## Meditation Moments

GRACE, MERCY, AND PEACE

"Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord" (I Tim. 1:2). So often we read these words, especially "grace and peace," in the letters of Paul. This time it is his greeting to a special friend, Timothy. They are special words to the Christian, and worthy of our understanding and use. Let us look briefly at these three gifts of God.

### Grace

Grace has a prominent place in the greetings and benedictions of the epistles, and well it might. Paul speaks so eloquently of that grace and what it has brought to us. He shows clearly that man is a sinner, but God justified him by grace and treats him, though guilty, as though he had never sinned.

The believer's position in grace cannot be explained by anything in himself; it comes by the will of God. Every step of the Christian life is due to grace. Paul knows that his call was by grace (Gal. 1:15). Our repentance is wrought by grace ((II Tim. 2:25), and the fact that we live by faith is accounted for by grace (Eph. 2:8, 9).

The word grace has been overused and misused with some harmful results. But there is always a single main idea: that all a Christian has or is, is centered entirely in God and Christ and depends utterly on God through Christ.

## Mercy

It is said that whereas grace is concerned for us as guilty, mercy deals with our misery. God in His mercy delivered us from the misery of sin, but we still need His daily mercies. Even having known the grace of God and living by that, we still sin. Then our misery is greater, knowing that we grieve God. But our God is the "Father of mercies" (II Cor. 1:3) and we can always approach the throne of grace, and "receive mercy" and "find grace to help in time of need" (Heb. 4:16).

Consider the mercy of God. It is tender mercy: it heals the broken heart; a gentle touch for the troubled spirit. God's mercy is great: like God Himself, it is infinite. It is so great it forgives great sins to great sinners, which is beyond our understanding. God's mercy is undeserved: it has to be so, for mercy by nature cannot be deserved. God's mercy is unfailing: the lovingkindness which is everlasting. It will never leave you, for God will never leave you. It is your friend, as He is your friend.

## Peace

In our sins we can never know peace, but having been justified by faith, God gives us peace through our Lord Jesus Christ. Peace will come only as God removes sin's enmity through the sacrifice of Christ, "through the blood of His cross" (Col. 1:20). Inward peace will follow.

This, too, is a gift of God, and will never be fully achieved by human means. It is completeness, soundness, well-being. That is never a natural state, as we well know. God alone makes all things complete and well. It is not merely the elimination of strife or discord or anxiety, but a positive change seen in the harmony and true functioning of the believer in the body of Christ. It is the peace of God, "which surpasses all comprehension, (that) shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:7).

What a beautiful greeting to extend to someone who has experienced these things. Our greetings should be of like nature more often. How much better than the casual "Hi! How are ya?" How am I? By grace I am a child of God, heir of eternal riches in glory. I have known His mercies which are new every morning. He has given me peace, that I may be at peace with God and myself.

It is by these acts of God that we are one in the Spirit. Of these we have received, and by these we will live. Grace, mercy, and peace be with you.

-Wesley Langaas

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## CONVICTION, COURAGE AND REFORMATION

by Rev. Dean Casselton, Zumbrota, Minn.

"Sometime during this year, 1512-1513, Martin Luther brought to a focus for the first time the conflicting elements of his thought, and saw them temporarily in such clarity and in such harmony that he named this experience as the birthday of his faith. In the tower of the "Black Cloister" where Luther often studied, he kept his attention on the great text in Romans 1:17, 'The just shall live by faith.' The whole problem of his life, since first he felt the call of religion, from boyhood days, was the problem of sin and the acceptance of his life in the sight of God. He believed so thoroughly in the perfect righteousness and perfect justice of God, and he felt so thoroughly his own sinfulness, that he could not understand how anyone could be just or justified in the sight of God" Oak of Saxony.

Luther brought to mind the teachings of Paul, of Bernard and of Augustine, he remembered the constant advice of Staupitz to look upon the crucifixion. Paul in countless places centered his whole thought around the crucifixion.

By belief in the crucifixion could he, Luther, find release from this burden of sinfulness? Was it, then, by faith in the historic work of Christ? Paul must have meant by faith in the acceptance of the work of Christ! He must have meant by faith that God had through Christ wrought a justification of sinful men who would open their lives to his Word!

This was the hour of his freedom, it was the hour of "illumination." For

Martin Luther came face to face with the truth of God's Word and as Jesus said, "and you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." There was now within the heart and mind of Martin Luther a new faith, it was a faith that was no longer based upon the work of man, but upon the grace of God, no longer based upon the fear of God, but on the love of God. Now Martin Luther possessed a faith not of words but of conviction. This conviction led him down a road that was to be filled with war and strife. filled with days of joy and heartache. He was used of God to bring a Reformation to a world lost in darkness and sin.

The story of Martin Luther and the events of the Reformation have been told over and over again, yet it still holds a message for you and me today, that of conviction and of courage. Both are the qualities that we find throughout the Bible instilled in the great reformers of their time.

We will focus upon three words as we look at the message of the Reformation for today: conviction, courage and reformation, their meaning and application then and now.

Our first word, conviction, according to Webster, is a convincing or being convinced, also a strong belief. From this we must understand that faith that is not set into conviction is not strong faith, it is not a faith that changes our life. We must also understand that faith that is not set in our conviction is unstable, inconsistent, and changeable at every wind of doc-

trine or at every sign that we might suffer for what we say we believe.

On the day Martin Luther's faith became conviction this great reformer changed. We read from *Oak of Saxony*,

"He (Luther) ceased to be the introspecting troubled monk that he had been in the Erfurt days, and became the strong, assured, confident leader, enjoying the respect and confidence of his entire circle."

When conviction takes hold in a life then is born a new courage. On this word Mr. Webster says this: heart spirit, the attitude or response of facing and dealing with anything recognized as dangerous, difficult, or painful, instead of withdrawing from it; quality of being fearless or brave; valor; pluck.

There can be no doubt that this was a quality that we find in Dr. Martin. When he was set free, then there grew in him a new kind of courage, that which comes in the form of the Holy Spirit of God. His faith became so real to him, all that he was to be was from God, the God who justified mankind not by man's righteousness but by the very righteousness of His Son Jesus Christ. Dr. Martin received a courage that would let him stand before men or devils. It made no difference for it was the Word of God that was right, not the word of man.

