

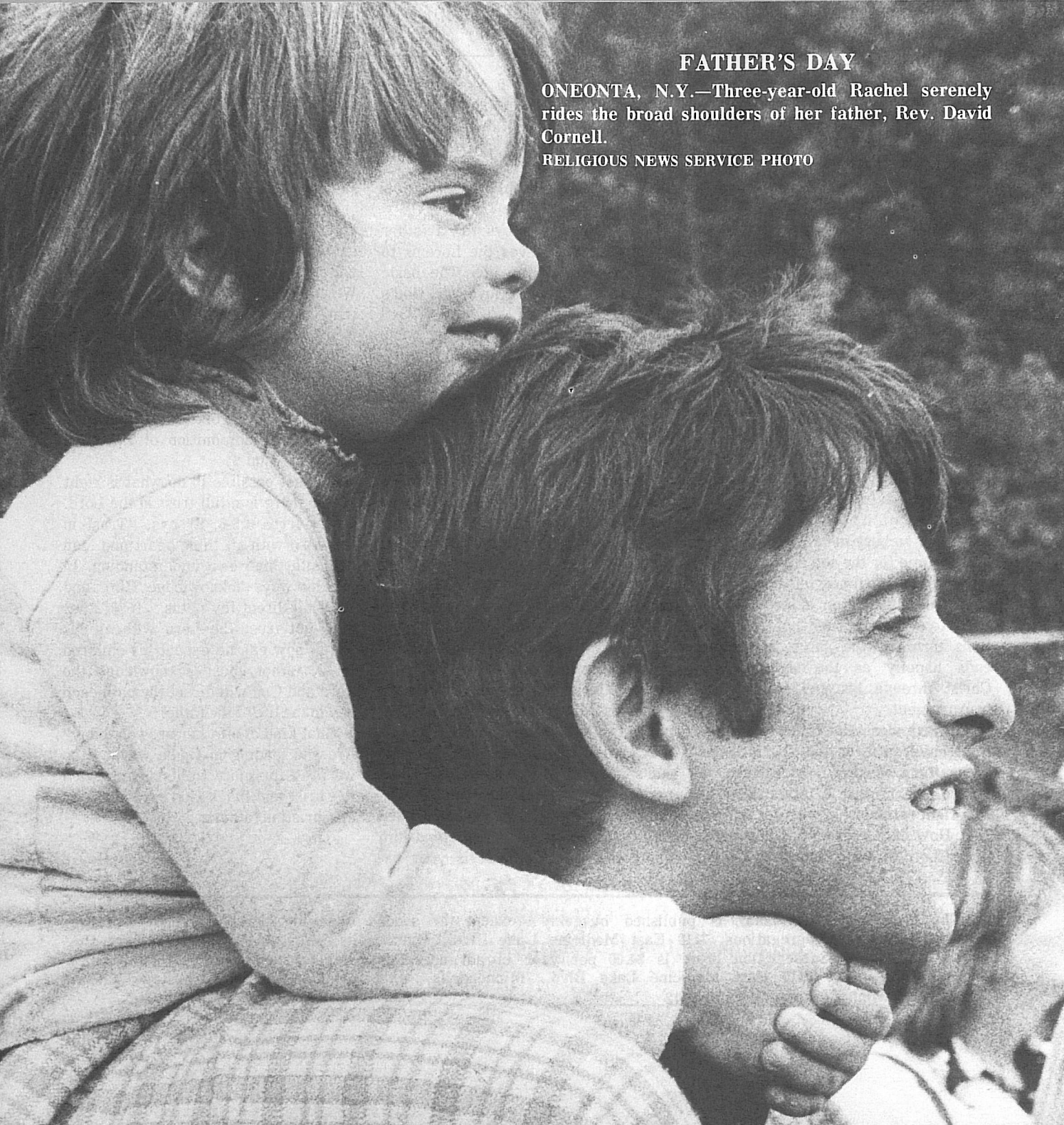
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The Lutheran Ambassador

FATHER'S DAY

ONEONTA, N.Y.—Three-year-old Rachel serenely rides the broad shoulders of her father, Rev. David Cornell.

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MEDITATION MOMENTS

WHAT KIND OF FATHER?

“And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord” (Ephesians 6:4).

Father's Day is a day set aside to let fathers know we appreciate them and to show our love for them. As a mother is important to us, so are the fathers. They are more than just the one who brings home the paycheck, and what we really need are more **Christian** fathers to lead the family in the ways of the Lord.

Our text tells fathers not to provoke their children to wrath. There are those who, instead of leading toward the Lord, lead their children away. Or they may neglect the children and their needs as was evidenced in the film “A Time to Run.” This showed the father so busy in his life that there was no time for the son. The son finally became so angry he left home. This is a good illustration of provoking a child to wrath. Though not all situations turn out the same, this story ends happily as the son receives Christ through his girl friend's encouragement.

Our text also tells fathers to bring their children up in the “nurture and admonition of the Lord.” This, of course, means that a father must be in a right relationship with Jesus Himself. How can one who has not tasted of the Lord do what Paul tells fathers

they should do? If a father is to lead in this way, he must be a personal example of faith. A child is quick to observe the father's behavior. In fact, many times a son will be found imitating the father.

One of the best ways for a father to show that he loves the Lord is to put Him first in his life. The basic concern is having a love for God's house and the place the Word of God has. The Word of God is the basic source of strength in living for Christ. By observing his father reading the Bible, a child will see this is very important. Are you the first to take the lead in reading and going to hear God's Word, or is it easier to stay away from God?

A father can either be a leader in nurturing in the faith or can stand in the way. I remember my father telling of the example of a father standing in the way. A speaker was in a certain town and a boy went to hear him. The message moved the lad to see his need. He came to talk to the speaker and related his desire to receive Christ but felt it unnecessary since his father did not deem it important. The speaker quickly got in touch with this father and told the son's story of his non-interest in these needs. The next service found the father taking the lead to the altar when the invitation was given. Behind him came the son. Fathers, is your ex-

ample standing in the way of your child coming? Or can you say that you are pointing them to the Lord Jesus who loves them and desires to save them?

The best father is one who is obedient to the Lord. Abraham is the best example of real dedication. He was willing to give up his son of promise. We may not be called on to this extent, but we are to be obedient to God's word and its dictates. A father cannot expect a son or daughter to be obedient to him if he first is not willing to be obedient to the Lord Jesus. The Word of God is where the nurture and admonition of the Lord are to be found.

It is not possible to do what is right unless there is a full trust in the Lord. In Proverbs 3:5-6, it says, “Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths.” If a father does not trust the Lord with all his heart, how can he expect his children to. A father must acknowledge the Lord and God will direct the path each day in the life of the father.

What kind of a father are you today? Are you leading in God's ways? May we pray for more fathers committed to Christ and thank God especially for all Christian fathers.

