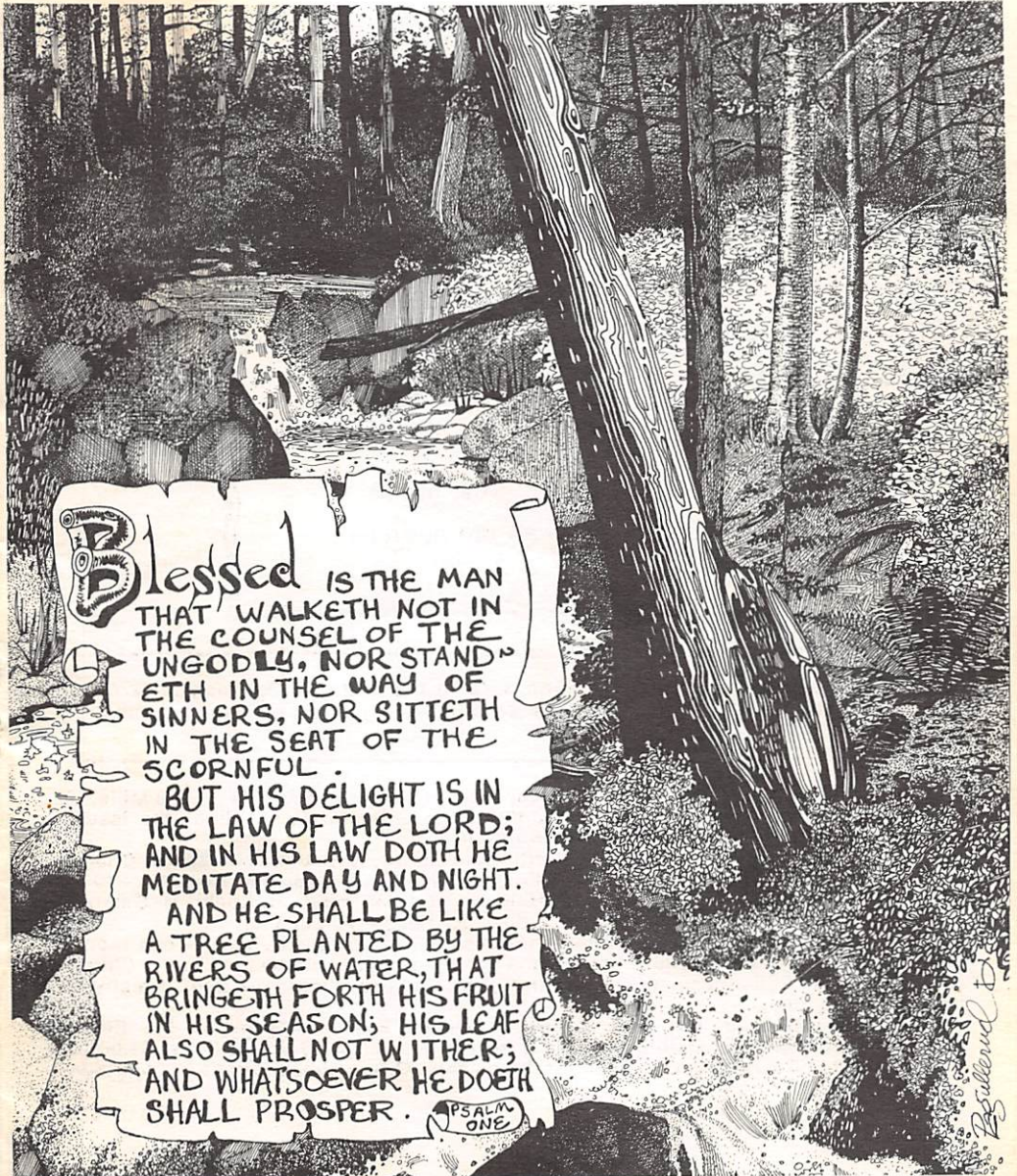


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Blessed is the man
that walketh not in
the counsel of the
ungodly, nor stand-
eth in the way of
sinners, nor sitteth
in the seat of the
scornful.

