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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." I KINGS 8:57

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The Year

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Our Lord

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*"The Lord bless thee,
and keep thee:*

*The Lord make His face
shine upon thee,
and be gracious unto thee.*

*The Lord lift up
His countenance upon thee,
and give thee peace."*

Num. 6, 23-26.



*"The grace of the
Lord Jesus Christ,
And the Love of God,
And the communion of the
Holy Ghost,
Be with you all."*

II Cor. 13, 14.

A NEW YEAR BLESSING

"AND when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, His name was called Jesus, which was so named of the angel before He was conceived in the womb." This is the traditional Gospel for New Year's Day. It could hardly be shorter, yet it covers not only the span of time, but eternity itself; and this little verse in one name contains all that we need for a blessed New Year.

At the side of the number of this new year, 1944, we place the letters A. D., that is the year of our Lord Jesus Christ. And we Christians mean by this, that every grace and every favor comes to us through our Lord Jesus, and that He is indeed the Lord of all events in this new year.

The Year of our Lord, 1944

Children will be born in this year, but we shall baptize them into the name of this Lord. Other children will be confirmed in this year, but they shall pledge faithfulness to the Lord Jesus. Christian men and women will be united in holy wedlock this year, but the third to enter the union between husband and wife is Jesus, and He comes to the home not only as a guest, but as the gracious Host and Lord. — Death will enter some homes this year — who knows which homes, or how soon, but Jesus the Lord of death also, and whosoever believeth in Him shall live, though he were dead.

Our President set New Year's Day apart as a special day of prayer. We know what prayers God answers, Jesus has told us, "Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in My name, He will give it you." — In this new year history will be made; there shall be victories and defeats on the various battle fronts. We shall remember that the Father has committed all things into the hands of His Son, Jesus Christ. The King of kings rules over all things; He too in His wisdom and providence has determined the time of the end of the present world conflict. In this new year all of us shall have to make decisions, some of greater, some of lesser importance, but the most important question for all men in this year still is, "What think ye of Christ?"

A Threefold Blessing

And thus we enter upon this new year in the name of Jesus, and we do know — even though the future may be unknown to us — what this new year will bring. We read it

from the Gospel before us. In this little verse a familiar blessing is pronounced upon us. It is that blessing with which a pastor frequently greets his hearers from the pulpit, "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you." That threefold blessing is ours as we enter upon this new year.

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ

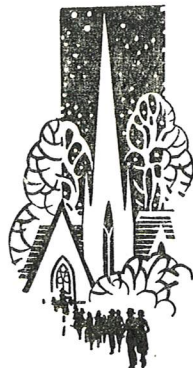
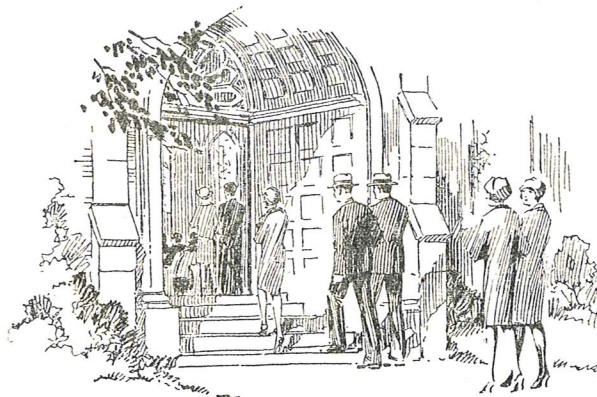
The little text before us clearly points to three periods of time, the time preceding New Year's Day, New Year's Day itself, and the period of time following New Year's Day. On the first day of the new year we are to remember what transpired eight days before; the text says, "And when eight days were accomplished." This reminds us of the birth of Jesus, and the message of the angel, "Unto you is born this day, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. With the birth of Jesus that new year began for all the world which the prophet called "The acceptable year of the Lord." It is the year of grace. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, "Who, though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that we through His poverty might be rich."

Not the Curse — But a Blessing

Our text also speaks of New Year's Day itself, "And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, His name was called Jesus." — New Year's Day was the day of the circumcising of the Christchild. Paul tells us of the significance of this, "God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons." We were under the Law of God, and because we did not keep it we were under the curse of the Law and the wrath of God. But now Jesus has placed Himself under the Law for us and has kept it for us. Thus we receive sonship instead of the curse, grace instead of wrath.

Our text also points to the time following New Year's Day, it points to the entire life of Jesus during which He was obedient to His Father and finally became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. — And His life does not end with His death. He lives today as our Jesus, our Savior. He is even now at the right hand of God to make intercession for us. His grace accompanies us day by day.

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Editorials

TIME AND ETERNITY

Time and Eternity By the calendar another year has passed and another year of our life is gone, another year of grace has begun. Man lives by the calendar. He marks days and weeks and months and years — by the calendar. He makes his plans and arranges his work by the calendar. He has ambitions, aspirations and hopes and all of them are in some way or another bound to the calendar; they have to do with time, and time is marked by the calendar. There is no denying that the calendar — minutes, hours, days, weeks, months, years — plays an important role in the life of man. In the beginning God so arranged the life of man. When God created the sun, moon and stars He said: "Let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days and years." Thus time comes to be the important factor in the life of men; in different degrees, however. It all depends on the interpretation men put on time. This difference will depend entirely on whether one is a believer or an unbeliever. Both reckon with time, but both have their own way of evaluating time.

To the man of the world time exists for but one purpose: to fulfill the ambitions, the lusts of the flesh. His philosophy has been summed up in the words: "Let us eat and drink for tomorrow we shall be dead." So with feverish haste he tries to crowd into his life all the activities that to him make up life. — And, these activities are all centered on the things pertaining to this life and this world. This being the case it can not be otherwise than that when his life is done he regrets its end because he loves this world and this life for which he lived and planned.

The Christian is also ever reckoning with time. He must because he is human. And yet time has an entirely different meaning to him than it has to the unbeliever. To him time is but a short road that leads into eternity, where life, which had its beginning in time, will continue forever. Thus the Christian realizes the correct relation between time and eternity. In the mind of the Christian they are never separate but rather two things inseparably linked together; one following on the other as night follows day. What is more, the Christian, by the grace of God, understands the importance of both, and the purpose of both. He knows that God did not give him his span of life to indulge the flesh and its desires, but to live this life, consisting of minutes, hours, weeks, months, and years, in the service of God, who by the blood of His Son redeemed him from all sin, from death and from the power of the devil and translated him into the kingdom of His

EPIPHANY

A VALUABLE MAN RESIGNS

dear Son and made him a king and a priest unto God. This service will require all his moments and months and years. He has no other work to do on this earth but to glorify the Father which is in heaven. This is not in the sense of the fanatic who would withdraw himself from the world and all worldly activities, but in the sense of the Scripture, "Whether, therefore, ye eat or drink or whatsoever ye do, do it all to the glory of God."

As the Christian realizes by the calendar that another year of his life has begun, by the grace of God, he also immediately decides in his heart what this new year will mean to him, and will require of him. It means another year in which he can glorify God among men, another year to prepare for eternity to follow. "Lord, teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

W. J. S.

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Epiphany We are now in the Epiphany season of the church year. This season is the conclusion of the Christmas cycle of festivals, which is introduced by the Advent Sundays, culminates in the Christmas festival together with its octave in the day of the circumcision of our Savior on New Year, and is concluded in the Epiphany Sundays.

How many Epiphany Sundays are there? That depends entirely on the date of the Easter festival. Christmas is always celebrated on a fixed date, the twenty-fifth of December, no matter on what day of the week that date may happen to fall in a given year. Not so Easter. That festival is always observed on a Sunday, and the date of that Sunday varies from year to year. Thus in 1940 it was as early as the twenty-fourth of March, and last year (1943) as late as the twenty-fifth of April. Compare the table of movable festivals (Easter Table 1901 to 2000) in your *Northwestern Lutheran Annual*. A late Easter makes room for six Epiphany Sundays, while an earlier Easter reduces the number.

What is the meaning of the Epiphany season? The name given to this group of Sundays indicates what the intention of the church was in setting aside this season. Epiphany means an appearance, a manifestation, a revelation. At first, both the baptism and the birth of Jesus were observed on Epiphany day the sixth of January. Later the celebration was divided and a special day was set aside to commemorate the birth of our Savior, the day we still observe, the twenty-fifth of December.

Epiphany was one of the earliest church festivals celebrated in the eastern churches. The Gospel text then used was Matthew 3, 13-17, the baptism of Jesus. When the western churches took over the festival, and about the same time Christmas was separated from it, they also changed the Gospel lesson. They chose a text which we still use today, Matthew 2, 1-12, the wise men from the East. The story of this Gospel brings us closer to the events of Christmas. Jesus is still a very small child. He is made manifest by God through a special star to the wise men of the East as their Savior and King. They receive Him in humble joy and thanksgiving, and in turn make Him manifest in Jerusalem, and wherever they go. We have a hint in the text that also Herod, the enemy, recognized Jesus as the God-sent King and will make Him manifest by his fierce persecution.

In the Gospels of the following five Sundays Jesus is always presented as manifesting Himself. The first Sunday after Epiphany shows us Jesus, the twelve-year-old boy, in the temple at Jerusalem manifesting His connection with His heavenly Father and with His Father's business. Even to His mother this manifestation was too deep at the time, but she remembered and pondered the words; Luke 2, 41-52. — The Gospel for the second Epiphany Sunday closes with the remark that Jesus "manifested forth his glory," John 2, 1-11. That happened at the wedding in Cana of Galilee. And the glory which Jesus there revealed was the same of which John wrote in his first chapter: "We beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth" (v. 14). It was His Savior-glory. — The Gospel for the third Sunday sets forth the nature of our Savior's glory very clearly in two significant miracles of healing, Matthew 8, 1-13. — The meaning of the manifestation of Jesus in the Gospel for the fourth Sunday is reflected unmistakably in the astonished question of the disciples: "What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him!" No, nothing is impossible to Him. Under His protection we can rest secure. Matthew 8, 23-27. — Of a different nature is the manifestation of Jesus in the Gospel for the fifth Sunday, Matthew 13, 24-30, the parable of the tares among the wheat. His kingdom will always appear in great lowliness till the end of time. It will be troubled by tares, but in great patience will He deal with the tares until the harvest at the end of the world, when at last He will rid His kingdom of all offenses by committing the tares to everlasting fire. — Only at great intervals of many years does a late Easter festival make room for a sixth Sunday after Epiphany. In the transfiguration, Matthew 17, 1-9, the Father Himself overwhelmingly manifests His beloved Son as the only Savior of the world.

Let us meditate on the manifestations of our Savior, particularly in the season of the church year set apart for this purpose, so that our faith may grow in fervor.