We are led to think of other reformers in the Bible. What courage it must have taken for Nathan to stand before the mighty King David and speak the Word of the Lord that

brought his sin before him. But Nathan was convinced that God would protect him in his mission. What about John the Baptist as he stood before King Herod, telling him that what he wanted most in life was a sin in the eyes of God? This is not a courage generated by some human desire or whim, but given through faith and trust in God for all things.

This courage was shown many times through Dr. Martin's life, but the single most notable evidence was at the Diet of Worms. There were many people who knew of the danger that awaited Luther. Their cry was, "Do not go," but, as we read in *Martin of Mansfeld*, he answered, "Though there were as many devils in Worms as there are tiles on the houseroofs I would still go on."

Yes, the faith that became conviction and drew courage to stand brought about action, a changing; it brought about a *reformation*. Our root word here is reform. Listed as meanings are 1) to make better by removing faults and defects; correct; 2) to make better by putting a stop to abuses or malpractices, or by introducing better procedures.

That is what did happen. Dr. Martin brought forth the truth and that truth made a change in the course of history. It was by the very power of God able to work through the "Word of truth." It turned a world upside down. That one lone humble monk set the world on fire. Romans 1:17: "The just shall live by faith."

But what have we learned? What are the truths of the Reformation that are for us today? The Reformation is over, isn't it? That is all past history, we don't need it today, right?

Now it is true that the Reformation that formed the Lutheran Church is over, but the reformation of the world is far from over and we, the Church, the body of Christ, should be, indeed, must be, in it. Think for a moment, what did Luther take on? A church, yes, but it was far more than just a church. For all practical purposes it was the world government at that time. It was the social, economic and religious system that was making a mockery of Christ and all that He stood for. Today the system has been changed somewhat, because of experiences of the populace, but the fact

remains the same that the social and economic system has once more become the enemy of Christ and would make a mockery of all that the Church stands for.

What can we do? First, we must understand the continuing need for a reformation, not in some intellectual way, but from the Word of God; for it must start with us as God says in II Chronicles 7:14: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face,' and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

Then we should take from Luther's reformation those three words, conviction, courage, and reformation, and place them in our hearts and lives. Our faith must become our conviction and we must stand on these convictions. A good example of this was brought to me in regard to a couple in the state of Wisconsin who sought to remove their children from public school and teach them at home, explaining that they felt the public school taught contrary to their faith. The judge after examining the case ruled that they could not withdraw their children from the public school because they were not living the faith they professed. There was no evidence of conviction of their faith. How about you and me? Would we stand up to an examination?

But you say, I am afraid of what will happen, I lack courage. The Bible tells us that "perfect love casteth out all fear." Just as Dr. Luther gained new courage and strength in his life, then also shall we, for the promises of God are everlasting. Think of all the times we should have taken a stand against the evils that assail us each day and have lacked courage. Claim the courage of Christ today. It is yours and mine; all we have to do is receive it.

Then we are to be moved into action under the leadership of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. But what action? Action that brings about reformation, reforming in the ways of God. We must take our stand on the issues of today in the light of the Word of God. We must become a part of our churches so that they would reach out into the communities in which we live, that God may be glorified. We must become active in the affairs of our government,

taking our stand for the morality of God, not of man.

God has called us to be the reformers of today and He will supply us with the direction that is needed, if our relationship is right with Him. I pray that He is living in your heart, and you are ready to be used of Him this day.



## ADDRESS UPDATES

Rev. John DeBoer is now residing at Freeborn Manor, Apt. 108, in Cannon Falls, Minn. 55009.

Rev. and Mrs. R. Snipstead and family live at 3641 Flag Avenue, Minneapolis, Minn. 55427, since he began his duties on Oct. 1 as president of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations.

Rev. and Mrs. Forrest Swenson live at 225 Franklin Avenue East in Fergus Falls, Minn. 56537. He is pastor of Calvary and Stilkestad Lutheran Churches.

Rev. and Mrs. James Fugleberg and daughter live at 801 Michigan Street in Ontonagon, Mich. 49953. He is pastor of Redeemer Lutheran in that city.

## TWO MEN PRESENT SELVES FOR MISSION WORK

The Board of World Missions announces that two men have accepted calls for work in the Association's mission field in Brazil. They are Mr. David Abel and Mr. Charles Kvanvig. Mr. Kvanvig is a 1977 graduate of Free Lutheran Seminary and has been serving as dean of men at Association Free Lutheran Bible School since graduation. Mr. Abel finished his seminary work at FLS this summer.

Both men will be ordained this fall and are available for deputation work in the congregations at once, as schedules permit. It is hoped that they will be able to leave for Brazil early next year.

More information will be given later. Remember these men and their families in prayer. Both are married and have one daughter.

## LUTHER LEAGUE ACTIVITIES

## REBELLION Matt. 19:16-22

A young rich man came to Jesus with a question, "What good thing shall I do that I may obtain eternal life?" He desired to know for sure the requirements for obtaining eternal life. Jesus saw the sincerity of his desire to know. Jesus gave him the answer. "Keep the commandments" (vs. 17). It seems that this should have been enough to answer his question, but this young man desired to know exactly what was required! He asked, "Which ones?" He simply had to know! Knowing how much he desired to know the truth, Jesus recited the commandments to him. Now the young rich man was even more troubled. Jesus had told him the things that he already knew and was doing. The young man said, "All these things I have kept; what am I still lacking?" Even though he had been doing all the right things, this young man knew there was something that he was lacking. It was then that Jesus gave him the answer that he desired so much to know. "If you wish to be complete, go and sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you shall have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me" (vs. 21). At last he knew! The truth that he had desired for so long was his! But look at his response. "But when the young man heard this statement, he went away grieved; for he was one who owned much property" (vs. 22).

The rich young man had a problem that is exactly the same problem that men have had since the time of Adam and still have today. Rebellion against God. Rebellion may seem like a harsh word to use, but that is what it is.

When we ask God to show us His will for our lives, and then tell Him that we don't like it and won't do it, that is rebellion. When we reserve for ourselves the right to make the *final* decisions concerning the things in our life, that is rebellion. Rebellion blocks our relationship to God, gives us inner turmoil instead of God's peace, and leaves us hardened and bitter on the inside. Remember, Satan was once a beautiful angel in the presence of God until he harbored rebellion in his heart.

