

Carleton Toppe: A Writer for the People

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In the early fall of 1957, careful readers of the *Northwestern Lutheran* noticed something different in the fine print of information about that issue. Above the description of the cover photograph (St. John's, Lake City, Minnesota) a new name was listed as a contributing editor—C. Toppe. No attention was drawn to the fact that there was a new writer. Perhaps only a few noticed his name as they read his editorial for that issue. By the time that he retired from writing editorials 37 years later, Prof. Toppe's editorials had become a standard fixture in the *Northwestern Lutheran* and a household name for many WELS families.

Over the course of these 37 years much changed. The stable homes of the 50's were violently disrupted by the events of the 1960's: Vietnam, free love, drug abuse, disregard for authority. The religious world saw the breakup of the Synodical Conference. The Cold War grew in menace with the Cuban Missile Crisis. The 70's saw the rise of radical feminism and an economic slump. Stability began to return as people rejected the rebellion and excesses of the previous decades. As prosperity came during the late 80's, materialism became more of an issue, as did homosexuality and AIDS.

Throughout this time, Carleton Toppe addressed the issues of the day with the timeless Word of God. Though the world was changing, the Bible did not. What was sin in Sodom was still sin in San Francisco. The design for families established with Adam and Eve still applied to the DINKs of the 80's. God's message to people was loud and clear in all that Prof. Toppe wrote for the *Northwestern Lutheran*. His words are still powerful and applicable today as the world stands on the brink of a new millenium.

With that thought in mind, I will examine Carleton Toppe's writings under three divisions. First, I want to look at Prof. Toppe as a writer and look especially at some examples of his literary style. Secondly, I will examine how Prof. Toppe used his editorials to instill in his

readers how a Christian ought to view certain things in life, what his attitudes should be. Lastly, I will group Prof. Toppe's writings topically, to see how he addressed particular issues.

I. The Creative Writer

One feature that made Prof. Toppe a favorite of many readers was the way that he would help them to see how they should act as Christians living in the place and time that they did. Each age has its own problems and temptations; the Christian writer needs to address those issues and help his people deal with them. Prof. Toppe did this with literary style and well-crafted sentences. One could appreciate not only the content of Prof. Toppe's editorials, but their form as well. With a well written sentence or two, Prof. Toppe could distill an issue and reveal the essence of a debate, as he does here regarding God's blessings to people: "The creature does not acknowledge the Creator's good gifts. Man sits at his richly laden table of blessings, eats his fill, wipes his mouth with the back of his hand, and tells God, 'What have you done for me lately?'"¹

For example, though nature can glorify God in a fashion, there are limits, something a young Presbyterian pastor, who "let the meadow lark do the praying" when it interrupted the Sunday service, seemed not to understand:

The meadow lark can pray no Kyrie Eleison. What do sin and guilt and the wrath of God mean to him? The meadow lark can chant no Agnus Dei and no Nunc Dimittis. What is the Lamb of God to him or to his kind? He knows no Word, no faith, no salvation. We may hear his song at Easter, but in it there is no "Christ the Lord is ris'n today." In the song of Earth's creatures there is no message of salvation for sinners.²

Speaking against the value of multiple seminaries in order to have multiple theological viewpoints, Prof. Toppe said:

¹ *Northwestern Lutheran*, Sep. 10, 1972, p. 299.

² *Northwestern Lutheran*, April 28, 1968, p. 135.

God's truth is one. It has been established and fixed. It does not vary from culture to culture, from age to age. God's truth is clear. It does not require a variety of interpretations. Nor was it incomprehensible before modern scholarship explained it.

One should hesitate to take pride in the independence of spiritual thought produced by a variety of backgrounds. Independence of thought in spiritual matters is not far from being independent of Scripture.³

One of the fruits of liberalism in the church is that the church seeks to adapt itself to society. Proponents of this idea can use quite persuasive reasoning about relevance to "today's Christian." Lest people are swayed by such arguments, Prof. Toppe quickly deflates the liberal's balloon—"The churches seeking accreditation with the world! The churches striving to please the unregenerate—pleasing men and not God, who tries hearts! It is a spectacle to make angels weep and the Christian sick at heart."⁴ The harsh light of Scripture shows clearly what the "scholars" of today try to hide.

The election of Pres. Kennedy and the attendant fear of the Pope's influence on American politics led some Reformed church bodies to talk of merger to present a stronger front against the Catholic Church. But they had abandoned their true source of power, the Word of God, and so Prof. Toppe cautions, "Let us remember that Romanism will not be defeated except by the hammer of the Word and the Sword of the Spirit. But it doesn't appear likely that many American Protestants have the spiritual clarity and strength to wield these weapons anymore."⁵

Another example is Prof. Toppe's words on the ecumenical spirit that still runs rampant. "Before that dialogue between Lutherans can hope to achieve this result, however, it will need to be preceded by a monologue—with God doing the talking, with no "but I think" objections from anyone, and with every Lutheran listening."⁶ Or again on the same topic: "Existentialism is

³ *Northwestern Lutheran*, Nov. 8, 1959, p. 355.

⁴ *Northwestern Lutheran*, Feb. 20, 1966, p. 51.

⁵ *Northwestern Lutheran*, Jan. 15, 1961, p. 20.

⁶ *Northwestern Lutheran*, Nov. 15, 1964, p. 359.

becoming more and more the Esperanto, the universal language, of interchurch relations, also between Catholics and Lutherans.”⁷

Nor are Prof. Toppe’s words unclear in the matter of school prayer. His first point is that the church is in pretty poor shape if it has to rely on the public school system to do the church’s job of “doing religion.” But what would the result of school prayer be?

In a multidenominational society like ours, religious instruction, and even devotional exercises, in public schools will tend to level off to the all-purpose, lowest-common-denominator, no-offense-to-anyone type that has no more of Christ in it than has the prayer at the Orange Bowl game on New Year’s Day. Church bodies of quality should disdain such watered, adulterated milk.

It is a delusion to suppose that this de-caloried, de-vitaminized pabulum will establish our nation as a Christian nation...In fact, this denatured food destroys the appetite for wholesome, nourishing spiritual sustenance...Accustomed to malnutrition, they no longer desire the sincere milk of Christian doctrine and devotion that alone qualifies a nation as a Christian nation.⁸

Prof. Toppe also has strong words for those who have the distorted view that “traditional theology” is easy, for it is nothing more than mindless parroting of what others have said. And so the challenge:

Try defending Genesis 1-3 and the Book of Jonah, without compromise, against the popular dicta of science; try holding an anchor against the ecumenical tide; try censuring prayer, pulpit, and platform fraternization; try exposing social evangelism; try correcting current Biblical scholarship. If that is easy, then Jeremiah and Amos, Elijah and John the Baptist also led comfortable lives.⁹

I will supply only one more example here of Prof. Toppe’s powerful and direct writing style. Addressing those who do not sense the hostility of secular universities towards Christianity, Prof. Toppe states:

It may be granted that there are courses where little or nothing that is inimical to the Gospel can be detected, but one has questions about those who fail to recognize the menace that the typical secular college represents for Christian faith and sanctification. Before accepting their judgment, we need to be assured that

⁷ *Northwestern Lutheran*, Feb. 7, 1965, p. 35.

⁸ *Northwestern Lutheran*, Jan. 26, 1964, p. 19.

⁹ *Northwestern Lutheran*, Feb. 21, 1965, p. 51.

they are Christians who score higher than a C- in confession and a D- in doctrine, or even that they do not have an F in the fundamentals of Christian perception and understanding. Far too many church-affiliated university students, and among them supposedly indoctrinated Lutherans, can hardly distinguish between Christ and Confucius, or between Paul and Bishop Pike. They are scarcely competent to tell the difference between the Methodist preacher's address at a Boy Scout rally and one of our pastor's sermons at a reunion of his confirmands, not to speak of identifying the frequently sophisticated and subtle brainwashing in university halls.¹⁰

II. The Christian Weltanschauung

It has always been part of the church's role to instruct and encourage Christians for Christian living. The world tries to spread its values and ideas; the Christian must fight against subtle attitudes and feelings that he or she might not even notice unless someone points out the error in the worldly ways. A Christian needs continual instruction in the Word of God so that he can recognize and avoid the ways of the godless world around him. Only from the Church does one hear, "The demand for more and more personal rights, without considering the rights of others, is not just a civil or a social or even a constitutional matter. At the root are moral and religious attitudes."¹¹

Prof. Toppe would often do this in his editorials. He made clear the distinction between God's Church and the godless world. The two are diametrically opposed in their views on morals and behavior. The world under feminism seeks "painless womanhood, headless marriage, childless sex."¹² Several times this warning appeared in Prof. Toppe's editorials. "A confessional church body may be embarrassed, annoyed, and pained by bad press, but it knows that there is something worse than a bad press, and that is—no bad press. Then a confessional church has real cause for alarm."¹³

¹⁰ *Northwestern Lutheran*, March 6, 1966, p. 67.