J. P. M.

A Valuable Man Resigns City Manager Sherrill has resigned his position as City Manager of Cincinnati. He was a very able man and a fearless leader to enforce the laws on the statute books of the city of Cincinnati and the state of Ohio. He was respected for his integrity and honesty by a vast portion of the inhabitants of a large city of America. He was beloved as well — until an incident suddenly all but obliterated his memory from the minds of many and also the good work that he had done for the city of Cincinnati. It seems that on the statute books of the city (or was it the state of Ohio) there was a law forbidding gambling, including by interpretation that form of gambling known as "bingo." City Manager Sherrill took his position seriously and believed that he must enforce the laws of the state. He did. He "clamped down" on "bingo." This aroused the antagonism of the Roman Catholic Church and especially that of the Most Rev. John T. McNicholas. As archbishop of that diocese he saw in "bingo" and the profits reaped therefrom, a painless and easy way to pay the debts of his diocese. He defended "bingo" as a harmless thing and uttered a threat that they (the Roman Catholics) would remember Sherrill's actions, or words to that effect.

Now comes the news of the resignation of City Manager Sherrill. We are told that he resigned "in disgust when the archbishop proved temporarily to have more power than the legally constituted administration and to be ruthless enough in its exercise to jeopardize the integrity of civil authority in one of the most successful city governments in the country." (*Christian Century*.)

Anyone reading the above words, and able to analyze their somber meaning, will do so with a heavy heart. Here is a church which should stand solidly behind a man who wishes to obey the mandate of the people, through their representatives and law-making bodies, and enforce a law against gambling and this "church" not only opposes the man's actions but threatens to oust him come election time. He refused to be intimidated by the threat at the time, but "in disgust" with the opposition and with those who should have supported him and their support, that man resigns. Yes, there is no place for an honest, con-

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scientious man in the political world. If he can not count on the support of the churches and the decent citizens of the country he certainly can't count on the support of the hoodlums. In that case he might as well close up shop and resign.

But let us remember that all this opposition was started by an archbishop of the Roman Catholic Church. And then there are those who sit blithely by and claim that Rome has lost her power. This case in Cincinnati ought to arouse every citizen from his slumber. Cincinnati has, through the machinations of Rome, lost an honest and valuable man at the head of its government. And, we have much more to lose!

W. J. S.

A NEW YEAR BLESSING

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And on the last great day He shall return to receive us to glory. — Indeed His grace shall abide with us through the year and throughout our life; and His grace is sufficient unto us.

The Love of the Father

The little text before us also assures us of the love of God. God dwells in a light that no one can approach; He is the everlasting God; a thousand years in His sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night. But now our text speaks of eight days being accomplished, and we know this is said with reference to Jesus. But Jesus is the eternal Son of God made man. Thus our God Himself came to dwell with us here on earth, came to number our days, our years. He knows the days of weeping and sorrow through which we pass. "Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him. For He knoweth our frame; He remembereth that we are dust." Ps. 103. Day by day we have the assurance of God's lovingkindness.

The text speaks of the angel announcing the name of the Christchild. Now as then God for Jesus' sake sends His holy angels to watch over us. A single angel is stronger than all the mighty armies of men, an angel is swifter than the fastest air-craft. Under the protection of the angels we and our loved ones shall be guarded and kept. — God frequently sends His angels to proclaim His Gospel to men. God in His love is still proclaiming His Gospel to us.

We are told in the text that Jesus was named even before He was conceived in the womb. And thus God in His love has thought of us even before we were born. In eternity God remembered us and called us by our name. Nothing here in time can change that eternal decree of our God. This love of God shall sustain us throughout this new year.

The Blessings of the Holy Spirit

For Jesus' sake the Father also sends us the Holy Ghost with His spiritual blessings. And through the year we know faith, charity, and hope shall abide.

Faith shall abide not because of anything in us, but because the ground of faith, Jesus Christ, is the same yesterday, today and forever. Charity, love shall abide. "We love Him, because He first loved us." And having tasted God's mercy in Christ we shall show mercy and kindness toward others also.

Hope shall abide, the sure hope of heaven. There is laid up for us a crown of glory in heaven. Jesus Himself has gone to prepare the place for us and in His own time He will come and take us to Himself.

With Christ Jesus the new year will be one of blessings for all who believe in Him; His grace, the love of God the Father, the rich blessing of the Holy Spirit will abide with us throughout the year.

A. P. V.

"CHRIST THE SAVIOR IS BORN"

In distant Bethlehem long, long ago
 Good shepherds watched their flocks mid wintry snow.
 Their misty eyes looked up to starry skies,
 The yearning of their hearts expressed in sighs:
 When will the Hope, O Lord, of Israel come,
 To lead Thy people to th' eternal home?
 Then shall Thy children's hearts rejoice again,
 Extolling lips shall echo the refrain:
 Glory to God on high forevermore,
 Glory to Christ shall sound from shore to shore,
 Glory to Him who saves the sons of men,
 Sing glory, hallelujah, and amen!

Then suddenly the heavens were opened wide,
 Paean of praise sound through the countryside;
 Celestial glory shining roundabout,
 The angel's voice proclaims with joyous shout:
 Fear not, behold! For tidings good I bring,
 Whereof the world forevermore shall sing;
 For unto you is born in Bethlehem
 Today a Savior, Christ, the Lord, His name!
 Glory to God on high forevermore,
 Glory to Christ shall sound from shore to shore,
 Glory to Him who saves the sons of men,
 Sing glory, hallelujah, and amen!

While passing years and ages onward roll,
 Men ne'er shall cease God's mercies to extol,
 Who loved the world and sent His only Son,
 That lost mankind for heaven might be won.
 Then let the glad exultant voices bring
 Loud hallelujahs to our Savior-King;
 And as we list once more the heaven-born strain,
 Extolling lips re-echo the refrain:

Glory to God on high forevermore,
 Glory to Christ shall sound from shore to shore,
 Glory to Him who saves the sons of men,
 Sing glory, hallelujah, and amen!

C. Wm. A. Kuehner.

STUDIES IN THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION

By Professor John Meyer

Art. XVI. Of Civil Affairs

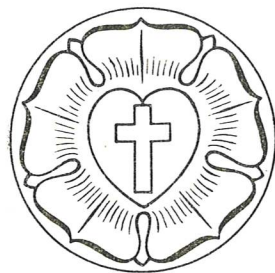
Of Civil Affairs they teach that lawful civil ordinances are good works of God, and that it is right for Christians to bear civil office, to sit as judges, to judge matters by the Imperial and other existing laws, to award just punishments, to engage in just wars, to serve as soldiers, to make legal contracts, to hold property, to make oath when required by the magistrates, to marry a wife, to be given in marriage.

They condemn the Anabaptists who forbid these civil offices to Christians.

They condemn also those who do not place evangelical perfection in the fear of God and in faith, but in forsaking civil offices; for the Gospel teaches an eternal righteousness of the heart. Meanwhile, it does not destroy the State or the family, but very much requires that they be preserved as ordinances of God, and that charity be practised in such ordinances. Therefore, Christians are necessarily bound to obey their own magistrates and laws, save only when commanded to sin; for then they ought to obey God rather than men, Acts 5, 29.

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CIVIL ordinances are good works of God. Civil ordinances may appear to be man-made, yet in reality we can trace their origin to God. Civil government is a creation of God, in spite of the fact that in its empirical forms it may vary among different peoples, and even among the same people at different stages in their history.



We saw in our last study how even among heathen people, where the true God is not known, and where apparently people are acting altogether on their own in their maintenance and operation of civil ordinances, yet in the last

analysis it is God who is doing this. He implanted a knowledge of Himself in their hearts, He inscribed His law, He gave them a conscience as a witness, and He endowed them with reason and the ability to discern between what is beneficial and what is harmful. In this way He equipped them to organize governments which He can use as His implements in carrying out His world providence.

About the divine origin of secular government Paul wrote in his Epistle to the Romans. Before we read the passage we remind ourselves of the fact that the Roman Emperor, the man who headed the whole Roman government, at that time was the cruel Nero, persecutor of the Christians, the man who fiddled while Rome was burning.

These are Paul's words, written by divine inspiration: "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God; and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. For the rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same. For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid: for he beareth not the sword in vain, for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil. Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience' sake. For this cause pay ye tribute also, for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing. Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due, custom to whom custom, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor" (Rom. 13, 1-7).

To this Peter adds the thought that the outward form of government is of little consequence. He writes thus: "Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king as supreme, or unto governors as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evil doers and for the praise of them that do well (1 Pet. 2, 13, 14).

Thus it is clear that the fact that we have governments on earth is due to God's institution; as our Article says, governments *are good works of God*.

What is the function of governments? They are to keep order among sinful peoples, check the evil and encourage the good, "that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life" (1 Tim. 2, 2).

This, in short, is the function of governments as God reveals it to us in His Word. But it must be understood that God did not give us His Bible as a sort of textbook on civics. He instituted government; but the purpose of the Bible is not to tell governments how to conduct their affairs. The Bible was given to proclaim God's saving love to sinners, to lead them to faith in their Savior, and to produce in them the fruits of sanctification. The Bible will tell Christians what attitude they must take over against their government, and how they are to conduct themselves in case they hold government positions.

Incidentally the Bible mentions a number of things that are commonly handled by governments. We here refer to three.

One is money matters. Governments need money to operate; so money matters are always among the first things they will try to control and regulate, not only by levying taxes, but by supervising business and instituting a monetary system. When Jesus was asked whether He considered it as lawful to pay tribute unto Caesar or not,

He answered with a simple reference to the monetary system then in vogue in the land. By controlling the money of the land Caesar clearly showed that he held government power, and by using Caesar's money in their daily dealings with Jews admitted that they lived under Caesar's government. — Jesus then issued a call to repentance: they had failed to give unto God His dues, therefore God had delivered them into the hands of Caesar.

Another matter is government's power over the life of a citizen. In fact, this is the first thing that God mentioned after the great flood, "whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed" (Gen. 9, 6). Paul, to the Romans, simply says that government "beareth not the sword in vain," not merely as an ornament, but for practical use. Among the sins that finally led to the flood was this one: there were *giants* in the earth in those days, tyrants who suppressed their fellowmen. People did not properly restrict them but rather acclaimed them as benefactors, "men of renown" (Gen. 6, 4). After the flood God told Noah that it is man's business to protect life and to punish the murderer. Mankind as a whole and the various nations, great and small, are held accountable for the inviolability of human life.

A third thing are matters pertaining to marriage and divorce. Here, as in other cases, government is often confronted with the necessity of choosing between two evils. God's will concerning marriage is clearly stated in the creation of Eve: the two, a man and his wife, shall be one flesh. But sinful man persists in putting asunder what God has joined together. Such is the hardness of sinful heart. What confusion, what bloodshed would follow if the matters of marriage, of divorce, of remarriage were not regulated in some way? Divorce is an evil, yet in order to avoid greater evils, even Moses under the guidance of God gave some regulations concerning divorce, not in agreement with God's original institution. These regulations were aimed at upholding at least some outward order in Israel, and they did not imply that a child of God might avail himself of them. A child of God is bound by the holy will of God as revealed at the creation of Eve. So it was in Israel, so it is today (Matth. 19, 3-9). But government will have to do the best it can to preserve outward order and decency and safety in this sinful world.

