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MEDITATION MOMENTS

ROOTS

"As you have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, having been firmly rooted and now being built up in Him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, and overflowing with gratitude" (Col. 2:6, 7)

Thanks to a recent novel and television series, people have had a new interest in searching out their roots. The root system of some family trees, of course, can leave much to be desired. But sometimes in looking back people have found out things about themselves which have given them a better outlook on life and some self-respect. Such ties are always good to keep in mind.

Roots are important; and especially so for the Christian. Paul encourages his readers here to be firmly rooted in the Christ they have received. Jesus spoke also about the relationship of the vine and the branches, stating clearly that our strength or our worth comes from Him alone (John 15).

We plant a seed in the ground and then we fertilize to encourage rapid and full growth. But as the tree or the plant grows and looks good on top of the soil, there may be problems beneath the ground of which we are unaware. The root system may not have sufficient time to develop and will not go down as far as it should or

spread as it should. Then when the storms come the result is disastrous.

So in our Christian life, there is no quick or easy way to become a "super-Christian." Once we have received Christ, we must be careful to let the roots grow in Him. He will build us up in the faith in His own time and His own way.

Our society today is more impressed by quick and dazzling results than by slow and quiet, but strong growth. This is readily seen in the commercial world. Many areas of Christian life have adapted the same principles, and new-born believers are thrust into the world and expected to perform as mature adults. When they fail, we all suffer, and the witness is blurred.

It is popular today for entertainers or well-known personalities who have come to faith in Christ to be expected to perform and give testimony from "day one." We are told of one such entertainer who immediately after his conversion formed his own evangelistic organization and achieved quick success. But he wasn't spiritually equipped to carry the burdens of the work. He very quickly lost his testimony, and now his witness is ineffective. It was said of him: "His branches went out farther than his roots." And when this happens, you eventually topple.

Paul himself, the greatest apostle, was not allowed to start work immediately after his conversion. For all his knowledge and sincerity, he was not accepted nor able to do the work (Acts 9:19-31). It took many years for God to prepare Paul for his particular ministry—and the benefits are still with us.

It's the new young Christian who is most eager to win souls, to get out and change the world. It's the new pastor who may be most zealous to build that impressive church. But until the roots are solidly grounded, neither one will be very effective. It is unfortunate, too, that the roots never show, and we often misjudge people because of it. If we seem to notice very little in someone on the surface, remember that God may be doing the greater work within. Some day the fruit will be seen, full and ripe and abundant.

As a new Christian, don't be discouraged that you aren't occupying a great position in the Lord's work. You may be growing through faithful Bible reading and prayer, but God may still have some lessons that can be learned only by experience. The same will be true even after many years. There is no shortcut to maturity. Good roots take time.

—Wesley Langaas

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The Heavy-Hearted Christian

The "Glad Prophets"

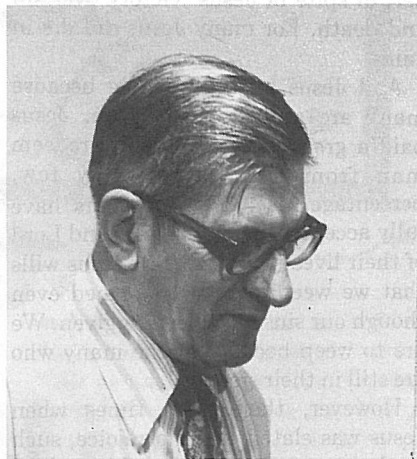
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A great deal is being said and written about "the joy of being a Christian." One gets the impression that to be joyous and happy is Christianity itself, and that anyone who is not continuously happy and praising the Lord must not be living his life to the fullest in accordance with God's will. And if anyone is sad and claims to be a Christian, that person at best can be only a weak, immature Christian, lacking in faith. And that any feeling not joyous must be sin and of the devil, that such feelings never come from God.

And, to continue in this vein of thinking, to admit that there is unhappiness in your life means that you have not laid hold of all that God has for you, that you are not filled with the Holy Spirit, or that you are not all that you should be, or can be, as a Christian.

Much of the current Christian literature seems to have this emphasis. The writers all claim to have the secret of how you can always be a happy, rejoicing Christian. And they are most eager to share this secret with you. They put themselves on a plateau above the sad, discouraged Christian, implying that they are more mature or spiritual and that they have discovered the secret to everlasting happiness. They think that you have no witness for Christ if you do not have a smile on your face.

But none of these "glad prophets" seem to know about a cross that the Jesus of the Bible asks His followers to willfully take up and carry to bring glory to Him. Some testify that they once were sad but now are glad, with all heartaches, depressed and unhappy



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feelings forever gone. And if they do not say it, they strongly imply it.

They are like Mr. Worldly Wise in John Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress* who persuaded Christian to leave the straight and narrow way and to take an easier cross-free way on his journey to the Celestial City. Christian was taken in by the smooth, beguiling talk of Mr. Worldly Wise and almost lost his way and his soul in the process. He realized his mistake in the nick of time, barely escaping with his life.

Heavy-Hearted Men of the Bible

Truly, the thinking described above is not in harmony with the full truth of the Bible and is misleading. It is when we read our Bibles at random, picking certain verses that speak of joy and happiness, reading them out of context, that we are apt to come to such conclusions.

We do well to look at the lives of such men as Jeremiah and Job who demonstrated a wisdom and maturity over other men of their time. These

men carried a heavy heart to the glory of God.

There was weeping in David's life as some of his psalms reveal. Some of this weeping was because of his own sin, but not all. David also wept because of the cross he was carrying as a man of God, and in order to glorify God. He wept because he had enemies who opposed him and God's will for him. They opposed God.

However, David also wrote Psalms of praise and thanksgiving and they, too, have a place in the Christian walk. But it depends on the present circumstances. We are not to praise God just to be praising Him. There ought to be a reason for praise. We are not to praise God when the devil is winning the warfare. We are not to conclude something is pleasing to God when it may not be and then rejoice over it. We need to make sure God is pleased before we thank and praise Him for something. Ecclesiastes 3:4 tells us that there is a right time to weep and mourn and a right time to laugh and dance (rejoice).

Isaiah's countenance fell with God's countenance. He was sad because he knew God was disappointed with His people. In Isaiah 6:5, he said, "Woe is me! For I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips."

The major and minor prophets of the Old Testament did much weeping as they wrote and told of the sad spiritual conditions of God's people and pending judgments. They were sad because they knew that God was sad.

Naomi, a poor widow, was in deep sorrow when she lost her husband and her only two sons through death. She

felt she had nothing with which to encourage her heathen daughters-in-law to accept and follow her God. From all outward appearances she had only a lonely existence to which to look forward. Nevertheless, because of Naomi's continued faithfulness, deep sincere devotion and love to her God, Ruth gave her heart to the Lord.

We can go back still farther in the Old Testament to the time when Moses stood alone with God on Mount Sinai. One might imagine that Moses felt elated and joyous at being high on a mountain top, close to the God he was serving. But Moses was most unhappy. He was unhappy because God was unhappy. God was about to judge the people Moses had led through the wilderness and learned to love (Ex. 32:11-13). And even when God promised to spare these people, Moses was still sad because of their sin which grieved God.

We have a similar situation when Abraham pleaded with God to spare the wicked cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. Again God's countenance had fallen and it was not a time for rejoicing (Gen. 18:23-33).

