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*"The Lord our God be with us, as He was with our fathers; let Him not leave us, nor forsake us."* 1 KINGS 8:57

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to come in"

## OUR PART IN MISSION WORK

**T**HE Prince of Peace is come to send a sword on earth! "Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword." Mt. 10, 34. "I am come to send fire on earth; and what will I, if it be already kindled?" Luke 12, 49. — "And he that hath no sword, let him sell his garment, and buy one." Luke 22, 38.

The sword? The conflict? — "How can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man?" Mt. 12, 29. Satan, the strong man keeps his palace, the world, in peace. Idolatry and superstition, sin and wickedness, blind unbelief prevails everywhere undisturbed, unmolested as long as Satan rules over men. This false peace shall be destroyed. Christ is come to destroy it. His ultimate purpose is peace, true peace, that peace which His Gospel brings, but the immediate purpose is conflict, fire and the sword against the powers of darkness.

The church's answer to these words of our Savior is *mission work* at home and abroad, the preaching of the Gospel which shall destroy the works of the devil and translate men into the Kingdom of Christ.

Our part in mission work is illustrated by the story of the battle of Israel with Amalek in the valley of Rephidim. We are told, "Then came Amalek and fought with Israel in Rephidim. And Moses said unto Joshua, Choose us out men, and go and fight with Amalek. So Joshua did as Moses had said to him, and fought with Amalek."

### Choose Men

Our first concern in mission work, in the great conflict of Light against darkness, is to place men into the field. It has pleased the Lord to carry on mission work not by immediate, direct, divine agency, not by the ministry of angels, not by miraculous intervention, but by the instrumentality of His church, through the agency of His disciples. "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. — Ye shall be my witnesses to the uttermost parts of the earth." The need of the hour in the great world conflict in which we as a nation are also engaged is men, men of courage and fidelity, consecrated men, for whom no journey is too long, no opposition too

strong, no peril or sacrifice too great. The need of the hour, every hour in the history of the church, has been and still is men, consecrated, faithful, and fearless witnesses of the Gospel of salvation. — And dare we at any time contradict the Lord who has said, "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few?" Dare we ever speak of overproduction of manpower in the church, or permit our candidates for the holy ministry to stand idle in the market place?

In the battle of Rephidim, as in any other conflict that brought victory, there was the proper planning, the employment of wise measures and order. We too need

to observe order in our mission work. We must adopt beforehand judicious arrangements, plans and methods. St. Paul admonishes the Christians to support the work of the Lord systematically, "On the first day of the week let everyone of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come." 1 Cor. 16, 2. And we must appreciate the wisdom and necessity of our "Boards," our "Mission Boards" by which the mission work is planned, consolidated, strengthened, and rendered in every way more efficient and successful than it possibly otherwise could be.

### Be on the Alert

Again, our part in mission work is to be on the alert, to follow the march of events in the Church with a watchful eye. Moses charged Joshua to choose men for the battle with Amalek and added, "Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill. And Moses, Aaron, and Hur went to the top of the hill." They chose this point of vantage to follow the conflict in the valley. We are interested in the events linked to world conflict today; we are especially concerned about those battle fields where our own men are stationed; we followed the campaign in northern Africa and in Sicily with much concern, because we knew that our own men were fighting on these battle fields. Shall we not then be interested and concerned about the work of our brethren in the various mission fields of our church? Indeed this will mean that we rise from the lower level of interest in temporal and material things to

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*"Then came Amalek and fought with Israel in Rephidim. And Moses said unto Joshua, Choose us out men, and go out, and fight with Amalek: tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in mine hand.*

*So Joshua did as Moses had said to him, and fought with Amalek: and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went to the top of the hill. And it came to pass, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed: and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed.*

*But Moses' hands were heavy; and they took a stone, and put it under him, and he sat thereon; and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun.*

*And Joshua discomfited Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword."*

*Exodus 17, 8-13.*



# Editorials

## THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS

### PRESBYTERIANS RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

### THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

**The Communion of Saints** III. Through the communion of saints rich blessings of God are channeled to us. Do we appreciate the value of the communion of the saints?

How shall we show our appreciation? Again we cannot hope to cover the ground. We may briefly consider a few points, but it will not be possible to exhaust the question.

The first and principal way of showing our appreciation will, of course, be that we make full use of God's gift. God has opened to us a rich fountain of blessings in the communion of saints. He wants us to have those blessings in the communion of saints. He wants us to have those blessings and to enjoy them. How will God feel if we neglect them? — The communion of saints is really an invisible thing, just as faith and love, by which we are joined both to Christ as the head and to one another as members, are invisible. But the invisible communion of saints manifests itself in gatherings of Christians, both local and more general. Let us limit our thoughts for the present to a local manifestation of the communion, a local congregation.

This group arranges for divine services. It maintains a meeting place of some sort. It has a pastor, either one who serves this one group exclusively or one who may be serving other congregations besides. At appointed times the congregation gathers in its place to hear the wonderful message of God's love in Christ for sinners, to pray to Him, to sing His praises — and you stay away. There is no necessity that keeps you away, no sickness, no works of love and service — you simply stay away. Rich rivers of blessing are flowing for every one in that gathering — but as far as you are concerned God's efforts are wasted, you do not make use of the communion of saints. — Does that show appreciation?

Your congregation has expenses: the support of the minister, the upkeep of the place and necessary improvements, the cost of the educational program, and the like. Let us assume that you make use of all the opportunities — but when it comes to paying the bills you shirk — not because you are too poor, but because you are not sufficiently interested. Is that appreciation?

Or, you notice that a member of your congregation is getting to be wayward. He may be seeking amusements of a questionable character, he may show signs of carelessness in the discharge of his daily duties, he may become

indifferent and negligent in the use of the means of grace, irregular in his church attendance and at the Communion table. By any or all of these errors he is loosening the ties that bind him to the church, he is slowly but surely slipping out of the communion of saints. What will you do about it if you appreciate the communion of saints?

The communion of saints is a gift of God. But God does not want us to take it for granted. He wants us to cultivate it. Jesus Himself prayed for it, and thereby set us an example. He prayed, "That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me and I in thee, that they also may be one in us . . . that may be one, even as we are one: I in them and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one" (John 17, 21-23). St. Paul pleads with the Ephesians that they should be "endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one spirit, even as you are called in one hope of your calling: One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all" (chap. 4, 3-6).

There are many dangers that threaten to disrupt the communion of saints. Saints they are, but only through the forgiveness of their sins. They all still have the Old Adam, who frequently trips them up that they stumble and fall. Then we are tempted to sit in judgment on them and to condemn them. That would not be cultivating the communion. Paul admonishes the Galatians: "If we live in the spirit, let us also walk in the spirit" (chap. 5, 25). The word that is here translated with *walk* literally means to *march in line*. That is showing the spirit of the communion of saints in its life as a community. But how does Paul expect us to march in line if any one in the line stumbles and falls? He says, "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual restore such an one in the spirit of meekness, considering thyself lest thou also be tempted. Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ" (chap. 6, 1.2).

At times we do not only sit in judgment on an erring brother to condemn him, we are disgusted at the things that have happened, disgusted that we cannot have our way in everything — and we threaten to sever our connection with the communion of saints. We may not express it just that way; we say, we are going to leave the congregation and ask them to strike our name from the lists. This is an old danger that threatened the communion of saints already in apostolic times. The Epistle to the Hebrews warns against "forsaking the assembling



of ourselves together, as the manner of some is" (chap. 10, 25). The apostle then continues to tell us what we should do instead: "But *exhorting one another*," and adds as a special reason: "And so much the more as ye see the day approaching."

How Jesus wants us to act toward a sinning brother according to the spirit of the communion of saints is too well known to need a lengthy repetition here. Just read Matth 18, 15-18. Read this passage on the background of verses 1-17, and in the light of verses 19-35. Get the spirit which Jesus there tries to arouse and strengthen in us. It is the spirit of the communion of saints.

By all means, preserve the communion of saints intact.

J. P. M.

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### Presbyterians Recognize the Importance of Christian Schools

Modernism is rampant in Presbyterian churches of our land. For instance, the virgin birth of our Savior and His resurrection from the dead are being openly denied. These conditions induced some conservative members to separate from the general body and to organize the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. This happened during the twenties of the present century. From the beginning, the new body stressed the importance of Christian education for their children. A committee on education was constantly at work on the problem. Now their church paper, *The Presbyterian Guardian*, jubilantly announces the organization of *Our First Christian School*. It will not be a parochial school in our own way of doing things, that is, it will not be maintained and operated directly by a congregation, but will be sponsored by a parents association, as in former years some of the parochial schools in our midst were started by a so-called *Schulverein*. — The opening paragraph of the *Guardian* article are especially worth pondering.