¹¹ *Northwestern Lutheran*, Sep. 4, 1966, p. 279.

¹² *Northwestern Lutheran*, July 23, 1967, p. 231.

¹³ *Northwestern Lutheran*, June 18, 1961, p. 195.

He showed the danger in certain behaviors and attitudes. "Many a father and mother who chide their children for being impatient should have uneasy consciences."¹⁴ Why? Because their willingness to finance for any and everything and live on credit shows their impatience in wanting to have everything now. The Christian will not show disrespect for his God-given government, no matter what the current scandal is in Washington. Rather than complain about the government, Prof. Toppe reminds his readers that problems in government come about especially when Christians fail to pray for their leaders.

Another issue that Prof. Toppe addressed was what should a Christian's attitude be toward art and literature? He mentioned those films that win critical acclaim for their frank depiction of sexual perversion and moral filth. Most Christians are able to identify and avoid such movies. But Christians tend to be much less willing to take action when it comes to the matter of television. Prof. Toppe enjoyed many of the excellent programs that PBS presented. Yet if PBS insists on showing programs that are blasphemous, and insulting to Christians, Christians have an obligation to protest and even stop their support of PBS, even though it may do a lot of quality programming:

We may lose excellent Shakespeare presentations and other quality programs in the process if PBS must retrench because of lack of funds, but Christians have an obligation to uphold decency and morality. The choice may be unpleasant, but the Christian citizen must know that testimony against evil often entails a sacrifice of earthly pleasure and profit. Increasingly, our land is becoming like Sodom of old. God is counting on Christians to make a better choice than Lot did.¹⁵

Many Christians don't feel this way. They chafe at giving up something they want. Yet should selfishness guide the testimony one gives in a sinful world? It is sad when Christians no longer

¹⁴ *Northwestern Lutheran*, April 9, 1961, p. 115.

¹⁵ *Northwestern Lutheran*, May 25, 1980, p. 163.

serve as salt for the earth or a light in the world's darkness. Lot shows the disastrous results of keeping silent when confronted by sin.

Another time Prof. Toppe wondered about our spirit at Christmas time. Carolers are at the door, and they are seeking donations for the Catholic Church. How could one respond? Laugh (for the resemblance to Halloween)? Slam the door (the nerve they have to ask every other religious denomination to support their work)? Weep, for the cheapening of Christmas? Ultimately, Prof. Toppe concludes, "Perhaps we should pause and reflect. How high are our own Christmas standards? How keen is our sense of propriety during the Nativity season? Let us be sure that we are nearer the true understanding of the purpose of Christmas..."¹⁶

Notice how Prof. Toppe brings the mirror of the law into this editorial. Christians need to always be examining themselves in the light of God's law lest they forget that they too are sinners. Society tries to define away sin. Preachers talk about the other person and not their audience. But time and time again, Prof. Toppe comes back to personal responsibility of a person before God. This message is as timely now as it was nearly 40 years ago. Law is still Law.

There was one particular editorial that brought the heaviest response—"Needy, or Greedy?"¹⁷—in which Prof. Toppe addressed the issue of those elderly people who have plenty yet complain that they do not have enough and fight any attempt to change Social Security despite the tremendous cost this program has to our nation. All Christians need reminders against greed, but this editorial generated the tremendous response it did because the Law did its work of hitting the heart of sinful human beings, making some angry and defensive, while making others contrite. Violet Toppe, the wife of Prof. Toppe, said that one elderly man was so stung by this

¹⁶ *Northwestern Lutheran*, Dec. 17, 1961, p. 404.

¹⁷ *Northwestern Lutheran*, Jan. 15, 1982, p. 19.

editorial that he felt guilty for letting his son take him to a McDonald's restaurant.¹⁸ This incident shows the power of the written word, especially when it is the mighty Word of God.

And Grace is still Grace. Many times Prof. Toppe reminded his readers of the great comfort of the Gospel message. Speaking of those times when Christians are attacked for preaching the Law of God, in this case, speaking against abortion, Prof. Toppe said, "Thank God, we can also be messengers of his forgiveness to those who repent of their grievous sin. To be dispensers of that assurance and comfort to an anguished and repentant soul makes our discomfort for having been God's spokesmen a small price to pay."¹⁹

Throughout his editorials, Prof. Toppe reminds Christians of the humble attitude that the Church has because it realizes that it is not its own power that matters, but that of the risen Lord.

Reformation Day is not a time to parade the greatness of our Synod, to congratulate ourselves for the many congregations we have established, in how many states our banners are flying, or how far-flung our world missions are. Rather, it is a time to remember that we are still a little flock whose only reliance is on the great Shepherd in whom we trust. It is a time to remember that the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod is weak and vulnerable and that it finds its strength and assurance only in its mighty Savior and its triumphant Lord. Without these sober notes the melody of our Reformation faith comes out wrong.²⁰

This attitude of humility will appear again when I look at the editorials dealing with the Missouri Synod.

III. Topics by Toppe

When one reads over the many editorials of Prof. Toppe, it becomes evident that certain items were very important to him. Some of these topics, such as education or recruitment, might seem natural for a college professor. Other topics are perhaps more of a surprise.

¹⁸ Conversation with Violet Toppe on March 18, 1999.

¹⁹ *Northwestern Lutheran*, June 1, 1984, p. 164.

²⁰ *Northwestern Lutheran*, Oct. 25, 1981, p. 339.

Worship

In his editorials, Prof. Toppe showed a great appreciation for the music and liturgy of the Christian church. Dozens of times he referred to hymn stanzas or phrases to encapsulate his point. Especially during Easter and Christmas, references to hymns were common place. But there were other issues as well. In August, 1982, Prof. Toppe expressed some thoughts about a new hymnal which was an item for discussion in the 1983 Synod convention. In conclusion he asked:

How contemporary should a hymnal be? Over against false theology it must remain changelessly confessional. In matters of Christian choice, where doctrine is not at issue, a hymnal may be truly contemporary, yet it should not be so much “today” that it will not have many tomorrows. Even a contemporary hymnal needs to convey both the truth and the timelessness of Scripture, from which it draws its life and breath. Such a hymnal will not be easy to find or to produce.²¹

Indeed, these were issues wrestled with in the formation of *Christian Worship*, and are issues that will be visited again in the future.

Good hymns reinforce the Christian’s view of the world, one that is inherently eschatological. “A Christian has learned to think long thoughts—thoughts that go beyond today and tomorrow or next month or next year. His life is lived under the aspect of the eternal. His concerns go back to eternity and forward to eternity.”²² A Christian is encouraged as he remembers that his salvation is from eternity to eternity.

In his editorials, Prof. Toppe conveyed to his readers a great sense of appreciation for what happens during the church service. He encouraged greater variety of hymns, particularly during the Christmas season (12/21/58). Members should work at memorizing hymns for the comfort that they can give during the other six days of the week (6/5/60). The prelude is to be a

²¹ *Northwestern Lutheran*, Aug. 12, 1982, p. 212.

²² *Northwestern Lutheran*, Oct. 23, 1960, p. 339.

beneficial part of worship; why not then put occasional notes in the bulletin to explain the music and how the different sounds of the organ are used to convey the message of the music (12/7/58). Prof. Toppe spoke of the great value of the old General Prayer for it helped to keep a church's focus very wide, rather than narrow and self-centered (2/15/87). Prof. Toppe saw clearly the great value of using a pericope to give variety and depth to the preaching of God's Word (4/27/80). All of these editorials helped to foster an understanding of what it means to be a Lutheran in the worship of God.

