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## MOTHER'S DAY

**CHILLICOTHE, Mo.**—A proud young mother, Connie Cleveland, Chillicothe, Missouri, shares a tender moment with three-month-old daughter Stacy in the textured photographic print.

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# MEDITATION MOMENTS

## NEEDED—CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

“When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.” II Timothy 1:5

As we think of another Mother’s Day approaching, we want to think of mothers and their relationship to each of us. No doubt one of the most important people in a home is a mother. A mother symbolizes love. A mother is one who gives her love to all. Without a mother’s love there is something missing in any home. A mother’s love is likewise the expression of God’s love to us. This is shown in the verse by an unknown author called “Mothers.” It reads:

“Something of God is in a mother’s love,  
Something of His tenderness and care;  
I never see a mother bent above  
An ailing child, but I can see God there.”

So a mother shows the love of God to all those around her.

Not only is a mother important for sharing God’s love, but she is also to be a Christian example to her family first and also to others that see her life. What we need more than anything else today is Christian mothers.

In the **Decision** magazine some

years ago there appeared this thought: “Lord Shaftesbury spoke correctly when he said, ‘Give me a generation of Christian mothers and I will undertake to change the whole face of society in 12 months.’” If we had more Christian mothers, we would have far fewer problems than there are in the world today. There would be a lot less problems with delinquency and a lot less ungodliness. There would, of course, be far fewer broken homes. Yes, if we had more of the mothers of which Lord Shaftesbury spoke, this world would certainly be changed.

Every mother should have a personal faith in Jesus Christ. Without this there can be no change for the better. Every mother owes it to her children to take Christ as her own personal Savior in order to be a good influence in the lives of those whom the Lord graciously gives to her.

If a mother takes Christ as her own personal Savior, she will likewise depend upon Him to live her life as an example to the children. Children are quick to notice a mother’s example. Surely every mother should desire to be a Christian example. If a child sees the right example he will desire to follow those ways. We all know there are too many examples of the wrong kind.

Our text shows us that personal

faith comes not only from the example of mothers but from the example they have had. Timothy found real faith from his mother Eunice, who received it from her mother Lois. So this faith came to Timothy by the example of these mothers. Paul says that Timothy had unfeigned faith which dwelt first in his grandmother. So the example is not limited to only mothers but back to grandmothers and perhaps even great grandmothers.

There are two things necessary for every mother to be able to live this example—the Word of God and prayer. With this being such a difficult time to live in, these two things are very crucial. The Word of God shows the way which God desires for Godly mothers. It likewise shows examples of some mothers who depended on the Lord. Prayer is also most important. Rearing children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord is most difficult. Those who rear children and affect the lives of those beyond their own children need to spend much time in prayer like Eunice.

We can be thankful if we have a Christian mother who has been an example and taught us the way of truth. May each one of us pray that there would be more Christian mothers today!

—M. J. Haara

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# My Mother and Yours

By N. N. Rønning

*What may be said of one good mother, may be said of all good mothers. . . . Everywhere and always they are the same—loving, self-sacrificing, patient.*

*They have but one purpose, one prayer—that their children may be well and happy.*

*They give their all and ask but little. Too often they get less . . . If your mother has been called home, honor her memory with a noble life; if still with you, tell her of your love and express it also in tender ministrations.*

One lovely summer evening, I went to the churchyard; I wanted to be alone with Mother. On the morrow I was to start on my journey back to America.

When I left Mother 12 years previously, I told her that I would return in five years. When the five years were past, she often asked, "Are you not coming home soon?" When I said I would, she was very happy.

With tender tact they told me that she was failing and a great fear crept into my heart that I was never to see her again. Then one day there came a letter with a small cross drawn at the top of the first page. The letter began: "Dear Brother, now you must be strong." I knew what that meant. The sun died in the heavens and for a long time my heart refused to be comforted.

Gradually, there grew up in my heart a great desire to visit her final resting place and thank her for all that she meant to me.

Just before the curtain falls in Maeterlinck's "The Blue Bird," a young boy, standing in a cemetery at midnight, raises a radiant face toward heaven and cries joyously, "There are

no dead!"

No, there are no dead and therefore I could speak to Mother in these simple words:

"Dear Mother of mine, I had hoped to meet you again in our home, but our heavenly Father saw how weary you were, and so He beckoned to you to enter the eternal rest.

"You never thought of yourself; always of others. You were the first one to rise with the dawn of day and the last one to retire. You had but one thought, one desire—to make it pleasant for us. It was your joy to pluck the sharp stones from our pathway, that our tender feet should not be hurt, though yours would often bleed. When fever flamed in our frail little bodies, how cool and soothing was your hand! Your hand was gnarled from hard work and your fingers were twisted with pain, but none had such a soft and tender hand as you.

"There was none so wise as you. You had a solution for all our problems. And still you had read but few books and had never been outside the chain of mountains forming a wall around our parish. You knew very little of the big world on the other side of the mountains. You had never seen the thousand glittering lights of a great city after dark, but you loved to look at the starry sky and the flaming northern light. You had never seen any of the paintings by the great masters, but you were thrilled by the sunsets and the beautiful blending of colors of the flowers in the fields and in your garden. You had never heard any of the great symphonies, but the laughter of your babes was sweet music in your ears, and often you stopped in your work to listen to the church bells or to the silvery song of the lark in the sky.

"You were so quiet, so meek and mild. The peace that passeth understanding was yours; we saw it in your eyes, and heard it in your voice. An undertow of sadness beat eternally

against the shores of your soul. For that reason you could sorrow with the sorrowing, and weep with the weeping.

"No beggar ever asked for bread and went away empty-handed. You gave more than bread; the way you gave it made the beggar forget that he had been hungry and he went away with a new light in his eyes. Not only your children went to you in hours of trouble. It seemed that everybody went to you. When you departed, people said, 'There was none like her.' No, there was none like you.

"I thank you, Mother of mine, for all you have meant to me and will always mean to me. I thank you for teaching me to pray and for praying for me. Your prayers during the quiet moments of the day and during the silent watches of the night have followed us as guardian angels. You had faith to believe that your prayers for us in distant America and distant China would bring us immediately a blessing, and so they did. You knew that where your thoughts could go, there God's grace would go.

"Where did you get that great strength of yours? How could you do so much and always do it so beautifully? I know; you loved the Lord Jesus; He was your life and your strength. And this, too, I know that as surely as He arose from the dead, crowned with immortality, you and I shall meet in His presence in the land that is fair as a day."

## What Rules the World?

They say that man is mighty,

He governs land and sea,  
He wields a mighty scepter

O'er lesser powers that be;  
But mightier power and stronger

Man from his throne has hurled,  
For the hand that rocks the cradle  
Is the hand that rules the world.

—Wm. Ross Wallace

—Courtesy, E.G.B.