But his delight is in
the law of the Lord;
and in his law doth he
meditate day and night.

And he shall be like
a tree planted by the
rivers of water, that
bringeth forth his fruit
in his season; his leaf
also shall not wither;
and whatsoever he doeth
shall prosper.

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Jesus Calls

Bring your children unto Me!
Teach them of My kingdom's love;
Tell them of My home above.
Bring your children unto Me!

Bring your children unto Me!
On Calvary I bought them too;
Teach them faith that will be true.
Bring your children unto Me!

Bring your children unto Me!
I am the haven for the soul!
Let not the world take its toll!
Bring your children unto Me!

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The Communion of Saints

This expression found in the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed is frequently misunderstood, we fear, by our uninstructed children, even by some adult members in our congregations, and especially by the unchurched. In the mind of many the word "communion" is very apt to be associated with the Lord's Supper, and the word "saints" may well be beclouded by the Roman Catholic definition of that term, which applies it to such departed souls who distinguished themselves by means of the good words they did here on earth and through the miracles they are supposed to be able to do in answer to prayers addressed to them after their death. The false conception of these words "the communion of saints" that many are therefore apt to draw is that this refers to some mystical celebration of the Lord's Supper, which takes place among those who have already entered heaven.

Its True Meaning

If we look carefully at the context in which this expression stands, we will observe that it serves as an apposition to the preceding words, "the holy Christian Church." That means that it is simply another name for the holy Christian Church which gives us additional information concerning it. Now the holy Christian Church, as we learn from Scripture, consists of the whole number of believers here on earth, that invisible group of peo-

ple, whom God alone knows, who have been called by the Holy Spirit through the Gospel to faith in Jesus as their heaven-sent Savior, who have been enlightened by Him, given a new birth, and are kept in that faith by His power. All these believers Scripture characterizes as saints, as can be seen from the Apostle Paul's use of this term to address these believers in his epistles to various Christian congregations. To verify this we suggest that you read the following: Romans 1:7; 1 Corinthians 1:1-2; 2 Corinthians 1:1; Ephesians 1:1; Philippians 1:1; and Colossians 1:1. Going back to the original Greek text, one finds that the word translated "saints" in our King James version actually means "the holy ones" or "the holy people," as it is rendered in some of our modern versions. Luther does something similar in the German. That is the Scriptural meaning of "saints" and that is the sense in which the word is used in the expression "the communion of saints." The word "communion" literally means a "coming together" or a congregation of people who share an intimate spiritual relationship joined together by a common faith. The communion of saints therefore is that group of people here on earth who have been made holy by God through their faith in Jesus as their Savior. That is brought out very clearly by Luther in his rendition of these words as "die Gemeinde der Heili-

gen" (the congregation of holy people).

The Wonder Of It

You and I, through the Holy Spirit's grace and work in our hearts by means of the Gospel, have built our faith on Jesus and His merits as our only hope of salvation. You and I therefore are saints or holy people in God's sight and a part of this wonderful communion. But how can we be called holy people or saints before God when we must all regretfully confess that we still daily sin much and come far short of the glory of God in our thoughts, desires, words and actions? Is that not a misnomer for the likes of us? Humanly speaking, it would be, but not in view of what God has done on us and in us. Us, who are by no means holy of ourselves, God has declared holy. He has done that by imputing to us at our Baptism the perfect holiness and righteousness worked out for us by Jesus as our substitute, who fulfilled all righteousness for us, and by crediting to us the perfect atonement Jesus made for every sin of ours, as Paul assures us, when he writes to the Galatians: "Ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ." (Galatians 3:26-27). Us, who build our hopes on what Jesus did and suffered in our place, God now regards as clothed in the garment of Jesus' perfect holiness, which covers all our sins, also those which on account of our weak flesh we still commit from day to day. It is

what God has done for us that makes us saints in His sight, in spite of the sinners we still are as long as we live here on earth.

