staff members, spend 24 hours in a rocking marathon. Their purpose was to raise a pledged \$140.00 for darkroom supplies.



While attending an all-school retreat in Amery, Wis., Terri Irwin, Ferndale, Wash., tightens her bindings as she prepares herself for a down-hill trip.

Photos by Karen Gauger and Jerry Walker

See Cover Photo

Opportunity to share his faith opened up for Bobby Rudebusch, Ortle, S. Dak., as he visits the Children's Gospel Mission. Juniors are observing and teaching at the Marie Sandvik Center and Gospel Mission for a Christian Education assignment.

FELLOWSHIP

Growing in grace and knowledge of our Savior here at AFLBS, the Word of God becomes the source of fellowship with believers in Christ. As I John 1:3 says, "Indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ."

To verbally share one's faith with other Christians strengthens convictions. Many students come to AFLBS without the privilege of having Christian friends in high school. Campus life encourages development of life-long friendships. One student commented, after a few days on campus, that she finally found a place where other young people had the same standard of fun. It is only when one is surrendered to Christ that true sacrificial love can be understood as the basis of fellowship with others in the body of Christ.

The post-high school years are vital times in solidifying personal convictions. How good it is to subject oneself to an environment where Christians encourage one another to walk according to God's will.

John Fawcett expressed the blessings of this kind of fellowship in the hymn "Blest Be the Tie that Binds."

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love,
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent pray'rs;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear,
And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain,
But we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

—John Fawcett

CHORAL CLUB TOURED FOUR STATES

The 1977-78 version of the AFLBS Choral Club toured in the states of Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota in March. There



Challenged by the mighty Conquerors, the fighting faculty met sure defeat during a March 10 benefit game. Proceeds helped pay for newly purchased uniforms. Paul Lindquist, Milbank, SD, attempted to block a shot by Charlie Kvanvig, dean of men, as other team members rush to their aid.

were 21 young people in the group, directed by Mr. Don Rodvold, who was making his 11th tour with a choral group from school.

Following participation in Lenten services at Rosedale Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minn., and Sunnyside Lutheran Church, Stacy, Minn., the Choral Club left in a bus coach on Mar. 17 for Section Ten Lutheran Church, Cumberland, Wis. We were served our supper at Bonnie Dimick's home, the "Hap" Dimicks. Table decorations were appropriately in a St. Patrick's Day theme.

The next day we drove to Fergus Falls, Minn., with a rest stop at a shopping center in St. Cloud, Minn. A number of congregational members at Calvary Lutheran joined us for supper. Let me say here that all the meals on the trip were delicious.

Sunday morning it was on to Fargo, N. Dak., to take part in the morning worship at St. Paul's Lutheran. Here I was in the joint roles of host pastor and visitor. A potluck dinner was served with members and friends joining with us.

We arrived in Valley City, N. Dak., early and had an opportunity to rest

for a while. The leaguers at Grace Lutheran served us a "mystery dinner." Each table ordered a four-course meal, but having little idea what was being ordered. It was the kind of a situation in which you might eat your dessert first, with a knife, and end up with kernel corn but no utensils with which to eat it. But by the time we were through we had all had a fine meal of fried chicken, potatoes, etc., and a lot of fun.

Following a coffee stop in Sisseton, S. Dak., on Monday, we came to Ortley, S. Dak., for the evening concert. We were impressed with the great amount of snow which had blown into town during the winter. Again at Ortley, as at nearly every stop, there were AFLBS alumni in the audience.

Pastor Einar Unseth had arranged for the Choral Club to present an assembly program at the Waubay High School on Tuesday morning. Principal Williamson graciously introduced us and we were all impressed with the courteous way in which the students listened. The members then joined the high school chorus in a rehearsal session.

Back at Ortley we enjoyed a waffle

dinner at church and then drove to Watertown, S. Dak., for a shopping layover. That evening we were in Calvary Lutheran, Wallace, S. Dak. Wallace is the birthplace of the late Senator Hubert Humphrey. In the morning a few of us saw how the school building in town has been turned into a grocery store and a woodworking shop.

Returning to Minnesota, we spent some time in Morris, Minn., of interest to the undersigned because I spent a summer in Morris and area as a student intern. The Choral Club sang at Sauk Valley (ALC) Lutheran near Osakis, Minn., that night and had a warm welcome. We shared in a service of Holy Communion.

Bowling was the order of the day the next morning in Osakis. Don Rodvold and the undersigned took some measure of pride in registering the high games out of the Bible School group. Bowling was followed by a lunch at a home in the country. Louis Larson sang two or three Norwegian songs for us.