## MAMMA'S LEOPARDS AND LAMBS

by Inez Schwarzkopf,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

I think my mother must have felt a certain kinship with the prophet Isaiah during all those years when we were growing up. She, too, had been given the responsibility for bringing God's message and promises to her own little tribe of two boys and two girls. I'm sure Mom would have liked to speak only of God's goodness, mercy and love. However, her children were as unruly as the children of Israel.

So, like Isaiah, Mom found that she had to spend too much of her time speaking to our shortcomings. Over and over again, she had to remind us to be good. Her litany was familiar: don't talk back, mind your teachers, pick up your toys, practice your lessons, brush your teeth, don't giggle and whisper in church. More than anything else, though, she had to tell us, "Stop fighting!"

On good days she would warble, "Birds in their little nests agree." On bad days, we made her cry. "Little Christian boys and girls aren't supposed to fight like that," she would sob.

Well, our preacher father had assured us that we were, indeed, God's children by grace through baptism and faith. However, the paradox remained. In our family, at least, little Christian boys and girls certainly did fight. We fought loudly, nastily and continually.

How our mother must have longed for the state of peace Isaiah described. The prophet promised that someday:

"They shall beat their swords into plowshares,  
and their spears into pruning hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war any more."

But the only things we children beat were each other. And we continued to learn and perfect the weapons of warfare that we used against each other.

Big brother Magne became a master of the sneaky punch which left me spotted with small purplish-to-yellowing bruises right up until the day he was drafted. Jeanette had the most razor-sharp tongue in town. I howled before I was hit, living the sour craven life of a tattle-tale and Merlin took advantage of being the baby to play each of us against the others.

When Mom read in her well-worn King James that someday "The wolf shall dwell with the lamb and the leopard shall lie down with the kid," she may have gained hope that someday even Jeanette and I could be friends.

Then, we couldn't even share our double bed in peace. We tied a string down the middle from head to foot and devised an elaborate system of rules governing territorial invasions. That string divider was more zealously guarded than the Berlin Wall and we could have used a Kissinger to negotiate peace if her elbow or my pillow crossed it.

But in the midst of all this hot and cold warfare in our family, there was one thing we were all sure of. Even when we thought we hated each other, and in our souls knew that we deserved each other's hatred, we all knew how our mother felt about each one of us.

At night, when we'd said our "Now I lay me" and "God blessed" everyone we could think of, including the cat and her latest litter, when we'd had our last drinks of water, there was one last step in the routine. "Mamma?" we would call tentatively down the stairs, "Mamma, I like you."

And always, without fail, Mamma responded, "I like you too. I like all my children."

Now, years later, some of my mother's prayers have been answered. My brothers and sister and I don't fight anymore. In fact, we've become good friends. And we all agree that our understanding of God's fatherly love was transmitted to us by the example of both our parents.

My mother would be the first to scold me for blasphemy if I suggested she was ever God-like. No human is. But God has allowed us to describe him in human terms. He is like a parent. And when Mom reassured us that she loved us even when we were unlovable, she was again like Isaiah. Along with God's warnings and judgments, the prophet was able to keep on proclaiming God's grace and mercy to those who would accept it. The paradise of peace and love will come, finally, not because we deserve it, but because of God's great love for us.

(Mrs. Schwarzkopf is a daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Iver Olson.)

### THE MOTHER'S TRUST Exodus 12:3, 11, 13

Beneath the bloodstained lintel I with  
my children stand;  
A messenger of evil is passing through  
the land.

There is no other refuge from the  
destroyer's face;  
Beneath the bloodstained lintel shall  
be our hiding place.

The Lamb of God has suffered, our  
sins and griefs He bore;  
By faith the blood is sprinkled above  
our dwelling's door.  
The foe who seeks to enter doth fear  
that sacred sign;  
Tonight the bloodstained lintel shall  
shelter me and mine.

My Saviour, for my dear ones I claim  
Thy promise true;  
The Lamb is "for the household"—  
the children's Saviour, too.  
On earth the little children once felt  
Thy touch divine;  
Beneath the bloodstained lintel Thy  
blessing give to mine.

O Thou who gave them, guard them—  
those wayward little feet,  
The wilderness before them, the ills  
of life to meet.

My mother-love is helpless, I trust  
them to Thy care!  
Beneath the bloodstained lintel, oh,  
keep me ever there!

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## GREAT MISSION CONFERENCE HELD AT URBANA

Every three years over the past 33 years INTER-VARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, an inter-denominational fellowship of university students, sponsors a missionary convention between semesters on the huge campus of the University of Illinois located at Urbana.

This past December it was my privilege to attend this inspiring convention together with our four college student children, Jonathan, Paul, Deborah and Lydia. We were able to have a mission meeting with our church in DeKalb, Ill., on the way to the convention and, on the weekend, with our congregation in Cleveland,, so it all added up to one of the most inspiring weeks of our lives. A wonderful way to say good-bye as a family, for from Cleveland the older Abel children returned to college and seminary, while Ruby and I and the two youngest went on our way to the field here in Brazil.

What makes URBANA so inspiring? Certainly being in a large assembly hall seating 17,000, and packed to capacity, helps. Actually, they told us

that over 3,000 students were turned away for lack of previous registration and the inability to pack any more into the huge oval auditorium called the Assembly Hall. Yet the inspiration seems to be more the spirit which pervades the entire convention. Here were college kids from IVCF chapters all over the United States and from several foreign countries, dedicated to one purpose, to consecrate five days of their vacation period to study the subject of missions, many of them asking the very personal question, "What does God want me to do with my life?" Inter-Varsity expressly declares: "We are not a church, not a denomination, and not a mission board. Inter-Varsity is part of the church as students and faculty from many denominations in hundreds of student-run campus fellowships commit themselves to following Christ as Lord."

Another part of the "inspiration" was the selection of speakers. It was my privilege to represent our **Lutheran Ambassador** at this convention and so I was able to get in on the Special Media Sessions held twice each day. The leaders of the

International movement and the convention speakers all gave us press interviews and since there were only about 40 media persons present we were on close talking terms. Representatives from the third world areas of Africa, the Philippines, Japan and Central and South America were present as speakers and students. I met many of them at the twice-daily press conferences. It was good to meet Festo Kivengere, a spokesman for the "East African Revival." We are told that this is one of the great movings of the Holy Spirit in the Twentieth Century. He has been called the outstanding black evangelist in Africa today, with a ministry that has taken him around the world.

Other speakers whom we met in the Media Center at the Press Briefings were: John W. Alexander, Ph. D., who presently directs Inter-Varsity International from 233 Langdon St., Madison, Wisconsin (Dr. Alexander was formerly visiting professor at Harvard, UCLA, and San Fernando State College.); Samuel Kamaleson from India; Luis Palau from Argentina; Isabelo Magalit from the Philippines; Elisabeth Elliot Leitch, well-known



Interior view of the Assembly Hall, site of the mission conference (Urbana '76) at the University of Illinois, Urbana.