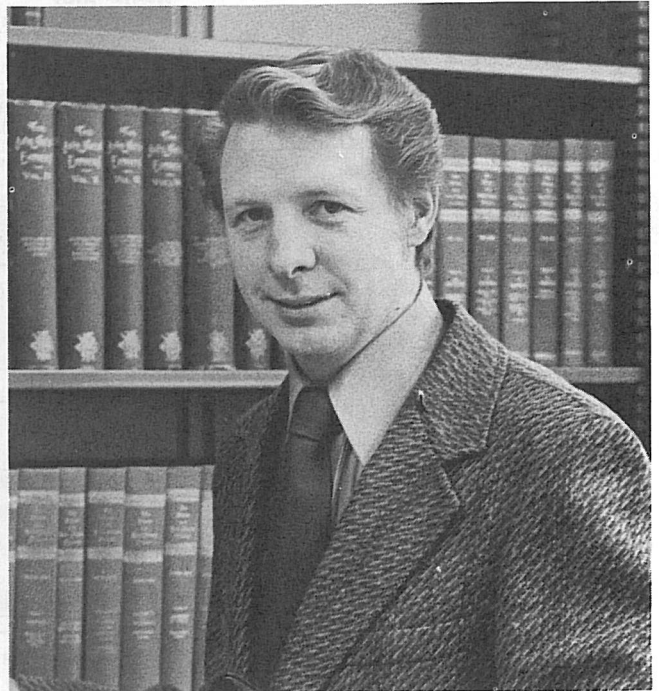
—M. J. Haara

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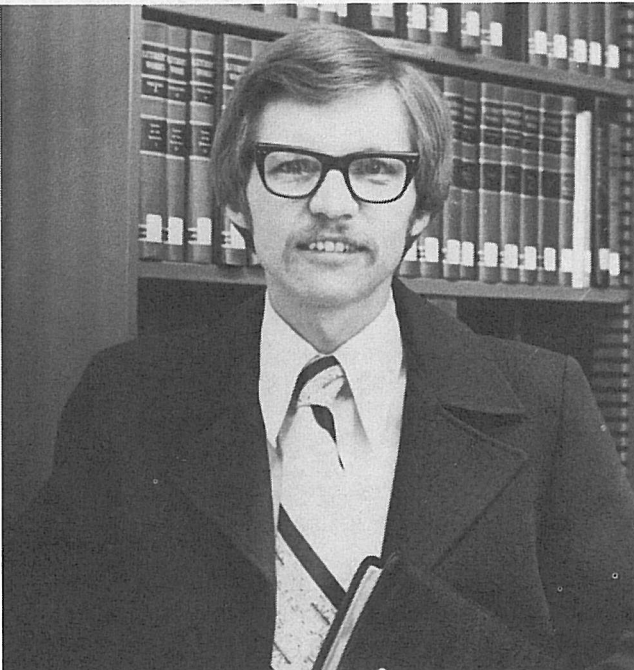
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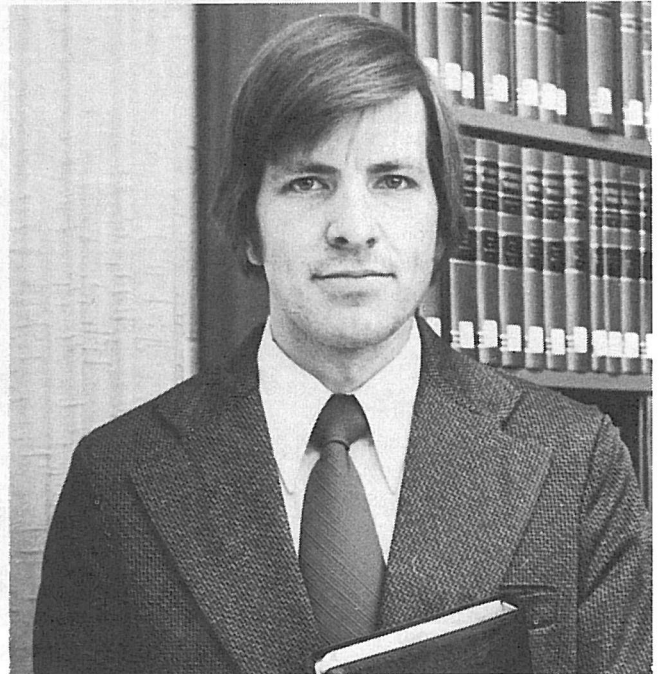
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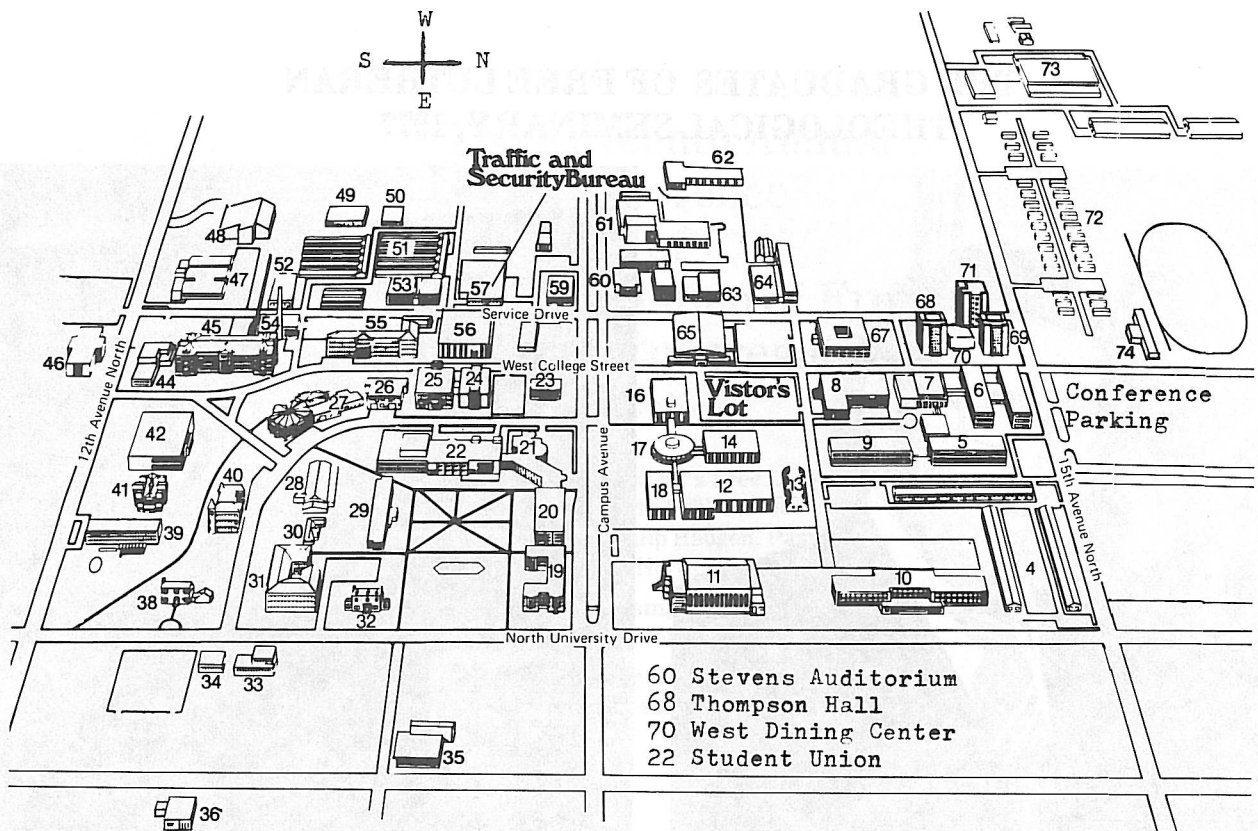
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A map of the Campus of North Dakota State University in Fargo, site of the 1977 Annual Conference of the AFLC, June 8-12. Hector Airport lies to the north of the campus, downtown to the south and east. Interstate I-29 is situated to the west and St. Paul's Lutheran Church to the east.



