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# The Lutheran Ambassador



## BALMY AFTERNOON

A man and his dog pause during a stroll in a city park on a balmy Spring afternoon.

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by Richard J. Patrick

# MEDITATION MOMENTS

## FINDING LIFE

“For whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain favour of the Lord. But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul: all they that hate me love death” (Proverbs 8:35-36).

People today are searching for something worthwhile. In the midst of all the confusion and turmoil, everyone is trying to find something that will satisfy his deepest inner needs. How can we find this? Our text gives the answer. Let us consider three basic thoughts—finding life, living life, and sharing life.

**FINDING LIFE**—Obviously, this does not mean physical life, for everyone has that. What our text refers to is the spiritual life in Christ. This life is also called eternal life, which is for those who find God. Man is searching for this life but often does not find it because he does not know how to find it. It is like a treasure hunt where you search for some treasure not knowing exactly where it is located. Once the right place is found, it not only becomes known, but also it becomes one's very own possession. The same is true of all who search for eternal life. Once they find God, they find life. The trouble is that most search in the wrong places. “For whoso findeth me findeth life.” This life is that which comes only through

finding the greatest treasure—true spiritual life in Jesus Christ. Jesus, Who arose from the grave, is able to impart life. We must find Him to receive that which all men seek after.

To find life means to believe in Jesus. To believe means to receive the Son. In John 3:36, we read, “He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.”

**LIVING LIFE**—Once we come in possession of everlasting life, we must live this life. It is important to live the way the Scriptures show us. This living could also be called “going the way of life.” This means that in our everyday living we go about in a way that shows we have Christ dwelling within us. Our very lives indicate that there is a difference in the way we live. In Jeremiah 21:8, we read, “Thus saith the Lord; Behold, I set before you the way of life, and the way of death.” This means that there is a way of life or death which comes to us. Each of us must choose the way we are to go.

Living life or following this way involves separation from the world. If we are to live in the way that pleases God, we must be willing not to go along with the world. In II Corinthians 6:17, we are told, “Wherefore

come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you.” Paul says here that it is the Lord who tells us to separate ourselves from all idols and all that is unclean or these will defile us. Separation from the world and all the things that will cause us not to walk in the way of life is difficult, but the Lord asks it of us if we are going to truly live this life which we receive from Him. Paul also says in Romans 12:2, “And be not conformed to this world.” This also means to live in a way that is different.

**SHARING LIFE**—Finally, we must share life. If we have come to know Jesus and His eternal life, we should desire to share it with those who have not yet found this life. We share this life by sharing the Word and our own personal testimony. There can be no sharing if we have not found life. We cannot share something we do not have. It is the desire of all who possess this life to share it with others so that they, too, may find what men search for—real life through Jesus Christ.

Ask yourself this question—Have I found this life, and am I living the way Christ would have me to? If the answer is yes, are you sharing this life with others?

M. J. Haara

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# A Report on the Winter Bible Conference

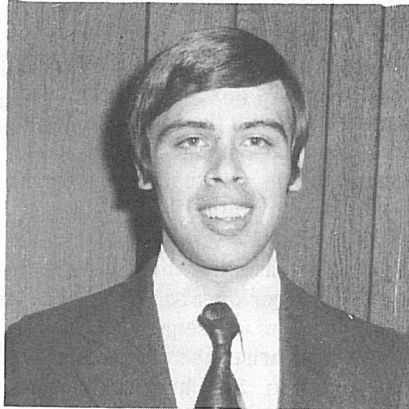
The 15th annual Winter Bible Conference of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations was held at Zion Lutheran Church, Willmar, Minn., Feb. 16-19, Rev. Dennis Gray, pastor.

Evening speaker was Rev. Terry Olson of Radcliffe, Ia. The overall theme for his three messages was "Through Christ: Redemption, Forgiveness, Edification." On Wednesday night he spoke on "Jesus Christ Alone." All our Christian experiences must depend on seeing Jesus alone. Following this Jesus means bearing a cross for Him. Today many people grasp for the crown, but forget the cross. There is the temptation, he said, to try to prepare the way for Jesus, but we can't do that, for Jesus has done all that is necessary for salvation.

On Thursday night Pastor Olson talked about sin and what we must do with it. Some people try to cover it up, some justify it. Still others have become so hardened they don't recognize what sin is. God is willing to forgive sin through Jesus. We must bring our sins to Jesus. He is ready to forgive. Those who find forgiveness find peace, Pastor Olson declared.

In his final message, the Iowa pastor talked about edification, the building up of one another in the faith. We have to come to the Lord helpless and needy, driven by our sin. Then, forgiven, we can begin to edify the Church, our fellow believers. His text was I Timothy 3:14-16.

The Bible studies at this year's conference were given by Rev. Elden Nelson, St. Paul, Minn., and executive director of Home Missions in the AFLC. His studies were based on the Letter to the Ephesians, one of the "prison epistles" of Paul. A Bible study can't be reported on satisfactorily in the limited space avail-



Rev. Terry L. Olson

able, but it can be said that the Book of Ephesians describes the Church of Jesus Christ. It is written to the faithful saints, those who out of their close fellowship with Jesus have their faithfulness increased. The fifth and last study, on Saturday morning, dealt with the Christian armor and sword of Ephesians 6. Because Satan doesn't give up in his efforts to lead Christians to destruction, it is imperative that the armor and sword provided for us be taken up, Pastor Nelson warned.

AFLC president Rev. John P. Strand gave two lectures on "An Overview of the AFLC." In the first one, on Thursday morning, Pastor Strand said that we must not depart from our original plans and goals and get overly concerned about organization. The church is a fellowship around the Word of God and the Sacraments, but it also exists to evangelize the world.

Pastor Strand spoke of some of the signs of our chaotic world: war, immorality, hatred, rioting, humanism, and so on. But we must not give up hope. Christ is our peace. He is the Truth and the Way. We need guidance for every day. There is much talk of unity in the Church, but real unity



Rev. Elden Nelson

must be based on the Word of God. Then it will be the unity that the Son has with the Father. Our theology must be Biblical. We must beware of human authority and also of dead orthodoxy. Forms and rituals may overshadow the Word, too.

The second lecture by Pastor Strand took place on Friday morning. At that time he reviewed the Fundamental Principles of the AFLC, stressing the primacy of the local congregation, the need for quickening preaching of the Word of God and the necessity of cooperation with other congregations to do work that cannot be done alone. The AFLC is, furthermore, a spiritual movement and just having organization does not make a congregation "living."

The church president went on to trace developments in the AFLC from the small beginnings in 1962 until now. And there is an unfinished task, he declared. There is a need for the Word of God and for spiritual awakening. Pastor Strand called upon the fellowship to take part in concerned prayer and sacrificial giving, doing all in the spirit of thanksgiving for what God has done for and through us. His truth is marching on.