South American missionary and today well-known author; Helen Roseveare, medical doctor to Africa for over 20 years; Eric Frykenberg, well-known Swedish-American missionary to India; Dr. Edmund Clowney, president of Westminster Theological Seminary; and Dr. John Stott, principle morning Bible lecturer, who spoke on the subject "The Biblical Basis For Missions," presently Chaplain to the Queen of England. Of course, last but not least, Billy Graham.

Billy Graham gave two talks to the large assembly and stayed for most of the conference, saying this was a real spiritual renewal period for him, that he also needed these times of coming aside to be with the Master and the brethren and to rest a while. It was my privilege to be in a small group of press representatives, so that I was only a few feet from Dr. Gra-

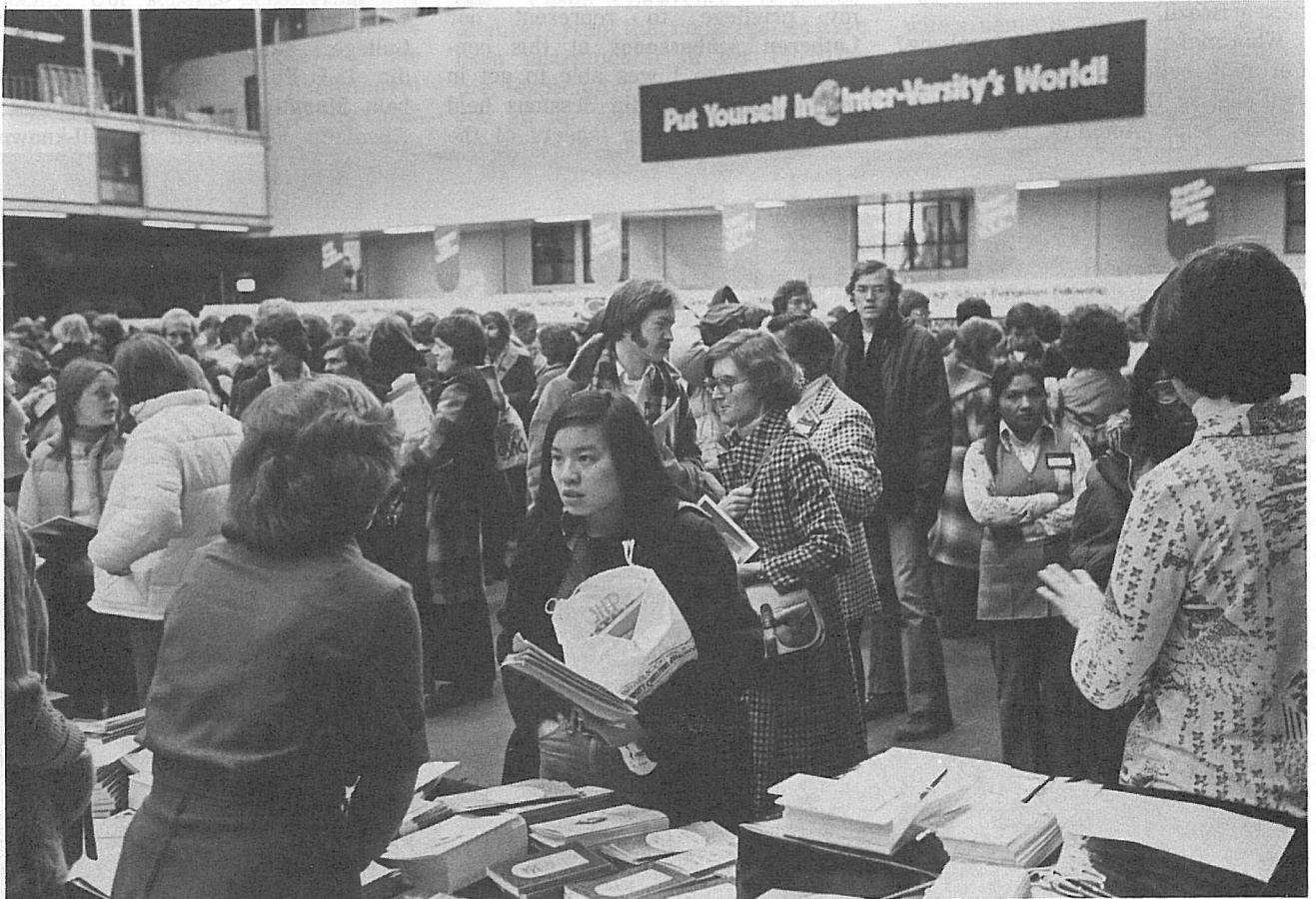
ham and had opportunity to direct a couple of questions to him. He told us about his impressions as to open doors in the world today, citing Scandinavia as one such area. He mentioned that it is not the state churches which are supporting their campaigns, but rather the many free churches. Also, he mentioned that behind the Iron Curtain God is at work. In Romania, for example, the church has doubled in the last ten years. Even though Christians have an extremely difficult time, the Holy Spirit is at work. An example was their big Yugoslavia meetings, where people came from all over eastern Europe to hear the Gospel.

Dr. Graham's advice for prospective young missionaries is: "Go as collaborators and servants of the national churches." He also gave us some insights into the pressures on a person

involved in great campaigns, saying that perhaps he could only take this kind of work for another six or seven years, if God permits. He shared with us some health problems in the past that God has marvelously taken care of. As a sequence to this, this writer shortly after returning to Brazil, received a letter from the Billy Graham office stating that he unexpectedly had to go to the hospital with the problem of blood clots in his legs, and requesting the churches to pray for his complete and rapid recovery.

So, in conclusion, may I say that this Urbana '76 conference was one of the highlights of our family's time in the States, that was for the five of us who attended. We saw once again in a very clear way what Dr. Stott emphasized: "The Lord Jesus Christ is a missionary Christ."

—John H. Abel



Over 40 mission agencies had display tables where they told of their work in the world.

## SCANDINAVIAN PROGRESSIVE DINNER

The night of the 22nd of January the annual progressive dinner at Stillwater (Lutheran Church) was held. We started the evening out at 6:30 p.m. at the Bob West home with snacks. The appetizers were delicious and many wondered what further bounty was yet to come. We left Wests' and journeyed north to the Mel Wollan home. We enjoyed our main course there in the warm atmosphere of their home and the fellowship we enjoyed together. On we went to Jim Hanson's for dessert. Jim and Ilene are living in a newly built home and the folks got together and presented them with a housewarming gift. We had a fun time of playing games there and before we realized it, it was after midnight.

—The Parish Voice  
Kalispell, Mont.

## ALSO FROM THE KALISPELL PARISH

The annual Sweetheart banquet for the parish was held on Saturday, Feb. 12 at Leavengood's.