PART OF THE NDSU CAMPUS, ANNUAL CONFERENCE SITE

The high-rise building on the left is Thompson Hall. Conference headquarters and registration will be in the lobby. The other floors are dormitories and will be used to house conference participants. Two floors in the West high-rise building (in the center and to the rear) have also been reserved for housing AFLC people. The West Dining Hall between the three high-rise buildings will serve meals for the delegates to the Annual Conference.

AFTER 25 YEARS— A TIME TO GIVE THANKS



Galilee Bible Camp, with Lake Bronson in the background.

It is now almost 40 years since the first efforts were made in the Thief River Falls District of the Lutheran Free Church to conduct summer Bible camps for the young people. The first Bible Camp was held at the Covenant Camp Grounds at Warren in June, 1939. Our Bible Camps were conducted at this camp for several years.

As time went on, it became evident that a camp located in the district would be desirable and at the Luther League Convention, November 2, 1947, it was decided to study the possibility of building a camp in the Thief River Falls District. A committee composed of all the pastors of the district and one layman from each parish was appointed to make plans and recommendations for such a camp. Rev. E. Raaum, George Norum and Levin Vagle served successively as chairman of this committee. After considerable study, serious deliberations, and earnest prayer, it was decided to build a camp near Lake Bronson on a site donated by Mr. and Mrs. Vagle. Meanwhile, we continued to

conduct camps each summer, renting Bethany Lutheran Bible Camp on beautiful Grace Lake, east of Bemidji, Minnesota, for four years, 1949 through 1952. In 1953 we used Lake of the Woods Lutheran Bible Camp near Baudette, Minnesota.

On May 19, 1952, the Articles of Incorporation were approved and there was held an election of officers. In a very short time construction designs were accepted and the building of a camp became a serious undertaking. August 31, 1953, was a day of rejoicing when the cornerstone for the first building of our own camp was laid. From 1954 and on our camp has been held at our own Galilee Bible Camp. The Bible Camp now consists of a dining hall and kitchen, spacious chapel, two dormitories, cooks' cabin, speakers' cabin, pastors' cabin and a bath house. At present, a custodian's house is under construction.

When the Lutheran Free Church ceased to function as such, the Galilee Bible Camp was also affected. In 1974, the members of the corporation voted to turn the responsibilities of

the camp over to the churches in the district belonging to the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations. As a result there was a change in the Articles of Incorporation. Because the camp acres are within the Lake Bronson State Park, we were asked to sell some of the original 31.14 acres to the state of Minnesota. In return we also benefited when a new road was constructed in the park. This will be the third successive year that the Family Camp of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations will assemble at Galilee Bible Camp, Aug. 8-14.

As we think of the many who have sacrificed and labored faithfully in building this camp for our district, we are reminded of the words in Nehemiah 4:6: "So built we the wall. . . for the people had a mind to work."

May the Lord continue to lead, guide and direct the work at Galilee Bible Camp and may many precious souls be won and kept for Jesus Christ. May He reward and bless all who have had a part, large or small, in conducting each camp week and in erecting this beautiful Galilee Bible

Camp. Thanks to all who have caught the vision and labored in this phase of God's Kingdom.

Because this year marks 25 years since the Articles of Incorporation for Galilee Bible Camp were approved, the board feels that a day of thanksgiving would be in order. On **Sunday afternoon, June 26, at 2:30 p.m.**, we will meet at **Galilee Bible Camp** to praise the Lord for blessing us these 25 years. The board extends an invitation to everyone to be present with us at this joyful event. A special invitation is extended to all former campers. Let's make this a **Reunion Day at Galilee Bible Camp**. There will be a fellowship program with refreshments to follow.

Submitted by the
25th Anniversary Committee

CONTINUALLY GUIDING

"And the Lord will continually guide you, and satisfy your desire in scorched places"—Isaiah 58:11

Tho' crushed and bleeding

And broken we be,
The Lord is our victor,
Defeat we'll not see.

Continually guiding,

'Long treacherous paths,
He'll satisfy our desires
In scorched places at last.

Our joy is complete,

As we gaze upon Him.
What earthly joy do we need
When our life is a hymn?

For choruses of joy,

Quickly flash thro' our mind
As we join hands with Him,
So graciously kind.

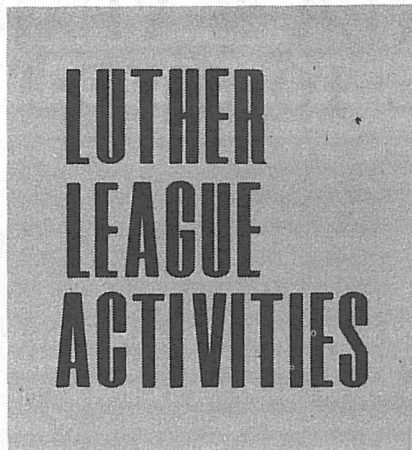
Earthly friends cannot be

As infinitely wise
As our dear Lord who reigns
Up there in the skies.

As His counsel we seek

Each day that we live,
He will not only guide
But all we need He will give.

Mabel Quanbeck
McVille, N. Dak.



WEST COAST DISTRICT LUTHER LEAGUE RALLY HELD

The weekend of April 15-17 was a successful one for the leaguers on the West Coast. Elim Lutheran Church of Lake Stevens, Washington, hosted the annual spring rally. More than 100 young people were in attendance, representing churches from Kirkland, Ferndale, Everett and Lake Stevens, Washington; Eugene and Astoria, Oregon; and Kalispell, Montana. The theme for the weekend was from Matthew 11:28, "Resting in Jesus."

The activities began Friday evening with registration, followed by a sing-spiration and "Fridaes" (ice cream sundaes served on a Friday night!). Saturday morning's activities began with group-family prayer. Leaguers were then given the option to choose one of six Bible Study classes, which included the following: Prayer, Witnessing, "Christian Coolness," Why Give Him Lordship?, Friendships and Patience. The business meeting was then held with the election of officers resulting as follows:

Tim White, Kirkland—re-elected president

Owen Carter, Lake Stevens—vice-president

Donette Carter, Lake Stevens—secretary

Erich Gruber, Everett—treasurer

John Carter, Lake Stevens—devotional life secretary

Pastor Michael Brandt, Lake Stevens—pastoral advisor

After the conclusion of the business

meeting an enchilada lunch was served by the ladies of Elim.

Saturday afternoon was devoted to recreation, offering the leaguers three choices: swimming, roller skating, or basketball and volleyball at a local gymnasium. The banquet was held Saturday evening at the Frontier Village Restaurant at Lake Stevens. Guest speaker was Steve Ridgeway, All-American linebacker from Pacific Lutheran University. The leaguers then were bused to the church for a warm time of sing-spiration and sharing.

The events for Sunday included the regular morning worship services at Elim, the message being given by Pastor Brandt. A Sunday School class for the leaguers, and adults as well, was taught by Pastor John Rieth of Kalispell. The rally was concluded with an early afternoon potluck. In all, it was agreed that it was a weekend well spent for the Lord.