Synod

Though many of the issues addressed in Prof. Toppe's editorials come from his work as president at Northwestern College, or from the field of education, he also presented the "big picture" of synod to his readers. Prof. Toppe described for his readers the work needed to prepare for a synod convention and the effort needed by lay representatives who serve at conventions, in order that other people might understand and appreciate those who serve (7/1/83). He spoke against judging synod too quickly when one only knows part of the picture (10/27/57). Above all, Prof. Toppe repeatedly urged people to look beyond their own congregation's needs and see also the needs of others. On a number of occasions, Prof. Toppe used his editorials to urge financial support of the synod's work in general. But there were a few specific areas about which he also wrote.

Mission work was a frequent topic for Prof. Toppe. He spoke of using radio and teaching English as a second language to reach the Communist Chinese. In 1964 he encouraged the building of furlough houses for world missionaries.²³ He praised the women of the LWMS for the zeal that they had for missions (7/21/68). If world missions sometimes seem to enjoy a

²³ It would be an interesting study to see what role this editorial had in the establishment of the houses we now have.

special status, some of that is the result of the unique and challenging nature of world mission work (9/8/63). Yet Prof. Toppe does not neglect the important work of home missions. WELS needs to expand to where the people are. As the population *outside* of the Midwest grows at a greater rate than *inside* the Midwest, what does that say about the changing mission field of America? (5/15/83) In his June 4, 1972 editorial, Prof. Toppe even makes home missions the priority for synodical work, arguing that increased world mission work requires an increased base of congregations supporting that work and that it is of limited benefit to produce pastors when there is no place to put them (a problem foreign to our synod today). In all of this, Prof. Toppe was encouraging his readers to be involved, not just as members of their congregation, but of synod as well. His words still apply today for the many opportunities that the Lord has set before the Wisconsin Synod.

Recruitment

Work requires workers. Recruitment of workers was a primary concern for Prof. Toppe. Being president of Northwestern College made him acutely aware of the difficulties of recruiting young men to study for the ministry and the strain that a church body experiences when not enough workers are found. These editorials are particularly appropriate today ^{as} and the Wisconsin Synod again faces a shortage of workers. Prof. Toppe's encouragement is still needed. Congregations need to become involved by financially supporting the worker training schools or even the students themselves. Parents and pastors need to work more at being recruiters for the ministry (5/22/60, 4/29/79, 3/28/71, 6/16/63). On May 15, 1986 Prof. Toppe reminded his readers that churches should not ignore their public high school students. They too can become pastors or teachers, but often they need much encouragement to enter that work. Though the

pastoral ministry is difficult work God answers prayers for workers and gives a church the gifted young men it needs to carry out the Lord's work.

I see this concern for recruitment—understanding the great need for pastors and the difficulty in retaining them for eight years of school—as what led Prof. Toppe to write his two editorials in March of 1992 questioning the advisability of moving the NWC program to New Ulm. It is undeniable that Prof. Toppe loved Northwestern College after three decades of service there. Yet the questions he raised in these two editorials centered on the issue of whether the merged schools would be able to carry out the important work of training pastors and teachers as best as possible. Emotions and financial considerations aside, Prof. Toppe made some important observations as synod wrestled with a difficult issue. After more time has passed we shall be able to see more clearly the results of the amalgamation. Prof. Toppe's concern for pastors prompted him to speak out during this uncertain time to promote recruitment for the school and work that he loved so much.

Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

There are other topics and themes from Prof. Toppe's editorials that could be included in this paper, but I will examine only one more, a topic that was of great importance for several decades—the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. Prof. Toppe not only spoke about the facts, but showed as well how a Christian should view the fall of Missouri from its former confessionalism.

As the need for a break with the Missouri Synod became more and more apparent, some people were afraid that the little WELS might not be able to do so well on its own. In an editorial entitled, “Small Synoditis” Prof. Toppe makes his final comments quite strongly:

Our Wisconsin Synod is not a large church body, but it is large enough to move forward. It is large enough to do more and greater things in the

kingdom of God than it has done in the past. And, under God, it will be more likely to accomplish them if it values the talent God has supplied to it than if it sighs for the ten talents it supposes God has given to another.²⁴ (emphasis in the original)

In “You Can’t Go Home Again” Prof. Toppe clarified for his readers how the Missouri Synod had been changing (8/12/62). People looking for the church of their youth were not going to find it, for the Missouri Synod has left its confessional moorings.

Prof. Toppe voiced deep concern over Missouri’s lax handling of the Dr. Scharlemann incident, and asked questions that highlighted the Missouri Synod’s weakening doctrinal discipline (2/11/62). As liberal elements in the Missouri Synod gained strength, strong statements of confessionalism could only be found in the old, yellowed pages of German of the *Lutheran Witness* (7/12/64). Numerous times the blinders on the conservatives’ eyes kept them from seeing the havoc wreaked by the liberals within the Missouri Synod, which was a grave danger for this once steadfast church body (7/25/65). Therefore he urged greater polarization of the liberal and conservative elements within Missouri so that the liberals could be clearly seen for what they were (10/10/71), and even that the conservatives break with them if necessary (8/26/73). Prof. Toppe also warned about Missouri’s unionistic leanings and practices (3/31/68), especially as it flirted with the ALC.

As he viewed these things happening in the Missouri Synod, Prof. Toppe had some encouragement for his readers. He reminded them to pray for the Missouri Synod (7/4/71). They were once brothers. Brotherly concern should still be there. Prof. Toppe was quick to highlight those times when the Missouri Synod did show that they still knew sound Lutheran theology (4/23/72). He commended their willingness after many years to finally break with the ALC, though much work still remained to set Missouri back in order (8/16/81). He was also quick to

²⁴ *Northwestern Lutheran*, Nov. 6, 1960, p. 355.

give thanks humbly to God that he had spared the Wisconsin synod such problems (5/5/74). The WELS did not keep itself from such problems; it was the grace of God. As a synod, the WELS needs always to pray that God preserve it from the slow infiltration of error (10/30/77).

In this way Prof. Toppe worked to keep the people of the WELS honestly informed about what the Missouri Synod was doing, but he also reminded them to be humble and not look with arrogance upon the Missouri Synod. Again today the WELS needs to give thanks for the tremendous blessing of God upon our little synod. As Prof. Toppe said, speaking of the deficit of pastors faced by synod:

By a miracle of God's grace our synod still has the inspired, inerrant Bible; it still has God's Law undiluted by society's distortion and perversion of morality; it still has God's gospel uncompromised by human effort. There is still a heritage to guard, a truth to contend for, a cause to serve in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. As Christ told the Philadelphia church in the Book of Revelation, so he also says to our synod, "See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name."²⁵

In reading through these editorials, one thing comes through clearly. Prof. Toppe treasured the truths of God's Word. In his many years writing for the Northwestern Lutheran, he conveyed those truths to his readers. He condemned what was wrong; he praised that which was God-pleasing. He encouraged Christians in their struggles to be Christians in a hostile world. May God continue to preserve this kind of fearless proclamation of his Word among us.

²⁵ *Northwestern Lutheran*, Jan. 1, 1985, p. 4.

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There is any number of excellent editorials that could not fit into a paper of reasonable length (as there are some 710 editorials by Prof. Toppe) and many other paths that one can explore. Below is a short listing of some excellent additional reading with any notes on the topic in square brackets.

