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# The Lutheran Ambassador



WINTER SCENE IN AUSTIN, MINNESOTA

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# MEDITATION MOMENTS

## WISDOM

"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord" (James 1:5-7).

Perhaps one of the most sought after things today is wisdom. Whether we have much wisdom or little, it is a necessary aspect of our lives. Because knowledge in our world is so far advanced, the emphasis on wisdom is greater than ever before.

There are two types of wisdom—worldly wisdom and spiritual wisdom. Paul shows us in I Corinthians 1 that worldly wisdom **alone** is not good. The spiritual wisdom is that of simply accepting God's Word and he is truly wise who accepts God's salvation. However, we do not conclude that all temporal wisdom is wrong. It is not wrong to achieve higher learning, but this in itself is foolishness without also having spiritual wisdom.

James tells us that spiritual wisdom can be received by all people if we ask of God. There is, however, something very necessary for obtaining it, even after asking. We must ask in **faith**. Many times people ask God for some need but do not ask in faith.

James says that he who asks wavering will not receive any wisdom. If we lack wisdom, we must ask and **believe** we shall receive.

If we come to the Lord for wisdom, it may not necessarily be received in the same sense as we have asked. Sometimes the Lord answers us and gives us the wisdom we need as He sees best for us. His promises are always sure. Nonetheless, this still is receiving wisdom profitable for us. I believe this is illustrated in a writing taken from **The Sawdust Trail**.

### PRAYER ANSWERED

I asked for strength that I might achieve;  
He made me weak that I might obey.  
I asked for health that I might do greater things;  
I was given grace that I might do better things.  
I asked for riches that I might be happy!  
I was given poverty that I might be wise.  
I asked for power that I might have the praise of men:  
I was given weakness that I might feel the need of God.  
I asked for all things that I might enjoy life;  
I was given life that I might enjoy all things.

I received nothing that I asked for, all that I hoped for,  
My prayer was answered.

Have there been times in your life when you have needed an immediate answer? Perhaps there has been a decision, great or small, resulting in varied outcomes. We need to pray for guidance. Then after praying and making the decision, the Lord shows us His way was right. We are constantly called on to make decisions and do things that affect our daily lives; but without looking to the Lord for His help, we cannot make the right decisions.

Thinking of dependence on the Lord, the writer to the Proverbs gives some good advice. There we are told to "trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding." Also, "be not wise in thine own eyes." How many there are who neglect this advice! They attempt to live without the help and understanding of God, thus lacking true wisdom which can only come from a firm faith and reliance upon the Lord.

Finally, may we seek the wisdom that has been promised by our Lord and truly have faith once we ask. Let us remember the words of our text, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally"—**BUT, let us be sure to ask in faith.**

M. J. Haara

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# THE AFLC WINTER BIBLE CONFERENCE

## February 16-19

PLACE: The Zion Lutheran Church—Willmar, Minnesota

The Rev. Dennis Gray, Pastor

EVENING SPEAKER: The Rev. Terry Olson, Radcliffe, Iowa

BIBLE TEACHER: The Rev. Elden Nelson, St. Paul, Minnesota

### Wednesday, February 16:

8:00 p.m. Evening Service

### Thursday, February 17:

9:15 a.m. Devotions

9:30-10:30 a.m. Bible Study

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-12:00 Lecture No. 1: "An Overview of the AFLC," Pastor John Strand

2:00- 3:00 p.m. Bible Study

3:00- 3:30 Coffee Break

3:30- 4:30 "Overscheduling in the Church," Mr. Robert Knutson, McVile, North Dakota

8:00 p.m. Evening Service

### Friday, February 18:

9:15 a.m. Devotions

9:30-10:30 a.m. Bible Study

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-12:00 Lecture No. 2: "An Overview of the AFLC," Pastor John Strand

2:00- 3:00 p.m. Bible Study

3:00- 3:30 Coffee Break

3:30- 4:30 Men's Hour Ladies at WMF Workshop

1. "The AFLC Pastors' Pension and Hospitalization Plan," Mr. Clifford Holm, Minneapolis, Minnesota

2. "Stewardship," Mr. Arlo Kneeland, Summit, South Dakota

3. "Christian Home Life," Dr. Carl Maurer, Fargo, North Dakota

8:00 p.m. Evening Service

Music by an AFLBS Gospel Team

### Saturday, February 19:

9:15 a.m. Devotions

9:30-10:30 a.m. Bible Study

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-12:00 "Trying the Spirits," Pastor Kenneth Moland, Minneapolis, Minnesota



## Introducing Our Seminarians

### WHEREVER HE MAY LEAD

"Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent" (Revelation 2:5). This verse shows me that I personally must turn daily to Jesus in repentance or be lost for eternity. The first work is to spread the Gospel and to do this we must study to rightly handle the Word of truth.

I am presently a first-year seminary student living with my family at Plymouth, Minn. My wife, Beverly, a LPN, is working at the Ambassador Nursing Home in New Hope. We have two children, Brenda, age nine, and Kent, age seven, who attend the Beacon Heights Elementary school here in Plymouth.

I spent my childhood years on a farm near Kandiyohi, Minn., where my parents are living, attended the Green Lake Lutheran Church, being both baptized and confirmed by Rev. G. Almquist. After high school I was in the Army for three years. Beverly and I were married in 1965 and lived in New London, Minn., until our move to Plymouth in June of 1976. I also, in 1965, started working for my brother Dale. Later I became part owner with him in the sheet metal contracting and heating business. I have spent the last two years in preparing for the Seminary, attending Willmar State College and also AFLBS.

I accepted Christ as my personal Savior during my confirmation years. Soon after confirmation the world crept into my life, but the Lord was

calling, as Revelation 3:20 states: "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." The world in my life led to more and more emptiness and restlessness in my heart.

It wasn't until going to the institute in Basic Youth Conflicts in the spring of 1974 that I realized the struggle going on within myself. At that time I made the decision to follow God's way completely, re-dedicating my life and heart to Christ. At Family Bible Camp that summer Lay Pastor Stueland spoke of doing the will of God in our lives. It was at this time that God spoke to me, asking me what I was doing for God's work here on earth.

It is our desire to serve the Lord wherever He may lead us to further His kingdom here on earth.

—LeRoy Flickinger

### JOINT CHAPEL OFFERINGS DIVIDED

The Bible School and Seminary joint chapel offering is traditionally given to a worthy missionary cause. The fund from the first half of the 1976-77 school year was donated to the cause of furthering Christian education. Six hundred dollars was divided evenly between the schools in Brazil and those here in Minneapolis.

