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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

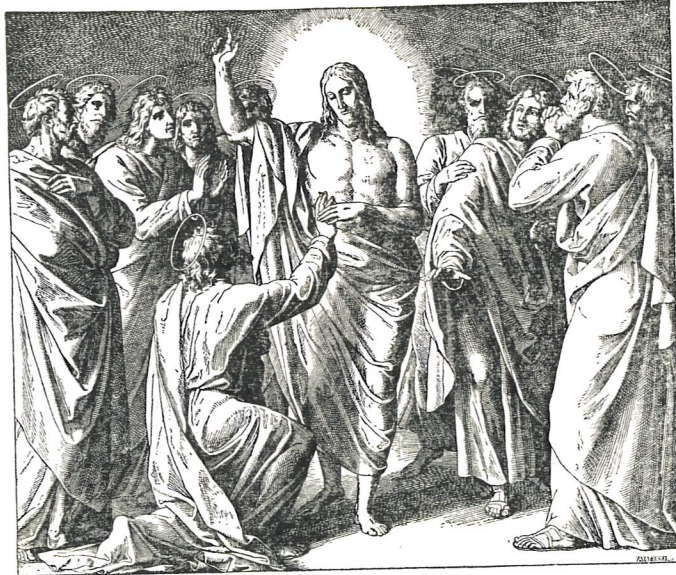
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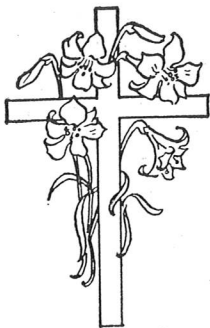
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"My
Lord
and
My
God!"



Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won!
Death no longer can appal me;
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done!
From the grave Christ will recall me.
Brighter scenes will then commence;
This shall be my confidence.

Jesus lives! To Him the throne
High o'er heaven and earth is given.
I shall go where He is gone,
Live and reign with Him in heaven.
God is faithful. Doubtings, hence!
This shall be my confidence.



"HE IS RISEN — REMEMBER HOW HE SPAKE UNTO YOU"

"I WILL see you again, and your hearts shall rejoice and your joy no man taketh from you." This was Jesus' promise to His disciples as His passion drew near. How the words seemed to vanish, even as they were in



the process of being fulfilled! The cries of the hateful leaders of the Jews, "Away with this Man!" and the decree of Pilate who delivered Him to be crucified seemed to prevail. The words of the governor written as the superscription on the cross, "Jesus of Nazareth the King of the

Jews," seemed to mock the faith and hope of the disciples. The death, the burial of Jesus, the tomb hewn out of the rock, the heavy stone at the mouth of the sepulchre, the seal of Pilate, and the Roman guard, all seemed to shatter the hope of the disciples and their faith in the Savior's word, "I will see you again, and your hearts shall rejoice."

One thing remained to them, their love for Jesus. That love prompted the women to go to the grave on the first day of the week, with the rising of the sun; and they brought sweet spices to anoint the body of Jesus.

The Living Word

Then the unexpected began to happen. They found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre. The grave was open — and empty. "And they entered in and found not the body of the Lord Jesus." They were much perplexed. Reason, their eyes deceived them. — But the empty grave had greater wonders in store for them. "Behold, two men stood by them in shining garments." These were angels, heaven-sent messengers of God. The women knew it and they were afraid and bowed down their faces to the earth. But where our reason fails, where all hope ceases, and where fears annoy, the message of God's Word is a light unto our path. The words of the angels flooded the empty tomb with light, the blessed light of the Easter Gospel, "Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen!" The message of the angels was half rebuke, but wholly a glorious revelation. St. Paul has said, "Though an angel from heaven preach any other Gospel to you than that which we have preached let him be accursed." And we remember the Lord's own words, "They have Moses and the Prophets let them hear them. If they will not hear them neither will they believe though one were sent to them from the dead." And we mark it well, that these heavenly messengers, the angels, did not preach a Gospel different from that which the Scriptures preach, different from the words of Jesus Himself. With emphasis the angels reminded these disciples, "Remember how He spake unto you when He was yet in Galilee,

saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful man, and be crucified, and the third day rise again." And St. Luke adds, "And they remembered His words." What then was the empty tomb on Easter morning? It was a glorious confirmation of the entire Scriptures, of Moses and the Prophets. Easter did one thing for these first disciples, even as it does for us — "And they remembered His words." Easter established the Word of our Lord as the firm foundation of our faith. "The Scriptures cannot be broken!"

The Living Savior

But what of the promise of the Savior, "I will see you again?" The fulfillment of that Word, like the good wine at the wedding of Cana, was kept until the last. Jesus, the risen Lord appeared only after the Word had been preached, only after the disciples had remembered His Word. Then He showed Himself to them. Then He appeared to Thomas the doubter. Yet He added, "Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed."



He Lives to Silence Fears

None of the four Evangelists have recorded the act of the resurrection of Jesus, because none of them witnessed it. They have nothing to say about that which they have not heard and seen. You and I have the record of the eye and ear witnesses of all that Jesus did and said. The Evangelists tell us that early on the first day of the week the women came to the grave, and when they looked they saw that the stone was rolled away. O that we might have seen it! And yet in the Scriptures we behold far more than these women saw on that first Easter morning. Search the Scriptures and read that Jesus came to remove the heavy stone, the heavy burden that rests upon all of us, the guilt of our sin. That stone is so heavy that it can crush us into death and damnation. But today, after Easter, we see that heavy stone rolled away. Our guilt is cancelled, our peace is made with God. A hundred and more messages from heaven, the precious words of our God, tell us that stone is rolled away. "Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather who is risen again. — Jesus was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification."

He Lives to Comfort

With the burden of sin removed, other worries and cares are also rolled away, and our burden is made light. The risen Savior told weeping Mary, "Go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father, and to My God, and your God." Since Christ died for our sins and rose for our justification God no longer is at enmity with us, but He is our loving Father. He deals with us according to His mercy and lovingkindness. But His Word assures us of this. "Can a woman forget her child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee." Is. 49, 15. — Oh, what peace we often forfeit, what needless pain we bear, because we do not take comfort and strength from the precious Word of our God.

The Living Church

The angels, "The ministers of God that do His pleasure," charged the women at the empty sepulchre to "go and tell His disciples." Mark 16. The risen Lord commissioned His disciples to go into all the world and preach the Gospel. That Word, above all, these first disciples remembered. They went forth to preach the Gospel of their risen Lord, to preach it both by Word and deed. Their life was a living testimony to the fact that they had been quickened together with Christ by faith in Him. "Go and tell!" is still the command of the risen Savior to His Church.

The Living Hope

But when shall we see the Lord, according to His promise, "I will see you again?" It was not without rebuke that the angels said to the women at the grave, "Why seek ye the living among the dead?" — And what was said at the grave of our risen Savior is true of all who fall asleep believing in Christ. God is not a God of the dead, but of the living. We live, even in death, before God. Dying we commend our spirit into His hands. And on that great day of the resurrection, by virtue of Christ's resurrection, our bodies too shall rise and enter with Christ into glory, "And so shall we ever be with the Lord." 1 Thess. 4, 15-17.



Easter — What does it mean? A living Word, a living Savior, a living faith, a living Church, a living hope.

A. P. V.

Editorials

Christ Is Risen! Do we believe that? Do we really? Then why are we not happy? The happiest people on earth?

Why did Christ die? Because the Lord had laid on Him the iniquity of us all. Now He is risen. God Himself raised Him up from the dead. Our guilt has been completely wiped out. Not a trace of it is left. God Himself declares so publicly before all the world by bringing Jesus forth alive out of the grave. God pronounces me righteous, He pronounces you righteous, He pronounces every sinner righteous in His sight.

Why are we not happy? If our account with God has been squared, what more do we want? If God is for us, who can be against us? Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? If God justifies, who is he that condemneth?

Why are we not happy? Is it that we think too little of our sins? Are our sins only trifling matters? Do they not arouse the fiery indignation of our God? Who can look at the agony of Jesus in Gethsemane and on the cross without realizing what a terrible load our sins are! Hear Him who is the Son of God groaning under this load! If our sins loom before our eyes in their true terror, how can we but be happy that Christ is risen, justified of all our sins!

Christ is risen! Why are we not happy? Why are we still afraid? Afraid of the whims, perhaps even of the enmity of the world? Afraid for our daily bread? Afraid for our health and wealth? Afraid to die?

Did not Christ bruise the head of the serpent? Did He not destroy the works of the devil? Did not God grant Him a glorious triumph over all His enemies, when He raised Him from the dead? Did He not seat Him at His right hand till even His last enemy should lie completely vanquished under His feet?

If we believe that Christ is risen, then why not cheerfully take up our cross? Why not cheerfully defy the lusts of the world? Why not be ready to deny ourselves?

If we believe that Christ is risen, then why are we not more eager to hear His Word? Why do we not crowd our churches more on Sunday? There the message is proclaimed to us that Jesus atoned for our sins, that God out of love sent His Son to do this for us, that Jesus through bitter suffering and death reconciled us to God, that He arose from the dead, thereby testifying to the complete success of His undertaking. Why do we so easily grow tired of this message? Ordinarily we do not mind it if good news is repeated to us again and again. No matter how often we already heard it, we are glad to hear it again. Why are we then not more eager to hear the message about our risen Savior?

In our church services Christ Himself is speaking to us through a minister whom He appointed. Our risen Christ there addresses words to us of a friendly greeting, of comfort and cheer, of strength and encouragement, of warnings and rebuke, of instruction toward faith and holy living. Did not the heart of the disciples burn within them when their risen Savior spoke to them and opened to them the Scriptures? Why are our hearts often so cold, and why do we not rush to hear our risen Christ and crowd His gates with joyful songs?

Why are we not more attentive during the sermon? Why is our listening often so draggy, showing little joy? Or worse, why do we sometimes rattle through the songs, as though in a hurry to have a tedious thing over with? Why are we so slow to translate into practice what our risen Savior tells us?

Christ is risen! If we believe that message, why then are we not more anxious to have our children hear about it? Why is not the training we give them at home saturated more with joy over Christ's victory? Why are we satisfied to send them to schools where, due to circumstances, the risen Christ is not the principal teacher? It costs money, it means extra effort, it may spell a sacrifice of certain comforts and leisure to maintain a Christian day school; but if we believe in the risen Christ, will we not then consider all such things as of no account if only our children get to know the risen Christ, their victorious Savior from sin and death and damnation? — Do we believe that Christ is risen?

One more question. If we believe that Christ is risen, should not that make us more mission-minded? We have, indeed, the most wonderful, life-creating truth in the world. We see that the world without it is fast going to rack and ruin. Why are we satisfied just to have

the truth in our midst? Why are we not more anxious in spreading it? Do we lack love toward our perishing fellow-men? Do we lack love toward our risen Savior, who commissioned us to spread His Word? Why do we substitute publicity and propaganda for quiet testimony concerning Christ? Why are our schools for training pastors and teachers, our colleges and normal school and theological seminary not overcrowded with students? Why are their coffers not filled? Why do we not issue forth a constant stream of missionaries who are ready to go into all the world to preach the Gospel to every creature?

We have just celebrated the Easter festival again. We stood at the empty tomb. We heard the cheering word from the angel: *He is risen!* Let that greeting find a ready echo within our hearts, and let this truth accompany us every day of our life. And may it be a shining light to us when our last hour shall come.

J. P. M.

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A New Lord's Prayer We have heard in our lifetime many sacrilegious compositions. It has been the pastime of self-styled agnostics in all ages to ridicule holy things and to make mockery of God in prayers. This does not especially surprise nor irritate us. We rather expect it. But when people who profess to fear God and even boast of the high calling of a minister of Jesus Christ, yea, a Lutheran minister, lends his lips and tongue to irreverent, impious and sacrilegious exercise of "prayer," words fail us to express our inmost feelings of revolt and disavowal. We are not contending that this was done consciously and intentionally by that minister; but that does not exonerate him from guilt. A man in his position ought to think twice before doing a thing and ought to ever be mindful of his calling. There is no excuse, as we see it, for a minister to commit such an error.

At a political gathering in Milwaukee, recently, a minister was asked and he agreed to open the meeting with a prayer. We believe even that was improper. But, as though that in itself was not bad enough he dared to paraphrase the Lord's Prayer. We can well enough imagine that it was entertaining and that this paraphrase wrought smiles on some faces and gave others, perhaps secretly, a good laugh. One fellow said, "It was clever." Read the prayer and judge for yourself.

"Our Father and the God of our fathers, hallowed be Thy name in ballot box and prayerbook, convention and cathedral, in party principles and personal righteousness.

"Thy kingdom come in the community where we labor, the country which we love and the commonwealths of the world.

"Thy will be done on earth by statesmen and suppliant tradesmen and toiler, president and people, as it is done in heaven.

"Give us this day our daily bread from field and farm, through brain and brawn, for sustenance and service.

"And forgive us our trespasses of ice cold selfish isolationism, lukewarm, listless patriotism, and blazing braggart chauvinism, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

"And lead us not into temptation to mistake mere motion for progress, to magnify the importance of material things and to minimize the value of individual souls, to substitute unbridled license for blood bought liberty.

"But deliver us from evil in its attack upon the business and bosoms of men, the sanctity and solidarity of our nation, the peace and progress of our world, for Thine is the kingdom — God bless Milwaukee! — and the power — God bless Wisconsin! — and the glory — God bless America! for ever and ever. Amen!"

You, who love the Lord and the prayer He taught us to pray, how do you like it? What a confusion of thought here: dragging the Lord's Prayer down from its high spiritual plane and casting it into the turmoil of the materialistic world and changing its meaning so as to fit political, economical and social conditions — and no more. Read the closing sentence once more! What a mess he made of it. Now take your Catechism and read Luther's explanation of the various petitions of the Lord's Prayer, or recite them from memory, and compare them to the above exposition.

If this paraphrase of the Lord's Prayer does not utterly shock your Christian manhood or womanhood, especially since it was composed by a minister, you are spiritually "unshockable."

W. J. S.

STUDIES IN THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION

BY PROFESSOR JOHN MEYER

Article XVII

Of Christ's Return to Judgment

Also they teach that at the Consummation of the World Christ will appear for judgment, and will raise up all the dead; He will give to the godly and elect eternal life and everlasting joys, but ungodly men and the devils He will condemn to be tormented without end.

They condemn the Anabaptists, who think that there will be an end to the punishments of condemned men and devils.

They condemn also others, who are now spreading certain Jewish opinions, that before the resurrection of the dead the godly shall take possession of the kingdom of the world, the ungodly being everywhere suppressed.

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HELL is a reality. Eternal damnation is a fact. Many may try to deny it, that will not change the matter. They will only deceive themselves and such as are ready to listen to them rather than to the Word of God.

Hell was prepared by God for the devil and his angels. For sinful man God prepared salvation by sending His own Son into the world. Now those who reject the grace of God, who refuse to believe in His Savior, who instead

continue to serve the devil, have no one but themselves to blame if they are condemned to suffer the torments of hell together with the devil, from whose company they would not be separated.

The torments of hell are indescribably severe, as the many descriptive names used in the Scriptures indicate. It is outer darkness, a place where there is wailing and gnashing of teeth, because their worm dieth not and the fire is not quenched.

This condition will last forever. Our Article says, *ungodly men and the devils He will condemn to be tormented without end.*

Without end! An overwhelming thought. Yet according to the description of the final judgment, recorded in Matth. 25, the punishments of hell will last exactly as long as the blessedness of heaven. "And these shall go away into *everlasting* punishment, but the righteous into *life eternal*" (Matth. 25, 46, — "everlasting" and "eternal" means the same, and in the original Greek the same word is used in both parts of the sentence; it means the same as the phrase "without end" in our Article).

Without end. There are many people who try to deny this. There are some who deny the existence of a hell altogether. There are others who do not wish to go quite so far in

their opposition. They admit that there is a hell, but they refuse to accept the eternal duration of hell punishment. They try to quiet their own conscience by assuming that hell will come to an end at some time in some way or other. Some think that after a period of torment complete annihilation will follow. Complete annihilation may not be a pleasant thought to consider, yet it is not so terrible as endless torment. There are others who assume an ultimate conversion of the condemned, some including even the devil. When they realize what their opposition to God got for them, their pain and anguish will gradually have a sobering effect on the condemned, they will repent of their sins and turn to God. And God, after they have suffered enough for their sins, will grant them a release from hell.

Vain imaginations of that stubborn and deceitful human heart.

People who deceive themselves with such baseless hopes even adduce Scripture passages to support their dreams. We shall now consider a few.

They say, first of all, that "eternal" does not always mean endless. It may indicate a long time, which however will somehow come to an end. Concerning the Passover God commanded the Jews to observe this festival "for ever," Ex. 12, 14: "This day shall be unto you for a memorial, and ye shall keep it a feast to the Lord throughout your generations, ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance *for ever.*" Read also v. 24. Now, they say, *for ever* here certainly does not mean *endlessly.* — That is true. Why? The verse itself indicates how long the *forever* should last in this case. It says, "throughout your generations." As long as your generations last, so long shall the Passover be observed; it shall not cease one moment sooner. — In a similar way Ex. 21, 6, applies the *for ever* to the life time of a slave.