"At last we who are parents and members of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church are to have our first Christian day school. Early in September, shortly after Labor Day, this school intends to open its doors in Willow Grove, Pennsylvania. Its beginning will be modest, for during the coming academic year only the first four grammar grades will be taught. Nor will it possess an elaborate modern school building. Until its permanent location can be found, the school will meet in the basement of the Calvary Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Willow Grove, which has been graciously placed at its disposal by the session of that church. However, it hopes to obtain just as soon as possible a permanent meeting place.

"The school will offer certain definite advantages which few other educational institutions of grammar grade can equal. First of all, the instruction will be based entirely upon the assumption that the Christian religion is true. The children will be taught that 'God is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him' (Heb. 11, 6). The full implications of the doctrine of man's creation in

the image of God will be applied in all the instruction, and man's responsibility to glorify God in all His activity will ever be stressed. There will be prayer in the school, and Bible reading and catechism study."

We deplore that the way of salvation is not more definitely mentioned in the announcement.

May we take encouragement in our own difficult task of providing Christian schooling for our children from the zeal of these Presbyterians.

J. P. M.

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**The Life of the Church** "Seest thou a man *diligent* in his business? He shall stand before kings: He shall not stand before mean men." (Proverbs 22:29.) The thought expressed here is that the *diligent* man will be promoted and will prosper; the Lord will bless him. This can be as truthfully said of a church or of a church body. A church or church body that is slothful in doing the work of the Lord will most certainly fall on evil days and oblivion awaits it. The church, however, that is diligent and alert to take advantage of every opportunity that presents itself to advance the kingdom of God, will prosper. By this, however, we do not mean an alertness and diligence which disregards the Lord's directions in regard to this work and substitutes human enthusiasm for the wise and sober ways so plentifully demonstrated by Christ and the apostles. Having ever an eye toward them, ever learning from them will preserve us from becoming fanatics and a general nuisance in the world. God would have us use His Word wisely. But where God has definitely given us an open door we should be alert enough to recognize it and to go to work there with all the diligence we can muster. Temporizing and postponing, waiting and hesitating ought not once to happen among us. It may rob us of the opportunity to glorify the name of God our Savior in that community for all times. In that case not God is the loser but we are. God *will* have His work done. He will have it done by *men*. If it is not done by us when He calls us to do it and has enabled us to do it, He will send other servants to do it who are more worthy than we are.

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Let us ever bear in mind that the Christian has but ONE calling on earth — to glorify God by telling others the glad news of the kingdom, by proclaiming to sinners the mercy, grace and faithfulness to God to forgive sin, iniquity and transgressions. To be ambassadors for Christ, to spread abroad such a message of love, is indeed an honor — it is for this the Christian actually lives. He can conceive of no greater privilege. And it is the love of Christ that constrains him to be about the Father's business.

We call this *mission work*. The church, the church body, the synod that is not fired with the spirit for mission work, — that is not interested or only mildly interested in this work, has death gnawing at its vitals. Its days are numbered. It is dying because it has forsaken the element in which it is to live. This is equally true of an individual church or congregation that thinks only of itself and its needs and contributes little or nothing toward the mission treasury of its synod — that church has no future. It is stagnant and is being suffocated by its own selfishness. At the same time it is tying the hands of synod. Synod can only support missions if its members supply it with the means. So then, a church body or synod is as alive or diligent as its constituent congregations or members are alive and diligent, and that life will express itself by diligently doing mission work.

W. J. S.

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the higher level of concern about things spiritual and eternal. It will mean that we take our church papers to hand and read them carefully. It will mean that we turn to the Scriptures as our only guide for the work to which our Lord has called us.

#### Pray

On the hilltop overlooking the battle field at Rephidim one could see the uplifted hands of Moses. "And it came to pass: when Moses held up his hands that Israel prevailed; and when he let down his hands Amalek prevailed.

But Moses' hands were heavy and they took a stone, and put it under him, and he sat thereon; and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands . . . and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. And Joshua discomfited Amalek and his people with

the edge of the sword." Only a few of us will be chosen to go forth into the battle and to wield the sword, but all of us can and shall pray for the success of the Word in our mission fields. On that day at



Rephidim the Lord gave Israel the victory in answer to the fervent and enduring prayer of Moses. "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." James 5, 16. And we are not thinking only of the prayers of the assembled congregation for missions but of the prayer of the individual Christian at home in his daily devotion.

#### Co-operate

Finally the lesson before us points to the spirit of brotherly co-operation in mission work. Aaron and Hur supported the hands of Moses, the one on the right hand the other on the left. The various mission fields are not only the concern of the brethren who are working in these fields or of the Districts in which these fields are found, but they are our concern, the concern of all the members of our Synod.

Let us labor together, supporting one another in this most important work of the Church Militant.

A. P. V.

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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

God willing, the General Synodical Committee will meet in the week of October 10 in St. John's School, Milwaukee.  
John Brenner.

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The Rev. Henry Boettcher, Gibbon, Minnesota, who was appointed as a member of the Minnesota District Board of Support, has accepted the appointment.

A. Ackermann,  
President of the Minnesota District.

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Pastor Martin Albrecht of Thiensville, Wisconsin, has accepted the call extended to him by the College Board of Dr. Martin Luther College. He will take up his work with the beginning of the school year.  
H. Sitz, Sec'y.



# Siftings

BY THE EDITORS

The attempt to issue a *Mission Number* to give our readers a clearer picture of the mission work done by our Joint Synod in its various Districts will receive the approval of all our readers, we believe. The writers of these articles are the chairmen of their respective mission boards and as such are in touch with all the mission ventures. For the splendid co-operation of these men the editors wish to express their hearty thanks to them.

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*Shall Parents Send Their Children to Church?* "Take — don't send — your children to church," was the advice given by Juvenile Court Judge Philip B. Gilliam in a talk to parents at Denver, Colorado, on the problem of juvenile delinquency. Declaring that "we have never had an active church boy in real trouble in juvenile court," Judge Gilliam urged: "There is a need to teach children simple things. They need to get close to earth. We must do something for our children now. We not only need to save the world for our children, but also to save the children for the world which will be theirs tomorrow."

The foregoing is taken from the *Watchman-Examiner*. We have seen it quoted elsewhere also. The judge is right in his admonition to parents, but his motivation: "They need to get close to earth," misses the mark. They need to get close to their Savior, in true faith and love.

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*Home Training.* We rightly stress the importance of our Christian School training for our children. But let us not overlook the necessity of Christian home training, the training usually administered at the mother's knee and over the father's. Relatively speaking, the home training comes first; it is basic. The work of the school is secondary. In the *Watchman-Examiner* we found the following pertinent item.

"An appeal is sounding forth for greater religious training in the home. It is said that one of our chaplains found in his group only one soldier out of 20 could repeat the Lord's Prayer. Of course, if there were many Jews in the group that might explain this woeful lack, for the Jews do not have the Lord's Prayer as a part of their worship. As we understand the matter, however, this group of soldiers was considered a fair cross section. Anyhow, growing up on the streets of our cities are multitudes of boys who know absolutely nothing of God and Christianity. Our daily vacation Bible schools are helping remedy this condition.

But that is not sufficient. Home training and Christian school training the year round is what we should give our children.

*Union on Solid Ground.* The question of Lutheran unity is not new to the members of our Synod. It came up for discussion at every meeting in recent years, so also during the last convention at Watertown. What is our stand? This can hardly be expressed in a simpler way than was done in the *Lutheran Standard* for April 17, 1943, by one who signs himself as *Just an Ordinary Layman*. We quote a paragraph which presents the basic truth.

"I would be more than pleased to see a unified Lutheran Church in America. A unified Lutheran Church, however, means or should mean more than just an outward union. It must be genuinely Lutheran in a confession of faith and in practice. It must rest on solid ground, and pulpit fellowship cannot be established until the real foundation is under construction."

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*Membership in a Lodge.* The same *Ordinary Layman*, who so clearly points out (in the *Lutheran Standard*) what is the essential pre-requisite for Lutheran unity, has this to say on lodge membership.

"Furthermore, what about the Masonic pastors in the U. L. C. A.? We all know the stand the Lutheran Church takes in regard to the lodge question. It is bad enough to have Lutheran laymen belong to lodges, but there is absolutely no excuse for a Lutheran pastor being a member of a lodge, particularly the Masonic lodge. The only reason that I can understand, why Christians join Masons or a lodge is that they do not possess sufficient enlightenment of things spiritual, as no man can serve two masters. Masonry makes men brethren and sets up a code to be kept by administering a terrible oath. Christianity makes men brethren by their love for Christ and Christ's love for them."