The last concert was given at Gethsemane (LCA) Lutheran, Upsala, Minn., as a prelude to a service of Holy Communion. This congregation has hosted a number of AFLBS choral groups over the years and been very friendly to our school. We drove back to school that night, arriving just after 11:30.

It was a personal pleasure for me to travel with this fine group of young people and to keep this connection with our School, where I spent five years on the staff. The Choral Club presented a well-received program at each place, to large audiences and conducted themselves individually in a winsome way for Christ. Don Rodvold continues his excellent work as director.

—Raynard Huglen



FREE LUTHERAN SEMINARY

Row one, L. to R.: LeRoy Flickinger, John Kjos, Ted Kennedy, Jr., Jay Eberth, Larry Haagenson and Gordon Grage; Row two: William Moberg, David Abel, Lee Hallstrom, Richard Bartholomew, Paul Nash and Gilbert Schroeder; and Row three: James Fugleberg, Philip Rokke, Stephen Lee, James Gerdeen and Charles Knapp.

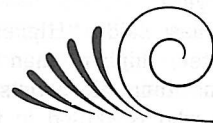
ASSOCIATION FREE LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Since 1964, AFLTS has sought to train expository preachers and teachers of the Word of God. The Seminary believes that the Bible is inerrant and unchanging. It stands opposed to all modern apostasy. With uncompromising loyalty to the Word, men are prepared for the most sacred and significant of all callings—ministering to souls.

One of the unique characteristics of AFLTS is its stress on practical, personal Christian piety by the mercy and grace of God. The seminarian is exhorted, as the Apostle Paul often did, to not only preach and teach the Word in its truth and purity, but also that he and his family live a life in conformity to the Word of God.

The Seminary is an institution of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations and is supported by gifts from the congregations and individuals. A recent estimate places the annual cost of the seminary at about \$60,000. A graduate, leaving after three years, has cost a minimum of about ten thousand dollars. This applies to those who serve in the Association, and therefore, do not pay tuition costs.

As it has been throughout history, there is a great need to train God-pleasing servants to go out and proclaim salvation to souls at home and abroad. It is truly a privilege to be a part of this mission, as AFLTS needs financial, and above all, prayer support.



SEMINARY GRADUATION AND SUMMER SHORT-COURSE ANNOUNCEMENT

Eight AFLTS seniors will be graduating on May 19. The 8:00 p.m. services will be held in the chapel on the Medicine Lake campus. The next *Ambassador* will feature each of the graduating senior men.

During July 24-August 4, the annual seminary summer short-course will be held. This summer studies will be in Worship in the Old Testament, I John, Galatians, and Evangelism. For further information, contact the Dean's office at 3110 E. Medicine Lake Blvd., or call 612-545-5631.



SUNDAY SCHOOL . . .

WHO ME? A TEACHER!

Do you recall the teacher who has meant the most to you? Stop for a moment to analyze his strong points and his influence on you. By the way, did he have any weak points?

Do you think teachers are "born" or "made"? Would you have any advice to give to the teacher who claims to be a born teacher? How about to the one who claims he is not a born teacher?

Take a look at your friends. Do you have any real friends among boys and girls? Is their friendship of any value to you?

Someone has said, "Higher than every painter, higher than every sculptor, and than all artists, do I regard him who is skilled in the art of forming the soul life of children."

You as a teacher can be the voice through whom God speaks the name of a child as He spoke the name of Samuel long ago. The day will come when the child will recognize the voice as the Lord's, and will answer, "Speak, for thy servant heareth." It is your hand holding the child's which leads him gently in the paths of righteousness, until he recognizes that over your hand is the hand of Christ, which was wounded for him.

What are some of the qualities that we look for in a good Sunday school or Bible class teacher?

1. He must be able to represent Christ aright.

It's hard for children, for all of us

for that matter, to apprehend God. If children see love and sacrifice in their teacher, it is easier for them to identify with God. If they love not the teacher whom they have seen, how can they love God whom they have not seen (see I John 4:20)?

You are fit to be a teacher if you know God's Word, and can look it, and talk it, and act it, and are willing to sacrifice for it.

2. We must remember that the force of example is stronger than precept.

Can you believe this statement? "Children possess the rare gift of penetration which enables them to discern the heart despite any kind of mask on the outside?" Maybe our pretensions do not fool them. They're clever. Do we believe what we teach? Do our lives demonstrate our words? Are the truths of the Bible acted out in our lives? Do children see in us the Scriptures on display?

3. The teacher must develop a calm, confident, radiant, outgoing and humble disposition.

To be a great teacher one must be a learner (Rom. 2:21). Unless a teacher is himself continually growing, he will serve his class cold spiritual food. But if the food is always hot and tasty, the pupils will return for more with keen appetites.

