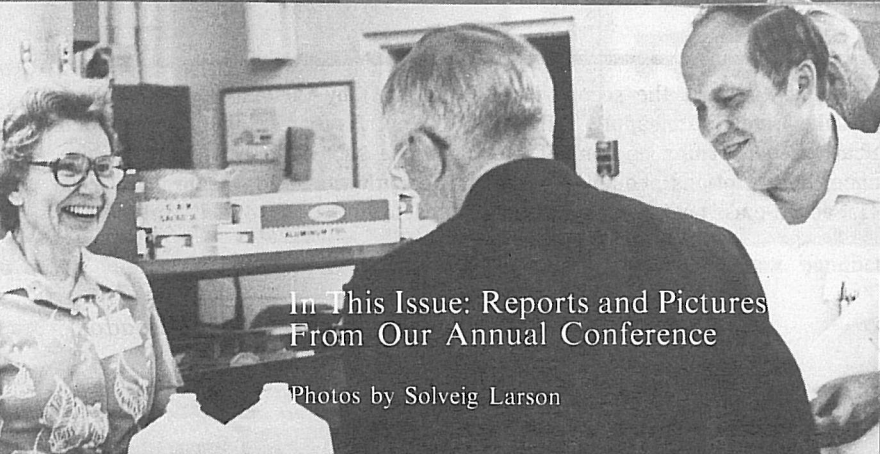


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The Lutheran Ambassador



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From Our Annual Conference

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MEDITATION MOMENTS

THE GREAT ESCAPE

We are a people who have adapted ourselves all too well to schedules. So much so that it becomes almost a passion to break out of the molds that bind us. Thus for many, the summer months become "the great American vacation." School is out; church schedules often change to accommodate the different lifestyle. For better or worse, Sunday Schools cease. We run "vacation" Bible schools (as opposed to what other type of Bible school?).

There is an overwhelming urge to escape the normal hectic pace and find a little peace. Yet summer brings its own unique blend of activities.

Remarks such as these make the rounds: "I'll sure be glad when this month is over!" Or viewed from another perspective: "Where did the month go? We've been so busy!"

Whatever the nature of these problems is, who has not felt much like the psalmist David on one occasion—

"And I said, 'O that I had wings like a dove!

I would fly away and be at rest" (Ps. 55:6).

Now it would be nice to do that, escape to some exotic place of peace and quiet and rest. And as we observe the birds, we notice they seem to be so free and carefree. Watching them, we'd like to escape in the same way and fly off to some faraway place.

The desire and motivation behind

such thought is rest. And rest is important. It renews our strength and gives new courage and determination to tired minds. Although surroundings and activities have a good deal of effect on them, they are usually a state of mind.

If every believer could, by the power of God, suddenly "fly off" to some "faraway place," it wouldn't really solve much. That "faraway place" would be jam-packed with Christians, a rather uncomfortable thought considering the peculiarities we all have.

It is not uncommon or selfish to search for some escape. A little retreat is good for the soul. Even Jesus recommended that (Mk. 6:31). However, spiritual rest or escape can be found anywhere and anytime by God's people because for the most part it is found in the Lord. For example:

"He makes me lie down in green pastures;

He leads me beside quiet waters.

He restores my soul" (Ps. 23:2, 3).

Just a reading of this and one feels refreshed.

The important thing is that this rest is given by God. Moses found this out one day as he struggled with the leadership of his people. God speaks to him:

"And He said, 'My presence shall go with you, and I will give you rest'" (Ex. 33:14).

Simple, profound.

How often the people of Israel had to

be told and reminded of that very important fact. God was there; their survival depended on it. His presence and Spirit met all their needs.

So, it is not so much where we are and who we are with, but *Who* is with us where we are. That makes all the difference.

As Christians grow in the grace and knowledge of God, they mature and develop spiritually. They become more and more aware of the fact that God is with them. Why do such mature Christians seem so much more peaceful and content? Because they have learned this. They live as in the presence of God; His love and strength surround them. It is for them the "shadow of a mighty Rock within a weary land." God help us all to live like that!

Want to get away from it all for a while? Fly away like a bird? Not a bad idea. But whatever our favorite form of recreational retreat might be, let's at least start at the beginning and go in style.

"But they that wait upon the Lord
Shall renew their strength;

They shall mount up with wings as eagles,

They shall run and not be weary,

They shall walk and not faint" (Is. 40:31).

A great escape? Certainly.

It's as great as our God.

—Wesley Langaas

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BANQUET FOR STRANDS, ELECTION OF PASTOR SNIPSTEAD HIGHLIGHT 16TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Showing love and respect for a job well done through a banquet at the downtown Radisson Hotel in Minneapolis and electing a new president on the second ballot, these were two things Association Lutherans did at the 16th Annual Conference which was held June 14-18 at the Association Schools in Minneapolis. The Schools as well as seven area congregations hosted the conference.

The banquet, which is featured in a separate news story, honored Pastor John P. Strand, the only president in the Association's history, and his wife Millie. A large crowd attended.

The Election of a President

The election of a new president took place on Thursday afternoon. The eventual winner, Rev. Richard Snipstead, Ferndale, Wash., showed surprising strength on the first ballot when he received 46 per cent of the vote among ten candidates. In number of votes, he had 204 out of 447 cast.

Others nominated on the first ballot were Pastors Jay Erickson, Wendell Johnson, John H. Abel, Leslie Galland, David C. Molstre, Robert L. Lee, Dennis Gray and Laurel Udden, and Dr. James Gerdeen, a former university professor who is now a student at Association Free Lutheran Seminary.

On the second ballot there were only four nominees. Pastor Snipstead was given 281 votes out of a possible 460 for a 61 per cent majority. The other candidates were Pastors Jay Erickson, David Molstre and Wendell Johnson.

Pastor Snipstead, who once spent seven years as dean of the Association's Bible School in Minneapolis, and has held the offices of vice-president and secretary in the AFLC, formally accepted his election on Friday morning. Citing the need to trust in the Lord, he said that while his first love is also the parish ministry, "we (speaking also for his wife), love the kingdom" and he conceded that the presidency seems to be God's place for him now.

He will begin the three-year term on October 1.

Vice-President, Secretary

With that dominating item of business out of the way, conference delegates turned to the other matters at hand. Incidentally, 496 delegates were registered by 2 o'clock on Saturday.

Rev. Francis Monseth, teacher at the Association Schools, was re-elected vice-president of the church. Rev. Einar Unseth, Ortle, S. Dak., was reelected secretary. Both terms are for one year.

1979 Conference

Invitations for the 1979 Annual Conference were extended by the parish at Kalispell, Mont., through Rev. John C. Rieth and the parish at Valley City, N. Dak., by Rev. Robert L. Lee. By a vote of 83 to 25, delegates voted in favor of the Kalispell location. The conference will be held at a ski resort out of Whitefish, Mont., June 13-17, 1979.