Oct. 22, 1961 One Man to Stay Destruction
Aug. 12, 1962 You Can't Go Home Again
Mar. 24, 1963 The World is a Tramp
Jan. 26, 1964 Public-School Christianity
Feb. 21, 1965 Traditional Theology Can Be Hard Too
Sep. 4, 1966 My Rights
Sep. 9, 1972 Plain Talk from God [homosexuality]
Feb. 19, 1978 "Playing God?" [conversion of Jews]
Aug. 1, 1984 Salvation is not anti-Semitism

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Date	Title
9/29/57	Young Students at Sea
10/13/57	Unopened Letters
10/27/57	Viewing a Synod
11/10/57	True Adornment
11/24/57	An illuminating Prayer
12/8/57	"Going Steady"
12/22/57	All That There is to Christmas
1/5/58	The Sound of a Bell
1/19/58	With All Due Respect for Science
2/2/58	Unlicensed Pastors
2/16/58	The Viewer in the Pew
3/2/58	School to Child to Parent
3/16/58	Not German, Yet Christian
3/30/58	Einsegnung
4/13/58	Student Support
4/27/58	It's the Principle of the Thing
5/11/58	Matching Colors
5/25/58	Childish about Guilt?
6/8/58	When Father Counts
6/22/58	Faith Without Inscriptions
7/6/58	The Sinner's Right
7/20/58	A Gallon Won't Fill Five Quarts
8/3/58	Read the Constitution
8/17/58	Scholarship Has Limits
8/31/58	Solid Lutheran Backing
9/14/58	Check the Quote
9/28/58	The Place of Preaching
10/12/58	"They Want to be, so They Say They Are"
10/26/58	Unsingable Reformation Hymns?
11/9/58	Innovations
11/23/58	A Midwest Conscience Lost
12/7/58	Guide to the Prelude
12/21/58	Our Private Christmas Hymns
1/18/59	Unpaid Elders
2/1/59	Babel in the Church Basement
2/15/59	Selected Psychiatry
3/1/59	B.D. at Fourteen?
3/15/59	"I think" or "I know"?
3/29/59	Blessed Memory
4/12/59	Would-be Creators
4/26/59	"You Owe it to Yourself"
5/10/59	Wooden Pews
5/24/59	Beyond Aptitudes
6/7/59	"They Don't Know Any Better"
6/21/59	The Bible and the "Surround" of Life
7/5/59	Pacemakers
7/19/59	Planting Care
8/2/59	When a Christian Cuts a Sorry Figure
8/16/59	"Academically Talented"
8/30/59	English vs. Religion
9/13/59	The Mature Luther
10/11/59	When No Pastor Is In The Pulpit
10/25/59	Milk Bottle Advertising

11/8/59	Independence Has Limits
11/8/59	Bowing To the Demands of Lust
11/22/59	Remembered Gospels
12/22/59	You Have The Best
1/3/60	"A Sense of Mission"
1/17/60	Integrity Without Medals
1/31/60	God's Right To Be Angry
2/28/60	"I Don't Know"
3/13/60	Dedicated Bowlers
3/13/60	"It's Too Much Trouble
3/13/60	The Minority Group
3/27/60	Safeguarded Morals
4/10/60	Hallelujah
4/24/60	"No Offense"
5/8/60	"Mature" Movies
5/22/60	Our Salesmen
6/5/60	Remembered Melodies
6/19/60	"Me First"
7/3/60	Rome Watches The Clock
7/17/60	When the Actors Struck
7/31/60	Vice Versa
8/14/60	"Change and Decay"
8/28/60	Baptism in the Foreground
9/11/60	Distinctions With a Difference
9/25/60	Beyond Consequences
10/9/60	Courtesy and/or Confession
10/23/60	Hymns and Eternity
11/6/60	Small Synoditis
11/20/60	Lay Missionaries?
12/4/60	Mismatched
12/18/60	Christmas Psychoses
12/18/60	Christmas for the New Year
1/15/61	Matching Numbers
1/29/61	Away From Home
2/12/61	Fifth-Place Preaching
2/26/61	For Truth and Ethics
3/12/61	Organization Man
3/26/61	Myth Makers
4/9/61	Impatience with impatience
4/23/61	Enjoying Our War
5/7/61	Top Awards
5/21/61	Percentages
6/4/61	Fear and Hope
6/18/61	A Bad Press
7/2/61	A Blessed Fraternity
7/16/61	The Bultmann Reviews--A Puzzle
7/30/61	To Prove What Is Right
8/13/61	To See Our Children As They Are
8/27/61	"Dying Badly"
9/10/61	Progressive "Traditionalists"
9/24/61	Drifting
10/8/61	Minding Our Business
10/22/61	One Man to Stay Destruction
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3/11/62	To: His Eminence Francis Cardinal	5/3/64	Thoughts On A Bank
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4/8/62	But Not Without Shame	5/31/64	More De Facto Segregation
4/22/62	Risen Indeed	6/14/64	Executive Committee
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6/17/62	"Good Things" Shared	8/9/64	For Those Who Come After Us
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7/15/62	Neither Fish Nor Fowl	9/6/64	A Home Away From Home
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8/26/62	"We Don't Know What You Mean"	10/18/64	The Neighborly Elephant
9/9/62	"Practical" Godparents	11/1/64	The Ones Count Up
9/23/62	When We Can Count On Our Members	11/15/64	Dialogue or Babel?
10/7/62	More Intensive Cultivation	11/29/64	Perspective In Death
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5/5/63	Engagement Announced	7/11/65	Truth and Beauty
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3/15/92	Move the college? (Part two)

6/1/92	Faith is good for you and your neighbor
8/1/92	Sinners and saints
10/1/92	No "new light"
11/15/92	Values and morals
2/1/93	To follow what is just
5/1/93	Equality, but truth
8/1/93	Recognizing your education
11/1/93	A problem with Neanderthals
2/1/94	But where is repentance?

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Date	Title	Sort
3/13/60	Dedicated Bowlers	3rd
11/23/58	A Midwest Conscience Lost	3rd
6/1/82	Sparta Reincarnated	5th
9/5/76	"Appropriate and Necessary" Punishment	5th
5/23/71	"Unwanted Children"	5th Abortion
6/13/76	What Will Happen To Reverence For Life?	5th euthanasia
4/20/75	Life Is In God's Hands	5th suicide
1/15/92	The final guidebook	5th euthanasia
2/25/73	Of Swine and Art	6th
11/8/59	Bowing To the Demands of Lust	6th
12/6/70	Harmless Pornography	6th
5/20/73	"A Question of Social Atmosphere"	6th
5/11/69	Sabotaging the Dikes	6th
1/18/70	Part-time Pastors in Sweden	6th
8/3/80	This Fantasizing Is Sin	6th
6/25/67	Modesty Has a Word Too	6th
8/31/69	Biology Without Morals	6th
7/23/78	Family Planning Without Morals	6th
12/8/57	"Going Steady"	6th
11/15/91	Whatever happened to lust?	6th
11/2/75	Judgment on the New Morality	6th
3/15/81	Even Worse Sex Education	6th edu
2/15/85	More than one way to corrupt youth	6th morals
4/8/62	But Not Without Shame	6th movies
11/23/69	Guilty Educators	6th edu
6/6/71	Marriage is a Contract	6th marriage
11/8/81	Crucial Sex Principles	6th morals
9/15/82	Public sex education won't do it	6th morals
5/30/65	Youth Without Lust	6th youth
8/25/63	A Book Is More Than Art	6th morals
5/8/60	"Mature" Movies	6th parents
12/6/81	Where Were The Parents?	7th
3/2/58	School to Child to Parent	8th
1/15/82	Needy, or Greedy?	9th/10th
6/1/89	Planned non-parenthood	abortion
5/19/74	Whose Body Is It?	abortion
3/1/89	Abortion "rights"?	abortion
8/22/76	Another Tragic Error	abortion
6/1/84	The cost of exposing abortion	abortion xliving
11/9/58	Innovations	adiaphora
3/5/67	The Right to Caution	admonition
6/1/90	Sin or disease?	alcoholism
9/26/71	Alcohol and Twenty Lives	alcoholism
10/16/66	Sticking to One's Last	Bible
4/1/85	Even Lutherans distrust the Bible	Bible
7/10/66	Either-Or, Not Both-And	Bible
5/1/66	Answers But Not the Answer	Bible
2/21/65	Traditional Theology Can Be Hard Too	Bible
7/11/65	Truth and Beauty	Bible
3/21/65	Anchor Bible	Bible
11/1/84	Falwell and inerrancy	Bible
10/30/66	Truth Is More Than a Contention	Bible
2/1/82	Turnabout May Be Fair Play	Bible
5/24/81	Rift or Chasm?	Bible