—Donette Carter
Secretary

IN LOVING TRIBUTE

This, then, is the thought: the heroes of the past ought to furnish lesson and diligence to the strugglers of the present.

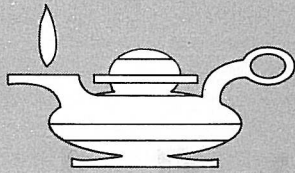
Sad shall be that day, and sure the token of a decaying national life, when thought about, and honor for, those who died to save the nation shall grow dim and cease. To better use flowers can never be put than to lay them in loving tribute on the grave of heroes, and heroes dying in such a cause.

—Doran's Minster's Manual

THE FESTIVAL OF THE SPIRIT

Pentecost is the festival of the Spirit. With every recurring Whitsunday the Church of God reviews again the well-known story of the outpouring of the Spirit upon the first disciples. Almost two thousand years have passed since then. But we still live in the age of the Spirit and under His dispensation of grace.

—F. Hammarsten



SCHOOL NEWS

SPRING BANQUET HELD

The Cardinal Room of the Curtis Hotel in Minneapolis was the setting of the 1977 spring banquet. A large crowd was in attendance at the event on Friday, May 13.

Ken Thoreson, Minneapolis, was the master of ceremonies for a program which featured the musical group from Cloquet, Minn., the New Song. In a departure from tradition, two senior boys gave the talks. Jeff Burmester, Maumee, O., spoke on the Will of God and Joel Rolf, McIntosh, Minn., spoke on the Word of God as a lamp and a light. Both are former student body presidents.

Lorilee Davidson, Webster, S. Dak., and Duane Strand, Abercrombie, N. Dak., read the Class Will and Mike McCarlson, Webster, and Anita Swenson, Thief River Falls, Minn., read the Class Prophecy.

Pastor Kenneth Moland, acting dean of the Bible School, gave the invocation and benediction.

The banquet menu consisted of tomato juice, tossed salad, baked potato, breaded veal cutlet, vegetable, Dutch apple squares and coffee or milk.

PARAGRAPHS FROM AFLBS

The third student chapel of the year was held at the last Monday chapel session, May 16. The speakers were Jon Rognlie, Minnewaukan, N. Dak., Marilee Mortrud, Thief River Falls, Minn., and Ken Thoreson, Minneapolis, Minn. A men's trio, consisting of Jim Nielsen, Kimballton, Ia., Mike McCarlson, Webster, S. Dak., and Tad Spading, Kirkland, Wash., sang.

In a new procedure, student body officers for next fall were elected this spring. Those chosen are Kraig Lerud, Thief River Falls, president;

Jerry Walker, Kenyon, Minn., vice-president; Heidi Gruber, Everett, Wash., secretary; Lynn Sletten, Faith, S. Dak., permanent treasurer; and Tad Spading, Kirkland, chaplain.

The Chapel Singers, the all-girls' chorus, sang at the closing joint chapel service on May 18. The message was brought by Pastor Moland.

An all-school picnic was held on Sunday, May 15, at Mission Farms. But, as can happen at picnics, it began to rain and the softball game was finally stopped. The supper was served in the Rec Room of the boys' dorm and served as a farewell party for Pastor Huglen, too. Tad Spading was the MC.

MINNESOTA CHURCHES VISITED BY CHAPEL SINGERS

The twelve girls in the Chapel Singers, director Don Rodvold and Pastor Huglen made a four-day tour to congregations in Minnesota, April 28-May 1. We travelled in the school van and one car.

Leaving school in mid-afternoon, we came to Scandia Lutheran, Sedan, early and had time to relax before being served supper. Following the concert there was a fellowship luncheon, too, and we had the chance to visit with the people.

On the Choral Club tour a month earlier, the countryside was brown and gray with little sign of spring. Not so now, as we saw the world of nature awakening everywhere. Rita Ward, of that community, showed us a unique private cemetery on our way to Glenwood the next day. It has an ornate gate, overlooks a small lake and contains some statues in addition to the gravestones.

At Glenwood we ate noon lunch and then presented a brief program at one of the rest homes there. The home

overlooks beautiful Lake Minnewaska. There was another stop at Alexandria before journeying on to Bethany Lutheran, Blue Grass, Minn. The church has gained a new entry and addition during the year and the people are enjoying this very much. Five of the girls, Don and I had visited Bethany a year before with the Choral Club. Lunch was served after the program there, too.

With extra time on Saturday, we drove back to Minneapolis for several hours before going out to Sunnyside Lutheran, Stacy, for supper and the concert there. The folks had prepared a turkey supper for us.

On Sunday morning we were at Victory in Christ Lutheran in St. Paul. The congregation worships in a community building while their own church is being built. That evening we were at Faith Lutheran, Minneapolis, where we watched the film on witnessing, "Like a Mighty Army," as well as giving our program. A fellowship lunch was served.

It was a short trip, but all went well and we trust that blessings came upon those who heard us. Our hearts were warmed through the visits to the congregations.

The final appearance of the Chapel Singers was at the last joint chapel service of the year.

—Raynard Huglen

SUMMER SHORT COURSE DETAILS GIVEN

The following classes will be offered in the Short Course at Free Lutheran Theological Seminary, July 25-August 5. Rev. John Strand will teach a class in Worship the first week. Rev. Amos Dyrud will teach I and II Peter both weeks. Hebrews will be taught by Rev. Kenneth D. Moland both weeks and Rev. Francis Monseth will conduct a course in the Means of Grace (Word and Sacraments) the second week.

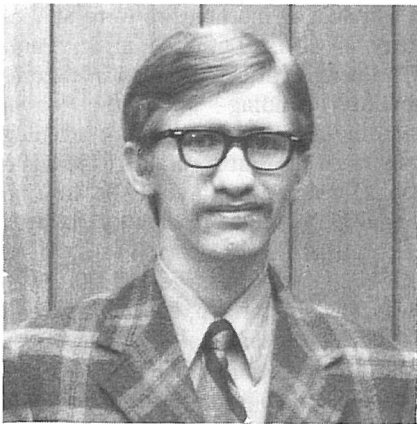
The registration fee is \$5.00. Rooms are available in the dormitories at \$2.00 per day; pillows and blankets are not provided. Meals can be obtained in area restaurants.

For a class schedule and other information, please write to Rev. Amos Dyrud, Dean, Free Lutheran Seminary, 3110 E. Medicine Lake Blvd., Minneapolis, Minn. 55441.

**FARGO PASTOR
WELCOMES DELEGATES**

"Since we have a great high priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith... let us hold fast the confession of our hope... let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds... encouraging one another...."

It is with these thoughts in mind that your invitation to the city of Fargo is extended for the Annual Conference of the Association Free Lutheran Congregations, 1977. On behalf of St. Paul's Free Lutheran Church, Fargo... a hearty welcome.



Rev. Philip Haugen

The preparations for the conference here are going forward. The site of the conference is the campus of North Dakota State University; the daily sessions will be held in the modern, air-conditioned, cushion-seated Stevens Auditorium. You are encouraged to come for this time of fellowship... planning... encouragement... and service in the Kingdom of God.

May God bless you as you make plans, and may He keep you as you travel on the way.