Last week I talked with a girl at work. She shared with me how she is a Christian, but her relationship with God seems to have grown cold and dead. In talking with her it was easy to see what was wrong. God had shown her areas of her life that He wanted to change, but she was unwilling to give Him control, because she knew what the results would be and didn't want to have to give those things up.

How do you combat your feelings of rebellion? The solution is simple, but by no means easy. First, recognize how much God loves you. "He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?" (Rom. 8:32). God never asks you to do anything that will ultimately be bad for you. The world may laugh and mock, but they will not be the ones to judge you in the end. Secondly, confess your rebellion to God as sin. This is the part that really grates against pride, but it must be done. God promises to give you power to overcome temptations and sins in your lives, but only as you confess them as they are. Agree with God that it is sin, and you will know how wonderful it is to be freed from the burden of rebellion. Thirdly, seek wholeheartedly to know God and determine in your heart to do as He directs you, no matter the cost. Talk with God in prayer and read His Word, for it is crammed with information that God wants you to know in order to live in all the blessing that He wants you to experience. Then, as God brings things to your heart that you know are pleasing to Him, do them! It may mean breaking up with a non-Christian boyfriend, stopping certain activities, asking for forgiveness from someone you have a hard time loving,

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## News of the Churches

## WALLACE CHURCH INSTALLS PASTOR

An installation service was held at the Calvary Lutheran Church, Wallace, South Dakota, on Sunday, August 6, for Rev. Wallace M. Jackson. The installation was held during the morning worship service.

Pastor and Mrs. Jackson arrived in Wallace on June 6. Pastor Jackson's most recent parish ministry was in Eben Junction, Michigan, at Calvary Lutheran Church. Prior to his ministry in Michigan Pastor Jackson served parishes in North Dakota, Iowa and New Jersey.

Special music for the installation was provided by a male quartet composed of members of the local congregation: Larry Wasland, Keith Hogstad, Harris Kasin and Pastor Jackson

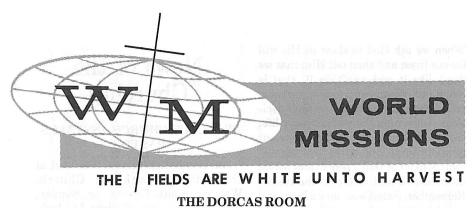


Pastor Strand, left, and Pastor Jackson

Rev. John Strand, president of the AFLC, officiated at the installation. His message was taken from Matthew 5:13-14. He shared thoughts on the Church as "salt" and "light" in the world. He also impressed upon the congregation and pastor the importance of faithfully representing Christ before our generation.

The Jackson's daughter, Susan, arrived in Wallace on August 3, after having spent the summer at Pinestead Resort near Walker, Minn. Pastor and Mrs. Jackson have four children: Dr. Vaughn Jackson, Iowa City, Iowa, James Jackson, Pinestead Resort, Walker, Minn., James Jackson, Boise, Idaho, and Susan at home.

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What is the Dorcas Room? Taken from Acts 9:36-39, notice verse 36: "...Dorcas; this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did." Also verse 39: "...and all the widows stood by him weeping, and shewing the coats and garments which Dorcas made." Therefore, with this in mind, a room on the Brazil Bible School campus has been set aside to house a quantity of used clothing from the States to sell at really low rates such as the "Salvation Army" and "Goodwill" do in the States.

What was the reason for opening the Dorcas Room? Many of our people suffer because they lack food and clothing. Many of our faithful friends in the States have been sending used clothing for this purpose. The missionary ladies would get together and pack bags of clothing for most of the families of our churches and other needy people. Some of our members felt slighted, as they felt they did not need hand-outs. Others felt they got inferior clothing than other members, so they felt favoritism was shown. Also, when something is given, generally little value is placed on the item. Therefore, we as a staff felt that all used clothing should be placed on display for all to see and choose according to his or her likes. And a small price put on each item to give it value would make all happier and the Lord's work would prosper.

Where do the proceeds go? All proceeds go as donations to our local churches as each person who buys must be a member of our church and he can buy for himself, his family or a needy person. Two pieces of clothing per person at a time is the requirement.

What has been the reaction of the people? They have all commented on how thrilled they are to be able to buy good clothing and to know that the

money they spend there for needed clothing will be going to their local church.

Now you may ask, what has this got to do with me? "And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees; every tree therefore which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire" (Luke 3:9).

"And the people asked Him saying, what shall we do then? And He answereth and saith unto them, He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none . . . " (Luke 3:10-11).



This young lady is having a hard time to decide on what to buy with such a large selection in the "Dorcas Room."



Two young men patiently waiting for their wives to do some clothes buying in the "Dorcas Room."



Mrs. John Abel helping a local church member choose some clothing off the clothes rack in the Dorcas Room.

How do I send boxes of used clothing to Brazil? Ask your local postmaster for requirements as to the size and weight of boxes. Be sure to put on the boxes "NO MONETARY VALUE. USED CLOTHING" and then use the name and address of any AFLC missionary in Brazil or Missao Luterano Livre, C. P. 44, 87.300, Campo Mourao, Parana, Brasil, S.A.

-Connely J. Dyrud

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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.

## WISCONSIN

Boscobel

Everett W. Watters, 45, July 14, Tri-nity

## **MINNESOTA**

Newfolden

Alfred B. Carlson, 71, Sept 6,

Bethania

Carl Bjorgaard, 79, Sept. 25, Westaker

## COUCUAS Happy Acres

## TRIKE TROUBLE

Paul tugged his broken tricycle to the back door. "Mom," he called, "my trike wheel broke. Please fix it."

Mom took one look at the broken wheel, and said, "I'm sorry, Paul, but I just can't fix that wheel for you."

"You sure you can't fix it, Mom?" It seemed to Paul that his mother had always been able to fix everything for him.

"No, Paulie, I know I can't fix that wheel. It will have to be welded before you can use it again. I know who can fix it. Don't you?"

"Dad." Paul had watched his father weld broken farm tools.

"Yes," replied Mom, "when Dad comes home from the fields this afternoon, perhaps he'll find time to weld your trike wheel for you. I guess it is a good thing for boys with broken trikes that there are daddies that can weld."