World Missions

The conference approved the changing of Foreign Missions to World Missions, supporting Pastor Enderlein's contention in his report that the term World Missions "would imply the friendlier connotation of Christian cooperation, whereas the term 'foreign' may imply negative connotations of one nation being superior to another."

The AFLC through its conference paved the way for eventual mission work in the countries of Mexico and India. Resolutions to that effect were passed, the beginning of work being contingent upon investigation and approval by the Board of World Missions.

The work in Mexico could begin very soon because a Lutheran congregation in Mexico has already been accepted as an AFLC congregation by the Coordinating Committee. It is Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Guanajuato, Mexico., Samuel Flores, pastor. A preliminary need for \$6,000 for the work there has already been guaranteed by an unknown donor.

The work in India will not begin as quickly, but if and when it is approved it will be among people recommended by Rev. Bhushana Rao Dasari of the

Association Schools' faculty and himself a native of India and a product of Lutheran mission work there.

In a third World Missions development, the Conference decided that the AFLC apply for acceptance on the recommended list of Steer, Inc. It is a livestock and crop missionary program through which a farmer becomes the agent for raising a cow or steer or producing a crop. Expenses are paid by Steer, Inc., and the profit goes through it to the mission work designated by the farmer, less operating costs and insurance (about 25 per cent in all).

Some concern was voiced in the conference about the doctrinal position of Steer, Inc., particularly that it doesn't hold a Lutheran position on the Sacraments. Another concern was the portion of gross receipts retained by Steer, Inc., for operating expense.

Abortion, Homosexuality

The conference resolved to continue to oppose the sins of abortion and homosexuality and re-affirmed the resolution passed last year, with a slight revision of the 1978 resolution on homosexuality. Instead of saying "(we love the sinner, but hate the sin)" the church is now saying "We have love for the sinner but hate the sin."

New Congregations, Pastors

In his report to the conference, Rev. Wendell Johnson, chairman of the Coordinating Committee, stated that three new congregations had been accepted into Association fellowship during the past year. They are Prince of Peace Lutheran in Mexico, Grace Lutheran, DeKalb, Ill., and Slim Buttes Lutheran, Reva, S. Dak. They bring the AFLC congregational roster to 131, the approximate number for the past several years.

Pastor Johnson also reported that two pastors had been added to the clergy roster in the past year. They are Rev. Allen Monson, Kenyon, Minn., and Rev. Harvey Carlson, Grand Forks, N. Dak. Serving on the fellowship roster is Rev. Ralph Tjelta, De Kalb.

The Schools

There was considerable attention paid to the fact that the Theological Seminary has accumulated a deficit in operating expenses of some \$132,000 over the past five years. In reality, the Bible School has had to make this up, thus suffering in its own work. An amended motion passed which recommended the following possible solutions toward erasing the deficit: seminarian sponsorships, deputation teams, informational literature and more publicity to the effect that the church has *two* schools and contributions to both are needed. (The Bible School draws more designated gifts because of its greater visibility.)

The debt at the Bible School, which had been a major concern last year and the subject of a financial effort in the church last fall and winter was found much more manageable this year due to the above-mentioned effort. A further indication of this was the fact that the Praise Program request for 1979-80 was reduced from \$35,000 to \$27,000 by the Budget Analysis Committee and the Conference agreed to the cut. Nevertheless, the certificates payable and accrued interest stood at \$483,114.13 on Feb. 1. That figure has been reduced somewhat since then.

The Next Budget

The Annual Conference adopted a total budget for 1979-80 of \$494,635, an increase of \$49,303 over the current year. Of the budget for 1979-80, \$13,000 is already in hand through an anonymous gift for Mexico and India, but the Mexico portion of it may already have been spent before the next fiscal year begins.

Other Elections

Nominated to a three-year term on the Co-ordinating Committee and subsequently elected by that corporation was Mr. Sheldon Mortrud, Thief River Falls, Minn. A year earlier he had not been re-nominated when his term expired. Re-elected to a five-year term was Rev. Kenneth L. Anderson, McVillage, N. Dak.

The Schools Corporation placed Rev. Robert L. Lee, Valley City, and Dr. Philip Dyrud, Middle River, Minn., a public school superintendent, on the Board of Trustees. To do so, the Annual Conference had first defeated two in-

cumbents, Rev. Robert Rieth, Kirkland, Wash., and Mr. Kenneth Rolf, McIntosh, Minn.

Mr. Paul Flaten, Newfolden, Minn., was re-elected to the Board of Home Missions and Rev. Eugene Enderlein, Thief River Falls, was re-elected to the Board of World Missions. These elections were by the corporation. The terms are for five years.

Ordination Service

The conference closed on Sunday afternoon with an ordination service for three men. They are Jay Eberth, Eben Jct., Mich., called to Chassell and Pelkie, Mich.; Philip Rokke, Strandquist, Minn., called to Reva, S. Dak.; and Larry Haagenson, Minnewaukan, N. Dak., called to Sedan, Minn. Rev. John P. Strand officiated and preached the sermon.

The Delegates

The 420 lay and 76 pastoral delegates came from the following states: Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Washington, Michigan, Illinois, Iowa, Montana, Arizona, Oregon and California. There was one pastoral delegate from Mexico.

Host Congregations

The host congregations for the conference and their pastors were: Morgan Avenue Lutheran, Chester Heikkinen, pastor; Faith Lutheran, Dennis O'Neil, pastor; Medicine Lake Lutheran, Jay Erickson, pastor; Victory in Christ Lutheran, Gary Skramstad, pastor; Rosedale Lutheran; Sunnyside and Hope Lutheran Churches, Wendell Johnson, pastor.

The AFLC Seminary, Rev. Amos Dyrud, dean, and the AFLC Bible School, Rev. Kenneth D. Moland, dean, were also hosts to the conference.

SOME MATERIAL HAD TO WAIT

Because of the press of material from the Conference, and all that hasn't been printed yet either, some other material for the **Ambassador** has had to be held over. Thank you for your patience.

Editor

ELECTIONS AT THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

*denotes re-election

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

President of the AFLC

3-year term

Rev. Richard Snipstead, Ferndale, Wash.

Vice-President of the AFLC

1-year term

Rev. Francis Monseth, Minneapolis, Minn.*

Secretary of the AFLC

1-year term

Rev. Einar Unseth, Ortle, S. Dak.*

BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED BY CORPORATIONS

Co-ordinating Committee

3-year term

Mr. Sheldon Mortrud, Thief River Falls, Minn.

5-year term

Rev. Kenneth L. Anderson, McVillage, N. Dak.*

Board of Trustees (Schools)

5-year terms

Rev. Robert L. Lee, Valley City, N. Dak.

Dr. Philip Dyrud, Middle River, Minn.

Board of World Missions

5-year term

Rev. Eugene Enderlein, Thief River Falls, Minn.* (also nominated by the Corporation)

Board of Home Missions

5-year term

Mr. Paul Flaten, Newfolden, Minn.*

BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE CONFERENCE

Youth Board

1-year term

Mr. David Russum, Grafton, N. Dak.