What do children look for in a teacher? The personal qualities seem almost endless. They might look for one who is jolly, who can laugh, does not lose his temper, never "hollers"

at them, not crabby, not cross, friendly, a good sport, gives them another chance when bad, gets the point, and talks plainly.

Socrates once sent a boy home, saying, "I can teach him nothing. He does not love me."

Children sense when their teacher likes to teach. A spirit of diligence and perseverance cannot be expected from the pupils unless they see it continually demonstrated by the teacher.

4. The teacher must give himself to prayer, preparation, and leadership.

It has been said that any curriculum is 90 per cent teacher. Good teaching depends on how much a person wants to put into it. Teaching is an art. One has to realize that hours of research and devotion and experiment are required. It takes time to study the pupils and to develop effective teaching methods for their progress. Remember that we have joined hands with the Supreme Teacher to shape a destiny for all eternity.

5. We must learn to appreciate children for what they are.

Children are worthy of our respect. We must try to visualize all truth through their eyes, and to perceive how it relates to their home and play and school. Let us as teachers be childlike but not childish. We must take time to listen to them also.

6. The teacher must be able to sympathize with their limitations and yet hold them up to high standards.

Children like to be challenged. Let's not make things too easy or too hard. If they do not put forth effort to work, no growth will result. How rewarding when a child reports, "Teacher, on Tuesday I was about to do something in school but just then I remembered what we had talked about in Sunday school so I was stopped in my tracks." The reality of the Word will change personal behavior.

"And He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers" (Ephesians 4:11).

Yes, you, teach.

Judith B. Wold
Executive Secretary
AFLC Parish Education

Now we have completed our reading of Dr. Herman A. Preus' **A Theology to Live By** and can recommend it to others out of firsthand knowledge. We are always reluctant to recommend what we haven't read ourselves unless trusted acquaintances have given unqualified approval, as in the case of Pastor Francis Monseth and Dr. Preus' book. But it is always better if one can speak from firsthand knowledge.

Dr. Preus admits in his preface that there are plenty of books about Martin Luther, whose theology he discusses in the book. But like Luke of old (Luke 1:1-4), although without the divine inspiration we claim for him, Dr. Preus believes there is room and place for his work in interpreting Luther. And we are the richer for it. Here is a book in which we can have confidence.

But Pastor Monseth has written an excellent review of **A Theology to Live By** and there is no need to duplicate it (Dec. 27, 1977).

It seems to us that **A Theology to Live By** is readable for many of us. Some books on theology are so obscure and difficult that the average pastor and lay person are excluded from what they have to offer. That is, these would-be readers cannot understand what is written and so it is almost a waste of time to try to read them.

God is inscrutable and infinite. Man is finite. Yet, the words of Scripture are generally understandable. The message is clear enough, except when couched in symbolic language which is open to different interpretations in some cases. It is evident that God wants His message to man understood by him. Some things are to be taken by faith, but up to that point of faith they are comprehensible.

When some men write about theology they can do so in a way which is understandable to those who don't have brilliant minds. Thank God that He has revealed Himself to those with less than brilliant minds also. When you find someone who writes so that you can follow along, enjoy such a writer, providing, of course, that what is written is well attested to and is based on Scripture.

Everyone should read some theology. And one of the finest ways and some of the best theology is to be found in the Catechism and Explanation. That's why our confirmation students should be encouraged to keep their Catechisms when confirmation days are over. They should have their own throughout life. And in the Catechism they, and we, will be getting Luther at his best.

Which is where we started, **A Theology to Live By**, a praiseworthy discussion of Luther's theology by Dr. Herman A. Preus. Buy it and read it.

editorials

THE ASSOCIATION SCHOOLS

We are happy to present considerable material today on our Schools in Minneapolis, Minn. Through it all we can trust that our people will come to better understand the work that is being done at Medicine Lake and have a greater burden for it.

Begun in 1966, Association Free Lutheran Bible School is now in a solid condition, offering one of the few Lutheran Bible school opportunities in the Upper Midwest, indeed, in the whole country. The market, if we can use such a crass term, is almost unlimited. Not that we are out to get students for the sake of numbers, but we have something available which may be increasingly sought. We must be ready. And we hope that our own congregations will make use of AFLBS to the full for education in the Bible for our young people particularly.

Many people have been involved intimately by now in the work of our Bible School, as board and corporation members, administration, faculty, staff. Hundreds have contributed and prayed. Between 600-700 students have matriculated, many of them graduating from the two-year course.