"Yes, and some things Mommies can fix," said Paul. "Like teddy bears that come apart and let their insides out. And buttons that come off. And shoe laces that won't untie. But when I grow up I won't be a Mommie that fixes bears and buttons—I'll be a Daddy that can weld and fix tractors and trucks and plows and stuff like that."

Melissa had quietly joined Paul and Mom as they sat on the back stoop. Now she said, "And I'll be a Mommie that fixes bears and buttons. I'd rather do that than fix tractors and trucks."

"Well, said Mom, "the important thing is that we are happy doing whatever we are able to do. Some people are unhappy because they think too much about the things that they can't do, and not enough about the things that they can do. Mrs. Reynolds can paint beautiful pictures. I can't paint pictures at all. But then I can grow pretty flowers to make a beautiful picture in our bay window."

"Sharon Wheeler can play chords on her guitar," said Melissa, "and I can play chords on the piano. So we can chord together."

"And Freddie Wheeler can wiggle his ears, but he can't whistle like I can—because he lost his front teeth," concluded Paul.

MEMORY VERSE: Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. I Corinthians 12:4

### FAMILY DISCUSSION

- 1. Read Romans 12:4-8.
- 2. What different gifts or talents do the different members of our family have?
- 3. What are some talents that we may be able to use especially for the Lord's work?

4. Who gave each one of us our talents? (I Corinthians 4:7)

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paying back a debt or replacing something you took unfairly. Do it! Then, fourthly, as you are doing it, expect conflict. Satan will try to fool you into thinking that it is not necessary to stand up and be counted as a Christian, especially since people might think you are a little wacky or a fanatic. But do not listen. The world has scoffed at all great men who dared to do what God directed them to do. Jesus was killed because He dared to do the will of His Father. He sacrificed all for you and me. Let's stop hurting ourselves by rebelling against the One who loves us enough to die for us.

-Tad Spading

### HOW HAVE YOU ENJOYED

—the news from our Luther Leagues? What news? We're hoping to get news from our Leagues, testimonies from our members, announcements of activities. Send them to me: Tad Spading, Devotional Life Secretary, LLF, 10447 N.E. 110th, Kirkland, 98033. Thank you.

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A fellowship dinner was served following the installation service. Pastor Einar Unseth was also honored by the Wallace congregation at a farewell service following the dinner. Pastor Unseth served as interim pastor at Calvary.

The Lord has blessed us in so many ways, but I think that as we all sat listening, in our hearts we were the most grateful that the Lord had answered our prayers and sent us the pastor we had asked Him for to fill the vacancy we'd had for some time.

-Corr.

## NEW PASTOR INSTALLED AT FAITH LUTHERAN OF RUNNING VALLEY

Pastor Hubert F. DeBoer was installed as pastor of Faith Lutheran Church of Running Valley at Colfax, Wis., on Sunday, Aug. 20.

Miss Othelia Gunderson played the prelude preceding the hymn, "Dearest Jesus, Draw Thou Near Me." Pastor John DeBoer (father of Hubert) led in prayer. Following the morning altar service, Pastor Francis Monseth sang a solo, "There's Room at the Cross for You."



Pastor DeBoer, left, and Pastor Monseth.

The men's quartet of the local church then sang "With Thy Spirit Fill Me." Pastor Francis Monseth, vice-president of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations, preached the sermon. In reference to Scripture, Pastor Monseth pointed out clearly the duties of a pastor as well as the responsibilities of the parishioners to stand behind the pastor in prayer and to assist in every way possible to encourage the work of the congregation.

The church council responded, along with Pastor DeBoer, in answering (Continued on page 13)

## Perhaps I was

## ESCAPE TO THE MOUNTAIN

Last night, as I was meditating upon Thy holiness, O God, my eyes fell upon the words: "Escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed."

To be sure I had read them before, many a time, but somehow never paused before them. Now they suddenly flung me afar. I stood in Sodom, the beautiful but wicked city of the plains; I saw the home of Lot, a mansion in the midst of flower gardens; I heard laughter and revelry across the street, and saw men and women of evil countenance come and go.

Then I saw two strangers approaching, holy messengers whom Thy love had sent. They passed into the mansion and entered into earnest conversation with Lot. I missed the greater part of it, for they spoke in a low tone of voice, but I caught the warning of coming danger and the kindly admonition to flee.

Presently they turned to me, and though they spoke no words, I could see in their eyes that the admonition and the warning were for me, too. And I suddenly realized that most of us dwell too fondly on the lower levels of life—the hot plains of sensuality and carnal business. Our hearts cling to the things that perish, and we seldom lift up our eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh our help.

Oh, those hills, those mighty mountains! How glorious they are in the beauty Thou hast showered upon them! The Mountain of Song is there, athrill with deathless melody; the Mountain of Art and Beauty, whose blossoms fill the air with fragrance all the year; the Mountain of Wisdom, from whose snowy pinnacles men peer into the infinite and try to fathom the meaning of the universe. Why do we ignore them so, and grovel in the dust at their feet?

Yet I know it was none of these the angels meant, for upon none of them can a restless conscience find peace with God. What then did they mean? There is danger on the plains, I know, for there men perish in the heat and turmoil; but where, O God, is the Mountain of Refuge? We have searched for it far and wide; wilt thou not reveal it to us?

Forgive us, Lord—Thou hast revealed it. The name of it is Calvary. I know it is a humble hill, and one that men despise. The mountains of Bashan are loftier by far. They loom large and look askance at the Mountain of God. Yet here on Calvary is the refuge. Here hell made its hottest onslaught, and was defeated. Here is the peace that passeth understanding. Grant us, O Lord, the wisdom and the strength to escape to that Mountain, lest we be consumed.

-C. A. Wendell





## editorials

## IN ORDER THAT I MIGHT BE HIS OWN

In these days of the anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, let us consider one of the statements of the great reformer, Martin Luther. It is this from his explanation of the Second Article of the Apostles' Creed: "In order that I might be His own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness."

Of course, those words are a part of a whole development of a truth. Luther expresses belief in Jesus, true God and true man, and describes what He did for sinful mankind. Then following our portion of the explanation for discussion, he testifies to the resurrection and ascension of Jesus and His triumphant reign in all eternity.

But what we are considering today is this part which answers the question Why. That is, why did the eternal Son of God give His life for us? And the answer is three-fold.