But what about the *forever* of the hell torments? There is no such restriction. The only limitation can be found in the parallel with the joys of heaven. One is as eternal as the other. If we deduct anything from the endlessness of hell, we shall have to subtract the same from the eternity of heaven. In addition to Matth. 25, 46, quoted above, consider also John the Baptist's word about the Savior's judgment: He will "gather the wheat into the garner, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire" (Matth. 3, 12). Or: "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life; and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him" (John 3, 36). Already in the Old Testament we find this parallel. Daniel, speaking about the resurrection, says: they "shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt" (Dan. 12, 2).

They that doubt the eternity of hell punishment, furthermore, point to some passages that speak about a "restitution." — This word occurs in Acts 3, 21: "Whom (namely Jesus Christ) the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things." Peter, who is using these words in an address to the people in the temple, at once explains what he means, by adding: "which (times) God hath spoke

by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began." The "restitution of all things" is the work of redemption by Jesus, carried out by the Gospel till His return for judgment.

They also point to Is. 24, 21, 22, where the prophet speaks of God's judgment. The concluding words of his message are: they "shall be shut up in the prison, and after many days they shall be visited." — They understand the word *visited* to mean that they shall be delivered, released from prison. But God's visitation may just as well point to punishment. Think, for instance, how He threatens to *visit* the iniquity of the fathers upon the children (Ex. 20, 5). And the phrase *after many days* does not mean that then there will be an end, rather that even then the punishment will continue: after many days they shall still be visited.

When the Scriptures assure us "that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow of things in heaven and things in earth and things under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Phil. 2, 10, 11), this does not necessarily mean that all will accept Him in faith as their Savior. Many, indeed, will, and they will with great joy and thanksgiving sing His praises as their blessed Lord. But many there will be who will gnash their teeth at Him and will confess Him to be the Lord only because they are forced to do so. Read what the Second Psalm says about them, v. 9: "Thou (the Son) shalt break them with a rod of iron, thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel." The wicked are admonished: "Kiss the Son lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way when his wrath is kindled but a little." This curse will surely overtake them, and then they will have to admit that He is King indeed. But a blessing is pronounced on those that receive the Son in faith as their Savior: "Blessed are all they that put their trust in him" (v. 12).

Let us not be deceived. The torments of hell are *without end.*

Since the doctrine of hell is a matter of dire importance, we shall devote another study to it.

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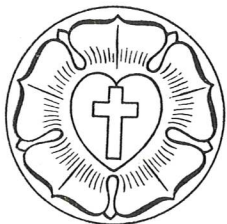
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Siftings

BY THE EDITORS

Of Union Movements and unionism there seems to be no end. It is in the air and the contagion is spreading at an alarming rate. Men, church-men, speak as though it were actually essential to keep the ship of Church afloat. If all unions were based on the "same mind and the same judgment" it would not be so bad. And, if we could persuade ourselves that this urge for union is the result of the Spirit's quiet work within the hearts of men and in the churches, instead of the persistence of men within the churches who, right or wrong, agreed or not agreed in matters of doctrine and practice, would bring about union of the various church bodies we could manifest a bit of interest ourselves in this current epidemic. There seems to be another "union" in the air. The Evangelical-Reformed Church (previously united) and the Congregational-Christian Church (also previously united) are now making efforts to unite these two bodies. Their representatives are now meeting in Philadelphia to see what can be done about it.

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There Are, It Is Estimated, 4,770,000 Jews in the United States. Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the Synagogue Council of America, recently, addressed a special Passover message to them, expressing hope that "Israel's faith in God will 'never falter,' and 'called upon all the nations of the earth never to despair of the victory that is sure to come.'" So says the *Pathfinder*. In this connection read the ninth and tenth chapter to the Romans in which the apostle sings his song of lamentation about his brethren, the Jews. Read particularly chapter 9, 2.3. When we read such words, "Israel's faith in God will never falter," we too have "great heaviness and continual sorrow" for the Jew. He is crying to a God whom they do not know and who does not exist. For denying Christ "they have no hope and no God in the world" (Eph. 2, 12).

The Bishop Of Iceland, Sigurgeir Sigurdson, in his recent visit in Chicago, gave his listeners some very interesting facts in regard to the church conditions in Iceland. There are about 130,000 people in Iceland. These have 285 churches served by 112 ministers. The church is a state church, Lutheran by confession. Beside the state church, which is Lutheran, the Roman Catholic Church and the Adventists are represented. These have but 721 members together. Of these 200 belong to the Roman Catholic Church. It is not compulsory to belong to the state church. Any Icelander may leave the state church by formally renouncing his membership, which also exempts him from paying church taxes. Instead he is required to pay an equivalent amount to the university. The bishop said that only 782 have left the church. The church has a theological school connected with the university at Reykjavik.

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A Proposed Stained Glass Window which was to have been installed in the U. S. Naval Operating Base Chapel at Norfolk, Virginia, aroused such a storm of protest that the idea will, no doubt, be abandoned. The window was to "portray the Virgin Mary with a destroyer in her arms." The *Christian Century* reports that a letter "received by E. M. Conover, director of the Protestant Bureau of Architecture, New York, from Wilbur H. Burnham, the designer, revealed that the original suggestion for the window came from the Roman Catholic chaplain then in charge of the chapel. Mr. Burnham stated he has had "no adverse criticism from members of the Roman Catholic faith." *Religious News Service* reports that Mr. Burnham has redrafted the window and substituted the Christ Child for the destroyer.

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Dr. Henry Sloane Coffin, moderator of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., makes this

comparison between the Scottish and American Presbyterian Churches. He says, quoting the *Christian Century*, (1) The Scottish Church ministers to a great stratum of people, rich and poor, employer and employed, and lays stress solely on reverence. Here, all churches tend toward geniality and reverence is a minor point. (2) The American Presbyterian asks, "What did I get out of the sermon?" The Scot feels, "This is the Sabbath and I must pay homage to God." (3) All churches here emphasize spontaneity in prayer rather than content or form, with the result that there is little thought involved. (4) Heresy is creeping into the American church by way of the choir loft. The Scottish music stresses reverence and awe. (5) A great deal of sentimentality has crept into the American churches. Dr. Coffin summed up the situation by quoting the words of a recent Scotch visitor to America: "The preaching was tolerable, but the prayers were appalling!"

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Mexico Is Having School Troubles. There is a very great need for new school buildings all over the country. The classrooms in the existing schools are so badly overcrowded that the children that would enter must be turned away. 30,000,000 pesos (about \$6,000,000) have been appropriated by the president of Mexico for the building of new schools. But even this sum is sadly inadequate to meet the present demands. The secretary of public education, Sr. Torres Bodet, in an appeal to the churches, has asked them to provide more private schools to accommodate some of the unfortunate children that cannot get into the public schools. The opening of church schools would relieve the congestion in the state schools. The churches, especially the Roman Catholic Church, is a bit hesitant, knowing that there are still legal obstacles in the way of establishing religious schools.

YE ARE NOT YOUR OWN

FROM A SERIES OF ARTICLES BY PASTOR I. HABECK, WEYAUWEGA, WISCONSIN

Your Children Are God's

AS we who are parents belong to God, so too our children. This fact that God has first claim upon our children needs to be emphasized particularly in this age, for we have by no means heard the last of the theory that children belong to the State. According to this theory the State has the right to claim the child as soon as it is born, to train it to think as the State wants it to think, and to use it where and as the State considers best for the interests of the State. We are not referring to the regimentation of citizens of all ages which becomes necessary when the State is in extreme peril in a time of war, but to the attitude toward the child on the part of Communism, Fascism, National Socialism and other systems which make the State supreme, an attitude which has its adherents also in our country. The State has a duty toward the child, to be sure, must protect it in its life,

liberty, and pursuit of happiness, may safeguard its health, protect it against exploitation, and guarantee it a sufficient degree of learning to make it capable of self-support. But in all of this the State exists for the child, and not the child for the State. Our children belong to God.

As the fact that we belong to God obligates us to keep and use our souls and bodies, our members and abilities not as we please but as He directs, so too the fact that our children belong to God reminds us that we may do with our children, not as we please, but as He directs.

Feed Their Bodies

God has given us children and places them under our authority and care in order that we might do for them in particular what He does for all human beings in general. As He provides for our bodily welfare, so He expects

parents to provide for their children. Sharper language could hardly be found to impress this duty than that used by the Apostle: "If any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel" (1 Tim. 5, 8). While we burn with righteous indignation against those who take bread out of their children's mouths in order to satisfy their craving for strong drink or their craze for gambling, let us in our favored land not forget to thank God on bended knees that we are not in the position of millions of parents in the world today who hear their children crying for bread and have no means of answering their plea.

While parents provide for their children during their helpless years, their duty includes the necessity of training them to provide for themselves as they begin to develop. Let us beware of that counterfeit love in which par-

ents indulge their children and cater to their every desire and fail to train them to work, to earn, to manage, and to save. When such pampered children are thrown upon their own resources, as must be the case sooner or later when their parents die, either they must learn how to provide for themselves at an age when learning comes hard, or they become a burden upon society by adopting the philosophy that the world owes them a living. When parents, however, give their children the proper training indicated above, they have provided for them for life, by direct supply when they were dependent, and by training them to care for themselves when they are old enough to be independent.

Feed Their Souls

If a child is scantily clad and thin or shows traces of a disease which is not receiving proper medical attention, our hearts go out in pity to the child and we become angry at those who are guilty of neglecting it. But that child is infinitely more neglected and more to be pitied which may indeed be well fed and clothed and receive the best of medical care, but is being deprived of a Christian training. "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" (Mt. 16, 26).

"Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard?" (Ro. 10, 13, 14). It is the duty of parents to see to it that their children may hear of their saving Lord, to bring their little ones to the Savior in baptism,

to nourish the spiritual life which the Holy Ghost works through baptism with "the sincere milk of the word" (1 Pet. 2, 2) that they may grow thereby, just as well as it is their duty to provide the milk and food which are needed to sustain physical life and promote growth. "Ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Eph. 6, 4).

We champion the cause of Christian education. Knowing how easy it is for us to forget, knowing how many false ideas are rampant in the world with which children as well as adults come into contact, knowing how busy the devil is at work trying to keep the seed of the Word from sinking deep into the heart and taking root and bearing fruit, we are convinced that children need all of the Christian training that can possibly be given over as long a period of years as possible. Give them a Christian day school if at all possible. If not, give them as much of Sunday-school, Saturday school, and summer school as you can. Let that be followed by a Christian high school and college, if possible, and if not, by as many years of Bible class as possible. But don't forget: the beginning must be made in the home, and the home must be behind all of the rest if the desired results are to be obtained. A veteran teacher in our Christian day school recently told the writer that his years of experience have convinced him that as a rule even a Christian day school can accomplish little with a child unless the home works together with the school, although he by no means

wished to belittle the power of the Word or fail to be humbly grateful for blessed exceptions to the rule.

And what should parents do? First of all, teach the child to know its Savior. Merely teaching a child the difference between right and wrong is not giving it a Christian training. The heathen Romans did as much for their children. A Christian training teaches a child to know and to love its Savior. To this end use the Bible stories and the Bible teaching as we have it summarized in our catechism. Teach the child to pray. Teach it to show its thankfulness for the Savior's love by living as the Savior wants it to live. Let us not forget that God wants children to obey their parents and that obedience is not something that we may or may not demand, but something which our child owes us and we must get. And then be consistent. Our example as parents must show our children what both faith in the Savior and obedience to His commandments mean, for "actions speak louder than words." If we do all of this, we shall welcome the help which the church offers in its schools and classes and see to it that our children make the most of the opportunities given them there to grow in Christian knowledge and Christian character.

Children are a sacred trust. May we be faithful stewards of the treasure entrusted to our care in our children and experience the joy of some day stepping before the throne of Him who saved us and them and being able to say, "Behold I and the children which God hath given me" (Heb. 2, 13).

THE WORLD'S HATRED OF THE CHRISTIANS

BY PASTOR J. FREY, DENVER, COLORADO

John 15, 18-25

MOST people like to be well thought of and well spoken of by others. They do not like controversies and disputes. They want to remain on good terms with everybody. A young church or mission trying to get established in a community would like to enjoy the good will and favor of the entire neighborhood, and the temptation is strong at times to softpedal those truths which might arouse resentment.

This trend can be observed also in wider circles of the church. There is a tendency to do away with the offense of the Gospel, to evade the hatred which Jesus predicts in the above passage and to popularize the church. That has in the late years come to be regarded as a legitimate aim of the church. The idea is to get the world to think well of the church by stressing those activities and characteristics of the church which the world admires and to observe a loud silence concerning those doctrines and practices of the church which the world can not stomach. Not a few congregations, synods and church bodies have added publicity departments which, aside from the original purpose to keep the membership in-

formed, are more and more seeking ways and means of popularizing the church and getting the world to think well and to speak well of the church. That looks like a sensible policy, but one need only to read the uncompromising words of Jesus to learn that that is a waste of time and that it reveals a total lack of understanding of the attitude of the world toward the true church of Christ. You can popularize the church and make the church attractive to the world only by making vital concessions and changing the nature of the church. An examination of the words of Jesus is bound to lead to that conclusion.

The World Hates Jesus

Jesus says: "If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you." *If the world hate you, says Jesus.* But there is no "if" about it. Jesus does not want to imply that there is any doubt about it. It is bound to come. For the true Christian the hatred of the world is inevitable. As surely as we are followers of Jesus, so surely the world will hate us. We can evade the antagonism of the world only by giving up our real Christian character.

Our very connection with Jesus, the very fact that we identify ourselves with Jesus and the things He stood for calls down upon us the opposition and hostility of the unregenerate world. We ought not to be surprised at it. We ought to expect it. For Jesus tells us: "If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you." A little further on Jesus speaks the sobering words: "Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also." You know that Jesus bore the hatred and persecution of the world. There were indeed times when Jesus seemed to be quite popular, times when the crowd seemingly accepted the sayings of Jesus, but when they really understood the spiritual nature of His kingdom, when He exposed their wicked works and proclaimed concerning Himself that He was the eternal Son of God and the only Savior of men, then they were not only through with Him, then they not only went back and walked no more with Him but did not rest until they had rid the earth of Him.

The World Hates the Christians

So this must stand as an established historical fact that the world hated and persecuted Jesus. And Jesus told His disciples not to think it strange if they met with the same treatment. He did not want them to be taken by surprise when they became the targets of the world's hatred and persecution. He wanted to prepare them for it in advance, as He was taking leave of them the night before His death.

How thoroughly this prediction was fulfilled in the apostles the sacred account shows. Strenuous attempts to close their mouths were made. They were straitly commanded not to speak at all nor to teach in the name of Jesus. They were cast out of the synagogues and thrown into jail. They were beaten and flogged. They were stoned and slain with the sword. So far as we know only one of the apostles died a natural death.

And what right have we to expect anything else? Christians may not at all times and in all localities be persecuted with fire and sword. They may not in every generation and in every country be persecuted to the blood. We ourselves have experienced nothing of that, though even in our day and age followers of Jesus have sealed their Christian faith and testimony with their deaths. But even when the world does not go to that extreme, its hatred and persecution of the Christians never ceases. It may take a more refined and just on that account a more effective form. The world laughs and scoffs at those who cling to Christian morals and ethics, who have conscientious scruples about things which the world takes in its stride. The world calls those who uphold every word of the Bible as the word of God and believe in Jesus as the Son of God and Savior old-fashioned and behind-the-times.

And that hurts. The temptation is often strong to escape all this by hiding our connection with Christ and His everlasting truths. But it can't be done, at least, it can't be done without losing our Christian character and throwing overboard those things which are sacred to Christ and His church. Let us not try to dodge and sidestep the hatred of the world but let us be prepared for it. Jesus says: "The servant is not greater than his lord. If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you."

My Name's Sake

Jesus is very clear not only in telling us that the hatred of the world will rest upon us but also in explaining why. He is very specific about that. He says first: "These things will they do unto you for my name's sake." It is really not something in us but something in Jesus that arouses the ill will of the world. The world does not like Jesus and therefore does not like us who get our philosophy of life, our way of looking at things and our way of doing things from Jesus. To the superficial observer it looks as though the people of this world admired Jesus. They often speak well of Him. But the Jesus whom they admire and

of whom they speak well is not the real Jesus. It is a distorted Jesus, a Jesus who has been emptied of all supernatural attributes, a Jesus who was only a man, a good and noble man perhaps but, after all, only a man. The world takes no offense at such a Jesus. But picture Him as He really is, as the Bible describes Him, and the world breaks forth in loud and snarling opposition. In the final analysis it is because the world hates Jesus that it hates us.

Not of the World

Jesus approaches the matter from another angle when He says: "If ye were of the world, the world would love his own, but because ye are not of the world but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you." If we were of the world or just like the world, then the world would not find anything in us to oppose. But Jesus has chosen us out of the world. He has made us different. He has given us a different character. When Jesus gets through with us, we are a different type. We have a different way of looking at things. We have different motives and aims.