Furthermore, in us, who build our hopes of righteousness on Jesus and His merits, the Holy Spirit has created a new man and heart through His regenerating work in us, as St. Paul tells us 2 Corinthians 5:17: "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." This new man is in the likeness and image of God and wants to and is able to begin to do again the holy will of God in our lives. In grateful appreciation for what Jesus has done and suffered for us believers this new man thinks and speaks and does that which pleases God and to serve HIM with the holy works outlined in His Commandments. We believers now love God above all things and our fellowmen as ourselves, motivated by the abounding grace which God has showered upon us. These works of ours as believers, done out of love for Jesus and according to His Commandments, God now graciously regards as good and holy, sin-stained though they still be, and for Jesus' sake forgives whatever of sin still clings to them. To these works of believers prompted by the Holy Spirit Peter has reference when he writes: "Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ." (1 Peter 2:5). In the light of what His grace has done for them and the transforming effect it has on them

God calls His believers saints and holy people.

What Blessed People We Are

Saints before God! What a blessed status is ours now as believers! This we need to keep in mind when Satan tries to drive us to doubt and despair by whispering to us thoughts like these: How can God regard you as a dear child of His in the light of all your failings and shortcomings and sins, of which you still become guilty day after day? How can you ever hope to stand in His judgment when your own heart and conscience continue to condemn you? At such times let us go to God's own Word, in which He calls us, who to Jesus for refuge have fled, His saints, His holy ones, remembering that He has

ascribed to us that name and status, not on the basis of anything we personally are or have done, but solely and alone on the basis of the righteousness of Jesus, which He has graciously imputed to us. When doubts concerning our situation before God assail us, we need to follow the example of the hymnwriter, who tells us:

I cling to what my Savior taught,
Whether I feel or feel it not.

Clinging to that, we can rest assured that we will one day be part of that great host arrayed in white surrounding the throne of the Lamb and singing His praises, that host finally become visible that is made up of the communion of saints of all ages.

H. C. Duehlmeier

Chapel Talk, Immanuel Lutheran
College, Eau Claire, Wisconsin

Blessing The Lord

II

Text: Psalm 103:3a and 4a Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction.

"Bless the LORD, O my soul," says David. Bless Him because of all the marvellous things He does for you; or as he wrote in another place, "O sing unto the LORD a new song for He hath done marvellous things." What could be more marvellous than the creation in which we live, or what could be more marvellous than the bodies we possess, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made, or what could be more marvellous than

the redemption purchased by God's Son. It is true, the LORD has done marvellous things, and like David in our text, we would bless Him with all our souls. But the LORD has not only done great things, for great He is and greatly to be praised, but He has done great things for us, whereof we are glad. There is something very intimate and personal about Psalm 103. Just as in the opening verses David urges us to be so overwhelmed by what our LORD means and stands for so that we would forget our inhibitions and literally talk to ourselves about it, so in this section he speaks about the actions of our LORD, not generally, but as they

relate very personally to your life and mine. And what is the first thing he mentions?

Our Greatest Possession

v.3 "Who forgives all our iniquities." When David starts to count his blessings, and that is what he is doing here, the blessing that is most important to him is the forgiveness of his sins, and we can understand that because when it comes right down to it, this is the most important blessing in our lives, too, is it not? That is why this Psalm is such a beautiful Psalm. What David says here is precisely what you and I want to say, only perhaps he says it better. The forgiveness of our sins is the greatest blessing that a child of God can possess.