On January 30 the following were received into membership in Faith congregation: Mr. and Mrs. Ron Shane, Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Bennet, and Mrs. Norma Haag and Curtis Haag.

Pauline Thompson passed away recently. She was affectionately known as the "doughnut lady" because of her skill in making the same. The pastor at Kalispell, Rev. John Reith, indicates in the parish paper that he will miss her prayer support.

## SUPPORT THE BIBLE BOOK NOOK

Mr. Glenn Moe, a member of our Grafton, N. Dak., congregation, has purchased the Bible Book Nook. Mr. Moe has moved the store to Highway 17 East in Grafton. The name has also been changed to read the Bible Book Shop.

I do hope that you will continue to invite the Bible Book Shop to your district and congregational activities. Mr. Moe is willing to bring a display of books to all AFLC activities, including WMF rallies, Luther League meetings and Bible camps, wherever possible.

Rev. Dennis Gray

## EASTERN NORTH DAKOTA WMF RALLY SET

The Eastern North Dakota District WMF spring rally will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, Minnewaukan, T. R. Skranstad, Pastor, on Saturday, May 7, with registration beginning at 9 a.m.

Mrs. Russell Duncan,  
Secretary

## AT HOME IN BEKILY by Roger Ose

We left Minneapolis on Tuesday, January 11th, and that morning it was -31 degrees in our part of Minnesota. We were wearing warm coats, overshoes, and caps. Next morning when we arrived in Paris, it was +30 degrees. The following morning when we arrived in Tananarive, it was +91 degrees.

In Paris we got to see the Arch of Triumph, Eiffel Tower, and some of the quaint stores in the left bank area. In Tananarive we got to visit the ZOMA, the largest open air market in the world. The trip went quite smoothly, except for one thing; we lost one of Steven's tennis shoes. Janet bought him a top quality pair of tennis shoes in the US before we left. But when we left DeGaulle Airport in Paris, we discovered one of them was not on his foot. We had a good laugh over it, as Steven really didn't like those tennis shoes anyway. Now he goes barefoot.

After a week in Fort Dauphin, we left for our station at Bekily. Our work involves sharing in ministry and leadership training in the Bekily, Beraketa, Tranoroa and Bekitro districts. We live in Bekily, however, as that's where the mission house is located. I will go out into the country for a week or two at a time and then work closer to Bekily for a few weeks. We find the people quite friendly and look forward to our new assignment at Bekily.

How do you get to Bekily in the rainy season? It takes a whole day or more to make the 188-mile trip from Fort Dauphin. As we drove to Bekily, January 22nd, we made it OK across the first big river. But when we came to the second river crossing, the water was moving very swiftly and we had to ford over 20 inches of water with our car. Just as we were

leaving the crossing, I pushed the accelerator too hard. Water splashed up over the motor and alternator, and there we sat. A big van was just ahead of us, and he quickly fastened a tow rope to our car and pulled us out. We didn't go over that river crossing again until two weeks later when the water went down.

Bekily is a progressive farming town of nearly 4,000. I'm not sure if those statistics include all the donkeys, pigs, chickens and cats or just the people. We have a good government hospital with a staff of two doctors and maybe half a dozen nurses. It's the only hospital with a stock of medical supplies for maybe a 70-mile radius. The local government officials are primarily of the Northern tribes and the local farmers are almost all Tanosy or Tandroy people.

If we want water, we just go over to the neighbor's house and ask his boys to hitch up their donkey. He pulls a 55 gallon oil barrel on an old car axle. They get water from a sweet well a quarter of a mile south of our home. Somebody asked if we have running water out here. We surely do, when the boys apply the whip to the donkey.

We usually pick up our mail in Fort Dauphin. Last night we got over 50 pieces of mail. What fun to get mail. There were 33 letters and we sat up late into the night reading them. Four of the letters had been opened and one of them had nothing in it. In America we take for granted regular mail delivery and, if a letter is opened, we have a right to complain. Not so in some parts of the world.

In Bekily we have a good variety of fresh foods: sweet potatoes, rice, meat, watermelons, squash, mangos, bananas and potatoes. One of the neighbor ladies brings us two quarts of fresh milk nearly every morning. We boil the milk, and it tastes very good. Gasoline is very hard to get, and when it is available, it costs \$2 (US) a gallon. Cooking oil and some other foods are scarce, but we have learned that we can live very well without all the "necessities" of life. Come see us and we'll teach you how many things you can do without.

(Roger Ose is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Torkel Ose, Thief River Falls, Minnesota.)

# Letter TO THE EDITOR

## MY EXPERIENCE WITH PRISONERS

Because my experience has been completely the opposite of that of Dave D. Forsberg (Fellowship Corner, March 22), I take my pen in hand right away and hurriedly write, maybe more in defense of those in prison than anything else.

As a Gideon I have visited the local prison possibly ten times in the last 15-16 months and have talked with anywhere between 50 and 75 prisoners and maybe ten law officers all together. Of all these I can recall only one man using profanity so that it amounted to anything. A long way from "speak only in one-syllable four-letter words." To be sure, a four-letter word will slip out now and then but not very often.

I'll admit that my position is also opposite of that of Mr. Forsberg. Evidently he works with those who have been in jail for some time while I with many who are there for the first time. Then, too, I go there as a guest. We are welcomed by both officers and prisoners alike, while Mr. Forsberg is, I should say, part of the "establishment."

It is true that "there are great opportunities for Christian work within our many prisons." It is doubtful that a greater percentage of repentant sinners can be found anywhere else. For me it has been the most rewarding activity in the field of Christian endeavor that I've ever engaged in.

In closing, Ezekiel 3:15 (first part): "Then I came to them of the captivity at Telabib, that dwelt by the river of Chebar, and I sat where they sat."

Palmer Tverdahl  
Wahpeton, N. Dak.

# The Best of Halesby

## THE CHRISTIAN HOME

**"Even so let your light shine before men; that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16).**

Here Jesus speaks to us about a Christian task which we all have in common, old and young, children and adults. No matter who we are or where we are. A task which more than any other is made up of little things, little and obvious things, which, however, are great and significant. Both to us and to God.

The most essential part of this task we perform at home, where we spend the greater part of our daily lives.

To live our daily lives at home as they should be lived is our first and most important task as Christians. But, unfortunately, this task is accorded very little attention and is not evaluated very highly. Either by individual Christians themselves or by public opinion.

Though a believing mother gives of her time, her energy, her life to win and keep her children for Christ, few Christians seem even to notice it. It is not included in what is known as "Christian work." But if she teaches in the Sunday school or is active in other organizations, committees, or meetings, her work and her readiness to sacrifice herself are noted. If she will only continue a few years her picture will no doubt appear in Christian periodicals together with many a lofty word of praise.

Now what is expected of us in a Christian home?