5-year term

Rev. Bruce Dalager, Mentor, Minn.

Commission on Evangelism

5-year term

Rev. Kenneth Pentti, Bessemer, Mich.*

Stewardship Board

5-year term

Rev. Ernest J. Langness, Ishpeming, Mich.

Board of Pensions

5-year term

Mr. Melvin Gravgaard, Tioga, N. Dak.*

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MEET OUR NEW PRESIDENT

Rev. Richard Snipstead, who will take over as president of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations on October 1, succeeding Rev. John P. Strand, is 50 years old. He was born at Meeting Creek, Alta., to Kaspar and Jenny Snipstead.

He was confirmed in Camrose Lutheran Church, Camrose, Alta., by Rev. K. C. Grundahl, one-time teacher at the Lutheran Bible Institute in Minneapolis, Minn., and who has spoken and taught at AFLC camps and conferences.



Pastor and Mrs. Snipstead

Pastor Snipstead received his theological education at Luther Theological Seminary in Saskatoon, Sask., being graduated in May, 1953. The next month, on June 14, he was ordained into the ministry of the Lutheran Free Church in Trinity Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minn., by Dr. T. O. Burntvedt, president. Among the eleven men ordained with him was Rev. Raynard Huglen, editor of **The Lutheran Ambassador**.

His first parish was a home mission congregation in Saskatoon. Then came pastorates at Greenbush, Minn., and Ferndale, Wash. During his stay in Ferndale, two congregations united to form the present Triumph Lutheran Church. Pastor Snipstead was dean of Association Free Lutheran Bible School from 1968 to 1975, whereupon he returned to Triumph Lutheran in Ferndale as pastor.

He is married to the former Leone Joel of Elbow, Sask., and the couple has six children, including two married daughters, and two grandchildren.

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Board of Publications and Parish Education

5-year term

Mrs. Melvin Walla, Fergus Falls, Minn.*

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Budget Analysis Committee

1-year terms

Mr. Kenneth Rolf, McIntosh, Minn.

Mr. Joe Milton, Jr., McLeod, N. Dak.

Mr. John Wire, Minneapolis, Minn.

Rev. Wesley Langaas, Hampden, N. Dak.

Mr. Clifford Jerde, DeKalb, Ill.

Colloquy Committee

1-year terms

Rev. John Strand, Minneapolis, Minn.

Rev. Karl Stendal, Sedan, Minn.

Rev. Herbert Franz, Cloquet, Minn.

Rev. Gary Skramstad, St. Paul, Minn.

Rev. Terry Olson, Minot, N. Dak.

ELECTED TO THE SCHOOLS CORPORATION

The following persons were nominated by the 1978 Annual Conference to membership on the Schools Corporation and were subsequently elected by the Corporation to membership.

5-year terms

Mr. Stanley Holmaas, Newfolden, Minn.*

Mr. Theo. W. Hanson, Mason, Wis.

Mr. Arne Berge, Binford, N. Dak.

Rev. Donald Greven, Radcliffe, Ia.

Mr. Sheldon Mortrud, Thief River Falls, Minn.

Rev. Raynard Huglen, Newfolden, Minn.*

Rev. Leslie Galland, Everett, Wash.*

Mr. Ralph Peterson, Portland, N. Dak.

Mr. David Russum, Grafton, N. Dak.

Rev. Trygve F. Dahle, Spicer, Minn.

ELECTED TO THE MISSION CORPORATION

The following persons were nominated by the 1978 Annual Conference to membership on the Mission Corporation and were subsequently elected by the Corporation to membership.

5-year terms

Mr. Roger Gabbert, Dickinson, N. Dak.

Rev. Einar Unseth, Ortley, S. Dak.

Mr. Edwin Swanson, Pukwana, S. Dak.

Mr. Timothy Korhonen, Esko, Minn.

Mr. Leland Nelson, Thief River Falls, Minn.

Mr. Jerome Stulen, Spicer, Minn.

Rev. Philip Haugen, Minneapolis, Minn.*

Rev. Fred Carlson, Sebeka, Minn.*

Lay Pastor Verle Dean, Spicer, Minn.*

Rev. Kenneth Pentti, Bessemer, Mich. (also nominated by the Corporation)

Note: The Conference committees for 1979 will be reported on next time.

ALMEN TO LUTHERAN STANDARD: New editor of **The Lutheran Standard** is Lowell Almen, chosen for the six-year term beginning Jan. 1 by the ALC Board of Publication. He has been managing editor the past four years.

CLC SAYS NO TO LCMS TALKS: The president of the tiny Lutheran Church of the Confession has declined an invitation from the LCMS to participate in doctrinal discussions with an eye toward possible full fellowship. The LCMS invitation went to all U.S. Lutheran bodies. The CLC was formed in 1960 in part to protest "unionistic teaching and practices" in the LCMS. Its letter cites among "errors" in LCMS practice allowing women to vote at the LCMS convention. (News Bureau LCUSA)

TITLE FOR THE NEW LCMS WORSHIP BOOK: After disagreement about what an LCMS worship book incorporating parts of the new Lutheran Book of Worship could be called, the publishers of the three major U.S. Lutheran bodies have reportedly agreed that the LCMS book would be called **Lutheran Worship**. An LCMS committee has deemed unacceptable portions of LBW, an inter-Lutheran effort which LCMS initiated in 1965. LBW is due out late this summer. The 1979 LCSM convention is to consider the committee's findings and possible publication of the kind of book it proposes. (News Bureau—LCUSA)

NEWS of the Churches



ST. PAUL CHURCH WAS DEDICATED THIS SPRING

The Association's only congregation in St. Paul, Minn., Victory in Christ Lutheran, dedicated its first church building on Sunday, April 30.

Rev. John P. Strand, president of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations, preached the sermon and officiated at the dedication of the church at 1695 Gervais Avenue (Maplewood).

The church's pastor, Rev. Gary M. Skramstad, read the Scripture lesson. Reading other Scripture portions were Mr. Rodney Kjersten, Mr. Ernest Hammer and Mr. Russell Bergstrom.

Special music was provided by the

"Grace Notes" trio of DeKalb, Ill., from a congregation formerly served by Pastor Skramstad, and Mrs. Victor Parsons of Victory in Christ.

A greeting was brought by Rev. Herbert L. Franz, Cloquet, Minn., chairman of the AFLC Board of Home Missions.

Mrs. Gary Skramstad was the organist.

The cornerstone of the church was also laid at the service.

The first worship service of what became Victory in Christ was held on Apr. 22, 1973. The name was agreed upon in July of that year and incorporation followed before the year ended. The constitution and by-laws

were adopted in April, 1974.

Church services were held in several places before the church building was ready for use: The Russell Bergstrom home, Sveden House in the Sun Ray shopping center and the East Area Community Center.