You know that there are certain sects which indicate by their manner of dress that they have certain religious views. That is neither commanded nor forbidden by the Lord. But there must be an inner difference. St. Paul puts it this way: "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away, behold, all things are become new." There are church members who want to erase the line of demarkation between themselves and the world. They want to be just like the world except that they hold outward membership in some Christian church. How often do not such church members justify their views and actions with such remarks as: That is the way everybody looks at it. Everybody is doing it! That argument stamps them as being of the world, while Jesus says of His followers that they are not of the world because He has chosen them out of the world. The apostle stands on that principle when he writes: "Be not conformed to this world but be ye transformed by the renewing of our mind." That the true Christians are strange, queer and peculiar people from the standpoint of the world is an established fact. Jesus Himself has given them their peculiar character, and that rubs the world the wrong way.

Jesus Is Essential

The great mass of people think that Jesus they can be saved without Him. They think that can be saved without Him. They think that it is enough to worship God as the Supreme Being and as the Lord over all. Over against that Jesus makes the uncompromising statement: "He that hateth me hateth my Father also." You can not worship God the Father without recognizing Jesus as the Son of God and the Savior of mankind. It is just this that arouses the resentment of the world. People don't want to hear that they can be saved only because the Son of God took upon Himself their sins and paid for them on the accursed tree of the cross. They want to be their own savior. They want to eliminate Jesus. But it can't be done, for, says Jesus: "He that hateth me hateth my Father also." Another time He

put it this way: "I am the way, the truth and the life; no man cometh unto the Father but by me." Those who eliminate Jesus as the Son of God and Savior from their religion can not approach God the Father and are thereby pronouncing their own eternal doom. "All men should honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. He that honoreth not the Son honoreth not the Father which hath sent him."

Without Excuse

A lot of people think that they have good grounds for eliminating Jesus from their religion. They offer all sorts of excuses and alibis for it. But the question is: Will these excuses stand up? Will they stand the test of Judgment Day? Jesus shows how utterly without excuse such people are when He says: "If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin, but now they have no cloke for their sin." — "If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin, but now they have both seen and hated me and the Father." The Jews of that day could not offer the excuse that Jesus had never told them who and what He was. He had told them repeatedly and in the plainest terms. Besides He had performed such supernatural deeds and miracles among them that He had clearly demonstrated the truth of His claims. Even His worst enemies admitted in private: "This man doeth miracles."

Now, if Jesus had not told them about Himself and had not given them such a demonstration of his divinity and Messiahship, they would not have sin, says Jesus, but because that had been done they had no cloak or cover for their sin. That applies to us, too. We have been told again and again that Jesus was the Son of God and that He came into the world to wash away our sins with His precious blood. We have been told again and again of His miracles. And if we now refuse to accept Jesus, we have no cloak for our sin. Then we are on the side of the world which hates Jesus. There is really only one sin left that damns, and that is the sin of unbelief. Jesus paid for all our sins on the cross, but if we refuse to believe in Him, if we thrust aside the full and free salvation which He offers us, then we do have sin, the sin of unbelief which will damn us eternally. As Jesus said to Nicodemus: "He that believeth on him is not condemned, but he that believeth not is condemned already because he hath not believeth on the name of the only begotten Son of God."

The Christians incur the hatred of the world because of their attitude toward Jesus and the things He stands for. Let us preserve our distinctive Christian character despite the hatred of the world. When the world hates us Christians, then let us be drawn more closely to Him and to one another to love one another and to strengthen one another in Christian faith and testimony. We are to be the salt of the earth, but if the salt has lost its saltness it is good for nothing. Let us not absorb more and more of the flavor and spirit of the world but let us rather leave our Christian mark and imprint upon those round-about us so that they may share with us in the everlasting redemption of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



SPIRITUAL WELFARE COMMISSION



OUR CONTACT PASTORS



AT the inception of the Spiritual Welfare Commission program many entertained high hopes that we would be able to provide personal spiritual guidance for most of our servicemen and women through the medium of contact pastors stationed near the large camps and bases. In this way facilities might be provided for Lutheran services and for the celebration of the Lord's Supper in churches easily accessible to the men in camp or even in the camps proper. Shortly after the Selective Service had gained momentum and particularly after the outbreak of war several large concentrations of our men were found throughout the country. As many as four to five hundred of our men were located in a single area. Such concentrations provided splendid opportunities for contact work.

This situation has been altered. At the present time there is only a handful of military establishments in this country which contain as many as a hundred of our men, and even in these camps, bases, and schools the men are scattered widely. Of the 17,000 men and women on our files, some 9,000 are located in this country. However those 9,000 are spread out over 1,000 different areas thus giving us an average of nine men to a locality. The situation overseas is comparable to it. Although some large concentrations undoubtedly exist overseas, we have thus far been handi-

capped in providing contact pastors for them.

In spite of this the contact work is continuing, even though the pastors are laboring under serious difficulties. Our contact pastors have reported that many of the camps and bases have been partly or entirely vacated during the past months. It is extremely difficult to locate the men in the camps. When services have been arranged, there are many conflicts in regard to the leisure time available. Wherever facilities are at hand, regular divine services are conducted near or in the camps with occasional special Communion services. Often it is preferable to give private Communion which also offers opportunities for spiritual counsel and advice when requested or necessary. Other activities provided by this contact work are: Bible classes, confirmation instruction for the servicemen, and frequently for their families, church gatherings, social evenings, picnics, as well as invitations to the homes of the members and of the pastor.

A few statistics may suffice. Our full-time contact pastor in the Camp McCoy area in Wisconsin reports that an average of thirteen to fifteen services are conducted by him every month in the camp. Attendance there has fluctuated from a total monthly attendance some months ago of 1,728 to 332 the past month. His work entails many personal con-

tacts, private ministrations, instruction for confirmation, and Bible class.

One of our Arizona contact men reports that one special Communion service is held for the servicemen during the month. For the past three months 17 services were conducted accessible to the men stationed in that area. Other work includes the personal contacts, private Communion, and Bible class.

The reports of our contact pastors in northern Michigan reveal the following total monthly attendance of those in the armed forces at services for the past five months: 136, 168, 91, 66, 70.

Another contact pastor is able to devote much of his time in serving our people in a government hospital where he preaches once a month and averages over eighty calls at the hospital.

Whenever and wherever feasible we hope to increase the tempo of this contact work, that is, whenever concentrations of our men abound in sufficient number to warrant the placing of full-time or part-time contact pastors to personally serve the spiritual needs of the men and women in the service. While we are trying to give due stress to this phase of our work, it is becoming increasingly evident that our mailing program is, and must still be, our main endeavor, for this assures us that our material is reaching them wherever they may be.

COLORADO MISSION DISTRICT CONVENES

THE annual delegate convention of the Colorado Mission District, held February 15 to 17 at Zion Church, Fort Morgan, was of unusual significance this year. It was ten years ago to the month that four pastors of our synod met in the same church to organize the Colorado Conference of the Nebraska District. They were Pastors A. C. Bauman, W. Siffring, H. Schultz, and H. Hellmann. Two of these four men were present at this meeting: A. C. Bauman and W. Siffring. From this small beginning the work of our synod in this state has grown to sizable proportions, requiring the labor of four times as many men and extending to many new fields on both slopes of the Rockies, which gives us reason for thanksgiving to the Lord and renewed hope for the future.

A good part of the sessions was given over to reading and discussing a very worth-while paper by Pastor Bauman: "The Historical Introduction to the Formula of Concord." Beginning with the death of Luther the essayist showed how many grievous abuses crept into the Lutheran Church. They were brought on to some extent by the man to whom the church naturally looked for leadership: Melancthon. He had neither the heroic faith nor the stable character of Luther. In the many doctrinal disputes that arose he showed a compromising tendency, often yielding important points of

doctrine. Another reason for the sad state of the church was the loss of "Lutheran consciousness" in the Lutheran universities and among the theologians in general. The last reason mentioned by the essayist was the grievous mixture of church and state, which made the ruler of a province the virtual head of the church in his land.

But God raised up leaders who, by His guidance, found their way back to the true faith and gave expression to it in the Formula of Concord. The most outstanding ones were Matthias Flaccius, Jacob Andraea, and Martin Chemnitz. Of the latter it was said, had this second Martin not arisen, the work of the first Martin (Luther) would have been in vain.

This paper aroused a good deal of interest and comment because of the similarity of conditions then and now, especially in the attempt at union between the parties holding different doctrinal views.

The second essayist of the convention was Pastor H. Witt. His topic was the much discussed "Chaplaincy." He introduced his subject with references to Scriptures in regard to the Christian's obligation of confessing Christ before men, in season and out of season. Then by means of quotations from Army and Navy regulations and from actual experiences of chaplains he pointed out that occasionally it is

very difficult and even impossible for a chaplain to make a clear confession. The chaplain may also be required at times to do things that are absolutely contrary to his confession. The essayist then showed that under the circumstances our synod's solution to the problem of providing our men and women of the armed services with the Word of God is the only possible one: camp pastors and spiritual literature and books sent through the Spiritual Welfare Commission.

The report of the Finance Man, Pastor O. Kreie, showed that there has been excellent cooperation in the Debt Retirement effort and that the budgetary contributions of the churches in Colorado had been 83% of the allotments.

The Chairman of the Mission Board, Pastor A. C. Baumann, also gave an encouraging report. Two new missions were started during the past year. The one is in Las Animas, served by Pastor H. Witt. The other is in Cheyenne, Wyoming, served by Pastor Delton Tills. One mission has been organized: Mt. Olive, Denver. And all fields have shown a steady growth.

Elections resulted in the choice of Pastor H. Witt as Visitor and Pastor V. Schultz as a member of the Mission Board.

V. S.

OBITUARY

MRS. KARL AEPPLER

Johanna Maria Christine Aeppler, née Lindhorst, was born July 2, 1860, at Osnabrueck, Germany. Here she was baptized and confirmed. When she was twenty-six years of age she left the land of her birth and was welcomed by the Pastor Wishahn family of Wisconsin. On April 30, 1887, she was united in holy matrimony to Pastor Karl Aeppler at Milwaukee, Wisconsin. A humble Christian she faithfully followed the duties of her husband's pastorate, who served first in Iron Ridge, later in Menasha and Alma, Wisconsin, then in Marquette, Michigan, and finally for the last eighteen years the congregations of Dundee near Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

After her husband's resignation from the ministry, she lived with him at South Bend, Indiana. After two years they moved to Fond du Lac, where Pastor Aeppler was called home on August 17, 1943. Since that time Mrs. Karl Aeppler made her home with her daughter Johanna at Darlington, Wisconsin.

On February 7 the departed fractured her hip and, desiring nothing more since then, but to be removed out of this vale of tears, she began to plan the details of her last journey. The end came peacefully on March 17.

Services were held by Pastor Fritz H. Miller at 8:30 Monday morning in the Paul Gleiter home of Darlington, Wisconsin. From here the body was removed to Menasha, Wisconsin, where the undersigned conducted the funeral in the chapel of Oak Hill Cemetery, using the words of comfort from John 11, 28: "The Master is come and calleth for thee."

Mrs. Karl Aeppler is survived by one daughter Mrs. Paul Gleiter of Darlington; by one son Karl of Oconomowoc and another son of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

Paul G. Bergmann.

ANNIVERSARIES

**FORTY YEARS OF SERVICE
IN ONE CONGREGATION
PASTOR PAUL C. DOWIDAT**

Rev. Paul C. Dowidat, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, for forty years was duly honored by his congregation on Sunday, January 9. Rev. W. Melahn, Twin City Institutional Missionary, preached the sermon at the anniversary service. In reality it was a double celebration. On the anniversary Sunday the pastor preached a Thanksgiving sermon on Phil. 1, 3-6. On the following Sunday Pastor Melahn took charge being invited by the congregation and preached on Acts 10, 33.

Their faithful pastor has served them since St. John's was in its cradle. He was installed in a small frame church at 625 Main Street, S. E., on January 2, 1904. The congregation has made steady progress ever since. The work was not easy. A pastor who was able to

confirm 1,074 adults in forty years has been active continuously.

The children confirmed in that same period of time numbered 931.

Rev. Dowidat graduated from Northwestern College, Watertown, Wisconsin, and from the Theological Seminary at Wauwatosa, Wisconsin. His first charge was at North Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. After one and a half years of labor there he accepted the call to St. John's.

After seven years St. John's erected their first church at Broadway and Washington Streets, N. E., with a seating capacity of 500. Five years ago the congregation remodeled this church at a cost of \$85,000. The seating capacity was enlarged to 900. A new pipe organ, altar, pews and pulpit were also installed. Mrs. Winifred Bolle has been organist for twenty-five years.

St. John's is a mission-minded church.

Twenty years ago St. John's furnished the nucleus with which to start the Pilgrim Lutheran Church, of which Rev. R. J. Palmer is the pastor, which is now a well grown daughter church in the southern part of the city.

Five years ago the debt of the congregation stood at \$65,000. In five years this debt has been reduced to \$32,000. The total receipts of the congregation were \$22,000 last year.

The *St. John's Messenger* is the "silent spokesman" of the congregation, which Rev. Dowidat has ably edited for thirty-eight years. It goes into 700 homes.

The official acts of the pastor during the period of forty years of service at St. John's are: 2,237 baptized, a total of 2,005 were confirmed, 1,062 couples were married, 677 were given Christian burial, and 53,104 communed.

The three children of Rev. and Mrs. Dowidat are all happily married. Raymond, the oldest son, is a medical doctor somewhere in the Solomon Islands in the South Pacific, a captain in the army medical corp.

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**FIFTIETH WEDDING
ANNIVERSARY**

MR. AND MRS. JOHN TIEDEMANN

The fiftieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John Tiedemann of Zumbrot, Minnesota, was celebrated in a special anniversary service Sunday afternoon, February 27. The pastor spoke on Psalm 71, 7-9.

A thank offering of \$41.52 was lifted for the Spiritual Welfare of our boys in the armed forces.

Paul E. Horn.

**RENOVATION AND
REDEDICATION**

**ST. JOHN'S EV. LUTH. CHURCH,
PARDEEVILLE, WISCONSIN**

Sunday, March 19, 1944, was a day of rejoicing for the members of St. John's Ev. Lutheran Congregation at Pardeeville, Wisconsin. The cause of their rejoicing was the rededication of their renovated and remodeled house of worship to the glory of God and the preaching of the Gospel. The house of

worship was renovated and remodeled at a cost of approximately \$2,700.00. Pastor H. C. Kirchner, president of the Western Wisconsin District, preached the rededicatory sermon on the text: Matthew 7, 24-27. And Professor F. Blume brought another appropriate message based on the text: Psalm 24.

A. J. Engel.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE GENERAL SYNODICAL COMMITTEE

God willing, the General Synodical Committee will meet in St. John's School, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on Wednesday, May 10, 1944, at 9 A. M.

Group Meetings

General Mission Board and Board of Trustees — Monday, 10 A. M. — St. John's.

School Committee — Monday, 10 A. M. — Jerusalem School.

Conference of Presidents and Seminary Faculty — Church Union Committee — Monday, 2 P. M. — Grace Church.

Representatives of our Educational Institutions — Tuesday, 10 A. M. — Grace Church.

Committee on the Assignment of Calls — after the adjournment of the General Synodical Committee, perhaps on Friday, at Thiensville.

Reports of Boards and Committees that are to appear in the preliminary printed program should be in my hands on or before April 26.

John Brenner.

CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES

MICHIGAN DISTRICT CONVENTION

God willing, the Michigan District of the Ev. Luth. Joint Synod of Wisconsin and Other States will hold its 72nd convention in St. John's Ev. Luth. Congregation, Wayne, Michigan (Rev. G. Press, pastor), June 12 to 16. The opening session will be held Monday afternoon, June 12, at 2 o'clock. Credentials of lay delegates, bearing the signature of the Chairman and the Secretary of the respective congregation, should be in the hands of the District Secretary not later than 1:30 o'clock.

The opening service will be held on Monday evening at 8 o'clock; First Vice-President K. F. Krauss will deliver the sermon. Holy Communion will be celebrated in this service. Confessional service will be held at 7:30; Pastor R. Koch of Zilwaukee will give the address.

On Thursday evening at 8 o'clock another service will be held in which the Second Vice-President Pastor Adelbert Westendorf of Bay City will preach the sermon.

The doctrinal paper will be presented by Dr. Paul Peters, professor at our Theological Seminary at Thiensville, Wisconsin, on the subject: "The Natural Knowledge of God in the Light of the Law and Gospel."

All memorials, official reports, and other documents or communications to come before the convention must be in the hands of the President of the District, the Rev. John Gauss, Jenera, Ohio, not later than May 27, 1944.

All pastors, teachers and congregations desiring to join our Synod should send their applications to the President, Rev. J. Gauss, on or before May 27.

Pastors and teachers coming from another District into the Michigan District should send their release from their former District with their application for membership in the Michigan District to the President on or before May 27.

Candidates from our Seminary who received and accepted a call to a congregation or into a Mission field in the District should file their application for membership with the President at an early date.

Congregations applying for membership are to send a copy of their Constitution to the President before the District meeting.

Since the pastors, teachers, and lay delegates are to have quarters in the homes of the members and are also to receive their breakfast in the private homes, it is absolutely necessary that all announcements to attend the convention be in the hands of the local pastor, Pastor G. Press, 5626 Elizabeth Street, Wayne, Michigan, not later than June 1. Please, do it, brethren, and make a difficult task a little easier for the local pastor!