A committee composed of two Bible School students, their advisor, Pastor Moland, two seminary students, and the dean of the Seminary, Pastor Dyrud, was given the privilege of determining the most effective usage of these funds. We thank God

that He has provided exceedingly abundant beyond what we can think of or ask for. And it is with joy that we as students and faculty share in God's work in this way.

—Larry Haagenson

### THESE FORTY YEARS

The grace and love of God has been these many years—

Our portion on the way,  
When dark the path and misty tears  
Would crowd our day.

There have been times our way would find

A mountain top to see;  
From there we'd see the clouds all silver-lined,  
And there we'd love to be.

From there we'd see the valley far away,

Yet soon it was so true,  
The path was winding far below, and lay  
Where strong winds blew.

Throughout these years our God has been so kind;

His strength he shared.  
When weak and fearful, we would find  
He really cared.

On lofty mountain peak or darkest valley trail

God's love is true.  
He does not leave nor does He ever fail;  
His grace is ever new.

Our thanks to God for friends who understood and cared;  
Beside us stood,  
Who with us walked and prayed and shared  
Their every good.

Our God is great, to Him be all the praise

For caring all this way  
May we our thankful hearts and voices raise  
To Him each passing day.

Our need for coming days is just to trust Him more

For all our need;  
And know that He from His abundant store  
With love will feed.

George Johnson  
Eben Jct., Mich.

(Written on the occasion of his 40th wedding anniversary, 1976)

## GOING WEST IN '77

### AFLC Luther League Federation Convention

July 12-17

OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH,  
KIRKLAND, WASHINGTON



# How to Pray for Missionaries

by Carolyn Brooks

"God bless the Smiths in Africa." With a simple utterance like this some people dismiss their prayer responsibilities for missionaries. On the other hand, one prayer supporter asked a missionary who had just arrived on furlough, "How many children do you have now? What are their names?" A question such as this reveals to the missionary the depth of intelligent prayer concern his supporters actually have. God's Word says, "The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much" (James 5:16).

How might one effectively pray for missionaries? Consider first the missionary's relationship to God, to his family, to other missionaries and nationals.

He must possess an intimate walk with God. This will make him one who is constrained by Christ's love, empowered by the Holy Spirit, and guided by God's wisdom. Because of his heavy responsibilities, frequently it is difficult for a missionary to reserve time to be alone with God. Pray that he maintain a strong devotional life which is vital to his effectiveness for the Lord.

A missionary's family life is of primary importance; it should always bring honor and glory to God (I Timothy 3:4, 5). Pray that there be divine order in this home, the husband being the head in authority, the wife serving as his helpmeet, and the children honoring and obeying their parents. Ask God to grant love and open communication among the family members. Missionaries are not exempt from domestic problems. Many families have little time to spend with each other. Petition that the husband and wife reserve a regular time together for sharing, caring, and praying.

Seek God's blessing upon the children—committing each one by name to God. When they become of school age and leave their parents, children experience much loneliness and homesickness. In some cases they become psychologically distant from their parents. They miss the influence and direction during the formative years when they need parental spiritual guidance. Then, too, furlough time is trying for missionary children. Our country and culture are foreign to them. They need our tender love, our understanding and prayer during this period of adjustment.

When young people grow up in a foreign country they have great facility in the native languages. This equips them with a unique ability to share their faith in God and their love for Him with the national people. Children can be powerfully used by God, sometimes more than their parents. Ask the Lord to make these children submissive vessels for the Holy Spirit to use in drawing others to Christ.

The relationship between missionary and missionary needs to be positive and godly (Colossians 3:12-17). Remember that missionaries are human with idiosyncrasies like every average Christian. Pray that they will exercise love, grace, patience, and kindness for each other as they work together for the Lord. Ask God to keep them humble, cooperative, and receptive to God's direction through submission to their leaders. Be prayerful that God will control their tongues—gossip is deadly everywhere but especially on the mission field. They need to pray for and with one another that they might work harmoniously together.

Crucial to the spread of the Gospel is the relationship of the mission-

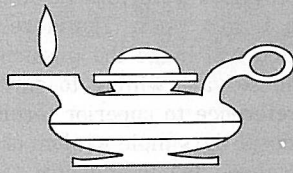
ary to the nationals. He must love them as he loves himself (Matt. 22:39). He needs to identify with them that he might lead them to Christ (I Cor. 9:19-22). The American superiority complex paralyzes the freedom of the Lord's work. Therefore, pray that God will make the missionary a humble servant willing to surrender his preference to superior technology and accept the simple wisdom of those he has been led to minister to. Ask God to free the missionary of any racial prejudice which would alienate the very persons he is seeking for Christ. Call upon God to grant His servant Job-like patience in working with another culture. He must adapt himself to slower procedures in all his transactions.

Now, turn your prayerful interest toward the missionary's work. Here are some suggestions: Make inquiry of your missionary for specific requests about his ministry. Read carefully his information letters and observe his mission's magazine. Acquaint yourself with the missionary's circumstances. Pray that God will give him liberty and clarity in presenting the way of salvation in a foreign language; that the nationals will be receptive to the message; that they will have courage to reject their pagan religions and accept Christ; that the new believers will mature in their faith and grow in the knowledge of God and His Word and become an indigenous church.

Finally, remember the physical, emotional, and material needs of each of God's servants. Pray for health and stamina, nights of rest and deliverance from danger; for the emotional stability needed to face hardships, overwork, and daily disappointments; for the financial support which must come in regularly. Pray that the church will listen to the Holy Spirit's direction to supply all material needs.

It is a privilege to intercede for missionaries. By bringing specific requests to God on behalf of His servants, prayer supporters are actually involved in accomplishing God's work throughout the world (II Cor. 1:11).

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## SCHOOL NEWS

### BROADCASTS FROM AFLBS

Rev. Wendell Johnson, Stacy, Minn., spoke at the youth rally on January 8. Gordon L. Grage of the Seminary led the after-glow.

Several Gospel Teams were out the weekend of Jan. 15-16. One group, accompanied by Pastor Huglen, was at Thief River Falls, Roseau (Rose) and Strandquist (Hegland). Mr. Don Rodvold went with another team to Osakis and Alexandria, Minn. The third journeyed to Ortley and Wau-bay, S. Dak., to take part in a youth retreat and weekend. Pastor Moland was along.