First, that we might be His own. This speaks of intimate relationship. Here we think of God in terms of "Father." There is a place for the concept of God as the "wholly Other," the One high and lifted up, Who inhabits eternity. God the unapproachable by the sinner. But here Luther reminds us that we may be "His own." The holy God is interested in us, yea, desires fellowship with us. What a great thought!

Furthermore, it is God's wish that all people experience this communion. God wills that all men be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth (I Timothy 2:4). From God's side no distinctions are made in respect to His desire. This truth is brought out in the words of Jesus: "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself" (John 12:33). Not all people come to Jesus' side, obviously, but that is not due to any lack in God's desire or in the salvation provided through the death and resurrection of Jesus. That salvation is complete and sufficient.

Second, that we might live under Him in His kingdom. Being "His own" means life in a kingdom. The word "kingdom" may prompt strange ideas in our minds. We tend to think in terms with which we are familiar in reference to earthly affairs. Political sub-divisions come to mind and international boundaries and empires and armies and parliaments.

Of course, being in the kingdom of God on earth is nothing like that. It is more the idea of a "non-geographical" grouping. We cannot say that township, county, state or national borders define the kingdom of God on earth. Rather it is found here and there and everywhere where there is one of "His own," someone who believes in God through Jesus. One of those who received Him and believed in His name (John 1:12). Such have the power or

right to be the children of God.

The kingdom is here. It is a kingdom of grace in this present world. But it is an eternal kingdom, too, and it is described thus as the "kingdom of glory," when all earthly enemies are left behind. God wills that we live in this kingdom now and in all the ages.

Third, that we might serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness. There has been much said and written about the "Sabbath rest," about an eternity of praising God, of deliverance from the thorns and thistles which came to plague man's daily labor after the Fall. But here Luther brings us up short with the reminder that it is divinely ordained that it is the eternal purpose of man to "serve" God.

That is true in this life. "Created in Christ Jesus for good works" (Ephesians 2:10), the Apostle Paul stated. We all know Matthew 5:16 too well to need to repeat it here. It is the believer's purpose to serve God and in doing that to bring glory to Him. We must leave for now what that service involves, how it may be accomplished. Our pastors are continually setting forth the challenge of this service and looking for ways to increase dedication to this mission.

And serving the Lord doesn't end in this life. For the Christian it goes on forever. In eternity, too, God remains God, man remains the creature and there will be opportunities to serve. We will know what those opportunities are when we come to them and our service will be whole-souled, without taint of eyeservice and pleasing men.

God grant that the desire of each *Ambassador* reader be to share in this three-fold experience, which begins now and extends through all eternity. And whoever seeks, in the spiritual sense, finds (Matthew 7:7).

This is our Reformation thought in 1978.

## A GREETING FROM OUR NEW PRESIDENT

"The Lord is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: Thou maintainest my lot. The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yes, I have a goodly heritage" (Psalm 16:5, 6).

Greetings to all our dear readers!

A few days here in the office in Minneapolis have served to remind me of the wonderfully unique privilege that has some to me in the service of the Kingdom. I thank God for the opportunity of serving as your President in the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations.

There are many responsibilities and challenges for which I look to the riches of God's grace for His enabling. My desire is that I might be used to guide the Association along the path of continued blessing from God. I thank you for your prayers. Please continue to remember me that God will give me the needed wisdom, and make me a useable servant for Christ's Kingdom. Pray that in the business of the office I might be kept so close to my Lord that I might reflect Him in all things.

I look forward to being able to meet many of you as I visit the congregations. As we work together let us make it our goal to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness.

> Your servant in Christ, Pastor Richard Snipstead



## ONTONAGON CHURCH HOSTED RALLY

The fall rally of the Women's Missionary Federation, Northern Michigan District, was hosted by Redeemer Lutheran Church in Ontonagon on Saturday, September 16th, James Fugleberg, host pastor.

The theme for the day was "Put On the Whole Armour of God," from Ephesians 6:11.

Helen Woimanen, district president, presided over the sessions. Mrs. Elver Niemi of Ontonagon extended a warm welcome and we were led in devotions and prayer by Susan Eberth of Chassell. She read from Colossians 3:12-17. Our theme song was "Faith Is The Victory."

Mrs. Robert Dietsche of Sand Creek, Wis., presented a very inspiring Bible study based on our theme. She stated that our Christian life is a constant conflict with Satan, our adversary. We are commanded to be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Christ is our armor of Light, through Him we have peace. We should be faithful in prayer and feed on God's Word, the Sword of the Spirit.

We were favored with two instrumental selections by Adele Niemi and David Blake of Ontonagon, accompanied by Mrs. Elver Niemi.

At our business meeting a unanimous vote was cast for Jerine Jaykka of Ishpeming for president and Eleanor Saarinen of Chassell was elected treasurer.

Linda Fugleberg led the afternoon devotions and prayer, reading from I Cor. 10:1-13.

Michelle Lindroos from Ontonagon favored us with a song, accompanied by Pastor Fugleberg on the guitar.

A challenging afternoon message was brought by Pastor Fugleberg. He

also based his message on the theme from Ephesians 6. He said that we wage a spiritual battle and we can be so easily attracted to the things of this world. If we put on the whole armor of God, we can overcome temptations. Jesus was tempted and resisted the devil. This teaches us what Christ has done for us.

An offering was taken for Church Extension.

A time of sharing followed and a singspiration led by Pastor Fugleberg on his guitar.

A delicious noon luncheon and coffee were served by the Ontonagon ladies.

A blessed day was enjoyed by all.

Irene Kangas
Secretary

## GRADUATION FOR CRADLE ROLL HELD AT ISHPEMING

Hope Lutheran WMF, Ishpeming, Mich., held its Cradle Roll graduation on August 18. Pastor Ernest Langness had devotions and spoke briefly to the assembled group of 22 persons.



Jeremy and Pamela, Cradle Roll graduates. Not pictured: Kelly Luibakka.

Cynthia Perander kept the group interested as she told in word and pictures "Who Made the World?" Grandmothers of Cradle Roll members served ice cream and cookies, enjoyed by all.



At the Cradle Roll program at Hope.