A. W. Hueschen, Sec'y.

NORTH WISCONSIN DISTRICT CONVENTION

Pursuant to an invitation of Trinity Ev. Luth. Congregation of Neenah, Wisconsin (Pastor Gerhard Schaefer), the North Wisconsin District of the Ev. Luth. Joint Synod of Wisconsin and Other States will convene, D. v., for its fourteenth regular meeting in its midst June 19 to 23, a. c., inclusive. The opening services will take place Monday morning at 10 o'clock, combined with Holy Communion.

The lay-delegates of the respective congregations are kindly asked to hand their "Credentials" to the Secretary of the District immediately after services. These Credentials must have the signature of the Chairman and the Secretary of their respective congregations.

The first session will be held Monday afternoon at 1:45 P. M.

All announcements to attend the sessions must be in the hands of the local pastor by June 1. All later announcements for lodging can not be considered. All delegates should consider that it is a difficult matter for any congregation to find proper lodging for about 200 delegates under present housing conditions. If any delegate prefers to have some other named delegate as partner, he should please state so in his announcement, because no changes can be made afterward.

All petitions and memorials must be sent in English and German to the President of the District, Pastor Ernst Behm, by June 1, a. c.

Meals will be served at the regular price, lodging and breakfast will be free.

A paper will be submitted by Pastor Paul Bergmann, Menasha, Wisconsin, bearing the theme: "First Synodic Convention."

Please make your announcement at your earliest date possible. G. E. Boettcher, Sec'y.

JOINT MISSISSIPPI VALLEY-SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

The Joint Mississippi Valley-Southwestern Conference will meet, D. v., in the First Lutheran Church of La Crosse, Wisconsin, on April 19, 1944. Sessions begin with a communion service at 9:30 A. M.; the Rev. A. Vollbrecht will preach the sermon. Essays by the followings: Revs. A. L. Mennicke, W. Schumann, W. Paustian, and F. Schroeder. Frederic Gilbert, Sec'y.

LAKE SUPERIOR CONFERENCE

The Lake Superior Conference will meet on April 25 and 26, at Powers, Michigan (Pastor Walter Koepsell). The first session will begin at 9 o'clock.

Essays: Exegesis of 1 Corinthians: Chapter 12, Th. Thurow; Isagogical Survey of the Prophet Nahum, W. Fuhlbrigge; The Pastor as Steward of the Mysteries of God with Special Reference to the Sacraments, Th. Hoffmann; The Ministry of the Keys the Peculiar Authority of the Church, P. Eggert; Exegesis of 1 Corinthians: Chapter 13, H. Kahrs; Catechesis on the Threefold Office of Christ, based on Questions 178 to 181 in the Gausewitz Catechism, W. Koepsell.

Sermon: W. Roepke (N. Schlavensky).

Th. Thurow, Chairman.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST CONFERENCE

The Pacific Northwest Conference will meet in the Zion's Ev. Lutheran Congregation (Gilbert Sydow, pastor) at Rainier, Washington, April 18 to 20, noon to noon. Preacher: R. Jaech (F. Tiefel, Substitute). Text: Rom. 8, 31-39. M. J. Witt, Critic.

Program: Significance and Meaning of the Liturgy, W. Amacher; Homiletical Study, Mt. 7, 1-6, Wm. Lueckel; Exegesis, Col. 3, Gilbert Sydow; Book Review, Arthur Sydow; Dan. 7, F. Tiefel; Exegesis, Amos 1, 4f., E. Kirst; Reports of Various Missionaries; Trends of Church History, Wm. Lueckel. E. F. Kirst, Sec'y.

MANITOWOC PASTORAL CONFERENCE

The Manitowoc Pastoral Conference will meet at Brillion, Wisconsin, V. J. Siegler, pastor, April 25, 1944, 9 A. M.

Speaker: R. Ehlke, E. Kionka.

Schedule: 9:00-9:15 A. M., Opening; 9:15-10:15 A. M., Gal. 3, 19ff, Dr. H. Koch; 10:15-11:00 A. M., Woman Suffrage in Church, A. Stuebs; 11:00-11:45 A. M., Martha vs. Mary, E. Schroeder; 1:30-2:00 P. M., Routine Business; 2:00-3:00 P. M., Doctrine of Call (continued), M. Schwartz; 3:00-4:00 P. M., Are Differences in Non-Fundamental Doctrine Divisive of Church-Fellowship?, V. J. Siegler; 4:00-5:00 P. M., Open.

Additional Papers: Different Meanings of Greek Words for Child, R. Ehlke; Archaeology, E. Kionka; Union Movement, H. Koch; Synopsis of Luther's Commentary on Galatians (continued), H. Pussehl; Old Testament Sacrifices and Their Significance, W. Schink; Isa. 40, 15-18, W. Schink; Wherein Does Faithfulness of a Minister in his Conference Consist?, M. Braun; 1 Tim. 1, 12ff., E. Froehlich. H. H. Eckert, Sec'y.

DAKOTA-MONTANA PASTORAL CONFERENCE

The Dakota-Montana Pastoral Conference will meet at Roscoe, South Dakota, April 18 to 20, beginning at 10 A. M., C. W. T.

Essayists: Meyer, Kettenacker, Sprengeler, Krueger (leader).

When announcing, state when you expect to arrive. No meals will be served Monday evening. The meals will be served at cost. Please bring your German hymnal.

Sermon: Sievert (Sippert). K. G. Stevert.

MIXED PASTORAL CONFERENCE OF MILWAUKEE AND VICINITY

The Mixed Pastoral Conference of Milwaukee and Vicinity will meet on April 25 and 26 in Zebaoth Lutheran Church (A. B. Tacke, pastor, 615 West Melvina Street, Milwaukee 12, Wisconsin). There will be a communion service at 9 A. M. on Tuesday, April 25. The preacher for this service is Pastor H. J. Eggold (alternate: Pastor M. Eggers).

Essays: The Bloody Sacrifices of the Old Testament, Points of Agreement and Points of Disagreement, Prof. E. Reim; Concerning the Office of a Bishop According to the First Part of the Table of Duties in our Catechism, Prof. A. Hardt; Die Lehre der Schrift von dem Amt des Wortes in der Kirche, der Ortsgemeinde, und der Synode, Prof. J. Meyer; Significance of the Lutheran Burial Service, Pastor G. Fischer; Confirmation Instruction Under Present Circumstances, Pastor V. Brohm; The Care of Souls in Unusual Cases of Illness, Dr. E. Duemling. A. Maaske, Sec'y.

NEBRASKA DISTRICT PASTORAL CONFERENCE

The Nebraska District Pastoral Conference will meet, D. v., April 25 to 27, in Christ Lutheran Church, 4th and Elm Street, Grand Island, Nebraska (Pastor L. A. Tessmer, 903 W. 2nd Street). The first session will begin at 9:30 A. M.

Essays: Romans 8, R. H. Roth; Isaiah 64, H. Fritze; Hebrews 10, J. Raabe; Are We Stressing Justification at the Expense of Sanctification, L. Sabrowsky; A Study of the Liturgy in the Lutheran Hymnal, N. Mielke; 2 Kings 5, 18-19a, H. Schulz.

Sermon: I. G. Frey; E. Breiling, substitute.

Early announcement of intended presence or absence and time of arrival is requested by the host pastor. Lodging, breakfasts, and suppers will be furnished free of charge, but not dinners.

R. F. Bittorf, Sec'y.

GENERAL PASTORAL CONFERENCE OF THE MINNESOTA DISTRICT

The General Pastoral Conference of the Minnesota District is to convene at Town Helen, Glencoe, Minnesota, Rev. H. H. Schaller, pastor, April 19 to 20. The first session begins at 10 A. M.

Papers: Exegesis, Col. 2, 19-23, Ernst Birkholz; Social Activities in the Congregation, R. Palmer; Marriage and Divorce in the Light of 1 Cor. 7, R. Schierenbeck; Church Music, C. Bolle; Co-ordinated Plan of Christian Education, E. Peterson.

Please register with Pastor H. H. Schaller. Those pastors who do not intend to stay overnight should please state this when registering.

V. E. Lietzau, Sec'y.

SOUTHEASTERN PASTORAL CONFERENCE OF THE MICHIGAN DISTRICT

The Southeastern Pastoral Conference will meet at Mt. Olive Church, Radnor and Mack, Detroit 24, Michigan, K. Vertz, pastor, on April 18 and 19, 1944. Sessions begin at 10 A. M., E. W. T.

The conference service will be held in the evening on April 18 with A. Tiefel delivering the sermon and P. Heyn as substitute.

Papers: Exegesis on 1 Cor. 11 by W. Valeskey; History of the Union Movement by W. Bodamer; Sermon for Criticism by H. Muehl; Table of Duties by J. Gauss; Is Engagement Marriage in the Sight of God by A. Maas; Exegesis on 1 Cor. 12 by A. Baer.

Announcement should be made to the local pastor, K. Vertz, 4425 Radnor, Detroit 24, Michigan, not later than Easter, April 9. Quarters cannot be assured to those who do not announce.

R. W. Scheele, Sec'y.

SOUTHWEST PASTORAL CONFERENCE OF THE MICHIGAN DISTRICT

The Southwest Pastoral Conference will meet on April 18 and 19 at Stevensville, Michigan, H. Zinke, pastor. The first session will open at 9:30 A. M.

Papers: Catechetical Instruction, H. Haase; Exegesis, Titus 1, C. Kionka. Confessional: W. Westendorf, L. Meyer. Preacher: C. Kionka, E. Lochner.

R. A. Gensmer, Sec'y.

DODGE-WASHINGTON COUNTIES' PASTORAL CONFERENCE

The Dodge-Washington Counties' Pastoral Conference will meet on April 18 and 19, 1944, 9 A. M., in St. John's Church, West Bend, Wisconsin. Preacher: E. Rupp.

(Confessional Preacher: G. Bradtke, H. Heckendorf.)

Essayists: Pastors G. Bradtke, M. Stern, A. Schewe, W. P. Sauer, H. Heckendorf.

Please inform Pastor W. P. Sauer if you cannot be present. Geo. A. Barthels, Sec'y.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN PASTORS' AND TEACHERS' CONFERENCE

This conference will meet on Friday, April 28, 1944, at 9 A. M., E. W. T., at Bethel Church, Bay City, M. C. Schroeder, pastor.

Papers: "The Essentials of the Lord's Supper," A. Westendorf; "Time of the Judges, the Conditions of the Period and How They Were Met," E. Backer; Exegesis of Rom. 3, 19-24, M. Toepel; "Fundamental and Non-Fundamental Doctrines," O. J. Eckert.

Sermon: R. Hoenecke (A. W. Hueschen).

Announce yourself to the local pastor by April 21. Nathaniel Luetke, Sec'y.

NOTICE

Please send the names and addresses as well as any other information that will be useful in locating fellow-Lutherans of the Synodical Conference, whether civilian or military, now on the Alaska Highway or the Canol Project, as well as any other Lutherans in these areas of British Columbia, the Yukon, and the Northwest Territories of Canada to:

Pastor Lymon E. Jones,
Whitehorse, Y. T., Canada.

CONTACT PASTORS IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST DISTRICT

Seattle Area—Rev. F. E. Stern, 541 N. 105th Street, Seattle 33, Washington.

Tacoma Area—Rev. A. Sydow, 515 South 27th Street, Tacoma 3, Washington.

Spokane Area—Rev. M. J. Witt, 4023 North Madison Street, Spokane, Washington.

Portland Area—Rev. W. Lueckel, 1622 N. E. 25th Avenue, Portland 12, Oregon.

REQUESTS

Any congregation that has a pair of hymn boards of which it wishes to dispose, please get in touch with the undersigned, giving description and cost.

J. de Galley, Pastor,
St. Paul's Lutheran Church,
2919 North 74th Street,
Milwaukee 10, Wisconsin.

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Anyone wishing to sell or donate altar equipment and furnishings for the Cook County, Illinois, Missions, please communicate at once with

Rev. Irvin W. Weiss,
4041 W. 117th Street,
Worth, Illinois.

INSTALLATIONS

Authorized by the president of the Minnesota District Pastor A. Ackermann, the undersigned installed Pastor Imm. Bade as pastor of the newly organized First Lutheran Church of Hersey, St. Croix County, Wisconsin, March 26, 1944, assisted by the Pastor Otto Medenwald.

May our great Shepherd of our Soul Christ Jesus bless shepherd and flock and may they become a blessing to many. August Saremba.

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Authorized by President H. C. Kirchner of the Western Wisconsin District, the undersigned installed Pastor Erwin C. Schewe as pastor of Zion Ev. Lutheran Congregation, Cambria, Wisconsin. Pastor Alfred Schewe assisted.

Address: Rev. Erwin C. Schewe, Cambria, Wisconsin. A. J. Engel.

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By authority of President Im. P. Frey I installed Reverend E. C. Kuehl at Mancos and the preaching stations of Cortez, Dolores and Ignacio, Colorado on the March 26.

Address: Rev. E. C. Kuehl, Mancos, Colorado.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Rev. Orval Kreie, 1431 East Street, Golden, Colorado.

Rev. Erwin C. Schewe, Cambria, Wisconsin.
Rev. R. W. Scheele, 404 Snyder Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

SOUTHEAST WISCONSIN DISTRICT
January, February, March, 1944

Arizona Conference

Reverend	Budgetary	Non-Budgetary
Erhart P. Eckert, Trinity, Clifton.....	\$ 35.26	
Hohenstein, Grace, Glendale.....	91.55	
Arthur P. C. Kell, East Fork Mission, Whiteriver.....	34.12	
E. Schaefer, Trinity, Winslow.....	20.00	
Robert W. Schaller, Zion, Phoenix.....	210.42	
Resurrection Congregation, Phoenix, by W. H. Haake, Secretary.....	69.09	

Dodge-Washington Counties Conference

Geo. A. Barthels, Zion, Allenton.....	93.03	
Bradtke, Zum Kripplein, Tp. Herman.....	312.00	18.00
Harvey Heckendorf, St. Paul, Tp. Lomira.....	178.56	
Harvey Heckendorf, St. Peter, Tp. Theresa.....	76.53	
Leuben O. Marti, St. Jacobi, Tp. Theresa.....	35.50	
Leuben O. Marti, St. Peter, Kekoskee.....	104.70	
Th. Martin, St. Luke, Knowles (Ladies' Aid \$5.00).....	22.48	
Th. Martin, St. Paul, Brownsville (Ladies' Aid \$15.00).....	129.00	10.00
L. P. Pankow, Bethany, Hustisford (Ladies' Aid \$25.00).....	659.15	
V. Reinemann, Trinity, Huilsburg.....	237.43	10.80
Ed. von Rohr, Peace, Hartford.....	209.71	
L. C. Rupp, St. John, Lomira.....	223.03	
V. P. Sauer, St. John, West Bend.....	760.53	
I. J. Schaar, St. John, Woodland.....	187.88	
Erwin Scharf and N. Reim, St. Paul, Cedar Lake.....	29.50	
Erwin Scharf and N. Reim, St. Paul, Slinger (Bible Class \$10.00).....	133.56	
Alfred C. Schewe, Emmanuel, Tp. Herman.....	139.40	66.50
Alfred C. Schewe, Zion, Tp. Theresa.....	71.64	10.00
I. F. Stern, St. Paul, Neosho (S. S. Children \$7.35).....	77.55	
A. Zarling, St. Matthew, Iron Ridge.....	151.00	13.50

Eastern Conference

Paul A. Behn, Fairview, Milwaukee.....	256.00	
George W. Boldt, St. John, Lannon.....	186.74	17.96
Adolph C. Buenger, St. John, Good Hope.....	260.33	98.38
Ph. Ebert, St. Paul, East Troy.....	173.16	
G. Gundlach, Salem, W. Granville.....	13.80	
W. A. Hallauer, Homehurst, West Allis.....	31.14	7.97
W. A. Hallauer, St. Peter, West Allis.....	38.96	7.80
Th. H. Hartwig, Zion, Hartland.....	325.00	
R. R. Hillmer, Bluemound, Wauwatosa.....	44.58	
R. R. Hillmer, Bluemound, St. Paul, Cudahy.....	279.74	22.36
Wm. P. Holzhausen, Trinity, W. Mequon.....	165.81	
V. R. Hoyer, Mt. Calvary, Westowne.....	27.10	
Walter Keibel, Nain, West Allis.....	409.92	164.55
F. Krueger, Resurrection, Milwaukee.....	300.45	
Henry Lange, Nathanael, Milwaukee.....	81.55	
G. Lehmann, St. John, Mukwonago.....	58.96	
Kurt Lescow, St. John, E. Mequon.....	159.00	
H. Maaske, St. John, Newburg.....	103.55	
Mahnke, Mt. Lebanon, Milwaukee.....	541.91	81.38
Wm. C. Mahnke, St. John, Root Creek.....	158.45	107.00
J. Mittelstaedt, Trinity, So. Mequon.....	152.04	
Theo. Monhardt, St. John, Tp. Lake.....		44.75
Nicolaus, Christ, Pewaukee.....	97.50	
A. Otto, St. John, Wauwatosa.....	522.32	168.55
I. F. Rische, Davids Stern, Kirchhayn (S. S. \$22.80).....	691.01	
I. F. Rische, Davids Stern, Kirchhayn (L. A. — S. S.).....		35.61
G. Ruege, Jordan, West Allis.....	594.11	
H. Schaller, St. Paul, Tp. Franklin.....	294.46	
S. Schuetze, Calvary, Thiensville.....	154.24	
Arnold Schultz, Trinity, Milwaukee (S. S. \$41.00).....	634.64	280.75
Delvin C. Schwenzen, Good Shepherd, Tp. Wauwatosa.....	182.17	
I. W. Schwertfeger, Woodlawn, West Allis.....	251.40	53.98
Harry Shiley, Trinity, Waukesha.....	555.95	
E. W. Tacke, St. Paul, Tess Corners.....	760.00	5.00
H. Wojahn, Grace, Waukesha.....	236.10	