Many have been involved in the Theological Seminary, too, although the numbers would be lower. Again, the work has been in Christian instruction, here in the training of pastors.

God bless the work which has been done and the work before us. Surely, the task is the Lord's, but He has to work through us in maintaining these institutions in Biblical studies. We dare not, and must not, fail. Onward and upward!



Perhaps I was DREAMING

THE GREAT TRIAL

It was midnight. The moonlight fell softly on the hills and valleys, touching the leaves with silver and tracing a path of light across the slumbering lake.

I had walked far that night and was approaching a great city when a stranger overtook me and said, as if we were familiar friends instead of total strangers, "Have you heard the news?"

"What news?" I asked.

"The trial. They are going to try Him again."

"Whom? I have heard nothing about it. What is it?"

"Ah, I see, you are a stranger. Then you must come with me and see it. They say it is a strange case."

He caught me by the arm and urged me along the broad avenue, through a noisy crowd, up a flight of great marble stairs, and into a spacious courtroom filled with an excited multitude.

"This is the place," he said. "They have not brought in the prisoner yet, but He will soon be here."

Presently there was a stir at the great door opposite the one through which we had entered, and a murmur went through the crowd, "He is coming, He is coming!"

Then a sudden hush fell upon them, and I could hear the heavy footfall of soldiers as they marched their victim up the aisle. The mob grew tense as they beheld Him. They were swayed as by a strong wind, and many growled, "Down with Him!"

The judge took his seat on the bench. The gavel called to order. All was ready. The mob grew quiet. The witnesses were called.

"Where are we?" I whispered to my guide, "and what does all this mean?"

"We are in the Court of the Ages," he replied. "The man on the bench is known as the Pilate of History. The prisoner calls Himself the Son of Man."

The first witness was a flippant, sensual looking young woman. "I hate the prisoner," she snarled. "He is an ascetic. He frowns on every pleasure, and His forbidding shadow falls like a shroud on every form of enjoyment. Down with Him!"

The next one was a hard-looking man of 40 or thereabout. "His morals are too lax," he said. "He takes up with all sorts of people. He hobnobs with the scum of the community. He is a winebibber and a glutton. He is a friend of publicans and sinners. He does not keep the Sabbath. Down with Him!"

"He is a bigot!" cried the next one. "His followers are the most narrow-minded vermin in the world, and the history of science is a history of a relentless warfare between those dunces and the advocates of truth. The

sooner we get rid of Him the better for us."

The next witness accused Him of being a proletarian. "He was brought up in a carpenter shop, and His sympathies are all with the rabble. He is an enemy of the rich, and most of our labor troubles are due to His teachings. If they were to be taken seriously, they would blow our whole economic system to smithereens. Down with Him!"

Another one denounced Him for hobnobbing with the rich. "He never hesitated to sit down at the overladen tables of such renegades as Matthew and Zaccheus, the Ruggers and the Rothschilds. He is a friend of the oppressors of the common people."

"The best that can be said of Him," declared another, "is that He is an impractical dreamer. Whatever poets and theorizers may think of Him, it is evident that He cannot adapt Himself to the practical business methods of the world. He may not be aggressive, but He is an obstacle in the way of progress. Away with Him!"

"He is aggressive," roared another. "He is a Communist. His teachings inspire the rabble with the notion of equality. He tolerates neither capitalism nor genius, but would reduce all to the level of the stupid hordes that follow Him. If we leave Him alone, He will ruin us. Out with Him!"

"He is a pacifist," declared another. "If He had His way, the glory of militarism—venerable with age, resplendent with honor, immortal with heroism—would vanish from the earth. Millions of men would be out of employment, and there would be nobody to defend us against—against—something or other. Anyhow He is a pacifist."

"He is an internationalist," growled the next one, making a Nazi salute as he did so. "I am a patriot. My fatherland is the noblest in the world, and my Teutonic blood boils over at the sight of this Fellow. To Him the Jew is as good as the Nordic, and the Negro as good as the white man. Away with Him, away, away!"

There was a roar of approval. The mob looked murderous. The gavel thundered. "Order in the courtroom!" commanded the judge. The tumult subsided; quiet was restored.

During the hearing I had observed the judge. My guide had called him Pilate, but there was little about him to remind one of the poor, cheap, cowardly Roman politician who acted as procurator of Judea in the days of Herod. This man bore every mark of honor, integrity, and moral and intellectual superiority. It was evident that the witnesses—who were nothing but poison-tongued accusers, blinded by prejudice and swayed by passion—had not impressed him much. I felt sure that when he opened his lips to speak, the verdict would be in harmony with the judgment of God.