These men are to be remembered especially in the brief history of Victory in Christ before the arrival of Pastor Skramstad in October, 1977: Pastor Laurel Udden, Pastor Francis Monseth, then Student Pastor Ralph Rokke, and Pastor Elden Nelson.

Ground for the new church was broken on Easter Sunday, April 18, 1976.

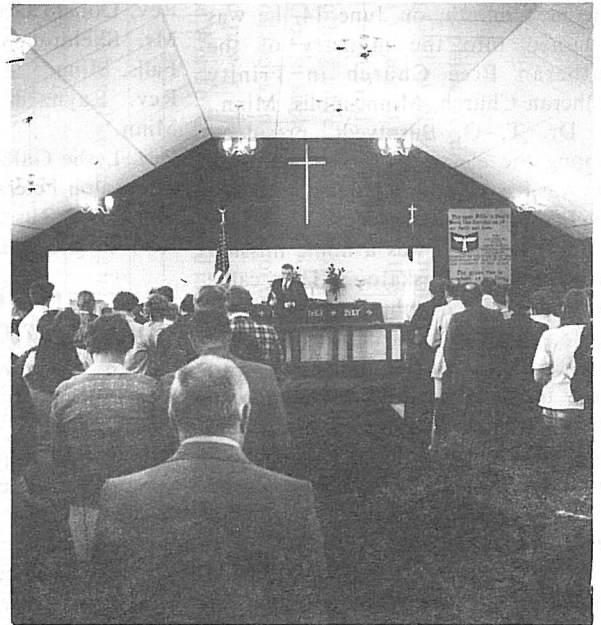
COAT STILL MISSING

Mrs. Donald Schroeder, 63 Lind Lane, Harwood, N. Dak., 58042, has not received her coat back yet at this printing. It was taken by mistake at the WMF rally in Grafton, N. Dak., on April 29. She is willing to pay all postage and telephone costs involved in getting it back. Call collect at 282-6546 (please note correction).

Mrs. Schroeder's coat is from Penney's, size 12, navy blue with buttons of same color, small gold buckle-like ornaments on sleeves and belt, red scarf in the coat. There may have been a wind scarf with it also. She has a coat to return, the one she had to take when hers was picked up first.



Pastor John Strand, left center, conducted the laying of the cornerstone. Pastor Gary Skramstad is shown at the extreme right.



The dedication of Victory in Christ Lutheran Church. Pastor John Strand is shown at the altar.



A PAGE FOR CHILDREN

Happy Acres



THE PLACE OF GRANDPAS

Ann could hardly wait until all the family was back in the car, ready to go home, so she could tell them the place to find a grandfather. Dad flashed a big smile at her as he slid behind the steering wheel and asked, "Well, Ann, where do we go to get a grandps?"

"At Lund's Rest Home. In Woodbridge. They've got seven old men living there. We ought to be able to get one of them for a grandpa."

"Why not seven grandpas while you're getting one?" pestered Stephen.

"Nobody can have more than two grandpas," Melissa explained to her big brother. "You just couldn't have seven grandpas, Stevie!"

"Well, the way I see it, girls," insisted Stephen, "with this kind of grandpa, we might as well get set for seven—or seventy of them."

But Mom turned to Ann and said, "I think you've had two splendid ideas today. I'm sure those men at the Home must be lonely. I'm sorry to say that most of us never think about doing anything for them. We just take it for granted that they are being well-fed and cared for—and, of course, we know the Lunds do take good care of them that way. But I'm sure those old men would appreciate it if some of us would give them some special attention—like taking them for a drive, or having them in our house for a meal and cozy visit."

"You're right, Mother," said Dad. "What do you say to our driving over to Woodbridge—right this afternoon—and see what we can do about getting ourselves a grandpa at Lund's Rest Home?"

"We going to have seven Grandpas?" Paul wanted to know.

"We'll just see about getting one grandpa—this time," smiled Mom.

"How are we going to decide which of the seven old men is our grandpa, Ann," teased Stephen. "Maybe the one we want won't want us."

Ann had had enough of her brother's teasing. "We don't need to really adopt him, you know. All we'll do is treat him like a grandfather should be treated. Take him to our place for visits. Do kind things for him. After a while, maybe he'll like us well enough so he'll let us call him Grandpa."

Through Sunday dinner, and the kitchen chores afterwards, the Johnsons excitedly talked about how they would go about choosing one of the seven old men to try him out for a grandpa. It was decided, finally, that Dad would drive alone to Woodbridge—the town on the state highway ten miles to the south. He would see about bringing one or more of the old men back with him to Happy Acres Farm for a supper and visit. He would first ask Mrs. Lund which of the men had no relatives. He would try to bring home the men who never got a chance to join in family fun and have supper at a real home.

When Dad had driven away, there were many plans to be made about this newest adventure—of adopting a grandfather. There was excited talk about which man Dad might bring home.

"I've seen some of those men sitting on the porch at the Rest Home," said Ann, "but I certainly never thought one of them would ever be my grandfather!"

"Like the old saying goes, Ann—

don't count your chickens before they're hatched. We still don't know for sure if we'll be getting a grandpa out of this deal," Stephen pestered.

"I've seen all those seven men" said Mark, "when we visited with the Nichols family. A couple of them use canes. Some of them like to visit with the kids in the neighborhood. They tell them stories about old times. They're nice—all of them—except there's one guy there—he's got bristly hair that stands straight up. He's always shooing the kids off the place. Tom Nichols told me he's always scolding the kids because he says they make too much racket around the place. He's so grumpy that when Tom delivers papers at the Rest Home, that guy doesn't ever smile at him. He just sits there on a chair on the porch, sour as sauerkraut. Hope he has relatives. I sure wouldn't want Dad to bring him home for supper!"

"Yes," said Ann, "I guess I've heard Janie Nichols tell about him, too. She said he does a lot of walking around town all by himself. Once Janie's mother invited him to come to their church one Sunday morning, and he almost bit her head off."

But an hour later, when Dad drove into the yard, there was only one old man in the car with him. Mark and Ann saw right away that it was the grumpy old fellow with bristly hair.

MEMORY VERSE: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. Matthew 22:39 (RSV)

FAMILY DISCUSSION

1. What are some reasons for an old

man being grumpy?

2. If a man is grumpy, will it help him if we are grumpy toward him? If a man is grumpy, do you think he is a person who loves others a great deal, or is loved by others?

3. Are Mark and Ann glad to see this grumpy old man with bristly hair? Would you be glad to see such a man come calling? Is it Christian to want to be friends only with nice people, only with people who are kind toward us? (Matthew 5:46)

4. Read I Corinthians 13 again, and decide how the Johnsons—being a Christian family—will treat this stranger that has come to their house. (Also Ephesians 5:2; Leviticus 19:34; Deuteronomy 31:12)

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For what are your pride and lofty fancies but dust and dross? Away with it all! Go to the Christ-child. Consider Him rightly. Surrender yourself to Him. Then you will become something; otherwise you will never amount to anything.