Other things might be mentioned, but let these suffice to illustrate the statement of our Article that governments are *good works of God*.

What must be a Christian's attitude over against his government? And particularly, may a Christian with a clear conscience serve in some government position? We shall, God granting, consider these questions in our next study, taking up the various points enumerated in Article XVI.

PASTOR KLETT'S TWENTY-FIFTH ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY

On Sunday evening, October 17, a special divine service was arranged by the congregation at St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Prescott, Wisconsin, to commemorate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the ordination of the Reverend Otto E. Klett and also the silver anniversary of his marriage to Charlotte Helen, née Vandré.

The festival sermon was delivered by the Reverend Karl Nolting of Frontenac, Minnesota, a seminary classmate and close friend of the jubilarian, who based his address on Psalm 116, 12-14.

Following the services, the Ladies' Aid Society arranged for a reception in the church parlors. The Reverend Otto P. Medenwald of Amery, Wisconsin, acted as toastmaster. Among the thirteen Synodical Conference pastors present were the Reverend G. A. Ernst of St. Paul who was instrumental in persuading the jubilarian to prepare himself for the Christian ministry some thirty years ago, and the Reverend John Plocher of St. Paul who recently observed the golden jubilee of his own ordination and could speak words of wisdom from experience. Greetings and gifts were given by the local congregation, the Bay City, Wisconsin, congregation, which has been under the pastoral care of the Rev. Klett since last Spring, the congregation at Centuria, Rock Creek, and St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin, and from the St. Croix Pastoral Conference, as well as from individual friends.

Pastor Klett was born in Germany and came to America as a young man. It was while working in St. Paul, Minnesota, and attending Emmanuel Ev. Lutheran Church that he was constrained to become an ambassador for his Savior. He attended Concordia Seminary at Springfield, Illinois.

The year he was graduated from the seminary he was ordained and installed as pastor of a congregation at Brunsville, Iowa. His next field was at Watertown, South Dakota, where he also founded a new congregation. In 1928 he followed a call to Centuria, Wisconsin, serving at the same time Redeemer Congregation at Rock Creek and about ten years ago starting a preaching station at St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin. Since the Spring of 1941 he has served the Prescott Congregation. Early in 1943 he also accepted the call to serve St. John's Congregation at Bay City, Wisconsin.

Pastor and Mrs. Klett were the parents of four children: Paul, who is now serving as assistant to the Rev. H. F. Wind at Buffalo, New York, and Marie, Helma, and Alfred, all at home.

P. R. Kurth.

Siftings

BY THE EDITORS

Will Russia Permit missionaries to enter the U. S. S. R. after this war is ended? That is a question that is making the rounds in every church body. Since Russia permitted the teaching and preaching of religion again many have been harboring the hope that Russia will be opened to the various religious bodies after the war. Let those who are dreaming such dreams hear what Paul B. Anderson, an authority on Russia, has to say. In a recent meeting of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church he said that he doubted very much whether missionary work would be permitted in Russia after this war. *Religious News Service* quotes him as saying, "the only permissible occupation of a religious worker is conducting a service of worship and all services of worship must be conducted by citizens of the Soviet Union." That is that! So much for religious liberty in Russia of which men have made so much. Can a leopard change his spots?

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The Famine In India has become so desperate that the Quakers through the American Friends Service Committee has shipped \$100,000 worth of condensed milk to feed the starving children of India. There are 30,000,000 hungry people there. When we say hungry, we mean people who would consider a drink of evaporated milk or a handful of rice a feast. The famine is also causing an acute shortage of clothing. "Families have abandoned their homes and wander in search of food and are lying naked on city streets." That is a picture which is hard for us in America to even visualize. John F. Rich, associate secretary of the American Friends Service Committee, who has just returned from Asia says, "Many dead bodies are picked up daily on the main thoroughfares of Calcutta. That is what war means to India!"

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"Four Things Are Building Up for an unprecedented deluge of postwar divorces. So declared Judge C. Lewe, who tries divorce cases in the superior court here, in an address before the Central Lions' Club. The first is marriages which were saved from the divorce court only because of enlistment in war. The second is that marriages which are being saved from divorce only by liberal government allotments. The third is those who are restrained from divorce by fear of being regarded as unpatriotic. The fourth is those for whom it is impossible to get legal service which can meet legal requirements of testimony and hearings. To these must be added, the judge declared, the hasty wartime marriages and all the tensions and disrupting forces of wartime conditions. 'Better understanding of the marriage relationship,' he said, 'and a better preparation for its responsibility will solve the problem.'" So reports the *Christian Century*. We quote this to show that even those who see the danger and would like to help people avoid the dangers of divorce has nothing more to offer than "education." Yes, "edu-

cation" if this will center on Christ, the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world." With an eye ever to Him — there is hope.

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Here Is An Open And Clear Statement by a Roman Catholic editor. He is Brian Doyle editor of *Fireside*, a Roman Catholic newspaper. Here is the question he addresses to the Peace Conference: "Will history repeat itself, in that Christian principles will be refused a hearing at the peace tables? Will the statesmen of the world bargain again to keep Christian leaders away from the peace conference? As a Catholic, I ask if the temporal powers will conspire again to keep *the voice of God* (Italics ours) — in the form of the head of *my church* — out of the peace deliberations? Is the attention now being given to the peace points of the present pontiff of the Catholic Church mere lip service that will cease when it is no longer required for purposes of expediency? Are the other Christian leaders of the world to be similarly ignored?" If propoganda can do it, the Pope will sit at the peace table.

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Model Honesty. — Arkansas Baptists believe that moral obligations still prevail after a court has declared a debt legally closed. They voted to "make good" on an unpaid two-thirds of a million dollars indebtedness settled by court action at thirty-five cents on the dollar in the depression year of 1936. The Arkansas Baptist State Convention has instructed its Executive Board to "undertake to make contributions from time to time" to those creditors who suffered financial losses in 1936 when the convention settled its then existing indebtedness on a compromise basis.

The unusual action was voted by the convention of 1,214 assembled messengers and visitors. Passage followed three hours of discussion. (*Lutheran Herald*.)

Says the Psalmist: "The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again: but the righteous — who honestly meets his obligations — showeth mercy, and giveth." So richly the Lord promises to reward honesty.

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Rationing Bibles. — Who would have thought that in our free country the time would ever come when government orders would curtail the distribution of the Bible? Well, that time has come. Of course, it is not because the government has any objection to Bible reading. But the Bible is made of materials that are in short supply — paper, binding cloth, leather. Therefore the Bible societies are rationing Bibles, not being able to satisfy all demands for the Book from both the armed forces and the civilian population. — "We are supplying three or four times as many Bibles as a few years ago," said an officer of the Oxford University Press. We should rather see the demand for Bible greater than the supply, than to see the Bible houses full of copies and no demand for them. (*Lutheran Standard*.)

THE EXAMPLE OF THE BEREANS

Acts 17, II

By Pastor I. M. Frey, Denver, Colorado

PAUL AND Silas came to Berea from Thessalonica, where a riot had been started against them, making it necessary for the brethren to send them away. As usual, they went to the Jewish synagogue. "These were more noble than those in Thessalonica," not because they belonged to a higher social class but because "they received the word with all readiness of mind and searched the scriptures daily whether those things were so." It was a nobler attitude of mind and heart.

Ready Hearers

They found joy and pleasure in listening to the message which St. Paul proclaimed. They liked it. They enjoyed it. They did not listen to the preaching of the Word because they felt they had to but because they wanted to. It did something to their hearts. It made them feel better.

How different with others, especially in our day when the taste for spiritual things has been spoiled by too heavy a worldly diet! It is considered quite a chore to go to church these days, even by not a few who are church members and consider themselves Christians. Many a child says to its parents: Do I *have* to go to church today? It is up to parents to teach their children by word and example that church attendance may be an enjoyable experience as it was to the Bereans who received the Word with all readiness of mind. The person who spends the church hour in bed or reading the Sunday paper or working in the garden or doing anything else that may serve as a pretext for avoiding what, he fears, may be a dull hour in church is missing something which the Bereans and thousands of Christians since then did not want to miss. Sunday to such Christians seems empty without it. They feel all the richer and better prepared for the week because they have been to the house of God and heard the Word.

Divine Service

In our manner of speaking we call our hour of worship a divine service. Many think that it is called a divine service because we there serve God. Primarily, however, it is not a divine service because we there serve God but because God there serves us. It is true that we there do serve God to some extent. We worship Him and acknowledge Him as the Lord over all and the Author of every good and perfect gift, and God likes that. We lift our voices in praise to God, and if we appreciate what a great God He is and what He has done for us, then we will joyfully join in the liturgical responses and the hymns of the church. But the service which we there render God is as nothing compared to the service which God there renders us.

God does not need our service but we need His service

in the church. We need the Word which is there set before us as a soul banquet for our growth in the knowledge of the truth, the strengthening of our faith and the promotion of a godly life. If we appreciate the service which God renders us, then we shall like the Bereans receive the Word with all readiness of mind, not as a burdensome chore but as a pleasant occupation.

Searching the Bible

The Bereans are also a model for us because they searched the scriptures daily whether those things were so. These Bereans were great Bible readers and Bible students. That was not easy. There weren't many Bibles. Today the Bible is the best seller. There are more Bibles than any other book. You can buy a Bible for a few cents and, if you haven't the money, there are many people who will gladly give you one. Everyone of our boys who enter the armed forces may have a copy free of charge. Millions of copies are given away every year.

It was different in those days. The art of printing had not yet been invented. The Bible had to be laboriously copied by hand, and that was usually a very expensive operation. There was not a Bible in every Jewish home. There were not many copies in the entire city. Perhaps the only place where these Bereans could read the Bible was in the synagogue. And yet they searched the Scriptures daily. How that shames us!

Daily

Let us not overlook that they searched the Scriptures *daily*. It was not something that they did once in a while when they happened to think of it or when they had nothing else to do. Bible reading had the priority with them and they made it a daily practice. It is a good thing to follow the Bereans also in the practice of daily Bible reading. Since we humans are creatures of habit and are apt to forget to read our Bibles, it is a good thing to have a set time for it each day. As the faithful Christian says of the church hour on Sunday: It is holy; it belongs to God, and I am not going to let trivial things interfere with it, so the Christians should say: These few moments each day have been dedicated to the Lord for Bible reading. They belong to Him, and I propose to give them to Him.

What a good thing it would be if the good old custom of family devotions were restored in all Christian homes! Our home would be the better for it. It is said that General Montgomery never retires without reading in his Bible. Think of the well-worn Bibles of your grandparents. We need more of that spirit in our day. Blessed are we if it can be said of us, as it was said of the Bereans: "They searched the Scriptures daily." As we talk to God every day in prayer, so let us permit God to talk to us every day in the Holy Scriptures.