Milwaukee City Conference

E. R. Blakewell, Salem.....	459.56	
John Brenner, St. John.....	903.82	570.65
Victor Brohm, Bethesda.....	476.84	159.86
O. Buerger, Gethsemane.....	435.67	
O. Buerger, Gethsemane (S. S.).....		34.00
P. J. Burkholz, Sioan (L. A. \$50.00, S. S. \$33.45).....	1,319.73	362.68
Herman W. Cares, Christ (Ladies' Aid \$15.00—\$10.00).....	510.16	51.00
C. Dahlke, Jerusalem.....	716.50	232.05
F. de Galley, St. Paul.....	120.87	
E. Ph. Dornfeld, St. Marcus (Day S., S. S., L. A.).....	1,228.32	129.53
Servasius W. Fischer, St. Jacobi.....	1,161.88	311.84
Fred Graeber, Apostle.....	133.66	12.00
Arthur F. Halboth, St. Matthew.....	1,193.30	208.50
Raym. W. Huth, Messiah.....	145.08	15.00
John G. Jeske, Divine Charity.....	243.60	51.00
L. F. Karrer, St. Andrew.....	95.36	8.00
Ph. H. Koehler, St. Lucas.....	2,200.90	320.53
A. C. Lengling, Saron.....	161.18	
Erhard C. Pankow, Garden Homes.....	333.62	
Paul Pieper, St. Peter.....	1,179.12	201.30
Wm. F. Sauer, Grace (Sunday School \$8.55).....	426.17	
W. J. Schaefer, Atonement.....	510.74	
A. B. Tacke, Zebaath.....	219.77	
G. A. Thiele, Parkside.....	85.25	
Arthur P. Voss, St. James.....	734.78	97.50
Luther Voss, Ephrata.....	73.30	
S. E. Westendorf, Bethel.....	335.43	127.17

Southern Conference

A. C. Bartz, Immanuel, Waukegan.....	204.75	
E. Blumenthal, St. John, Burlington.....	259.03	
Carl H. Buenger, Friedens, Kenosha.....	399.75	
H. J. Diehl, First Ev. Luth., Lake Geneva.....	324.37	
Walter A. Diehl, First Ev. Luth., Elkhorn.....	155.55	
E. Walter Hillmer, St. Luke, Kenosha.....	189.24	
Eugene Hinderer, Zion, Bristol.....	171.00	
Edwin Jaster, Epiphany, Racine.....	109.77	
A. Koelpin, Trinity, Caledonia.....	177.32	14.35
W. H. Lehmann, St. John, Libertyville.....	283.13	
Albert Lorenz, St. John, Slades Corners.....	367.45	
O. B. Nommensen, Zion, South Milwaukee.....	347.19	150.00
R. P. Otto, Peace, Wilmet.....	150.00	
W. K. Pifer, Bethany, Kenosha.....	69.60	
M. F. Plass, St. John, Oakwood.....	206.05	20.00
Gerhard Redlin, Zion, Crete.....	271.96	
G. E. Schmeling, Immanuel, Tp. Paris.....	26.30	
G. E. Schmeling, Trinity, Tp. Raymond.....	145.00	
Theo. Volkert, First Ev. Luth., Racine.....	480.25	
H. J. Wackerfuss, St. James, Evanston.....	57.50	

Special Gifts

Mrs. Wilhelmina Bergin by Pastor P. J. Burkholz.....		400.00
M. S. B.....	5.00	

Memorial Wreaths

In Memory of	Reverend		
Mrs. Minnie Abels.....	Ph. H. Koehler.....	2.75	
Carl Abram.....	J. C. Dahlke.....	9.00	
Mrs. Selma Andel.....	E. Ph. Dornfeld.....	3.00	
Mrs. Hubert Bartell.....	Harvey Heckendorf.....		13.00
Mr. E. L. Blakewell.....	E. R. Blakewell.....		5.00
Mrs. Martha Ehlers.....	Adolph C. Buenger.....	9.00	
Gordon Fishbauer.....	Arthur F. Halboth.....		4.50
Mr. Wm. Fraedrich.....	A. J. Mittelstaedt.....	9.00	
Mrs. Harold Frank.....	Ph. H. Koehler.....	2.00	
Mrs. Arthur Gesch.....	Arthur P. Voss.....		10.00
Wm. Geweke.....	O. Heidtke.....	38.50	
Hy. Gronemeyer.....	M. F. Rische.....	3.00	12.00
Mrs. Louis Gruenewald.....	Wm. P. Holzhausen.....	5.00	
Mrs. Lena Hasselmann.....	R. P. Otto.....		5.00
Mrs. Herman Hintz.....	O. B. Nommensen.....	23.10	
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hornig.....	Ph. H. Koehler.....		13.00
Mrs. Sophie Kempinen.....	A. H. Schroeder.....		2.00
Mrs. Bertha Knepel.....	A. J. Mittelstaedt.....	3.00	
Mr. Arthur Kiepert.....	Luther Voss.....		2.00
Joanne Kittelmann.....	Erhard C. Pankow.....		12.00
Mrs. Henry Knorr.....	Ph. H. Koehler.....		3.00
Mrs. Anna Kumrow.....	W. P. Sauer.....	2.00	13.00
Harry Kuphall.....	George W. Boldt.....		14.50
Harry Kuphall.....	Arnold Schultz.....		5.00
Mrs. Bertha Leyppoldt.....	John Brenner.....	30.00	
Rev. G. H. A. Loeber.....	Arnold Schroeder.....		7.00
Frank Lutzke.....	Ph. H. Koehler.....		6.00
Henry Magritz.....	Arthur F. Halboth.....		2.00
Ferd. Martens.....	Arthur F. Halboth.....		7.00
Mrs. Peter Meyers.....	G. E. Schmeling.....	5.00	
Mrs. Anna Milbrath.....	Arthur F. Halboth.....		12.00
Fred Mittelstaedt.....	Ph. H. Koehler.....	4.00	
Miss Mary C. Reimbold.....	R. O. Buerger.....	5.00	
August F. Roeseler.....	Arnold Schultz.....		5.00
Mrs. Emma Scholz.....	Victor Brohm.....	6.00	5.50
Ed. Schroeder.....	Paul Pieper.....		2.00
Mrs. Minna Schroth.....	Paul Pieper.....		2.00
Mrs. Mary Stebnitz.....	E. Ph. Dornfeld.....	20.00	
Mrs. Bertha Strasse.....	John Brenner.....	2.00	
Mrs. Louise Tesch.....	A. Koelpin.....	20.00	
Walter Thoenke.....	Edwin Jaster.....	5.00	
Joseph Weber.....	O. B. Nommensen.....	12.00	
Mrs. Augusta Mueller.....	Gerald O. Hoenecke.....	5.00	
Lt. Edmund Wegner.....	Gerald O. Hoenecke.....	10.00	
Patricia Wenzel.....	E. W. Tacke.....	3.00	
Mrs. Helen Werner.....	Wm. F. Sauer.....	25.00	
Mrs. Louise Witte.....	Adolph C. Buenger.....	26.00	5.00
Pvt. David Wothke.....	C. A. Otto.....		40.00
Ida Wudtke.....	Ph. H. Koehler.....	5.00	

\$ 32,909.98 \$ 4,924.70

CHAS. E. WERNER, Cashier.

NEBRASKA DISTRICT

October, November, December

Dakota Conference

Reverend	Budgetary	Non-Budgetary
H. Ellwein, Batesland.....	\$ 43.44	
H. Ellwein, Long Valley.....	53.00	
H. Fritze, Zion, Valentine.....	78.63	
L. F. Groth, Colome.....	64.42	
L. F. Groth, McNeely.....	21.92	
S. Kugler, Burke.....	3.86	8.00
S. Kugler, Carlock.....	5.76	
S. Kugler, Herrick.....	13.09	
W. J. Oelhafen, Winner.....	155.44	
W. J. Oelhafen, Witten.....	10.81	
N. E. Sauer, Platte.....	33.54	
R. Stiemke, Mission.....	258.45	1.00
R. Stiemke, White River.....	27.25	
R. Stiemke, Wood.....	57.85	
E. S. Weiss, Calvary, Valentine.....	14.70	

Central Conference		
R. F. Bittorf, Hoskins.....	192.81	42.00
H. Hackbarth, Stanton.....	15.00	8.00
N. Mielke, Merna.....	128.50	
N. Mielke, Brewster.....	80.50	
L. Sabrowsky, Sioux City.....	133.00	
H. Spaude, Hadar.....	75.20	
L. A. Tessmer, Grand Island.....	64.37	
Southern Conference		
E. A. Breilling, Geneva.....	379.46	
E. A. Breilling, Hastings.....	12.20	
A. T. Degner, Plymouth.....	175.00	
Gus B. Frank, Surprise.....	65.85	
L. Gruendeman, Lincoln.....	58.14	
E. J. Hahn, Gresham.....	62.25	
E. F. Hy, Lehmann, Firth.....	140.88	
E. C. Monhardt, Clatonia.....	421.24	71.50
J. Raabe, Shickley.....	228.78	
Colorado Conference		
W. Bodamer, Rocky Ford.....	18.00	
J. B. Erhart, Grace, Pueblo.....	22.89	
Im. P. Frey, Mt. Olive, Denver.....	154.05	7.00
O. Kreie, Golden.....	25.50	
V. Schultz, Deer Trail.....	15.00	
W. H. Siffring, Our Savior, Pueblo.....	10.00	
V. Tiefel, Platteville.....	141.21	
M. Weishahn, Hillrose.....	94.84	
M. Weishahn, Fort Morgan.....	26.66	
M. Weishahn, Wiggins.....	3.50	
H. Witt, Lamar.....	153.41	
Colorado Pastors.....		20.00
	\$ 5,679.98	\$ 157.50

Of the Non-Budgetary \$55.00 is for Church Extension and \$102.50 is for Non-Synodical Purposes.

Memorial Wreaths (Included in the Above)		
In Memory of	Reverend	Amount
Pastor Arthur Wantoch.....	R. Stiemke	\$ 1.00
Herman Lehman.....	H. Hackbarth	23.00
Pastor Arthur Wantoch.....	Im. P. Frey	7.00
Iver Eide.....	S. Kugler	5.50
Mildred Waterbury.....	S. Kugler	2.50
Herbert Rathje.....	G. B. Frank	40.50
Louis F. Krause.....	R. F. Bittorf	25.00
F/O Howard M. Krause.....	R. F. Bittorf	1.00
Pastor Arthur Wantoch.....	Colorado Pastors	20.00
Pastor Arthur Wantoch.....	R. F. Bittorf	82.50
Mrs. Henry Neuhaus.....	R. F. Bittorf	10.00
Pastor Arthur Wantoch.....	R. F. Bittorf	32.00
Herman Kaiser.....	L. F. Groth	3.00
		\$ 253.00

C. G. FUHRMANN, Cashier.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT
October 1 to December 31, 1943
Southwestern Conference

Reverend	Budgetary	Non-Budgetary
L. Meyer, Allegan.....	\$ 155.08	
H. C. Haase, Benton Harbor.....	3,000.00	
R. Gensmer, Coloma.....	589.58	
C. J. Kionka, Dowagiac.....	200.00	
E. T. Lochner, Hopkins.....	322.42	18.65
E. T. Lochner, Dorr.....	182.59	12.21
A. Hoenecke, Muskegon Heights.....	202.54	
A. J. Fischer, Sodus.....	741.79	
W. Westendorf, South Haven.....	474.45	
H. Zink, Stevensville.....	1,078.70	
H. Hoenecke, Sturgis.....	450.68	6.00

Southeastern Conference

A. H. Baer, Adrian.....	\$75.25	
J. Martin, Belleville, including \$5.40 from Sunday School and \$3.50 from Sunday School, Denton.....	143.00	1.00
H. Richter, Detroit.....	230.58	
K. Vertz, Detroit.....	302.17	1.00
W. Valleskey, Detroit.....	245.55	2.00
R. Frey, Findlay, Ohio.....	103.60	
A. Tiefel, Greenwood.....	127.71	
J. Gauss, Jenera, including \$50.00 from Luther Society and \$50.00 from Sunday School.....	1,974.92	117.00
K. Krauss, Lansing.....	2,655.67	
W. Steih, Lansing.....	218.63	
T. Sauer, Livonia, including \$15.40 from Sunday School	421.32	
H. Zapf, Monroe, including \$75.00 from Mission Society and \$50.00 from Sunday School.....	729.25	
G. Ehnis, Monroetown.....	107.00	
A. Maas, Northfield.....	668.85	7.00
A. Maas, South Lyon.....	113.00	
E. Hoenecke, Plymouth.....	798.89	
C. Schmelzer, Riga.....	554.51	
H. Engel, Saline, including \$4.00 from Karl Wiedmann	1,686.75	8.00
A. Wacker, Scio.....	193.20	
R. Scheele, Tecumseh.....	226.53	
G. Luetke, Toledo, Ohio, including \$75.00 from Sunday School, \$5.00 from Marion Labovsky, \$5.00 from Dan Sydeske and \$10.00 from Phil. Luetke and the Seeke Boys	1,515.00	
R. Timmel, Toledo, Ohio.....	100.00	
P. Heyn, Van Dyke.....	139.17	
H. A. Muehl, Waterloo.....	62.60	
G. Press, Wayne.....	946.58	4.00
F. Zimmermann, Toledo, Ohio.....	194.71	

Northern Conference		
M. Schroeder, Bay City.....	356.80	4.00
A. Westendorf, Bay City.....	8.00	6.00
E. Kasischke, Bay City.....	743.62	
J. Vogt, Bay City.....	57.25	
R. Hoenecke, Chesaning.....	39.80	
R. Hoenecke, Brady.....	632.69	
E. Leyrer, Clare.....	153.34	
M. Toepel, Elkton.....	80.45	
B. Westendorf, Flint.....	761.23	9.00
V. Winter, Flint.....	419.65	
A. Kehrberg, Frankenmuth.....	89.00	13.00
A. Schwerin, Hale.....	133.16	
N. Luetke, Hemlock.....	307.11	
W. Steih, Kawkawlin.....	526.67	
E. Rupp, Manistee.....	115.01	
E. Rupp, Sheridan.....	159.50	
W. Voss, Ososso.....	489.86	
A. W. Hueschen, Pigeon, including \$20.00 from Mr. and Mrs. H. Winkel.....	331.51	
D. Metzger, Remus.....	37.51	
D. Metzger, Broomfield.....	35.81	
O. Eckert and O. J. Eckert, Saginaw.....	197.10	
O. Frey, Saginaw.....	484.93	
H. Eckert, Saginaw.....	244.52	
G. Schmelzer, Sebewaing.....	129.00	5.00
J. Zink, Sterling.....	43.58	
C. Leyrer, St. Louis.....	192.00	
G. Cares, Swan Creek.....	75.00	
J. Roekle, Tawas City.....	420.00	18.00
A. Schwerin, Tittabawassee.....	299.70	
A. W. Voges, Vassar.....	121.81	
A. W. Voges, Mayville.....	74.15	
A. W. Voges, Silverwood.....	32.95	
R. Koch, Zilwaukee.....	193.56	
Total.....	\$ 50,518.14	\$ 229.86

NOTE: Of the Non-Budgetary money \$52.00 were for the Church Extension Fund, \$1.00 for the Seminary Chapel Fund and \$176.86 for Non-Synodical Activities.