—John Goszner



In Memoriam

Key: The name of the town is the address of the deceased. Following that is listed the name of the deceased, age, date of death and the church in which he or she held membership.

NORTH DAKOTA

Aneta

Gehart Solberg, 82, May 23, New Luther Valley, McVile

Perhaps I was DREAMING

HE STILL WALKS ON THE SEA

“Did Jesus of Nazareth
Walk on the sea?
All scientists know
Such things cannot be,”

Quoth Jerry,
And Amen said I.

And then . . . it was night . . .
It was night in my heart,
And the stars of my faith
Were all hidden in mist.

Then a tempest blew up,
A wild tempest of passion.
I tossed like a chip
On the billows.

“You’re mine!” thundered
hell,
And I knew that I was.

Then the miracle!
Calmly He stood
In the midst of the storm
In my heart.
“Peace, be still!”
He commanded.

And promptly
The tumult subsided,
The calm of eternity fell
Like a sweet benediction;
The billows lay down
Like a flock at His feet,
And the wind went to sleep
Like an infant in arms.

Doubt the Word if you must
(I do not),
But today as of yore
Jesus walks on the sea.
Walk by faith if need be
(That is good),
But to know
Adds assurance to faith.

C. A. Wendell

editorials

A NEW PRESIDENT

Of course, when the 1978 Annual Conference is reviewed and remembered, the election of a new president will stand out above other events in it. Rev. John Strand has served as president from the beginning. Now a second man will occupy this position of leadership. Naturally, this (the election) was the climactic moment of the five-day meeting.

In Pastor Richard Snipstead, the president-elect, the Association has chosen a man who had so much to do with the very beginning of our church. Certainly no one had more to do than he with keeping alive the idea among Lutheran Free Church people that there was an alternative to merger in 1963. Through writing and speaking he set forth the idea of a fellowship of congregations with a separate identity, yet Lutheran. There were other voices, other pens, to be sure, but as we said, no one had more to do with fostering this idea than Richard Snipstead.

He was the first secretary of the AFLC. He has also served as vice-president. He answered the church's call in 1968 to become dean of Association Free Lutheran Bible School, the first full-time one. He gave seven years of dedicated service there and that period included all the trials and tribulations of building the boys' dormitory at the school. Like his successor at AFLBS, Pastor Kenneth Moland, Pastor Snipstead enjoyed an unusually fine rapport with the students.

Nevertheless, it was with some measure of relief that he gave up the Bible School duties to return to his former parish at Ferndale. But now he responds to the call of the church again to assume a special task, the presidency of the fellowship.

He will enter that task on October 1 with some real advantages. One of them is his wide acquaintance already with many of the AFLC congregations and pastors. This is due in part to his touring with Bible School music groups, for one

thing. Another is his long experience as a parish pastor, including home mission work, and still another, his administrative work at Bible School.

With his predecessor, Pastor Strand, he shares all the same concerns we have spoken of in connection with him. Both have the same desire to work for free and living congregations. Certainly that is true of all who were nominated for the presidency this year, so the concern is not unique to Pastor Snipstead, but we rejoice that it is found also there.

As a church we have prayed for the right decision in electing a new president. Through the democratic process a new leader has been chosen. He is a man who carries a deep sense of history concerning our fellowship. Now we must pray for this man who must now draw his parish ministry to a close for a second time, to take up the highest office his church can give him. Let us pray for him, his family, and for our church in this time of transition, that the Spirit of God would be able to guide us all aright into a new day, for which what has gone before has prepared us so well.

CHECKUP ON A SURVEY

In the May 16 issue of *The Lutheran Ambassador*, we looked back at some major resolutions from the 1977 Annual Conference in Fargo, N. Dak., to see what had happened to them. That was the survey in preparation for the 1978 Conference.

Now, after the fact, let us look at those issues and see what has changed as a result of the recent conference.

The Social Issues. The 1977 Conference asked the Coordinating Committee and the Board of Publications and Parish Education to disseminate the AFLC stand on pornography, abortion and homosexuality, with expanded comment, for the information and reference of Association people and others.

The 1978 Conference was neither told what has happened to that request nor asked what its status is now. Committee No. 1 did bring the resolutions from 1977 on abortion and homosexuality forth again (not on pornography) for re-affirmation. The 1978 Conference proceeded to alter the 1977 resolution slightly, but not really changing much at all. (See the news report on the conference.) Maybe the 1977 Conference request will still be carried out. We hope so, because the 1977 Conference spent a good deal of time on the social issues.

The Debt Retirement. We looked forward to what the Stewardship Board and the Board of Trustees would say about debt retirement at the Bible School now after the recent fund drive which netted over \$100,000 in cash and some pledges. The impression was given at the conference by those who referred to the subject that the pressure is definitely off now as far as the debt is concerned. In other words, the debt can now be managed, with the understanding that more money will come in as pledges are paid up by 1980.

Yet, it seems to us that there should be more effort to get after the remaining debt. Let the interest payments go to some other aspect of AFLC work. The chairman of the Board of Trustees called attention in his report to the fact that the Praise Program received \$21,700 last year out of a proposed budget of \$30,000. This year's conference reduced the goal to \$27,000,

a move hardly calculated to increase Praise Program receipts to where they should be.

Surely, it can be understood that when an overall church budget is going up year by year, as it has to, some cuts have to be made somewhere. But it can be questioned whether or not the Praise Program is the area that should be cut, when a debt of several hundred thousand dollars remains on the Bible School buildings.

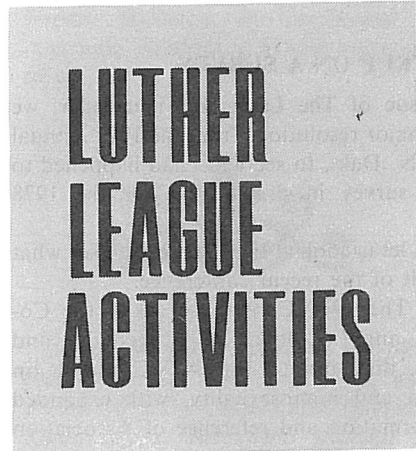
New Mission Workers. The Fargo Conference encouraged the Board of World Missions to send out one missionary couple and one single worker in 1978 and at least one other couple in 1979.

The 1978 Conference recommended that the Board send two missionary couples out "by the first of the coming year."

The Board has been reluctant to mention names publicly until all requirements are met by prospective missionaries, but it is general knowledge that there are two missionary couples desiring to be those who go. More will be heard of that later.

The single worker could be that teacher needed to replace Miss Priscilla Wold when she returns home on furlough in December. A teacher is needed for missionary children. Here is a fine opportunity for someone to help out. Priscilla described the situation and opportunities so well in her article in the June 13 issue, page 13.

Thus far, a checkup on a survey. More reflections on the 1978 Conference will have to wait until another time. But the conference was a good one. A fine spirit of unity prevailed. It was good to be together.