The Final Authority

The Bereans are also models for us in respect to the attitude they displayed in searching the Scriptures. They had confidence in the Scriptures. They looked for the answer there. The Bible spoke the deciding word for them. They searched *whether those things were so*. If the Bible said that they were so, then they were so. If the Bible said that they were not so, then they were not so. They accepted the verdict of the Bible in every case. The Bible settled everything for them. And that is the only way to read the Bible. We should do it in the receptive frame of mind which says: Speak, Lord, for thy servant heareth.

That is not the general practice. The Bible is being crowded out of its rightful place as the final authority. Many take the position that the latest scientific research must have the final word. Some are influenced chiefly by popular opinion, by what just happens to be the mode or the fashion. Even we do not approach every issue with the question: What saith the Scripture? How often do we not consult our personal convenience and personal inclinations instead of the Bible before forming an opinion or setting out on some course of action! We need the spirit of the Bereans who looked into the Bible whether those things were so. They did not ask whether what the Bible said was acceptable. They only asked *what* the Bible said, and that settled the matter. God give us all more of that approach to the Bible!

The Bible deserves to be approached in that way because it is not just a handbook of the best human knowledge and experience but because it is the inspired, infallible Word of God. The writers of the Bible were inspired when they wrote their respective portions of the Bible. There are those who give the Bible a high rating as literature. They express admiration for its sublimity and thought and language. They grant that the writers of the Bible were inspired but only in the sense in which Shakespeare and other outstanding writers were inspired, in the sense that they were in the grip of grand ideals and found a felicity and grandeur of expression which comes only to a few mortals and to them only in moments of great exaltation of the spirit.

But that is not what we mean when we say that the writers of the Bible were inspired. We mean that God the Holy Ghost breathed into them what they should write, so that what they wrote was not their own but the very Word of God. Nor is it enough to say, as is asserted by many modern theologians, that the Bible merely *contains* the Word of God and that it is more or less up to the discriminating reader to pick out and select from the great mass of material in the Bible what is and what is not the Word of God. No, the Bible does not only contain, it *is* the Word of God from beginning to end. We call that the verbal inspiration of the Bible. God speaks not only in every book but also in every chapter and line and word of the Bible. That was the position of the Bereans or

they could not with confidence have searched the Scriptures whether those things were so.

A Christ-Centered Religion

The searching of the Bereans revolved chiefly around one point. They searched whether *those things* were so. What things? The answer is very simple for one who knows the Apostle Paul and is familiar with his style of preaching. It was always centered in Jesus as the God-appointed Savior who with His sacrificial death had atoned for the sins of men. He wrote to the Corinthians that he was determined not to know anything among them save Jesus Christ and him crucified. He preached to these Bereans what a few days before he had preached to the Thessalonians, and of that we read: "He reasoned with them out of the Scriptures, opening and alleging that Christ must needs have suffered and risen again from the dead, and that this Jesus whom I preach unto you is Christ." He said to them: "Jesus is the Savior whom God promised to send into the world for its redemption. The Savior was not intended to be a great worldly king, as many of you have supposed, but one who would suffer and die in disgrace and so pay for the sins of men. Just compare Jesus with the prophetic description which the Scriptures gave in advance of the promised Savior, and you will find that He corresponds and conforms to it in every way. Along these line Paul spoke to them. And they searched the Scriptures daily whether those things were so, whether the suffering and dying Jesus conformed to the prophetic description which the Scriptures had given of the coming Savior.

They acquired a Christ-centered religion. They put their whole trust in the redeeming blood which Jesus had shed for sinners. We, too, need a Christian-centered religion, centered in Jesus not only as a good man and way-shower but as the divine Savior who with His blood has cleansed us from all sin and made us pure and spotless in the sight of God. No truth is more important, for other foundation can no man lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

What wonderful models the Bereans are for us! If we follow their example, there will be opened unto us rich fountains of truth, life and peace. When you are dismayed at what lies before you, when you are troubled by the dark clouds that are gathering above your head, then open your Bible and read the comforting passages that are found in the psalms and elsewhere in the Bible, and a wonderful peace will fill your soul where before all was anxiety and dismay. As you read passage after passage of the glorious promises of God the heavy burden will gradually roll from your heart. You will, even in these uncertain and perplexing days, learn from the Bible to say with the psalmist, who had kept his ear close to the lips of God: "Why art thou cast down, O my soul, and why art thou disquieted within me? Hope thou in God, for I shall yet praise him, for he is the health of my countenance and my God."

FEAR NOT!

Fear not —
While bombs of hate descend,
And terror shakes the heart —
And cities burn — and treasures rend
Where life and death — long part!

Fear not —
And from these fearful days
Look back to Bethlehem
Where, calm, the infant Savior lies,
Go there, and worship Him!

Fear not —
Stand with the shepherds there
And hear the angels sing.
And let no passing earthly care
Deter you from your King!

Fear not —
There, sleeps the Conq'ring Son —
Oh, joyful tidings brought —
This swaddled Babe, earth's freedom won!
Peace — faithful hearts — "Fear not!"

P. U. K.

ANNIVERSARIES

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

Pastor Paul Monhardt

On the fifth Sunday of September the members of St. Matthew's Church, Town Wellington, Wisconsin, honored their pastor, the Rev. Paul Monhardt, who had served them so faithfully with the Word and the Sacraments during the past twenty-five years. The brother of the jubilarian conducted the anniversary service, basing the sermon on Nehemiah 4, 19-23. The church choir and children of the Sunday School sang appropriate hymns of praise. After the service a dinner was served for the members of the congregation. In the afternoon the Ladies' Aid Society presented an entertaining program. The president of the church, Mr. Frank Clair, presented the jubilarian with a gift. Pastor Monhardt responded with words of thanks, giving God all glory for His mercy and grace.

May the Lord keep the shepherd and his flock under His guiding hand and protection.

Th. Monhardt.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

Pastor Karl A. Nolting's Ordination

On September 26 St. John's Congregation at Frontenac and Immanuel's Congregation at West Florence Township, Minnesota, together with brethren of the Red Wing Conference observed the twenty-fifth anniversary of Pastor Karl A. Nolting's ordination to the Holy Ministry. In the special service that had been arranged, Pastor Hy. Hardt of Hay Creek Township, Minnesota, a classmate of the jubilarian, delivered the sermon.

At the close of the service congratulatory addresses were given by the Visiting Elder, in the name of the conference, who also presented the jubilarian with the

customary conference gift, and Mr. Kurtney Quandt, president of St. John's, in behalf of the congregations. In appreciation of his labors in their midst Pastor Nolting was presented with a purse of money by the congregations.

Responding to these expressions of honor and esteem the jubilarian expressed his humble and sincere appreciation, above all praised and thanked God for all that He had done for him, for the privilege of being an ambassador of the Lord Jesus Christ, resolved to serve the Lord in the future as God's grace may afford him strength, time and opportunity.

A delicious luncheon, prepared by the kind ladies for all assembled, followed.

On June 18, 1918, Pastor Nolting graduated from the Theological Seminary at Springfield, Illinois, and on October 6, 1918, was ordained in St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Brooklyn, New York. For about a year he did supply work in St. Matthew's Church at New York City, New York. In 1919 he accepted a call to Frescola, Illinois, where he labored until 1922. From 1922 to 1928 he held the pastorate of St. Matthew's Church at Brooklyn, New York. Since November, 1928, he has been pastor of St. John's Church, Frontenac and Immanuel's Church, West Florence Township, Minnesota.

May the Lord's richest blessings continue to be multiplied upon His faithful servant all the years of his life.

T. E. Kock.

Notice! Notice! Notice!

URGENT NEED

Pastors, Teachers, and Laymen!

Will you help us find **AT ONCE** a consecrated, Lutheran woman as Matron for our Orphanage at East Fork, Arizona?

We have already been compelled to send four of the orphans back into the Indian camps of relatives who did not have enough interest in the children to take care of them at birth. Irreparable damage may be done to the souls of these children, if they must be left with these people indefinitely.

Unless we find a Matron, within the next few weeks we shall have to send more, perhaps all of the orphans away from the Orphanage.

Communicate at once with Pastor Arthur T. C. Kell by wire, if you have a prospect in mind for the position. We will pay telegram and transportation charges. Salary: \$55.00 per month plus full maintenance.

EDGAR HOENECKE,
Executive Secretary.

ANNIVERSARY OF CHURCH DEDICATION

The second Sunday in Advent, December 5, marked the fifteenth anniversary of church dedication and the thirty-fifth anniversary of the existence of Zion Church, Akaska, South Dakota.

Two jubilee services were held. Pastor H. Lau of Roscoe, South Dakota, conducted the afternoon service in the German language. He based his words of encouragement addressed to the assembled congregation on Nehemiah 4, 6. An English service was held in the evening. Pastor P. G. Albrecht of Bowdle, South Dakota, extolled the blessings of Zion's house of worship, basing his sermon on Psalm 84, 1-2. In both services collections were taken for the purpose of liquidating the remaining debt of the congregation.

May the gracious Lord, to whom all honor and glory is due, be with His church in Akaska in the future as He has been in the past. B. A. Borgschatz.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY IN THE MINISTRY

Pastor George Kobs

The members of St. John's Congregation, Markesan, Wisconsin, a number of fellow-pastors and their families, relatives, and friends pleasantly surprised Pastor Kobs on Sunday evening, October 3, and, with praise and thanksgiving to God, commemorated the fact that the good and gracious Lord had granted to His servant the privilege of serving as a minister of the Gospel for twenty-five years.

Pastor H. C. Nitz, a classmate of the jubilarian, preached the anniversary sermon to the large and attentive assembly. He expounded 2 Cor. 4, 7 and applied its meaning to the occasion. Two musical selections were sung by the Mixed Choir. Mr. Ewald Mathweg, the president of St. John's Church, with a few well-chosen words expressed to the pastor the felicitations of his congregation and presented a gift from the parishioners. Pastor G. E. Bergemann, Chairman of the Winnebago Pastoral Conference, also briefly addressed the jubilarian and presented to him a tangible token of esteem from the conference brethren.

After the service the entire assembly proceeded to the roomy, fittingly-decorated parlors in the substory of the church building where the ladies of the church served a bountiful luncheon to all present. During this social period Pastor E. B. Schlueter acted as master of ceremonies and several pastors and parishioners delivered appropriate addresses. Many congratulatory messages were read, one of them a message of congratulation from the congregations at Kendall and Dorset Ridge, the only former charge of Pastor Kobs.

At the close of the festivities the jubilarian thanked the assembly for the pleasant surprise. In keeping with the sermon of the evening, he humbly and gratefully acknowledged that it was only by the special grace and guidance of God that he was privileged "in an earthen vessel," as it were, to carry the "treasure" of the Gospel for twenty-five years.