"Overscheduling in the Church" was the topic of Mr. Robert Knutson, McVie, N. Dak., former chairman of the Board of Foreign Missions in the AFLC, on Thursday afternoon. The congregation consists of believers in various stages of growth and also of the unsaved. But the church's program should be guided by those who know the Lord. The leadership, pastor and people should all pray about the congregation's work.

If people complain about too many activities in a congregation, those activities which do least to meet spiritual needs, such as money-making projects, should be the first eliminated. While it seems that only the saved come to special meetings in the church, Mr. Knutson said, they still are valuable for the spiritual uplift they give them. Meetings of the church should fit the schedules of the people. Also, they should be well prepared. The pastor should be given time so that he can do his best, too. Congregational members must not neglect their own devotional lives or the visiting of the sick, the lonely and the neighbor. Nor should they forget the opportunities to be salt and light in civic organizations. And always, the family unit itself must be strengthened in fellowship in the home.

The second hour on Friday afternoon consisted of three presentations in a "Men's Hour." (The women had retired to their WMF workshop.) Mr. Clifford Holm, Minneapolis, Minn., chairman of the Board of Pensions, talked about the AFLC Pastor's Pension and Hospitalization Plan. Stewardship was the topic of Mr. Arlo Kneeland, Summit, S. Dak., a member of the Stewardship Board. Dr. Carl Maurer, Fargo, N. Dak., professor at North Dakota State University, discussed "Christian Home Life."

The final conference session on Saturday morning consisted of a presentation on "Trying the Spirits" by Pastor Kenneth Moland, Minneapolis, Minn., acting dean of Association Free Lutheran Bible School. He said that God takes the time of testing and trying by the devil and turns it around to a time of victory. Even as Pastor Strand had emphasized it, Pastor Moland pointed out that the Word is the basis of Christian unity.

Why are people seeking beyond the confessional churches? he asked. Because churches haven't met the needs of the people with the full Word. There have been no "meat and potatoes" present in the spiritual meals served up in the congregation.

Pastor Moland listed five fundamental doctrines by which to test the spirits, whether they be of God or not: 1) Sin and its consequences; 2) the Person of Christ, the divine and human natures; 3) Christ's vicarious atonement; 4) the Word of God; and 5) the Resurrection of Jesus.

(Ed. note: This report has been constructed from notes taken by Mrs. Arthur Arneson of Green Lake Lutheran, Spicer, Minn. We trust that it is faithful both to her notes and the Bible conference sessions.)

#### JOYOUS EASTER

Joyous Easter is here;  
Jesus triumphed o'er the grave.  
We thank and praise You through  
each year,  
You died so our lives You'd save.

We read about Pharisees and Scribes  
And how they tried to trick You,  
But how often have we offered bribes  
To get what we want, too?

The miracles You performed on  
earth,  
Before they condemned You to die,

Can only compare to the Virgin Birth—  
Oh, why did they say, "Crucify!"?

You fed the multitudes and walked  
on the sea,  
And caused Peter's faith to increase.  
"Keep our eyes on You"—now that's  
the key,  
And the storms of life will decrease.

"My yoke is easy and the burden  
light"—  
How can we doubt our Lord?  
"Suffer the children to come unto me"—  
It's all here in His Holy Word.

It hurts so to read how You suffered  
and died,  
How You hung upon the tree;  
You were mocked and scourged and  
crucified—  
And died so innocently.

The temple curtains were torn in  
two,  
The earth shook and rocks split apart.  
Truly this was the Son of God;  
Now fear entered every heart.

His body was laid in Joseph's tomb  
With a large rock to seal the door.  
He was in God's care, as in Mary's  
womb,  
He could not be harmed anymore.

The angel descended on the third  
day;  
The guards became like dead men.  
The stone at the door was rolled away  
And Jesus came forth again.

He lives! He lives! I know He lives!  
And He's calling to you and me:  
Open your heart, accept what He  
gives.  
He offers it generously.

He's at your door and wants to come  
in.  
Won't you open for Him today?  
He knows your heart and sees the sins;  
Only He can take them away.

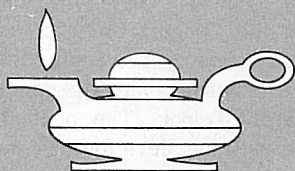
—Adeline Haugen  
Lake Stevens, Wash.

## GOING WEST IN '77

AFLC Luther League Federation Convention

July 12-17

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Kirkland, Washington



## SCHOOL NEWS

### KERNELS FROM AFLBS

Four Gospel teams were away the weekend of March 20. The Conquerors and Pastor Moland made these stops: Baraga, Mich. (L'Anse), Eben Jct., Mich., Ishpeming, Mich., and Amery, Wis. The Gospel Crusaders and Seminarian Paul Persson visited Faith Lutheran of Running Valley, Colfax, Wis. The Logos Team, accompanied by Pastor Monseth, journeyed to Faith Lutheran, Granite Falls, Minn. The New Creation Team was at Emmanuel Lutheran, Kenyon, Minn., on Sunday night. Rev. Amos Dyrud of the faculty made the trip with the team.

The next weekend, of March 27, the Gospel Crusaders and Seminarian Marlin Olson were at the Minneapolis District youth retreat, Riverside Bible Camp, Story City, Ia., and on Sunday they sang at the worship services at Garden City and Radcliffe, Ia. The Logos Team travelled to McVille and Binford, N. Dak., accompanied by Seminarian Gordon Grage. A third team, the Conquerors, drove down to Lyle, Minn., to present programs in the rural American Lutheran Church parish there. Pastor Monseth made the trip with the group.

Add one more student to the number given for the third quarter last time. Ignatius Agu of Nigeria joined our family on March 14. He is 28 years old and has a wife and three children back in his country. We are glad to have him at AFLBS.

The first attempt at an Arts and Crafts Day at AFLBS was made on Sunday, March 13. There was a display of creative talent in the old senior classroom, a program of music and poetry was given in the recreation room and refreshments were served there, too. While there could have been more entries in both the displays and program, the occasion was successful.

The senior seminarians led joint chapel during March. They are Marlyn Kruse, Charles Kvanvig, Marlin Olson, John Koski and Paul Persson. The latter two are first semester seniors.

A number of Lutheran students from St. Paul Bible College, St. Bonifacius, Minn., presented a program at Monday chapel on Feb. 28. It was on behalf of the FLY program (Free Lutheran Youth to Brazil in 1977). Bob Ordway assisted in the program.

Other guest speakers at Monday chapel have been Bob Bergstrom (Mar. 14), Pastor John Strand (Mar. 21), and Pastor Carl Hort (Mar. 28).