1/19/69	Genesis From Space	Bible
7/20/80	Methodists Acknowledge Crisis	Bible
5/2/76	Preparing Children For Life	Bible
7/20/69	Looking for Authority	Bible
12/9/79	No Picketing Against Scripture	Bible
2/9/75	Condemned To Believe The Lie?	Bible
9/8/74	The Book For Both Worlds	Bible
5/27/79	The Difference Between Lutheran and	Bible
5/21/72	Social Theories Are Not Scripture	Bible
10/8/72	When Exclusiveness is Right	Bible
10/22/72	No Reformation Without Scripture Alone	Bible
1/4/81	The Rug Under the Source Critics	Bible
10/21/62	The Confession of Our House	Bible
7/3/60	Rome Watches The Clock	Bible
6/22/58	Faith Without Inscriptions	Bible
4/1/87	God's message in his written word	Bible
5/20/62	The Man on the Cover	Bible
6/21/59	The Bible and the "Surround" of Life	Bible
7/26/64	Out of Consideration for Thomas?	Bible
9/14/58	Check the Quote	Bible
11/8/59	Independence Has Limits	Bible
12/3/61	Some Truth From Rome	Bible
12/4/60	Mismatched	Bible
11/5/61	When Reason Is Taking Over	Bible
1/15/61	Matching Numbers	Bible
3/26/61	Myth Makers	Bible
3/15/59	"I think" or "I know"?	Bible
11/1/87	Whose standards are our standards?	Bible
2/28/60	"I Don't Know"	Bible
10/29/67	A Measure of Their Spirit	Bible confessionalism
6/8/80	The Real Family Experts	Bible family
10/13/57	Unopened Letters	Bible study
11/30/75	A Thanksgiving We Owe	blessing
11/27/77	The Third World and Thanksgiving	blessings
11/22/81	The Double Thanks We Owe	blessings
5/14/64	Paul on Campus	campus
3/16/58	Not German, Yet Christian	change
2/4/79	Child Abuse	children
12/17/72	"Good Christians All, Rejoice"	choirs
10/24/71	Luther Had the Real Christ	Christ
11/17/63	Chapel Without Peace	Christ
12/21/80	Christmas Is Both Joy and Truth	Christ
1/24/65	Because He Said He Was The Son Of God	Christ
3/10/63	The Cross Should Be In Lent	Christ
8/15/71	The Jesus Movement	Christ
1/16/72	"He's Just A Man"	Christ
10/22/61	One Man to Stay Destruction	Christ
4/22/62	Risen Indeed	Christ xthinking
7/5/59	Pacemakers	Christians
10/11/59	When No Pastor Is In The Pulpit	Christians
6/7/59	"They Don't Know Any Better"	Christians
12/21/69	Christmas Still Comes the Same Way	Christmas
12/25/66	To Grace This Art	Christmas
12/24/78	No Shattered Dreams	Christmas

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12/16/73	Christmas Without Meaning?	Christmas
12/15/74	Polls and Assurance	Christmas
12/22/68	Ideal Christmas	Christmas
12/20/70	What Christmas Can Teach the Churches	Christmas
12/26/76	"The Christmas Thing"	Christmas
12/15/63	Bereft of Christmas?	Christmas
12/24/67	Selfless Gifts	Christmas
12/20/81	Anniversaries Are Good For Us	Christmas
12/26/65	A Hardy Festival	Christmas
1/18/81	Cutbacks for the Church	Church
11/26/67	Numbers Without Sin	Church
12/2/73	Freezing Out The Churches	Church
10/26/58	Unsingable Reformation Hymns?	Church
12/12/65	Consult the Caretaker	church design
1/8/67	A Tribute for the Secretary	church workers
4/15/84	Let the church mind its own business	church-state
8/13/72	The Price of Federal Funds	church-state
7/1/82	Separate but not sundered	church-state
5/29/77	Memphis And The WELS	church-state
6/25/78	The State Can't Be Run Like the Church	church-state
3/2/69	Two-Way Democracy	church-state
1/26/64	Public-School Christianity	church-state
1/5/69	The Death of a Church College	church-state
9/15/68	Desegregated Parochial Schools	church-state
6/8/69	Wisconsin Overseas	confess; world
9/5/65	Added Benefits	confessional
7/27/75	The Ordination of Women	confessionalism
11/1/82	Reformation without Luther	confessionalism
11/29/64	Perspective In Death	confessionalism
4/9/72	Anguished Churches	confessionalism
9/24/61	Drifting	confessionalism
3/15/70	Confessional Erosion	confessionalism
8/9/64	For Those Who Come After Us	confessionalism
12/19/71	When We Almost Lost Christmas	confessionalism
10/12/69	Going One's Own Way	confessionalism
10/5/75	Restudy Without Change	confessionalism
8/30/81	What It takes to Profess Christ	confessionalism
4/30/67	"This We Believe"	confessionalism
10/27/68	"Defend Thy Truth, O Lord"	confessionalism
6/9/68	Lonely Lutherans	confessionalism
1/12/64	Better, A Hallowed Memory	confessionalism
1/7/68	Dialogue to Rock the Boat	confessionalism
3/30/58	Einsegnung	confirm
2/15/59	Selected Psychiatry	counseling
4/15/79	The Death Expert	death
11/18/62	Address Known	death
8/27/61	"Dying Badly"	death
1/6/80	Playing With Death	death
6/11/78	Death Education Directory	death Bible
3/25/73	God is Right About the Death Penalty	death penalty
6/15/75	What A Christian Father Could Have Told	Discipline
6/1/75	Divorce is Failure	Divorce
4/3/77	Easter's Glad Surprise	Easter
4/18/76	Defensive About the Resurrection?	Easter
4/12/81	Easter In Autumn	Easter

3/19/67	Springtime in Our Souls	Easter
4/1/82	Miserable at Easter	Easter
4/7/74	Deny Easter and You Deny It All	Easter
4/5/64	Where There Is No Easter	Easter
3/30/80	Thank God For Easter!	Easter
3/26/72	A Prestigious Fool	Easter
4/15/90	Easter is not just one day a year	Easter
4/11/71	No Plain Truth About Easter	Easter
4/22/73	How Long Is Easter?	Easter worship
5/31/64	More De Facto Segregation	ecumenism
1/28/62	Thought Control In The Dictionary?	ecumenism
4/18/65	"Something for Everybody" At Easter	ecumenism
8/1/89	The bishop was not impressed	ecumenism
3/8/64	To One Ere Now a Brother	ecumenism
3/7/65	Judaeo-Christian	ecumenism
11/4/62	Cordial Anathemas?	ecumenism
12/31/72	Key 73	ecumenism
7/29/62	Inoffensive Prayer?	ecumenism
11/14/65	Grassroots Ecumenicism	ecumenism
9/17/78	Higher Education "Trashed"	education
11/4/73	The Price of Accommodation	education
12/1/63	To Whom Much Is Given...	education
12/12/76	Better SAT Scores	education
11/28/76	Speak Well of Them	education
10/31/76	Questionable Social Studies	education
9/29/57	Young Students at Sea	education
3/29/59	Blessed Memory	education
2/2/58	Unlicensed Pastors	education
2/16/58	The Viewer in the Pew	education
2/4/68	"Dogma" Goes to College	education
8/12/73	Educational Bonuses	education
7/24/66	OUR Sunday School Course	education
8/29/71	Educating Away From Christ	education
7/13/75	"Man: A Course of Study"	education
10/11/70	Education at Too High a Cost	education
11/22/70	Getting Along Without	education
2/1/59	Babel in the Church Basement	education
3/24/74	God and Education	education
4/27/58	It's the Principle of the Thing	education
3/1/59	B.D. at Fourteen?	education
8/30/59	English vs. Religion	education
11/28/65	Career Junking	education
8/1/93	Recognizing your education	education
8/20/78	A Year In Kindergarten Is Enough	education
8/19/79	Indoctrination Makes Sense	education
11/11/79	Under-Educated Children	education
3/1/82	Will Religious Principles Be Honored?	education
12/1/74	Always Trust The Teacher?	edu. morals
10/2/77	The Cost of an Education	edu. morals
8/5/79	Have Churches Asked For The Ruling?	edu. state
9/13/81	Accreditation With Reservations	edu. state
5/15/85	Why the Hatch Amendment?	edu. psych
3/6/66	Sensitive Indicators	edu religious training
5/16/76	Original Sin Hasn't Left The Schools	edu. sin man