A summer Gospel Team is being formed and it will travel throughout the Association this coming summer. There can be no Choir members in it as they will have their own trip to Norway in the latter part of the summer.

AFLBS took part in the cold spell of Jan. 8-12 along with everybody else in the Twin Cities. Minneapolis approached an all-time low for any date with 32 degrees below on Sunday, Jan. 9, and neared it again with 31 below on the 11th. On that Sunday the highest temperature during the day was 11 below.

Pastor Monseth had a deputation preaching mission at Zion Lutheran, Willmar, Minn., Jan. 14-16.

There'd been some talk to the contrary, but it is official that graduation next spring will be on Friday, May 27. That won't work out for everyone, but any other dates would raise problems, too. The largest class in our history will receive diplomas that night, but we can't give the exact number in January.

Our school family wasn't complete after Christmas until Sun., Jan. 9,

when the last student arrived back. We are sorry that Steve Nordvik of Minneapolis found it necessary to drop out during the Christmas break.

The campus is awaiting the Second Annual Missions Conference to be held Feb. 8-13. Some program details are given elsewhere on this page. Pray with us for the conference.

Last week, Jan. 18-20, there were many visitors on campus as the annual pastors' conference was held at the Seminary. It was good to have our home pastors around for those days. Guest speaker Dr. Sverre Norborg stayed in the guest room of the boys' dorm and had the opportunity to visit with some of the students.

A winter sports day is being planned for Saturday, Jan. 29. For outdoor activities there will be sliding and skating.

### BASKETBALL SCORES

Rosedale Lutheran 76  
AFLBS Conquerors 75  
Conquerors 80  
Salem Lutheran 52  
Calvary Lutheran 51  
Free Lutheran Seminary 21  
Sacred Heart 80  
FLS 40

### MISSIONS CONFERENCE SET FOR AFLBS

The second annual World Missions Conference will be held at the Association Schools, February 8-13. Sessions will be held each evening at 7:30, except Friday, when it will begin at 6:30. Morning sessions will be held at 11 a.m., Wednesday through Friday.

The opening service will feature the

AFLBS music department under the leadership of Mr. Don Rodvold. Speakers and their themes scheduled during the week include: Rev. John Strand, The Mission of the Church at Large; Rev. Eugene Enderlein, AFLC Foreign Missions; Rev. Elden Nelson, AFLC Home Missions; Rev. Connelly Dyrud, Brazilian Missions; and Rev. Alvin Berg, World Missions.

Also included in the week's activities will be a panel discussion presented by the AFLBS Mission Club, a film produced by World Relief Commission, depicting the physical and spiritual needs of the world, and an international dinner served by Mr. Sidhom Sidhom of International Christian Student Fellowship.

### LESSON LEARNED FROM THE EAGLE

The old bald eagle builds its nest  
High up on the mountain's rocky crest  
Where the eaglets under the starry  
dome  
Are safe from prey in their lofty  
home.

Then comes the day they must learn  
to fly  
And torn to shreds is their eyrie high.  
They are coaxed to come on their  
mother's wing  
And there tenaciously try to cling.  
Out in the space of the dizzy height  
The mother bird shakes them off in  
her flight.  
That dizzy height they must cease  
to dread  
And learn from the strength of their  
wide wing-spread.

If they seem to fall with amazing  
speed,  
The eagle darts to sustain underneath,  
For aye, it is said, no man recalls  
That an eaglet e'er to the ground did  
fall.

And pondering then, on the eagle's  
way,  
A restful song on the heartstrings lay:  
Out o'er the abyss and spaces steep,  
God's sheltering hand His child will  
keep.

Alma M. Nelson, 1882-1975

# The Lord's Alarm Clock is Ringing

by Pastor Lars Stalsbrotten,  
Eugene, Oregon

Ephesians 5:14-21

"Wake up, sleeper,  
and rise from the dead,  
and Christ shall give you light."

The apostle is crying out to the sleeping Christians. How tragic that there are Christians who are sleeping among the dead in our homes and in our churches.

There will never be any awakening of revival among the unsaved people before God's people wake up.

That great revival would have never come to Nineveh if God's prophet, Jonah, had not experienced that radical awakening in the belly of the fish. God prepared that fish. God built that submarine church. God conducted a revival meeting that lasted for three days and three nights. It takes drastic means to awaken people up, especially sleeping preachers.

After the revival meeting was over the Lord came to the prophet a second time. Now he was finally awake enough to be used of God. There broke out a revival that reached clear to the palace of the king. He walked down from his throne, took off his kingly robe, clothed himself in sackcloth and sat in ashes. And the whole city cried out to God for mercy and he heard their cry. God is the same today.

Sleeping Christians, do you hear the cry from God's Word this morning: "Wake, rise, and walk in the light!"

This brings us right to the heart of our text, which is vs. 17-18.

Here we find out about God's will. His will concerning His people is first and foremost that they should be filled with the Holy Spirit. Only then can we walk in the light, redeem the time, make the most of it to the glory of God, understand His will and do it.

What does it mean to be filled with the Spirit?

It is not the same as to be baptized with the Spirit. I can never find one

place in the New Testament where God's people are exhorted to seek the baptism of the Holy Spirit. In I Cor. 12:13, Paul says, "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body." All born-again Christians have been baptized with the Holy Spirit, and that happened when they were saved.

You can't find that the apostles were baptized by the Holy Spirit more than once, but we note that they were filled again and again.

This does not mean that the Holy Spirit has a fullness of His own. Far from it. All the fullness is in Christ. "For it pleased the Father that in Him should all fullness dwell" (Col. 1:19). "For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily" (Col. 2:9).

Did you notice what I read? Not some or a part, but all the fullness of God dwelleth in Christ.

Therefore, he who is filled by the Spirit is filled with Christ and His gifts. The Holy Spirit is the filler who fills us with the fullness of God which is in Christ. Jesus said, the Spirit "shall glorify me: for He shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you." The work of the Holy Spirit is to glorify Christ, make Him real and precious to our hearts so that we let Him take full control of our lives.

In v. 18, we have a great contrast: intoxicating wine and the Holy Spirit.

Be not drunk with intoxicating wine, for it makes your eyes dim, your back weak and your steps unsteady. But be filled with the Spirit, for He gives you clear vision, a strong backbone so you can stand up for your convictions and He will establish your going.

Did any of the apostles say about themselves that they were filled with the Holy Spirit? Never. But others said it about them. Dr. Luke, who wrote the Acts of the Apostles, is telling us about it. How does this compare with the so-called Spirit-filled Christian today?