### PASTORS HOSCH, HUGLEN TO LEAVE AFLBS

Pastor Harold E. Hosch, instructor at Free Lutheran Seminary and AFLBS since 1971 and full-time since 1972, and Pastor Raynard Huglen, dean of men and instructor since 1972, have tendered their resignations as members of the school(s) staff, effective this summer.

Pastor Hosch has accepted a teaching position at the Lutheran Brethren Schools in Fergus Falls, Minn.

Pastor Huglen plans to spend the next year at Newfolden, Minn., and will continue in his duties as editor of **The Lutheran Ambassador**.

### BASKETBALL SCORES

#### Regular Season

Conquerors (win by forfeit)  
Rosedale Lutheran

Conquerors 49  
Sacred Heart 48

#### Seeding to City Tournament

Conquerors 69  
Gethsemane 83

Conquerors 61  
Hope Lutheran 68

#### City Playoffs—First Round

Conquerors 53  
Edina Baptist 52

Conquerors 37  
Calvary Lutheran 61

End of Season

### Introducing Our Seminarians

#### WE DESIRE TO SERVE

“Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance, and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you may not grow weary and lose heart” (Heb. 12:1-3).

In the year and a half that I have been a student at the seminary, these words of Scripture have become very meaningful to me. They stress the need for discipline and for endurance in my life as a Christian. What is best of all is this, these words do not call upon me to be disciplined and to endure by myself; rather, they tell me to fix my eyes on Jesus, for He has gone through much more than I ever will. In His strength I can persevere

and "not grow weary and lose heart." Praise His Name!

Jerry Holmaas is my name and I'm the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stan Holmaas of Newfolden, Minnesota. I praise the Lord for how He has led my life thus far, in spite of my many failures to fix my eyes upon Him always. I was baptized into the Lutheran faith and came to a conscious sense of sin and the need to commit my life to Jesus Christ in the third grade. Our family had been to an evangelistic service and was on the way to a fireworks display. I told Dad I had to go back to the service to talk to the speaker. The Word had worked in my young heart and when I prayed to receive Jesus, He entered my heart.

I grew up in our Christian home of Dad, Mom, two sisters, and one brother. I became complacent in how good I had it, I guess. By the time I was 14 I had lost the peace and joy I had known and had severe doubts about where I would spend eternity. I was terrified at the thought of death.

At Galilee Bible Camp, God used His Word as preached by His messenger, Pastor Sterling Johnson of the Lutheran Evangelistic Movement, to convict me of sin and lead me to come back to Christ for full assurance of salvation. Pastor Lars Stalsbrotten, also at camp that year (1966), prayed with me and joy and peace flooded into my fearful heart.

Since then Jesus has kept me by His grace and has led me through high school, Association Free Lutheran Bible School, Northland Community College, Thief River Falls, Minn., Moorhead State University, Moorhead, Minn., and now to Free Lutheran Seminary. In the midst of all this He led Ruthie Gunderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Gunderson of Standquist, Minnesota, into my life and heart. We were united in Christ in 1974, between my junior and senior years of college and after Ruthie had graduated from LPN training.

Ruthie is now working and serving the Lord at Methodist Hospital in St. Louis Park. We thank the Lord for how He led us together and how He continues to provide for our every need. Together we desire to serve the Lord and are continuing to seek out His perfect will for our lives, always wanting to be obedient to Jesus alone.

—Jerry Holmaas

## DETAILS GIVEN FOR ALUMNI RETREAT

The annual AFLBS alumni retreat will be held April 29-30 and May 1 at Faith Haven Youth Lodge, Battle Lake, Minn. The camp is located on Eagle Lake, off Minnesota No. 78. This would be south of Battle Lake or north of Ashby.

Guest speaker will be Rev. Philip Haugen, Fargo, N. Dak. Various alumni will lead sessions on "Relating Christianity to Your Career." Presentations will be made in the following areas: education, medical, agriculture and conservation, skilled labor, business and finance, homemaking, media communications, church ministries and secretarial.

Recreation will be available in basketball, softball, volleyball, canoeing, other boating, tennis, etc.

The cost for the weekend is \$12.50 (\$6 is for two nights' lodging). Rates will be adjusted as to length of stay. Children, 2-6, \$6.25; under 2, \$4.

Marge Olson will be the cook for the weekend. In order to plan food for the retreat, pre-registration is desired by April 15. The fee is \$2.50 per person. If pre-registration is impossible, call either of the following two couples by April 27.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Strand  
218 - 26th Ave. N.  
Fargo, N. Dak. 58102  
1-701/232-5423

Mr. and Mrs. John Mundfrom  
715 - 32nd Ave. N., No. 201  
Fargo, N. Dak. 58102  
1-701/235-0280

The retreat will begin at 8:00 p.m., Friday, with singspiration and the first session will be at 9 o'clock. Saturday afternoon will be for recreation. The retreat closes with Sunday dinner. Babysitting will be available according to the cooperation of all parents who attend and bring their children.

## COOK WANTED

A head cook is wanted at Association Free Lutheran Bible School to begin work about Sept. 1, 1977. Please send inquiries and/or applications to AFLBS, Attention: Mr. Harbo, 3110 E. Medicine Lake Blvd., Minneapolis, Minnesota 55441.

## PROMOTION DAYS SLATED FOR THIS MONTH AT AFLBS

The annual Promotion Days at Association Free Lutheran Bible School will be April 22-23, Friday and Saturday. High school Juniors and Seniors are invited to attend.

The event will begin on Friday night when the Concert Choir presents its home concert, returning that day from its spring tour. The concert will be at 8 o'clock. The next morning there will be devotions at 8:45 and Bible classes at 8:55 taught by Pastors Monseth and Moland. Some present-day students will share impressions of Bible School at 10 and at 11 all visitors are invited to join the Choral Club in rehearsal under the direction of Mr. Don Rodvold.

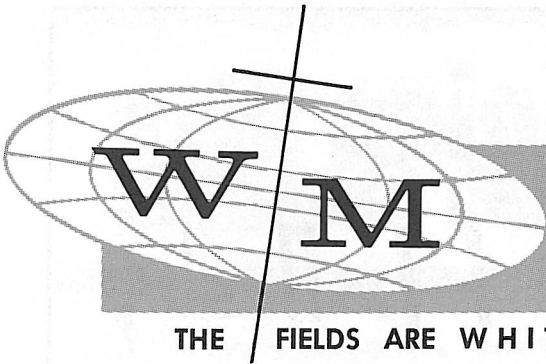
Saturday afternoon will be free for recreation, sightseeing and visiting. It is expected that there will be a student-visitor basketball game, too. In the evening, the monthly school youth rally will be held, followed by an afterglow. Pastor Richard Anderson of Minneapolis will be the speaker.