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11/22/59	Remembered Gospels	edu. liturgy
10/2/66	Bartering Away Freedom	edu. state-church
4/1/86	Ministering by the elderly	elderly
2/3/80	"We've Paid Our Dues"	elderly
7/1/62	Error's Maze	error
8/12/62	You Can't Go Home Again	error
9/11/60	Distinctions With a Difference	error
10/9/60	Courtesy and/or Confession	error
8/21/66	Unaimed Tracts	evangelism
8/18/68	"The Greatest Work in the World"	evangelism
6/23/68	Something Better to Do	evangelism mission
7/15/62	Neither Fish Nor Fowl	evolution Bible
1/27/63	A Return to "Perfect Faith"?	faith
4/1/83	"Raise your hand if you're sure"	faith
4/2/67	Discovering the Faithful Student	faithfulness
3/1/81	Family Security	family
6/7/81	Fatherless Families	fathers
8/2/81	The Father's Practicing Christianity	fathers
4/21/63	For This--Much Thanks	fellowship
9/25/60	Beyond Consequences	fellowship
7/30/61	To Prove What Is Right	fellowship
7/19/70	No Warning Against Typhus?	fellowship
9/28/69	Strengthening the Alliance	fellowship
8/17/80	Counterfeit at St. Patrick's	fellowship
12/8/68	A Worried Suitor	fellowship
10/26/80	An "Astounding" Agreement?	fellowship
8/26/62	"We Don't Know What You Mean"	fellowship
6/4/61	Fear and Hope	fellowship
8/14/60	"Change and Decay"	fellowship
9/19/65	Façade Continued	fellowship
2/1/81	Staged Unity	fellowship
5/5/63	Engagement Announced	fellowship
12/11/66	Cooperation With Compromise	fellowship
7/12/64	A Different Language	fellowship
2/9/64	Interchangeable Lutheran Seminaries	fellowship
7/25/65	With Flags Flying	fellowship
2/26/61	For Truth and Ethics	fellowship
2/10/63	For Full Information	fellowship
3/31/68	Beating the Drums	fellowship LCMS
7/4/71	A Prayer for The Missouri Synod	fellowship LCMS
3/16/69	Comfortable Percentages	fellowship LCMS
7/22/79	Self-centered Congregations?	finances
9/1/68	Investment Risks	finances
7/7/68	And More Blessings to Come	finances
4/16/67	\$1.5 Million	finances
9/17/67	And/Or	finances
8/6/67	Keeping the Dollar in its place	finances
6/1/91	Must it be excess that controls gambling?	gambling
5/15/77	Ann Landers Doesn't Speak For God	God
12/22/59	You Have The Best	God
4/12/59	Would-be Creators	God

4/7/63	Easter or Russia?	God's power
12/29/63	The God Who Reigns Above	God's power
5/18/75	This Joy Is Ours Today	God--blessing
11/17/74	"If A Blessing He Withhold"	God--blessing
6/2/74	Grace for Worker-Training	God--blessing
5/5/74	The Grace That Has Spared Us	God--blessing
7/28/74	Not Too Many Students	God--blessing edu.
11/24/68	On Thanksgiving Day	God--love
11/26/78	The Blessings of the Thankless	God--mercy
6/24/79	SALT II	God--power
1/1/83	Thou canst help when earthly armor faileth	God--power
4/9/61	Impatience with impatience	greed
4/26/59	"You Owe it to Yourself"	greed
5/25/58	Childish about Guilt?	guilt
5/10/59	Wooden Pews	guilt
12/10/78	Yes, There Is A Hell	hell
5/15/83	Home missions first	home missions
7/15/73	Not Yet National	home missions
1/10/65	Missions Are More Than Dots	home missions
6/4/72	These Mission Starts Are Vital	home missions
10/3/65	I-890	home missions
1/31/71	Church-Home Crisis	home missions
8/10/75	No Respect For Evil	homosexuality
1/21/79	Why Hate Anita Bryant	homosexuality
6/21/70	Back to Sodom	homosexuality
7/9/78	The Lutherans Should Be Ashamed	homosexuality
6/26/77	Read More Than Leviticus	homosexuality
2/1/94	But where is repentance?	homosexuality
9/24/72	Plain Talk From God	homosexuality
5/15/82	Sin, not Sickness	homosexuality
2/15/88	Tragic folly	homosexuality
10/1/92	No "new light"	homosexuality
7/5/81	Certainties About Right and Wrong	humanism
2/19/78	"Playing God?"	Jews
10/11/81	Jerry Falwell's Israeli Fancy	Jews
3/5/78	What Is Israel's Homeland?	Jews
8/1/84	Salvation is not anti-Semitism	Jews
5/28/78	Reflections on "Holocaust"	Jews
1/28/73	Keeping Jews From Their Messiah	Jews
2/22/76	A Special Guilt	Jews
10/8/61	Minding Our Business	kingdom
3/30/69	NCC Respect for Law	Law
1/31/60	God's Right To Be Angry	Law
1/25/76	Why Not a Frank Admission?	LCMS
2/11/62	Unsettled Business	LCMS
8/26/73	Reversing Time and Tide	LCMS
10/19/75	No Middle "Between Two Extremes"	LCMS
2/14/71	Misericordia	LCMS
8/16/81	A Divided House Must First Be Set In Order	LCMS
10/30/77	Dreadful Unawareness	LCMS
4/23/72	Soundness in Missouri	LCMS confessionalism
10/10/71	More Polarization Needed	LCMS fellowship