But if you are not so sure about this, contrast, if you will, the greatness of the LORD with the smallness of ourselves. Contrast the I AM, the absolute eternal essence of perfection and power and glory with what we are, mortal, self-willed perverted (which is the exact translation of the word used for sin or iniquity in our text), unrighteous and unclean! Consider this contrast in your mind, and then you can not help exclaiming, "Bless the LORD, bless the LORD for sending his Son, Jesus Christ, so that we might approach this great LORD in prayer and be confident that he will hear us and answer." For what Jesus did for us, though it happened only once on Calvary, has made an approach to the LORD for us for all time. You see, our LORD does not forgive once, but He keeps on forgiving, and that is an

important point in this text. The text does not say, He forgave you all your iniquities, but it says, He forgives, He keeps on forgiving. You and I go on sinning and repenting day after day, and He goes on forgiving. Think of it!

When you say your daily prayers, and thank the LORD for blessing you and ask for the forgiveness of your sins, and plead to Him for his help and strength to keep going, you know that you will have to ask for the same things tomorrow because you and I are such weak and frail creatures, and so desperately need our God constantly. What a wonderful thing it is that the LORD keeps hearing, that today and tomorrow and the next day and the day after that He forgives.

Redeemed From Destruction

But more than that. The Psalmist says, "He redeems our souls from destruction." Left to ourselves we would steer our lives straight for destruction; our sinful flesh would like to ruin us, and the world keeps tempting us to follow the broad path to hell. But the LORD redeems us from destruction. He won't let us go that way. Through the blood of Christ He has prepared a better way, a way that cost Him the death of His Son. That is why David says in another place, "The redemption of the soul is precious," precious to God because it is so expensive, and precious to you and me because there is no other way, for man can by no other means redeem his brother. We need what God does for us. That is why when David counts his blessings

in Psalm 103, he begins by praising God for the forgiveness of his sins.

At Thanksgiving time, you hear much about being thankful and counting your blessings, you hear people on the radio and television urging you to be thankful for a lot of

things, but I am afraid you will have to turn to the Scripture, to the words of David, to be reminded of the greatest blessing of all, the forgiveness of your sins.

—R. Dommer

A Need-A Man

As the Church of the Lutheran Confession has grown over the years, so have the many jobs and functions which go with such growth. These have tended to migrate to the Eau Claire area and have centered at Immanuel Lutheran College.

For some time the church has felt that the CLC Book House would best be situated there, so that it could be joined to the College Book Store. This move took place during the past year.

The College has for some time needed and wanted a general

Business Manager, so that the President could be relieved of the administrative burdens that have long interfered with the work of his calling as teacher of theology and campus father.

The CLC convention of 1976 decided to combine two positions in one office, engaging one person for both. Thus, another faculty member can apply to teaching counselling the time he has had to spend in handling the affairs of the college book store.



Lowell Moen

Readied for the Role

Chosen for this rather heavy assignment is the man who has been serving the CLC for the last twelve years as the treasurer of the Board of Trustees. Until his recent move, Mr. Lowell Moen lived with his wife Rita and their family of three sons (17, 12, and 3 years of age) in Austin, Minnesota. Furniture refinishing and fishing have been his chosen "escape activities."

Mr. Moen was born in Albert Lea, Minnesota, where he spent eight years in a Christian Day School of the Ev. Lutheran Synod congregation. This was followed by four years in public high school. Then he pursued his special interests with a course in insurance at Hartford, Connecticut, a four year course with the American Institute of Banking, and a bookkeeping course. This last program was completed while he served in the army in Korea. After his army days, he worked in three different banks. For the last twelve years he has managed an insurance and real estate loan office.

Many Caps

Considering the many caps he now must wear, one could say a great deal

about his present service and responsibilities. In brief we would note that he must, during an average office day, supervise all the activities of the CLC Book House, which includes processing orders for supplies from the churches. Add to this the ordering and sale of textbooks and publications. Three times a week he opens a bank for student transactions. Couple this with the normal duties of a college business manager and you have a full day, every day.

Moen is gradually taking over the management of the college business office. Ultimately he will be the purchasing agent and the budget controller. Besides that he will be responsible for engaging all staff personnel outside of the faculty. His work as Treasurer of Trustees is done at night.