CHRISTIAN DATING AND MORALITY

by Pastor Don Greven

It doesn't take much effort today to find articles dealing with dating and morals. Not only are they many in number, but since every possible viewpoint is expressed, it is often confusing to know what is right and best for the sincere Christian. So the comments and suggestions that I would like to share in this article are for you young people who know Christ as your personal Savior and who sincerely want to live for Him in every area of your life, including this very important and exciting area of dating.

There are four questions that are of help in keeping before us certain principles we must live by if we are to experience God's full blessing on this area of our life.

The first question every Christian young person should ask himself is this:

"Is my date a growing Christian?" I don't believe that I can underscore enough the importance of dealing seriously and honestly with this question, whether you are a Christian fellow or girl. Now I know that there are those who think this question is foolish, as long as your date is a "good person." However, if you are serious about your spiritual life and want to be found in the center of God's will for your life, this is an area you must watch closely. So many young people have lost their calling in life, and even lost their spiritual life, because they failed to consider seriously the importance of a Christian date, and eventually a Christian mate. Rationalizations like "He's not a Christian, but he sure is a nice guy" or "I think she's open—maybe I can witness on our dates," need to be met with the basic principle given to us in II Cor. 6:14-15: "Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness? Or what harmony has Christ with Belial, or what has a believer in common with an unbeliever?"

That last phrase, I believe, says it all. Since the Christian's goals, ideals and very purpose for living are contrary to that of an unsaved person, they will have little more than a physical relationship in common. And that is the kind of relationship that ends so often in heartache and disaster.

At this point, the question is often raised, "But what if there are no suitable Christian fellows or girls in my school or church?" Many committed Christians have solved this problem by seeking out

Christian fellowship at Bible camps, retreats, Bible conferences, and by attending Bible School. In these places one is able to meet others who know Christ as personal Savior and who want to live for Him. How thankful we ought to be for all the opportunities we have in our AFLC to enjoy the fellowship of other Christians! And how much better it is for Christians to wait in their dating until the right type of person is found to date.

(This article will be concluded in the next issue.)

AVAILABLE FOR SERVICE

Pastor John DeBoer, Box 301, Wanamingo, Minn. 55983, who previously served the congregation at Zumbrota, Minn., is now available for special meetings, pulpit supply work and interim service as of now. He would welcome such opportunities. His telephone number is 507-824-2363.

COOK WANTED

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

THE COMING OF HIS FEET

In the crimson of the morning, in the whiteness of the noon,
In the amber glory of the day's retreat.
In the midnight robed in darkness, or the gleaming of the moon,
I listen to the coming of His feet.
I hear His weary footsteps on the sands of Galilee,
On the temple's marble pavement, on the street,
Worn with weight of sorrow, faltering up the slopes of Calvary,
The sorrow of the coming of His feet.
Down the minster aisles of splendor, from betwixt the cherubim,
Through the wondering throng, with motion strong and fleet,
Sounds His victor tread approaching, with a music far and dim—
The music of the treading of His feet.
Sandaléd not with sheen of silver, girded not with woven gold,
Weighted not with shimmering gems and odors sweet,
But white-winged and shod with glory in the Tabor light of old—
The glory of the coming of His feet.
He is coming, O my spirit, with His everlasting peace,
With His blessedness immortal and complete;
He is coming, O my spirit, and His coming brings release—
I listen for the coming of His feet.

by Lyman W. Allen

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BIBLE STUDY



August, 1978

POWER

Read Isaiah 40:21-31 and Psalm 65:1-13.

The dictionary describes power as strength, force, might and authority. These are admirable qualities in the secular world today. How important are they to us? In Isaiah 40 we see the greatness of God as a contrast to man's insignificance. Yet man has a very important role to play. Read John 3:30. Yes, it is sufficient honor for men to be permitted to point sinners to the Lord Jesus Christ. It has been rightly said, "Humility is that wonderful quality we lose when we think we have it." The unfathomable love of Jesus draws us to Him, and gives us the courage and grace we need for our walk with Him day by day. The more we become acquainted with the Lord in His Word, the easier it becomes for us to discern and deny sin and self. Two great words: Prayer and Watchfulness!

1. What was the theme of David's prayer of thankfulness? I Chronicles 29:10-12

2. In Matthew 9:1-8, why did Jesus heal the paralytic man? _____

3. In the temptation of Jesus (Luke 4:1-13), what power did the devil claim? _____

4. Contrast the power of the disciples and the power of Jesus. Luke 9:37-43 _____

5. To what profession is God's power compared in Romans 9:20-24? _____

Spurgeon once described the power and wisdom of man as absolute folly. When we really absorb in our hearts and lives that all power is in God, we enter into God's rest. Until we get hold of the spirit which believes in the Godhead and infinite power of Jesus, we shall fail. It is in His Name that we press on day by day and claim victory over the evil one, our worldly nature and our sinful flesh. The difficulties we face in our daily lives often obscure blessings. When we are persuaded to acknowledge that we do not know what to do, then a miracle on His part is near at hand. In Christ's high priestly intercessory prayer (John 17), He is concerned that this power, His gift to us, extend into our eternal life with Him.

6. Read Acts 1:1-11. Whose power is spoken of in verse 7? _____
7. Who receives power in Acts 1:8, and what will be accomplished? _____
8. Acts 26:13—In Paul's defense before Agrippa, Paul tells about his allegiance to what power? _____
9. I Corinthians 2:1-5—What power does human wisdom have in bringing us to Christ? _____
10. II Timothy 1:7—How does God replace the spirit of fear in us? _____

God needs confident and joyful disciples now as much as were needed in Bible times. Even today we read of persecution of Christians in various areas. Can we say that spiritual depth is needed more now than ever before? We, too, need a direct message from God to all people. The hungering and thirsting after righteousness in our own lives we are to satisfy with the living Word of God. This produces true power in and from God.

There is nothing more courageous in all the world than to believe in God; that is, to believe in God in such a way that we dare to order our lives in accordance with His Word. God looks on the attitude of our hearts. The result? There will be power with God and power with men.

11. How is the Word of God described in Hebrews 4:12? _____

12. What is the power of an endless life in Hebrews 6:13-18? _____

13. What is involved in the mystery of the resurrection, from I Corinthians 15:51-53? This will be the crowning day of God's power.

14. In life and death, how far does man's power extend? Ecclesiastes 8:8. _____
15. The great commission of Jesus is recorded in Matthew 28:18-20. What power is revealed here? _____
16. What was the great promise that extends to us also? Matthew 28:20 _____

Power and faith also mean commitment to the claims of Christ. We learn more about His grace and mercy and guidance all through life. Belief in the Lord is deepened and increased all the way to Heaven and Home. Let us not grow weary or afraid. Trust in His promises and rest in His love.

SCENES FROM THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE



Pastor Eugene Enderlein at a floor mike.



Pastor Kenneth Moland and daughter Lydia.