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9/14/69	'Twas a Famous Victory	LCMS liberalism	1/17/60	Integrity Without Medals	morals
1/17/71	When Even Sunday Schools Fail	liberalism	9/21/75	It Was Frank But Not Christian	morals
8/27/72	Down the Garden Path	liberalism	3/21/76	A Question Without Significance?	morals
8/8/65	Safeguards	liberalism	9/28/80	When The Shock Wears Away	morals
5/30/76	Liberals Without Brakes	liberalism	11/15/92	Values and morals	morals
4/15/82	When Liberals March	liberalism	6/12/77	Comic Book Depravity	morals
4/17/66	A Faith on Facts	liberalism	6/28/64	Church vs. Barn	morals
2/20/66	Aggiornamento	liberalism	8/25/74	Discipline No Longer Intolerable?	morals
11/12/78	Poor "Arrogant" Paul	liberalism	5/1/93	Equality, but truth	morals
2/19/67	To Level With a Child	liberalism	1/13/74	A Return to Old Paths?	morals
2/6/77	Flat On Their Backs	liberalism	12/30/73	The Other Shortages In 1974	morals
8/31/80	A Window on the LCA	liberalism	1/9/77	The Limit on "Rights"	morals
7/16/61	The Bultmann Reviews--A Puzzle	liberalism	10/15/78	The Most Alarming Item In The Paper	morals
10/1/88	Hour of shame	liberalism	3/11/73	Christians on Their Own	morals
3/6/77	When "Somehow" Means "Avoid"	liberalism	1/7/79	Not A Guide To Morality	morals
2/17/80	The Untouchable Scholar	liberalism	11/7/71	Only 2%	morals
10/15/67	What Censorship Can't Do	liberalism LCMS	9/15/84	TV is pro-family?	morals
12/7/69	Thinking Hasn't Done It	liberalism LCMS	5/7/61	Top Awards	morals 6th
7/9/67	Shaping the Image	liberalism LCMS	1/2/72	A Foolish Prayer Amendment	morals prayer
9/22/74	Tarnished Goals	living	5/10/81	To A Christian Mother	mother
8/15/83	What kind of Luther year was it?	Luther	9/15/86	Bringing up children "on the quick"?	mothers
9/13/59	The Mature Luther	Luther	6/11/67	Postscript to Chorus Tours	music
4/30/78	Luther--Steve Allen's Version	Luther	2/23/75	"Christian" Rock?	music
11/15/83	To Martin Luther---much thanks	Luther	12/7/58	Guide to the Prelude	music
3/17/68	Distressed by LUTHER	Luther	8/11/74	The Gospel Beats Out Rock	music
11/21/71	Thanksgiving For Simple Things	materialism	12/21/58	Our Private Christmas Hymns	music
10/1/78	"I Want It All Now"	materialism	6/5/60	Remembered Melodies	music
11/18/73	The Good Life and Ingratitude	materialism	1/9/66	Resignation But With Strength	New Year
9/10/72	Poor Affluent People	materialism	7/18/71	A Gymnasium and Spiritual Service	NWC
11/15/89	Learn from Solomon	materialism pleasure	5/13/79	A School to Celebrate	NWC
5/9/71	No Wisconsin Synod Draft Haven	ministry	11/1/64	The Ones Count Up	NWL
6/30/63	A Ministry Not To Be Despised	ministry	9/20/64	Old-fashioned, Without Apology	NWL confessionalism
8/1/71	Truth Without Apology	mission	4/12/70	The Age of Aquarius	occult
1/3/60	"A Sense of Mission"	Mission	1/18/59	Unpaid Elders	officers
1/5/58	The Sound of a Bell	mission	6/8/58	When Father Counts	parent
12/2/62	A Welcome Call	mission	6/16/74	Afraid of Children	parents
3/3/68	A Concerned Church	mission of church	7/16/72	Adults Should Be Adults	parents
2/13/72	When Missions Die, Churches Die	missions	1/29/61	Away From Home	parents
10/7/62	More Intensive Cultivation	missions	9/29/68	Non-Parents	parents
7/19/59	Planting Care	missions	1/26/75	Does America Love Its Children?	parents
9/23/62	When We Can Count On Our Members	missions	6/10/79	Guilty Parents or Guilty State?	parents state
11/20/60	Lay Missionaries?	missions	2/25/62	Unfair to Students	parents tv
9/28/58	The Place of Preaching	Means of Grace	9/12/71	A Mother's Finest Opportunity	parents early ed.
11/9/80	Censorship or Basic Morality?	morals	9/13/70	Dollars into Evangelists	pastor/teacher
3/27/60	Safeguarded Morals	morals	4/13/69	A Parish Pastor's Know-how	pastor
11/13/77	Beneath Decency	morals	11/24/57	An Illuminating Prayer	pastor
3/15/82	Immorality From the Media	morals	5/1/82	For Ruth in the Parsonage	pastor
3/7/76	Aggression	Morals	6/17/73	A "Good and Faithful Servant"	pastors
1/4/70	Toward Righteousness in the '70s	morals	6/17/62	"Good Things" Shared	pastors
8/7/66	Who Cares?	morals	8/21/77	A Complete Ministry	pastors
7/17/60	When the Actors Struck	morals	11/10/68	In Blessed Memory	pastors
			4/8/73	Our Abundant Ministry	pastors
			11/12/67	An Active Conference	pastors
			3/18/79	The Most Desired Trait In Clergy	pastors

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3/2/80	The Electronic Preacher	pastors
3/12/61	Organization Man	peer pressure
5/10/70	Friends that are Not Too Much for Us	peers
3/10/74	No Bread, Or Little Faith	population
8/16/70	The Bomb Was A Dud	population
2/12/61	Fifth-Place Preaching	preaching
2/1/70	Black and White	race
8/23/64	"Backlash" Thinking	racism
10/1/83	"Yea, hath God said?"	rationalism
12/25/77	When One Denies The Virgin Birth	rationalism
3/29/70	The Price of Unbelief	rationalism
8/6/78	"Good Colleges"	rationalism
3/13/60	The Minority Group	rebuke
7/6/58	The Sinner's Right	rebuke
2/23/64	A Blessed Ministering To A Blessed Ministry	recruit
5/14/67	SSA and the Pulpit	recruit
4/13/58	Student Support	recruit
5/21/61	Percentages	recruit
5/15/86	There are recruits out there	recruit
11/1/85	When only 44 are assigned	recruit
5/22/60	Our Salesmen	recruit
4/29/79	Recruit Parents Too!	recruit
10/6/63	Application Not Forwarded	recruit
1/1/85	Facing our deficit	recruit
5/24/59	Beyond Aptitudes	recruit
7/20/58	A Gallon Won't Fill Five Quarts	recruit
4/1/88	Standing in the need of prayer	recruit
3/28/71	Regard for the Ministry	recruit
8/16/59	"Academically Talented"	recruit
1/19/58	With All Due Respect for Science	recruit
1/23/77	A Sure Profession	recruit
4/16/78	Post-Recruitment Sunday	recruit
6/16/63	Qualifying For Assignments?	recruit
11/19/61	Pastors From Parsonages	recruit
3/15/92	Move the college? (Part two)	recruit NWC
3/1/92	Move the college?	recruit NWC
4/13/80	Why 1,200 Religions	religion
10/12/80	Humanist Tag-Alongs	religion
12/28/75	One Star is Needful	religion
1/23/66	Unlicensed Testing	religion
10/1/91	Thoughts about a good Lutheran Confession	religion
8/8/76	The Southern Baptists	religion
8/17/58	Scholarship Has Limits	religion
9/4/77	Vain Treasures	religion
1/1/82	As Religion, Nature Won't Do!	religion
12/14/75	Childhood Christmas Faith	religion
9/18/77	Mysticism Versus Christianity	religion
8/24/75	Breaths on Conservatism	religion
7/19/81	Russian Atheism Keeps Christians Honest	religion
2/8/76	Are There No Limits To Blasphemy?	religion
10/18/64	The Neighborly Elephant	Rome
10/28/79	Still Catholic	Rome
10/31/65	The Great Gulf	Rome
4/17/77	Women Priests	Rome
2/28/71	Medieval Dreams	Rome

7/14/63	Montini--Diplomat	Rome
9/19/76	Catholic Celebration Over	Rome
4/3/66	Pandora's Box	Rome
2/5/67	Distressing Celibacy	Rome
10/25/70	Vatican Woes	Rome
2/7/65	What Luther Really Meant	Rome
2/2/69	Jesuit Non-Missions	Rome
11/1/86	Why not "This is what the Lord says"?	Rome
3/20/77	Change Can Mean Loss	Rome
2/15/86	The pope's still in charge	Rome
5/19/63	A Cup of Coffee?	Rome
3/20/66	Catholic Burden "Eased"	Rome
8/11/63	January Thaw	Rome ecumenism
5/25/69	To Be Fair to the Catholics	Rome teachers
8/4/68	Secularized Seminarians	Rome liberalism
4/25/71	Just a Postage Stamp?	Russia
2/24/74	World Court	Russia
8/28/60	Baptism in the Foreground	sacrament
3/13/60	"It's Too Much Trouble	sanctification
1/13/63	Without Handouts	sanctification
8/2/59	When a Christian Cuts a Sorry Figure	sanctification
5/11/58	Matching Colors	sanctification
8/31/58	Solid Lutheran Backing	sanctification
4/21/74	Playing With The Devil	Satanism Hollywood
1/22/67	Scared in School	school
3/11/62	To: His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman	school
5/16/65	Whose Faith Is Naïve	science
11/14/76	Mars in Perspective	science
3/4/79	Evolution Needs More Than a Million Zeros	science
9/15/87	Reason won't settle the issue	science
4/26/81	Why Doesn't the Scientist Use a Computer	science
4/6/75	Dear University Student:	science
2/5/78	No Evolution for Either	science
7/11/76	The Scientist Superman?	science
11/3/74	Evolutionist Folly	science
12/5/71	A Fool by Any Other Name...	science
3/1/90	Too vast for the mind of man	science
11/1/93	A problem with Neanderthals	science
2/15/82	Only Evolution or Religion?	science
10/17/65	Of Pride and Folly	science
2/11/73	Equal Time for Genesis?	science
4/19/64	Who Were Sodom and Gomorrah?	Scripture
4/4/76	Moon Madness	sects
8/7/77	Mormons Want Your Family Trees	sects
7/29/73	An Oppressive Empire	sects
11/3/63	Borrowed Entrees	sects
6/7/70	DeMolay	sects/groups
7/28/63	Centennial Throng at the Seminary	Seminary
10/4/64	Bulletin Service	sermon
9/15/85	When the world draws the line	sex music
3/12/72	Degrees of Stealing	sin
3/1/70	Suffering Creation	sin