It is hard to imagine a more qualified person for such a complex role—not just because of his education and practical experience, but mainly because of his remarkable dedication to the work set before us by the Lord Jesus Christ. We praise and thank God for giving us a need, and then giving us the man—Mr. Lowell Moen.

R. L. Roehl

Coordinating Our Work

Perhaps every spring and fall you have noticed an announcement in *The Spokesman* that the Coordinating Council of the CLC will meet. Such a meeting was held recently, the second week in April, in Eau

Claire, Wisconsin. The make-up of the Coordinating Council is defined in Bylaw 12 of the CLC Constitution. Its purpose is already indicated by its name. The Bylaw says: "The primary function of the Coordinating

Council shall be to coordinate the work of the various boards of the Church of the Lutheran Confession and to propose the biennial budget which shall be presented to the convention for action.”

It Sets the Budget

The Coordinating Council is not a legislative body, but at times it is entrusted with making specific decisions by the synodical convention. The Bylaws say that it is to propose a budget to the convention for action, but in the off-year, the year that the convention does not meet, it has been empowered to set the budget. This was the major work before this year's April meeting.

In a few weeks the secretary of our synod, Pastor Paul Nolting, who is also the secretary of the Coordinating Council, will send out the official minutes of this last meeting to all our congregations through their pastors. In this way information that is vital for the next year's functioning of our church body is disseminated. With this available there can be study and discussion of what was done by the Coordinating Council at the various delegate conferences which will be held in the coming months.

Our Mission Program

For now, a few of the highlights of the Coordinating Council's activity can be mentioned. Our mission program goes on, as it must, but it is always changing. As congregations go self-supporting and are no longer on the synodical budget, new places come up for consideration, needing either manpower or money, or both. Since we have neither the manpower

nor money to do all that comes before us, the Mission Board has to make difficult choices. Shall it be Austin, Texas, or Miles City, Montana, or Portland, Oregon, or some other place that gets a man? Shall the next allotment of Church Extension money go to Detroit, Michigan, or Neenah, Wisconsin, or some other place? The Mission Board makes its own decisions but reports to the Coordinating Council and seeks advice. At the moment, it looks like Neenah, Wisconsin and Miles City, Montana will receive first attention.

The Nigerian situation is still somewhat stymied. It appears that the Nigerian Church of the Lutheran Confession has just about gained the first objective of having its church body officially recognized by their government. This is a necessary step in their country. The next step will be getting visas for our men to enter the country. That also may take considerable time. But once that is done, we will be on our way to placing a man over there as has been requested by these people. With that eventuality in mind, a considerable sum of money had to be placed in the budget. It may or may not be used in the next fiscal year, but we should have it ready.

Our Mission Board should be commended for the Newsletter it regularly sends out to all congregations. It keeps us up-to-date, better than any other medium, on what is going on in our mission program. CLC members should read it carefully. Considering the fact that we are here in this world to bear witness

of Christ, mission-mindedness and mission interest is inherent with "walking in newness of life."

Our Eau Claire School

The reports of the Board of Regents of Immanuel Lutheran College and the school president, Prof. C. M. Gullerud, brought this information. The total enrollment for all three departments was 178. The opinion was presented that the effort to be accredited by the Northwest Accreditation Association should be abandoned. A director of the association wrote that "it is extremely doubtful that our school could fulfill the requirements for accreditation within the six year period allowed." The Coordinating Council agreed with this. But now an effort is to be made to obtain "area" accreditation through the Wisconsin University system. Also, it was decided to ask the next convention to make ILC a four-year college granting a bachelor degree.

We all are happy to see an anticipated increased enrollment in the Seminary department, but now we are faced with providing a larger classroom area for these students. This has to be done shortly, and a plan for gaining the needed space was presented, but had to be set aside for the moment because it called for funds which simply were not available. An extra-budgetary appropriation for a four-wheel drive, snow-plowing Jeep pick-up was approved.