Calm restored, he surveyed the mob with the eyes of one who knew his position. Then, in a tone of voice that meant finality from which there could be no appeal, he said,

"I find no fault in this Man."

His words seemed to come out of the depths of eternity... A moment later everything seemed to dissolve, as in a fog, and then vanish... The East was golden with the dawn of a new day... Perhaps I had been dreaming.

—C. A. Wendell



A PAGE FOR CHILDREN

Happy Acres



WHO IS GOOD-LOOKING?

On Tuesday, Ann was the first to reach home after school. She dashed into the kitchen where Mom was taking a chocolate cake from the oven, and she cried, "Oh, Mom, do you know what? Lucia says Dad looks like a regular ol' scarecrow because he's so long and skinny! And she says her father is a handsome man, and that our Daddy isn't at all good-looking!"

"Well," said Mom, slowly, "Mr. Hackley is a handsome man. But as far as I am concerned, our Daddy is the nicest man in the whole wide world!"

Ann was disappointed. Wasn't even her mother going to stick up for Dad? "Why, Mom," she asked, "don't you think Dad is good-looking, either?"

"No," replied her mother with a warm smile, "I guess our Daddy just is not what most people would consider good-looking. But he surely looks good to me!"

Truly, Mr. Peter Johnson was not a handsome man. He was the skinniest man in the Pleasant Valley neighborhood. He had a long, thin nose that humped out front like an eagle's beak. His ears were extra large, and his Adam's apple was like a great big lump in his scrawny neck. Only a few black hairs straggled over the top of his head; but Dad always said he didn't mind losing most of his hair because the less there was of it, the easier it was to wash and comb it.

Even when Dad dressed in his best clothes—and he dressed very neatly—he still wasn't handsome, Ann had to admit. And it hurt her to have her

schoolmates poke fun at her father's appearance.

Mom understood how she felt. "You love Dad, though—even if he isn't a handsome man?"

"Oh, yes! I don't care if Lucia does think he looks like a scarecrow. I don't care if his ears are too big! He's my Daddy, and I wouldn't trade him for any other Daddy in the world!"

Mom's eyes glowed. "Even when your father was courting me, there were some girls who teased me about how skinny he was, and how he wasn't much for looks, and all that. But I didn't care so much about what he looked like to others because I love him. I loved him for the kind of man he was—in his heart. You know, when we first see a person we just naturally judge that person by his looks. But when we really get to know a person, we don't pay so much attention to the color of his hair or what kind of clothes he wears—we know him for what he really is.

"That's the way with the Lord. He knows us for what we really are. He knows our hearts (Luke 16:15). Remember the story in the Old Testament about the prophet Samuel going out to anoint one of the sons of Jesse to be king over Israel? The first son that Samuel saw was Eliab. Eliab was so good-looking that Samuel was sure that this must be the one that would be king. But the Lord said to Samuel that he shouldn't just look at Eliab's handsome appearance, for the Lord didn't choose a man the way another man might. The Lord looked at what a man was like within. He looked at

a man's heart. And the Lord looked at Eliab's heart, and knew that though Eliab was good-looking outside, his heart was not good, and so the Lord did not choose him to be king over Israel" (I Sam. 16:7).

Ann was thoughtful for a moment. Then she said, "It doesn't hurt any more—what Lucia said about Dad."

"No," answered Mom, tenderly, "when the Lord looks into Dad's heart, he finds a heart that is good—a heart that is good because Dad loves the Lord."

MEMORY VERSE: Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment. John 7:24

FAMILY DISCUSSION

1. If a family comes to our house or to our church, poorly dressed and driving an old car, do we pay as much respect to them as we do to a family that comes richly dressed and driving an expensive car? How are we judging people—Lucia's way or God's way? Read James 2:1-5.

2. Surely, the Lord does not want us to be careless or slovenly about our appearance. But it is when we become vain and spend too much time on what we wear—in order to outshine others—that we do wrong. Read I Timothy 2:9-10. Instead of primping and fussing over ourselves to make ourselves look better than others, what should we do if we are Christians?

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GUILTY OR NOT GUILTY

By
Jeanne Lynch Cookman,
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Recalling old memories, I came across a few times when I had misbehaved in school. After my parents had the situations brought to their attention, I usually received a lecture and some form of discipline.

But the unique thing in my recollections is that my folks would always make one same comment in their talk with me.

"Your behavior reflects back on us. What do you think people will think of us? It makes us look as if we're no good as parents."

Not only have I heard my parents bring out this fact, but many others also.

Well, Mom and Dad (and other dear parents), I have got to disagree with you!

In some cases a child's behavior does reflect back on his folks. There are parents who could care less about their children. But the main percentage of our parents **do** care!