Memorial Wreaths (Included in Above Monies)		
In Memory of	Sent in By	Amount
Mrs. Minnie Piegols.....	Bay City (Bethel)	\$ 4.00
Staff Sgt. Oscar Guntermann.....	Bay City (St. John)	11.00
Edward Ruhlig.....	Bay City (St. John)	2.00
Jacob Kiesel.....	Bay City (St. John)	1.00
Diana Dee Mason.....	Belleville (2 wreaths)	4.00
Mrs. Todd.....	Detroit (Mt. Olive)	5.00
Mrs. Lester Albertson.....	Detroit (Mt. Olive) (2 wreaths)	9.00
William Hech.....	Elkton	2.00
Otto Eabell.....	Elkton (3 wreaths)	8.00
Richard Wiebeck.....	Flint (Emanuel) (2 wreaths)	9.00
Fred Engel.....	Frankenmuth	2.00
Conrad Weiss.....	Frankenmuth	2.00
Otto Conzelmann.....	Frankenmuth	2.00
Harold Bartlett.....	Frankenmuth	2.90
Mrs. Paul Zuellig.....	Frankenmuth	1.00
Mrs. Frank Walker.....	Frankenmuth	1.00
Mrs. Geo. Bierlein.....	Frankenmuth	1.00
Herman Weiss.....	Frankenmuth	2.00
Samuel F. Arras.....	Jenera, Ohio	42.00
William Luedtke.....	Hemlock	7.00
Frank Hering.....	Monroe (Zion)	2.00
Mrs. Carl Struck.....	Saline	5.00
Beverly Ann Korte.....	Saline	4.00
Mrs. Augusta Ristow.....	Sebewaing (2 wreaths)	3.00
Frank Horning.....	Sturgis	5.00
Richard Borm.....	Swan Creek	5.00
Mrs. Adam Kasdorf.....	Sturgis	5.00
Mrs. John Ristow.....	Tawas City (7 wreaths)	17.00
Fred Wojahn.....	Tawas City	1.00
William Salzwedel.....	Toledo (Zion)	10.00
Mildred Striemer.....	Toledo (Zion)	10.00
George Tisch.....	Waterloo	2.00
Fred Doletsky.....	Wayne	2.00
Mark Gerhard Press.....	Wayne	2.00

E. WENK, Treasurer.

DAKOTA-MONTANA DISTRICT
July 1, 1943 to January 13, 1944
Eastern Conference

Reverend	Budgetary	Non-Budgetary
H. Schultz, Altamont.....	\$ 199.17	
R. Bretzmann, Arco.....	48.86	
R. Kettenacker, Argo.....	262.49	
H. Buch, Aurora.....	263.23	
H. Buch, Bruce.....	112.76	1.00
K. Bast, Carpenter.....	12.75	
W. Zickuhr, Clark.....	133.09	
H. Schultz, Clear Lake.....	178.98	19.75
E. Bode, Dempster.....	203.12	
W. Lindloff, Elkton.....	350.62	
E. Bode, Estelline.....	102.23	
H. Schnitker, vac., Florence.....	134.42	
W. Lange, Gary.....	176.15	31.75
C. Found, Germantown.....	125.67	
W. Dorn, Goodwin.....	288.09	
W. Sprengler, Grover.....	942.50	
B. Hahm, Hague.....	207.46	
W. Dorn, Havana.....	191.36	
R. Bretzmann, Hendricks.....	203.52	
B. Hahm, Henry.....	234.07	
R. Kettenacker, Hidewood.....	250.61	6.00
H. Schnitker, Mazeppa.....	417.48	3.00
M. Lemke, Rauville.....	420.22	
K. Bast, Raymond.....	400.18	2.00

April 16, 1944

Found, South Shore.....	238.40	13.00
Bast, Turton.....	22.00	
Lindloff, Ward.....	247.97	
Meier, Watertown.....	820.54	
Zickuhr, Willow Lake.....	236.20	
Western Conference Total	\$ 7,424.14	\$ 76.50

Western Conference

Borgschatz, Akaska.....	\$ 281.86	
Reede, vac., Athboy.....	36.46	
Reede, Bison.....	108.55	
Albrecht, Bowdle.....	825.48	42.50
Hoff, Brockway.....		
Lemke, Burt.....	35.00	
Sippert, Carrington.....	33.56	
Mutterer, Carson.....	18.00	
Borgschatz, Cheyenne Agency.....		
Hoff, Circle.....	105.36	
Reede, Date.....	72.80	
Russow, Dupree.....	129.68	
Lemke, Elgin.....	445.00	8.00
Russow, Faith.....	161.50	
Birner, Faulkton.....	104.31	
Mutterer, Flasher.....	31.00	
Hellmann, Gale.....	105.86	
Schlegel, Glenham.....	622.68	
Herrmann, Hague.....	324.15	
Ehlert, Hazelton.....	545.20	
Reim, Hettinger.....	71.06	
Birner, Ipswich.....	142.08	
Russow, vac., Isabel.....	155.61	
Heier, Jamestown.....	392.41	3.00
Lemke, Leith.....	90.00	
Rutz, Lemmon.....	260.86	8.00
Krueger, Mandan.....	213.21	
Bade, Marmarth.....	40.00	
Birner, McIntosh.....	69.79	
Wiedenmeier, Miner.....	30.66	
Schlegel, Mobridge.....	376.82	
Wiedenmeier, Morrilstown.....	132.47	
Hellmann, Mound City.....	205.38	
Hoff, Olanda.....	74.49	
Birner, Paradise.....	108.11	
Ten Broek, vac., Piedmont.....	40.00	
Ten Broek, Rapid City.....	68.00	
Reim, Reeder.....	176.97	
Russow, Ridgeview.....	18.25	
Lau, Roscoe.....	1,189.80	
Rutz, Shadehill.....	41.45	
Ten Broek, vac., Sturgis.....	77.10	
Mehlberg, Tappen.....	388.10	
Bergholz, Terry.....	163.73	
Albrecht, Theodore.....	199.89	
of. K. Sievert, Timber Lake.....	18.51	
Borgschatz, Tolstoy.....	125.64	
of. K. Sievert, Trail City.....	171.04	
Wendland, Valley City.....	67.44	3.00
Rutz, White Butte.....	127.31	
Heier, Windsor.....	87.40	
Herrmann, Zealand.....	415.01	
Wiedenmeier, Wautauga.....	37.70	
Western Conference Total	\$ 9,760.52	\$ 64.50
District Total	\$ 17,184.66	\$ 141.00

S. E. JOHNSON, District Treasurer.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST DISTRICT
July 1, 1943 to December 31, 1943

	Budgetary	Non-Budgetary	Totals
Reverend			
Dascheck, T. R., Yakima, Washington.....	\$ 308.00	\$ 51.00	\$ 359.00
Smacher, W. P., Omak, Washington.....	118.76	15.85	134.61
Berthart, A. G., Ellensburg, Washington.....	299.70	7.75	307.45
Berthart, A. G., Roslyn, Washington.....	52.67	1.80	54.47
Grey, Geo., Clarkston, Washington.....	213.00		213.00
Reech, R. E., Tacoma, Washington.....	153.10		153.10
Kirst, E. F., Zillah, Washington.....	132.68		132.68
Crug, L. C., White Bluffs, Washington.....	23.67		23.67
Sueckel, Wm., Portland, Oregon.....	322.45		322.45
Choen, F. E., Gresham, Oregon.....	3.91		3.91
Stern, F. E., Seattle, Washington.....	40.40		40.40
Sydow, Arth., Tacoma, Washington.....	419.00	8.00	427.00
Sydow, G. A., Rainier, Washington.....	82.50		82.50
Cieffel, F., Leavenworth, Washington.....	62.99		62.99
Cieffel, F., Withrow, Washington.....	137.25	12.00	149.25
Vitt, M. J., Palouse, Washington.....	35.00		35.00
Vitt, M. J., Spokane, Washington.....	26.00		26.00
Zimmermann, E., Snoqualmie, Washington.....	250.00		250.00
Anonymous.....	75.00		75.00
	\$ 2,756.08	\$ 76.40	\$ 2,832.48
General Support	\$ 25.00		
Home Missions	325.05		
Indian Missions	84.54		
Home for Aged	58.00		
Spiritual Welfare	394.30		
Negro Missions	2.95		
Missions General	1,786.24		
Education General	65.00		
General Administration	17.00		
Debt Retirement		46.85	
Bethesda		4.80	
Chapel Fund		21.75	
Church Extension		3.00	
	\$ 2,756.08	\$ 76.40	\$ 2,832.48

Memorial Wreaths

In Memory of	Contributed by	Amount
Jacob Dietz, Ellensburg, Wash.....	Good Hope	\$ 4.75
Ann Viebrock	Rev. A. Sydow	5.00
Ann Viebrock	Rev. G. Sydow	2.00
Lt. Clarence Mitchell, Withrow, Wash.....	Withrow Luth.	5.00
Lauritz Scholer, Withrow, Wash.....	Withrow Luth.	5.00
		\$ 21.75

HENRY KARG, District Treasurer.

WESTERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT

October, November, December, 1943

Reverend	Budgetary
H. F. Backer, Chaseburg.....	\$ 448.75
H. F. Backer, T. Hamburg.....	541.19
J. C. Bast, McMillan.....	124.00
J. C. Bast, March.....	99.50
Wm. Baumann, Neillsville.....	1,320.00
Wm. Baumann, Hay Creek.....	92.50
H. E. Bentrup, Wilson.....	59.93
H. E. Bentrup, Ridgeway.....	322.55
A. Berg, Sparta.....	692.26
Alvin Berg, Madison.....	18.44
C. E. Berg, Ridgeville.....	102.86
L. C. Bernthal, T. Trenton.....	295.00
R. C. Biesmann, Rib Falls.....	115.56
R. C. Biesmann, T. Rib Falls.....	145.63
L. M. Bleichwehl, Onalaska.....	249.35
E. Blumenthal, Wausau.....	5.00
A. H. Dobberstein, Tuckertown.....	32.50
A. H. Dobberstein, Lime Ridge.....	36.51
A. C. Dornfeld, Marshfield.....	117.65
M. F. Drews, Oak Grove.....	180.66
F. F. Ehlert, Eitzen.....	50.00
A. J. Engel, Pardeeville.....	252.73
Otto Engel, Richwood.....	193.33
Otto Engel, Hubbleton.....	49.04
S. Fenske, Bruce.....	59.71
S. Fenske, Bloomer.....	239.63
G. T. Fischer, Eagleton.....	208.59
E. C. Fredrich, Helenville.....	150.79
G. H. Geiger, Shennington.....	9.80
G. H. Geiger, T. Lincoln.....	20.80
G. H. Geiger, T. Knapp.....	19.63
Henry Geiger, Leeds.....	62.57
G. Gerth, Merrimac.....	5.00
G. Gerth, T. Merrimac.....	29.00
G. Gerth, Caledonia.....	20.00
G. Gerth, Greenfield.....	52.00
Henry Gieschen, Fort Atkinson.....	1,409.58
Frederic Gilbert, Hustler.....	24.65
M. Glaeser, Hillsboro.....	52.06
M. Glaeser, Wonewoc.....	400.35
W. E. Gutzke, La Crosse.....	223.50
A. Hanke, T. Morton.....	334.50
John Henning, Jr., T. Dallas.....	51.05
John Henning, Jr., Prairie Farm.....	357.36
M. J. Hillemann, Marshall.....	99.22
R. C. Hillemann, Norwalk.....	194.10
R. C. Hillemann, Wilton.....	159.66
O. E. Hoffmann, Rib Lake.....	80.00
O. E. Hoffmann, T. Greenwood.....	35.00
R. C. Horlamus, Hurley.....	147.80
R. C. Horlamus, Mercer.....	57.64
R. Jungkuntz, Janesville.....	30.15
R. Jungkuntz, Fort Atkinson.....	26.00
Wm. Keturakat, Sun Prairie.....	312.85
H. C. Kirchner, Baraboo.....	1,201.70
L. C. Kirst, Beaver Dam.....	1,434.20
J. Klingmann and Wm. Eggert, Watertown.....	1,936.75
L. J. Koenig, Wausau.....	75.38
L. J. Koenig, Mosinee.....	48.15
O. W. Koch, Lowell.....	12.50
R. J. Koch, Auburn.....	186.51
E. E. Kolander, Marathon.....	245.00
R. P. Korn, Lewiston.....	537.89
G. O. Krause, Stetsonville.....	202.00
W. R. Krueger, Friesland.....	324.54
H. Kuckhahn, St. Charles.....	127.00
O. P. Kuehl, Cambria.....	54.16
O. Kuhlow, Jefferson.....	1,805.00
C. F. Kurzweg, Cream.....	402.56
C. F. Kurzweg, Cochrane.....	48.96
L. Lambert, Veeckind.....	53.32
P. Lehmann, Ableman.....	547.72
M. F. Liesener, T. Maine.....	298.00
F. W. Loeper, Whitewater.....	530.35
F. W. Loeper, Richmond.....	405.00
A. W. Looek, North Freedom.....	70.63
A. W. Looek, Prairie du Sac.....	30.00
Theo. Mahnke, Madison.....	179.30
G. C. Marquardt, Ringle.....	116.65
A. L. Mennicke, Winona.....	727.64
F. H. Miller, Platteville.....	53.75
J. Mittelstaedt, Menomonee.....	550.00
P. Monhardt, South Ridge.....	163.96
R. W. Mueller, Medford.....	241.96
T. J. Mueller, La Crosse.....	394.24
F. A. Naumann, Nelson.....	5.25
F. A. Naumann, Alma.....	4.70
H. W. Neubauer, Whitehall.....	99.56
H. W. Neubauer, Arcadia.....	92.79
H. C. Nitz, Waterloo.....	1,256.25
H. Nommensen, Fountain City.....	511.57

M. J. Nommensen, Juneau.....	390.14
Wm. Nommensen, Columbus.....	729.11
W. O. Nommensen, Green Valley.....	59.53
W. O. Nommensen, Rozellville.....	119.63
E. J. Otterstatter, Tripoli.....	25.00
A. W. Paap, Johnson Creek.....	618.38
H. A. Pankow, Beyer Settlement.....	80.06
H. A. Pankow, Poplar Creek.....	35.91
H. A. Pankow, Iron Creek.....	82.68
J. H. Paustian, Barre Mills.....	888.41
N. E. Paustian, Oconomowoc.....	244.05
W. A. Paustian, West Salem.....	425.10
E. E. Prenzlow, Cornell, Keystone, Birch Creek.....	105.25
J. M. Raasch, Lake Mills.....	905.81
S. Rathke, Cameron.....	159.60
S. Rathke, Barron.....	155.67
E. M. Schroeder, Ixonia.....	216.96
A. W. Sauer, Winona.....	685.62
H. Schaller, Tomah.....	992.21
E. C. Schewe, Brodhead.....	61.00
F. A. Schroeder, Stoddard.....	384.35
F. A. Schroeder, Bad Axe Valley.....	83.80
W. E. Schulz, T. Berlin.....	342.25
W. E. Schulz, Goodrich.....	74.30
W. E. Schulz, Newwood.....	13.25
A. Schumann, Globe.....	101.34
W. A. Schumann, La Crosse.....	2,171.58
C. W. Siegler, Portland.....	47.70
C. W. Siegler, Bangor.....	293.99
E. A. Toepel, Lebanon.....	63.46
K. A. Timmel, Watertown.....	345.00
C. Toppe, Brush Prairie.....	129.41
I. G. Uetzmann, Watertown.....	240.00
M. W. Wahl, Cambridge.....	171.46
M. W. Wahl, Cold Spring.....	62.50
E. Walther, Wisconsin Rapids.....	73.90
H. M. Warnke, Fountain Prairie.....	35.02
H. M. Warnke, Fall River.....	62.06
W. Weissgerber, Minocqua.....	48.40
W. Weissgerber, Woodruff.....	27.55
E. H. Wendland, Washington.....	67.40
A. A. Winter, Mauston.....	342.56
A. A. Winter, New Lisbon.....	176.49
A. A. Winter, Eau Galle.....	63.81
L. A. Winter, Plum City.....	207.90
L. A. Winter, Elmwood.....	169.50
L. A. Witte, Kendall.....	340.13
L. A. Witte, Dorset Ridge.....	56.00
W. E. Zank, Newville.....	150.47
W. E. Zank, T. Deerfield.....	126.50
Theo. Zarembo, Spirit.....	27.30
Theo. Zarembo, Prentice.....	55.25
H. R. Zimmermann, Randolph.....	304.74
G. W. Zunker, Elroy.....	37.94

	Budgetary	Non-Budgetary	Total
October, 1945	\$ 14,757.57	\$ 408.29	\$ 15,165.86
November	11,354.84	39.00	11,393.84
December	12,091.80	212.56	12,304.36
Total	\$ 38,204.21	\$ 659.85	\$ 38,864.06