Let me now show you a picture that the Holy Spirit has taken. It is a true picture. It is a picture of a true Scripture-filled and Spirit-filled Christian.

1. In regard to his walk. He walks in love, v. 2. He walks as the children of light, v. 8. "If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in

darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: but if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin" (I John 1:6-7). If God's children walked in the light of the Word, we would not have all this confusion about these things.

Walk circumspectly, v. 15. That means to walk cautiously, carefully.

2. The second thing that characterizes a Spirit-filled Christian is that he makes right use of the time, v. 16. "Redeem the time for the days are evil." The devil is doing his utmost to hinder us from having it good with the Lord. It takes time to live good with Him.

Take time to be holy,  
Speak oft with the Lord;  
Abide in him always, and feed on  
His Word.

Take time to be holy, the world  
rushes on;  
Spend much time in secret with Je-  
sus alone.

Do you do that?

You have to "buy" the time. It costs something to get up a half hour or an hour earlier to feed on the Word and pray, but it pays good dividends. It costs something for a housewife to drop everything and spend a quiet time with the Lord because the Holy Spirit reminds her, but it pays off. It costs a lot for a brother, after a day's hard work, to go over to his unsaved neighbor and talk to him about his soul's salvation because the Spirit told him to, but the result can be a precious soul saved.

3. It becomes so easy and natural for a Scripture-filled and Spirit-filled Christian to speak about Jesus and the things of God. Look at the close connection between the 18th and the 19th verses. "Be filled with the Spirit; speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord." It is not something you have put on, but it is a fresh stream of words coming from a new, singing heart. Christ is real and living and the heart is just bubbling over. David experienced this, too, when he says, in the 23rd Psalm, "My cup runneth over." What cup is he speak-



ing about? His heart. When the heart is filled with the joy of salvation, it runs over through the mouth. "For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh."

4. A Spirit-filled Christian is a thankful Christian, v. 20. "Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Did you really notice what it said here? "Giving thanks always for all things"—in sickness and health—in prosperity—in adversity—under all circumstances.

Instead of complaining about this and that and everything and everybody, he is by the joy in the Lord lifted over the circumstances, and he thanks God for everything, knowing that "all things work together for good to them that love God" (Romans 8: 28).

5. Finally, a Spirit-filled Christian is a humble Christian, v. 21. Listen to this: "Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God." He is willing to submit to others; he does not look for a place of prominence, but for a place of service. He is doing nothing through strife or vainglory, but in humility he esteems others better than himself.

Listen to the most Spirit-filled Christian that ever walked on this earth: "Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ" (Ephesians 3:8). Paul had been reduced to nothing. Christ and His grace were everything. "By the grace of God I am what I am."

How do you like this picture of a Spirit-filled Christian?

Look at it very carefully.

Compare yourself with it.

Ask yourself in the light of the Word, and in the light of Him who knows you in and out,

"Am I such a Christian?"

Dear Lord: Give us grace this morning to go home and weep over ourselves until we rejoice only in You. Amen.

(This sermon was preached by Pastor Stalsbrotten in Spencer Creek Lutheran Church, Eugene, Ore., Sunday, August 15, 1976.)

# The Best of Hallesby

## IT IS ENOUGH

**"Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28).**

Souls who are earnest in their striving oftentimes cannot believe that God can forgive their sins.

Why not?

Because they feel that they can never get into the right relationship either to God or to their sins. They feel that they do not love God and do not hate sin. That they are not truly sorry for their sins. In fact, they feel that they do not do battle against them as they ought.

Now listen to what Jesus says: "Come unto Me!"

To come to Jesus is enough. If a sick person comes to the surgeon before it is too late, he is saved. The sick one can do nothing himself, either the one way or the other. Nor is that necessary.

Jesus will save you. All you need to do is to turn to Him and tell Him how bad your situation is in every way.

The result will be that you will find rest.

Yes, you say, but must not something take place in me?

Yes, indeed. Two things must happen. But they have already happened.

In the first place, it was necessary for atonement to be made. But that has already been done. Jesus made atonement in your stead. Look now to Jesus and you will see something new. You will see that everything that He did, He did in your stead.

In the second place, acknowledgment of sin must take place. Unless you confess your sins, God cannot forgive.

Have I truly confessed, you ask.

Let me ask you a counter-question: Is there anything of which you have any knowledge that you have refused to confess to God? No, you say.

Well, nothing more is necessary. Yours is the rest of God.

Sit down quietly now and look to your Substitute. And return thanks to Him!

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year will make for different circumstances and it will be interesting to see how it works out.

In February the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations goes back to Willmar for the first time since 1966 for a conference. The late Rev. Morris Eggen was serving the new congregation then. Rev. Oscar Laaveg and Rev. Albert Hautamaki preached the evening sermons. Rev. Marvin Undseth was the Bible teacher (Book of James) and Dr. Iver Olson gave lectures on "Free and Living Congregations." Other main participants were Pastors G. H. Spletstoesser, Sidney Swenson and John P. Strand, and Mr. Russell Duncan.

We notice that that conference closed with the singing of that old song "That Will Be Glory for Me." Perhaps not a few who were there have departed this life in the Lord since then and they have experienced glory, albeit not the full glory which will come with the day of resurrection.

But for the present, God willing, the 1977 Winter Bible Conference will be held at Zion Lutheran Church, Willmar, Rev. Dennis Gray, pastor. We are sure that a good program is being prepared. We trust that many can gather for those days of inspiration and fellowship. For those of us who haven't been in Zion Lutheran since the 1966 Conference, we will notice the chancel which has been formed in the one-time Assembly of God Church. No doubt the congregation has grown and been strengthened, too, since those days we were last there in its infancy.

Pray the blessings of the Lord down upon the Winter Bible Conference whether you are able to attend or not. Attend if you can.

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# editorials

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## COMING BIBLE CONFERENCE

You will notice that the Winter Bible Conference to be held in Willmar, Minnesota, next month is scheduled to avoid Sunday this year. It will begin on a Wednesday and end on a Saturday noon (Feb. 16-19). We think this is a good idea and, hopefully, it will enable more people to stay through from beginning to end. Then it will still be possible for most people to get back home for Sunday services. At the same time, as in the past, some who couldn't get away before can come to Willmar on Friday evening and take in the Saturday morning session as well, thus getting a taste of the fellowship.