May the Lord grant His servant many more years of blessed service in His vineyard! E. P. Pankow.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY IN THE MINISTRY

Pastor Arthur F. Halboth

St. Matthew's Congregation celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of their pastor, Arthur F. Halboth, a complete surprise to him and his family on August 11, 1943. The jubilarian was ordained into the holy ministry by his father Johannes Halboth on August 11, 1918, in Cascade, Wisconsin. Pastor Halboth accepted a call into a mission field of Alberta, Canada. In the year 1920 he came back to the United States accepting a call as pastor in New Holstein, Wisconsin. St. Matthew's Congregation in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in need of an assistant pastor to their pastor the Rev. Aug. Bendler called the jubilarian who came to be installed by his now sainted father, Rev. Aug. Bender being the assistant, now also in the Church Triumphant with his Lord.

Twenty-five years in the service of the church of our Lord Jesus Christ is a special grace of almighty and merciful God, who in His lovingkindness has blessed the labor of a pastor in the congregation in which he is called. — It is highly commendable that the members of the church take cognizance of the jubilarian to celebrate with him. An arrangement committee escorted the pastor and his family to the church. — Promptly at 8 P. M. the service began. The Rev. John Mueller, pastor of Holy Ghost Congregation, a classmate of the jubilarian, preached a very appropriate sermon on Isaiah

52, 7. The choir sang: "Hitherto has the Lord helped me." "The Lord's Prayer." The president of the congregation addressed the pastor congratulating him and presenting to him a very substantial cash gift from the congregation at large and the various choirs and societies.

The jubilarian addressing the congregation, pastors and friends, gave testimony that all honor and grace is only due to our Lord Jesus Christ, who has made him an ambassador of His church to qualify him that he may preach to blood-bought souls the only true Gospel, that we may inherit eternal bliss and joy.

After the service refreshments were served in the dining room. Various letters and dispatches of congratulations were read by the president of St. Matthew's Congregation and presented to the jubilarian, the Rev. Arthur F. Halboth.

Johannes Karrer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS**CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES****FOX RIVER VALLEY PASTORAL CONFERENCE**

The Fox River Valley Pastoral Conference will meet January 18 and 19, 1944, beginning at 10 A. M. at the St. Matthew's Church, Appleton, Wisconsin, Pastor S. Johnson, 123 S. Mason Street, Appleton, Wisconsin.

Confessional Sermon: A. Voigt (A. Werner).

New assignments: Exegetical-homiletical treatise on Luke 4, 38-44, P. Oehlert; Modernistic attitude in the Church toward the Christian doctrine, J. Masch; Isagogics on The Song of Solomon, R. Ziesemer; God's hand in the history of the United States, W. Wichmann; The Arguments on the papers concerning Chaplaincy, F. Senger; Catechesis on the first part of the Fourth Commandment, F. Brandt; Book Review of "Grace for Grace," F. Knueppel.

Old assignments: Predestination in the present Union Movement, A. Werner; Types of Old Testament Sacrifices and Their Significance, P. Oehlert; Continuation of "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.

Please send your announcement to Pastor S. Johnson before January 10. Victor Weyland, Sec'y.

DODGE-WASHINGTON COUNTIES' PASTORAL CONFERENCE

The Dodge-Washington Counties' Pastoral Conference will convene for the winter meeting on Tuesday, January 11, 1944, at Hartford, Wisconsin. Services will begin at 10 A. M. Confessional address by G. Barthels; alternate — Pastor G. Bradtke. Topic for discussion in the afternoon: "The Government Chaplaincy — An Appraisal," by Prof. C. Schewppe. Geo. A. Barthels, Sec'y.

MILWAUKEE PASTORAL CONFERENCE

The Milwaukee Pastoral Conference will meet Tuesday and Wednesday, January 18 and 19, at Ephrata Church, Pastor Luther Voss.

Service: Tuesday at 9:30. F. Graeber preaching.

Essays: The Bible Class, a Necessary Part of our Educational Endeavors, E. Ph. Dornfeld; What is the Gift of the Holy Ghost According to Acts, Prof. A. Schaller.

Kindly bring with you — "The Government Chaplaincy — An Appraisal" by Prof. Schewppe.

S. E. Westendorf, Sec'y.

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY PASTORAL CONFERENCE

The Mississippi Valley Pastoral Conference will meet at 9:30 A. M., on Wednesday, January 12, at La Crosse, Wisconsin (Pastor T. J. Mueller).

Papers: A. v. R. Sauer, Exegesis on Psalm 2; H. Bentrup, Exegesis on Eph. 4, 11-16; A. Mennicke, What Can We Do To Improve Attendance at the Lord's Supper; H. Kuckhahn, Isagogical Study of Revelation; H. Backer, What Can We Do To Improve Bible Reading Among Our People; T. Mueller, "Grace for Grace," book report.

Sermon: H. Bentrup (F. Ehlert).

Karl A. Gurgel, Sec'y.

ST. CROIX PASTORAL CONFERENCE

The St. Croix Pastoral Conference will meet in St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, St. Paul, Minnesota, John Plocher, pastor, on January 12 and 13, opening Wednesday forenoon at 10 o'clock.

A Joint Meeting with the parish teachers of the conference will begin Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The Communion Service will be conducted Thursday forenoon at 11 o'clock.

Confessional Address: A. W. Saremba (John Plocher).
 Essay: Discussion of Prof. Schweppe's paper, "The Government Chaplaincy, An Appraisal."

Members will provide for their own meals and lodging.
 P. R. Kurth, Sec'y.

NORTHERN PASTORS' AND TEACHERS' CONFERENCE

The pastors and teachers of the Northern Conference of the Michigan District will convene on Thursday and Friday, January 13 and 14, as guests of the Trinity Congregation of Bay City, E. Kasischke, pastor, beginning at 9 A. M. Announcements for meals and lodging must be in the hands of the local pastor by January 8 at the latest. The pastors are asked to bring with them Prof. Schweppe's paper, "The Government Chaplaincy — An Appraisal."

Papers: "Does the Divinity of the Call Imply that Every Call must be Accepted?," W. Voss; Exegesis on Gal. 3, 19-29, A. Voges; The Essentials of the Lord's Supper; A. Westendorf; Fundamental and Non-fundamental Doctrines, O. J. Eckert; Exegesis of Rom. 3, 19-24, M. Toepel.

Sermon: O. J. R. Hoenecke (R. Hoenecke).
 Confessional: O. Eckert (H. Eckert).
 Nathanael Luetke.

SOUTHWEST DELEGATE CONFERENCE

The Southwest Delegate Conference will meet at Sodus, Michigan, A. Fischer, pastor, on January 12 at 9:30 A. M. An article on the lodge written by Pastor E. Hoenecke will be discussed. Pastor H. Hoenecke will lead the discussion.

R. A. Gensmer, Sec'y.

SOUTHEASTERN DELEGATE CONFERENCE OF THE MICHIGAN DISTRICT

The Southeastern Delegate Conference of the Michigan District will meet at Our Savior's Church, Dundee and Nardin, Detroit, Michigan, Conrad Frey pastor, on January 25 and 26, 1944. Sessions begin at 10 A. M., E. W. T.

The conference service will be held in the evening of January 25 with R. Frey delivering the sermon and A. Tiefel as substitute.

Papers: Exegesis on 1 Cor. 11, W. Valleskey; Sermon for criticism, H. Muehl; Table of Duties, J. Gauss.

Announcements for both pastors and delegates should be made to the local pastor, C. Frey, 9831 Dundee Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, not later than January 15. Neither quarters nor meals can be assured to those who do not announce in advance.

R. W. Scheele, Sec'y.

RHINELANDER PASTORAL CONFERENCE

The Rhinelander Pastoral Conference will convene at 10:30 A. M. on January 18, 1944, at the Zion Church, Rhinelander, Wisconsin, P. J. Gieschen, pastor.

Papers: Exegesis on 1 Timothy 2, H. Lemke; Continuation of "War" and "Church and State," F. Raetz; Continuation of "Purgatory, with Special Reference to the Question, Why the Books of Maccabees were not accepted into the Canon," J. Krubsack; The Holy Christian Church, P. J. Gieschen.

Sermon: F. Raetz (F. Bergfeld).
 Herbert Lemke, Sec'y.

LIST OF CANDIDATES FOR A PROFESSORSHIP AT OUR THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

The following have been nominated for a professorship at our Theological Seminary at Thiensville, Wisconsin:

- Prof. E. Blume
- Prof. Werner Franzmann
- Rev. Paul Gieschen
- Rev. Waldemar Gieschen
- Rev. J. H. Gockel
- Rev. Irwin Habeck
- Rev. Gerald Hoenecke
- Rev. Dr. H. Koch
- Rev. Carl Lawrenz
- Prof. Dudley Rohda
- Rev. Erwin Scharf
- Rev. Walter Schumann
- Rev. Venus Winter

The Seminary Board of Control will hold its meeting for electing a professor from these candidates, D. v., January 17, 1944, at 10:30 A. M., at the office of Grace Lutheran Church, 270 East Juneau Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

All communications regarding those nominated should be in the hands of the undersigned by that date.

E. Ph. Dornfeld, Secretary,
 212 East North Avenue,
 Milwaukee 12, Wisconsin.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Seminary and Northwestern College Boards will meet in Milwaukee at Grace Church on Tuesday, January 18, at 10:30 to call a professor of music for the two institutions.

The list of candidates follows:

- Professor Martin Albrecht, New Ulm, Minnesota.
- Pastor Alvin Baer, Adrian, Michigan.
- Pastor Karl Bolle, St. Paul, Minnesota.
- Teacher Paul G. Bunjes, Wausau, Wisconsin.
- Professor Walter Buszin, Fort Wayne, Indiana.
- Mr. Milton Detjen, Manitowoc, Wisconsin.
- Pastor G. W. Fischer, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
- Pastor Karl Gurgel, La Crosse, Wisconsin.
- Teacher Harold Klatt, Columbus, Wisconsin.
- Professor Theodore Lams, Evanston, Illinois.
- Professor Henry G. Meyer, Mobridge, South Dakota.
- Professor Theodore Hoelty-Nickel, Valparaiso, Indiana.
- Professor H. Oswald, Watertown, Wisconsin.
- Mr. H. Schaefer, Kenosha, Wisconsin.
- Professor W. Schaller, Saginaw, Michigan.
- Teacher Ralph Schultz, Lansing, Michigan.
- Teacher Erwin Schumacher, Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin.
- Professor Theodore Senne, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
- Teacher Carl Wacker, Manitowoc, Wisconsin.
- Teacher M. Zahn, Oshkosh, Wisconsin.
- Teacher T. Zuberbier, Winona, Minnesota.

Correspondence pertaining to these nominations must reach the secretary before January 18.

Kurt Timmel,
 612 5th Street,
 Watertown, Wisconsin.

ORDINATIONS AND INSTALLATIONS

Upon authorization of President I. P. Frey of the Nebraska District the undersigned ordained and installed Candidate Ralph Unke as pastor of St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Herrick, South Dakota, on the third Sunday in Advent. The Rev. N. Sauer assisted. May God bless both pastor and members.