Alumni who come in for the weekend, unless they help transport leaguers, are asked to plan off-campus housing as the dormitories will be well taken up with high school students. There will be no charge to prospective students for meals and lodging.

## PERSONALITIS

Rev. Ronald Hoehne resigned as pastor of Calvary Lutheran Church, Fergus Falls, Minn., and Pastor and Mrs. Hoehne and family moved to Painesville, Ohio, in February, where he is now serving a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation. Their address is 81 Grant St., Painesville 44077.

Pastor Karl Berg is serving Olivet Lutheran Church in Spokane, Wash. The word "served" in the March 8 issue should have read "serves."



# WORLD MISSIONS

THE FIELDS ARE WHITE UNTO HARVEST

## THE FREE LUTHERAN BOOKSTORE

by Miss Priscilla Wold  
Missionary to Brazil

God's Smuggler, The Late Great Planet Earth, I Talked with Spirits, New Bible Commentary, From Prison to Praise, The Christian Family, The Cross and the Switchblade, Tramp for the Lord... Yes, we have these and many other books in Portuguese for sale in our new Free Lutheran Bookstore in Campo Mourao.

In previous years we had our evangelical bookstore in downtown Campo, but it was closed a few years ago. Now we have opened again in a new location. We have a little shop right in the Municipal Market, where all the fresh fruits and vegetables are sold. Praise the Lord for this location as many people stop in the bookstore as they are buying their fresh produce. We re-opened on July 1 last year with a dedication service, asking God's blessing on His bookstore. Jonathan Abel, Steve Lee and Bob Ordway were here at that time so they also attended this service.

In the Livraria Luterana Livre (Free Lutheran Bookstore) we sell evangelical books and reference works translated from English and also many books written first in Portuguese. For children especially, we have coloring and comic books based on Bible stories. Along with this we also handle hymnbooks, Christian records and tapes, pictures, sheet music and greeting cards. Missionary Helen (Mrs. George) Knapp has a cozy little corner called "Helen's Nook," in

which she sells presents and souvenirs and especially things she has made: artificial flowers, vases, plaques, embroidered pictures, napkin rings, etc. Then, too, we sell school supplies. There are a high school and college nearby and this draws many young people into our bookstore and makes opportunities for contacts with the Gospel. Of course, the main book we sell is God's own book, the Bible. And how we praise Him for this privilege of getting His Word into the hands, homes and hearts of the Brazilians! From July 1 to date, we have sold at least 110 Bibles, which says a lot, as most Christians here are very poor.

The Lord is taking care of His bookstore. He has and is providing the location, materials, workers and money. Just last Monday a bill for many books was due and I also had to pick up an order at the post office C.O.D., with hardly any money in the bank in the bookstore's account! I was wondering how, and praying God would provide for both of these. But when I got to the bookstore that morning our Brazilian worker said he had sold more that Saturday than any other day. This was more than enough to pay for both the bills due. Praise the Lord for miracles in His bookstore!

There is no other evangelical bookstore in the whole area of Campo Mourao. Therefore, we are very grateful to God for this means of witnessing and providing souls with spiritual food. I was saved through Christian books and so I know how powerful and important this literature is for the salvation of the lost and strengthening of the saved.

Pray much for the ministry of this bookstore. Pray for Missionary George Knapp in directing it. Pray for him and me in ordering the stock, that we'd be sensitive to the people's needs and to the Holy Spirit's leading. Remember me, too, as I take care of the finances. Also pray for our Brazilian clerks that they'd always be ready to help our customers spiritually. And especially pray that the Spirit will speak through His Word in the Bible and Christian literature and music to the precious souls of Campo Mourao and area.

## PASTOR ALVIN GROTHE WAS IN BRAZIL

Pastor Alvin Grothe, Astoria, Oregon, chairman of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations and a former missionary to Brazil himself, is returning today, April 5, from a two-week tour to the AFLC field in Parana, Brazil. He made the trip on behalf of the Board. It is expected that he saw great changes in both the country and the mission, as he had not been there for some ten years. He will be reporting to the Annual Conference in June about his trip to Brazil.

## DEPUTATION SCHEDULE OF MISSIONARY DEAN CASSELTON



Rev. Dean Casselton

March 26 — Tioga, N. Dak.  
27 — Tioga  
27 — Culbertson, Mont.  
29 — Kalispell, Mont.  
31 — Spokane, Wash.

- April 2—Ferndale, Wash.  
 3—Everett, Wash.  
 3—Lake Stevens, Wash.  
 6—Kirkland, Wash.  
 7—Astoria, Ore.  
 8—Eugene, Ore.  
 14—Faith, S. Dak.  
 15—Roslyn, S. Dak.  
 16—Ortley, S. Dak.  
 17—Wallace, S. Dak.  
 17—Doran, Minn.  
 23—Winger, Minn. Youth meeting  
 24—Bagley, Minn.  
 24—McIntosh, Minn.  
 27—Ishpeming, Mich.  
 28—Eben Jct., Mich.  
 29—L'Anse, Mich.
- May 1—Chassell, Mich.  
 1—Bessemer, Mich.  
 4—Greenbush, Minn.  
 5—Badger, Minn.  
 8—Thief River Falls, Minn.  
 8—Roseau, Minn.  
 10—Strandquist, Minn.  
 11—Newfolden, Minn.  
 15—Minneapolis, Minn.  
 29—St. Paul, Minn.
- June 5—Grafton, N. Dak.  
 8-12—Annual Conference, AFLC, Fargo, N. Dak.  
 29—Family leaves for Brazil

Where two appearances are listed on the same day, the first one is a morning meeting, the second an evening session. Please watch for local announcements as to time and place of meeting.

#### PARISH WORKER OPPORTUNITY DESIRED

A 21-year-old girl who will graduate from Association Free Lutheran Bible School at the end of May desires the position of parish worker in a Lutheran congregation.

Available June 1 or later in summer.

If interested, please contact:  
 Dean, AFLBS  
 3110 E. Medicine Lake Blvd.  
 Minneapolis, Minn. 55441  
 Telephone: Business hours  
 (612) 544-9501

# The Best of Hallesby

## LIFE'S HIDDEN SIDE

**"For ye died, and your life is hid with Christ in God"  
 (Colossians 3:3).**

All life has a hidden side.

It is that to which we refer when we speak of the mystery of life. Divine life, too, has its hidden side, its sacred mystery.

Life itself is always hidden; it is never bared to the eye of another person. That which we see in other believers is only the fruit of the hidden life; we see it in their ways, their words, their acts, and in the things they suffer.

It is beautifully true that a sincere Christian lives a far richer life with God in his heart than any other person knows anything about.