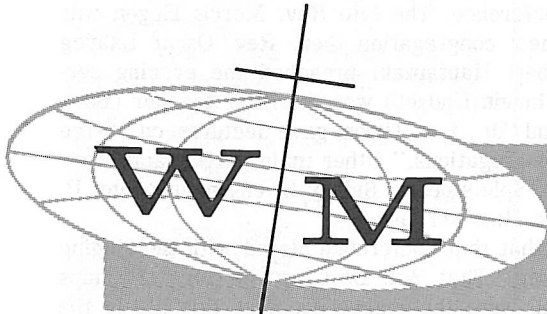
The first three Bible Conferences, at McVile, Winger and Radcliffe, were all held during the week, 1963-65. In 1966 the Thursday to Sunday format was started and was continued until this year. Then there was the problem of people leaving on Friday and Saturday in order to be home for Sunday in their own churches. The change this

## PRAYER IS POWER

Last time, in the editorial "The Association's Challenge" (January 11), we tried to portray the task before our church in the coming years. We attempted to show that there is much to do and God is providing workers, but that much will depend on whether or not there will be the financial means for us to put the available workers to work. This is the issue we must face as a church at the annual conference in June.

The thought comes that it is important to remind one another to pray much about this matter, a critical one in our short history. Prayer is power. Prayer changes things. We do not pray in order to overcome God's reluctance but in order to be more fully tapped into His power. God wills that we do a greater work for Him and through prayer we will find the ways in which we can do that. Need it be added that as we pray we must make known to God our own availability in helping answer those prayers?

So let us pray and let us discuss among one another the challenge before us. Emotional reactions at Fargo in June will not show the way. But sober judgment which comes out of months of earnest supplication and confession, with thanksgiving, will find the course which is the one God has for our church.



**WORLD MISSIONS**

**THE FIELDS ARE WHITE UNTO HARVEST**

**MEET THE CASSELTONS**

The Foreign Mission Board announces that a new missionary family has answered the call to serve the Lord with the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations on the Brazil mission field.

The Foreign Mission Board gives praise to Almighty God for the privilege of presenting Rev. Dean Casselton to the Church. Mr. Casselton, who has just graduated from Free Lutheran Theological Seminary, has accepted the call to serve the Lord and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ as our representative in Brazil. He was

ordained on Sunday, Dec. 26.

Dean Sherman Casselton was born June 29, 1942 in North St. Paul, Minnesota. Mr. Casselton has served three years with the United States Navy, and worked in the business world. He graduated from Northwestern Institute of Electronics with a degree in electronic technology. It was at his home in Mound, Minnesota, that he came to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ as his Savior through the witness of Christian friends. Mr. Casselton enrolled at Free Lutheran Seminary and during his student years served churches at Cumberland and Clayton, Wisconsin; McVille and



Shown with Pastor and Mrs. Casselton are their four daughters, left to right, Danielle, DeAnn, Angela and Andrea.

Binford, North Dakota; and Hauge and Immanuel churches at Kenyon, Minnesota. Since June, 1976, he has been employed as Director of the Children's Gospel Mission at 1407 Washington Ave. So., Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dean Casselton married Anita Haberman of Slayton, Minnesota, on June 13, 1964. The Lord has blessed them with four daughters: DeAnn, age 11; Andrea, 10; Angela, 9; and Danielle, 2.

Mrs. Casselton has also been attending Bible School classes for Bible and theological study and personal enrichment.

The Casselton family will be available for deputation as of February 1, 1977. The Foreign Mission Board encourages the churches of the AFLC to extend to Dean Casselton an invitation to speak to them as he shares his burden for the work of the Lord in Brazil.

In order to properly plan for the future and additional families on the field, the Board deems it necessary that the majority of the financial support for the Casselton family must be subscribed to through the Mission-Unit Responsibility Plan before they can be sent to Brazil.

A commissioning service for the Casselton family is being planned for the AFLC Annual Conference in Fargo, North Dakota, June 1977. Tentative plans are that the family should leave for Brazil in July. In order to make this possible, we urge our congregations and individuals of the AFLC to financially support the Casselton family through the Mission-Unit Responsibility Plan, an approved method of support. For more information about the Mission-Unit Responsibility Plan, please write to the Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board: Rev. Eugene W. Enderlein, P.O. Box 275, Thief River Falls, Minnesota 56701.

For scheduling our new missionary as a guest at your church, you may write directly to Rev. Dean Casselton, 15 Gaywood Dr., Osseo, Minnesota 55369; Phone 612-428-2466.

AFLC Board of Foreign Missions  
Rev. Eugene W. Enderlein, Secretary

(Ed. Note: The Missionary-Unit Responsibility Plan was presented in the



Nov. 16, 1976, issue of the *Ambassador*. Please consult that issue for information or write to Pastor Enderlein at the address above.)

### ANNOUNCEMENT: GIFT OF LAKE PROPERTY

The Mission Corporation wishes to publicly announce that it is the recipient of a generous gift of lake property and cabin located in Otter Tail County, Minnesota. This property will be administered by the Foreign Mission Board for the purpose of serving our missionaries as a place of retreat and rest when they are home on furlough.

With hearts full of praise, we give thanks to God for Mr. Arne Aanestad of Battle Lake, Minnesota, for his love for the Lord and his generous gift of his property. His desire is that it will serve as a vacation place for God's faithful servants in the years to come. The Mission Corporation members trust that it will be exactly that.

When the disciples were weary and had no leisure because of the crowd of people, and the huge task of meeting their needs, our Lord Jesus said to them: "Come away . . . and rest a while" (Mark 6:31).

### THANK YOU, ARNE AANESTAD

On behalf of the Mission Corporation, I want to thank Mr. Arne Aanestad for his foresight, devotion to our Lord, and his work in providing his lake property and cabin as a place of comfort and rest for God's servants. This gift represents years of work, personal memories, and especially a sincere desire that his property have eternal value as it is used to the glory of God.

We want to challenge others to seriously consider the eternal values in donating a portion of your earthly goods, real estate, or investments to the use of God's Kingdom here on this earth.

We live in an age when most people are prosperous and are busily building investments that pay earthly dividends. Oh, how we need to examine our hearts in regard to our earthly securities. Let us personally apply to ourselves the example of the New Tes-

tament Church, as described in Acts. The first Christians did not stockpile possessions or riches, but rather pooled their resources for one another's good and for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom. This was not legislated, but it was the spontaneous desire of their hearts as they grew in love and devotion to the Lord Jesus.