Philip Haugen, Pastor
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Fargo, North Dakota

"Discipline your son while there is hope; do not set your heart on his destruction."—Prov. 19:18

"Remove not the ancient landmark which your fathers have set."—Prov. 22:28

The Best of Hallelujah

AN OBJECT LESSON

"My son, give me thy heart!" (Proverbs 23:26).

They had just had family devotions. The father had just read the very same words from the Scriptures that we have just heard. Little Randi was not more than eight years old, but she was a thoughtful little girl. However, she could not understand what her father had read that day. When the devotions were concluded, she went over to her father and said: "What do we do when we give God our hearts?"

"That I shall tell you; but first go and get your little purse."

Randi was very willing to do that because every time her father asked her to go and get her purse he put some money into it. When Randi returned with her purse, her father put a whole dollar into it. Randi beamed with joy. At that moment she probably forgot her question completely.

But her father had not forgotten it. Now he spoke up: "You asked me just now how we give God our hearts. Then I asked you to go and get your purse. You did, and gave it to me. It was empty and I put a dollar into it. That is the way we give God our hearts. It is empty of all that God would have it contain. But then God takes our empty hearts and fills them. And do you know with what He fills them?"

Randi sat and looked at her father with large eyes. She really did not know what she should answer.

"Well," said her father, "He puts Jesus into our hearts. Remember that you received Jesus into your heart when you were a wee little child. When you were baptized, Jesus came into your heart."

"And will He never leave me?" asked Randi.

"No," said her father. "He does not want to leave you. But He must depart from many hearts. For if we do anything that we know is sinful and we refuse to ask Jesus to forgive us, then Jesus cannot stay in our hearts any longer."

Randi understood this. And she was glad that she, too, could give her heart to Jesus.

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editorials

FATHER'S DAY

There has been an upswing in attention paid to Father's Day in our country and that is all to the good. It was natural that Mother's Day become very popular. Mother is worthy of that. But Father deserves honor also as partner with his wife in establishing the home and head of the family in the human sense.

Sometimes fathers abdicate their responsibilities as leaders even though they continue to live in the house. It is unfortunate when the mother has to assume a dual role in such cases. It is not the God-ordained way.

Many fathers do fulfill their responsibility to wife and children. The thought of such evokes good feeling and thanksgiving. What a force for good and for healthful development when a father is a good example for his children and shows them God's way by walking in it himself.

Fathers, we honor you today. We thank you for what you mean to us. Always remember the great responsibility which is yours. Ask the Lord to help you to meet it.

TEN YEARS AGO AT FARGO

It is ten years ago since the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations last met in Fargo, gateway to the West, in annual conference. One other conference was held there, the first regular one, in 1963.

But what happened at Fargo ten years ago? Perhaps a backward look over that span of time will help us to see where we have come as a church fellowship.

The dominating item of business at that conference was the decision to build a dormitory for girls at the new Bible School (begun in 1966) in Minneapolis. The cost of the building, together with the garage, was estimated at \$200,000, apart from the furnishings. The dormitory

would house male students, too, until other accommodations could be made for them. \$75,000 was to be raised before construction could begin. Toward that end a thrust called "One Grand Fellowship" (gifts of \$1,000) was begun, spearheaded by the late Prof. George Soberg. Many such gifts came in at the conference itself.

That dormitory was built and was occupied in September, 1968. Subsequently, a dormitory for boys was erected also and occupied in October, 1974. For the present, we have adequate facilities, although the smaller boys' dorm was taxed to capacity this past winter. But, ten years later, a considerable debt remains on both dorms. This year's conference must wrestle with the problem of materially and systematically reducing those debts before further building needs arise at the Schools.

It was reported to that conference that 11 congregations had affiliated with the AFLC during the year. All of them continue as active congregations in the fellowship. Their admission brought the total of churches in the AFLC to about 91. Today the roster numbers about 130, so there has been progress in that area, although it has slowed noticeably in the last couple years.

In his report to the church, Rev. John P. Strand bemoaned the pastoral shortage. He saw the need for pastors, missionaries and teachers. Ten years later the situation remains much the same, although two or three years hence the shortage could be much less than it is today. President Strand pointed out to the conference in Fargo that up to that time the AFLC president had not been able to devote full time to that office. That situation has changed for the better, but now and again he has had to help out with Seminary or even Bible School teaching.

The 1967 Annual Conference also established the name of the Bible School to be "Association Lutheran Bible School." A later conference added the word "Free" to the name.

We notice, in looking back in the records, that we lamented editorially after the conference that congregational representation was not all that good. A third of them were not represented by a lay delegate and of the two-thirds represented, they were not all together at any one conference session. We pointed out that the freedom of the congregation involves the freedom not to be represented at an annual conference. "But," we asked, "why does this situation exist? Is this the exercise of responsible freedom?"

And that situation still exists at our conferences, we are afraid, and the question is still pertinent. Here is a place and a time to urge full congregational representation at the 15th Annual Conference in Fargo. It is the Lord's work we are about. Let us be every bit as concerned about the representation of the local units as we are for organizations such as the American Legion, Farmers' Union, Farm Bureau, Kiwanis, etc. We should be more concerned, but we'll start with this.

God give us good days in Fargo and may we dedicate ourselves to the reviewal of our work and the making of the hard decisions (the necessary decisions) which will enable us to move forward in a God-honoring way in God-pleasing work.

Women For Christ

HOME

by Mrs. Donald Nelson,
Mahtowa, Minn.

What makes a home a happy place? My daughter, when asked a question similar to this by her Sunday School teacher, answered, "A home where Jesus lives in Mom's and Dad's and the children's hearts."

With Jesus there is real love because "God is love." Ephesians 5:25 says, "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave Himself for it." I Peter tells husbands to give honor to their wives as unto the weaker vessel. The spirit of love requires a husband to honor his wife. The husband is also to be the spiritual leader in the home. This will help a wife to deeply respect her husband, obeying, praising, and honoring him as the Bible commands us to do in Ephesians 3:31. A wife should think of those things which will encourage and bless her husband's life. She should be neat at home and keep the house a clean and comfortable place for her husband to come home to. God made women first, last, and always, homemakers. A woman can't meet God's standards for a wife unless she is a Christian.

Children are to love and respect their parents and obey them in the Lord. Jesus was obedient to His parents and while He was growing up the grace of God was upon Him.

God has given us seven children and they have been obedient and respectful to us. When we have had small problems and disagreements, God has given us patience and a spirit of forgiveness toward each other and has helped us over the rough spots. We thank God for our family, our home and for the times we can all be together.

Home is such an important place, a good place to be. God truly blesses a home where His beloved Son lives and is loved and has first place in the hearts of those living there.

Jesus said, "In My Father's house are many mansions... I go to prepare a place for you." Jesus is inviting us to live in His home in Heaven. In John 17:24, Jesus is pleading for us when He says, "Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am." What a precious Savior we have. So the best is yet to come, a home in Heaven for all who have put their faith and trust in Jesus as Lord and Savior of their lives.

EBEN JCT. CHURCH SCENE OF WOMEN'S GATHERING

Calvary Lutheran Church in Eben Jct., Michigan, hosted the spring rally for the Northern Michigan Women's Missionary Federation on Saturday, April 23. Rev. Wallace Jackson was host pastor.