We can imagine that Noah and his family were grateful for the ark and its protection from the flood. However, at the same time their hearts must have been heavy when they thought of the multitude outside the ark who had been swept away with the flood. Some of these people had been friends and neighbors. We can be assured that Noah had a love and soul-burden for these people.

Now let us look at the New Testament. Our attention is focused on Jesus who came to bring hope and everlasting joy to man. But we see much heaviness of heart in Jesus, even more than in any other. And Jesus did not hide His true feelings. He fully and honestly expressed how He felt. Like Abraham, Moses and Jeremiah, He, too, wept. He wept over Jerusalem (Lk. 19:41) and He wept over the world.

He did not weep for Himself because He faced the cross. And he did not want others to weep for Him because He faced the cross (Lk. 23:28). We can rejoice, if children of God, because of the victory that Jesus won on the cross and won over the grave.

Some weep for the wrong reason, because Jesus died on the cross. That is not a just cause for weeping. Jesus' death brought victory and hope and is a cause for rejoicing. But we are to weep because of sin and the hold it still has on men.

Jesus wept because He was rejected as Savior from sin. He did not weep just because He was rejected, but He wept because He was rejected as the Savior. He knew that if men did not accept Him and His salvation by taking their sin to the cross, His dying would be in vain and man would go to hell in spite of Jesus' victory over sin and death. For many Jesus did die in vain.

And Jesus is still weeping because many are still rejecting Him. Jesus paid a great price in order to redeem man from sin, but so very few, percentage-wise, over the years have fully accepted Him as Savior and Lord of their lives (Matt. 22:14). Jesus wills that we weep and be concerned even though our sins have been forgiven. We are to weep because of the many who are still in their sin.

However, there were times when Jesus was elated and did rejoice, such as the time when He was able to lead the Samaritan woman unto Himself and witnessed her zeal in proclaiming Him. His encounter with Zacchaeus was another such time. Jesus loved the individual and had time for the individual. The crowd often depressed Him.

Jesus experienced much disappointment in His ministry. He was saddened when the people tried to press Him into doing miracles and show them some signs and showed no interest in the saving grace He had come to offer (Mk. 8:12). He was saddened when His own beloved disciples failed to pray with Him in the Garden of Gethsemane and quickly fled when the enemy came to take Him captive (Matt. 26:36-56).

Few of the great Christian painters of the past pictured Jesus as a joyous, happy person. They succeeded in revealing His heaviness of heart and concern for the lost by the expression on His face.

The theology which claims that God wills to have His children in a continuously joyous mood (while still

in this sinful world) and that anything not joyous is of the devil is a false teaching that has gained new hearing and is sweeping our age.

We do well to remember how Jesus wept. This fits the Biblical concept of Jesus. And it is this weeping on the part of Jesus because of man's sinful condition which has caused many a person to weep over his own sins and to repent of them. The "be glad" prophets would try to tell us that Jesus doesn't like a sad face and that He would like us better if we were smiling continuously.

Paul, in our day, is often thought of as the great rejoicing apostle because of how he rejoiced when writing to the Philippians and when in prison. But Paul was able to rejoice at that time because he knew that God was pleased with the way His kingdom was advancing in Philippi.

But like Jesus, Paul also wept. He wept when he wrote to the church at Corinth (First Corinthians). He wept when he wrote to the churches in Galatia because of the spiritual condition in these churches.

Whether Paul rejoiced or wept, his immediate surroundings had nothing to do with it. Paul rejoiced whenever he saw evidence of spiritual growth. He wept with a heavy heart whenever worldliness, heathendom and sin prevailed. The same should cause us to rejoice and weep. And there is a time to weep as well as rejoice. Because of sin and the lack of true Godliness which is so prevalent in our day and age, I wonder if God doesn't will that we weep more than we do.

Paul truly took up the cross of the Christian warfare and this warfare was real to him. Like any good soldier he rejoiced when the enemy was driven back and wept when the enemy advanced.

Times of Rejoicing

There are times when God gladdens the heart of the Christian. Such times are refreshing, like an oasis in a desert to a weary traveler. We do well to make the most of such times and to be encouraged by the same. However, at the same time we need not and should not take conviction or feel ashamed for being sad when something makes us sad.

The Cross of the Christian

The situation hasn't changed much from the time of Jesus and Paul. Not every one is eager to hear the good news of the Gospel. There still is much indifference to what Jesus accomplished on the cross. Sin is often more evident than godliness as we look about us. This does and should sadden the heart of every sincere Christian causing Him to cry to God to show mercy to his lost brothers, sisters and neighbors.

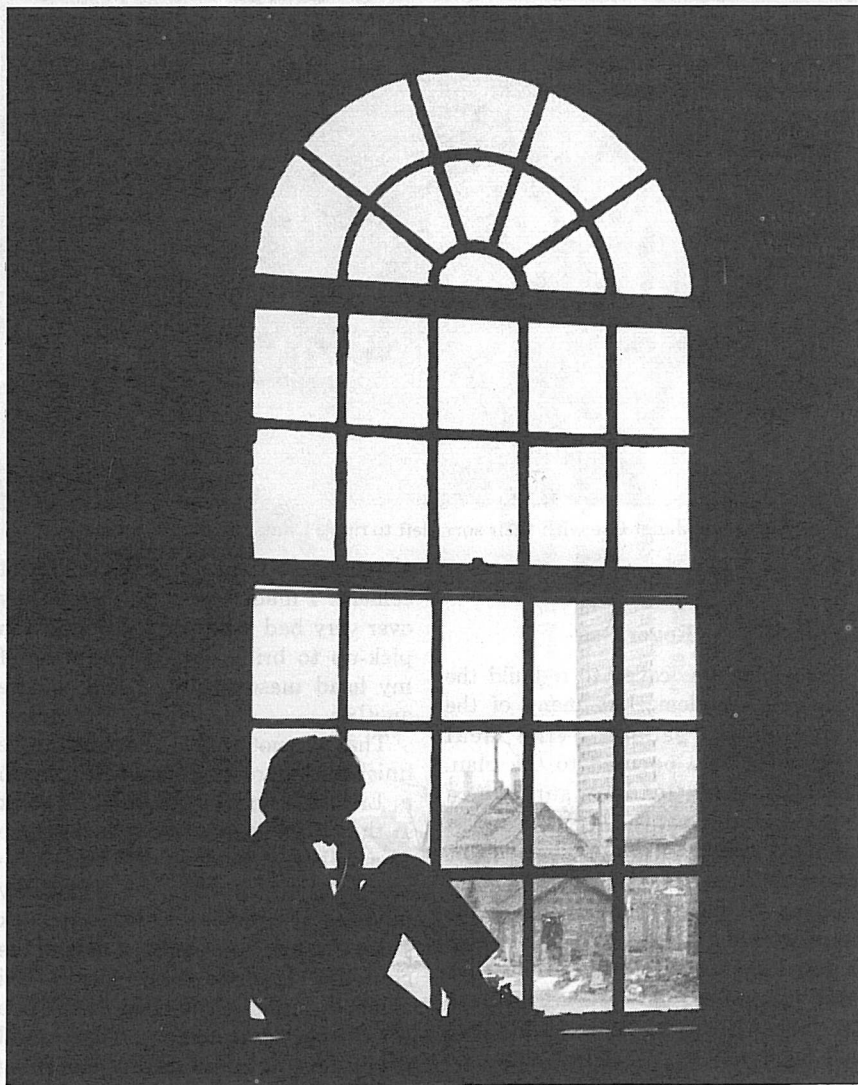
And even as Jesus gladly and willingly took up the cross that God the Father put upon Him, so every Christian should be willing to take up the cross which God wills He carry. His willingness to carry it will bring glory to Christ.