Our parents love us and only want the best for us. But really, who is to blame for our wrongdoings? Should our parents feel guilty?

During our young years we have a good bit of learning to do. We get into trouble while trying to learn. Who's at fault? Well, I'm sure our folks found themselves in many rough spots during their early years also. Would they blame their parents for their mistakes? I'm sure not.

Sooner than seems possible the teen years are upon us. This time of our lives we usually use the excuse that we're "trying to find ourselves." At the same time we are trying to find a steady date, a place on the football first string, a spot on the cheerleading squad and homecoming court. Wow! What a tough life we're living now! We try to do so much that all we accomplish is trouble for ourselves. But, it's not our fault, it's our folks'. Right?

Wrong! Many times in our adolescent years we "don't want our parents to interfere." They stand by desperately trying to help but we block them out with the attitude that their advice is "old-fashioned." What right, then, do we have to point the finger at them?

Now we have graduated from high school and are ready to climb the ladder of our life. With most of us it's only natural that as we climb upward we'll miss a few steps. Some of us may even have to start over. Those of us who do have to begin over will get frustrated—so frustrated, in fact, that we go into a deep depression and do things we otherwise never would have thought of doing.

When mom and dad learn of these things they are so ashamed—not of us so much, but of themselves.

Why? Because, "if we had only been better parents this would not have happened."

Yes, that's the usual pattern. Always ending with the parents slapping the blame upon themselves.

I don't hold any of my wrongdoings against my parents. I did them, not my folks. I am guilty, not my mother and father.

Parents of the world, you have no right to feel guilty for our errors. You have done your best in loving, teaching, scolding, disciplining, and in no terms flat, bringing us up. That's all anyone can do—his best.

Our mistakes are our own and we've got to learn to correct them in an adult and Christian way. That being, the wrong is ours, apologize and make it right.



A PRAYER

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 live 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 sorrow,
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.

Amen.

Johan Hjerten, 1816



Life on the Edge of Town



State Tournament

As I mentioned last time, my nephew Mark was to play in the Minnesota State High School hockey tournament. And that he did, Mar. 9-11, in the Civic Center in St. Paul. I was there to see him play and he did well, scoring Roseau's first goal in the their first game.

However, Roseau lost in the semi-final round in one of those heart-breakers. They won their third game to place third in the tournament.

The skill, energy and dedication of all the players was beautiful to see. There are just few athletic contests more thrilling to watch than capable high school hockey teams in competition, although baseball remains my favorite spectator sport and that season is now here.

We Lose Our Dog

We're not "dog people," here on the edge of town, but we did bring a two-month old puppy home last September, the last one left from a litter my brother's dog had had. She was part German Shepherd and those were the

markings which stood out in her. We named her "Coya."

I renovated a house we'd had for Pal years ago (we had him for 11 years) and built a fenced-in yard. Winter came on after a couple months and how she loved the snow (perhaps it was the Norwegian elkhound part of her). When I took my little ski trips Coya would go along. How she would romp and bound over the snow, now and then burrowing her head into the snow. Never will I forget her exuberance as she raced around, marking our yard with hundreds of foot-prints and jump marks.

But for the last couple of months she was also interested in finding ways of getting out of her yard and she was successful now and again. When spring came I knew the fence would have to be rebuilt and made stronger.

On my return from the hockey tournament I noticed a dog lying along the highway on the south edge of Newfolden. It looked like Coya, but I drove home without stopping first. Then I saw that the gate to the dog pen stood open and I was certain what

had happened. My sister said that Coya had been missing at breakfast time that morning. I said, "She won't be coming back again." She had actually been killed the night before. She wasn't accustomed to highway traffic and was no match for it.

I was able to bury Coya where the ground was only partly frozen under a snowbank. The spot is just off a little ways into the woods. She had romped above it in the snow.

We'll not be having another dog, but we'll never forget our Coya, who loved our greetings from the doorway or whenever we came by.

The Blue Room

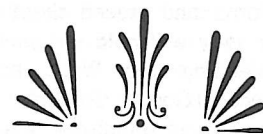
They did some work in the coffee shop of the Powers Hotel in Fargo this past winter and for a week or so did their meal serving in the Blue Room, also off the lobby.