Ponder this!

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*Is This Inevitable?* The *Ordinary Layman*, in his concluding paragraph, makes some general applications. We quote a few sentences.

"If we were to join or have unification with the U. L. C. A. under such conditions we should certainly be going to the extreme left. . . . The way things look to me, we are drifting toward having two bodies in Lutheranism — extremists and leftists, and the conservatives. There appear to be both of these present in all the American Lutheran bodies. . . . I cannot envision a genuine unification of Lutheranism in America without purge."

We agree that a "purge" seems necessary, but we hope, not in the political sense of the word, rather, a purge of the hearts and minds of all Lutherans in true repentance toward a simple application in all matters of the threefold principle of the Lutheran Church: *Sola Gratia, Sola Scriptura, Sola Fide*.



## OUR MISSION

### OUR MISSIONS IN GENERAL

By Pastor W. Roepke, Chairman General Mission Board

**A**T the convention of our Synod at Watertown a few weeks ago a speaker said in substance that all the the work of our Synod must, in some way or other, serve the cause of Christ's missions. We believe there are none among us who will deny the truth of that statement. If our schools and academies, colleges and seminaries do not serve to train workers to extend and foster the Kingdom of our Savior here on earth they have forfeited all rights to the prayer and support of our Christians. "Preach the Gospel to every creature," is Jesus' great commission to His disciples, to us. There is no greater duty for us.

It is refreshing and encouraging to be told that in times like these, in which the bloody, man-made monster, war, breeds such appalling havoc in the business, social and religious life of the nations, the hearts and minds of our devoted Christians still are centered on the higher things, the things for the soul. By the grace of God they have not forgotten that only "one thing is needful" in this woe-begone world and that is the eternal and saving love of Christ as it is brought to man in God's blessed Gospel.

#### Extent of our Synod's Mission Work

We are sometimes inclined to believe that not as many of our members as should appreciate the extent of the mission activities of their Synod at the present time — that it is actively engaged in all three forms of mission work, Home Mission, Foreign Mission, and Inner Mission, and that it makes its influence felt throughout the world. We shall give brief resumes of our Synod's mission enterprises:

*Spiritual Welfare Commission.* Through this Board you are sending the saving Gospel to the remotest parts of the world, to Asia and Africa, Europe and Australia, to South America and the islands of the seven seas. And it is not only our soldier-members who reap its blessings there. Others, too, who never heard of a Savior's love before are given an opportunity to find it through this ministrations. The seed of the Word sown will not fail to bring the glorious fruit of saved souls. We have God's promise for that.

*Follow-Up Mission.* Provisions have been made to 'follow-up' and serve with the Word of God the members who leave their homes and must live in the new housing projects of the overcrowded industrial cities of our country. We are now also ready to serve our members and their families in the territory covering Western Canada, Alaska and the Hudson Bay country.

*Institutional Mission.* Another of our Synod's newest mission endeavors is the work in public and private institutions like hospitals, sanatoriums and asylums, orphanages and infirmaries, jails and prisons. It is work among the forlorn and forsaken, the strayed and the lost. Although

this kind of mission work has been done for many years by individual pastors and congregations, by groups and associations from our circles, it is only since a year ago that a missionary has been called to devote his entire time to this class of inner mission work. This missionary serves with Word and Sacrament the inmates of seventeen institutions in the Fox River Valley of Wisconsin. You were told of some of the blessed fruits of this mission in the July 11th issue of the *Northwestern Lutheran*.

In this connection we believe it in place to give recognition to so many of our pastors in every part of our Synod who, as good missionaries of Christ, self-sacrificingly devote much of their time and labor in the service of love to the unfortunates in isolated institutions of all kinds. Their only regret is that time and strength does not permit them to do more. May we extend to them the sincere 'thank you' of the appreciative mission-minded Christians of our Synod.

*Indian Mission.* You are acquainted with your mission among the Apache Indians in Arizona. You may be among those who still remember when it was begun exactly fifty years ago. The beginnings were anything but pretentious. Two young men, inexperienced in foreign mission work, their main resources being faith and love, ventured out among a people whose history led many of our members to believe that the labor of bringing the Gospel of Christ to them would be in vain. Many hardships and trials, and much discouragement marked the beginnings of this mission. But the unwavering faith of our people in the promises of God, and their tireless perseverance in this work throughout these years brought many of these Indians in saving faith to the Cross of Christ. A garden of God among the rugged Arizona mountains!

*Negro Mission.* This year marks the sixty-sixth anniversary of our mission work done jointly with the other Synods of the Synodical Conference among the colored people of our land, and the seventh anniversary among this people in Africa. Over 19,000 souls are served with the Word of God by us, and more than 6,000 negro children attend the Christian day schools in this country and in Africa. We Christians make no distinction between race and color, even as God does not. All are redeemed by the precious blood of Christ.

*Home Mission.* Of all our mission work Home Mission in our own country and in Poland still maintains first place in our interest and activity. However, since our country is at war nothing has been heard from our mission in Poland. May our Savior's promise of His abiding presence and blessing be the comfort, strength and stay of our brethren in that distant land! Your Synod serves 264 missions in the Central, Western and Southwestern states of our country. A perplexing problem of recent



years was the inability of the Mission Boards to provide adequate houses of worship in all places. Synod's resolution to reopen the Church Extension fund offers a welcome solution of that problem. God richly blessed our work among our fellow Lutherans during the past two years. New missions were opened at the rate of almost one a month. One out of ten missions became self-supporting. Much thought is given by the Mission Boards at the present time to the opening of Christian day schools in our missions. Other mission congregations are encouraged to send their children to established Christian day schools if they are within reach of such. Where better can the foundation of the future church be laid than

in the hearts of the children. To them God has given the future. Recognizing this truth let us strive, with the help of God, to keep as an essential part of work in our missions the training of the children in the fear and knowledge, faith and love of God their Savior!

We thankfully acknowledge God's grace and blessing in the nurture and care of our missions. As "laborers together with Him" may we take to heart the counsel of His great Apostle Paul, "Let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith."

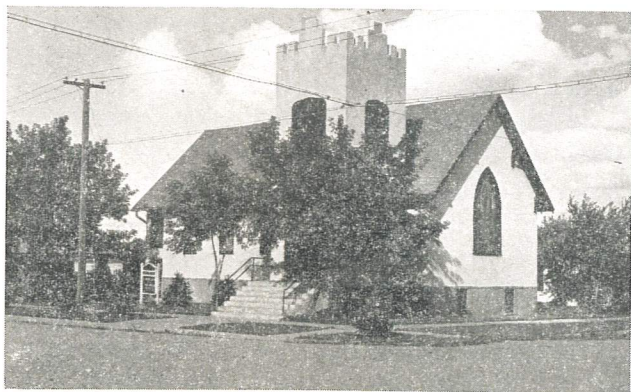
## OUR DISTRICT MISSION

### DAKOTA-MONTANA DISTRICT

By Pastor Paul G. Albrecht

**D**AKOTA is seeing good days. The withering drought of the "thirsty thirties" and the destructive pest of hoppers, cut worms and army worms, crickets and beetles, are all but forgotten. Food loans and seed loans no longer plague the farmer and stockman. Dakota's people are at this time gathering in another bountiful harvest. For this rich blessing we are deeply grateful to Him who gave it.

However, there is a much greater blessing and an inestimably more precious harvest being gathered in on the prairies, in the villages and cities of this great Northwest. We are thinking of the great harvest of souls which is



Our Savior's Church, Jamestown, North Dakota

being brought into the Lord's garner in this farflung mission field of our Synod. The Lord has richly blessed the labors of our thirty-one missionaries and the many consecrated laymen in our midst. In spite of the great exodus of young people from our district into the armed forces and far distant defense plants, there is a marked increase in the number of souls served.

Within the past two years, four new missions were begun, five parishes became self-supporting, and two look forward to self-support in the near future.

We cannot refrain from making special mention of the Jamestown-Windsor parish which became self-sustaining on September 1st of this year. We feel especially grateful for the divine blessings which attended our efforts in this field; for never before in the history of our district has a mission felt strong enough in so short a time to go on its own.

The first divine service at Jamestown was conducted August 2, 1931, upon the call of Mr. Wm. Arndt. This service was held in the home of Mr. Arndt and was attended by eight souls.