The very nature of that cross and its weight will cause us to weep. However, the true Christian, out of appreciation for sins forgiven and because of his love for Jesus, will carry it. No matter how high the cost, it will not seem too high to the sincere Christian.

The cross is the burden the Christian has for the lost. Within him is a deep desire to see them found, especially lost loved ones. The non-Christian knows little about this kind of burden, cost or pain. Only the true Christian sways under the weight of this cross and feels its hurt. Like Jesus, he often feels rejected by those he loves and wants to see set free from sin.

The Christian wife feels rejected by her worldly husband. Parents are at a loss in knowing how to speak of Jesus to their prodigal children. And we could go on naming many more such examples. And this is not without deep inward pain on the part of the burdened Christian. Much of his sadness and heaviness of heart can be traced to his concern for loved ones who are living in the world. This type of suffering is truly the greatest of all suffering. It is the type of suffering Jesus' suffered and the world feels none of this. What Christian mother or father who has a prodigal son or daughter, would not give an arm or leg or even face death in order to see his child saved? The weight and pain of this cross haunts him day and night as his heart bleeds for the one that is lost. It causes weeping.

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Will he be reached with the Gospel of Christ?

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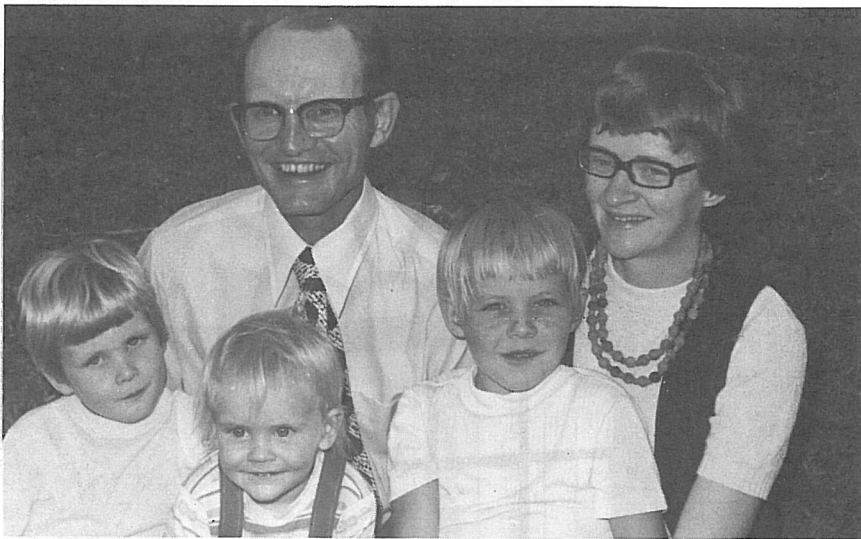
GOSPEL DUO AVAILABLE FOR SERVICES

Some of the readers of *The Lutheran Ambassador* may remember the Gospel Duo from Augsburg Seminary which travelled in the Lutheran Free Church in the summers of 1936 and 1937. Now after many years in the parish ministry, Kenneth A. Anderson and Richard I. Knudsen would like to travel again and visit churches of the Association who would care to invite the Duo. They will bring the Gospel in word and song and music on the violin. Pastor Anderson has also visited the Holy Land twice as a tour host and if desired can show pictures of places where our Lord Jesus walked and finally gave His life on Calvary as a ransom for many.

We can spend one or more days as desired by the churches. If interested, please write to Rev. K. A. Anderson, 3900 - 30th Ave. S., Minneapolis, Minn. 55406. The Lord bless the fine work being done to God's glory in the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations.

In 1976 we had the privilege of having the Association Bible School choir sing at Galilee Lutheran Church in Pasadena, Maryland with Mr. Don Rodvold directing. Rev. Anderson retired in July and Galilee was his last congregation served as a pastor. He also served pastorates in Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Wisconsin, Kansas, and Joliet, Illinois.

—Gospel Duo



Roger and Janet Ose with their sons, left to right, Daniel Scott and Steven.

PRIORITIES

by Roger Ose

Nehemiah was called to re-build the walls of Jerusalem. But many of the non-Hebrew people living near Jerusalem were opposed to the plan. Two of their leaders summoned Nehemiah to meet them far out in the country, but he wouldn't leave the construction site. Later they sent soldiers to harass the Hebrews who were working on the wall. Nehemiah ordered his workmen to stay on the job and not be afraid. They continued working with a trowel or hammer in one hand, and a spear in the other. "So the wall was finished" (Nehemiah 6:15).

Nehemiah's priority was to build the wall of Jerusalem. In the months of October and November, 1977, our priority was to help finish the new parsonage for the Malagasy pastor at Liolava. This is a village 65 kilometers north of Bekily, in the middle of a large farming area. We ran out of concrete reinforcing steel. I had to buy additional supplies at more than 150%



The new parsonage near Liolava, near completion.

above the previous price. We ran out of cement. I made five trips into Bekily over very bad roads with our half ton pick-up to bring out cement. One of my head masons quit. I had to hire another.

That was not all. Five days before we finished the project, there was a death in Liolava. By tribal custom, all work in the village comes to a halt for three days to honor the dead. We buried the 23-year old mother on Saturday morning. Before we were even back from the burial grounds, I heard the church bell ringing the death toll again. A grandmother had died while we were at the cemetery. That would mean three more full days of mourning for her.

We finished the project on December 5, 1977, by the grace of God. This home was built with \$4,800 of United Mission Appeal funds in an area of about 100 non-Christian villages. I know of only two churches in that whole area. Outreach like the new parsonage in Liolava is top priority now because in five years there will probably be 200 or 300 new Christians in the area.

Another priority is Bible teaching. Next week I'll be out in the district just north of Bekily teaching Psalms. Recently I taught half a dozen Psalms at Bible conferences or on Sunday mornings in the rural churches. An understanding of the Word is essential if strong church leaders are to emerge and give direction to their own people. I like to take along a dozen young people from Bekily when I go out on Sunday mornings. Then in the

afternoon our group calls on the sick. One of the young people teaches the psalm in the afternoon which I preached on in the morning.

A priority for the past six years has been Christian literature. In 1973 the Malagasy churches conducted a nation-wide New Life campaign. The main thrust of the crusade was to reach non-Christians with the Gospel and to promote Bible reading and study of Christian literature. Coupled with the campaign was an emphasis on teaching people to read. This is crucial, as maybe 75% of the people in our area cannot read or write.

Food is in short supply just now. How do we know? Rice normally sells for 25¢ (US) a kilo. But now, if it can be bought at all, the price in the market is \$1 a kilo. For working people, this means that their entire monthly salary goes to provide food for their ten children. How can we increase food production? The government has built two big irrigation dams in our area. The United Nations teams are working in half a dozen areas around us to bring in better strains of corn, rice and cattle. We are also helping to increase food production by plowing up new ground with the two John Deere tractors.