Memorial Wreaths

In Memory of	Reverend	Amount
Herman Albers	L. M. Bleichwehl, Onalaska	\$ 2.00
Mrs. Louise Van Herwynen	A. Hanke, Rollingstone	21.50
Mrs. Ed. Davis	R. C. Horlamus, Mercer	4.50
Mrs. Howard Pukall	R. C. Horlamus, Mercer	2.00
William L. Fehling	O. W. Koch, Lowell	8.00
Albert Dunse	A. W. Loock, North Freedom	5.00
August Reckin	J. Mittelstaedt, Menomonie	5.00
Mrs. Wm. Neubauer, Sr.	J. Mittelstaedt, Menomonie	4.00
Mrs. Wm. Henkel	R. W. Mueller, Medford	2.50
Leonard Lenz	J. M. Raasch, Lake Mills	2.50
Mrs. Otto Duckert	J. M. Raasch, Lake Mills	2.00
Mrs. Andrew Hoefler	A. W. Sauer, Winona	3.00
Albert Hackbarth	A. W. Sauer, Winona	1.50
Mrs. Herman Grausnick	A. W. Sauer, Winona	9.50
Alfred Schulz	H. Schaller, Tomah	9.00
Mrs. Johanna Kloehn	J. C. Bast, McMillan	8.50
Henry Kuehn	Wm. A. Baumann, Neillsville	15.00
Philip Sonheim		
Mrs. John Dudel	A. H. Dobberstein, Lime Ridge	8.50
Mrs. H. Siemandel	E. C. Fredrich, Helenville	3.00
Alb. Gehrke	E. C. Fredrich, Helenville	1.00
Chas. Bluske	E. C. Fredrich, Helenville	5.00
John Thoma	W. E. Gutzke, La Crosse	2.00
Mrs. R. A. Hammond	W. E. Gutzke, La Crosse	21.50
Mrs. Anton Saley	R. Jungkuntz, Fort Atkinson	1.00
Mrs. Amelia Winkelman	J. Klingmann, Watertown	1.00
Mrs. Caroline Siebe	R. J. Koch, Auburn	3.00
Mrs. John Heck	O. P. Kuehl, Cambria	1.00
Meloern Kosnophal	O. P. Kuehl, Cambria	5.00
Mrs. Augusta Kuehl	P. Lehmann, Ableman	11.00
Mrs. Mary Grosnick	F. W. Loeper, Whitewater	5.00
William C. Vette	F. W. Loeper, Whitewater	16.00
Emma Braaz	F. W. Loeper, Richmond	5.00
Emma Braaz	R. W. Mueller, Medford	2.00
Wm. Bunge	R. W. Mueller, Medford	4.00
Mrs. John Phillips	R. W. Mueller, Medford	18.00
Geo. Fitch	Wm. Nommensen, Columbus	3.00
Anna Boness	Wm. Nommensen, Columbus	10.00
Minnie Maack	W. A. Paustian, West Salem	33.75
Mrs. Sophia Asmus	H. Schaller, Tomah	7.00
Mrs. Gust Bartels	H. Schaller, Tomah	8.50
Mrs. Louise Bartels	H. Schaller, Tomah	14.00
Frank Hering	F. A. Schroeder, T. Geneva	14.00
Mrs. H. Rick	F. A. Schroeder, Stoddard	18.00
Albert Krause	C. W. Siegler, Bangor	9.00
Mrs. Annie C. Pfaff	E. Walther, Wisconsin Rapids	2.00
Gustave Plowman		

Mrs. E. Steege	E. Walther, Wisconsin Rapids	1.00
Mrs. Caroline Gehn	L. A. Winter, Elmwood	4.00
Mrs. Henry Machell	H. R. Zimmermann, Randolph	5.00
Frank Hering	A. Berg, Sparta	10.00
Chas. Krenzke	C. E. Berg, Ridgeville	2.00
Mrs. Anna Gross	C. E. Berg, Ridgeville	2.00
Mrs. Wilhelmina Pergande	C. E. Berg, Ridgeville	5.00
Nic Neipert	E. C. Fredrich, Helenville	1.25
Herman H. Peters	M. Glaeser, Wonewoc	27.75
Wm. Poetter	O. W. Koch, Lowell	4.50
Mrs. Rudolph Pietz	R. J. Koch, Auburn	18.50
Mrs. Katherine Neel	R. P. Korn, Lewiston	8.50
Waldemar Thurow	N. E. Paustian, Oconomowoc	3.00
Frank Staffeil, Sr.	N. E. Paustian, Oconomowoc	3.00
E. G. Buroff	N. E. Paustian, Oconomowoc	3.00
Adolph Hermann	S. Rathke, Cameron	24.00
Mrs. Pahl	S. Rathke, Cameron	14.00
Pvt. Elmer Putzier	E. Walther, Wisconsin Rapids	1.00
William C. Prebbanow	E. Walther, Wisconsin Rapids	9.00
Mrs. Emil Steege	E. Walther, Wisconsin Rapids	5.00
Mrs. Emilie Lessig	E. Walther, Wisconsin Rapids	2.25
Mrs. Emilie Bartz	E. Walther, Wisconsin Rapids	2.25
Mrs. Emilie Bartz	E. Walther, Wisconsin Rapids	2.25
Fred Otto	J. Henning, Wausau	5.00
Mrs. Anna Gleiter	F. A. Naumann, Alma	2.00

H. J. KOCH, Treasurer.

MINNESOTA DISTRICT

December, 1945 — January, February, 1944

Red Wing Conference

Reverend	Budgetary	Non-Budgetary
A. W. Blauert, Austin	\$ 78.56	
Theo. Haar, Bear Valley	202.00	5.00
E. G. Hertler, Brownsville	9.00	
R. Jeske, Caledonia	454.81	
H. F. Muenkel, Dexter	597.71	
Karl A. Nolting, Frontenac	292.88	21.85
T. E. Kock, Goodhue	139.31	
F. W. Weindorf, Goodhue, Grace	162.56	6.50
F. W. Weindorf, Goodhue, St. John	324.84	
E. G. Hertler, Hokah	21.55	
E. G. Hertler, La Crescent	22.50	
C. A. Hinz, Mason City	450.00	
Theo. Haar, Mazeppa	292.00	5.00
T. E. Kock, Minneola	145.44	1.00
H. J. Anger, Nodine	355.71	7.86
N. A. Reinke, Oronoco	82.64	
N. A. Reinke, Poplar Grove	19.55	
Geo. W. Scheitel, Potsdam	89.10	
J. R. Baumann, Red Wing	211.12	47.75
E. G. Hertler, South Ridge	63.00	
R. Jeske, Union	93.35	
H. F. Muenkel, Wabasha	25.82	
Karl A. Nolting, West Florence	269.00	34.00
Paul E. Horn, Zumbrota	318.50	3.50

Mankato Conference

Fred L. Precht, Alma City	384.88
W. Schuetze, Belle Plaine	431.66
H. H. Schaller, Helen	139.20
L. F. Brandes, Jordan	500.00
A. Martens, New Prague	339.19
A. Ackermann, Mankato	1,110.57
R. A. Haase, North Mankato	65.00
A. H. Mackdanz, St. Clair	205.07
Ernst C. Birkholz, St. James	146.91
O. K. Netzke, Smith's Mill	24.31
Martin Birkholz, West Mankato	57.81

St. Croix Valley Conference

O. P. Medenwald, Amery	137.00
E. W. Penk, Baytown	74.70
Otto Klett, Bay City, Wis.	28.35
A. W. Sarembo, Cady	23.30
F. A. Werner, Centuria	49.89
O. P. Medenwald, Clear Lake	76.62
E. H. Bruns, Delano	204.09
L. W. Meyer, Farmington	162.87
E. W. Penk, Grant	27.20
P. R. Kurth, Hastings	208.49
R. J. Palmer, Minneapolis	129.35
Paul C. Dovidat, Minneapolis	800.00
R. C. Ave Lallemand, North St. Paul	190.00
A. H. Leerssen, Nye	15.85
A. H. Leerssen, Osceola	66.92
Otto Klett, Prescott	107.60
F. A. Werner, Rock Creek	32.13
F. H. Tabbert, St. Croix Falls	30.54
C. F. Bolle, St. Paul	108.97
G. A. Ernst, St. Paul	1,087.72
A. C. Haase, St. Paul	1,400.98
C. P. Kock, St. Paul	3.05
J. Flocher, St. Paul	843.28
A. W. Koehler, So. St. Paul	257.83
J. W. F. Pieper, Somerset	14.87
J. W. F. Pieper, Stillwater	98.61
A. W. Sarembo, Weston	88.25
H. E. Lietzau, Woodbury	98.00
Im. W. Bade, Woodville	51.50

Redwood Falls Conference

J. G. Bradtke, Arlington	1,165.13	11.00
A. C. Krueger, Cedar Mills	345.44	156.14
W. J. Schmidt, Danube	267.91	
Theodor Bauer, Echo	198.79	
C. C. Kuske, Emmet	96.00	3.00
G. F. Zimmermann, Essig	85.96	
Im. F. Albrecht, Fairfax	371.90	38.50
C. C. Kuske, Flora	16.27	1.00

F. Zimmermann, Ft. Ridgely.....	76.32	6.41
W. Boettcher, Gibbon.....	414.08	153.89
R. Gamm, Marshall.....	368.68	
R. Becker, Milroy.....	90.00	
J. Wehausen, Morton.....	190.28	
F. Lenz, Olivia.....	143.90	
W. Fuerstenau, Omro.....	362.94	59.35
W. A. Birkholz, Redwood Falls.....	217.27	20.32
F. Dorn, Renville.....	290.55	
R. Becker, Seaforth.....	28.42	
Walter P. Scheitel, Sheridan.....	93.78	
G. Fritz, Wellington.....	304.00	21.00
F. Dorn, Winfield.....	100.00	
W. A. Kuehner, Winthrop.....	142.82	49.60
E. Traub, Wood Lake.....	1,051.52	60.00

Crow River Valley Conference

G. Voigt, Acoma.....	381.50	37.45
R. Berwald, Buffalo.....	195.56	
Schuetze, Ellsworth.....	165.50	
W. J. Zehms, Graceville.....	68.51	25.29
C. Duehlmeier, Hancock.....	157.45	
W. J. Schulze, Hutchinson.....	739.53	128.72
R. Kuske, Hutchinson, Trinity.....	62.15	6.50
Th. Albrecht, Johnson.....	111.89	15.35
Carl J. Plocher, Litchfield.....	262.59	20.00
P. Haar, Loretto.....	411.08	42.00
A. Binger, Lynn.....	177.13	77.00
W. J. Zehms, Clinton.....	5.75	
F. Lenz, Monticello.....	53.88	
C. Duehlmeier, Morris.....		5.00
W. C. Nickels, Pelican Lake.....	44.68	
W. Baer, Rockford.....	309.41	

New Ulm Conference

C. Sprenger, Balaton.....	641.00	31.25
C. Kunde, Brighton.....	135.50	
W. Schierenbeck, Butterfield.....	55.63	
C. Kunde, Courtland.....	82.50	
W. Schierenbeck, Darfur.....	98.55	
A. Scherf, Eden.....	120.43	
F. Schroeder, Island Lake.....	99.20	
Paul W. Spaude, Lake Benton.....	160.85	
Frank, Morgan.....	150.00	
Hinnenthal, New Ulm.....	1,042.82	206.06
Schaller, Nicollet.....	864.20	5.00
Schierenbeck, Sanborn.....	40.00	
Theo. Albrecht, St. Peter.....	226.32	
Wm. C. Albrecht, Sleepy Eye.....	732.59	
F. Schroeder, Tyler.....	91.43	
Paul W. Spaude, Verdi.....	65.83	
Carl Brickmann, Vesta.....	129.36	
Arthur Benike, Elgin.....	125.00	
Totals.....	\$ 28,952.89	\$ 2,299.37

Memorial Wreaths

	Reverend	Amount
In Memory of		
Jacob Banitt.....	F. W. Weindorf, Grace, Goodhue.....	\$ 20.00
Mrs. C. F. Kalass.....	T. E. Kock, Minneola.....	33.00
Mrs. C. F. Kalass.....	T. E. Kock, Minneola.....	1.00
Mrs. Arthur Cordes.....	Karl A. Nolting, West Florence.....	26.00
Arman Lust, S. C. 1/C. Navy.....	Fred L. Precht, Alma City.....	4.00
Mrs. Henrietta Mueller.....	A. C. Haase, St. Paul.....	4.00
Ernest Schulz.....	Im. F. Albrecht, Fairfax.....	20.00
Mrs. Bertha Hoefler.....	Hy. Boettcher, Gibbon.....	54.50
C. Rueckert.....	I. F. Lenz, Olivia.....	16.50
Jesse.....	Edw. A. Birkholz, Redwood Falls.....	6.50
Karo.....	Edw. A. Birkholz, Redwood Falls.....	2.00
Mrs. Louise Stibbe.....	H. C. Sprenger, Balaton.....	50.50
Mrs. Fred Koehler.....	G. Theo. Albrecht, St. Peter.....	10.00
August C. Utke.....	R. Jeske, Caledonia.....	14.00
Edith Hayman.....	J. R. Baumann, Red Wing.....	37.75
Mrs. Henry Wolpern.....	W. Schuetze, Belle Plaine.....	9.50
Donald Voigt.....	H. H. Schaller, Helen.....	13.00
Arman Marquardt.....	A. Ackermann, Mankato.....	55.50
John Vajda.....	Arthur W. Koehler, So. St. Paul.....	8.00
Mrs. Fred Soeffker.....	J. G. Bradtke, Arlington.....	7.00
Mrs. Robert Schlueter.....	A. C. Krueger, Cedar Mills.....	9.00
C. Dickmeyer.....	I. F. Albrecht, Fairfax.....	50.50
William Marquardt.....	A. W. Fuerstenau, Omro.....	112.85
John Lucas.....	C. Wm. A. Kuehner, Winthrop.....	21.50
Mrs. Julius Alke.....	F. E. Traub, Wood Lake.....	126.05
Mrs. Ed. Narr.....	F. E. Traub, Wood Lake.....	37.90
Lowell Narr.....	F. E. Traub, Wood Lake.....	99.30
Fred Duensing.....	F. E. Traub, Wood Lake.....	67.75
Mrs. Emma Biegert.....	E. R. Berwald, Buffalo.....	3.00
Hoffried Loeck.....	P. R. Kuske, Hutchinson.....	13.50
Mrs. Albertina Schmidt.....	P. R. Kuske, Hutchinson.....	27.00
Wm. Heining.....	Karl J. Plocher, Litchfield.....	2.75
James R. Koefed.....	W. P. Haar, Loretto.....	10.00
Alma Hazer.....	W. P. Haar, Loretto.....	7.00
Aug. Bleck.....	S. Baer, Rockford.....	33.00
Frank Wendland.....	H. C. Sprenger, Balaton.....	2.00
Miss Hattie Verch.....	H. C. Sprenger, Balaton.....	6.75
Mrs. Maria D. M. Krueger.....	M. C. Kunde, Courtland.....	18.75
Fritz Meyer, Sr.....	G. Hinnenthal, New Ulm.....	16.50
Mrs. Christ Schlemmer.....	Karl Brickmann, Vesta.....	25.30
Henry Meyer.....	P. E. Horn, Zumbrota.....	18.50
August Ruge.....	A. Ackermann, Mankato.....	75.00
Fred W. Schadler.....	A. Ackermann, Mankato.....	13.00
Mrs. Amelia Wirsing.....	A. Ackermann, Mankato.....	2.00
Albert Krieg.....	A. Ackermann, Mankato.....	6.00
Chas. Garling.....	E. W. Penk, Baytown.....	5.00
Chas. Ancke.....	E. W. Penk, Grant.....	3.00
Miss Arline Fenske.....	J. Plocher, St. Paul.....	5.00
D. Zaskie's Baby.....	C. C. Kuske, Emmet.....	6.00
Chas. Lentz.....	C. C. Kuske, Emmet.....	5.00
Louis Timm.....	I. F. Albrecht, Fairfax.....	6.50
Mrs. F. Wichelman.....	Hy. Boettcher, Gibbon.....	152.00
Mrs. F. Wichelman.....	Hy. Boettcher, Gibbon.....	33.18
William Marquardt.....	A. W. Fuerstenau, Omro.....	3.00

Henry Piipke.....	A. W. Fuerstenau, Omro.....	87.75
Harold Klawitter.....	W. G. Voigt, Acoma.....	50.35
Alexander Hamilton.....	E. J. Zehms, Graceville.....	2.50
Mrs. Sylvester Reiner.....	W. J. Schulze, Hutchinson.....	12.00
Mrs. Herman Prieve.....	W. J. Schulze, Hutchinson.....	21.50
John Paul Hansen, G. M. 2/C.....	W. J. Schulze, Hutchinson.....	16.50
Dr. John W. Schulze.....	W. J. Schulze, Hutchinson.....	250.00
Mrs. John Buhr.....	W. J. Schulze, Hutchinson.....	5.00
Frank Kutzke.....	E. A. Binger, Lynn.....	60.75
John Beimel.....	H. C. Duehlmeier, Morris.....	5.00
David Charles Hellmann.....	G. Hinnenthal, New Ulm.....	130.00
William Henry Ristow.....	G. Hinnenthal, New Ulm.....	16.00
Ardy Johnson.....	E. Schaller, Nicollet.....	50.00
Ardy Johnson.....	E. Schaller, Nicollet.....	32.00
Ardy Johnson.....	E. Schaller, Nicollet.....	5.00

H. R. KURTH, District Treasurer.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND THANKS

NORTHWESTERN LUTHERAN ACADEMY

Mobridge, South Dakota

During the first half of the school year, i. e., up to and including January 31, many donations in foodstuffs, moneys, and household items were received at the Academy. Mindful of the times, our friends have responded with even greater generosity than in the past. For this we are deeply grateful.

An estimated 12 to 15 tons of potatoes, squashes, pumpkins, beets, cabbages, onions, popcorn, and carrots came from the congregations of the Eastern Conference. Mr. Martin Scherf, Roscoe, South Dakota, volunteered to do the hauling. The congregations that participated in this joint endeavor are the following: Bethlehem (Rev. K. Bast), Raymond; Mt. Calvary and St. John (Rev. E. Bode), Estelline and Dempster; Trinity (Rev. R. Bretzmann), Hendricks and Arco, Minnesota; First English and Zion (Rev. H. Buch), Aurora and Bruce; St. Peter and St. Paul (Rev. W. Dorn), Goodwin and Havana Twp.; Immanuel and St. Luke (Rev. C. Found), South Shore and Germantown Twp.; St. Paul and Bethlehem (Rev. B. Hahn), Henry and Hague Twp.; St. Paul and Zion (Rev. R. Kettenacker), Argo Twp. and Midwood Twp.; First Lutheran (Rev. W. Lange), Gary; St. John (Rev. M. Lemke), Rauville Twp.; Trinity and Immanuel (Rev. W. Lindloff), Elkton and Ward (the latter financial only); St. Martin (Rev. W. T. Meier), Watertown; St. Peter (vacant), Florence; St. John (Rev. H. Schnitker), Mazeppa Twp.; Trinity and St. John (Rev. H. Schultz), Clear Lake and Altamont; Immanuel (Rev. W. Sprengeler), Grover; Ev. Luth. and Peace (Rev. W. Zickuhr), Willow Lake and Clark.