First and foremost that we be good natured. By that we mean that we are to be straightforward and agreeable, willing to sacrifice ourselves and to serve, contented and conscientious. We expect a Christian to be the kindest person in the house. And if there is more than one, that they should live with one another in kindness.

We are not expected to be sinless, but we are expected to do battle earnestly against our besetting sins. And to be willing to beg pardon when we have erred in the home.

God grant that the Christian homes of our country may be filled with life and joy of this kind!

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# editorials

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## A BEAUTIFUL THING

It is a beautiful thing to see children and young people who love and respect mother and father. It is a beautiful thing to see that mother and father love their children and respect them as persons. Certainly God intends that the family relationships should be beautiful and pleasant experiences.

They aren't always so. Sometimes there is no Christian base on which to start. Then the problem is great indeed. Sometimes the home is divided spiritually and the one who would follow God's way, whether as parent or child, finds obstacles preventing him from doing what he would. Or, even if the home is thoroughly Christian, the members may be in various stages of sanctification and there are rough edges in each which try and test the others.

Nevertheless, when the home is built on Christ and He is the Unseen Resident there will be much joy and much potential for greater good. And how important there, too, is the mother, who with her husband is a partner in establishing the wonderful unit of a home. A mother adds much of the warmth and, in her own way, strength to a home. The articles in this issue by Mrs. Schwarkopf and N. N. Rønning bring this out, too.

While we would like to dwell only on the positive aspects

of the home today, it is necessary to express again our fear for the present generation of children and the one to come. Too many have or will have parents who themselves are not mature and well-grounded. They have little of true values to pass on to their children. Furthermore, they do not see the necessity of disciplining their children and as a result they are making it difficult for anyone else to teach them respect for authority either. The final outcome of such a situation isn't pleasant to anticipate. Surely it is God's plan that parents teach their children that wrongdoing brings punishment and actually deliver that punishment as the circumstances dictate. "He who spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is diligent to discipline him" (Proverbs 13:24). We have all seen ample evidence that the uncorrected child is not the fortunate one.

But for today we are to honor the faithful and godly mothers. Who on earth are more deserving of our love and praise? What price can be put on the blessing and benefit they bring to our lives?

Let us honor Mother today and every day. Let us help her make a home what she wants it to be. And if we are away from home now, may we visit her when we can, remember her in what ways are open to us and generally make her aware that we are grateful for all she does for us.

And if Mother has gone from this life, may we always carry in our hearts a deep gratitude for her and pass on to others the values she held dear, most of all her love for the Savior.

Happy Mother's Day.

## FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE NEWS

It is a sure sign of spring when the **Ambassador** carries some specific information about the year's annual conference. Today we are able to do that in the form of some facts about accommodations on the campus of North Dakota State University in Fargo, where the conference will be held, June 8-12, and other housing possibilities in the Fargo-Moorhead area.

Fargo and Moorhead boast a great many eating places in addition to the cafeteria on the NDSU campus and the dining facilities at some of the hotels and motels. It seems unnecessary to try to list them in the **Ambassador**. In all, then, accommodations will be more than adequate.

Some housing will be available in private homes, too. To arrange for that or for campus housing, please write to: Conference Committee; St. Paul's Lutheran Church; 1605 North Third Street; Fargo, N. Dak. 58101.

It would be a great help if those planning to attend could indicate how many meals they will be eating at the University cafeteria, what meals on what days. Try to give a reasonable projection of this, whether you will be staying in the dorm quarters or not.

Further material on the conference will be forthcoming later. But it is not too early to urge our readers to plan to attend and to undergo conference planning and the conference itself with much prayer.

The dates, again, are June 8-12.

# AFLC ANNUAL MEETING 1977

## Summary of Information

### 1. HOUSING:

Thompson Hall and two floors in West High Rise Dormitory have been reserved for 308 people.

Two-room (4 people) and three-room (5 people) suites.

Suitable for family of four or five, two compatible couples sharing a suite, or a group of four or five people of same sex sharing a suite.

Residents of a suite share the same bathroom and shower facilities.

Towels will be provided twice during the five days.

Cost: \$5.50 per night per person.

Available Tuesday night, June 7, through Saturday night, June 11.

### 2. PARKING:

Free parking available in Parking Lot R (Reed Lot) located at NE corner of 15th Avenue North and West College Street, near Thompson Hall. Conference parking restricted to R Lot only.

Capacity of parking lot: 700 cars.

### 3. FOOD SERVICE:

Cafeteria-style meals available in West Dining Center located next to Thompson Hall. Capacity for single seating: 175

Cost:	Breakfast	\$1.40	7:00-8:30 A.M.
	Lunch	\$1.75	11:30-1:30 P.M.
	Dinner	\$2.35	5:00-6:30 P.M.
	Per day	\$5.50	

Must assign meal time for groups of 100 each at half-hour intervals. Meals can be purchased selectively, but tickets must be purchased at least one day in advance. Food Service requires order of guaranteed number of meals one day in advance.

### 4. AUDITORIUM:

Stevens Auditorium reserved Wednesday, June 8, through Sunday, June 12.

### 5. COMMITTEE ROOMS:

Sufficient number of suitable rooms appear to be available in Thompson Hall for committee meetings.

### 6. CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS:

Lobby or lounge on ground floor of Thompson Hall, well suited for location of convention headquarters.



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**YOUR FARGO-MOORHEAD HOTEL-MOTEL GUIDE**

Rates Range from Price Quoted and Up. See Key  
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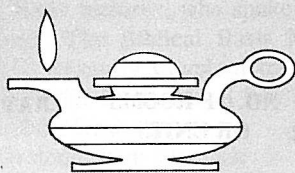
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NAME-ADDRESS TELEPHONE NUMBER	NO. OF ROOMS OR UNITS	RATES	NAME-ADDRESS TELEPHONE NUMBER	NO. OF ROOMS OR UNITS	RATES
ECON-O-TEL I-29 & 13th Ave. S.-Fargo 701-282-6300	103	\$9.95-s \$12.95-d \$14.95-t	OAK MANOR Hwy. I-94 & S. Univ. Dr.-Fargo 701-235-3141 S	118	\$14.00-s \$19.00-\$22.00-d \$24.00-\$45.00-suite
FARGO BILTMORE MOTOR HOTEL 3700 Main Ave. (No. 101-29) 701-282-2121 S	102	\$13.50-\$15.00-s \$19.25-\$22.25-d \$16.50-\$27.00-suite	MOORHEAD HOLIDAY INN Hwy. 75 & I-94-Moorhead 218-233-7531 K-ES	195	\$16.00-\$18.00-s \$21.00-\$26.00-d Family units available (Under 12 free in same unit)
FARGO HOLIDAY INN I-29 & 13th Ave. S.-Fargo 701-282-2700 ES	200	\$19.50-\$23.50-s \$28.50-\$32.50-d \$39.50-\$42.50-suite Family units available (Under 12 free in same unit)	MORNINGSIDE MO-HO-TEL 1915 Main Avenue-Moorhead 218-233-2748	21	\$11.00-s \$14.00-d \$16.00-\$22.50-family units
GUEST HOUSE MOTEL Southeast of Moorhead MN No. 231 or No. 52 Bus. I-94 218-233-2471	20	\$10.00-s \$13.00-\$14.00-d \$15.00-\$16.00-t Family units available	POWERS HOTEL 400 Broadway-Fargo 701-232-2517	90	\$7.50-\$9.00-s \$10.50-\$13.50-d \$9.00-\$18.00-t
HALLIDAY MOTEL 1520 4th Ave. S.-Moorhead 218-233-9901 H	21	\$9.00-s \$11.00-d Family units available	RAMADA INN Hwy. 75 South-Moorhead 218-233-6171 ES	176	\$18.00-\$19.00-s \$25.00-\$26.00-d Family units available (18 & under free in same unit)
HI-10 MOTEL Business 94-West Fargo 701-282-6600 D	60	\$9.00-s \$14.00-d	REGAL 8 MOTEL 1202 South 36th-Fargo 701-232-9251 ES	98	\$9.55-s \$11.75-d \$13.95-Family unit
			TOWN HOUSE MOTOR HOTEL 301 North 3rd Avenue-Fargo 701-232-8851 ES	111	\$17.00-s \$24.50-d \$34.00-suite
			TRAVALON MOTEL 1 Mile East on U.S. 10-Moorhead 218-233-1546	14	\$9.00-\$10.00-s \$11.00-\$13.00-d \$14.00-\$18.00-t