Address: Rev. Ralph Unke, Herrick, South Dakota.
 S. Kugler.

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The Rev. E. L. Hofmann was duly installed as pastor of Zion Congregation, Lansing, Michigan, by Pastor F. M. Krauss and the undersigned upon proper authorization from President John Gauss. May the Lord's work continue to prosper at Zion's.

Address: Rev. E. L. Hofmann, 1723 Maplewood Avenue, Lansing, Michigan.
 Prof. W. Schaller.



MISSION FESTIVALS



“GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD”

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Minneapolis, Minnesota.
Offering: \$1,111.01. Paul C. Dowidat, pastor.
Christ Church, Eagle River, Wisconsin.
Offering: \$244.66. Jos. D. Krubsack, pastor.
Grace Church, Three Lakes, Wisconsin.
Offering: \$42.00. Jos. D. Krubsack, pastor.

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Golden, Colorado.
Offering: \$25.30. Orval Kreie, pastor.
St. John's Church, Wayne, Michigan.
Offering: \$428.58. Gerhard L. Press, pastor.

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

St. Paul's Church, Hurley, Wisconsin.
Offering: \$60.71. R. C. Horlamus, pastor.
Zion Church, Mercer, Wisconsin.

Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity

St. John's Church, Woodland, Wisconsin.
Offering: \$457.59. H. J. Schaar, pastor.

Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity

St. Matthew's Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
Offering: \$630.00. Arthur Halboth, pastor.

BOOK REVIEW

Northwestern Lutheran Annual for the year 1944.
Gemeinde-Blatt Kalender auf das Jahr 1944.

The above are the Annuals published by our Synod. They ought to be of interest to the members of our Synod. Besides recording the addresses of all ministers within the Synodical Conference and containing many statistics and worthwhile information, they offer the reader much edifying and entertaining reading matter. The Price is 15 cents. Every home in the Synod ought to have one or the other of these Annuals.

W. J. S.

Amerikanischer Kalender fuer Deutsch-Lutheraner auf das Jahr 1944.

Lutheran Annual for the year 1944.

These are the Annuals of our sister synod Missouri. Both contain the usual tables for reference — chronological and statistical. A good amount of reading material is also offered.

W. J. S.

SOUTHEAST WISCONSIN DISTRICT

July 3 to September 30, 1943

Arizona Conference

Reverend	Budgetary	Non-Budgetary
Herbert P. Koehler, Resurrection, Phoenix...	\$ 57.81	
Robert Wm. Schaller, Zion, Phoenix.....	73.05	
E. Arnold Sitz, Grace, Tucson.....	118.48	
Alfred M. Upplegger, Grace, San Carlos.....	43.76	
M. Volkmann, Mission, Globe.....	6.05	

Dodge-Washington Counties Conference

Geo. A. Barthels, St. Peter, Tp. Addison.....	172.50
Geo. A. Barthels, Zion, Tp. Wayne.....	310.21
G. Bradtke, Zum Kripplein Christi, Tp. Herman	382.00
Harvey Heckendorf, St. Paul, Tp. Lomira.....	25.80
E. C. Rupp, St. John, Lomira.....	273.68
W. P. Sauer, St. John, West Bend.....	499.47
Erwin Scharf (Norbert Reim), St. Paul, Cedar L.	32.00

Erwin Scharf (Norbert Reim), St. Paul, Slinger	160.75
Alfred C. Schewe, Emmanuel, Tp. Herman....	177.33
Alfred C. Schewe, Zion, Tp. Theresa.....	147.08
M. F. Stern, St. Paul, Neosho.....	160.35

Eastern Conference

Martin Albrecht, Calvary, Thiensville.....	80.77
Paul A. Behn, Fairview, Milwaukee.....	97.50
Adolph C. Buenger, St. John, Good Hope Rd...	284.31
E. Ph. Ebert, St. Paul, East Troy.....	124.24
Lyle A. Hallauer, Homehurst M., West Allis...	38.86
Lyle A. Hallauer, St. Peter, Tp. Greenfield....	33.78
Ph. H. Hartwig, Zion, Hartland.....	155.00
G. R. Hillmer, Bluemound Ev. Luth., Wauwatosa	32.00
Gerald Hoenecke, St. Paul, Cudahy.....	166.49
Wm. P. Holzhausen, Trinity, W. Mequon.....	90.05
W. R. Hoyer, Mt. Calvary, Westowne.....	15.54
Walter Keibel, Nain, West Allis.....	147.97
P. W. Kneiske, St. John, Lannon.....	8.00
A. F. Krueger, Resurrection, Milwaukee.....	149.15
Henry Lange, Nathanael, Milwaukee.....	15.00
Kurt A. Lescow, St. John, E. Mequon.....	98.10
J. Mahnke, Mt. Lebanon, Milwaukee.....	197.73
Wm. C. Mahnke, St. John, Root Creek (Y. P. S. \$25.75)	182.85
A. Nicolaus, Christ, Pewaukee.....	150.00
M. F. Rische, David Star, Kirchhain.....	785.34
J. G. Ruege, Jordan, West Allis.....	494.08
G. Schaller, St. Paul, Tp. Franklin.....	149.59
Arnold Schultz, Trinity, Milwaukee.....	189.83
H. W. Schwertfeger, Woodlawn, West Allis....	119.23
Harry Shiley, Trinity, Waukesha.....	259.40
E. W. Tacke, St. Paul, Tess Corners.....	398.55
H. Woyahn, Grace, Waukesha.....	102.33

Milwaukee City Conference

E. R. Blakewell, Salem.....	396.79
John Brenner, St. John.....	1,303.32
Victor Brohm, Bethesda (Sunday School \$50.00)	574.83
R. O. Buerger, Gethsemane.....	139.03
P. J. Burkholz, Siloah.....	929.90
Herman Cares, Christ.....	504.88
J. C. Dahlke, Jerusalem.....	524.94
J. de Galley, St. Paul.....	122.93
E. Ph. Dornfeld, St. Marcus.....	433.60
Gervasius W. Fischer, St. Jacobl.....	561.57
Fred J. Graeber, Apostle.....	27.40
A. F. Halboth, St. Matthew.....	354.14
Raym. W. Huth, Messiah.....	42.95
John G. Jeske, Divine Charity.....	165.65
Ph. H. Koehler, St. Lucas.....	678.96
A. C. Lengling, Saron.....	121.44
Erhard C. Pankow, Garden Homes.....	182.50
Paul Pieper, St. Peter (Sunday School \$9.00) ..	851.59
Wm. F. Sauer, Grace (Sunday School \$9.72) ..	882.65
W. J. Schaefer, Atonement.....	225.00
A. B. Tacke, Zebaoth.....	263.28
G. A. Thiele, Parkside.....	55.35
Arthur P. Voss, St. James.....	226.19
S. E. Westendorf, Bethel.....	192.66

Southern Conference

A. C. Bartz, Immanuel, Waukegan.....	15.10
O. Heidtke, Jerusalem, Morton Grove.....	55.50
E. W. Hillmer, St. Luke, Kenosha.....	228.86
Edwin Jaster, Epiphany, Racine.....	88.60
A. Koelpin, Trinity, Caledonia.....	120.58
O. B. Nommensen, Zion, South Milwaukee.....	355.19
W. K. Pifer, Bethany, Kenosha.....	129.55
M. F. Plass, St. John, Oakwood.....	294.43
Gerhard Redlin, Zion, Crete.....	192.19
Alfred von Rohr Sauer, St. John, Burlington..	183.21
G. E. Schmeling, Immanuel, Tp. Paris.....	100.20
G. E. Schmeling, Trinity, Tp. Raymond.....	158.70
Theo. Volkert, First Ev. Luth., Racine.....	295.21
H. J. Wackerfuss, St. James, Evanston.....	24.80

Memorial Wreaths

In Memory of	Reverend	
Ernst Baas	E. W. Tacke	11.00
Mrs. Louise Backhaus	Arthur P. Voss	5.00
Oscar Becker	A. Koelpin	1.00
Mr. Julius Bemmann	E. Ph. Dornfeld	5.00
Mrs. Anna Bentz	M. F. Rische	12.00
Mrs. Frank Block	Ph. H. Koehler	5.00
Mr. Ernst von Briesen	Ad. C. Buenger	10.00
Mr. Ernst von Briesen	Wm. F. Sauer	25.00
Mrs. William Dobberpuhl	Alfred Schewe	10.00
Mrs. E. Giese	John G. Jeske	2.50
Mr. Herman Giese	Rev. and Mrs. Jeske	2.50
Doris Gilbert	Paul A. Behn	4.50
John Gilbert	John Brenner	1.00
Jacob Gilbert	M. F. Rische	14.00
Kenneth Hook	O. B. Nommensen	2.00
Mrs. Wm. Kressin	M. F. Rische	50.00
Mrs. Elizabeth Lehrke	John Brenner	5.00
Mr. Lewis Meyers	A. von Rohr Sauer	5.00
Herman F. Miller	Ph. H. Koehler	5.00
Mr. Herbert A. Moussa	A. von Rohr Sauer	19.00

Mr. Herbert A. Moussa ..R. P. Otto	5.00
Norbert P. Neumann ..A. Lorenz	5.00
Chas. Peterson ..Paul A. Behn	12.00
Chr. Pfeiffer ..O. Heidtke	3.00
Mrs. John Reinemann ..A. von Rohr Sauer	11.00
Mrs. Katherine Reinke ..Ph. H. Koehler	15.00
Mrs. John Soulen ..Luther M. Voss	5.00
Mrs. Alvina Steinfeld ..Ph. H. Koehler	3.00
Robert W. Suhm ..Ph. H. Koehler	1.00
Mrs. Clara Ramlow-Thode..Paul Pieper	3.00
Robert Thurow ..John Brenner	3.00
Ensign Waldemar Thurow..Geo. Barthels	15.00
Ensign Waldemar Thurow..Arnold Schroeder	12.00
Christian Wacker ..S. E. Westendorf	5.00
Frank Wendt ..Arthur B. Tacke	4.00
Mrs. Ida Wudtke ..Ph. H. Koehler	15.00
.....E. Walter Hillmer..	15.00

Special Gifts

M. S. B.	25.00
Mr. William Dobberpuhl by Pastor A. C. Schewe	
Golden Wedding Anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. H.	
Knese, by Pastor G. Schaller	10.00
Kressin-Wiese Wedding by Pastor M. F. Rische	10.00

\$ 19,054.33 \$ 2,994.01

CHAS. E. WERNER, Cashier.

WESTERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT

July, August, September, 1943

Reverend	
H. F. Backer, Chaseburg.....	\$ 514.22
Wm. Baumann, Neillsville.....	120.88
Wm. Baumann, Hay Creek.....	47.55
H. E. Bentrup, Wilson.....	215.30
Alvin Berg, Madison.....	27.03
C. E. Berg, Ridgeville.....	327.15
R. C. Biesemann, Rib Falls.....	130.04
R. C. Biesemann, T. Rib Falls.....	122.04
L. M. Bleichwehl, Onalaska.....	14.50
E. Blumenthal, Wausau.....	75.00
A. H. Dobberstein, Tuckertown.....	308.00
A. H. Dobberstein, Lime Ridge.....	172.35
A. C. Dornfeld, Marshfield.....	5.00
M. F. Drews, Oak Grove.....	249.49
F. F. Ehlert, Eitzen.....	316.00
Otto Engel, Richwood.....	46.84
Otto Engel, Hubbleton.....	105.98
S. Fenske, Bruce.....	58.55
E. C. Fredrich, Helenville.....	432.38
G. H. Geiger, Shennington.....	55.00
G. H. Geiger, T. Lincoln.....	108.25
G. H. Geiger, T. Knapp.....	65.90
Henry Geiger, Leeds.....	451.84
G. Gerth, Merrimac.....	7.00
G. Gerth, T. Merrimac.....	25.00
G. Gerth, Caledonia.....	25.00
G. Gerth, Greenfield.....	65.00
Henry Gieschen, Fort Atkinson.....	354.25
F. Gilbert, Indian Creek.....	266.46
F. Gilbert, Hustler.....	170.20
M. Glaeser, Hillsboro.....	194.24
M. Glaeser, Wonewoc.....	900.04
A. Hanke, T. Norton.....	377.00
M. J. Hillemann, Marshall.....	134.86
O. E. Hoffmann, Rib Lake.....	282.00
O. E. Hoffmann, T. Greenwood.....	77.00
R. C. Horlamus, Hurlley.....	129.67
R. Jungkuntz, Janesville.....	54.00
Herbert Kesting, Pickwick.....	95.00
Herbert Kesting, Minnesota City.....	50.00
Wm. Keturakat, Sun Prairie.....	58.61
L. C. Kirst, Beaver Dam.....	249.19
J. Klingmann and W. Eggert, Watertown.....	369.59
L. J. Koenig, Wausau.....	16.70
L. J. Koenig, Mosinee.....	17.00
O. W. Koch, Lowell.....	11.50
E. E. Kolander, Marathon.....	207.00
R. P. Korn, Lewiston.....	591.45
G. O. Krause, Little Black.....	16.60
G. O. Krause, Stetsonville.....	64.00
H. Kuckhahn, St. Charles.....	220.66
O. P. Kuehl, Cambria.....	100.00
O. Kuhlow, Jefferson.....	6.00
C. F. Kurzweg, Cochrane.....	400.79
L. Lambert, Veefkind.....	110.33
P. Lehmann, Ableman.....	140.45
M. F. Liesener, T. Maine.....	270.00
W. C. Limpert, Altura.....	199.04
F. W. Loeper, Whitewater.....	100.00
A. W. Looch, North Freedom.....	251.71
G. C. Marquardt, Ringle.....	42.22
A. L. Mennicke, Winona.....	123.35
F. H. Miller, Platteville.....	152.33
P. Monhardt, South Ridge.....	455.00
R. W. Mueller, Medford.....	599.30

T. J. Mueller, La Crosse.....	172.56
H. W. Neubauer, Whitehall.....	23.55
H. W. Neubauer, Arcadia.....	28.85
M. J. Nommensen, Juneau.....	73.66
Wm. Nommensen, Columbus.....	1,532.05
W. O. Nommensen, Green Valley.....	40.27
W. O. Nommensen, Rozellville.....	97.55
E. J. Otterstatter, Tomahawk.....	124.28
A. W. Paap, Johnson Creek.....	114.66
H. A. Pankow, Beyer Settlement.....	170.50
H. A. Pankow, Poplar Creek.....	104.00
J. H. Paustian, Barre Mills.....	53.00
N. E. Paustian, Oconomowoc.....	381.51
E. E. Prenzlou, Cornell, Keystone and Birch Creek.....	170.45
J. M. Raasch, Lake Mills.....	430.20
S. Rathke, Cameron.....	6.00
E. M. Schroeder, Ixonia.....	453.24
A. W. Sauer, Winona.....	1,024.88
H. Schaller, Tomah.....	296.15
E. C. Schewe, McConnell.....	71.00
R. Schoeneck, Rice Lake.....	119.70
W. E. Schulz, T. Berlin.....	335.50
H. C. Schumacher, Milton.....	452.21
A. Schumann, Globe.....	228.61
W. A. Schumann, La Crosse.....	621.10
C. W. Siegler, Portland.....	57.36
C. W. Siegler, Bangor.....	625.03
O. A. Sommer, Little Falls.....	32.20
E. A. Toepel, Lebanon.....	119.20
K. A. Timmel, Watertown.....	345.00
I. G. Uetzmann, Watertown.....	69.55
L. C. Vater (W. E. Schulz), Goodrich.....	64.00
L. C. Vater (W. E. Schulz), Newwood.....	2.60
M. W. Wahl, Cambridge.....	41.50
E. Walther, Wisconsin Rapids.....	265.45
H. M. Warnke, Doylestown.....	253.09
H. M. Warnke, Fountain Prairie.....	156.33
H. M. Warnke, Fall River.....	191.10
W. Weissgerber, Minocqua.....	77.00
W. Weissgerber, Woodruff.....	59.36
L. A. Winter, Eau Galle.....	64.03
L. A. Winter, Plum City.....	45.78
W. E. Zank, Newville.....	172.00
W. E. Zank, T. Deerfield.....	221.00
Theo. Zarembo, Spirit.....	79.20
Theo. Zarembo, Prentice.....	58.80
H. R. Zimmermann, Randolph.....	255.14

July, 1943	\$ 6,458.82
August	4,571.06
September	11,277.20

Total for Third Quarter.....\$ 22,307.08

Memorial Wreaths

In Memory of	Reverend	Amount
Fred Holthan	L. M. Bleichwehl, Onalaska.....	\$ 14.50
Aug. Kehrberg	A. C. Dornfeld, Marshfield.....	5.00
Henry Schroeder	S. H. Fenske, Bruce.....	1.00
Mrs. Marie Honhaus	S. H. Fenske, Bruce.....	8.00
Deceased Mother	S. H. Fenske, Bruce.....	3.00
Mrs. Wagner	O. E. Hoffmann, Rib Lake.....	6.00
Mrs. Schwartz	O. E. Hoffmann, Rib Lake.....	5.00
Otto F. Boernecke	J. H. Paustian, Barre Mills.....	53.00
Elfrieda Sauer	A. W. Sauer, Winona.....	1.00
Emma Aldinger	A. W. Sauer, Winona.....	9.50
Mrs. Frank Fuchs	H. Schaller, Sparta.....	4.00
William R. Krause	W. A. Schumann, La Crosse.....	21.00
Albert Stegemann	C. W. Siegler, Bangor.....	16.00
August Meyer	C. W. Siegler, Bangor.....	1.00
Wm. Jordan	Hy. Gieschen, Fort Atkinson.....	2.00
Mrs. Wilhelmina Nowack	J. Klingmann, W. Eggert, Watertown.....	3.00
Mrs. Wilhelmina Draeger	J. Klingmann, W. Eggert, Watertown.....	15.00
Mrs. Bertha Abraham	J. Klingmann, W. Eggert, Watertown.....	12.00
Pfc. Gerhardt A. Daun	A. L. Mennicke, Winona.....	2.50
E. von Briesen	Wm. Nommensen, Columbus.....	15.00
Fred. Miller	Wm. Nommensen, Columbus.....	3.80
Gilbert Rihn	E. E. Prenzlou, Cornell.....	1.00
Mrs. Herman Tessmann	C. W. Siegler, Bangor.....	5.00
Mrs. Paul Sievert	I. G. Uetzmann, Watertown.....	4.00
Mrs. Mary Berdan	E. Walther, Wisconsin Rapids.....	14.00
Mrs. Anna Jarich	L. A. Winter, Plum City.....	3.00
Chas. Bluske	H. F. Backer, Chaseburg.....	25.00
Adolph Lenser	H. F. Backer, Chaseburg.....	5.00
Mrs. Julius E. Zank	Wm. Baumann, Hay Creek.....	47.55
Rudolph Probst	E. C. Fredrich, Helenville.....	1.50
August Pautsch	Henry Gieschen, Fort Atkinson.....	11.50
Carl H. Taig, Sr.	M. Glaeser, Wonewoc.....	24.00
Mrs. August Wegner	L. C. Kirst, Beaver Dam.....	41.50
Christian Huebner	J. Klingmann, W. Eggert, Watertown.....	11.00
Ludwig B. Sackreiter	R. P. Korn, Lewiston.....	13.50
Arthur Hilke	R. P. Korn, Lewiston.....	44.00
Mrs. Carl Rupprecht	R. P. Korn, Lewiston.....	45.00
Mrs. Albert Frey	G. O. Koch, Lowell.....	11.50
Mrs. Anna Bastmann	G. O. Krause, Stetsonville.....	19.00
Mrs. Albertine Moll	Wm. Nommensen, Columbus.....	3.00
W. C. Hogemeister	S. Rathke, Cameron.....	6.00
Ernest Pingel	H. Schaller, Tomah.....	17.00
Mrs. John Rasch	H. Schaller, Tomah.....	1.00
Raymond Bartelt	W. E. Schulz, Goodrich.....	1.00
Ruth Wittmershause	C. W. Siegler, Bangor.....	1.80

H. J. KOCH, Treasurer.

MINNESOTA DISTRICT
June, July, August, 1943
Red Wing Conference

Reverend	Budgetary	Non-Budgetary
A. W. Blauert, Austin.....	\$ 41.52	
Theo. Haar, Bear Valley.....	147.00	
Jul. F. Lenz, Bremen.....	218.32	
E. G. Hertler, Brownsville.....	8.80	
R. Jeske, Caledonia.....	757.75	
R. F. Schroeder, Dexter.....	350.00	
Karl A. Nolting, Frontenac.....	295.35	
T. E. Kock, Goodhue.....	215.00	
F. W. Weindorf, Goodhue, Grace.....	154.51	
F. W. Weindorf, Goodhue, St. John's.....	340.32	
Jul. F. Lenz, Hammond.....	4.50	
E. G. Hertler, Hokah.....	126.00	
E. G. Hertler, LaCrescent.....	95.65	
T. H. Albrecht, Lake City.....	800.32	77.50
Theo. Haar, Mazeppa.....	211.00	
T. E. Kock, Minneola.....	418.45	
H. J. Anger, Nodine.....	212.00	
N. A. Reinke, Oronoco.....	132.20	
N. A. Reinke, Poplar Grove.....	85.64	
Geo. W. Scheitel, Potsdam.....	375.00	14.57
Geo. W. Baumann, Red Wing.....	111.25	5.00
E. G. Hertler, South Ridge.....	398.75	3.00
R. Jeske, Union.....	160.25	
H. F. Muenkel, Wabasha.....	32.65	
Karl A. Nolting, West Florence.....	455.00	5.00
Paul E. Horn, Zumbrota.....	818.00	