Mr. L. Moen is well-established in his assigned work of Business Manager for the college, Treasurer

of the CLC and Manager of the ILC Book Store and CLC Book House. His office with space for displaying books and church supplies is in the basement of the new girls' dormitory. A suggestion that he take over another assignment was set aside. Obviously, he has enough to do. It would be well that our pastors and congregations direct whatever business they can to this newly-organized Book House set-up. Hopefully, in the near future we will have more information on what will be available.

The Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees, through its chairman, Pastor B. Naumann, has the big task of administrating, and also being the "watchdog," of all our CLC funds. This includes looking after the Church Extension—Mission Investment Fund. When the Coordinating Council gets down to considering the Board of Trustee's report—that's budget-setting time. It can be honestly said that all boards work long hours to pare their figures to the bone so that the budget stays within reasonable bounds, and yet, this year, like other years, the final figure was somewhat above the anticipated amount. A code salary increase was authorized, raising the base from \$560.00 to \$575.00. The Retirement Benefits program was also increased. A limited travel allowance was granted to ILC students coming from distant places. All of these things were added to the budget. Detailed information on these matters will be coming from the Board of Trustees in the near future.

The Board of Education

This board has outlined a worthwhile program for itself, which was presented to the Council. Among the items was "The production of a

history of the CLC for use in our Christian Day Schools." For use in our congregations also. This is a writing that we would like to see some time soon.

—G. Sydow

Instant Items

• "Confronted by a problem, never approach it directly," wrote D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones in his *Life in The Spirit*. He wrote 82 pages on Ephesians 5:18-21 before he got to answering the "problem" in Ephesians 6:22, "Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord."

• "Success by circuit gains," wrote Emily Dickinson, and we see it in every interesting Bible class: a question is asked, and another hour is needed to lay the background for a satisfying answer. The disciples had a post-Easter problem with the testimony of the women, and then Jesus, "beginning at Moses and all the prophets . . . expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself" (Luke 24:27).

• Someone asks about lodges, the ERA, or Scouting, and one feels that he must give the inquirer a complete education in Christianity before the answer can be made plain. So it often is. Uninformed people are not ready for a direct answer. At times, one can talk to them time and again and in the end only cry, as Jesus did over Jerusalem. Yet we must do as Jesus did, answer with a circuit-trip into the many-faced area of the truth.

• Fret not that in matters of the faith there is frustration in making something immediately plain. Is it not so in many other areas? Ask a doctor what vitamins *are*, a repairman *how* the television works, or a scientist about atoms and electrons, insisting on a plain answer! A God whose truth is less complicated than it is would hardly be a God worthy of our eternal coming to know—and we have hints enough of His complexity in the unfathomable wonders of the Creation before our eyes.

• We are pleased all over again to hear someone say that what separates the sheep from the goats is that little word, *faith*. A man came to faith after a long life of seeking, and then, as Malcolm Muggeridge of England, has written his autobiography as *Chronicles of Wasted Time*. With most, as with him, it is a complex trip. It was not simple for Saul of Tarsus. Reducing faith to the simple act of "giving your heart to Jesus" can be a disservice to Christianity.

• Will it not likely be seen One Day that someone is at the right hand of God who has perhaps heard only *once* about his Brother Redeemer Jesus Christ? This only increases the depth of the riches both

of the wisdom and knowledge of God. "Perhaps God sometimes requires much less than we often do of one another," we heard someone say. And we thought of the young boy whom the pastor gave confirmed communicant membership simply because he attended church and every instruction class, unable to "learn" *anything!* Infants, defectives, and some reduced to seeming vegetable existence are not beyond the reach of the washing of regeneration in Baptism, thank God! In God's new heaven and new earth, the Messianic kingdom, nothing will be taken away from an infant nor any be cut off from his longevity. "The conditions of Paradise are to be restored, but the new age will surpass Paradise" (Young). Indeed, confronted by a Christian question, we approach the answer by the whole circuit of God's revelation in the Word, for now; later, face to face. Isaiah 65:17-25 accelerates the search.