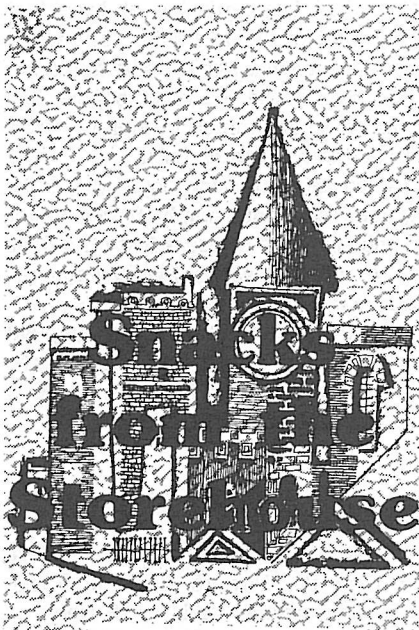
Well, that wouldn't necessarily mean much except that it brought back some memories for me. You see, at least once we had a banquet in that room in connection with a District Instructors' Training Session. I am thinking of one time when Dr. Iver Olson was the guest speaker at our banquet. How much that man did for us in the early days of our Parish Education work.

We had some good times at those DITS meetings. They were held both at Minneapolis and Fargo. The idea was to bring people in from the districts to take training courses and they would in turn hold workshops for others in their districts. There was a definite value in having a larger group together interested in a specific area of kingdom work. The concept could work in other aspects of Association endeavor, too.

And eating in the Blue Room again brought back the memories. I'm sure this mention of it will remind some other folks, too.

—Raynard Huglen





STORE UP GOD'S WORD

"You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body, and knit them together in my mother's womb. Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! It is amazing to think about. Your workmanship is marvelous—and how well I know it." (Ps. 119:13-14, L.B.)

One of the wonderful parts of this creation of God is the conscience. The conscience is that part of man which always wants one to do what is right—as it sees it. We should always follow our convictions but how are we to be sure our convictions are right? The conscience can be compared to a computer. Its answers are based on what is put into it. The correctness of its advice is based on the correctness of its information.

The Psalmist is concerned. Life lies ahead and that means a day by day walk in areas where he had never been before. He has made mistakes before and he doesn't want to make them again. Where can he find dependable instructions and guidance on the way. He says: "I'm but a pilgrim here and I need a map." He answers his own question. "I have **thought much** about your Words and **stored them** in my heart so **they will hold me back** from sin." Feeding the Word into his conscience (God's Computer) will lead to correct guidance along the way. We forget, but God's computer

never does. The proper answers will come out loud and clear as to what way to go and how to act at the crossroads of life.

Two girls were forced into a car near Dalles, Oregon. Several weeks later they were found murdered in California. A friend had seen the abduction. She could describe the car and had taken mental note of the license number but had forgotten. A solution seemed hopeless until she was put under hypnosis. Then everything was recalled, even the license numbers of the car, though it was now weeks since it happened, and the murderers were apprehended.

How we need to be careful as to what we "store" away in our memory. Our decisions along the way will to a large extent be based on its content. May we fill it with instructions from the Road Map (the Word) furnished by the One Who holds the future in the palm of His hand.

—Karl G. Berg

THE STRANDS TO BE HONORED AT CONFERENCE

A banquet and program honoring Pastor and Mrs. John Strand will be held during the AFLC Annual Conference this summer. The date is Friday, June 16, 7:00 p.m., at the Radisson Hotel, downtown Minneapolis. The price is \$6.95.

Reservations should be made by June 1 by indicating how many tickets you would like and enclosing the payment. Checks may be made payable to the AFLC. Tickets will be sent upon receipt of the payment.

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EASTERN NORTH DAKOTA WOMEN SLATE RALLY

The spring rally of the Women's Missionary Federation of the Eastern North Dakota District will be held at Bethel Lutheran Church, Grafton, N. Dak., on Saturday, April 29. Rev. Rodger Olson is the host pastor.

Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. Coffee breaks and dinner will be served by the ladies of Bethel.

You are all invited to come. A day of inspiration and fellowship has been planned for you.

Mrs. Vernon Russum
Secretary

EVANGELIST'S SCHEDULE FOR MAY-JULY ISSUED

The meetings at which Evangelist-Youth Worker David C. Molstre will be speaking during the months of May, June and July are as follows:

Apr. 30-May 4—Culbertson, Mont.,

Verle Dean, lay pastor

May 7-10—Bagley, Minn., Mauritz

Lundeen, pastor

May 14-18—Faith, S. Dak., Edwin

Kjos, pastor

June 23-July 2—Galilee Bible Camp,

Lake Bronson, Minn.

July 9-13—Oiland Lutheran Church,

Greenbush, Minn., Gust Nordvall,

lay pastor

July 16-20—Southwest Central Min-

nesota District Bible Camp at

Faith Haven, Battle Lake, Minn.

July 25-30—Inner Mission meetings

at Kasson, Minn.

Where there is much prayer, the Holy Spirit is better able to break through and work in people's hearts. Support the work of our evangelist-youth worker in your prayers, as congregations and individually.