As our three graduates, Jeremy Oja, Pamela Eliason and Kelly Luibakka, leave, we have ten new members to welcome in: Daniel Teige, Crystal Beebe, Shawn Salo, Krystal Luibakka, Tracy Roberts, Paul Cody, Eric Treunick, Kimberly Stone, Sean Racine and Jeremy Jaki.

Elaine Eliason Cradle Roll Secretary

## SEDAN CHURCH HONORS THREE WOMEN

Three women of the Scandia WMF of rural Sedan, Minn., were presented with Honorary Memberships and pins at the regular August meeting. They are, left to right, Mrs. Marion Tolle, Mrs. Orrin Olson and Mrs. Lawrence Anderson.



A very brief program was given in their honor. A poem entitled "Only a Little" was read by Evelyn Moen and the song "God Will Take Care of You" was sung by Mrs. Norman Haugen and Mrs. Gary Gravley. Then Mrs. Gravley

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## Now the Laborer's Task Is Over by John Lodge Ellerton

Now the laborer's task is o'er, now the battle day is past;

Now upon the farther shore lands the voyager at last.

There the tears of earth are dried, there its hidden things are clear;

There the work of life is tried, by a juster judge than here. There the penitents that turn to the cross their dying eyes,

There the penitents that turn to the cross their dying eyes, All the love of Jesus learn, at His feet in Paradise.

There no more the powers of hell can prevail to mar their peace; Christ the Lord shall guard them well. He who died for their release. "Earth to earth and dust to dust," calmly now the words we say.

Left behind, we wait in trust for the Resurrection Day.

"Father, in Thy gracious keeping Leave me now Thy servant sleeping." Mrs. Torkel Ose Thief River Falls, Minnesota 1978 Bible Study writer

## SINGLES AND COUPLES RETREAT SET

The Southwest Central Minnesota District will sponsor a "Singles and Couples" retreat at the Green Lake Bible Camp, Spicer, Minnesota, October 27 and 28.

Pastor Philip Haugen will lead in the Bible studies on these topics: "Love, the Basis for Marriage" and "The Biblical Way to Solve Conerns in Marriage." District pastors will lead in a panel-type discussion on Saturday at The retreat begins on Friday at 7:00 p.m. and will close after a prayer time at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. Cost is \$10.00 per person. Register by sending your name to Box 325, Spicer, Minnesota 56288. No cooking or K.P. Baby sitting by the Youth of Green Lake Lutheran church. Reduced prices may be possible for children.

# BIBLE STUDY

November, 1978

PEACE

Read Isaiah 26:1-15 and Isaiah 12:1-6.

Through believing and accepting the promises of God, we experience wonderful things beyond our fondest expectations. Language and thought are not adequate when we try to describe God's greatness.

After a long search for peace, Martin Luther found it when he cast himself on the mercy of God and trusted in the wounds of Jesus for forgiveness and peace.

God gives various gifts to human beings, but peace of mind is reserved for His truly blood-bought children. This inner tranquility can flourish without material support, such as possessions or fame, or even good physical

mind. The lack of it can turn a mansion into a prison house. health. Humble surroundings can be a haven of joy when there is peace of

is peace in the midst of storm. Though the world may be raging, there is our difficulties and have no fear. There is peace in the time of trouble. There peace in the shelter of His arms. peace. Let us purpose to acknowledge God in all our ways, rely on Him in all Let us firmly and faithfully adhere to Him, with complete satisfaction in the Lord our God. Then His promise is that we shall be sustained by perfect We must keep our trust in God at all times and under all circumstances

1. What is revealed to us, as recorded in Ephesians 3:20?	9. Who is the author of true peace in I Corinthians
2. Our responsibility includes a definite condition. What is it? Isaiah 26:3.	10. What is the conclusion in II Corinthians 13:11?
3. In dealing with our fellow men, what does Hebrews 12:14 command?	11. In Ephesians 2:14 and Philippians 4:7, pe what experience?
4. Give the practical value of walking in God's way, as suggested in I Corinthians 15:50-58.	12. What does II Peter 3:12-14 speak about?
5. The Aaronic benediction is recorded in Numbers 6:24-26. Repeat it together. In whose name is it given?	THE THE RELEASE SET
6. What does Psalm 34:14 have in common with Romans 14:19?	Heaven, we must remember, is a prepared pla

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	9. Who is the author of true peace in I Corinthians 14:33?	8. Jesus gave the disciples a bequest in John 14:27. What was it?	OF THE SAME OF SERVICE OF THE SAME OF THE SAME OF THE SAME OF SAME SAME SAME SAME SAME SAME SAME SAME	In Romans 10:15 we see the world-wide outreach of the gospel of peace d the urgency to spread the Gospel far and wide. Let us support mission rendeavor with prayer, finances and communication. Is there a correlar n between missions and the spiritual level of a local church? Paul connucles the church to the "God of peace."  7. How were the disciples instructed as they traveled about? Mattheward and the church to the "God of peace."

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7:17 and 21:27. This will be the zenith of peace! dom as we have never before understood. Heaven at last! Read Revelation who have gone on before are waiting for us to come. The separation is not one mind, one faith and one character. Our beloved friends and loved ones happy indeed will that meeting be. We will see God's perfect peace and wisken off for a short moment and is soon to be eternally resumed. Blessed and long. Our pleasant communion with our kind Christian friends is only brone dwellers in Heaven will all be at perfect PEACE and have one heart, Heaven, we must remember, is a prepared place for a prepared people

as recorded in Romans 4:24, 25 and 5:1. This is truly PEACE!

our love, confidence and attraction. Read the summary of our justification

Read Paul's salutation in Romans 1:7. What a beautiful greeting! It inspires

In Paul's letter to the Romans, we find a generous sprinkling of peace.

our understanding enlightened by His greatness, power and peace.

God can bring peace, light to our life, and salvation by His grace. We need

We need constantly to pray for the gift of the untroubled mind. Only

read the meaning of the pin and its symbolism as Mrs. Dick Iverson pinned her aunt, Mrs. Olson, Miss Rita Ward pinned her grandmother, Mrs. Tolle, and Mrs. Guy Knutson pinned her sister-in-law, Mrs. Anderson.