Do not forget that when you see children of God. Oftentimes they may appear dry and withered. They may often seem very cold and reserved, something which is harmful both to themselves and their surroundings. But, when you see this, do not forget that within this less fortunate outer shell these children of God oftentimes have a rich and fine kernel of tender and intimate fellowship with God.

In this inner, hidden world we struggle, we suffer, and we go down to defeat more frequently and disastrously than others may ever suspect. Here the open wounds of our conscience smart. Here we blush because of our lukewarm and worldly heart. Here we tremble in unspeakable agony. Here we often find ourselves held fast in the slough of despond.

But here we also experience unspeakable joy.

Here we have not only our great Tabor-seasons; here we experience also the lesser, yet blessed, gleams of grace that come to us in our daily lives. A little word of consolation, and our souls are permeated through and through with a hidden power. Or an answer to prayer, perhaps in connection with some little thing, but doubly precious to us because it shows us how God cares for us even in the little things of life. Or little victories over ourselves. Oftentimes so small that we dare not mention them to others. But to us they are precious and indispensable, binding our hearts to God in grateful joy.

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# editorials

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## THE AFFIRMATION OF THOMAS

As long as the world stands he will have to bear the appellation "doubting Thomas" because he said he wouldn't believe Jesus had risen until he saw Him for himself. The other disciples weren't placed in the situation of Thomas. Perhaps they would have acquitted themselves no better than he if they had been in his circumstance. Unless Thomas was wrong in not being with the Ten that evening of the Resurrection. We don't know about that.

However, it isn't the doubt of Thomas of which we wish to speak now; it is his testimony upon seeing the wounds of Jesus inflicted two days before. Convinced that it was Jesus who stood before him, he said, "My Lord and my God!"

In reality, to truly believe in the Resurrection is to testify, "My Lord and my God!" It is possible to say that Jesus is risen, to accept the factuality of that event, but it isn't until one confesses the lordship of Christ and that He is God, "My God," that one is witnessing to the truth that the most important thing in life is to know God through Christ.

And it is when one gives first place to the Lord, when one serves the one Master, Jesus Christ, that true honor is given to the Resurrection. For when one stakes his life on the Christ because He is attested to be the Son of God by the Resurrection, he is truly believing in that great event.

The New Testament doesn't trace the remainder of Thomas' life. Tradition has it that he may have carried the message of Jesus as far as India. Whether he reached that far out that early in Christian history or not, it is all but certain that he received the martyr's crown. So the witness he made upon sight was a genuine one and not idle chatter.

Let us remember that about Thomas in these days of Easter-time. And may his testimony be the affirmation of our lives today and always, for if it is not, we have got the meaning of life all wrong.

## MORE KIND WORDS

In a recent editorial (Kind Words, March 8), we expressed thanks for notes of appreciation we receive for work done in the *Ambassador*. We called them "kind words." There is another type of "kind words" we get from time to time also, the constructive criticism of what is being done. We'd like to comment on that subject today.

Recently, for instance, this note of concerned criti-

cism came in: "Now that **The Lutheran Ambassador** has gone up in price I think it could be improved on. More spiritual write-ups. No politics or useless writings. Many feel this way. This is just constructive criticism. Hope you don't mind my saying so."

Here is an opportunity to make some comments on the points raised by our correspondent and related topics. First, the increase in the subscription price of fifty cents per year (effective last July 1) really has no relationship to the content of the *Ambassador*. Our subscription price of four dollars per year is so far from covering the cost of producing the 25 issues each subscriber receives in a year, that any reasonable increase in it is only for the purpose of not falling into debt. Frankly, the publication of a magazine by the Association is a touch-and-go situation financially. The Association will always have a magazine, we are sure. A way will always be found to produce one, but it will never come easily financially. Up to now, the editor's position has never been more than a half-time job, at first less than that, with the salary commensurate. And we suppose that subscription money has never been available to help pay it.

But let us say that a subscription price increase did free some money for material, in what ways could it be used? To pay non-Association writers for original material and to pay for reprints of articles from other publications. Some of the latter has been done over the years, but always with an eye to the pocketbook. There has perhaps been one instance of the former. We suspect there wouldn't be a whole lot of enthusiasm for the importation of paid material from the outside. (By the way, not everything which we have reprinted has cost us. Some material is free.)

What about the material which comes from our own people? Sometimes it comes in good quantity, sometimes the seasons are lean. For instance, in earlier years we nearly always had a devotional article on the "Women for Christ" page. Now we cannot be certain that there will be, although that material is starting to come more regularly again.

These articles are arranged by the Women's Missionary Federation. We suspect that what happened was this. In earlier years many likely writers in the congregations were secured and they sent in their articles. Later on it became more difficult to find new ones. Now, perhaps, new writers are being found and/or previous ones are coming through again. Some very fine things have appeared on the "Women for Christ" page in the past and we expect the same in the future.

The Board of Parish Education and Stewardship Board have found it difficult to produce original articles in their respective areas with much frequency. We can't blame them too much. It is difficult to be prolifically creative. Our church fellowship doesn't have the numbers from which to draw.

World or Foreign Missions has done a pretty good job in telling its story. No *Ambassador* reader can fail to have at least an adequate picture of our mission effort in Brazil. When we come to Home Missions, it is a different story. We haven't been able to present an attractive ac-

count of what the Association is trying to do in reaching out to communities in America. No doubt our Home Mission pastors feel that their work from day to day is too ordinary to be worth writing about, but there must be a story that could be told. We expect to hear more about the work at Nogales, Arizona and Old Mexico, now that Pastor Gerald Mundfrom is out there. He likes to write.

Our correspondent spoke of the need for eliminating "politics" and "useless writings" in the *Ambassador* and of the desire for "more spiritual write-ups." The writer was too brief and did not explain these terms. Naturally, we hope there has been very little "politics," if any, in our pages. News items may sometimes refer to "politics" in other churches or the world in general, but they are printed for our information and judgment.

What one person considers "useless writings" may not be so in another's eyes. Similarly, no two people may agree on what all is spiritual writing and what is denied placement under that term. We cannot satisfy everyone about that.

But this does give us an opportunity to mention the Fellowship Corner of our paper. We guess that everyone would consider that as "spiritual." It is a place where

testimonies and a sharing of experiences can take place. How often do our readers see it appearing? Not very often. Surely there must be many of our readers who have something they can share out of their experience of God's grace to them and His guidance in their lives. Once again, we'd like to remind you of this opportunity and ask your help, too.

Not everyone we ask to write for the *Ambassador* is able to do so, at least at that particular time. Some find writing too taxing and cannot oblige. Others with this ability haven't been uncovered yet. We hope they will come to our attention. There must be other creative writers "out there," in addition to those whom we know about.

We are grateful for those people beyond the Association who share of their ability in writing with our readers out of the goodness of their hearts and nothing more.