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8/2/70	Handbook of Statecraft	sin gov't
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6/22/69	No Generation Gap in Hypocrisy	sin man
2/18/68	The "Older Generation"	sin man
8/17/69	Moonstruck	sin man
10/17/76	The Criminal is a Criminal	sin man
6/19/60	"Me First"	sin man
6/3/73	A Generation of Pleasure-Seekers	sin man
9/4/66	My Rights	sin man
5/7/72	Christian Realism In a Campaign Year	sin man
2/27/72	Literature Can Be a Crime	sin man
8/13/61	To See Our Children As They Are	sin man
9/3/67	The "Why" of Violence	sin man
1/15/90	There are disabilities that are not innocent	sin man
10/25/59	Milk Bottle Advertising	sin man
2/24/63	"Different Worlds"	sin man
3/14/71	No Repentance	sin man
12/3/72	A Show the Devil Can Use	sin man TV
12/27/64	A NEW Year	sin man God-love
5/6/62	Correct or Outmaneuver?	sin man psych
8/1/91	When "Christians" judge sin	society
6/1/88	Addressed to a concern	society
11/15/88	Controlling drugs but not desires	society
12/7/80	Whose Ignorance?	society
9/14/80	Fathers Are Not Mothers	society
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12/11/77	The Price of Nondiscipline	society
10/3/76	Common Gender	society
7/10/77	The Fantasy of Equality	society
5/2/65	Riders on Bandwagons	society
10/16/77	"Best Outcomes" in Life	society
11/15/90	Love and respect in Ephesians 5	society
1/1/88	Double income, no kids	society
1/1/86	The Christian response to national suicide	society
3/1/84	The press and truth	society
10/14/79	Can TV Viewers Decide?	society morals
5/25/80	Art or Decency?	society morals
9/9/62	"Practical" Godparents	sponsors
7/5/70	A Day for Patriotism	state
7/2/72	All Who Are in Authority	state
6/22/80	"And Guard and Bless Our Fatherland"	state
7/1/86	Liberty throughout the land	state
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1/15/91	Reflections on an election	state
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7/1/85	Patriotism is a demanding virtue	state
7/1/73	Was Watergate Deserved?	state

6/27/76	Government By Prayer	state
1/1/87	Prayer for a native land's repentance	state
5/26/68	A Sword in Vain?	state
6/29/75	Our Bicentennial	state
2/15/70	God and Soldiering	state
2/6/66	Captive Informers	state interference
2/20/77	The Christian's Case Against Gambling	stewardship
11/9/69	Giving Made Easier	stewardship
6/21/81	Commendable Zeal	stewardship
7/30/72	Gifted and Talented	students
10/25/81	Triumphal Reformation?	synod
10/27/57	Viewing a Synod	synod
7/24/77	Knowledgeable Delegates	synod
6/12/66	District Democracy	synod
11/6/60	Small Synoditis	synod
3/25/62	Innovations	synod
5/29/66	All-Important Addresses	synod
6/13/65	Synod Is Opportunity	synod
6/27/65	The Blessing of the Unselfish	synod
8/22/65	The Grace of Clarity	synod
9/10/61	Progressive "Traditionalists"	synod
7/1/83	To a new delegate	synod
10/13/68	The Budget Re-thought	synod
5/15/66	To Build With Joy	synod
6/14/64	Executive Committee	synod
5/3/64	Thoughts On A Bank	synod
7/25/76	Common Cause	synod edu.
4/4/65	As Long As We Have the Gospel	synod evang.
11/27/66	For These Synodical Blessings	synod confessionalism
8/3/69	A Responsible Convention	synod finances
10/7/73	Who Doesn't Have Problems	synod finances
4/15/89	When others have no bread	synod finances
5/24/70	To A Future Lutheran Schoolteacher	teacher edu.
5/11/80	Un-Lutheran Students	teachers
11/23/80	Especial Thanks	thanks
8/3/58	Read the Constitution	unity
11/15/64	Dialogue or Babel?	unity
1/14/62	Youth Without Ideals	values recruit
4/23/61	Enjoying Our War	war
11/13/66	Toward More Pleasant Weddings	weddings
11/16/75	A Fundamental Difference	women
7/23/67	Genesis and Freedom	women
5/6/73	"Fulfillment"	women
7/6/80	The Trend Is Still Growing	women
9/30/79	Careers Don't Provide All The Rewards	women
5/1/77	Mother's Day Isn't Enough	women
5/4/75	Fulfillment	women
5/14/78	Your Children's Minds	women
4/1/79	Feminine Aggression	women
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7/21/68	Mission Day	world missions
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11/10/57	True Adornment	worship
5/12/68	Mormon Discords	worship
4/27/80	Texts vs. Monotony	worship
4/27/69	Hymns Are To Be Believed	worship
4/28/68	The Meadow Lark Did the Praying	worship
6/18/72	"Amazing Grace"	worship
8/1/82	A hymnal for today	worship
11/19/72	The Blessing	worship
2/15/87	For all sorts and conditions of men	worship
4/10/60	Hallelujah	worship
2/10/74	A Solempne Bible	worship
9/3/78	Hallelujahs For Laughs	worship
4/14/68	The Great Chorus of Easter	worship
9/18/66	Blessed Propriety	worship
6/20/71	"Here Comes the Bride" Is Out	worship
7/31/60	Vice Versa	writing
6/3/62	School Picnic	xfellowship
11/5/72	A Family for Strangers	xfellowship
7/2/61	A Blessed Fraternity	xfellowship
9/9/73	Congregations are Brethren	xfellowship
5/28/67	A Gift to Commend	xgiving
4/15/91	Reading on	xliving
6/1/92	Faith is good for you and your neighbor	xliving
3/1/91	The power of light	xliving
4/2/78	Our Just Debts	xliving
1/14/73	The Experiment Was Successful; the	xliving
10/20/74	A Word For Ephesians 6	xliving
2/18/79	Too Secure To Fall?	xliving
9/2/79	More and More "Entitlement"?	xliving
12/29/74	The Christian Minority	xliving
1/12/75	Our "Sacrifices"	xliving
10/1/89	When to be intolerant	xliving
11/25/79	We Still Thank Our God	xliving
9/27/81	"Don't Count The Candles"	xliving
1/20/80	Your Money's Worth in Charity	xliving
8/1/90	Right judgment	xliving
1/11/76	Gratitude for Nonbudgetary Services	xliving
1/8/78	Christians First	xliving
1/22/78	New Nuns	xliving
10/23/60	Hymns and Eternity	xthinking
12/18/60	Christmas Psychoses	xthinking
12/18/60	Christmas for the New Year	xthinking
2/15/83	Faith for Reaching Out	xthinking
12/30/62	New Year At Christmas	xthinking
3/23/75	A Little Faith At Easter?	xthinking
12/16/62	Magazine Christmas	xthinking
12/17/61	Christmas Solicitation	xthinking
12/31/61	Better Than Resignation	xthinking
6/18/61	A Bad Press	xthinking
3/9/75	"The American Fairy Tale"	xthinking
3/24/63	The World Is A Tramp	xthinking

3/16/80	Why Athletic Scandals?	xthinking
1/3/71	The New Year: With Confidence	xthinking
12/23/79	Christmas and Cambodia	xthinking
11/8/70	Women's Liberation	xthinking
3/19/78	Our Surer Destiny	xthinking
1/30/72	"Packaged Sentiment"	xthinking
2/16/69	Foul-mouthed Women	xthinking
1/21/68	Responsible Citizens	xthinking
8/1/92	Sinners and saints	xthinking
3/22/64	"Conformation" Class	youth
8/30/70	Independent Lives	youth
10/21/73	Recognizable Products	youth
2/15/81	When Experience Is Sadly Needed	youth
10/26/69	Turning On	youth drugs
1/27/74	Unused Counselors	youth pastors
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