May Calvary love so fill your hearts that you respond not only with devotion and enthusiasm, but with your material resources as well. The night is coming, the day is far spent; let us labor for Christ while there is yet time; let us willingly give of our material investments while we live in the day of grace, waiting for Christ's return, rather than hoard them for a "future day."

Our Lord Jesus said, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matthew 6:19-21).

Sincerely in Christ,  
Rev. Eugene W. Enderlein  
Secretary, Mission Corporation



## Book Reviews

### THE INDICTMENT

A Story Smuggled from Behind the Iron Curtain.

The author remains anonymous for reasons of security

Here is a novel, gripping in its suspense, a product of the times in which we live. The setting: a Communist prison cell in eastern Europe.

A political system bent on destroying the intelligentsia has George Bod (fictitious name), lawyer, city counselor and land owner, behind bars. He is confronted with a government

indictment charging him with crimes against the State.

Also in his possession is a document of love—the Gospel of St. Luke—sewed into his jacket by his wife. His past life rolls out before him.

How the document of love leads him from the cold darkness of doubt and despair toward the warm light of belief and hope is the story told in *The Indictment*.

George Bod is alone in a damp, musty cell. He argues alone with the Gospel of Luke—should he trust, should he believe? He has lots of time. It is an exciting story, a man and his conscience, in search of God, shaping itself into a moving testimonial of a man's new-found faith.

There is much thought about his wife, son and daughter as he puts the missing pieces into place in his own life. Despite his conviction on his bill of indictment, the story issues in hope as George Bod puts the missing pieces into place in his life.

Written somewhere in Eastern Germany.

### DAKTAR—DIPLOMAT IN BANGLADESH by Viggo Olsen


Looking for a thrill or an inspiration? Read *DAKTAR—Diplomat in Bangladesh*. In this book by Viggo Olsen with Jeanette Lockerbie you will learn how young Dr. Olsen and his wife Joan set out to prove the Bible untrue and God unreal. You will be amazed at the result of their study.

Note the astonishing series of events which come forth from Dr. Olsen's reading the book *Modern Science and the Christian Faith*." In *Daktar* you will get a vivid picture of a Christian doctor and surgeon at work in a primitive and war-torn land.

In reading *Daktar* you will come to know how Dr. Olsen was involved in establishing the first Christian hospital in Bengali and how he came to assist in the bloody birth of the new nation, Bangladesh.

You will be amazed at the Lord's leading in Dr. Olsen's successful work as doctor, surgeon and missionary, and at the huge, successful relief work of the Bangladesh Brigade.

—Dalton, Minn., Parish Library



# NEWS

## of the Churches

# Letter

## TO THE EDITOR

### FROM PARISH PAPERS

A "Living Nativity" pageant was presented on the lawn of the parsonage by Sunnyside Lutheran Church, Stacy, Minn., on Dec. 22, from 7-9:30 p.m., by parish young people. Each presentation lasted 15 minutes. Refreshments were served in the church basement. Rev. Wendell Johnson is pastor of the congregation.

Rev. and Mrs. Connely Dyrud, missionaries to Brazil, spoke at the Christmas Family Night at Our Saviour's Lutheran, Thief River Falls, Minn., on Dec. 8. The Dyruds are living in Thief River during their short furlough. The next night the youth of the church carolled for shut-ins and nursing home residents. Rev. Eugene Enderlein serves the congregation.

The Dalton, Minn., parish, Rev. Ragene Hodnefield, pastor, took part in the couples' retreat at Faith Haven, Battle Lake, Minn., Dec. 3-4. It was sponsored by the Southwest-Central Minnesota District. The parish library (Mrs. Elma Matson, librarian) listed the availability of the book **The First Christmas** by Paul L. Maier.

An elk meatball dinner was held at Moland Lutheran, Mason, Wis., on Nov. 22. The proceeds went to the building fund. A lectern and a table have been donated to the church and the adult class gave four reference books to the Sunday School. Moland is served by Rev. Ronald Knutson.

The choir at Triumph Lutheran, Ferndale, Wash., had a potluck dinner at Lindell's on Dec. 29. A candlelight service was held on Christmas Eve. The youth string players provided the prelude music. Triumph is served by Rev. R. Snipstead.

A new addition is planned to Roseau Lutheran, Roseau, Minn., Jerome Nikunen, pastor. Mr. Gust Kveen of the congregation has been appointed to lead a committee which will seek to aid farmers in sharing a part of their land for God's work.

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### DR. GEORGE AUS OF LUTHER PASSED AWAY

Dr. George Aus, 73, retired professor of Systematic Theology at Luther Theological Seminary in St. Paul, Minn., passed away on Sunday, Jan. 2, in St. Paul. Funeral services were held at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church in St. Paul and burial was in Minneapolis.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., George Aus was a graduate of Wagner College in New York and received his Ph.D. from New York University, New York City. He was a one-time chairman of the evangelism commission of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and of the board of the Lutheran Bible Institute of Minneapolis, and served as pastor of the American Lutheran Church in Oslo, Norway from 1960-62. He taught at Luther from 1939 to 1973.

He is survived by his wife Svea, three sons, one daughter and 12 grandchildren.

### COMPLAINS OF LITTLE ACTIVITY

Several weeks ago (Nov. 30, 1976) a reader was concerned about not being able to attend all church activities in an active church. Ours is the opposite. We have no choir practices, no Luther Leagues, no couples' club, Ladies Aid if nothing else interferes, no congregational dinner because no one has time to come, no special services on Thanksgiving, Christmas Day, New Year's or Good Friday. The church is closed just as if these were government holidays.

Our calendar reads: Services on Sunday (if someone has time to come); Sunday School following (for the faithful few, but a large number come for Christmas programs and Vacation Bible Schools); Confirmation Class and Bible Study on \_\_\_\_\_ (mostly cancelled).

How nice it would be to have an active church. The people and the minister are here but something is lacking! We need suggestions.

Another Concerned Reader

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Faith accepts revelation in grateful awe but never forgets: God is God and man is man. His thoughts are not our thoughts; He is not accountable to us for His actions. His will is sovereign, inscrutable and autocratic. The Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.

T. A. Kantonen

Perhaps the authority over your own home does not rest with you. In that case you can nevertheless invite Jesus to be your **individual** guest. If He cannot take part in the general festivities, He can at least share in **your** joys.

F. Hammarsten

# Women For Christ

## GOD'S GRACE

by Mrs. Gordon Kaushagen,  
Thief River Falls, Minn.