A new John Deere 2130 diesel at work near Ejeda, plowing up new land.

Why is food in short supply? The December and January rains were far from adequate. And the population growth wipes out any increase in food production. The answer lies in better agricultural methods and in population control. The government agencies and the churches at many levels are trying to solve these problems. Pray with us that we will carry out God's priorities here.

(Ed. note: Roger and Janet Ose are home in the U.S. on emergency medical leave. Roger arrived at the end of June for tests and is presently under

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A PAGE FOR CHILDREN

Happy Acres



SECRET BROTHERS AND SECRET SISTERS

There were more "thank you"s said the next few days than Mom and Dad had ever heard before. None of the Johnson children wanted to be like the ungrateful lepers or the grumpy Mr. Haglund.

"It's been wonderful hearing so many 'thank you's' around here," Mom told her family as they gathered together with their Bibles. "I hope we all keep doing it. It makes us feel good inside when we are thankful to others. And there's something else I wish we could try as a family. Let's all find the sixth chapter of Matthew, and read the third and fourth verses."

Ann was the first to find it. So she read aloud: "But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth; that thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret Himself shall reward thee openly."

"But I don't understand how you can do something with your right hand without your left hand knowing," objected Mark.

"I know," said Dad, "that's really what we call a 'figure of speech.' What it really means is that we should keep our giving as secret as possible."

"What are alms, Dad?"

"Well, to give alms is to give food or clothing or help of some kind to a person who is in need. When we give this way—to other people—whether it is food or a kind deed—we do it quietly, without calling attention to ourselves doing it or to the ones to whom we are giving."

"That brings us to just what I want

to tell about," said Mom. "The year I was at Teachers' College, I remember I had a 'Big Sister.' Each freshman student was assigned to an older student who was to be her 'Big Sister.' None of us 'Little Sisters' had any idea who our Big Sisters were for several months. All through the first half of the year, my Big Sister would be doing something kind for me—without my ever finding out who did it. Sometimes I'd find a little present waiting for me—and it would be signed 'Your Big Sister.' A couple times I overslept and didn't get my room tidied before I had to rush off to my first class—but somehow my Big Sister managed to get my room cleaned before the housemother came to check on the room.

"Finally, we had a party in our dormitory—"

"What's a dorm-tory, Mom?" asked Paul.

"A dormitory is a great big house where many schoolgirls or schoolboys live," explained Mom. Then she continued, "Well, at this party, we found out who our Big Sisters were, and when I met mine, I tried to tell her how much I had appreciated all the kind things she had done for me. She just laughed and said, 'Oh, I've had more fun doing it than you've had—you see, the Bible is right about it's being more blessed to give than to receive'" (Acts 20:35).

Mom looked lovingly about at her family, then said, "I've been thinking—since Mr. Haglund was here—that maybe it would be lots of

fun having secret sisters and secret brothers at our house. That way we could get special practice doing kind deeds in secret so that the person we do it for wouldn't even know whom to thank! Each one could plan little surprises for the secret sister or secret brother."

She paused, then asked, "How many want to be a secret sister or a secret brother?"

Dad raised both his hands up high. The children looked at him in surprise.

"But, Daddy," objected Melissa, "you couldn't be a secret brother to anybody. You're a daddy!"

Playfully, Dad shook his finger at Melissa and said, "But I can, too, be a secret brother, too!"

Melissa's hand shot up. "Then I want Daddy for my secret brother!"

In a second, all hands except Mom's were waving high. Then Mom said, "Tonight while you get into bed, I'll write each of your names on a slip of paper. I'll put the slips of paper into a cap, and when I come to say goodnight to each one of you, you can each draw a name. And the name you draw will be the name of your secret sister or secret brother."

"Are Paul and Beth going to play, too?"

"Surely. I'll tell them the name each one draws."

"But if you don't have your name in the cap, you won't have any secret sister or secret brother."

"Oh, no," said Daddy as he squeezed Mom's hand, "we can all be her secret sisters and brothers, then."

So that night, as the Johnsons snuggled into their beds, there was much happy planning of how each one would secretly do good to another.

MEMORY VERSE: It is more blessed to give than to receive. Acts 20:35

FAMILY DISCUSSION

1. Could we have fun playing the same secret sister and brother game in our family?

2. What rewards for giving in Christian love are promised in God's Word? (Proverbs 11:25; 22:9; Malachi 3:10; Luke 6:38)

3. What does the Bible say about being kind to one another? (Romans 12:10; Ephesians 4:32)

4. What people of the Old Testament showed special kindnesses to others? (Joseph—Genesis 50:21; Moses—Exodus 2:17; Boaz—Ruth 2:16; David—II Samuel 9:1)

5. What parable did Jesus tell about kindness to others, of doing alms for others? (Luke 10:34)

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EVANGELIST-YOUTH WORKER ANNOUNCES SCHEDULE FOR THE FALL

Rev. David C. Molstre, evangelist-youth worker of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations, announced these appointments for the next months.

Sept. 10-14—Binford, N. Dak.

Sept. 17-21—Dalton, Minn.

Sept. 24-26—Dickinson, N. Dak.

Oct. 1-5—Cumberland, Wis.

Oct. 8-12—Brockton, Mont.

Oct. 15-19—Winger, Minn.

Oct. 22-23—Hickory Grove,

Boscobel, Wis.

Oct. 29-No. 2—Trinity,

Boscobel, Wis.

Nov. 8-12—Willmar, Minn.

Nov. 18-22—Stacy, Minn.

Nov. 29-Dec. 3—Radcliffe, Ia.

Please check locally for time and place of meetings where not designated above. Support this evangelism mission in our church with prayer. Ask the Lord to bless every service, every contact, to His good purpose.

Perhaps I was DREAMING

THE TEMPLE

In the midst of a wild but glorious wilderness I found a great Temple. It was nobly built, of rich and varied materials, and its pinnacles lost themselves in the glory of the constellations.

Myriads of men, women and children surged around it. Some gazed at it in silent admiration, others ignored or despised it.

Some of them were enthusiastic over the magnificence of its architecture, the vastness of its proportions, and the beauty of its ornaments; others delighted in certain parts or portions, as for instance a porch, a window, or a door, made a special study of that part, and became noted "authorities" on it.

But there were some who, for one reason or another, had conceived a bitter dislike for it. They swore to destroy it and tried to convince the people that it lay right in the way of progress and should by all means be removed. They said that the reputed Architect had never designed it, that the interior was empty, and that the whole thing was a gross imposture.

In one place I saw a learned man making a microscopic study of one individual block. He had been at it over thirty years, and claimed to have discovered that it was a "conglomerate," consisting of several different kinds of material. He was now trying to determine from what locality each "ingredient" had come, and was writing a ponderous book on the subject. But for some reason it never seemed to occur to him to try to enter the Temple itself.

In another place I saw a gang of men digging along the wall. I asked them what they were doing, and was told that they were going to undermine the old thing and blow it up, then erect a modern apartment house in place of it. This, they said, would be of much more practical value, besides being more up-to-date.