The theme for the day was "Serve the Lord with Gladness," based on Psalm 100:2. "I Will Serve Thee" was the theme song for the meeting. The district president, Mrs. Helen Woimanen, presided over the sessions. Mrs. Williams had Scripture and prayer. Mrs. Elvira Stephens conducted the morning Bible study on the Beatitudes. She brought out that the Beatitudes are descriptions of Jesus Christ, what He taught, lived and was. Also they describe the attitudes in a believer's life.

Several ladies of Calvary Church put on a skit—"Who's Telling the Truth," bringing out the character of a faithful WMF member.

Mrs. Fern Peterson had the afternoon Scripture and prayer. The host church provided musical numbers, Mrs. Dee Morgan favored us with a solo and a quartet also sang.

Pastor Langness brought a challenge with his message, "Serve the Lord with Gladness." Love is to be the motivating factor in our service.

An offering was received for Cradle Roll and Junior Missions.

Several ladies took part in a very interesting "sharing time."

Mrs. Woimanen closed the meeting, reminding us to "Serve the Lord with Gladness."

Mrs. Waino Kangas
Secretary

MUSIC FEATURED AT WOMEN'S LUNCHEON

A women's luncheon was held at St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Cloquet, Minn., on Saturday, April 16. The ladies enjoyed musical numbers by the Finnish Ladies' Chorus and the "Group of Gals" from St. Paul's. A message on "Women of the Bible" was given by Rev. Francis Monseth from the AFLC Seminary.

Approximately 75 ladies gathered for the singspiration and fellowship.

—Verona Krohn



Left to right, (standing) Judy Moan, Robin Nelson and Barb Elmquist; (sitting) Sue Erickson and Cathy Seibel.

MINNEAPOLIS DISTRICT WOMEN MET AT STACY

The spring rally of the Minneapolis District Women's Missionary Federation was held on Tues., Apr. 12, at Sunnyside Lutheran Church, rural Stacy, Minn. Rev. Wendell Johnson was the host pastor. The beautiful

spring weather was an added blessing to the day for the 99 women registered, representing 15 churches. Our theme was "Ask in Faith, Believing," based on Matt. 7:7-11. The theme song was "Faith Is the Victory." Vocal duets were provided during the day by Rev. and Mrs. Wendell Johnson, accompanied by Evelyn Knutson.

The speaker for both sessions was Rev. Richard Gunderson. He spoke of discipleship as implying a commitment to a person, the learner to the learned. We must be committed to Jesus, the Learned One. His afternoon topic was Apostleship. The divine love of Jesus Christ pushes us to share with others. We were challenged to pray in faith that God would help us to be what He wants us to be.

An election of officers was held. The results were: vice-president, Mrs. Victor Parsons, Victory in Christ, St. Paul; secretary, Mrs. Clifford Nelson, Emmanuel, Kenyon; My Missionary for a Day secretary, Mrs. Kenneth Moland, Medicine Lake, Minneapolis; Cradle Roll secretary, Mrs. Ralph Beyer, Sunnyside, Stacy; and nominating committee, Mrs. John Koski, Morgan Ave., Minneapolis, Mrs. Amos Stolee, Hauge, Kenyon, and Mrs. Edmund McDonough, Sunnyside, Stacy. Offerings were given to Honorary Membership—In Memoriam and Schools.



Left to right, Martha Johnson, Sylvia Juntunen, Olga Luukonen, Ruth Johnson, Laina Wiiret, Aili Siltanen, Pearl Onstead. Not present when the picture was taken were Ida Knutila and Ingrid Tan.

Many of the guests travelled many miles to attend this rally, especially those from Boscobel, Wis., and Radcliffe, Ia. The Iowa group started on the road at 3:30 a.m. We are grateful

to God for providing safety, and for the many challenges we were met with during the day.

Mrs. Burton Boyum
Secretary

GRACE CHURCH RECEIVES NEW MEMBERS



Pictured above are the new members received into membership in Grace Lutheran Church, Bagley, Minn., on March 27. Not necessarily in order, they are Mr. and Mrs. Burnett Sims, Tammie and Randy, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Stenseng and Joel, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Fisher, Mrs. Beverly Hanson, Mr. Jeff Hanson, Mrs. Richard Djernes and Darren and Mrs. Olga Jordahl and Melinda. Mauritz Lundeen is pastor of the congregation.

Fellowship Corner

THE POWER OF MUSIC

The Tabor Lutheran Church of Webster, S. Dak., of the Lake Region Parish, Rev. Howard Kjos, pastor, will celebrate her 75th anniversary on June 4th and 5th.

After reading the invitation to attend and noting the verse, Psalm 95:1: "O come, let us sing to the

Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation," I thought how appropriate this theme verse is for the Tabor congregation. They are blessed with a heritage of good musical talent which they use to praise the Lord.

The organist, Mrs. Rueben Nelson, is the granddaughter of Mrs. Betsy Dalager, a charter member of the congregation. Her courage is well known in this area as she and her family were trapped in a prairie fire in 1888. At that time Mrs. Dalager's mother, Guri Dalager, perished in the prairie fire, but Mrs. Betsy Dalager jumped into a well and as a result became an invalid the rest of her life. Her children, a son, Andrew Dalager (Mrs. Nelson's father) and Sophie (Mrs. John McCarlson, my husband's grandmother) were saved by remaining on a strip of ploughed land. Three other children in the family were also saved, one was Mrs. Julia Chilson of Webster.

This brave, invalid lady was the "root" which branched into a tree of beautiful voices singing praises unto the Lord.

There is power behind every song. The power of God. It is His method of bringing all who believe the Gospel of heaven.

Paul and Silas were arrested for doing the work of the Lord. Around midnight they sang praises to God. Suddenly there was a great earthquake. All the doors flew open and the chains fell off every prisoner! The jailer woke to see the prison doors wide open, and assuming the prisoners had escaped, drew his sword to kill himself.

"Don't do it," shouted Paul. "We are all here." The jailer ran into the dungeon and brought them out and asked, "What must I do to be saved?" "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved," said Paul.

Yes, there is power behind every Gospel song, and Psalm 7:17 says, "I will sing praises to the name of the Lord." Tabor will have a "Music Festival" on the evening of June 5 and as so often before during the past 75 years, the voices of all the community will be united to sing praises to the Lord.

Mrs. Arnold McCarlson
Eagle Butte, S. Dak.

PASTOR OLSON AT HATTON SERVES AS HOME CHAPLAIN

On March 31 Pastor Orville T. Olson was installed as the first chaplain of Tri-County Retirement and Nursing Home, Hatton, N. Dak. Area pastors taking part in the service were Pastors R. Jacobson and J. Erickson of Hatton and Chaplain J. O. Johanson of the Home in Northwood, N. Dak. The Tri-County Home is a 60-bed, skilled-care facility owned and operated by eight local Lutheran churches.

Tri-County Retirement and Nursing Home has previously been served on a rotation basis by the area pastors. Chaplain Olson will conduct two weekly services as well as personal visitation to the residents. "Area pastors will be most welcome to visit the Home and residents at any time," stated Administrator Rodney Alme. On behalf of the board and himself, he expressed gratitude to Zoar Lutheran Church for their concern and willingness to share their pastor with them.

At a duly called congregational meeting, the members of Zoar voted unanimously to approve Pastor Olson's serving in this capacity. Representing Zoar as a board member of Tri-County is Mr. Rufus Kamphaugh.