Mankato Conference

Fred L. Precht, Alma City.....	358.22	
W. Schuetze, Belle Plaine.....	258.76	
H. H. Schaller, Helen.....	391.66	
L. F. Brandes, Jordan.....	100.00	27.00
A. Martens, New Prague.....	62.87	
O. K. Netzke, Madison Lake.....	5.00	
A. Ackermann, Mankato.....	1,004.92	10.00
R. A. Haase, North Mankato.....	90.00	
A. H. Mackdanz, St. Clair.....	245.18	
Ernst C. Birkholz, St. James.....	179.50	50.00
O. K. Netzke, Smith's Mill.....	37.00	

St. Croix Valley Conference

O. P. Medenwald, Amery.....	88.83	
E. W. Penk, Baytown.....	239.50	
Otto Klett, Bay City, Wis.....	47.35	
A. W. Saremba, Cady.....	106.19	
F. A. Werner, Centuria.....	24.07	
O. P. Medenwald, Clear Lake.....	18.50	
E. H. Bruns, Delano.....	256.40	
L. W. Meyer, Farmington.....	340.21	
E. W. Penk, Grant.....	58.35	
P. R. Kurth, Hastings.....	35.61	
R. J. Palmer, Minneapolis.....	113.89	25.00
Paul C. Dovidat, Minneapolis.....	500.00	
R. C. Ave Lallemand, North St. Paul.....	100.00	
A. H. Leerssen, Nye.....	36.25	
A. H. Leerssen, Osceola.....	126.46	
Otto Klett, Prescott.....	86.66	
F. A. Werner, Rock Creek.....	99.25	
A. H. Leerssen, St. Croix Falls.....	23.50	
C. F. Bolle, St. Paul.....	191.95	
G. A. Ernst, St. Paul.....	390.35	
A. C. Haase, St. Paul.....	398.75	19.50
C. P. Kock, St. Paul.....	138.35	104.18
J. Plocher, St. Paul.....	307.72	3.30
A. W. Koehler, So. St. Paul.....	38.51	31.50
J. W. F. Pieper, Stillwater.....	72.84	
A. W. Saremba, Weston.....	550.50	13.50
H. E. Lietzau, Woodbury.....	15.00	
Im. W. Bade, Woodville.....	21.17	

Redwood Falls Conference

J. G. Bradtke, Arlington.....	319.57	191.00
A. C. Krueger, Cedar Mills.....	52.38	78.14
W. J. Schmidt, Danube.....	128.09	
Theodor Bauer, Echo.....	416.16	
C. C. Kuske, Emmet.....	316.84	5.00
G. F. Zimmermann, Essig.....	153.13	
Im. F. Albrecht, Fairfax.....	266.75	1.00
C. C. Kuske, Flora.....	187.10	
G. F. Zimmermann, Ft. Ridgely.....	116.05	
Hy. Boettcher, Gibbon.....	291.53	112.00
E. R. Gamm, Marshall.....	167.23	
E. R. Becker, Milroy.....	40.79	
M. J. Wehausen, Morton.....	488.65	
A. W. Fuerstenau, Omro.....	828.85	
Edw. A. Birkholz, Redwood Falls.....	375.06	29.25
Aug. Sauer, Renville.....	352.75	
E. R. Becker, Seaforth.....	37.26	
Walter P. Scheitel, Sheridan.....	172.46	
E. G. Fritz, Wellington.....	554.75	
Aug. Sauer, Winfield.....	250.00	
C. W. A. Kuehner, Winthrop.....	150.53	27.00
F. E. Traub, Wood Lake.....	142.41	

Crow River Valley Conference

W. G. Voigt, Acoma.....	393.24	
E. R. Berwald, Buffalo.....	180.39	
F. R. Weyland, Crawford's Lake.....	30.11	
M. Schuetze, Ellsworth.....	348.50	
Elmer J. Zehms, Graceville.....	43.05	

H. C. Duehlmeier, Hancock.....	399.79	
W. J. Schulze, Hutchinson.....	457.17	
P. R. Kuske, Hutchinson, Trinity.....	99.71	
Chr. Albrecht, Johnson.....	126.24	
Karl J. Plocher, Litchfield.....	74.62	
W. J. Haar, Loretto.....	226.52	10.00
E. A. Binger, Lynn.....	37.90	38.50
Elmer J. Zehms, Malta.....	32.80	
M. J. Lenz, Monticello.....	136.99	
F. R. Weyland, Montrose.....	60.75	2.00
W. C. Nickels, Pelican Lake.....	471.24	
S. Bauer, Rockford.....	561.92	

New Ulm Conference

H. C. Sprenger, Balaton.....	115.95	
M. C. Kunde, Brighton.....	110.76	54.80
L. W. Schierenbeck, Butterfield.....	139.94	
M. C. Kunde, Courtland.....	38.69	
L. W. Schierenbeck, Darfur.....	54.05	
H. A. Scherf, Eden.....	359.00	44.00
Dr. Paul W. Spaude, Lake Benton.....	125.00	11.80
W. Frank, Morgan.....	248.24	
G. Hinnenthal, New Ulm.....	953.57	50.56
E. Schaller, Nicollet.....	1,100.99	
G. Theo. Albrecht, St. Peter.....	151.90	
Wm. C. Albrecht, Sleepy Eye.....	286.80	1.00
Dr. Paul W. Spaude, Verdi.....	79.95	2.75
Karl Brickmann, Vesta.....	244.35	
Walter F. Hinck, Treas., Minnesota Dist. W. L.....	5.00	

Total \$ 27,373.67 \$ 1,059.04

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In Memory of	Reverend	Amount
Miss Emma Papenfuss.....	E. G. Hertler, S. Ridge.....	\$ 20.00
Edward Moldenhauer.....	E. G. Hertler, S. Ridge.....	36.00
Edward Moldenhauer.....	E. G. Hertler, S. Ridge.....	2.00
Metta Lindemann.....	P. E. Horn, Zumbrota.....	18.00
Lydia Wollner.....	Ernst C. Birkholz, St. James.....	12.00
Emma Kohn.....	Ernst C. Birkholz, St. James.....	11.00
Carsten Behlmer.....	Ernst C. Birkholz, St. James.....	9.00
David Kleis.....	E. W. Penk, Baytown.....	2.50
Kenneth Leerssen.....	A. H. Leerssen, St. Croix Falls.....	2.00
Mabel Bahr.....	A. C. Haase, St. Paul.....	21.50
Raymond Colburn.....	A. C. Haase, St. Paul.....	3.00
Pvt. Otto Foss.....	Arthur W. Koehler, So. St. Paul.....	3.50
Frank M. Otting.....	T. F. Albrecht, Fairfax.....	60.25
Hy. Kramer.....	Hy. Boettcher, Gibbon.....	107.00
H. Moritz.....	Edw. A. Birkholz, Redwood Falls.....	7.00
Mrs. Alb. Raddatz.....	Edw. A. Birkholz, Redwood Falls.....	35.75
Wm. Jakel.....	Aug. Sauer, Renville.....	9.75
Emilie Klug.....	C. Wm. A. Kuehner, Winthrop.....	14.50
Mrs. Louis Rebehn.....	W. J. Schulze, Hutchinson.....	23.50
Mrs. Ida Lenz.....	W. J. Schulze, Hutchinson.....	2.00
Meta Luedtke.....	W. J. Schulze, Hutchinson.....	61.50
Hanna Schmeling.....	W. J. Schulze, Hutchinson.....	10.00
Meta Luedtke.....	W. J. Schulze, Hutchinson.....	2.00
Hanna Oestreich.....	W. J. Schulze, Hutchinson.....	30.50
Mrs. Louis Werner.....	Karl J. Plocher, Litchfield.....	18.70
Mrs. Fred Lewerenz.....	Karl J. Plocher, Litchfield.....	6.50
Av./C. James R. Koefod.....	W. P. Haar, Loretto.....	10.00
Mrs. Anna Garmatz.....	Paul W. Spaude, Lake Benton.....	20.00
Mrs. Anna Garmatz.....	Paul W. Spaude, Lake Benton.....	1.00
Mrs. Mary Hamann.....	G. Hinnenthal, New Ulm.....	9.00
Mrs. Mary Hamann.....	G. Hinnenthal, New Ulm.....	3.00
Henry Schulz.....	G. Hinnenthal, New Ulm.....	6.00
Mrs. Wesley Schneider.....	G. Hinnenthal, New Ulm.....	9.50
Mrs. Augusta Ziegner.....	A. Ackermann, Mankato.....	7.00
Vernon Borchardt.....	E. H. Bruns, Delano.....	34.00
Orville Graunke.....	E. H. Bruns, Delano.....	14.00
Mrs. O. Frank.....	August Saremba, Weston.....	27.00
Jean Louise Riebe.....	J. G. Bradtke, Arlington.....	11.00
Mrs. Ed. Ruschmeyer.....	Hy. Boettcher, Gibbon.....	83.50
Mrs. H. Kramer.....	Hy. Boettcher, Gibbon.....	98.50
Mrs. Joe Bandow.....	Hy. Boettcher, Gibbon.....	25.00
Berthold Klatt.....	Aug. Sauer, Renville.....	9.00
Mrs. Fred Kizrow.....	G. F. Zimmermann, Ridgely.....	8.50
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Herman J. Wandersee.....	F. R. Weyland, Montrose.....	16.00
Mrs. Laura Toms.....	S. Baer, Rockford.....	7.00
Eldon Menk.....	H. A. Scherf, Eden.....	25.00
Otto Gruendemann.....	H. A. Scherf, Eden.....	23.00
Edwin Stephan.....	W. Frank Morgan.....	3.00
Mrs. Elizabeth Baumann.....	G. Hinnenthal, New Ulm.....	10.50
Mr. Fred Wellner.....	G. Hinnenthal, New Ulm.....	52.50
Lt. Darwin Pfaender.....	G. Hinnenthal, New Ulm.....	37.50
Mrs. Emma Tessmer.....	G. Hinnenthal, New Ulm.....	22.00
Lawrence Peterson.....	Wm. C. Albrecht, Sleepy Eye.....	1.00
Bernhard Pieper.....	A. W. Blauert, Austin.....	12.00
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Carl Otto Lehnert.....	Karl A. Nolting, West Florence.....	22.00
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Robert A. Maahs.....	J. Plocher, St. Paul.....	12.00
Jens S. Ness.....	Theodor Bauer, Echo.....	3.50
Mrs. Fred Schultz.....	I. F. Albrecht, Fairfax.....	1.00
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Joanne Geslin.....	A. W. Fuerstenau, Omro.....	59.00
John Husfeldt.....	C. Wm. A. Kuehner, Winthrop.....	27.00
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