As time went on I noticed that while in the daytime the great Temple enriched the surroundings by its inimitable glory, at night a wonderful light poured out through its great

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editorials

RECEIPTS LAG

Some time should be spent in studying the AFLC Budget Receipts found elsewhere in this issue. Yes, they come from mid-summer, traditionally a slow time in church fund ingathering. But it doesn't look encouraging for the final result on February 1 to find the total received by July 31 as less than had been taken in at the same time a year ago. Bear in mind that the budget for this year is considerably higher than last year's.

Also, the receipts as of July 31 of \$137,628.31 are only 30.9 per cent of the total budget as compared with 36.4 last year. Remember that the ideal for six months is 50 per cent.

In Association history it has always been the exception rather than the rule when receipts in the current year have run behind the previous year. This is why we call attention to this situation at this particular time. We hope that it doesn't portend any problem in the overall budget picture for our church this year.

It would be good if church councils and pastors, as well as all our people, kept an eye on the budget receipts as they are released. In this way the needs can be seen and appropriate action be taken in time.

AUTUMN RENEWAL

In the world of nature, autumn is the time of slackening down. It is preparation for winter. It is not thought of as a time for growth, but of the end of growth. Some of the greatest beauty in the natural world is to be found in the fall, but it is all prelude to winter, for those of us who live in

the northern climes. And the winter means cold and a whole new way of living.

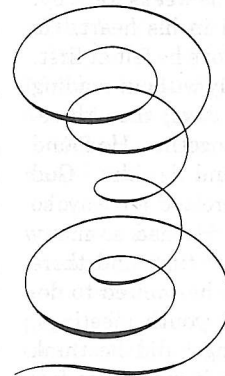
So it is a paradox that, contrary to the world of nature, the work in the churches comes to life, takes on greater activity, in the autumn of the year. Conversely, in the spring, when plant life is begun and renewed, the churches draw much of their endeavor to a close or bank it up for the summer. Well, we know why this is so, the church year runs with the school year and summer is vacation time, but it's interesting to think about anyway.

And it's exciting in the churches as the autumn activities begin. What an opportunity for the congregations in the Sunday School and confirmation work. Teaching staffs are completed and all is in readiness. God bless the teaching ministry. It is no small undertaking. It is filled with possibilities.

The pastor enters his pulpit with new resolve come September, especially after Labor Day. He sees the year laid out before him. He vows greater dedication to, greater diligence in declaring the whole counsel of God. What an opportunity to reach people with the Law and Gospel of the Lord! May there be rich increase through the preaching of the Word.

Much more could be said, Consider the midweek services of prayer and Bible study, choir work, Luther Leagues, Ladies Aids, men's brotherhoods, etc. All are taking on new life. Yes, it is an exciting time.

May the Lord's purposes be sought in all of these endeavors. Let every worker and participant be faithful. Be eager to hear, to teach, to preach. God gives the increase (I Corinthians 3:6).



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windows, illuminating the surroundings, and saving many a soul from going astray. I also noticed that while the greatest locksmiths in the world were unable to open its doors, yet in some mysterious way the humblest people in the land found easy entrance. Furthermore I noticed that these people, after spending some time inside, would come forth with a

wonderful radiance upon their faces, such as none of the others had.

Above the main door was inscribed, in golden letters, "The Word of God." And underneath, in smaller lettering, "This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

—C. A. Wendell

LUTHER LEAGUE ACTIVITIES

FIRST LOVE

Bill was a very happy young man. He'd just been to a church service where he heard about how God loved him so much that He sent His Son Jesus to die for his sins, and how He wanted to make him a new person on the inside and give him the free gift of eternal life. At that service, Bill asked Jesus Christ into his life, to be his Lord and Savior. He felt such a wonderful peace and joy in his heart, like he'd never known before. The next day he started to read the Bible and pray, because he wanted to get to know more about Jesus. But as the weeks went by, something happened in his heart. He didn't feel the same love he felt at first. He began to skip a day without reading his Bible, then two days, then three, then a week, then altogether. He found it hard to pray, and besides, God probably wasn't interested anyway, so he stopped praying. He had so many things demanding his time and there were so many things he wanted to do. He stopped going to youth meetings, then church. No longer did he think about Jesus, because it made him feel guilty. His Christian friends asked him where he'd been, so he made up excuses and avoided them as much as possible. He wanted nothing to do with God and, as far as he knew, God wanted nothing to do with him. . . .

Sound familiar? Maybe you've experienced this yourself, or have a friend who has. Maybe you still come to church and youth meetings, but in your heart you know you are missing something. The peace, the joy, the love that you first had for Jesus seem so

stale, dry, lifeless. You're going through the actions, but your heart isn't in it.

In Revelation 2:1-7, God writes a letter to the church in Ephesus. But what He says applies to our lives with Christ today. He says, "I know your deeds and your toil and perseverance, and that you cannot endure evil men, and you put to the test those who call themselves apostles, and they are not, and you found them to be false; and you have perseverance and have endured for My name's sake, and have not grown weary." Every one of these things are good and excellent, but listen to his next statement. "BUT I have this against you, that *you have left your first love.*"

Take a moment to ponder something here. What was it that brought you to the place of asking Jesus Christ to be your Savior and Lord? What is it that makes you hungry to know Him better? The reason Jesus Christ had to die is because of our *need* for the grace of God. The reason we come to Christ and continue to come is because only He can meet the *need* of our hearts. And the reason our hearts grow cold within us as we hurry about each day is that we lose our sense of *need* for Christ. It can happen so easily. We can go to church all our life, and it can still happen. We get caught up in our activities and plans, even those that are "for the Lord." But gradually we get so busy *doing* that we forget our *need to be* with Christ. "I'm too busy doing Your work to spend time with You, God!" The need of our hearts cannot be filled with the *work* of God. It can only be filled with God Himself.

It is an empty, frustrating feeling when we realize we have grown cold in our love for Christ. But we don't have to drown in our hopelessness. God offers us the solution. "Remember therefore from where you have fallen, and repent and do the deeds you did at first. . ." (Rev. 2:5). Confess to God how you feel. Turn away from the temptation to be constantly busy. Ask God to make the need of your heart the *very most important* thing to you each day, to spend some quiet time alone with Christ.

Real peace, joy and love are only found in knowing and loving Jesus.

And the only way you can know and love someone is by spending time with him.

—Tad Spading

MAY WE HEAR

. . . from you? Tell us about your Luther League activities. React to something you read on our youth page. Let us know about your testimony for Christ, your plans and dreams. Write: Tad Spading, LLF Devotional Life Secretary, 10447 N.E. 110th, Kirkland, Wash. 98033.



DR. WISLØFF TO LECTURE AT SEMINARY

Dr. Carl Fr. Wisløff, former professor at the Independent Seminary (Menighetsfakultet) in Oslo, Norway, will give five lectures at Free Lutheran Theological Seminary in Minneapolis, Minn., Oct. 9-13. His topic will be "The Theology of Martin Luther: Still a Lodestar." He will lecture each morning from 10 to 11:50.

Dr. Wisløff is a leading conservative Lutheran scholar in Norway and is much in demand as a lecturer both in Norway and in the U.S.

The annual Association workshop for all board members and agency leaders will be held on Friday, Oct. 13, in the afternoon. At that time the new AFLC president, Pastor Richard Snipstead, will address the group. Board meetings will be held on Thursday and/or Friday as decided by the individual boards.