The first resident missionary in the person of Pastor H. Mutterer served from December 1931 until the spring of 1934. He was succeeded by Pastor J. B. Erhart who served until the summer of 1940. The present missionary, Pastor O. W. Heier, was installed November 3, 1940.

During the pastorate of Pastor Erhart, there was a steady and remarkable growth which has continued until this day. A church building which a Norwegian group had begun but never finished was purchased and completed in 1936. Through the co-operation of Mr. Arndt, a parsonage was acquired on a contract basis. Although Our Savior's of Jamestown has never had the benefit of a loan from the Synod's Church Extension Fund, she now owns a beautiful property conservatively estimated to be worth more than \$12,000.00. A small debt remains which will be wiped out before the end of the year.

The Jamestown-Windsor parish comprises 258 souls, 162 communicants, 48 voters.

The members of this our latest mission to become self-sustaining desire to express their sincere gratitude "to the Wisconsin Synod and its Mission Board for the financial aid and wise counsel given as well as for the prayerful consideration accorded."

May God in His mercy continue to bless Our Savior's of Jamestown and First Lutheran of Windsor. May their splendid example serve as an encouragement to many others.

Paul G. Albrecht.



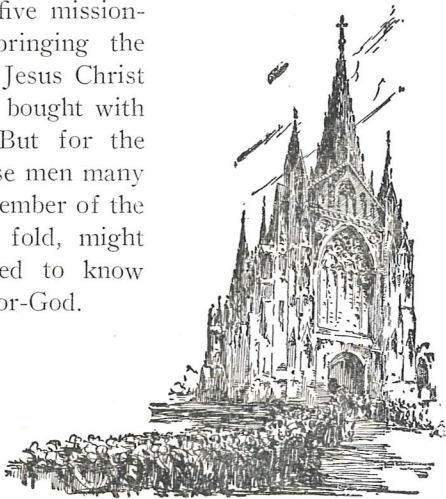
## MICHIGAN DISTRICT

By Pastor M. C. Schroeder

SINCE this issue of our *Northwestern Lutheran* deals particularly with the subject of *missions*, it is only right and proper that it should bring you some statement regarding such work of our Synod done within the territory of our Michigan District.

Mission work, the most important and essential work of the Church of Christ and consequently also of our Wisconsin Synod, is being carried on zealously by our Synod's members in the Michigan District. At present there are twenty-five missionaries active in bringing the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ to immortal souls bought with Christ's blood. But for the work done by these men many a person, now a member of the Good Shepherd's fold, might never have learned to know our gracious Savior-God.

During the past two years three new mission fields were added to your Michigan Dis-



trict's work. One field, St. Matthew's Congregation, Freeland, Michigan, became self-supporting. — As far as prospects for new fields are concerned, there are any number of them in consequence of the recent influx of people into the industrial areas of lower Michigan.

A survey of the work done in your Michigan District during the last two years shows a net increase of 608 souls, 478 communicants, and 130 voting members. A few of the stations are well on the way of self-support.

To show you that mission work frequently brings good results where least expected, we would cite an example for our mutual encouragement. — Over fifteen years ago a new mission field was opened at Lansing, Michigan. After several years of work the field seemed hopeless, in fact so hopeless that — in 1932 — it was resolved to dispose of the acquired property and to give up the field. The District Mission Board, however, felt that the field ought to be given another thorough try-out. A new resident missionary was placed into the field, and he was encouraged to labor zealously in this apparently hopeless field. The missionary did labor in the fear of the Lord, and the Lord bestowed His blessings upon the work done, giving a gradual increase in numbers and a revived spirit to the remaining original members of the mission station. During the last three years a really wonderful growth took place. And now — on September 1, 1943 — Zion Evangelical Lutheran Congregation at Lansing, Michigan, the former apparently hopeless mission station, became self-supporting. Indeed "God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform."

Let this give us renewed courage and enthusiasm to do and support the Lord's work of missions wherever and whenever opportunities are presented to our Synod with its various districts. The Lord *will* see to it that our efforts to glorify His Name and to save immortal souls shall never be in vain.

M. C. Schroeder.

## MINNESOTA DISTRICT

By Pastor M. J. Wehausen

OUR District joins in the opening quotation of our General Chairman at the last Joint Synod Convention: "The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad."

Nine new fields were either opened or acquired in the last biennium and all services placed in able and faithful hands. Austin, Glenwood, St. Croix Falls, West Mankato are new fields, each was supplied with a resident pastor. The new mission at La Crescent was organized, and services regularly conducted by a neighboring pastor. Bay City and Butterfield were older congregations relinquished



to our Board and joined to existing mission stations adding strength to the latter. Milroy was released to us by the Marshall congregation. When the Protestant pastor resigned at nearby Seaforth, this congregation joined with Milroy to make it a parish requiring the efforts of a full time worker.

The eighteen organized mission congregations and two preaching places of our district brought substantial contributions for the work of Synod. At the same time all of them reduced their request for subsidy. Ninety-eight per cent of the last salary raise of all missionaries was cheerfully assumed by our mission congregations.

November 20, 1942, marked the twentieth anniversary of our Institutional Mission in our Twin Cities. This work, in charge of the three pastors, is jointly supported by Twin City Synodical Conference congregations and the mission treasuries of both Synods. Work is carried on in 42 institutions. The report, January through June of this year reads: 408 trips to institutions, bedside calls,



interviews and home visits numbered 1,786. Five adults and thirty children were baptized, five young people were confirmed. Holy Communion was given to 374 persons. Hearers at institutional services were 12,095, at sixteen funerals, 807.

Hundreds of our fellow Lutherans are rehabilitating themselves and are settling in new surroundings. Other hundreds of individuals and whole families are on the move into defense areas. Pastor Harold Hempel, Glenwood, Minnesota, is in charge of the Membership Transfer and Follow-Up Department. Nearly 150 cases have received his able attention since the office was created only a year ago. Notices of transfers are beginning to come in from other districts. We welcome all of them, and hope for more.

For the same office we are now asking for names and addresses of our people that are scattered along the Alcan Highway, or are employed as civilians in Alaska, Western Canada, and the Hudson Bay country. We hope, by following the splendid method of our Spiritual Welfare Commission, to bring the Gospel to our members in these sparsely settled areas.

The world's darkness is always the Church's opportunity. When accumulated troubles give the world some dim realization that it lies in darkness and the shadow of death, that is the time for us "to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear." 1 Tim. 3, 15.

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## NORTH WISCONSIN DISTRICT

By Pastor W. Roepke

**T**HE North Wisconsin District can lay claim to but a very few cities with large war industries. As a result quite a number of our missions, especially those in the northern part of the District, which is largely arid, suffered severe losses through members who moved to the cities to work in defense plants. However, be it said to the credit of the members who remained at home, no mission asked for an increase in subsidy, no matter how great their loss in membership was. In fact they even took on extra financial burdens by subscribing, if not all, at least a part of their pastor's increase in salary. In the more prosperous south section of the District some missions absorbed the entire increase in salary, one even more.

The District has 24 organized mission congregations with 17 missionaries in charge. One mission has a thriving Christian day school with an enrollment of 45 children. Four missions send children to established Christian day schools in their cities. It may be of interest to know that of the 225 confirmations during the past year in the mission almost one half were grown-ups.

Besides the regular Home Mission work this District has charge of the extensive Fox River Valley Institutional Mission project, mention of which is made in another

article. Comfort, cheer and hope is brought to many forlorn and forsaken souls through the ministration of the missionary. In the north central part of the District inmates of the prison farm are served regularly by one of the missionaries. Services, Bible classes and instructions are held at stated periods. Another mission of rich blessings is a children's mission in Sunny View Sanatorium near Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Sunday school lessons are given every Sunday. This mission has now been in existence for quite a number of years. Many of the former pupils are men and women now, but still reaping, according to the promises of God, the blessings of our Savior's salvation, which was brought to them when they were children and patients at this Sanatorium. And thus the work of God goes on! Let us thank Him for the privilege that we are permitted to be His helpers.

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## PACIFIC NORTHWEST DISTRICT

By Pastor Arthur Sydow

**D**EFENSE workers, soldiers, and sailors, together with their families, have come from the Great Lakes and the Gulf, from New York and San Diego, to crowd our cities beyond capacity. The Mission Board of the Pacific Northwest District has begun to cope with the situation.

Seattle has a new mission with Rev. F. E. Stern in charge. Besides serving Grace North Park Lutheran Church he spends much time on the soldiers, and sailors, and defense workers, especially those in the new Federal Housing Projects.

Spokane likewise has a new mission. Pastor Meinhardt Witt is not only serving this newly organized mission but is devoting much time to the service men in the various airfields adjacent to Spokane and the defense workers coming from all parts of the country.