We are thankful also to individuals who occasionally stop at the Academy to leave a donation, for the total of all such contributions helps very much to reduce our costs. Such items include vegetables, fresh meat, chickens, breakfast foods, relishes, beans, flour, sugar, lard, dish towels, corn on the cob, cream, stair treads, a flag, sickroom supplies, etc. Our records show the following contributors: Mrs. Wm. Christen, Roscoe; Helen Kosel, Los Angeles, California; John L. Frey, Martin Kling, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Menzel, R. Netzer, Ernst Bubbers, Christ Buhr, Fred Buhr, Mrs. J. Maier, E. Bauch, and Emil Katus, Morrirstown; Mrs. Wm. Storm, Thunderhawk; Mrs. Robert Stepper, Terry, Montana; J. D. Rabenberg, Glenham; Prof. H. G. Meyer and O. Bohn, Mobridge; Ed. Reimer, Artas; Mrs. Wm. Barreth, Zealand, North Dakota; Edm. Patzer, Windsor, North Dakota; Rev. G. Ehlert, Hazelton, North Dakota; Mr. and Mrs. Noddner, Germantown; O. Kriesel, Summit; Ladies' Lutheran Mission Society, Leith, North Dakota. — Not a few gifts were left without the names of the donors.

The following pastors sent in moneys collected in their congregations to help reduce living costs: H. Buch, Aurora, \$7.00; R. Kettenacker, White, \$11.00; W. Zickuhr, Willow Lake, \$3.00; H. Schultz, Clear Lake, \$3.00; W. Sprengeler, Grover, \$10.75; W. Lindloff, Ward, \$46.00; W. Dorn, Goodwin, \$3.50; E. Bode, Estelline, \$21.00; W. Lindloff, Ward, \$3.00; H. Lau, Roscoe, \$2.00. To the chorus, Western Conference, \$31.06; placed into the Library Fund, Eastern Conference, \$16.45 and Ladies' Aid of First Lutheran Church, La Crosse, \$25.00; for the sickroom, Ladies' Aid of St. Paul, Roscoe, \$20.00.

R. A. Fenske.

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MICHIGAN LUTHERAN SEMINARY

Saginaw, Michigan

During the past months the following donations have been received for the Seminary kitchen. Our most sincere thanks to all that donated and were helpful in gathering the provisions and transporting them to Saginaw.

From the St. John's Congregation, Town Fremont, Saginaw County, brought to us by Rev. N. Luetke: 160 quarts canned goods, 4 sacks of potatoes, 10 pounds lard, 5 pounds honey, and \$1.00.

From Trinity Congregation, Saline, Michigan, transported to the Seminary by Mr. H. Marion and Rev. H. Engel, Mr. Owen Hoelt and A. and H. Marion furnishing the transportation: 22 bags and 9 bushels potatoes, 275 pounds flour, 9 sacks various vegetables, 3 sacks cabbage, 88 cans canned fruit and vegetables, 8 bottles catsup, 1 gallon jelly, 1 gallon apple butter, 4 gallons lard, 5 pounds rice, 5 dozen eggs, celery, squash and pumpkins, 2 sacks apples, \$34.00, 12 cans of meat.

From Emanuel Congregation, Tawas City, Michigan (Rev. J. Roekle): A trailer load full of all kinds of provisions and \$20.60.

From St. John's Congregation, Wayne, Michigan, delivered to us by Rev. G. Press: 143 quarts and 29 tins canned goods, 18 pounds sugar, 1 Crisco, and \$1.00.

From St. John's Congregation, Frankenmuth, Michigan, brought to the Seminary by Rev. A. Kehrbeg: 2 bags of potatoes, 4 bags vegetables, 1 bushel beans, 2 gallons lard, 35 quarts canned fruit, and \$1.00.

From the Ladies' Aid, St. Luke's, Saginaw, Michigan (Rev. Hilmar Eckert): 28 quarts various fruits and vegetables.

From St. Bartholomew's Congregation, Kawkawlin, Michigan, brought to Saginaw by Rev. Wm. Steih: provisions of all kinds.

From Trinity, Bay City, Michigan, conveyed to Saginaw by Rev. E. Kasischke: 63 1/2 quarts and 18 tins canned fruit and vegetables, 6 jars jelly, 1 sack flour, 5 pounds honey, potatoes, and \$5.00, 20 pounds sugar, 2 gallons jelly.

From St. Paul's Congregation, Saginaw, Michigan (Rev. O. and Rev. O. J. Eckert): 30 tins and 27 quarts canned goods, 2 bushels carrots, 2 bushels cabbage, 4 bushels potatoes, 2 hams, \$4.00, 6 dozen eggs, and the field cut gratis.

From Miss Timmermann's room: 1 bushel potatoes, 17 quarts and 11 tins canned goods, peppers and squash.

From Salem Congregation, Owosso, Michigan, brought to us by Rev. W. Voss: 33 quarts and 22 tins canned goods, 1 case of peas.

From St. John's Congregation, Bay City, Michigan, delivered to the Seminary by Rev. A. Westendorf: A large load of groceries and provisions of the most various kinds, and \$2.50.

From the Ladies' Aid, Mt. Olive, Detroit (Rev. K. Vertz): \$5.00.

From Mrs. C. Hunstein, Caseville, Michigan, through Rev. A. Hueschen, \$1.50.

From St. John's Congregation, Sterling, Michigan, brought to Saginaw by Rev. J. Zink: 3 bags of potatoes, 2 of rutabagos, 1 each of carrots and cabbage, and some squash.

From Bethel Congregation, Bay City, Rev. M. Schroeder: Carrots and \$7.00.

From St. Paul's, Stevensville, Michigan, brought to us by Rev. H. Zink: 75 quarts canned fruit and vegetables.

From St. Stephen's Congregation, Adrian, Michigan, brought to us by Rev. A. Baer: 2 1/2 quarts and 75 cans of various fruits, vegetables, etc., 2 quarts jelly, 1 box cocoa, soap, 53 pounds beans, 5 pounds sugar, 2 pounds coffee, 2 pounds peanut butter, 3 1/2 pounds lard, 12 pounds breakfast food, 1 bushel pumpkins, 100 pounds flour, and \$1.00.

From Salem's Congregation, Coloma, Michigan (Rev. R. Gensmer), delivered to us by Mr. Robert Wendzel: 1 . . . quarts of canned fruit and vegetables of all kinds.

From St. John's Congregation, Clare, Michigan, brought to us by Rev. E. Leyrer: 3 sacks of potatoes, 2 sacks beans, 3 gallons tomato juice, 24 quarts canned goods, \$2.00.

From Ladies' Aid, Zion's Congregation, St. Louis, Michigan, by Rev. C. Leyrer: 150 quarts canned goods.

From Trinity Congregation, Elkton, Michigan, brought to Saginaw by Rev. M. Toepel: 1 gallon tomatoes, 8 quarts and 4 pints canned goods, 1 jar jelly, 3 dozen eggs.

From the parish Zion, Chesaning, and Christ, Brady, brought to the Seminary by Rev. Roland Hoenecke: from Chesaning: 151 quarts canned goods, 17 quarts jelly, 1 bushel apples, 3 bags potatoes, 10 pounds breakfast foods, 50 pounds flour, 2 gallons lard, 1 bag of cabbage, 6 squash and pumpkins, \$9.00, 37 dozen eggs; from Brady: 67 quarts canned goods, 6 quarts jelly, 50 pounds flour, 4 pumpkins, 7 bags potatoes, 2 each of carrots and sweet corn, 1 bag beans, 1 bag cabbage, \$15.00.

From the parish St. Luke's, Vassar, St. Paul's, Mayville, and Zion, Silverwood, Michigan, brought to us by Rev. A. W. Voges: from Vassar: 25 quarts and 9 tins canned goods, 2 bushels each of grapes and potatoes, 2 bags beans, 1 bushel cabbage, also onions, celery, cabbage and pumpkins; from Mayville: 2 bags of potatoes and 1 each of squash and beans; from Silverwood: 3 bags of potatoes, 1 bag of beans, 2 quarts canned goods and squash.

From New Salem's Congregation, Sebawaing, Michigan (Rev. G. Schmelzer) brought to Saginaw by Mrs. M. Baur: a trailer load full of various provisions.

From Christ Congregation, Swan Creek, Michigan, delivered to us by Rev. G. Cares: 78 quarts canned goods, 50 pounds flour, 1 bushel each of potatoes, cabbage and carrots.

From St. John's Congregation, Saginaw, Michigan (Rev. O. Frey): 8 quarts canned goods, 2 bushels apples.

From the parish Remus and Broomfield (Rev. D. Metzger): canned goods and vegetables.

From St. Paul's Congregation, Hale, Michigan (Rev. W. Kehrberg): potatoes, etc.

From St. Matthew's Congregation, Saginaw County, Michigan (Rev. A. Schwerin): 1 bag beans, several bushels potatoes.

From St. John's Congregation, Zilwaukee, Michigan, brought by Rev. R. Koch: 2 bushels potatoes and 2 bushels vegetables.

From Salem's Congregation, Scio, Michigan (Rev. A. Wacker): 15 dozen eggs, canned goods, and lard.

From St. Paul's Congregation, Livonia, Michigan (Rev. Th. Sauer): 26 tins and 38 quarts canned goods, and 6 jars jelly.

From Rev. J. Gauss, Jenera, Ohio, 3 gallons lard.

From Mr. E. Schiefer, R. R., Vassar, Michigan: provisions.

Otto J. R. Hoenecke, Director.

**HOME FOR THE AGED
Belle Plaine, Minnesota**

Since October 17, 1943, our Home for the Aged at Belle Plaine, Minnesota has received donations from the following:

MINNESOTA — Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gruetzmacher, Belle Plaine; Mr. and Mrs. G. E. McKinnon, Mankato; F. Dahlke, Belle Plaine; Andrew Ruehling, Belle Plaine; Pastor W. C. Nickels, Buffalo; St. John's Church, Lake Benton; Rev. and Mrs. Fred Sell, St. James; Lutheran Mission Society, Arlington; Rev. O. Lemke, Elgin; Mrs. Wm. Giesike, Mankato; St. Paul's Ladies' Aid, North Mankato; Mrs. Henry Grabow, Winona; Friedens Ladies' Aid, Hutchinson; L. W. F., Minneapolis; Immanuel Ladies' Aid, Mankato; St. John's Church, Lake Benton; Miss Eleanore Voelker, Winona; Trinity Ladies' Aid, Belle Plaine; Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Schmidt, Belle Plaine; Visiting Committee, Lake Benton; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sellnow, Belle Plaine; St. Paul's Church, Jordan; Ladies' Aid, Lake City; Mrs. Harry Otto, Belle Plaine; St. Paul's Church, Jordan; Mrs. W. H. Werges, Winona; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gruetzmacher, Belle Plaine; St. Paul's Ladies' Aid, Arlington; Mrs. St. Paul's Mission Society, Arlington; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stoppelman, Belle Plaine; St. Paul's Church, Jordan; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stoppelman, Belle Plaine; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Herzberg, Winona; Mr. and Mrs. W. Haach, Winona; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hespeneide, Belle Plaine; Miss Mabel Compert, Nicollet; Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Hespeneide, Belle Plaine; St. Matthew's Ladies' Aid, Winona; Mr. and Mrs. Victor Rolf, Norwood; Immanuel Ladies' Aid, Verdi; Mrs. John Roering, Amboy; P. Kuntz, Treasurer, Minnesota District, Missouri Synod; Ladies' Aid, St. John's, Stewartville; Happy Birthday Club, Austin; Ladies' Auxiliary, Immanuel, Mankato; Ladies' Aid, Immanuel, Mankato; Elsie Gundlach, St. Pauls, Ladies' Aid; St. John's, St. Clair; P. Kuntz, Treasurer, Minnesota District, Missouri Synod; Guild, Emmanuel, St. Paul; Ladies' Aid, St. Paul's, Arlington; Willing Workers, St. John's, Wood Lake; Ladies' Aid, North St. Paul; Ladies' Aid, Immanuel, Acoma; Ladies' Aid, St. John's, Vesta; R. F. Neubert, Mankato; St. Paul's, St. James; Ladies'

Aid, Zion, Essig; Mrs. E. Holz, St. Paul; Ladies' Aid, Wood Lake; Ladies' Aid, St. John's, Lake City; Lutheran Aid Society, Lewiston; Guild, St. James, St. Paul; Ladies' Aid, Emmanuel, St. Paul, Women's Club, St. Matthew's, Winona; Ladies' Aid, St. Luke's, Winfield Township; Ladies' Aid, St. John's, Renville; Ladies' Aid, Mount Olive, Minneapolis; Ladies' Aid, St. Paul's, New Ulm; Mrs. Herman Zantow, St. Paul; Guild, Mt. Olive, St. Paul; The Herzbergs, Winona; Ladies' Aid, Trinity, Austin; Mrs. R. Schlauderer, Jordan; Ladies' Aid, Trinity, Belle Plaine; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Witte, 50th Wedding Anniversary, Arlington; P. Kuntz, Treasurer, Minnesota District, Missouri Synod; Memorial Wreath for Mr. Handt from Mrs. Dean Brendal, Starbuck; Memorial Wreath for Mr. Christ Schlemmer from Mr. Christ Schlemmer and Children, Vesta; Memorial Wreath for Mrs. Martha M. Dysterheft from Rev. G. A. Ernst, St. Paul; Memorial Wreath for Alex Metzger from S. Reimann, St. Paul.

WISCONSIN — Mrs. Helena Bess, Fountain City; St. Stephen's Mission Aid, Beaver Dam; Trinity Lutheran Ladies' Aid, Marinette; Miss Emma Schmekloth, Plum City; St. John's Ladies' Aid, Centuria; Mrs. H. J. Stuber, Fountain City; St. Paul's Ladies' Aid, Prescott; Mildred Albrecht, Lake Mills; Ruth. Mission Club, Siloah, Milwaukee; Pastor O. P. Medenwald, Amery; Ladies' Aid, Redeemer, Amery; Ladies' Aid of St. John's, Whitewater; Mrs. Michael Dahlke, Neenah; Rev. Paul Bergmann, Menasha; Ladies' Aid, Tomah; Ladies' Aid, Grace, Stratford; Lutheran Mission Sewing Circle, Tomah; Ladies' Aid, St. John's, Alma City; Ladies' Aid, St. John's, Kendall; Needle Club, Sawyer; Rev. P. G. Bergmann, Menasha.

WASHINGTON — Mrs. S. Brockelman, Bellingham; Ladies' Aid, St. John's, Clarkston; Mrs. S. Brockelman, Bellingham; Ladies' Aid, Omak.

NORTH DAKOTA — The Lutheran Mission Society, Leith.

SOUTH DAKOTA — Lutheran Church, Lemmon; Ladies' Aid, St. John's, Watertown; Ladies' Aid, St. Martin's, Watertown; N. N., through Rev. W. T. Meier, Watertown; Rev. W. F. Sprengeler, Hazel; Memorial Wreath for John Lage from Relatives and Friends, Gary; Memorial Wreath for Mrs. J. C. Miller from Mrs. Herm. Sperring, Watertown; Memorial Wreath for Peter Scheerer from Mr. and Mrs. Emil Stoltenburg, Watertown; Memorial Wreath for Mr. Louis Gerberding from Relatives, Goodwin; 50th Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Carl David.

MICHIGAN — Ladies' Aid, Mt. Olive, Detroit; Young Ladies' Society, Local Branch A. A. L. and Congregation of St. Stephen's Church, Adrian; Memorial Wreath for Mr. Carrie Beiswanger from St. Stephen's Church, Adrian.

May the Lord richly bless both gift and giver.

L. F. Brandes.

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MEMORIAL WREATHS

July—Memorial Wreath for Mrs. Pauline Scheft, Bowdle, South Dakota..\$ 5.00
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Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Schulke, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Imsland.....\$ 5.00
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For the Church Extension Fund in memory of Arthur Richard Reimer of Hazelton, North Dakota:
Mr. and Mrs. Oswin Reimer.....\$ 5.00
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Mr. and Mrs. John Bachaus..... 5.00
Rev. and Mrs. W. Hermann..... 3.00
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\$20.00

Rev. G. J. Ehlert.

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Memorial Wreath given in memory of Mr. Victor Dorn, formerly a member of Trinity Lutheran Church.

There were five (5) wreaths given for the Church Extension Fund, totaling \$21.00.

There were seventeen (17) wreaths given for Home Missions by members and non-members, totaling \$64.00.

One (1) wreath was given for Home Missions, \$5.00, by the Trinity Ladies' Aid.

Wreaths for Church Extension\$21.00
Wreaths for Home Missions (Congregation and Others) 64.00
Ladies' Aid for Home Missions 5.00

Total\$90.00

Pastor R. E. Bretzmann.