Each lady was given a beautiful corsage which had been made by Miss Alida Olson, who was honored three years ago with a pin for her faithfulness with flowers for our church. A luncheon fellowship time was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Gary Gravley

## RUNNING VALLEY CHURCH HAD CRADLE ROLL PROGRAM

The Cradle Roll program for the year was held at the July aid meeting in Faith Lutheran Church of Running Valley, Colfax, Wis., Hubert DeBoer, pastor.

Mrs. Wendell Flesberg, Cradle Roll secretary, opened the meeting with the verse, "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." Everyone sang "I Think When I Read That Sweet Story of Old." Devotions (from Luke 8:15) were given by Beth Sparby. All sang "Jesus Loves Me." Pam Meinen read the story about Jesus blessing the children. Beth Moyer read a poem, "About Mothers." A group of children led by Christie Freeberg sang three songs: "Into my Heart," "Happy Day" and "Wonderful and Marvelous."

The children on the Cradle Roll are: Melissa Pickering, Bradley Hanson,



Some of the mothers and children in attendance at Faith Church. The mothers are, left to right, Mrs. Wendell Flesberg, Mrs. Roger Hanson, Mrs. Dennis Wagner and tor Karl Stendal, vacancy pastor. Mrs. Carl Benson.

Gracia Featherstone, Jennifer Freeberg, Adam Wulle, Amanda Pomerenke, Jessica Benson, Michael Pickering, Harlan Wagner, Cara Mares, Andrea Gustum, Nicole Siblev and Jessica Freeberg.

Elaine Flesberg read the story, "Too Tired," followed by another, "Jesus was Tired When He Blessed the Children." Poems were read by Jolene Dietsche, "Two Religions;" David Freeberg, "The Little Blind Child;" and Mrs. Flesberg, "Only a Child." Suzanne Freeberg read the story, "About Families."

Following the Cradle Roll program, a short Bible study on Promise was given by Mrs. Carl Rasmussen. A time of fellowship was had around decorated tables and this was done in special tribute to the children and their mothers. Our Cradle Roll secretary had made individual tube style cakes for each child in attendance. Everyone enjoyed this day set aside in the children's honor.

—Corr.

## FAITHFUL WOMEN GIVEN WMF RECOGNITION AT TIOGA

Several ladies of Zion Lutheran Ladies Aid, Tioga, N. Dak., were honored at the August meeting.



Receiving Honorary Membership certificates (Women's Missionary Federation) and pins during a candle-lighting ceremony were, left to right, Mrs. Eilert Haakenson, Mrs. Elgin Mortenson and Mrs. Sivert Rve. Also receiving pins, but unable to attend were Mrs. Erling Skarderud and Mrs. Norien Blickre.

The congregation is served by Pas-

—Corr.

(Continued from page 8) questions asked by the installation officer, Pastor Monseth.

Pastor DeBoer based his response on II Cor.4:5. He stated that the roles of a pastor are many and he has "many hats" to wear. In continuing, he asserted that we are servants and ministers of Christ, first and foremost, with a mission to reach out to those in need. We are actually telling people of God's love in Jesus Christ. The center of every text should be Jesus Christ. We must be preachers of Christ first, last and always, and continue to proclaim Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

Pastor DeBoer requested prayer from the people as people must be behind the pastor to accomplish God's purpose. We must forgive one another and uphold one another, holding forth Jesus Christ.

Mrs. DeBoer and Sandy then sang "The Longer I Serve Him." Just before the closing prayer and benediction, Pastor John DeBoer greeted the congregation with I Kings 17:1, 2 and wise words of counsel.

Everyone present was invited to the basement for a potluck dinner and a time of fellowship. All present experienced a time of refreshing. May God bless the work at Faith Lutheran of Running Valley. -Corr.

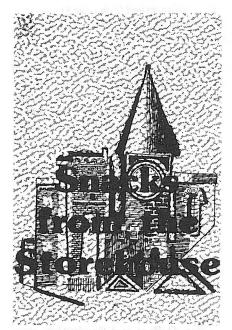
## REV. FORREST SWENSON INSTALLED AS PASTOR OF TWO CHURCHES

Installation of Rev. Forrest Swenson as pastor of Calvary Lutheran Church, Fergus Falls, Minn., and Stiklestad Lutheran Church, Doran, Minn., took place on Sunday afternoon, August 27, at Calvary.

Rev. Raynard Huglen, Newfolden, Minn., conducted the installation and preached the sermon. A response was given by Pastor Swenson. Barbara Bjerkness and Sue Bufis sang two duets, "Reach Out to Jesus" and "The Savior is Waiting."

A fellowship lunch was served in the dining room after the service.

Pastor Swenson was recently the pastor of the Tioga Lutheran parish in North Dakota. An interesting note is that he was the first worker in Fergus Falls for the Association, coming out from Free Lutheran Seminary to conduct services for a group interested in forming an AFLC congregation.



"Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matt. 6:33). "This just isn't my day"-one hears so often. Or you may have said so yourself. You had so many things in mind as you started off on a new day. There were things to do. So many of them. The garden must be weeded. The cattle *must* be fed. There was that errand that must be tended to. Your mind is just full of things that *must* be done. And you are the one who must do them. Who else will? A root of bitterness can set in at times. Like Martha you feel the chill of resentment well up inside. Life with all its glorious possibilities becomes a daily grind of things that must be done. And, as the page of each day is about to be turned, you too often do it with a sigh. What a day! So much was aimed at and so little was accomplished. It got to be a day of things, mostly unaccomplished.

Now is there anything wrong with "things"? Don't things count? Aren't they important on the agenda? "Go to the ant, thou sluggard," God says. Isn't that clear enough? "The Master had to be served," Marthas would say. And so we go on priding ourselves over the few things we seemingly did accomplish during the day. We may have been even a little proud at times.