All larger cities in the Pacific Northwest, Portland, Seattle, Tacoma, Spokane, have immense Federal Housing Areas fast filling up with defense workers. The local pastors have been attempting to give spiritual aid in all these areas. Other branches of the Lutheran Church have placed experienced men in these areas to do spiritual conservation work among the dispersed members of their churches.

In the Hanford-Richland Area in Central Washington the Mission Board places Pastor G. A. Sydow, who has been conducting services at Hanford since July attracting ever larger attendance. Since no residence for the pastor has been found in the area he has taken up temporary residence in Yakima, 65 miles from his field of labor.

The Federal Housing Authority has placed all Church activity into the hands of The Federal Council of Churches and our Church workers are beholden to the Council for time and opportunity for church service. However this may be a blessing in disguise for it will separate the "sheep from the goats."

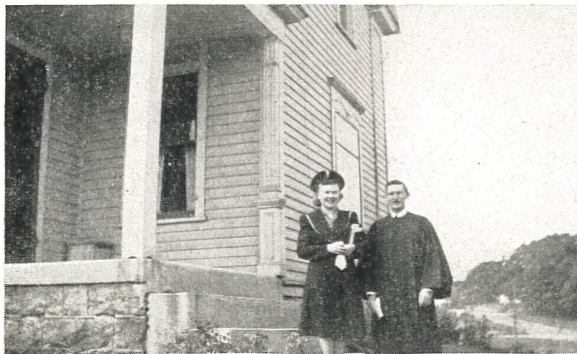


## SOUTHEAST WISCONSIN DISTRICT

By Pastor Harry Shiley

**T**HE Holy Ghost has said Acts 13, 2, "Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them." The Holy Spirit is still directing the work of missions in our Lutheran Church. During the past years the Mission Boards of our District have been directed and guided by the Lord in starting new missions. There have been few, if any, mistakes made in founding new fields. All our missions are in flourishing conditions today. Two mission churches became self-supporting this year, Fairview, Milwaukee, and Christ, Pewaukee. In the nine remaining missions, there is a large increase in membership and church attendance. Some of these churches must have two services on Sunday to accommodate the ever increasing number of worshipers.

Two missions were begun during the past two years, Mt. Calvary, Westowne, with a Christian day school, and Bluemound, Milwaukee. Both are already past the "infant" stage.



Pastor and Organist of the Bluemound Mission

Wisconsin is not in a great defense area. The population is fairly stable. No large housing projects have been undertaken, hence mission opportunities are limited. Another restriction is the ban on new buildings, no new church buildings for the "duration." Yet there are fields waiting to be harvested, and if God wills, we shall open new mission stations in the very near future.

We are the "school" district of our Synod. We say this with gratitude in our hearts. Six of our present nine missions have Christian day schools. By experience we have learned, that if a mission is not started with a school, it rarely acquires one later. Naturally, with Christian day schools, the day of self-support is a little farther off. But all of us must fight the tendency to become a "schoolless" church.

May the Holy Spirit continue to guide, direct, and bless, not only our District, but all the Districts of our beloved Synod. Above all, may our people ever learn to know the blessedness of giving for mission work, giving, to bring the Gospel of Christ to more lost souls. We

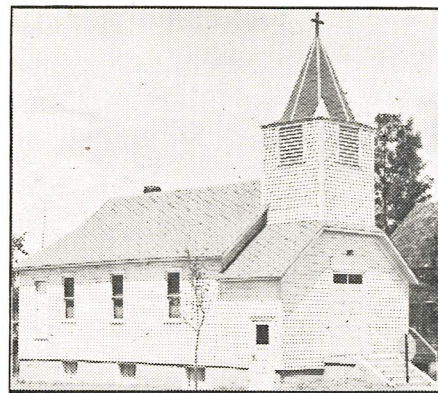
firmly believe, that if all our members would do their utmost for this cause, our Synod could double its present membership in ten or twenty years. Are you doing your part?

## WESTERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT

By Pastor E. Walther

**A**NOTHER parish has lately become self-supporting in our District, Cornelly - Keystone - Birch Creek. The members of this parish rejoice and thank the Synod for help granted in the past.

Mission opportunities are multiplying. Laymen are taking an active part in founding new missions. Two



St. John's Church, Cornelly, Wisconsin

candidates for the holy ministry have been called into mission fields the past four weeks. More are needed. In the southwestern part of the state there are few churches of the Synodical Conference. One of our missionaries now lives in Lancaster. He has a large field and reports that he has called on many prospects. Washington, Iowa,



Our Savior's Church, Wausau, Wisconsin

in the heart of the corn belt is steadily growing. Faithful work is showing results. Of the twenty-seven pupils attending the vacation Bible school a goodly number was won for the confirmation class. Of these many came from unchurched homes. In Fort Atkinson, where we have one of the largest congregations in the district, a mission



was started. The missionary here reports good attendance at services. The mission in Janesville is showing commendable zeal for the work of the Synod. Fort Atkinson and Janesville form one parish. The pastor resides in the latter city.

Our newest mission is Our Savior's, Wausau. The growth here has been rapid. Ten months ago we began to hold services and today the enrollment in Sunday school is 79 and the attendance at services about 80. St. Paul's, Madison, is showing progress. The little congregation in Pickwick, near Winona, has built a neat little church. It did its own financing. Since last fall services are being conducted regularly in Viroqua. Soon we shall have an organized congregation here. In August of this year one of our pastors began preaching in Badger Village near Baraboo. The Sunday school started two months ago has an enrollment of 24. Several mission congregations removed from industrial centers have been able to make only small gains. They are not as fortunate in sharing in the war prosperity as those congregations that are near defense plants. In general our Christians are giving more liberally for the pastors' support and for the work of the Synod. That is as it should be. Faithful pastors are sowing the seed and we are experiencing the truth: "My Word — shall not return until me void."

E. Walther.

### A NEW MISSION PROJECT

**T**HOUSANDS of men are working along the new Alaska highway, in Alaska itself, in western Canada, and in the Hudson Bay country. Undoubtedly there are many from our synodical circles among these civilians. A Conference of our Synod submitted a resolution to the General Mission Board requesting that ways and means be found to provide spiritual care for these men, either by sending missionaries to them, or in some other way.

Recognizing the splendid results from the direct-by-mail method used by our Spiritual Welfare Commission, a similar method will be used to bring the Gospel of our Savior to these members in that sparsely settled country. If you know of any men working there, or of families living there, be they relatives, friends or acquaintances, please send their names and addresses to Rev. Harold Hempel, Glenwood, Minnesota. He will get in touch with them.

We are sure that, like our members in the armed forces, these members of ours in those isolated and lonely places will also deeply appreciate their Church's interest for their souls' welfare. Please send the names as soon as possible.

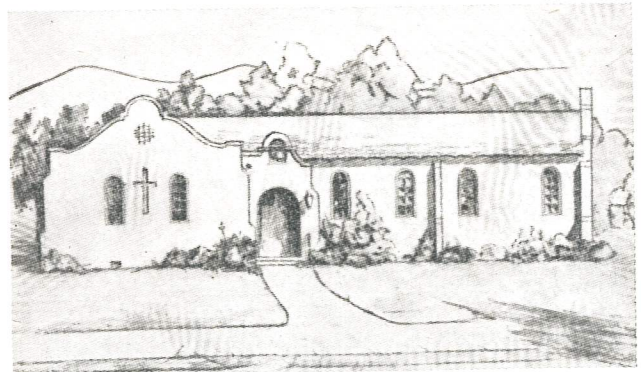
W. Roepke,

Chairman of the General Mission Board.

### DEDICATION OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, WARREN, ARIZONA

**F**OR many years the members of Grace Lutheran Church in Warren, Arizona, gathered in private homes and rented churches for their public worship. Though they were grateful for the use of such buildings, it was their constant desire to have a building of their own which could be used exclusively for their worship. In the summer of 1939 the Lord provided ways and means that their hopes might be realized.

An ideal plot of ground for a church, a corner lot 100 by 150 feet was donated by the Warren Company, a subsidiary of the Phelps-Dodge Corporation which is engaged in mining operations in this district. Mr. H. Jaastad, an architect of Tucson, furnished the plans for the building. The Joint Synod of Wisconsin graciously extended a loan to the congregation from the Chapel Fund. It was through such kind help that the members were able to begin construction.