This is a long editorial and there may be few who read to this point, to hear our explanation. But these are some thoughts aroused by a concerned reader in comments sent to us. And we're grateful for those expressions, too.

All of you, please support this work in prayer and in whatever ways you can.

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#### EDWARD LEE (PAT) STUNTZ

Edward Lee Stuntz, 78, died at his home near Cumberland, Wis., on Friday, Feb. 25, after a lengthy illness.

Mr. Stuntz was born April 14, 1898, in Cumberland. He was married there on June 15, 1933, to Iva Mathison and they lived in Rice Lake, Wis., until moving to the Cumberland area in 1949. He was a milk hauler and farmer. Mr. Stuntz was a charter member of Section Ten Lutheran Church, AFLC. He had been baptized and confirmed into the Lutheran Church in July, 1937.

He is survived by his wife; three sons, Roger Robertson, with the U.S. Air Force in Germany, Dr. Warren Stuntz of LaJolla, Calif., and Kenneth Robertson, Green Bay, Wis.; two daughters, Rebecca Johnson of Groton, Conn., and Beverlee White, Cumberland; 14 grandchildren; two sisters, Jessie Anderson, Beloit, Wis., and Bessie Smith, Duluth, Minn.; and one brother, Robert, Comstock, Wis.

Funeral services were held on March 1 at Section Ten Church with Pastor Norman Tenneboe officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery. Pallbearers were Wendell Anderson, Darryl Anderson, Warren Smith, Erling Smith, Wayne Mathison and Roland Steindorf. Honorary pall-

bearers were Orval White, Richard Heinecke, Erling Hagen, Charles Benson, Lloyd Owens and Leslie Case.

Blessed be his memory.

#### A Word of Thanks

The family of Pat Stuntz wishes to thank former pastors at Section Ten for their visits, especially during his illness which lasted for six years, following a stroke. Our present pastor, Rev. Norman Tenneboe, spent many hours with him in these recent months. When he could no longer attend the church he dearly loved, Pastor Tenneboe recorded the Sunday services and shared them at Pat's bedside. He loved his Lord and was a faithful hearer of God's Word. He is sadly missed by his wife and family. We praise God for His saving grace.

Glorious Easter message! How can we be despondent when we hear its triumphant words? There is the vindication of faith, the foundation of hope.

Christian G. Olson

#### WHEN LAZARUS DIED THE SECOND TIME

When Lazarus died the second time  
No Savior came to Bethany  
To resurrect him, bring him home  
Or from the grave clothes set him free.

The Bible nowhere tells us how  
He died again, as all men must;  
Christ had ascended long ago  
When Lazarus turned again to dust.

Still Bethany's clay could not contain  
Him who once brought the Savior by.  
Once, twice that tomb was shattered  
wide:

"He who believes shall never die."

The miracle at Lazarus' tomb  
Foreshadowed greater ones to be  
When Jesus burst His own grave's  
seal  
And went again to Galilee.

Lazarus, rise! Awake from sleep  
And tell us mortals of the strife  
When Satan's hordes were felled by  
One  
Who Resurrection is, and Life.

We who have seen now dare believe  
The wondrous story of this stone:  
He who beyond the Jordan waits  
Will safely guide His wanderers  
home.

—Edward A. Johnson  
Ohiowa, Nebr.

What did Isaiah prophesy concerning the name of Jesus, in Isaiah 9:6? \_\_\_\_\_

What did the angel tell Joseph concerning His name (Matthew 1:20-21)? \_\_\_\_\_

In Hebrews 1:4, we find that His name is more excellent than the \_\_\_\_\_  
There is power in the name of Jesus. What do the following verses tell us about this?

Acts 3:6, 16 \_\_\_\_\_

Mark 16:17-18 \_\_\_\_\_

John 14:13-14 \_\_\_\_\_

What a wonderful day when all who are saved will be with Jesus throughout all eternity. Jesus wants not only to be our Savior, but also the Lord of our lives.

What does Revelation 17:14 tell us regarding our victorious Christ?

Discussion: How may we confess Christ in our daily lives and in our homes?

Memory verses: Philippians 2:9-11

In closing, sing together that wonderful hymn dealing with the power of Jesus' name: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," number 7 in **The Concordia Hymnal**.

# W.M.F.

## BIBLE STUDY



### LESSONS IN PHILIPPIANS

May, 1977

Learn from Jesus  
Philippians 2:1-11

As the apostle Paul writes to the church at Philippi, his heart overflows with love, compassion and concern. The problem of not being united in spirit and having wrong attitudes and motives was evident in the church at Philippi. The words of the Psalmist were no doubt the same as what Paul felt in his heart. "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity" (Psalm 133:1 KJV). When self is on the throne in the human heart, Satan gains victories and the work of Jesus Christ is hindered. In verse 2 of our study, Paul states that his joy will be fulfilled if they are united: of one accord and of one mind.

Love, humility, and compassion are necessary in order that there may be unity. "The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us" (Romans 5:5b KJV).

1. Read and discuss together what the following Scripture verses tell us regarding unity among Christians.

I Peter 3:8 \_\_\_\_\_

Ephesians 4:3 \_\_\_\_\_

I Corinthians 1:10 \_\_\_\_\_

II Corinthians 13:11 \_\_\_\_\_

2. There cannot be unity without love. "And the Lord make you to increase and **ABOUND IN LOVE ONE TOWARD ANOTHER, AND TOWARD ALL MEN**, even as we do toward you" (I Thessalonians 3:12). God gives grace to love the unlovely, the disagreeable and the unkind.

Discussion: Share together experiences and your own testimony of how the Lord has given you victory to love those who have hurt you by word or deed. What should be the standard of our love (John 15:12)? \_\_\_\_\_  
Discuss together I John 2:7-11 \_\_\_\_\_

Why must we forgive and love one another and not carry grudges? \_\_\_\_\_

Read also Matthew 5:43-48.

Which petition in the Lord's Prayer deals with forgiveness? \_\_\_\_\_  
Refer to your Catechism for the meaning of this petition.

3. Read together and discuss what Jesus said regarding division:  
Matthew 12:25 \_\_\_\_\_

Mark 3:24 \_\_\_\_\_

Luke 11:17 \_\_\_\_\_

4. Humility: What is the opposite of humility? \_\_\_\_\_

(Proverbs 16:18, Proverbs 29:23)

Read and discuss together the following Scripture verses:

Luke 18:14 \_\_\_\_\_

Proverbs 22:4 \_\_\_\_\_

Isaiah 57:15 \_\_\_\_\_

Romans 12:3 \_\_\_\_\_

James 4:10 \_\_\_\_\_

#### WRONG AND RIGHT MOTIVES IN SERVING THE LORD

5. Make a list of wrong motives for serving the Lord and also a list of right motives (Philippians 2:3-4, I Peter 4:11, I Thessalonians 2:8, Deuteronomy 10:12).