Some dormitory housing may be available. Please contact Pastor Kenneth Moland of the Bible School concerning this.

PASTOR GRUNDAHL TAUGHT

Pastor K. C. Grundahl, former teacher at the Lutheran Bible Institute in Minneapolis, Minn., taught at the annual Summer Short Course, Association Free Lutheran Theological Seminary, this past summer. He replaced Pastor R. Dasari, who was detained in India, while on a personal trip there.

W.M.F. BIBLE STUDY

ONLY WAITING

Only waiting till the shadows are a little longer grown;
Only waiting till the glimmer of the day's last beam is flown.
Till the night of earth is faded from this heart once full of day,
Till the dawn of Heaven is breaking through the twilight soft and gray.

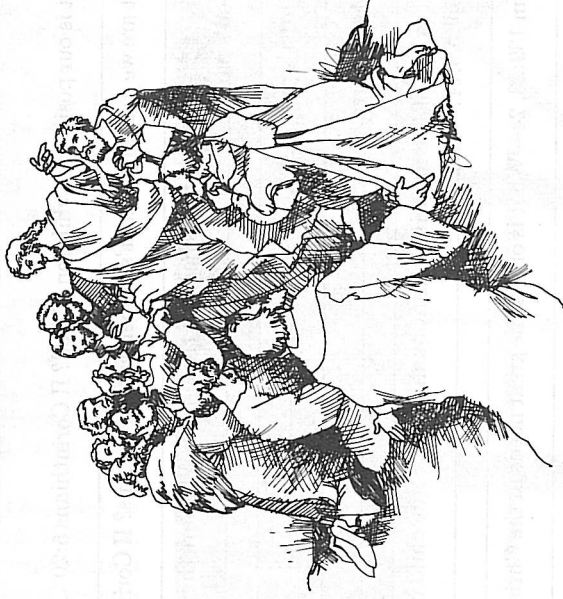
Only waiting till the reapers have the last sheaf gathered home,
For the summer time has faded and the autumn winds have come.
Quickly, reapers, gather quickly the last ripe hours of my heart,
For the bloom of life is withered, and I hasten to depart.

When a man praises God in Christ, it is a sure sign of genuine conversion. When a man accepts God's gifts, but never gives Him thanks and praise, we have good reason to doubt the reality of his conversion.

L. S. Keyser

So many of us are longing for the comforting presence of the Spirit in our lives when the darkness of trouble and dismay envelopes us, and we must go our way uncomforted and unhelped, because we do not permit the Spirit to reprove us of sin; because we try to experience salvation without having first gone through the valley of repentance. It is as true now as it ever was, that "The way of the cross leads home." By bearing the cross; by nailing our sins upon it: we are made fit to wear the crown.

F. A. Meusch



October, 1978

PROMOTION

Read Psalm 119:9-16 and I Thessalonians 4:13-18.

As we live in the hope of Christ's return, let us reach out in love and wisdom to those about us. Our homeland is in Heaven where our Savior is, and we look forward to His return for His children. We are under orders from this King of Kings to proclaim this message.

God pardons those who come to Him on His own terms. We receive forgiveness of sin for the purpose of giving God His rightful place in our lives. Jesus gives us hope each day by His grace. He also gives us joy, peace, assurance and security in the midst of the turmoil of our age. Christ is coming soon and that is "the blessed hope" spoken of in God's Word. This hope is instilled in us by the

resurrection of Jesus Christ. Before He left His disciples, Christ promised that He would send a Comforter to help them in the cares, trials and temptations of life. When a person receives Christ as Savior, the third person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit, takes up residence in the heart. This produces the fruit of the Spirit as given in Galatians 5:22-26. You might like to read these verses.

1. What is our position as children of God? II Corinthians 5:20 _____
2. What are we made by Christ's atonement for our sins? II Corinthians 5:21 _____
3. Titus 3:4-7—The emphases here are three-fold. What are they?
 - (a) God's part _____
 - (b) Christ's part _____
 - (c) Man's part _____
4. What is one of the most important qualities in a true child of God according to I John 3:14? _____
5. Psalm 139:23, 24—What is one of the great needs in the Christian walk? _____
6. Psalm 140:13—What must we remember to include in all of our prayers? _____

Jesus is waiting for the day when He will return for His own. All of His real friends are doing likewise. He spoke of His return many times in His Word. To await the return of the Lord is one of the signs that we are His true friends. There is something wrong within our hearts if this rejoicing has become distant or unreal. One waits with joy for one whom he loves.

I Timothy 6:12 admonishes us to: "Fight the good fight of faith." Martin Luther said that faith lives only as long as it strives. We hold on to the grace of

God even when our failings would condemn us. This is very important in living faith. Luther himself, a great hero of faith, often had great difficulty in believing the forgiveness of sins. The more sensitive our consciences become, the more they will accuse us. This distress of conscience is what keeps living faith in the child of God. In Psalm 130:4, we read: "There is forgiveness with Thee, That Thou mayest be feared."

7. Give the true source of our help, as stated in James 4:6-8. _____
8. What was David's experience in I Chronicles 29:17? _____
9. What was the exhortation of Eliphaz to Job in Job 22:25-27? _____
10. According to Hebrews 11:6, what is really a "must" in our lives? _____
11. Where is our real citizenship, as recorded in Philippians 3:20? _____

Read and reread Luke 12:32.

"Fear not!" How this comment increases our courage to believe in Jesus. Exhortations such as this occur frequently in God's Word. The conscience that is asleep is not aware of its guilt, nor of God's great wrath against sin. The soul that is spiritually awake is aware of the seriousness of sin and is deeply concerned to have things right with God. He has so graciously led us on the right pathway, even when we have become impatient and dissatisfied for a time. We can take courage from II Chronicles 16:9a.

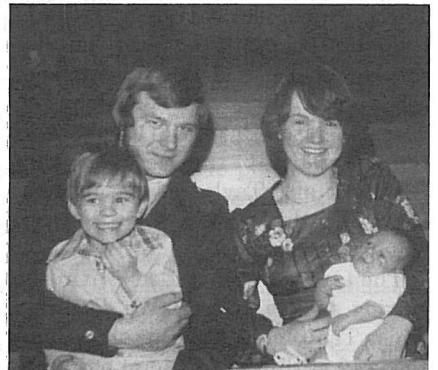
Are we sincere in our prayers, in our Bible reading and in our striving against sin? This is of utmost importance if we are to receive promotion to eternity with Jesus. If we would become fitted for Heaven, we must learn the customs of Heaven here on earth. "Goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life." These words as expressed by the Psalmist should ever encourage us.

Forgive us, Lord, because we tend to be so ungrateful.

CRADLE ROLL NEWS FROM SPICER

Cradle Roll graduation was held in Green Lake Lutheran Church of Spicer, Minn., on the evening of May 10 at 8 o'clock. The program was combined with our Mother's Day program. Mrs. Trygve Dahle gave a cradle roll reading. The children had time for the story of Noah and the Ark, while Pastor Dennis Gray had a message for the parents and the rest of the family. Lunch was served following the program and the cradle roll members sat by a small table decorated with a Noah's ark. Each child received a small stuffed animal to take home.

We welcomed one new member in March of this year, Kevin Jacob Stulen. We have one two-year-old, Aaron Nelson, and six graduating children: Darryl Nelson, Adrea Hamilton, Ryan Block, Ryan Hegreberg, Michael deCathelineau and Heather Nelson.