Grace Lutheran Church, Warren, Arizona

Except for the walls and the plastering the work was done by members of the congregation, including the construction of the curved-seat pews and other interior furnishings. Construction foreman was Mr. Anton Ask, who like the rest of the members worked without remuneration. By July of 1940 the building was completed sufficiently so that it could be used for services. After a brief farewell service at the former place of worship, the members went in a body to the new worship home and with grateful hearts consecrated it unto the Lord. The total cost of the building project including the parish hall was \$3,500.00.

On July 25, 1943, some final details of construction having been completed, the members of the congregation were privileged to hold the formal public dedication of their new house of worship. Joining with them for the special occasion were the members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Douglas.

Present to deliver the dedicatory sermon was the Rev. F. G. Knoll of Tucson. Pastor Knoll until March, 1943, was pastor of the Douglas-Warren Congregations, and it was during his pastorate that the new building was erected. He chose as his text the



words of Psalm 118, 19-20: "Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will go into them, and I will praise the Lord. This gate of the Lord, into which the righteous shall enter." Also during the service greetings were read from the Rev. E. Arnold Sitz, Visitor of the Arizona Conference, who had been invited to take part in the dedication but was unable to attend.

The members of Grace Lutheran Church are deeply grateful to the Lord for their new house of worship. It is their prayer that the new church, which they have been able to build only because of His mercy, may redound to the welfare of Christ's kingdom on earth and to His eternal glory.

W. Zarling.

## OBITUARY

† ERNST VON BRIESEN †

The sudden death of Ernst von Briesen, who had been a faithful member of Grace Church of Milwaukee and had rendered valuable services to the Wisconsin Synod and the Synodical Conference, came as a distinct shock to his family, his brethren and friends. His closer acquaintances thought him to be quite robust for his 65 years and enjoying the best of health. The Lord, however, took him very suddenly. While Mr. von Briesen was enjoying his usual game of golf on Saturday afternoon, August 7, he suffered a cerebral hemorrhage that caused his immediate death.

Ernst von Briesen, the son of Ernst von Briesen and his wife Margaret, née Klappenbach, was born on October 19, 1877, at Columbus, Wisconsin, where Pastor Henry Vogel baptized him and where Pastor Otto Koch later on confirmed him. There he also finished his high school course. For his future vocation he chose the profession of his father, who had practiced law at Columbus. In preparation for his future work he attended Northwestern College at Watertown for one year, and graduated with the class of 1900 at the University of Wisconsin; three years later he received his law degree at Harvard. In the same year, 1903, he took up the practice of law in Milwaukee. Here in the course of years he gained a fine reputation for ability and integrity as an attorney and used his knowledge of corporation law for establishing several business organizations. Of late years he specialized in probate court work.

Since his arrival in Milwaukee the departed had been affiliated with Grace Church, in whose affairs and welfare he took an active and abiding interest. For almost twenty-five years he served as president of the congregation and was its representative on the Board that managed Union and Graceland Cemeteries. The church at large, especially the Wisconsin Synod,

made good use of the gifts for organization and administration that God had given him. For years he served on the Board of Control for our Northwestern College at Watertown and that of our Theological Seminary, and later on was a member of the Seminary Building Committee that planned and supervised the erection of the new seminary at Thiensville. He was instrumental in bringing about the organization of the Madison Student Mission and the erection of its fine chapel. In Milwaukee he had always shown a lively and substantial interest in the affairs of the Lutheran Altenheim and of the Lutheran High School.



Ernst von Briesen

Of late years he had also served our Synod as a member of its committee for the Synod's funds.

In 1905 Ernst von Briesen was married to Camilla Bickler of Austin, Texas. Mrs. Camilla von Briesen with her sons, Ernst and Ralph, and a daughter, Martha, are now surviving the departed. Other survivors are his three grandchildren and his sisters Elisabeth and Dora von Briesen.

The funeral service for our brother was held at Grace Church on August 10. To the large assembly of mourners of that day the undersigned spoke words of comfort found in Romans 8, 28-32.

The body of our brother now rests in Graceland Cemetery, awaiting the resurrection to eternal life.

W. F. Sauer.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES

#### WINNEBAGO PASTORAL CONFERENCE

The Winnebago Pastoral Conference will meet, D. v., on September 20 and 21, 1943, at St. Peter's Church, Eldorado, Wisconsin (Pastor Wm. Wojahn). The first session will begin at 9 o'clock.

Essays: Joint Study of Luther's Galatians led by G. E. Bergemann; Moses, der Knecht Gottes, J. Schultz; Hints for Sick Calls, G. Pieper; The History of the Mass and the Individual Communion Cup, H. Vogel; Isagogical-Exegetical Study of Hebrews, T. Redlin.

Sermon: English, G. Kaniess; W. Pless.

Please make early announcements with the local pastor.  
Carl Lawrenz, Sec'y.

#### ST. CROIX PASTORAL CONFERENCE

The St. Croix Pastoral Conference will meet in Pilgrim Ev. Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota, R. J. Palmer, pastor, on Tuesday, September 21, 1943. The sessions will open with a Communion Service at 9 A. M.

Essay: G. A. Ernst, "The Three Offices of the Christian Ministry."

Confessional Address: F. A. Werner (A. W. Saremba).  
Members will provide for their own meals.

P. R. Kurth, Sec'y.

#### FOX RIVER VALLEY PASTORAL CONFERENCE

The Fox River Valley Pastoral Conference will meet October 19 and 20, 1943, beginning at 9 A. M., at the St. Paul's Church, Algoma, Wisconsin, the Rev. Karl F. Toepel, Algoma, Wisconsin.

Confessional Sermon: F. Uetzmann (A. Voigt).

Exegetical-homiletical treatise on Rev. 3, 7-13, W. Pankow; Isagogics on Ecclesiastes, H. Wicke; The Woman's Position in the Church, R. Ziesemer; The Salvation Army and its Teaching, E. Hinnenthal; What is meant by "A Life of Repentance" in the first of Luther's 95 theses?, W. Kuether; Catechesis on the first part of the Third Commandment, Im. Boettcher.

Old Papers: Predestination in the present Union Movement, A. Werner; The Literalness of Paul's Old Testament Quotations in His Letters to the Galatians, W. Zink; The Term "Kingdom of God" and Its Unscriptural Application, M. Croll; Types of Old Testament Sacrifices and Their Significance, P. Oehlert.

The local pastor, K. Toepel, requests your announcement to be made early.  
Victor Weyland, Sec'y.

#### THE SOUTHWESTERN PASTORAL CONFERENCE

The Southwestern Pastoral Conference will meet at Elroy, Wisconsin, on September 21, 1943. Services will begin at 9:30 A. M.

Sermon: L. Bleichwehl (alternate A. Dobberstein).

Homiletical treatment of text for 14th Sunday after Trinity, L. Witte; Exegesis 1 Tim. 5, M. Glaeser; "Is Future Punishment Everlasting? Explain *αἰών* and *αἰώνιος*," G. Geiger; "The Nicene Creed," O. Sommer.

O. A. Sommer.

#### RHINELANDER PASTORAL CONFERENCE

The Rhinelander Pastoral Conference will meet on Tuesday, September 21, 1943, at Eagle River, Wisconsin (Pastor J. D. Krubsack).

Papers: J. Krubsack, Purgatory, with Special Reference to the Question Why the Books of Maccabees were not accepted into the Canon; H. Lemke, Exegetical Treatment of I Timothy 2; P. Gieschen, The New Testament Church.

Sermon: P. Gieschen, W. Gieschen.

H. Lemke, Sec'y.

#### CROW RIVER PASTORAL CONFERENCE

The Crow River Pastoral Conference will convene on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 21 and 22, 9:30 A. M., at Salem Lutheran Church, W. J. Haar, pastor, Greenwood Township.

Essays: "Un-Lutheran Trends in connection with Ministerial Acts," W. Voigt; "Individual Communion Cups," W. J. Schulze; Exegesis on 1 Cor. 12, 4-11, Conclusion, C. Albrecht; "Dissertation on the Doctrine of Hell," E. R. Berwald; Exegesis (German) on 1 Tim. 3, 14-16, Continued, M.

Schuetze; "Demoniacal Possession — Does it exist today?," F. R. Weyland; "Prophet Nehemiah," Sam. Baer.

Pastoral Sermon: Elmer J. Zehms; E. A. Binger, alternate.

Send your intentions to local pastor promptly — your presence or absence, also, whether quarters are desired!

M. J. Lenz, Sec'y.

#### LAKE SUPERIOR PASTORAL CONFERENCE

The Lake Superior Pastoral Conference will meet on September 28 and 29, 9 A. M., C. W. T., first session. Conference will meet at Au Train Lake, Michigan, as guests of Trinity Congregation and Pastor Roepke, Marquette, Michigan.