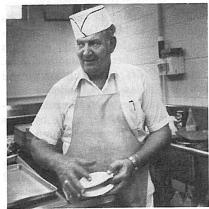
Our Word for today isn't directed against things. Our Lord is a realist. "These things should have been done," He tells some proud Pharisee. But, it was the things that were undone He

was concerned about. It's a question of priorities. Which are to come first, things or Him? Starting off the day with things so often leads to failure. It did on the first page of history. It still does. Starting off the day with Him leads to real accomplishment and fulfilment. The rest of the day somehow seems to fall into line. "The things," He continues, "shall be added unto you." The feverish rush is gone and in its place is a quiet rest, even in the midst of strenuous effort, knowing that all things will work out for good. It's really not my problem, then, any longer, it's His. I merely become the channel through which He works, reaching out to a busy, frustrated world, which seeks things and loses out on Real Life even while seeking it. That's something to think about, isn't -Karl G. Berg



## WE'RE UNDERWAY!

"Hello, what's your name?" ... "What floor are you on?" ... "Oh, so you're my roommate!" This was AFLBS on Sunday, September 10, as we sweltered in the hot weather and struggled our way to our new rooms heavily burdened with all the comforts of home. After some tearful goodbyes to moms, dads, and other loved ones, we set our minds to the task of adjusting ourselves to Bible school life. The year is off to an exciting start and all of the students are filled with anticipation of what the Lord has in store for each one



AFLBS' new head cook, Cliff Holm, is new only to his position. He has been in the maintenance department of the school for eight years, but is known to the AFLC family as the head cook at the Family Camps.

Many students spent their spare time during the first week of school searching for part-time employment. The Lord has provided many opportunities for this need and now we have settled into the routine of our jobs and school. After a few days of getting to know one another, proctors and floor chaplains were chosen.

Fall Quarter Proctors:
Men: Arden Jacobson
Doug Estrem
Joel Quanbeck
Lynn Kinneberg

Chaplains: Men: Jim Johnson Steve Myhre

Women: Bonnie Dimick
Marsha Jacobson
Kathy Johnson
Holly Thompson
Tami Bjorgaard
Brigitta Nelson

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The Junior Class in Mr. Rodvold's Music Appreciation class.



## CHURCH-WORLD NEWS

## THE CHURCH AROUND THE WORLD

Brazil is slowing its inflow of missionaries. Last year only 65 visas were issued to Catholic and six to Protestant mission workers, down from 500 a year in previous years. The slowdown, according to a government spokesman, reflects a tightening of immigration procedures for security reasons; "It is tougher for anyone to get into Brazil now, not just missionaries." Approximately 3,000 Protestant missionaries work in the country. Several months ago Wycliffe Bible Translators were ordered to withdraw their workers from tribal areas.

John Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress* is 300 years old. Written in a Bedford, England, jail in 1678, it has been translated into 200 languages, and for years was outsold only by the Bible.

When Henry Anderson, pastor of the Franklin Avenue Baptist Church in New Orleans, Louisiana, nabbed seven boys throwing rocks at the church windows three years ago, he offered to give them something to do. The result has been a reading assistance program that now enrolls 32 high schoolers, 27 junior high students and 40 primary school children who come to church twice a week for group tutoring. Classes are taught by two schoolteachers who are members of the church. The church also sponsors an emergency transportation program and a job-referral service for its inner-city constituency.

-Tyndale House Publishers

## 'LUTHERANS FOR LIFE' FORMED; OFFICERS INTER-LUTHERAN

St. Paul, Minn.—(LC)—Interim officers from the three large North American Lutheran denominations have been chosen for the newly-formed Lutherans for Life.

LFL president is Jean Garton,

secretary of the Board for Public Relations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The Rev. C. Jack Eichhorst, pastor of Atonement Lutheran church, St. Cloud, Minn., is vice-president. Secretary is the Rev. Leigh Jordahl, library science professor at Luther College, Decorah, Iowa. Eichhorst is a member of the American Lutheran Church, Jordahl, of the Lutheran Church in America.

Yet to be named is a board of directors. The Rev. Eugene Linse, professor at Concordia College, an LCMS school here, is the group's executive director.

Garton said LFL would "strive to develop a society of caring mutuality for a wide range of human needs, including those of families, children, unwed mothers, retarded people, old people, the poor, handicapped and repressed.

"However," she continued, "the crisis of this moment in history requires that Lutherans for Life have as a special focus of concern the life of the unborn child."

She added that LFL would allow Lutherans to give a common witness with other Christians "concerned for the value and dignity of all human life."

The question of local LFL chapters is a possibility, Garton said, but would be decided by LFL directors. She said part of the reason for forming the organization is the "belief that the church's witness is most authentic when it speaks and acts on behalf of those who are victims of exploitation and are defenseless against the powers of this world."

Official beginning of LFL was Oct. 1, which some observed as Respect Life Sunday. The group's address is 275 North Syndicate, Box 988, St. Paul, MN 55104.

SWEDISH CLERGY SHORTAGE: The [Lutheran] Church of Sweden reports a clergy shortage. Notwithstanding government aid for

those studying theology, the number of men preparing for ordination has reportedly sharply decreased, producing a clergy decline of about 45 per cent in the last several years. There are currently about 4,500 Church of Sweden priests, about 275 of them women. Bishop Sven Lindegard of the Vaxjo Diocese says the continuing debate over women's ordinationpermitted for two decades-is one reason for the decline in ordination candidates. The head of the church's clergy recruitment office says if it weren't for the female priests, the shortage would be significantly worse.

AUGSBURG CONFESSION ANNIVERSARY IN AUGSBURG: Bishop Johannes Hanselmann of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bavaria has invited 235 Lutheran bishops and presidents from around the world to a 450th anniversary celebration of the Augsburg Confession, a basic Lutheran doctrinal statement. The celebration in Augsburg is set for June 24-29, 1980.

DANA COLLEGE HAS CHOSEN A NEW PRESIDENT, James Kallas, religion professor at California Lutheran College, Thousand Oaks, California. He began his work at the Blair, Nebraska, ALC school Sept. 1, succeeding Acting President Robert Glass.

LUTHER COLLEGE, TEANECK, N.J., HAS SUSPENDED ITS EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM: Enrollment at the two-year school, founded in 1948 as Lutheran Bible Institute, dropped from 146 to 55 students in the past two years and the deficit was \$60,000 last year. President Paul Huddle said an effort to raise academic standards during his tenure was one factor in the enrollment decline. A task force has been formed to consider what to do with the campus and its assets.

Student Body Officers:

President: Joel Quanbeck

Vice President: Arden Jacobson

Secretary: Sandy Myhre Treasurer: Nancy Moe

Sixty juniors and twenty-nine seniors are registered for fall quarter. We ask your continued prayer as we begin this school year. We pray that God will use this year to His glory in the life of each student.

-Randy Moe

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