A year ago today my beloved husband left by plane for Minneapolis to begin medical treatment that after four and a half months ended in death.

Months later, a woman at work, whom I consider a Christian, made this remark, "I wouldn't be able to stand it if I lost one of my children." It was a great privilege to share my testimony of how God has wonderfully fulfilled II Corinthians 12:9: "My grace is sufficient for thee," a verse He gave me some time before Gordon's death.

It is only when we project our thoughts into the future that we become anxious and forget that God's grace is sufficient. In Isaiah 26:3, are these words, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee because he trusteth in thee." Also, Matt. 6:34: "Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things

of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."

Oh! What joy to know our loved ones have gone to be with Jesus in the mansions He has prepared. They are now so safe and happy.

But Jesus knows there is work for us to do. Multitudes need our prayers and help. We must not waste time grieving. The great story of Christmas and Easter must be lived and told. It says in 1 Timothy 2:4: "Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth."

How are we saved? I found in my own life it was when, by God's grace, I realized I was a hopeless sinner, and because a friend had told me it was Jesus whom I must ask into my heart. I realized He was my only hope. He came into my heart and lifted the heavy burden of sin and put within "the peace that passeth all understanding."

The Bible says, in Rev. 3:20: "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."

said. "Everybody does it."

At 15 he made right guard on the high school football team. His coach showed him how to block and at the same time grab the opposing end by the shirt so the official couldn't see it. "It's O.K., Kid," the coach said. "Everybody does it."

At 16 Johnny took his first job at the local supermarket. His assignment was to put over-ripe tomatoes in the bottom of the boxes and the good ones on top. "It's O.K., Kid," the produce manager told him. "Everybody does it."

At 18 Johnny and a neighbor applied for a college scholarship. Johnny was a marginal student. The neighbor was in the upper 3% of his class, but couldn't play right guard. Johnny got the assignment. "It's O.K., they told him. "Everybody's doing it this year."

At 19 Johnny was approached by an upper classman who offered to sell him the final exam questions and answers for \$10. "It's O.K., Kid—everybody does it." But this time Johnny got caught and was sent home in disgrace.

"How could you do this to your mother and me?" his father asked. "You never learned anything like that at home," his mother said. Aunt Francine and Uncle George were also shocked.

If there's one thing the adult world can't stand, it's a kid who cheats.

—From **The Banner**, First English Lutheran (LCA), Cleveland Hgts., Ohio, and St. John's and Grace Lutheran Churches (LCA), Ohiowa, Nebr., parish paper.

## "IT'S OKAY, KID . . . EVERYBODY DOES IT"

When Johnny was six he was with his dad when they were stopped speeding. His father handed the officer a \$5 bill along with his driver's license. As they drove off, Dad said, "It's O.K., Son. Everybody does it."

At eight, Johnny was allowed into a family council presided over by Uncle George, to learn the surest means of shaving points off the in-

come tax returns. "It's O.K., Kid," his uncle said. "Everybody does it."

When he was nine his mother took him to his first theater production. The box office man couldn't find any seats until Mom discovered an extra \$2 in her purse. "It's O.K., Son," she said. "Everybody does it."

At 12 he broke his new glasses on the way to school. His Aunt Francine persuaded the insurance company that they had been stolen—and they collected \$27.00. "It's O.K., Kid," she

## DATES SET FOR EASTERN NORTH DAKOTA FAMILY CAMP

The Eastern North Dakota District Family Bible Camp will be held at Lakewood Bible Camp, Devils Lake, N. Dak., July 4-10. This will be the third year for the District camp at Lakewood.





### ANTIDOTE FOR ANXIETY

"The greatest blessing that has come to me since I became a Christian is that I no longer worry. I used to worry so much about how we could make a living, but now I believe Jesus' promise, 'Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.'" This was indeed a wonderful testimony when we realize that it came from an extremely poor Japanese woman who was blind. She possessed little of this world's goods, but she had complete confidence in Him who owns the whole earth and the fulness thereof.

However, the people who have experienced this victory over anxiety in our age of tension are perhaps very few. Actually, it seems that there should be less anxiety today than there was some years ago. For we live far more comfortably than our ancestors did.

A hospital pastor writes, "The early pioneers who settled in this part of the country had struggles for survival that were far more severe than we can imagine. There was never enough food; sickness and death were constantly among them. They worked hard from dawn till dusk, but at night they could fold their toil-worn hands and sleep peacefully. Today the sons and grandsons of these pioneers drive home from air-conditioned offices down spacious expressways; many spend the night in cottages on cool lakes. But when they lie down to sleep they need a sedative or a tranquilizer to relieve their tensions."

How then are we to deal with tensions so that we have no anxiety?

Though we cannot remove all obstacles from our path, yet we can control our attitude towards life's struggles with Christ's help. When we commit ourselves to Him and bring all of life under His control, He then frees us from anxiety. He gives a "package insurance policy"—with abundant life now on earth and glorious life in Heaven hereafter. Have you discovered this antidote for anxiety by seeking first the kingdom of God and His righteousness?

—Einar Unseth

### AMBASSADOR TAKES NOTE OF THREE PASSINGS

Two pastors and one pastor's widow have recently departed the fellowship that was that of the Lutheran Free Church.

Rev. Christian M. Iverson, 80, passed away on Oct. 17 in San Jose, Calif. He had served parishes at New Effington, S. Dak., Bella Coola, B.C., Bellingham and Tacoma, Wash., and LaPorte and Bemidji, Minn.

The widow was Mrs. Fred (Emma) Ditmanson, 83. She and her husband were missionaries to China from 1918 to 1954. Thereafter he assisted in the LFC Mission Office for a few years. He passed away some years ago. Mrs. Ditmanson was living in Burnsville, Minn.

News has also come of the passing of Rev. Bernhard Helland, long-time missionary to India. We will have a further biographical note on him in a later issue.

God bless the memory of these co-workers.

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elected to Congress in 1970 and was re-elected in the following three contests. He has been chairman of the House Agriculture Subcommittee on Conservation and Credit and also has served on Agriculture Subcommittees on Livestock and Grains and Dairy and Poultry. In addition, he has been the ranking Democratic member of two subcommittees of the House Small Business Committee.

Born in Roseau, Minn., Rep. Bergland still owns and helps operate a

600-acre farm in that area near the Canadian border, specializing in small grains and grass seed.