Sermon: W. Lutz (N. Schlavensky).

Unfinished Essays: The Pastor at the Sick-bed, K. Geyer; Catechesis, Justification according to the Second Article of the Creed, F. Zarling.

Old Essay: Exegesis 1 Corinthians 11, N. Schlavensky.

New Essays: Exegesis 1 Corinthians 12, T. Thurow; Isagogical Survey of the Prophet Nahum, W. Fuhlbrigge; The Pastor as Steward of the Mysteries of God with special reference to the Sacraments, T. Hoffmann.

Please, timely announcement to host pastor!

C. J. Henning, Sec'y.

#### JOINT CHIPPEWA VALLEY-WISCONSIN RIVER VALLEY PASTORAL CONFERENCE

The Joint Chippewa Valley-Wisconsin River Valley Pastoral Conference will meet on September 28 and 29 at Globe, Wisconsin, A. Schumann, pastor. Sessions begin at 10 o'clock on Tuesday.

Papers are to be delivered by L. A. Winter, R. Schoeneck, W. Schulz, S. H. Fenske.

Sermon: Nommensen (Pankow).

Confessional Address: Schulz (Toppe).

L. Lambert, Sec'y.

#### SOUTHWESTERN PASTORAL CONFERENCE

The Southwestern Pastoral Conference will meet October 5 and 6 at St. Matthew's Church, Benton Harbor, Michigan, H. Haase, pastor. The first session will open at 9:30 A. M.

Papers: Exegesis on 2 Tim. 2 and 4; Catechetical Instruction, Pastor H. Haase.

Confessional: N. Engel, W. Westendorf.

Sermon: A. Hoenecke, H. Hoenecke.

Please announce in due time.

R. A. Gensmer, Sec'y.

#### WESTERN PASTORAL CONFERENCE OF THE DAKOTA-MONTANA DISTRICT

The Western Pastoral Conference of the Dakota-Montana District will meet October 5 and 6 at Hazelton, North Dakota, Pastor G. Ehlert. Opening sessions at 9 A. M. (M. W. T.).

Papers: Old: Who is the Anti-Christ?, E. Krueger; When are Members of a so-called Christian Congregation to be Regarded as Mission Material?, P. Albrecht. New: Prayer Fellowship, W. Herrmann; 1 John, Prof. K. G. Sievert; The Woman's Part in the Christian Congregation, E. Eberhart.

Sermon: H. Bergholz (H. Birner).

E. L. Mehlberg, Sec'y.

#### ONE-DAY EASTERN DELEGATE CONFERENCE OF THE DAKOTA-MONTANA CONFERENCE

The One-Day Eastern Delegate Conference of the Dakota-Montana District will meet on Wednesday, September 29, 9:30 A. M., in St. Martin's Lutheran Church, Watertown, South Dakota.

Meals will be served gratis.

Timely announcement to host pastor, please!

H. A. Schultz, Sec'y.

#### NORTHERN MICHIGAN DELEGATE CONFERENCE

On September 20 and 21, 1943, the Northern Michigan Delegate Conference will meet at Frankenmuth, Michigan, A. Kehrberg, pastor, beginning at 9 A. M. sharp.

Papers: Exegesis of Gal. 3, 21-29, A. Voges; The Essentials of the Lord's Supper, A. Westendorf; Exegesis of Romans 3, 19-24, M. Toepel; Fundamental and Non-Fundamental Doctrines, O. J. Eckert. Also, delegates to the Joint Synod will report.



Sermon: O. Frey (O. J. R. Hoenecke).  
 Confessional Address: O. J. Eckert (O. Eckert).  
 Please, announce yourself for quarters and meals to the local pastor by September 15 at the latest. The delegates are required to attend the first day only.  
 Nathanael Luetke, Sec'y.

**CHIPPEWA VALLEY DELEGATE CONFERENCE**

The Chippewa Valley Delegate Conference will meet Sunday afternoon, October 3, 2 to 5 P. M., at Cornell, Wisconsin, Rev. E. E. Prenzlow, pastor.  
 Essay: Report on Proceedings of Joint Synod Convention at Watertown, Pastor S. Fenske.  
 Please announce before September 25 and state the number of delegates coming.  
 E. E. Prenzlow, Sec'y.

**REDWOOD FALLS DELEGATE CONFERENCE**

The Redwood Falls Delegate Conference will meet on September 21, 1943, at 10 A. M., at Arlington, Minnesota, Rev. J. G. Bradtke, pastor.  
 Work: "The Cooperation of Pastor and Congregation," continuation of essay by Pastor F. Traub; Reports on Synod meeting.  
 Services with Holy Communion at 7:30 P. M.  
 Sermon: Pastors E. Becker or J. Bradtke.  
 Confessional Address: Pastors G. Zimmermann or W. Schmidt.  
 Note: All conference pastors should let Pastor Bradtke know how many delegates they expect to have.  
 G. F. Zimmermann, Sec'y.

**WEST WISCONSIN TEACHERS' CONFERENCE**

The West Wisconsin Teachers' Conference will meet in Tomah, Wisconsin, H. Schaller, pastor, on Saturday, September 25, beginning at 9:30 A. M.  
 The following papers will be discussed: "When is a Parochial School Teacher Guilty of Unionistic Tendencies?" Pastor H. Schaller; "Visual Aids in the Classroom," H. Gurgle; "Suggestions for Remedial Reading," E. Sievert; "Canvassing for School Children," Round Table Discussion; Substitute: "Courtesy in the Classroom," E. Wilde.  
 R. E. Swantz, Sec'y.

**WINNEBAGO TEACHERS' CONFERENCE**

The Winnebago Teachers' Conference will be held on Thursday and Friday, September 30 and October 1. All members of the conference are asked to send their reservations for lodging as soon as possible to Rev. C. J. Lawrenz, 607 Illinois Avenue, North Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.  
 Henry Gruenhagen, Sec'y.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESSES**

Rev. Roy B. Gose, 320 Division Street, Neenah, Wisconsin.  
 Rev. Martin F. Sauer, 2837 South Lenox Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.  
 Rev. F. C. Knuettel, Sturgeon Bay, R. R. 4, Wisconsin.  
 Rev. L. C. Krug, P. em., 1906 McLaren Street, Yakima, Washington.

**NOTICES**

Needed: hymnals for a new mission.  
 Any church that has on hand a supply of old hymnals which it cares to dispose of is asked to get in touch with the undersigned.  
 Herbert Lemke,  
 Pelican Lake, Wisconsin.  
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 St. Peter's Ev. Luth. Church at Weyauwega, Wisconsin, is willing to donate a bell to any mission congregation which is willing to pay crating and transportation charges. For details please address the undersigned.  
 Irwin J. Habeck.

**INSTALLATIONS**

Authorized by President Richard Buerger the undersigned ordained Candidate Walter Wegner in a special service on June 20, 1943. Pastor Wegner was called by the Gen-

eral Mission Board to assist the Executive Secretary of the Spiritual Welfare Commission.  
 Address: Rev. Walter Wegner, 3343 North Buffum Street, Milwaukee 12, Wisconsin.  
 Edward Blakewell.

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By order of President Behm, Pastor B. Kuschel was installed by me on July 4 as pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Carbondale, Michigan. God bless shepherd and fold abundantly.  
 Address: Rev. B. Kuschel, Daggett, Michigan.  
 Kurt R F. Geyer.

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On August 15, 1943, the eighth Sunday after Trinity, the undersigned, by authorization of President H. Kirchner, duly ordained and installed Candidate O. Pagels as pastor of the Rewey-Lancaster mission field.  
 Address: Rev. O. Pagels, 832 W. Maple Street, Lancaster, Wisconsin.  
 Fritz H. Miller.

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Authorized by President E. G. Behm of the North Wisconsin District, the undersigned installed Mr. Martin Leitzke as teacher of the Mount Calvary Christian Day School, Kimberly, Wisconsin, on August 29, the tenth Sunday after Trinity.  
 Address: Mr. Martin Leitzke, Kimberly, Wisconsin.  
 W. F. Wichmann.



**MISSION FESTIVALS**



**"GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD"**

**Whitsunday**

Christ Lutheran Church, Zumbrota, Minnesota.  
 Offering: \$502.05. Paul E. Horn, pastor.

**Trinity Sunday**

St. Luke's Church, Germantown, South Dakota.  
 Offering: \$90.10. Charles E. Found, pastor.  
 Grace Church, Goodhue Co., Minnesota.  
 Offering: \$118.32. F. Weindorf, pastor.  
 Miner Congregation, Miner, North Dakota.  
 Offering: \$18.06. Wm. H. Wiedenmeyer, pastor.