LEM PLANS SECOND DEEPER LIFE CONFERENCE AT MEDICINE LAKE

The Lutheran Evangelistic Movement is planning to hold a second annual Deeper Life Conference at Association Free Lutheran Bible School this summer. The dates are June 27-July 3.

The morning Bible hour at 9 will be led by veteran Bible teacher and conference speaker, Philip G. Hanson. Mrs. Evelyn Christenson will speak at the Deeper Life hour at 10:45 and her topic will be "What Happens When We Pray?" Rev. Steve Lombardo, an LEM evangelist, will preach at the evening services at 7:30. Rev. Laurel M. Udden, LEM Director, will be the dean for the conference and leader of the Assembly Hour.

The Registrar is Jacquelyn Todd, 13 South 9th Street, Minneapolis, Minn. 55402. Rooms and meals are available on the campus. Maximum

charge for dorm and meals for adults and youth is \$46.00, and for children 11 and below, \$41.00. Registration fees are \$7.50 and \$6.50 respectively.

IN MEMORIAM

Harriet Soderberg, formerly
of Buxton, N. Dak.

In countless kindly, gentle ways
She lived a sermon all her days,
Believing in the "Rule of Gold"
And making friends—both young and
old.

Enjoying life, its work, its fun,
She sought the best in everyone.
Living her faith from day to day,
She sowed good seed along the way.

Now death has set her spirit free
In fields of immortality,
To claim a task of greater worth
Than any she had known on earth.

Hazel Samuelson

SOME BIBLE CAMP OPPORTUNITIES IN THE AFLC, SUMMER, 1977

Galilee, Lake Bronson, Minn.

June 20-24—Pre-teen camp, ages 10
to 12.

June 24-26—Young adult retreat (high
school juniors and up)

June 27-July 3—District youth Bible
Camp (Northern Minnesota District)
Whitewater, Rochester, Minn.

June 20-25—Minneapolis District
Camp for those entering grade 8 and
above. Faculty: Rev. Wendell John-
son, Rev. Allan Monson and Mr.
Wayne Pederson.

Grace Lake, Bemidji, Minn.

June 23-30—Youth Bible Camp

Lakewood, Devils Lake, N. Dak.

July 4-10—Eastern North Dakota Dis-
trict Family Camp.

AFLC Family Camp

August 8-14—Galilee Bible Camp,
Lake Bronson, Minn.

DR. OLSON TO TEACH AT BIBLE CAMP IN CANADA

Dr. Iver Olson, professor emeritus at the Association Schools, has been named as one of the faculty members at the Lutheran Bible Camp at Elbow, Sask. The camp will be in session July 2-10 and is a family camp.

Other teachers beside Dr. Olson will be Rev. Raymond Olson, a Lutheran Evangelistic Movement evangelist in Canada, and Miss Connie Lundstrom of Canadian Lutheran Bible Institute in Camrose, Alta. Evening speaker will be Rev. Carl Jensen of Seattle, Wash., another LEM evangelist.

HAUGE BIBLE CAMP WILL BE JUNE 21 TO JUNE 26

The Hauge Federation summer Family Bible Camp will be held June 21-26 at Lake Spitzer, Clitherall, Minn. Featured speaker will be Rev. Arne Gronning of Oslo, Norway. Pre-registrations should be sent to Delbert Erickson, 2016 Elton Hills Dr., Rochester, Minn. 55901. There is a maximum family rate of \$150 for the week. Per person charges range from \$5.00 for a child under 5 to \$35.00 for someone 19 years or older.

PASSING OF ARTHUR NASH NOTED

Dr. Arthur Nash, long-time teacher in the sciences at Augsburg College, Minneapolis, Minn., passed away on March 12 in Minneapolis. In addition to his work in the college Biology department, Dr. Nash was a naturalist at Yellowstone National Park for 28 years.

He is survived by his wife Violet; a sister Mrs. Hjalmer (Regina) Hoaglund; and nieces and nephews. One sister (Clara) had been married to the late Rev. H. P. Halvorson.

The funeral service was held on March 16 at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, with Rev. Carl Jensen officiating. Burial was in Lakewood Cemetery. The pallbearers were George Sverdrup, Harold Nash, Sigvald Hjelmeland, Eldon Lund, John Nash and Clarence Lund.

A tribute of respect was given by Mr. Erwin Mickleberg. The Nordkap Male Chorus, of which he had been a member, sang, under the direction of Mr. Kenneth Lower. Mrs. Caroline Bliss was the organist.

Blessed be his memory.



THE FIRST PSALM

Blessed is the man that never
Doth in godless counsel meet;
Nor in sinners' way stand ever,
Nor sit in the scorner's seat,
But on God's all-perfect law
Meditates with holy awe:—
Day and night he delves for treasure
In the Word—'tis all his pleasure.

As a tree that has been planted
By the flowing waters fair,
In its season o'er is planted
Fruits and foliage to bear,
So is he, the righteous, seen
Ever fruitful, ever green,
And his leaf shall wither never,
All he does shall prosper ever.

To the wicked 'tis not given
Such a happy lot to share;
As the chaff by wind is driven
So shall the ungodly fare;
They in judgment shall not stand,
Nor be in the righteous band:
These the Lord forsaketh never,
Those shall be cast off forever.

For the Lord His people knoweth,
His pure eyes behold their way,
And the blessing He bestoweth
Is their heritage for aye:
But the wicked ever tend
To their doom and to their end:
God will all the righteous cherish,
But the wicked ones shall perish.

P. Gerhardt
(from *Child's Friend*)

"Hear, my son, your father's instruction,
and reject not your mother's
teaching."—Prov. 1:8

"A foolish son is a grief to his father
and bitterness to her who bore him."
—Prov. 17:25

SATAN

The devil is a sly one with disciples
everywhere,
He walks abroad upon the earth, his
spirit fills the air.
His ears can catch the faintest
thought, a watchful eye he keeps,
For one thing can be said in certain—
Satan never sleeps!
A man can never say, "I'll rest for
I've cast out all sin,"

For while he is a-talking, Satan's
climbing back again.
He's not content to stay within the
dens of crime and vice;
Some of his best and dearest friends
are those considered "nice."
His close companion is abundance,
he cajoles the proud,
And how he loves the prideful souls
that like to play at God!
Oft times he fights for what seems
right, disguising guile with grace,
For Satan wears his evil ways behind
a pious face.

The devil is out walking and he
spreads his nets abroad;
His greatest gain is to entrap a
worker of the Lord.
The obvious is easy, it is the well-
hidden snares
That seek to whisk a careless soul
to his camp unawares,
For Satan "loves" the Bible as if it
were his own book;
He uses it to trap people who don't
take a second look.
It's his delight to take the truth and
twist it roundabout,
He adds a bit to some of it and tosses
the rest out.

He plants the doubt of miracles,
proclaims that God is dead;
His church forgets that men have
souls and concentrates on bread.
Don't underestimate the devil, he's
in church, you know.
He wears a cowl of holy love and sits
in the first row.
He stirs a controversy and concern
with earthly life;
He finds a lot of helpless sheep in
churches torn with strife.

Beware of being saved by works, it's
Satan's brightest goal,
Increasing Hell's domain with a host
of hapless souls.
For when works take precedence,
ego is not far away,
With ego rides the devil all set
for a harvest day.