Selection of the Minnesota congressman to the Agriculture post recently was hailed by the American Freedom from Hunger Foundation, whose board includes a number of Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish leaders. A spokesman said Rep. Bergland has had "a perfect record of support for programs to feed the hungry in this country and to aid in development and anti-hunger efforts overseas."

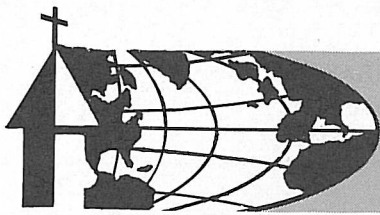
Dr. Schlesinger, who is known as a lay expert in Lutheran theology, has had a broad academic and government career. The 47-year-old economics and national security specialist joined the Nixon Administration in 1969 and held high posts in the former Budget Bureau and subsequent Office of Management and Budget. He then moved to the chairmanship of the Atomic Energy Commission and directorship of the Central Intelligence Agency.

The new agency director became Secretary of Defense in July 1973 and held the Pentagon post until November 1975 when he was relieved by President Ford following disagreements over controls on the defense budget.

Gov. Andrus, 45, will come to the Interior Secretary post after serving in the top Idaho office since 1970. He had run for governor unsuccessfully in 1966. The son of a lumber-mill operator, he also served three terms in the Idaho Senate.

The governor is widely regarded in environmentalist circles. He was a strong promoter of environmental legislation which was passed over the opposition of state mining and timber industries and has been an advocate of recreation area and clean air programs in the state.

(Ed. note: The parents of Mrs. Bob Bergland, Mr. and Mrs. Felix Grahn, are members of the AFLC congregation, Spruce Lutheran, near Roseau, Rev. Jerome Nikunen, pastor. Mr. and Mrs. Bergland are members of Moe Lutheran in Roseau, served by the editor's brother, Rev. Erling Huglen.)



# CHURCH-WORLD NEWS

## THE CHURCH AROUND THE WORLD

Revival continues in Romania. One church grew from 600 to 1500 in 1975, and the Baptist seminary had ten applicants for every available space. 1200 Orthodox young people are currently enrolled in theological study, but many Christian young people are barred by the government from higher education because of their zeal for Christ. 100,000 copies of Scripture are now being printed by the United States Society to relieve the scarce supply.

The U.S. government has hailed the 70 per cent drug rehabilitation rate by Teen Challenge as the highest in the country. Methadone treatment has been thought most effective, but the study cited Teen Challenge's "spiritual dimension" as the key to its success.

**Good News for Modern Man**, a modern language New Testament, has sold 50 million copies in the last 11 years. The American Bible Society has completed the Old Testament and is marketing them together as the **Good News Bible**.

Even though church donations were up eight per cent in 1975, they have not kept up with inflation. In terms of "buying power," donations dropped 1.2 per cent.

Enrollment in Bible colleges is up 3.1 percent this year and many Christian liberal arts colleges report record enrollments. By comparison, many secular colleges are having a difficult time attracting students to their campuses.

—Tyndale House Publishers, Inc.

## BISHOP HANNS LILJE, WORLD LUTHERAN LEADER DIES AT 77 IN HANOVER

Hanover, West Germany—(LC)—One of the most renowned figures in world Lutheranism and the ecumen-

ical movement—Bishop Hanns Lilje—died here in a hospital on the evening of January 6 after suffering a heart attack. He was 77.

Bishop Lilje served as head of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hanover from 1947 until his retirement in 1971. In addition, from 1955 until 1969, he was Presiding Bishop of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church of Germany (VELKD), a grouping of regional churches in West Germany.

He also was a lifetime Abbot of Loccum, near Hanover, where he was buried next to his wife on January 12.

During the church struggle in Germany, when the Nazis were in power, Bishop Lilje was among the leaders of the Confessing Church which opposed the official racist ideology.

In August, 1944, he was arrested by the Gestapo and sentenced to death. Before application of the sentence, however, he was moved to various prisons—mainly in the Berlin area—and was liberated in May, 1945, by the American forces. His book, **The Valley of the Shadow**, has been recognized as one of the best descriptions ever written of the sufferings of the victims of the National Socialist regime.

After World War II, Bishop Lilje played a leading role in rebuilding the church in Germany and throughout Europe. In 1947 he was among the group of international churchmen gathered in Lund, Sweden, for the formation of the Lutheran World Federation. He later served from 1952 to 1957 as president of the federation.

In earlier years, the bishop was a leader of the Student Christian Movement and was general secretary of the Lutheran World Convention, the predecessor organization to the LWF. In the LWF, in addition to his term as president, he served from the founding of the organization until his retirement as a member of its Executive Committee.

The son of a church deacon, the bishop studied theology in Goettingen and Leipzig, Germany, and Zurich, Switzerland, where he earned a doctorate in 1932.

He was a linguist in both classical and modern tongues and the author of several books. Among his many other activities he also was the editor of a widely read weekly church newspaper.

## THREE LUTHERANS AMONG CARTER'S TOP APPOINTEES

New York—(LC)—President Jimmy Carter's appointees to Cabinet posts and other high government positions in the new Democratic administration include three Lutherans—Congressman Bob Bergland of Minnesota, Govern Cecil D. Andrus of Idaho and Dr. James R. Schlesinger of Washington, D.C., former Defense Secretary and CIA Director.

Rep. Bergland has been named as the new Agriculture Secretary; Gov. Andrus was appointed Secretary of the Interior and Dr. Schlesinger was given a position as a presidential assistant for energy matters. It is expected that President Carter will propose to Congress that the Energy post be made a new department in the Cabinet.

All three appointees are laymen. Rep. Bergland is a member of congregations of the American Lutheran Church in both Springfield, Va., and Roseau, Minn.; Dr. Schlesinger also is an ALC member, attending a congregation in Arlington, Va., and Gov. Andrus is affiliated with a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation in Boise, Idaho. The governor was a member of an ALC congregation in Lewiston, Idaho, until he assumed the governor's post in Boise, where there is no ALC church.

In addition to congregational participation, Rep. Bergland has been ac-

tive in the ALC at the national level. The new Agriculture secretary has served on the church's World Hunger Task Force and addressed the ALC convention in Washington this year on food policies.

The Minnesota congressman also has worked closely in Washington with offices of the Lutheran Council in the USA. He participated last September in a Church and National Life Seminar sponsored by the LC/USA Office for Governmental Affairs, speaking on church and state questions.

Rep. Bergland, 48, was first

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