Wrong Motives

Right Motives

#### THE MIND OF CHRIST

6. What did Jesus say of Himself in Matthew 11:29? \_\_\_\_\_  
Our minds cannot grasp the great love of Jesus who was made in the likeness of men in order that He might suffer and die for us. "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though He was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich" (II Corinthians 8:9 KJV). We are admonished in verse 5 to "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 2:5 KJV).  
In James 1:8, we read: "A double minded man is unstable in all his ways."  
Discussion: How may we have the mind of Christ? \_\_\_\_\_

#### THE WONDERFUL NAME OF JESUS

7. In verse 9, we read that God has exalted Jesus and "given Him a name which is above every name."

## CRY OF THE MARTYRS

Christian martyrs cry to God  
In lands where Communism's night  
of terror  
Reigns by brutish force and fear,  
Where liberty lies crushed and  
bleeding  
In the dust,  
And clanging chains of slavery  
Strike terror far and near.

They cry from prison cell  
And prison pen,  
From dungeon pits  
Where filth and stench and torture  
Make a living hell!

They cry in deep despair for grace  
that will,  
Like mighty pylons,  
Make them strong to do His will,  
To bear their loss  
Of freedom, children, kin and home,  
And keep their star of faith from  
waning,  
And to bear the cross  
'Midst barbarous wrongs,  
When limbs are shorn  
And bodies slashed and slain  
By fierce tormentors  
Like the Beast of Belsen  
Who robbed the world of song!

Almighty God!  
Let angel hosts  
Their suffering souls transport  
To everlasting day.

Have we forgotten, 'midst our luxury,  
Our pleasures and our ease,  
To have compassion,  
And to pray without surcease  
For these, the martyr throng?

Then, Savior, show us Calvary,  
And rouse us from our stupor by Thy  
breath,  
Lest we sleep,  
Lest we sleep the sleep of death!  
Lord God, revive our soul and song,  
And by Thy mighty Word  
We'll conquer seen and unseen foes.  
And that will cheer the martyr  
throng!

—Wm. L. Windahl  
Fergus Falls, Minn.  
Feb., 1977

# Women For Christ

## REFLECTIONS By Orlin Anderson Everett, Washington

Our Spring season on earth is such a beautiful time of year. It holds such poignant promise. Promise of light, warmth, growth, hope. Each day tells us we're just getting started and there's so much more to come! All nature is in resurrection after winter, plucking at a sleeping earth. A rush of many miracles proves death to be a season for each living thing.

No other time could better affirm the resurrection claim. Jesus said, "destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up" (John 2:19). He was referring to the temple of His body. Jesus arose from the dead in miraculous proof of the truth in His claim that He was the Divine Ambassador, the True Prophet, the High Priest, the King of Kings, and that He had, from the Father, the message of salvation for the world. Promises rich enough to satisfy any doubting heart. When we give Him anything but first place in our lives we tend to set unrealistic limits for ourselves, deciding what is possible and impossible for us.

I have personally known our Lord and trusted Him since I was a child, about the age of eight. However, dur-

ing World War II, I experienced a very unhappy courtship. What I thought to be the most beautiful love in the world walked out of my life and left me shaken and bitter.

Several hectic and insecure months followed in which the path of life looked gloomy and hopeless to a young girl. I had always felt that God was so close I could reach out and take His hand any time I chose to. But now He seemed to be at such a far, cold distance.

Then, late one sleepless September night, a quiet, warm whisper that I could only feel said, "Come unto Me, you that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest."

Did I cry? Yes (and I'm doing it again right now). He didn't have to tell me twice. This was the Jesus that I had known and walked and talked with since I was eight years old. The lover of my soul!

As I flung open the door to every chamber of my heart, He filled my soul with so much gladness, peace and reassurance. What a fellowship, what a reunion that was. My true Lover wasn't gone, had never left my side. I suddenly had a Spring-time in my heart that March, April, and May would never know.

# Break Through the Hesitation Barrier

Rev. Dale R. Battleson, Bradley, South Dakota



## HOW CAN WE LOVE?

"I can't understand how human beings can be so cruel!" This reaction was expressed by a person who had seen the film, "The Hiding Place." How could any person be so cruel as to torture and exterminate several million Jews? How could a woman be so heartless as to beat a prisoner into a state of unconsciousness because she had fallen down from exhaustion? Such questions naturally enter our minds.

However, as I watched this film, another thought came to me. How could Corrie ten Boom's sister have such a loving, forgiving attitude toward those who had mistreated her so grievously in that dread concentration camp?

Every day we see these two opposites of hate and love in our world. And not one of us is totally free from hate. A European theologian asks, "Would we have been any different from the men whose opinions or indifference created the concentration camp?"

Our words and actions are the spiritual cardiogram revealing the condition of our hearts. Our heart condition can be made right only by a right relation to the One whose love is perfect, namely, Jesus Christ. Man is still capable of horrible cruelty when separated from Christ; but when we let Him live in us then the wonderful love of God is poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit. Then through Christ's power we can love others.

—Einar Unseth

Read: John 2:1-11

Living, real living, is more than mere physical existence. It is an outlook on life, an attitude of the heart, that can make the difference between vitality and futility. "Do whatever He tells you," we read in John 2:5. **BREAK THROUGH THE HESITATION BARRIER.** Few persons feel the certainty expressed by Rudyard Kipling when he wrote, "The gates are always mine to open." Yes, we would tell ourselves this is how we feel, but the truth is that most often we cannot believe it is possible and so we sink and die in the sea of life from an inferiority complex.

The words coming from the mother of Jesus, "Do whatever He tells you," initiated the Lord's first miracle, that of turning water into wine at the wedding at Cana in Galilee. The wine had run out and, to be honest, the servants didn't know what to do or where to turn for help. In their maze of confusion, one servant anxiously came to the Lord's mother and Mary boldly told him, "Do whatever He tells you."

More people are paralyzed by hesitation than by the diseases of stroke, cancer, heart, or accidents, combined. Hesitation is the number onecrippler of the human personality. Men "freeze," fall apart, and give up in desperation as a result of hesitation. The sins of omission seem to plague us more severely than the sins of commission. Regret sensitizes our memory and we chastize ourselves in the remorse of "why didn't I do that?" We failed to do whatever it was we wanted to do because of hesitation. The writer Emerson has said, "What I need most is somebody to make me do what I can." Norman Vincent Peale has said, "If you believe you are defeated, and believe it long enough, it is likely to become a fact." The wedding servants were not expecting a miracle; they lived in hesitation rather than in hope. And how many times have you and I passed up a "golden opportunity" in life to bring healing and help to someone because of our "hesitation hangups"? We have been afraid to launch out in faith and "do whatever God would tell us." **THE HESITATION BAR-**

RIER is very real and strong.