**KEY:**  
D-Dining Facilities and Meeting Rooms  
H-Housekeeping Facilities  
S-Swimming Pool  
ES-Enclosed Swimming Pool  
K-Kitchenettes

s-Single Room (one guest)  
d-Double Room (two guests-one double bed)  
t-Twin Double Beds (two guests)

For suites and special accommodations, please write direct.  
Reservations should be made directly with the hotel or motel.



## SCHOOL NEWS

### LUTHERAN BROTHERHOOD AID RECEIVED

At the beginning of the 1976-1977 school year, the Special Services Fraternal Division of the Lutheran Brotherhood (fraternal insurance for Lutherans) granted our seminary \$750.00 for the purpose of aiding needy students. Our schools Scholarship and Grant-In-Aid Committee made the selection of recipients based on the needs evidenced by the information stated on the application forms filled out by the seminary students. The \$750.00 was divided equally among six very grateful students.

The other day we received information from the Lutheran Brotherhood office that they are continuing the Seminary Award program as a means of helping needy students meet the financial commitment of a seminary education. We were informed that our seminary will receive \$750.00 before the end of 1977. Again the awards are to be given to students selected on the basis of financial need as determined by our schools' Scholarship and Grant-in-Aid Committee.

Also at the beginning of this school year, each of our first year seminary students was given a "Student Aid" package by the Lutheran Brotherhood. The package consisted of a Panasonic Cassette recorder with carrying case and a carrying case for the cassettes, to enable them to have the use of this aid through their years of study at the seminary.

Our sincere thanks to Lutheran Brotherhood.

—Rev. Amos Dyrud  
Dean

### Introducing Our Seminarians JESUS HAD SOMETHING BETTER FOR ME

I was born and raised in Nogales, Arizona, where my wife Karla was also raised. We both are charter members of Triumph Lutheran Church, which is pastored by my father-in-law, Pastor Lawrence Dynneson. Members from that congregation have been instrumental in my Christian life, especially my parents. (Thank you all for your guidance and most especially for your prayers.)

My senior year in high school was when I knew the Lord wanted me to go to Bible School, so I attended California Lutheran Bible School in Los Angeles for two years. It was in Bible School that I was really established in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

In August of 1969, Karla and I were married. While she worked and I worked part-time, I graduated from college in 1973 with a degree in recreation.

From 1973 through 1975, nothing opened up in my field of recreation, so during that time I was working as a truck driver in Los Angeles. Even though I enjoyed being a truck driver, I was unhappy. I knew that Jesus had something better for me. In the summer of 1975, the Lord called me to go to seminary. I resisted the Lord by saying I couldn't speak, wasn't smart enough, and it wasn't for me. The Lord was testing my commitment to Him. Once I said, "Lord, my life is yours," peace and joy came (Hebrews 12:2—looking unto Jesus). When I focused my eyes on Jesus and

set my priorities right, and let him be the Lord of my life (not only my Savior), he opened up the doors for me to come to the seminary. I spent the summer of 1976 in internship in Redeemer Lutheran Church, Ontonagon, Michigan.

God has blessed us abundantly by providing for our needs. God has said in his word, "But seek first His Kingdom, and His righteousness and all these things shall be added to you." And as long as I put my trust in the Lord, he will always work for the best in my life, no matter what happens. My prayer everyday is, "Praise God for His wonderful salvation." Remember us in your prayers.

Ted H. Kennedy, Jr.

### CHRIST TOOK OVER

I would like to introduce myself; my name is Jan Eberth, nicknamed "Jay," and I am 32 years old. My wife's name is Sue and our daughter Sarah was born last June. I am a second-year student at the seminary.

While in college at Northern Michigan University in 1971, after four years in the Navy, and a sinful life, I first heard the Gospel through lay pastor Otto Saukerson at Calvary Lutheran Church, Eben Jct., Michigan. It wasn't long afterward that I went forward at a Jack Van Impi crusade and received the Lord Jesus Christ as my personal Savior and He completely changed my life before my very eyes. As I look back I am amazed at what Christ did. All I know is that I gave Him my life and Christ took over. A few months later, I claimed Gal. 2:20 as a personal promise from the Lord, and it's been a wonderful, exciting and blessed life. I've learned so many spiritual truths. You see, I was raised a Catholic and never knew about a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ or that I could go to Him personally and confess my sins, or the abundant life I could have by submitting to His Word. I had never read the Bible, so as I began to read it, I treasured every precious word in my heart. I would pray, asking God to teach me, then read, then thank God for what I learned. Praise the Lord!

From college the Lord led me to Moody Bible Institute, where I went to summer school. After summer school, I remained in Chicago and got a job with the Prudential Insurance Company and worked and lived the Christian life as an agent selling insurance and witnessing for Christ. A friend and I set up a Christian coffee house for young people to hear the Gospel.

In September of 1973 I married Susan Kangas from Rumely, Michigan (Calvary Lutheran Church), and six months later the Lord laid it on my heart to come to Seminary in the AFLC and I obeyed His calling. I began one year of training at our Bible School in 1974. I praise the Lord for the opportunity to serve Him.

The highlight of seminary was this past summer when I had the privilege

to serve as intern pastor in Thief River Falls at Our Saviour's, Reiner and Emanuel Churches under Pastor Gene Enderlein. It was a great spiritual blessing which I'll never forget. My thanks to all in the Thief River Falls area for helping to make our stay there a blessed one.