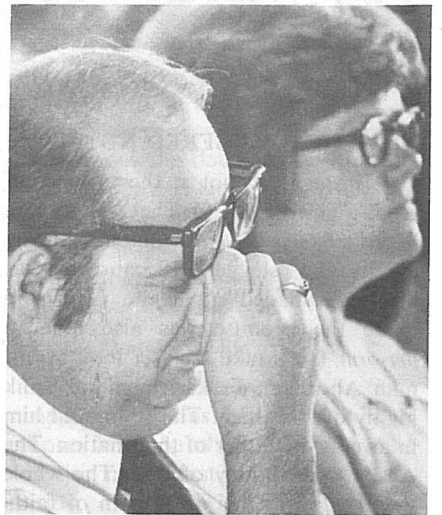
Pastor Kenneth Anderson, left, re-elected, and Mr. Sheldon Mortrud, elected to the Co-ordinating Committee.



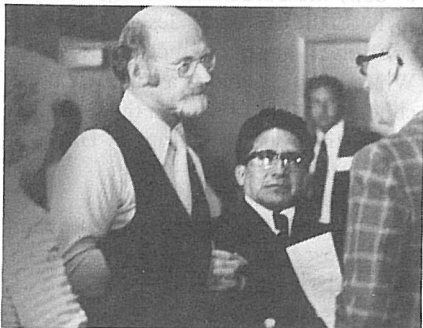
A nursery was provided throughout the conference.



Miss Judith Wold, executive secretary of the WMF.



Pastor and Mrs. Dennis Gray.



Pastor Richard Gunderson, left, and Pastor Samuel Flores chat with Pastor Einar Unseth.



Pastor Wendell Johnson chats with Mrs. Gordon Grage, center, and Kathy Ostrand.



Pastor Raynard Huglen, left, and Pastor Einar Unseth, AFLC secretary.

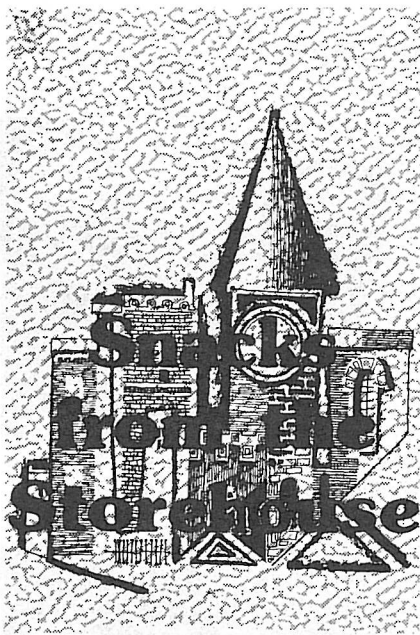


Tellers count conference ballots.



The choir from the Sunnyside-Hope parish sang at the opening night service.

Photos by Solveig Larson



HE STAGGERED NOT

"He *staggered* not at the promise of God—" (Rom. 4:20) That's what the Word tells us about Abraham. And why did he not "stagger?" Because he was "fully persuaded" that the God who made the promise was also able to *perform*. Let's take a closer look at this man Abraham. Folks in general think highly of Abraham. The Jews hold him in awe as the father of their nation. The Arabs think highly of him. The whole world admires this great man of faith. But, getting down to the nitty-gritty, what was he really? Was *he* so great after all? He seems just an ordinary man as we meet him over there in Ur of Chaldea. He was a heathen among the heathen. His "roots" were deeply sunk into the quagmire of idol worship. Nothing so great about that, is there? How then did he become what he is noted for? Wherein then rests his greatness? It rests simply in the fact that when God came into his life and called him, he had sense enough to follow.

He had sense enough, after following this God a short while, to believe that He was not only a God who made promises but a God who performed. His performance lived up to His promises. The promise given to this new heathen convert seemed staggering. He was promised a son by his wife who was sixty years of age. Folks would have reason for staggering at such an idea. It just couldn't happen: But Abraham didn't. He just knew his God well enough to

believe that what he was told would happen, and it did.

Are you *staggering* at the moment? Your heart is so troubled. The *burdens* seem so heavy. Maybe it is a son or daughter out there way off from the Father's house. You pray and pray and pray—and nothing seems to happen. And you begin "staggering." You just can't help it. Of course, *you* can't. Abraham couldn't either. See him down there in Egypt giving in to fear. He should never have moved down to Egypt in the first place. But, as time went on, he just "latched" on to his God just a little closer. Closer to a God who could perform. And, as he got to know this great God of his, fear gave way to faith. His biography could be summed up in three words: Abraham *believed* God. And out of that faith—came performance in and through him. How about taking time off these days to know more intimately this great God who not only promises but also performs? It could change your whole life and outlook, as it did this former heathen.

—Karl G. Berg

AFLC FAMILY BIBLE CAMP WILL BE HELD JULY 24-30

The theme for this year's Family Bible Camp is "The Lord is the strength of my life . . ." (Ps. 27:1). The location again is Galilee Bible Camp, Lake Bronson, Minn.

The Camp Faculty this year includes: Rev. Terry Olson of Minot, N. Dak., as Camp Evangelist; Seminarian Dr. James Gerdeen, Minneapolis, Minn., as Adult Bible Teacher; Rev. Bruce Dalager, Mentor, Minn., as Youth Bible Teacher; Rev. Fred Carlson, Sebeka, Minn., as Confirmation Age Teacher, Miss Judith Wold, Thief River Falls, Minn., as head of the elementary department and Mr. Don Rodvold, Minneapolis, Minn., as our Camp Choir Director.

Something new this year is the Family Hour with Pastor Kenneth Moland, Minneapolis, as instructor. The Family Hour will replace the mission hour this year, as we will have no missionaries scheduled home at that time.

This year's Ambassadors, the AFLBS Gospel team, will be at Camp Friday and Saturday, the 28th and 29th.

Camp brochures may be obtained by requesting them from Pastor Dale Mellgren, Box 8, Abercrombie, N. Dak. 58001. Advance registrations can be made by contacting Mr. or Mrs. Arthur Arneson, Spicer, Minn. 56288.

Remember, health certificates signed by a physician, are required for all young people 18 yrs. and younger not accompanied by parent or guardian. Ask your pastor for a form or contact Miss Mary Rolf, 3110 E. Med. Lake Blvd, Minneapolis, Minn., 55441.

Our Family Camp has always been a time of special blessing as new friends are made and friendships are renewed. We are looking forward to seeing the regulars again this year and are praying for new faces at camp. We urge you to take the time necessary to attend camp with us and share in the rich blessings.

Pray with us that again this year seeking souls would find pardon and peace in Jesus. Pray with us that God's people would find new strength for living in Him.

In an age when Christians are continually surrounded and bombarded by temptation, and when the pressures of daily life burden our souls, it is good to heed the words of Jesus, "Come ye yourselves apart . . . and rest awhile." What joy it is to relax, avail ourselves of concentrated fellowship in the Word and rest in the everlasting arms of Him who is the strength of our lives.

See you at camp!