Pictured are Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Stulen, Scott and Kevin, and also the children's table at our party.



Pray for these little ones as they grow that they would stand fast in their faith in the Lord Jesus.

Linda Nelson
Cradle Roll secretary

Women For Christ

TYPES OF THE CROSS IN THE SCRIPTURES

"For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God" (I Cor. 1:18).

The cross is foolishness unto the unsaved, whether it be Jew or Gentile, but to the saved, it is the power of God.

We find many types of the cross in the Scriptures. Let's look at just a few instances. We find the first promise of the cross in Genesis 3:15. Man sinned and right away it meant that God must supply a cross. Yes, here we find the first promise of the Redeemer.

In Genesis 3:21, we find the first covering for sin. God made coats of skin for Adam and Eve. Blood was shed. Isaiah writes in chapter 61:10, "He hath clothed me with garments of salvation, He hath covered me with the robe of righteousness."

We noticed the first lamb offering in Genesis 4:4. Hebrews 11:4 tells us "Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain." It was a lamb—a blood sacrifice. John says, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (Jn. 1:29).

In Genesis 18:4 we have the visitation of the angels to tell Sarah that she was to have a son. The

heavenly visitors were told to rest under the tree. In Hebrews 4:1 we read, "Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into His rest, any of you should seem to come short of it." The tree is a form of the cross. How we need to learn the lesson of resting in the Lord. Someone has said there are 365 "fear nots" in the Bible—one for each day, and yet how hard it is to put all our trust in the Lord—yes, to just rest under the Tree. "There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God" (Heb. 4:9).

Let us close by reminding ourselves of the Passover Lamb. Exodus 12:13 says, "When I see the blood, I will pass over you." John 3:14-15: "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life."

May we reflect on these types of the cross. May Jesus, the Lamb of God, become more precious to us. He wants our lives in full surrender to His cross.

"When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
.....
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, *my all.*"

Mrs. Ray S. Persson
Bemidji, Minn.

DICKINSON CHURCH DEDICATED

The dedication service for Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Dickinson, North Dakota, was held at 3:30 p.m., on July 9.

The welcome and devotions were given by Roger Gabbert, president of the congregation. Pastor John P. Strand, president of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations, gave the dedicatory message. Music was provided by Mrs. Eckhart J. Heid, organist, and a vocal trio composed of Faith Nelson and Della and Eckhart J. Heid sang "To God Be The Glory," with the congregation joining in the chorus.

Eldon Nelson, pastor of Our Saviour's and Home Mission Director of the AFLC, gave a welcome. Greetings were extended by Pastor Terry Olson of Bethel Lutheran of Minot, North Dakota; Joel Rogenes, member of the Home Mission Board, Buxton, North Dakota; and Pastor Theo. Nace, First Congregational Church, Dickinson. Others who also responded were Hjalma Johnson, Minot, and Mrs. Lavern F. Johnson, Tioga, North Dakota. Other towns represented at the service were Bismarck and Taylor, North Dakota, Reva, South Dakota, and Spencer, Minnesota.

The service concluded with the singing of the hymn "We Dedicate This Temple." A fellowship hour followed at the First Federal hospitality room.

Pastor Strand conducted the first service on March 7, 1976, and Pastor Eldon Nelson has served as the first pastor of Our Saviour's, since June of 1977.

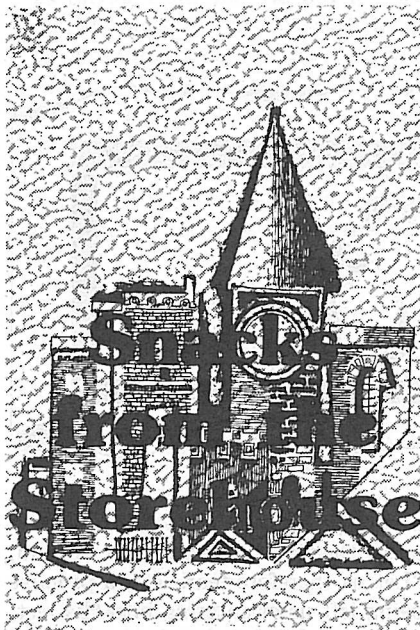
—Echardt J. Heid



Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

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treatment at the Cancer Research Center of the University of Minnesota Hospital. Mrs. Ose and the boys arrived home on July 30. The family is living at 5200 37th Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minn. 55417.)



GIVE ME THIS MOUNTAIN

"Give me this mountain" (Joshua 14:12). A rather strange request. Who wants a mountain, anyhow? There was the fertile valley and the wide open spaces. But, Caleb said: "Give me *this* mountain." Wasn't he aware of the problems involved? Wasn't he aware of the Anakims (giants) who possessed this particular mountain? Yes, he was well aware of that fact. He tells Joshua: "Thou heardest in that day how the Anakims were there." They were still there. And still he desired this particular mountain as his own. Hebron, therefore, at his request became his own.

Now why did Caleb desire Hebron? Was it a nice place in which to retire? After all, he was 85 years of age. No, he didn't search for ease or comfort. There was something else he longed for. There was a lost fellowship to be regained. Abraham had lived in Hebron. Had fellowshiped with his God there. Sarah died and was buried there. It was named in honor of Abraham by the citizens of that time. The modern name of Hebron means

"the friend of God," after him. Now it was all lost to the Anakims. Caleb wanted it back. He wanted the fellowship back. The place where God had been so near in the past. That's why he said: "Give me *this* mountain." He knew the Anakims were there. He knew they were powerful giants. He knew all that. But he also knew a God who was adequate to make victory possible. And what a whole army didn't even attempt to do 45 years earlier, old Caleb did, believing in God who is able. The Anakims were driven out and the place of fellowship was restored.

Is there some lost territory in your life? Giants have invaded God's territory. A bad habit has taken away your freedom. Resentment rules in the inner sanctum of your life. The fellowship with God seems lost. He appears so far away and unreal. You have tried so hard to regain the lost territory. Tried and tried again—and failed. Those habits and attitudes seem so deeply entrenched, like a mountain. If you *really* want to regain what is lost, if you *really* want the peace and freedom of a restored fellowship, then do as Caleb did. "I want *this* mountain." Enemies have taken over and *I can't* drive them out, but *You can*. The lost mountain was regained and became an outpost for further adventure into God's Abundance.

—Karl G. Berg



HOLY LAND TOUR PLANNED

Pastor Dale Battleson, who visited Israel six years ago, invites you to join him on a ten-day trip to the Holy Land. The departure date from New York is January 8, 1979.

This will be an exciting educational and spiritual experience.

Write today for a free brochure:

Rev. Dale R. Battleson

Box 627

Bradley, S. Dak. 57217

Letters TO THE EDITOR

GREAT DAYS AT DEVILS LAKE

"Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, 'Rejoice!'"

It has been some time since I have sent any letters your way and now having had such a blessed time, the days we made it to camp last week (July 10-16) at Lakewood, Devils Lake (N. Dak.), I thought I would write straight away.

How great it is that we still have testimony meetings. Last Wednesday evening (Ed.-?) during the service testimonies were asked for, and could you believe that they must have lasted approximately one and one-half hours, young people popping up all over the tabernacle building, anxious to share what the Lord had done for them. It really is a great blessing to see young people on fire for the Lord.