**THE BREAKTHROUGH** in the Hesitation Barrier comes only when we accept God's way as superior to our way, and realize that He can make a difference in our life. The underlying motivation for **BREAKING THROUGH THE HESITATION BARRIER** is the trust that life can be changed for the better. The miracle of Jesus changing water into wine is only symbolic of the greater miracle of changing sinful men into healthy and whole persons. This miracle of a new life in Jesus Christ awaits us all. There are multitudes who complain and cry for a better way of life, but nothing ever happens because the **HESITATION BARRIER** is the wall that separates them from the new life they could live. We all have the possibilities for a better life, for living on a higher plane, for enjoying life to the fullest, but nothing will happen until there is a breakthrough.

The miracle of Jesus at the marriage feast in Cana affirms the truth that **GOD MAKES THE DIFFERENCE.** Whenever a person approaches Jesus Christ and looks to Him for answers and solutions for life's problems, and does "whatever He tells you," then mighty miracles begin to happen. Then the wall of hesitation breaks down and God is able to work through His healing power in our hearts and lives. So what makes the difference? What force helps us penetrate the hesitation barrier? **OBE-DIENCE.** St Paul was not exempt from pressures and problems, but he could say, "I can do all things in Christ who strengthens me."

Friend: **BREAK THROUGH THE HESITATION BARRIER.** "Do whatever the Master tells you."

Do more than exist, live.

Do more than touch, feel.

Do more than look, observe.

Do more than read, absorb.

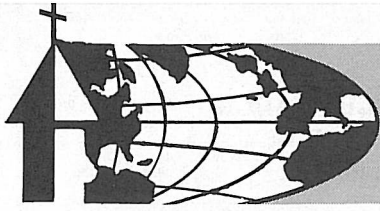
Do more than hear, listen.

Do more than listen, understand.

Do more than think, ponder.

Do more than talk, say something.

Remember, you can do so much more as the power of Jesus Christ flows through you and gives your life strength and beauty.



## WORLD MISSION PRAYER LEAGUE ENTERS FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY YEAR

Minneapolis, Feb. 14 — The World Mission Prayer League will celebrate its 40th anniversary in 1977.

The World Mission Prayer League started on May 25, 1937 when a prayer group at the former Lutheran Bible Institute of Minneapolis organized itself into a society for the sending of overseas workers. The first workers, Mr. John Carlson of the former Evangelical Lutheran Church and Rev. Ernest Weinhardt of the former Augustana Synod, were commissioned in December of that year, and they reached Bolivia, South America in March, 1938.

The fortieth anniversary year of the World Mission Prayer League will be marked by mission conferences in different parts of the United States, special articles in the magazine of the Mission (**Fellow Workers**), and the publication of the writings and speeches of Mr. Paul J. Lindell, General Director of the Mission from 1941-1974. To date anniversary conferences have been scheduled for Aurora, IL (April 21-24) and Minneapolis (May 22-25).

"The Growing Vision" has been chosen by the World Mission Prayer League as a theme for the celebration of its 40th anniversary year, according to a recent announcement by the present General Director, Rev. Alvin C. Berg.

The World Mission Prayer League is an independent Lutheran mission which sponsors 140 workers on ten fields and at the home base. The office is located in Minneapolis.

## ETHIOPIANS SAY TAKEOVER OF RVOG WAS NECESSARY TO 'FURTHER REVOLUTION'

London (LC) — Radio Voice of the Gospel, the Lutheran World Federation station in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, was nationalized in order to "further the Ethiopian revolution," according to a broadcast monitored here by the

British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC).

RVOG was nationalized early in the morning of March 12 and began broadcasting later that day under the auspices of the Ethiopian Ministry of Information. The LWF had operated the 200,000-watt station since 1963.

When the station returned after being off the air for several hours, it was announced that RVOG had been renamed Radio Voice of Revolutionary Ethiopia. The announcement also said Ethiopian employees of the station would continue their services as government employees while foreign nationals would be employed on a "contractual basis as required."

The announcement also said that the former agreement between the LWF and the Ethiopian government was "abrogated as of today."

The government statement included an attack on RVOG for broadcasting what it described as "bourgeois ideology."

"The arch enemy of the oppressed peoples, imperialism, through the radio stations it establishes under various pretexts carries out intricate machinations throughout the world in order to deter the movements of progressive forces internationally by weakening them," said the government statement. It asserted that RVOG was established "during the past pseudo-capitalist order."

The government statement further charged that RVOG had been "strongly opposed by religious denominations," which felt that it "would weaken other religions and develop the religion of certain believers."

"In new Ethiopia all religions are treated equally and the policy of the government on religion is clearly stated in the Ethiopian National Democratic Revolution program. Therefore, allowing the radio station to continue to operate would be approving the discriminatory policy of the past order," the statement continued.

Two days after the nationalization of the station, the Rev. Manfred Lund-

gren, director of RVOG, said he was negotiating an orderly process for the transitional period. The Swedish clergyman said that RVOG was "under no pressure" to repatriate foreign staff and that programs were being broadcast in four languages, prepared by the Ethiopian Ministry of Information "with professional assistance of some foreign staff."

The government statement noted that "an organization which does not safeguard the interests of the oppressed people and which does not serve to politicize and organize them at this time, when a bitter revolutionary struggle is going on, cannot have a place in the revolution."

"Therefore, it is felt that at this time of bitter revolutionary struggle all mass media in the country should conform with the anti-imperialist, anti-feudal and anti-bureaucratic-capitalist stand of the country."

## SOUTH DAKOTA NATIVE NAMED TO LUTHERAN HOUR

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — The Rev. Wallace Richard Schulz, 32, of River Forest, Ill., has accepted the position of associate Lutheran Hour speaker with the International Lutheran Laymen's League.

Pastor Schulz, selected and approved by the board of governors of the League, will speak at Lutheran Hour rallies, and other special meetings scheduled by the League. He also may be called upon to broadcast when Dr. Oswald Hoffmann, the Lutheran Hour speaker, is on vacation. He will begin his new duties on April 1.

Rev. Schulz, a native of Parkston, S. Dak., said he feels "deeply honored to be called by the League to serve in this capacity."

"My prayer," he added, "is that through working with the League we can reach millions of people for Christ." The International LLL is an auxiliary organization of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

Rev. Schulz, presently serving as

associate admissions counselor at Concordia College in River Forest, was graduated from Concordia Seminary in Springfield, Ill., in 1973. He also attended Concordia Teachers College in Seward, Neb., graduating in 1967.

Prior to joining the faculty at Concordia River Forest, Pastor Schulz served as assistant pastor at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Sioux City, Iowa.

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