The spiritual Christian life can be a most rewarding and fulfilling life. My prayer for you is found in Ephesians 3:14-21, and the key is that you need "to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man," which is what happens when you ask Christ to come into your heart, and you have a new life in Christ and begin to grow by obeying His Word daily. May God bless you richly as you look to Him. Please continue to remember us in your prayers and continue to praise the Lord.

—Jay Eberth

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 28-May 1—Chapel Singers' Tour

May 8—Choral Club Home Concert, 7:30 p.m.

May 13—Junior Senior Banquet

May 27—Commencement Exercises, 8:00 p.m.

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O wonderful Redeemer, who suffered  
for our sake,  
When o'er the guilty nations the  
judgment storm shall break,  
With joy from that safe shelter may  
we then meet Thine eye,  
Beneath the bloodstained lintel, my  
children, Lord, and I.

Author Unknown  
(from Prayer Poems)



JUNIOR CLASS, AFLBS, 1976-77

Bottom row, left to right, Gretchen Kooiman, Nadine Solberg, Mary Ann Dalager, Candi Weinkauff, Kim Hanson, Kathy Quanbeck, Annette Breden, Faylin Tostrup, Robbin Thompson and Joanne Hanson; second row, Karen Gauger, Cindy Harju, Linda Finstrom, Beverly Jones, Anita Swenson, Terri Irwin, Sondra Iverson, Rachel Anderson, Sandy Katzenmeyer and Heidi Gruber; third row, Karen Kjos, Marge Nash, Lois Olson, Shirley Oliver, Sandy Bergstrom, Rachel Mundfrom, Linda Brudwick, Sue Grothe, Lynn Sletten and Mavis (Mrs. Dean) Casselton; \* fourth row, Dan Ostrand, Dean Rorvig, Bill Cornish, Mike Prinzing, Steve Holland, Kraig Lerud, Kent Bakken,\* Jerry Walker, Nick Boyovich and Phil Johnson; fifth row, Royal Berglee,\* Jim Larson,\* Kevin Thompson,\* Dave Pederson, Robin Kilness, Jim Nielsen, Kevin Spading, Tad Spading, Victor Young and Erling Langness; and, top row, Alan Niemi, Marshall Engevik, Bradley Haugen, DeLon Askvig,\* Perry Nash,\* Dave Lee and Steve Gerholdt.

\*no longer in school. The picture does not include new students for the spring quarter.



**“UNLESS THE LORD BUILDS THE HOUSE”**

“There’s one thing you must never do, Einar; you must never get married. The dumbest thing I ever did was to get married.” I can still hear those words being spoken to me by our hired man from Norway about forty years ago. I felt sympathy for him since he was so unhappily married, though I didn’t heed his advice. Another man said to me, “I have the most wonderful wife in the world. I just couldn’t ask for a better wife.” It is strange that some marriages are so wonderfully happy while other marriages are so unbearably miserable. Why the difference? Who has the answer?

In recent years, many a person has consulted Ann Landers for the answers to their marriage problems. But a few months ago Ann Landers acknowledged, “The lady with all the answers does not know the answer to this one. The sad, incredible fact is that after 36 years of marriage, Jules and I are being divorced.” Who, then, has the answer?

A few thousand years ago David wrote, “Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.” If Jesus is permitted to be the center of the home, the marriage will prosper. Evidently Ann Landers never invited Jesus into her marriage. Our hired man from Norway had failed to let Jesus into his marriage. I’m happy to say that later in life he received Jesus, and then Jesus brought the hostility in that marriage to an end. The man who praised his wife is one who, together with his wife, has been praising the Lord all their

married life. Yes, Jesus is the answer to all marriage problems. Why not let Jesus build your home?

—Einar Unseth



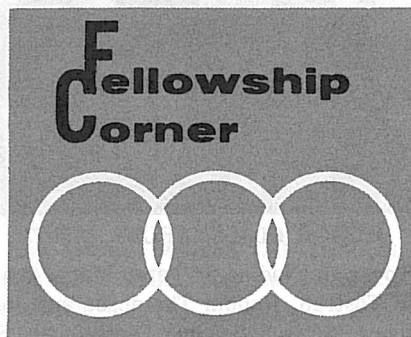
**YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE FIFTEENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE AFLC**

Welcome to the 1977 Annual Conference of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations! Our Conference will be June 8-12 at the State University in Fargo, North Dakota. The host congregation is to be St. Paul’s in Fargo, Rev. Philip Haugen, pastor.

“For we are His workmanship created in Christ Jesus unto good works which God hath ordained that we should walk in them” (Ephesians 2:10). Our theme is “We Are His Workmanship.”

Let us be in prayer for this year’s Conference. Let us remind others to pray for the ongoing work of the Lord through the congregations. How we need His guidance and direction in all Kingdom matters. There will be many important matters needing attention.

Pastor John P. Strand  
President, AFLC



**I WORK IN A CHRISTIAN HOME**

What an opportunity to witness for our Lord Jesus Christ, at Bethany Home for the Aged in Everett, Washington, where I have been Director of

Nurses for 18 years. We have 242 residents and patients who need our devout attention and care, both physical and spiritual, and approximately 100 nurses and nurse’s aides and 50 workers in other departments.

We are there because we have a love for the elderly and want to do everything we can to make Bethany a happy home for them.

We have many Christian workers for which we are thankful. At 6:00 a.m., we gather together in the Chapel to sing and have devotions before going to work. So it is a good start for the day. The residents really look forward to our chapel service each a.m., and if for some reason they don’t hear it they always ask, “Why didn’t we sing this morning?” About two months ago we set aside Wednesday a.m. to have a prayer service (after our chapel services), at which we pray for our workers who are ill or who may have some problems, also for our residents who are in the hospital and those that are at the home, and for the work at Bethany.

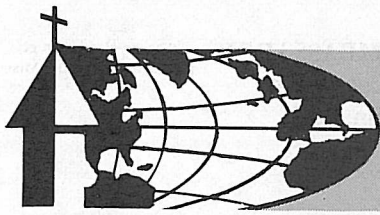
Being a Christian Home, we have a full-time Chaplain who has services every Sunday, midweek services, prayer meetings and all kinds of programs sponsored by the various churches in the area. We have a mission society that works very hard. Their proceeds go to mission fields and different Christian organizations.

It is wonderful to have one of the residents come to me after prayer meeting and say, “We prayed for all the workers at Bethany again today.” They are so sincere.

We have our problems, too, with the size of the facility and with the demands from the State and Federal Governments, but when you have the Lord behind you working, nothing is impossible.

Two Bible verses that give me a great deal of help each day are Proverbs 3:6: “In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths.” Psalms 46:1: “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.” It is wonderful to know the Lord is in our midst and that we can call upon Him to help us.