The only way to save our souls
is by the grace of Him
Who suffered on the devil's cross
that our souls might be free.
Old Satan was defeated there, a fact
he doesn't tell—

The grace of Christ gives Heaven,
many are the roads to Hell!

Marlene Moline
Lansing, Iowa

A MINISTER'S MUSINGS




"I can't tell you what he said." A
five year old boy was reporting to his
mother concerning his uncle's reac-
tion after having driven into a grain
elevator. Later that day when the
uncle came in for dinner the mother
told him that her son had stated that
he couldn't repeat what Uncle had
said. That man was so convicted that
he said, "I'm going to have to start
going to church." He now realized
what a poor example he was to his
little nephew.

A lady in a church that I was serv-
ing told an incident about her little
granddaughter. This little girl's father
never went to church. One day this
girl was playing with a neighbor boy.
The boy suggested, "Let's play
church. I'll be the daddy, and you be
the mommy." Hearing this, the girl
responded, "But daddies don't go to
church." When this remark was
passed on to the girl's daddy he was
smitten in his heart. He, too, realized
what a bad example he had been.

A young minister, when he was or-
dained, remarked that at one period
of his life he was nearly an infidel.
"But," said he, "there was one argu-
ment in favor of Christianity which
I could never refute—the consistent
conduct of my father."

Jesus reminds us of the importance
of our example to our children when
He says, "But whoever causes one of
these little ones who believe in me
to sin, it would be better for him to
have a great millstone fastened
'round his neck and to be drowned
in the depth of the sea." What sort
of example are we in our speech and
conduct? May we never cause any
child to stumble, but rather point them
to Jesus.

—Einar Unseth



The Fifteenth Annual Conference of The Association of Free Lutheran Congregations

June 8-12, 1977

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The sessions will be held on the Campus of North Dakota State University
Fargo, North Dakota

Theme: "We Are God's Workmanship"
Conference Text: Ephesians 2:1-10

AGENDA

Wednesday, June 8, 1977:

9:00 a.m. — The Conference Committees meet for devotions, instructions, and room assignments in the Recreation Room, ground floor, Thompson Hall, NDSU.

8:00 p.m. — The opening service of the Conference with the sermon on the conference text by Pastor Dennis Gray, Spicer, Minnesota. The host pastor, the Rev. Philip Haugen, will lead the service. The opening of the Conference and appointment of necessary committees by Pastor John P. Strand. Offering to the General Fund.

Thursday, June 9, 1977

9:00 a.m. — Devotions
Report of the Credentials Committee, always in order.
Election of the Committee on Nominations for the 1978 Conference.
The President's Report.
The Report of the Chairman of the Coordinating Committee, Pastor Wendell Johnson.
Financial Report, Pastor Albert Hautamaki
Report of the Treasurer of the Family Bible Camp, Mrs. Harold Erickson, New York Mills, Minnesota.
Report of the Budget Analysis Committee
Report of the Nominating Committee, always in order.
Election of nominees for the Mission Corporation and the Schools Corporation
Report of Committee No. 1

11:30 a.m. — Prayer Hour. The Prayer Hours will be lead by Pastor Einar Unseth, Ortley, South Dakota.

2:00 p.m. — Devotions
Report of the Credentials Committee
Election of nominees to the Mission Boards and the School Board.
Election of the Vice-President and the Secretary of the AFLC.
Continuing discussion of the report of Committee No. 1
Election of Nominees to the Coordinating Committee
Election of Committee No. 1 for the 1978 Conference

The report of the Chairman of the School Board, Mr. Stanley Holmaas, Newfolden, Minnesota

The report of the Dean of the Theological Seminary, Pastor Amos Dyrud

The report of the Acting Dean of the Bible School, Pastor Kenneth Moland

Report of Committee No. 2

The election of a Dean for the Bible School.

5:30 p.m. — The Seminary Corporation meets in the West Dining Center, NDSU.

8:00 p.m. — Mission Festival Service conducted by the Women's Missionary Federation. Message by Pastor Kenneth Moland.

Friday, June 10, 1977:

7:00 a.m. — The Missionary Corporation meets at the West Dining Center, NDSU.

9:00 a.m. — Devotions
Report of the Credentials Committee

Continuing discussion of the report of Committee No. 2

Election of Committee No. 2 for the 1978 Conference.

A report of the Schools Corporation meeting
The report of the Chairman of the Foreign Mission Board, Pastor Alvin Grothe

The report of the Chairman of the Home Mission Board, Pastor Herbert Franz

The report of the Home Mission Director, Pastor Elden Nelson

The report of the Chairman of the Evangelism Commission, Pastor Trygve F. Dahle

The report of Committee No. 3

11:30 a.m. — Prayer Hour

2:00 p.m. — Devotions

Report of the Credentials Committee

Continuing discussion of the report of Committee No. 3

A report of the Missions Corporation meeting.

6:00 p.m. — Banquet for the pastors and their wives in the Ballroom of the Student Union, NDSU

8:00 p.m. — Worship Service conducted by laymen of the Church.

The service will be led by Mr. Ernest Miedema, Valley City, North Dakota.

The message will be given by Mr. Ralph Peterson, Portland, North Dakota

Offering to the Praise Program.

Saturday, June 11, 1977:

9:00 a.m. — Devotions

Report of the Credentials Committee

Continuing discussion of the report of Committee No. 3

Election of members to the Commission of Evangelism.

Election of Committee No. 3 for the 1978 Annual Conference

Report of the Chairman of the Board of Publications and Parish Education, Mr. Palmer Haugen

Report of the Executive Secretary of the Department of Parish Education, Miss Judith Wold

Report of the Chairman of the Youth Board, Pastor Rodger Olson

Report of the Luther League Federation, Pastor Richard Anderson

Report of Committee No. 4

11:30 a.m. — Prayer Hour

2:00 p.m. — Devotions

Report of the Credentials Committee

Report of the Colloquy Committee

Election of members to the Board of Publications and Parish Education, and the Youth Board

Election of Committee No. 4 for the 1978 Annual Conference.

Election of the Colloquy Committee for the 1978 Annual Conference.

Report of the Chairman of the Stewardship Board, Pastor Edwin Kjos

Report of the Chairman of the Board of Pensions, Mr. Clifford Holm

Report of Committee No. 5

Election of members to the Stewardship Board, and the Board of Pensions.

Election of Committee No. 5 for the 1978 Annual Conference

Reports of special committees

Election of the Budget Analysis Committee for 1978

Report of Committee No. 1 as the Committee on General Resolutions.

8:00 p.m. — Youth Night at the Conference.

The service will be led by Pastor Rodger Olson, Grafton, North Dakota.

Pastor Richard Anderson, Minneapolis, Minnesota will speak.

Offering to Home Missions.

Sunday, June 12, 1977:

8:00 a.m. — Communion Service.

Pastor Philip Haugen, Liturgist

Pastor Philip Featherstone, Preacher

10:30 a.m. — Worship Service with the message by Pastor Eugene Enderlein.

Commissioning Service for Pastor Dean Casselton

Offering to Foreign Missions.

2:00 p.m. — Ordination Service, and/or closing of the Conference.

Message by Pastor John Strand.

Offering to Schools.

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Pastor Dennis Gray

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