THE INCREASING CHRIST

He must increase—in millions who have never heard His name; in the millions who have heard it and turned away from Him; in our own hearts, which have grown weary and silent and cold. There He must increase.

—O. P. Kretzmann

heard that Elling had passed away. He died the 10th of January, 1883."

Dr. O. M. Norlie on Elling Eielsen

"Yes, he came to our humble home... He seated himself by the cozy stove and began to talk with the children, while Mother prepared coffee. Bashful as I was and quite scared of this stranger with the austere face and ugly beard—but his voice was friendly and I thought he would do me no harm—I soon got acquainted with him and before long sat in his lap and listened to some word of God and was permitted to play with his cane."

(from *Fifty Years in America*, 1938)

**WYOMING CHURCH
TO NOTE ANNIVERSARY**

We at Hope Lutheran Church, Wyoming, Minn., will be celebrating our tenth anniversary April 23. The morning worship service will be at 10:30, followed by dinner and fellowship at noon.

The afternoon service will be at 2 o'clock, with Rev. Jay Erickson, Minneapolis, Minn., as the principal speaker.

We invite your presence and your prayers on this special day.

Mrs. Al Hanka

PERSONALITIES

Walt E. Beaman has resigned as lay pastor of the Shevlin, Minn., Lutheran Parish (Landstad, Sell Lake and Trinity), where he has served since January, 1972, effective August 31. Future plans are indefinite. Prior to his service at Shevlin, he served the Greenbush, Minn., parish and has also been a missionary to Ecuador, South America, under the World Mission Prayer League.

**CHURCH IN DALTON TO HOST
WOMEN'S GATHERING**

The Spring Rally of the Women's Missionary Federation of the Southwest Central District of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations will convene at Zion Lutheran Church, Dalton, Minnesota, on Tuesday, May

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N. N. RØNNING

Gabriel Stene on Elling Eielsen

"I was born on Bonett Prairie, Columbia County, Wisconsin, and was baptized by old Elling Eilesen (the first Norwegian Lutheran pastor in America—Ed.). That, of course, I can't remember, but it has been recorded in the Bible, and this record was to me like a magnet which gave me an electric shock as a youngster.

"What an indescribable joy when Elling and Sigrid came to our home! I called them Grandfather and Grandmother, and they liked it. Oh, my, oh, my, what children's friends they were. They never came empty handed, those two; they always had something with them, if nothing else Elling gave me a few cents so I could go with Mother to the Otsego store and buy something. I was sometimes in a predicament; they were both so good, these two folks, but whom should I prefer? I had to go to one first without offending the other one. Elling had no sooner sat down before I climbed up on his knee and begged him to tell me about the man who was so kind to little children. He patted my head and stroked my hair and told me that I had grown so big; this pleased me greatly. Then he kept my attention arrested by telling me about Jesus, the children's best friend. But then I suddenly got up to tricks. He had such a long beard. I got hold of the beard and gave a sharp pull. Then he cried aloud and jumped up and I laughed uproariously. I kept on doing this and he was very patient.

"If ever there was a man who loved children it was Elling Eielsen. No one grieved more over the death of his own grandfather than I did when I

FLY TO BRAZIL

If you are interested in summer-term missionary service for 1978 in the AFLC field in Brazil through Free Lutheran Youth (FLY), stay tuned for future information in the *Ambassador*, and write:

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Tentative dates for this summer are June 15-August 7.

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BUDGET RECEIPTS (2 months)

FUND	Total Budget	Current Budget	Rec'd during March	Total Rec'd to date	Rec'd % of Current
General Fund	\$ 78,630.00	\$13,105.00	\$ 4,446.65	\$ 7,158.01	54.6
Schools	143,190.00	23,865.00	4,943.52	8,581.11	36.
Home Missions	75,000.00	12,500.00	2,949.10	4,912.22	39.2
Foreign Missions	113,512.00	18,918.66	4,099.05	8,083.17	42.7
Praise Fund	35,000.00	5,833.34	425.33	1,775.28	30.4
TOTAL	\$445,332.00	\$74,222.00	\$16,863.65	\$30,509.79	41 %
1977-1978	\$382,477.00	\$63,746.14	\$22,906.05	\$36,144.55	56.7%

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2, 1978, Ragene Hodnefield, pastor.

Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. The morning session will open at 10:00. Mrs. Eugene Enderlein, WMF president, Thief River Falls, Minnesota, will bring us the morning Bible study.

The afternoon session will open at 1:15 with Pastor Dale Mellgren, Abercrombie, North Dakota, bringing the message.

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