Pastor Dale Mellgren, Dean of Camp

PERSONALITIES

Rev. Edwin Kjos has resigned as pastor of the Faith-Eagle Butte, S. Dak., parish (Bethel and Emmanuel), which he has served since 1970, to accept a call to the Culbertson, Mont., parish (Bethel and Faith). He will begin work there the first Sunday in August.

RADISSON DINNER HONORS THE STRANDS

A dinner at the downtown Radisson Hotel in Minneapolis, Minn., on Friday, June 16, honored Pastor and Mrs. John Strand. Pastor Strand is leaving the presidency of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations on Oct. 1, after almost 16 years in office.

Several hundred friends in the AFLC and beyond gathered for the occasion. Among the special guests was Dr. Bernhard Christensen, who was president of Augsburg College and Seminary in Minneapolis for 24 years and who began that stewardship the same year that John Strand arrived as a freshman in college.

Mr. Ernest Miedema, Valley City, N. Dak., was master of ceremonies. A member of the Co-ordinating Committee, he is a former mayor of Valley City and member of the North Dakota Legislature.

The Strands, his sister Della, and their son Jonathan, entered to the salute of a brass ensemble from the Bible School and the applause of the assembled friends.

The hymn "The Church's One Foundation" was sung.

Rev. Raynard Huglen, Newfolden, Minn., gave the invocation and thanksgiving preceding the dinner.

A group of Choral Club and Choir singers from AFLBS and the ensemble, under the direction of Mr. Donald Rodvold, rendered "Hymn for Our Time."

Greetings were brought on behalf of



Pastor and Mrs. John Strand

the laity by Mr. Clarence Quanbeck, McVille, N. Dak.; the clergy by Rev. Trygve F. Dahle, Spicer, Minn.; and the Women's Missionary Federation by Miss Judith Wold, Thief River Falls, Minn., executive secretary of the WMF.

The address was given by Rev. Julius Hermunslie, Fergus Falls, Minn., who was chairman of the Co-ordinating Committee for all the first years of the Association's history. Rev. Wendell Johnson, Stacy, Minn., and present chairman of the Committee, presented gifts from the church and other friends to the Strands. Mrs. Eugene Enderlein, president of the WMF, presented a gift to Mrs. Strand from her organization.

Pastor Strand responded to the gifts and well-wishes.

The Bible School group rendered "Sing to the Lord of Harvest" before Rev. Karl Stendal, Sedan, Minn., a seminary classmate of Pastor Strand, pronounced the benediction.

Pastor and Mrs. Strand will be moving to Fargo, N. Dak., this fall where he will become pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church there.



Dinner guests register. Mr. Don Rodvold stands at the right.



Mr. Ernest Miedema, banquet MC

Following is the biographical sketch of the Strand Family which was printed on the back of the program folder for the dinner:

The Friends We Honor Tonight

John P. Strand is the son of the late Peter and Petrine Strand and was born at Carpio, North Dakota. He received his preliminary education in the Carpio School and at Carpio High School. He received his B. A. degree from Augsburg College and graduated from Augsburg Theological Seminary in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in 1944. That same year he was ordained into the ministry of the Lutheran Free Church at Willmar, Minnesota. He served parishes at Grafton and Tioga, North Dakota, and continued to serve the latter for a time after being elected president of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations on October 27, 1962. He was subsequently elected to five three-year terms. Pastor Strand will serve St. Paul's Free Lutheran Church, Fargo, North Dakota, upon completion of this term in office.

Mrs. Strand (Millie) is the daughter of the late Knute and Anna Thorsgard. She was born at Northwood, North Dakota, and received her early education in a rural school and Northwood High



One of the table groups at the dinner.



Pastor Wendell Johnson presents gifts to the Strands. Mrs. Hermunslie is in the center, Pastor Strand at the right.

School. She attended Augsburg College for two years. She and Pastor Strand were married on June 23, 1945, in Ebenezer Lutheran Church, Northwood, by Pastor Johannes Ringstad.

Pastor and Mrs. Strand have three sons. Steven is a dispatcher for Thorsgard Truck Lines and North Central Jobbers and lives at Northwood. Michael has his Ph.D. in Physical Chemistry from the University of Chicago and is in teaching and research at the University of Colorado in Boulder where he resides with his wife, Barbara. Jonathan attended the University of Minnesota this past year as a freshman.

LAYMEN'S MEETING SET

There will be a Northern Lutheran Laymen's meeting at Norden Lutheran Church, west of Thief River Falls, Minn., on July 23 at 2:30 p.m. The text will be Rev. 2:1-7.

Art Joppru, Chairman
Joe Jacobson, Secretary

NEW ALC BISHOP: The ALC's Southwestern Minnesota District has a new bishop-elect, the Rev. Darold Beekmann, for the past three years the district's coordinator of parish services. The election by the lay and clergy delegates to the district convention followed a year-long process of nominations, candidate forums and information gathering and dissemination described as a "political procedure... perhaps the most comprehensive" in any of the ALC's 18 regional units. Bishop Edward Hansen was ineligible for re-election. He had served since 1961. His term expires at year's end. (News Bureau—LCUSA)

TACOMA PARISH TO APPEAL

Tacoma, Wash.—(LC)—The congregation facing suspension from the American Lutheran Church for having an unauthorized assistant pastor says it will appeal.

Central Lutheran church, the largest ALC congregation here, voted unanimously at a meeting attended by about 600 persons to take the suspension order to the appeals committee of the ALC's North Pacific District.

Without an appeal or change in status of the Rev. Paul Weikert, the 1,750-member parish faces an August 5 suspension by a decision of the district executive committee.

Central Senior Pastor Reuben Redal is president of Faith Lutheran Seminary, affiliated with Lutherans Alert-National, a group which says the ALC has strayed from its historical Lutheran confessional position. Weikert is a Faith graduate. Except in special circumstances approved by the district bishop, only pastors from the ALC clergy roster are eligible to serve ALC congregations.

POSSIBLE ALC SUSPENSION

In St. Louis, the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod reported that LCMS Fourth Vice-President Robert Sauer "contacted Redal and offered assistance." Weikert said Sauer "supported our view" and is "behind our position."

In Minneapolis, as part of his report to the ALC Church Council, ALC President David Preus said other Tacoma area congregations find the "anti-ALC expressions" of the congregation and its pastor "a heavy burden."

The congregation's resolution says the district's action is "unfair and arbitrary and fails to take into consideration the fact that Faith . . . accepts the entire Bible and teaches the inerrant Word of God," which, it says, other ALC seminaries do not do.

Referring to the ALC's constitutional confession of faith that the Bible is the "divinely inspired, revealed and inerrant Word of God" and "the only infallible authority in all matters of faith and life," the resolution says North Pacific Bishop Clarence Solberg "and others in the ALC do not subscribe to this view, but on the contrary choose to ignore it."

At the time of the executive committee action, Solberg said he was "deeply disappointed in the long-term unwillingness of the church council and the congregation to meet with me and discuss the issue involved" in calling Weikert.

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