We certainly were blessed, too, by having the Good News Singers with us. Truly Christ was lifted up in the numbers and sharing which they did. Also, on Sunday morning the Ambassadors from Bible School shared so beautifully in song and testimonies. What an encouragement to see these young people interested in sharing the gifts which the Lord has given to them, for His glory.

After the evening service on Wednesday a large number of young people went forward and here, again, how wonderful to see them respond to the Holy Spirit. I am praying that they will keep in the Word and find Christian friends and not be afraid to stand alone, if need be. We know that the Lord has promised never to leave us alone nor forsake us, and if we are faithful, He will bless abundantly. He is truly the best Friend you can ever have for He is always there and knows all about you already, and accepts you, and will always be a help, whatever the need.

We would like to thank all those who prepared the delicious meals. It really is a sacrifice when one misses some of the good meetings to prepare meals.

Trusting the Lord gave you cooks a double blessing for your faithfulness.

Pearl Aanstad of Hampden was surprised when her faithfulness for all the years she helped serve in many different capacities was remembered by having "Pearl Aanstad Day" and presenting her with a lovely corsage of red roses, also a beautiful plaque, cards and expressions of thanks. I thanked her, too, for having taught two of our girls during confirmation when we were without a pastor. She always went the extra mile to make the young people happy.

One thing about camps, WMF meetings, and conferences is the opportunity to see familiar faces. Maybe we only meet twice a year, but what a blessing to see one another and have a good time of fellowship together.

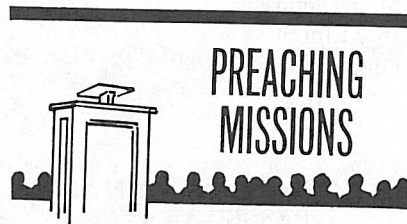
To the young people: if you didn't make it to camp this year, try to prepare for the next one. You just don't know what you are missing. I am sure that these young people who go will never forget the times they have had at camp. I know our own young people didn't, and how much more your life is enriched.

Mrs. Reuben Ivesdal
Edmore, N. Dak.

ITEMS LEFT AT DEVILS LAKE CAMP

Items found at Sheyenne Valley Lutheran Bible Camp, Devils Lake, N. Dak., July 10-16, include two red Bibles, one white Bible, a camera, a

cowboy hat (number of gallons not specified), umbrella and a blue hooded jacket. Please contact Pastor Timothy Skramstad, Minnewaukan, N. Dak. 58351, if you wish to claim any of these items.



Lake Region Parish, Roslyn, S. Dak.
Howard Kjos, pastor
Sept. 27-28
Rev. Gerald F. Mundfrom, Nogales, Ariz., speaker
Strandquist, Minn.
Hegland Lutheran Church
Merle Knutson, pastor
Oct. 1-5
Rev. Gerald F. Mundfrom, Nogales, Ariz., speaker
Buxton, N. Dak.
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Rodney Stueland, lay pastor
Oct. 10-11
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Budget Receipts (Feb. 1 to July 31)

Fund	Total Budget 1978-79	Current Budget	Received during July	Total Rec'd. to date	% of Current	% of Total
General	\$ 78,630.00	\$ 39,315.00	\$ 5,619.50	\$ 27,991.93	71.2	35.6
Schools	143,190.00	71,597.00	5,571.04	42,525.74	59.4	29.7
Home Missions	75,000.00	37,500.00	3,782.00	21,203.52	56.5	28.3
Foreign Missions	113,512.00	56,755.98	5,208.10	34,106.09	60.0	30.0
Praise Fund	35,000.00	17,500.02	1,946.93	11,801.03	67.4	33.7
Totals	\$445,332.00	\$222,668.00	\$22,127.57	\$137,628.31	61.8	30.9
1977-78	\$382,477.00	\$191,238.42	\$21,509.82	\$139,317.79	72.8	36.4

THE ABEL NEWSLETTERS

The mailing list for the (John) Abels' newsletters is being up-dated. If you have a change of address, or wish to receive their letters, please make it known to

Mabel Johnson
1643 Elm St.
Fargo, N. Dak. 58102

FATHER OF REV. JOHN ABEL PASSED AWAY

Mr. Winston Naylor, stepfather of Rev. John Abel, missionary to Brazil, passed away earlier this year. He had had heart surgery in May or June. Pastor Abel was home in the U.S. for the funeral and had the opportunity to meet with the Board of World Missions at that time and report on the work in Brazil.

Our sympathy to Pastor Abel and family and his mother and sister in their sorrow.

SEVERAL RECENT DEATHS NOTED

Miss Marie Kjelaas, daughter of pioneer pastor L. E. Kjelaas (Grenville, S. Dak., and LaMoure, N. Dak.), passed away in February. A one-time teacher at Augsburg College, Minneapolis, Minn., she was a resident of Ebenezer Homes, Minneapolis.

Rev. Hobart S. Skilbred, 62, Lily, S. Dak., passed away on May 9. An ALC pastor, he had participated in the Pickerel Lake Lutheran Bible Camp, Grenville, S. Dak. Previously he served pastorates at Mauston, Wis., Crosby and Arnegard, N. Dak., and Pierpont and Long Lake, S. Dak.

Rev. Lowell T. Nerge, 53, Minneapolis, Minn., passed away on May 23. He served parishes at Henning and Big Lake, Minn., and served as a chaplain in the U.S. Air Force. He was a graduate of Augsburg Seminary, Minneapolis.

Mrs. Caleb Quanbeck, wife of Rev. Caleb Quanbeck, passed away on June 13 in Madagascar, where she and her husband lived in retirement. Born in Madagascar of missionary parents, the

J. B. Jerstads, she and her husband first went out themselves in 1926. Their only child, Stanley, is a medical doctor at Ejeda Lutheran Hospital in Tulear, Madagascar.

Blessed be their memory.

HAAGENSON BABY DIES

Funeral services for Jeremiah Boyd, infant son of Rev. and Mrs. Larry Haagenson, were held on Saturday, July 1, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Minnewaukan, N. Dak. Jeremiah was born on May 7, 1978, and passed away on June 27. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Haagenson, Minnewaukan, and Mr. and Mrs. Orville Sund, Cleveland, N. Dak. Rev. Timothy K. Skramstad, Minnewaukan, officiated at the service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTIONS TO BE HELD IN NORTH DAKOTA

The North Dakota Sunday School Association is sponsoring two one-day conventions, on September 26 in Grand Forks, and on September 28 in Bismarck. Convention sites will be the Grace Baptist Church, 700 - 24th Avenue South, Grand Forks, and the McCabe United Methodist Church,

6th and Boulevard, Bismarck.

Miss Judith Wold, AFLC Parish Education Secretary, will be one of the workshop leaders this year, as well as representatives of the various Sunday School publishing companies and local Christian educators and resource personnel.

President of the NDSSA is Pastor Robert Lee, Valley City, and other board members are from various denominations across the state.

Registration for the conventions begins at 9:30 a.m.



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

NORTH DAKOTA

Churches Ferry

Mrs. Loren (Laurine) Witmer, 57, May 24 in Norway, Antiochia

Leeds

Mrs. Osmund (Liva) Vinje, 85, July 23, Lebanon