**First Sunday after Trinity**

Trinity Church, Hendricks, Minnesota.  
 Offering: \$136.27. R. E. Bretzmann, pastor.  
 St. John's Churches, Bear Valley and Mazeppa, Minn.  
 Offering: \$227.00. Theo. Haar, pastor.  
 St. Paul's Church, Henry, South Dakota.  
 Offering: \$128.25. B. R. Hahm, pastor.  
 Christ Ev. Luth. Church, Morrystown, South Dakota.  
 Offering: \$104.00. Wm. H. Wiedenmeyer, pastor.

**Second Sunday after Trinity**

St. John's Church, Goodhue Co., Minnesota.  
 Offering: \$241.72. F. Weindorf, pastor.

**Third Sunday after Trinity**

St. Peter's Church, Town Ellsworth, Minnesota.  
 Offering: \$165.78. M. Schuetze, pastor.  
 St. John's Church, Ridgeville, Wisconsin.  
 Offering: \$335.10. C. E. Berg, pastor.  
 Zion Church, Hidewood Hwp., South Dakota.  
 Offering: \$150.00. R. A. Kettenacker, pastor.

**Fourth Sunday after Trinity**

St. Peter's Church, Weyauwega, Wisconsin.  
 Offering: \$355.76. Irwin J. Habeck, pastor.  
 Friedens Church, Bonduel, Wisconsin.  
 Offering: \$282.63. Victor Weyland, pastor.  
 Christus Church, Richmond, Wisconsin.  
 Offering: \$172.00. Fred W. Loeper, pastor.



Fifth Sunday after Trinity

St. Paul's Church, Angelica, Wisconsin.  
Offering: \$310.31. Victor Weyland, pastor.  
St. Paul's Church, St. James, Minnesota.  
Offering: \$265.00. Ernst C. Burkholz, pastor.  
Calvary Church, Valentine, Nebraska.  
Offering: \$89.38. E. Weiss, pastor.

Collections for Chapels

Cash Balance June 30, 1943 .....\$ 4,168.93  
Collections for Chapels ..... 1.00  
Repayments on Chapel Loans ..... 317.34  
\$ 4,487.27  
Less Disbursements ..... 200.00  
Available for loans July 31, 1943..... \$ 4,287.27

C. J. NIEDFELDT, Treasurer.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT

July 1, 1943 to July 31, 1943

**Receipts**  
Cash Balance July 1, 1943 ..... \$ 39,788.26  
Budgetary Collections:  
General Administration .....\$ 11,215.67  
Educational Institutions ..... 2,675.37  
Home for the Aged ..... 775.05  
Spiritual Welfare Commission ..... 2,184.20  
For Other Missions ..... 10,972.61  
Indigent Students ..... 68.31  
General Support ..... 680.73  
School Supervision ..... 65.00  
To Retire Debts ..... 1,118.71  
Revenues ..... 1,494.48  
Total Budgetary Coll. and Revenues...\$ 31,250.13  
Non-Budgetary Receipts:  
Miscellaneous .....\$ 19.80  
Total Receipts ..... \$ 31,269.93  
\$ 71,058.19

Disbursements

Budgetary Disbursements:  
General Administration .....\$ 5,318.35  
Theological Seminary ..... 1,317.53  
Northwestern College ..... 6,709.93  
Dr. Martin Luther College ..... 4,830.89  
Michigan Lutheran Seminary ..... 2,979.85  
Northwestern Lutheran Academy... 1,364.02  
Home for the Aged ..... 708.10  
Missions — General Administration 8.66  
Indian Missions ..... 2,296.38  
Home Missions ..... 15,176.15  
Poland Mission ..... 634.35  
Madison Student Mission ..... 95.84  
Spiritual Welfare Commission ..... 3,632.31  
General Support ..... 2,007.00  
School Supervision ..... 172.53  
Total Budgetary Disbursements ..... \$ 47,251.89  
Cash Balance July 31, 1943 ..... \$ 23,806.30

Allotment Statement

Districts	Comm.	Receipts	Allotment
Pacific Northwest	1,070	\$ 72.64	\$ 321.00
Nebraska	4,715	909.32	1,414.50
Michigan	16,980	1,772.35	5,094.00
Dakota-Montana	5,586	2,400.07	1,675.80
Minnesota	34,014	8,123.72	10,204.20
North Wisconsin	39,604	5,159.30	11,881.20
West Wisconsin	41,420	6,403.82	12,426.00
Southeast Wisconsin	45,447	4,539.33	13,634.10
Total	188,836	\$ 29,380.55	\$ 56,650.80

Districts	Deficit	Surplus	Percent of Allotment
Pacific Northwest	\$ 248.36		22.62%
Nebraska	505.18		64.28%
Michigan	3,321.65	724.27	39.79%
Dakota-Montana		724.27	143.21%
Minnesota	2,080.48		79.61%
North Wisconsin	6,721.90		43.42%
West Wisconsin	6,022.18		51.52%
Southeast Wisconsin	9,094.77		33.29%
Total	\$ 27,994.52	\$ 724.27	51.86%

DONATIONS SENT DIRECTLY TO TREASURER'S OFFICE

July 1, 1943 to July 31, 1943

**For Missions**  
N. N., South Milwaukee, Wisconsin...\$ 2.00 \$ 2.00  
**To Retire Debts**  
N. N. ....\$ 1.00 \$ 1.00

For Spiritual Welfare Commission

Mrs. H. F. Huseman, Winona, Minn...\$ 1.00  
Pfc. Maynard J. Wege, Tulsa, Okla.... 3.00  
Pvt. Harold Neske, Fort Sill, Okla.... 3.00  
Zion Ev. Luth. Church, Phoenix, Ariz. 30.85  
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hoge, Wauwatosa 2.00  
St. Peter's Luth. Church, Chaseburg... 26.25  
Mr. and Mrs. R. Riggs, Saginaw, Mich. 2.00  
Mrs. A. J. Liehe, Chippewa Falls, Wis. 5.00  
The Berea Society of St. Luke's Congregation, Lemmon, South Dakota 5.00  
Pfc. Fred Kleueter, Camp Ricker, Ala. 2.00  
Pvt. Leon H. Maurer, Fort Ord, Cal. 2.00  
Lt. H. Schweppe, Camp Ritchie, Md. 25.00  
S-Sgt. Clifford E. Wahl, New Orleans 5.00  
Memorial Wreath in Memory of Gerald Kreklow, S. 2-C. (St. John's Ev. Luth. Church, Cold Spring, Wisconsin), Mrs. John Shrank .....\$ 3.00  
Mrs. Hilda Kreklow and Family, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Blair, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bessert and Family, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Beck, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wangsness and Family, Pvt. and Mrs. Albert Kreklow, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Schaffer and Family, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lundsten and Family, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Seidler, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Kreklow, Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Kreklow and Pfc. Martin Kreklow ..... 20.00—23.00  
Frank J. Witz, Brooklyn, N. Y. .... 1.00  
Mrs. Bruce Cameron, Crystal Falls... 1.00  
Sgt. E. W. Schwanz, Fort Baker, Cal. 1.00  
St. Matthew's Cong., Janesville, Wis. 4.00  
Memorial Wreath for Herman Kramer, Elkton, South Dakota, from Minnie Finch and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Benson, Sioux Falls, South Dakota..... 2.00  
Racine County Synodical Conference Committee, Racine, Wisconsin ..... 25.00  
S-Sgt. Walter Kurth, San Francisco.... 5.00  
Pfc. John J. Stechmann, San Francisco 5.00  
Mrs. Jos. Mercier, Manistique, Mich. 2.00  
S-Sgt. Harvey Callies, Milwaukee, Wis. 3.00  
Zion Lu. Ladies' Aid, Van Dyne, Wis. 5.00  
Bethany Ladies' Club, Kenosha, Wis. 10.00  
General Charities, Inc., Mr. H. Kurth, President, M. K. Kurth, Vice-President, Milwaukee, Wis. .... 50.00  
Mr. F. Leyboldt, Jr., Milwaukee, Wis. 10.00  
Mrs. Kurth H. Doetz, Manitowoc, Wis. 5.00  
Pvt. Harold Neske, Ft. Sill, Okla..... 5.00  
Pvt. H. E. Lentz, San Francisco, Cal. 10.00  
Memorial Wreath in memory of (uncle) Mr. Otto Baerneke, by Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Sprengeler, Bylas..... 3.00  
\$ 282.10

C. J. NIEDFELDT, Treasurer.