—Mrs. Duane Forsberg  
Everett, Wash.



# CHURCH-WORLD NEWS

## FORMATION OF NEW LUTHERAN CHURCH IS TOP NEWS STORY

St. Louis—(LC)—Formation of virtually the first new USA Lutheran church body in a generation topped a list of seven major religious news stories over the last 18 months compiled by a Lutheran editor.

Dr. Albert P. Stauderman of Philadelphia offered his summary to the 62nd meeting of the Lutheran Editors' and Managers' Association (LEMA) here February 15-16. Dr. Stauderman, who edits *The Lutheran* as the official publication of the Lutheran Church in America, began his LEMA news assessments 23 years ago.

He saw these seven developments as most important:

—The formation of the Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches. Aside from several smaller break-away groups and mergers, this is the first new Lutheran denominational organization.

—The rise of evangelicals in influence nationally.

—The upturn in church attendance, church finances and maybe church membership.

—The reappraisal of "fringe" groups, such as the "Jesus People," "Moonies" and the Children of God.

—The ordination of women question that has threatened division in the Episcopal and Roman Catholic Churches but "has not been a great problem" for Lutherans.

—Church-state and racial tensions all over the world.

—New questions of morality such as violence and sex in media, abortion, unmarried couples living together and a rising crime rate.

Other speakers at the LEMA meeting included Dr. W. O. Thomason, formerly executive vice-president of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention; Dr. O. C. J. Hoff-

mann, radio preacher on the International Lutheran Hour, and Dr. Lewis Spitz, Jr., dean of humanities and sciences at Stanford University.

The editors section of LEMA heard a presentation by the editor of the controversial independent tabloid, *Christian News*. Herman Otten spoke on "Why *Christian News*?" and traced the history of his 18,000 circulation newspaper published in New Haven, Missouri. He defended his editorial policies and challenged the editors to join him in attacking "error" in the church.

Mr. Otten scolded the Lutheran editors, saying, "You men have fallen down on your job. You have been swallowing what liberal theologians are saying."

He said that his stand against abortion would alone justify his publication of *Christian News*.

## LESSONS FOR TODAY SEEN IN FORMULA OF CONCORD

St. Louis—(LC)—The Formula of Concord that ended a major controversy within Lutheranism 400 years ago has lessons for churchmen today.

This was asserted by a Stanford University scholar speaking to the Lutheran Editors' and Managers' Association holding their 62nd meeting here February 15-16.

Dr. Lewis Spitz, Jr., dean of humanities and sciences at Stanford, said the pattern discovered in 1577 by the Reformers for reconciling doctrinal differences is a model for today. From it he said, "Churchmen can learn the meaning of concern for religious truth with integrity" and can also "learn how to transcend personalities." He added that the Formula of Concord evidenced "the value of the theological enterprise."

In Dr. Spitz' audience were editors of the official periodicals of the Amer-

ican Lutheran Church, the Lutheran Church in America and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, together with heads and staffs of the respective church body publishing units, Augsburg Publishing House, Fortress Press and Concordia Publishing House.

Guests included LCMS President Jacob A. O. Preus, First Vice-President Edwin C. Weber and Secretary Herbert Mueller, who is also secretary of the Lutheran Council in the USA.

Dr. Spitz, a graduate of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, said that Lutherans today should consider updating their confessions "so that doctrinal concerns might reflect the real problems of our times."

He affirmed the LCMS adoption of "A Statement of Scriptural and Confessional Principles" in 1973 as "a legitimate thing to do" and one kind of contemporary confessional expression, but said that "more than an in-house approach" is needed.

Relativism, skepticism, secularism, cynicism and nihilism are among "the problems of our time that are so real" and could be addressed in confessional documents, according to the Stanford dean.

The 400th anniversary of the Formula of Concord is being observed this year by Lutherans at a conference in Chicago April 11-14, arranged by the Division of Theological Studies of the Lutheran Council in the USA in cooperation with the Center for Reformation Research of St. Louis.

In his address, Dr. Spitz referred to the pivotal role of the printing press in the Protestant Reformation and told the Lutheran editors and publishers, "You don't know how powerful you are."

He quoted Martin Luther's assertion that "every great book is a great action and every great action is a good book."

## CHRISTIAN ROLE IN ASKING POLICY QUESTIONS IS CITED

Washington, D.C. —(LC)— When Christians look at public policy issues they don't necessarily have special insights, but they do have special questions which "usually are about values not always taken into consideration," a Lutheran Council in the USA official said here.

The Rev. Donald H. Larsen was addressing a 70-member contingent of Lutherans attending an interreligious briefing on issues before the 95th Congress here on March 6-9.

The executive director of the Office of Research, Planning and Development of LC/USA said that more and better research is needed both to "give guidance to Christians, whether as generalists or as public officeholders, and to help churches formulate their collective positions on public policy, when appropriate."

In his audience were Lutheran Congressmen and staff persons of Lutheran church bodies and agencies and regional delegates. Congressmen included the newest member of the House of Representatives, Arlan Stangeland of Minnesota, an American Lutheran Church member who was elected in February to succeed Bob Bergland, also an ALC member, who is the new Secretary of Agriculture in the Carter Administration.

Other Representatives present were Paul Simon of Illinois, Allen Ertel of Pennsylvania, Robert Badham of California, Albert Quie of Minnesota and Don Clausen of California.

Introduced to the guests at the dinner meeting was Dr. Charles V. Bergstrom, who will become the executive director of the LC/USA Office for Governmental Affairs on May 2.

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Mr. Larsen called on Lutherans "to recover the accent on the transnational character of the church and a 'listening-to-the-world' posture that must be geared to local congregations."

On the subject of human rights "now enjoying new attention," Mr. Larsen said, "we need to watch the mirror of ourselves as the nation grapples with its great moral rhetoric on the human rights issue and tries to match that speech with positive, forward motion in foreign policy."

Referring to social statements and convention actions of Lutheran church bodies, Mr. Larsen said: "We need to affirm our servants in the political realm with words like those we have so finely drawn and to continue the task of defining our corporate presence in the political process.

"We need to be aware of our theological assumptions and our positions,

however tentative, and celebrate our affirmation of being with God in his world."

Over 500 persons attending the fifth annual issues briefing crowded into a House hearing room to listen to members of Congress and other specialists give information on issues regarding southern Africa, welfare reform, military spending, food and agricultural policy, movement toward a full employment economy, human rights, nuclear proliferation, domestic intelligence, native Americans and health care.

## PERSONALITIES

Rev. Amos O. Dyrud has been appointed to serve on the Board of Publications and Parish Education of the AFLC until the next annual conference, replacing Rev. Harold E. Hosch, who resigned from the position some time ago. Both men are from Minneapolis, Minn.

## GOING WEST IN '77

AFLC Luther League Federation Convention

July 12-17

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Kirkland, Washington