- Some gleanings without quotes or sources: He who understands will understand. . . . Anyone who knows very clearly what he's doing with his life will have people who dislike him . . . A shallow mind is a sin against God . . . Let not your legal contract or the presence of witnesses be more binding than your verbal promise . . . I cannot tell you how to do it, only what must be done . . . People exist by virtue of the help they give one another . . . In Chemnitz, however, a biblical method prevails. His tendency is constantly to illustrate from what we would now call biblical theology . . . No one thing seemed to be the same thing always . . . The only originality there

is the finding of something that has been there all the time, waiting to be perceived . . . A man is his own malady . . . Indiscriminate mercy is a destroyer on occasion . . . A man without constant questions is only a beast . . . Truth should move often in silence, then it is potent . . . A popular religion worshiping abstractions can end only in a kind of despair.

- The thought that runs throughout this installment of *Items* is that there must be a doctrinal basis of all practical items. Our first-quoted author, Lloyd-Jones, also wrote, "Never start by considering the thing *per se*, in and of itself. That is what we all tend to do. How often have I found this in discussion groups and meetings! A question is put forward, a practical problem in somebody's daily life and living, and I put it to the meeting. The tendency is for people to get up at once to speak directly on the question, and to give their opinions on it. And for that reason, of course, they are generally wrong; because that is not the way to approach a problem."

- Give the above-printed gleanings that test. No one could make those statements without long study and perhaps a long life of living. The truths, the principles, the findings are based on broad understandings, wearily, at times, arrived at. And that may explain, perhaps, why we Christians often appear to worldlings quite paradoxical, even strange. Jesus, knowing all truth and all living, was most paradoxical of all, as when he said that he that seeketh his life shall lose it, and that he that loses his life shall find it. We travel a long route to learn that.

DAILY DEVOTIONS

In using the following Scripture readings from the book of Acts you are encouraged to make use of the Bible study approaches described in previous Spokesman issues (Dec. 1976—March 1977, Vol. 19, No. 6-9)

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- 1 Acts 4:36-5:11
- 2 Acts 6
- 3 Acts 7:51-8:2
- 4 Acts 8:25-40
- 5 Acts 9:1-9
- 6 Acts 9:10-22
- 7 Acts 9:23-31
- 8 Acts 9:36-43
- 9 Acts 10:1-8
- 10 Acts 10:9-16
- 11 Acts 10:17-33
- 12 Acts 10:34-48
- 13 Acts 11:1-18
- 14 Acts 11:19-30;
12:24, 25
- 15 Acts 12:1-19
- 16 Acts 13:1-13
- 17 Acts 13:13-33
- 18 Acts 13:32-52
- 19 Acts 14:8-28
- 20 Acts 15:36-16:15
- 21 Acts 16:16-40
- 22 Acts 17:1-15
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- 24 Acts 18:1-11
- 25 Acts 18:12-23
- 26 Acts 19:1-20
- 27 Acts 19:21-20:3
- 28 Acts 20:3-27
- 29 Acts 20:28-38

- 30 Acts 21:1-15

- Two who lied to God.
- Stephen—called by God through the Christian Congregation.
- Stephen—faithful unto Death.
- Philip and the Ethiopian.
- Saul—thrown down to be raised up.
- Saul—a man changed by the power of God.
- Saul—speaking boldly in the name of the Lord.
- The raising of Dorcas from the dead.
- Cornelius prays and God answers.
- Peter prays and God speaks.
- “Your prayer has been heard.”
- “God is not one to show partiality”
- Peter reports and God is glorified.

- The growing church in Antioch.
- Peter’s release from prison.
- The First Missionaries.
- Bringing the Gospel to Antioch in Pisidia.
- “Through Him forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you.”
- Mistaken for gods.
- The call to Macedonia.
- The jailor of Philippi.
- New believers in Thessalonica and Berea.
- The “Unknown God” of Athens.
- Planting the Church in Corinth.
- “ . . . strengthening all the disciples.”
- Paul teaches in Ephesus.
- The riot in Ephesus.
- From city to city, from house to house.
- “The Word of God is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.”
- Back to Jerusalem.

W. V. Schaller

Announcements

General Pastoral Conference

Place: Immanuel Lutheran College, Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

Time: July 12-14, beginning 1:30 P.M., July 12.

Program: Marriage and Polygamy,

- X Robert Reim, discussion leader; The
- X Relationship of Law and Gospel in Reference to Jeremiah 31:31-34, R.

Dommer; X Restore Unto Us the Joy of Thy Salvation, G. Barthels; X The Image of God, C. M. Gullerud; X Study of the NIV Translation, M. Galstad, P. F. Nolting, M. Sydow. Chaplain, A. Gullerud; Service speaker, Rollin Reim.

Paul F. Nolting, secretary

Minnesota Delegate Conference

The Minnesota Delegate Conference will meet Sunday June 26, 3 p.m., at St. John's Lutheran Church, Okabena. The topics for discussion are "The Christian Family: The Husband-Wife Relationship," presented by P. Larsen; "The Christian Family: The Children of the Family," by G. Sydow. Please announce to the host pastor.

J. Gurgel, Secy.

1977 ROUGHRIDER YOUTH CAMP

PLACE: Camp Rokiwan on the beautiful shores of Spirit Lake in Central North Dakota, 15 miles northeast of Jamestown.

TIME: June 13-17, 1977. Registration begins June 12 at 3:00 P.M. Checkout time is June 18 at 10:00 A.M.

CAMPERS: Those of our CLC family entering grades 5-12 in the Fall of 1977. Non-CLC campers may apply with acceptance depending on availability of space and approval of the host congregation's camp coordinators. College students

and 11th and 12th grade students are encouraged to apply as counsellors. Camping grounds are available at Spiritwood Lake and in Jamestown for adult campers; the latter will be charged for meals only.

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Treasurer's Report

July 1, 1976—April 1, 1977

RECEIPTS:	MARCH	TO DATE
Offerings	\$18,103.17	\$157,545.98
Memorials	35.00	425.00
Mission Refund of Expl. Funds		321.90
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$18,138.17	\$158,202.88
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Retirement Benefits	988.00	11,932.00
Emergency Fund		387.53
Capital Investments	1,672.79	16,118.07
General Administration	1,003.57	4,253.62
Missions and Administration	6,771.58	65,854.29
Immanuel Lutheran College	7,128.00	64,152.00
Printing, '77 Directories		551.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$17,563.94	\$163,248.51
CASH BALANCE OR DEFICIT FOR PERIOD	574.23 (—	5,045.63)
CASH BALANCE, JULY 1, 1976		30,189.95
CASH BALANCE, APRIL 1, 1977		\$ 25,144.32
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ILC EXPANSION FUND RECEIPTS	\$ 917.97	\$228,203.87
Disbursements		224,539.68
Balance On Hand		\$ 3,664.19
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COMPARATIVE FIGURES		
	MARCH	9 MONTHS
BUDGET OFFERINGS NEEDED	\$20,994.00	\$188,946.00
BUDGET OFFERINGS RECEIVED	18,138.17	158,202.88
BUDGET DEFICITS	(—\$ 2,855.83)	(—\$ 30,743.12)

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BUDGET OFFERINGS, 1975-1976	\$18,312.35	\$147,727.46
DECREASE, 1976-1977	(—\$ 174.18)	
INCREASE, 1976-1977		\$ 10,475.42

Respectfully Submitted,
 Lowell R. Moen, Trustee's Treasurer
 B. J. Naumann, Chairman