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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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PENTECOST

IN the story of Pentecost in the second chapter of the Book of Acts there are circumstances which immediately catch the eye and the ear, "the sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, the cloven tongues like as of fire, which sat upon each of the disciples.

the gift of tongues," all of this is too striking to be overlooked. But one is apt to miss the little sentence, and the significance of it, which stands at the head of this story, "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were



all with one accord in one place." The preceding chapter sheds additional light on this remark, "These, the apostles, all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brethren." Acts 1, 14. The little company of Christ's followers remained in Jerusalem watching, waiting with prayer and supplication. The burden of their prayers is mentioned in the opening verses of the Book of Acts. We read, "Jesus being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith He, ye have heard of Me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence." It is apparent that this promise and command of the Savior kept the followers of Jesus in Jerusalem. They waited, in accordance with His promise, until they should be baptized with the Holy Ghost. And can we conceive of the great day of Pentecost and the events that transpired on that Day, without this obedience on the part of the disciples toward the Word of the Savior?

No Pentecost Without The Word

We, too, have an equally plain command and promise of the Lord, "Blessed are they that hear the Word of God and keep it." We have the plain warning, "Let us not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is." We have another promise of Jesus, "If ye continue in My Word, then are ye my disciples indeed, and ye shall know

the truth, and the truth shall make you free." And Peter in his Pentecostal address said, "Ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." — We shall not know and experience the blessings of Pentecost, unless we remain with the Word of our Lord. Look again to the story of Pentecost. It was the *Word* which manifested itself as the saving, sanctifying power in the Apostles as well as in the three thousand souls which were converted on that day.

Another Comforter

On the eve of His great Passion Christ told His disciples of His departure from them. Up to that time He had been with them, and

John 14, 16, 17.

And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him: but ye know Him; for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

He had been their Comforter. But now He must return to the Father to prepare their mansions for them in heaven. In due time He would return and take them unto Himself. What would become of the disciples while the Lord was absent from them in the body? Jesus did not withhold the truth from them. "In the world ye shall have sorrow. Ye shall weep and lament, but the world will rejoice." How then would the disciples weather the storm, how would they endure, remain faithful to Christ, and overcome the world with its temptations and threats? This is Christ's promise, "I will pray the Father and He shall give you another Comforter that He may abide with you forever; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him: but ye know Him; for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you."

Jesus calls the Holy Spirit the Comforter. A Comforter is an advocate, one who takes up

the cause of the weak and defenseless. The Greek word for the Comforter, Paraclete, points to the Holy Spirit as the one who is called to the side of the helpless to defend them, to stand by them in their need. And Jesus says, "He shall abide with you forever," He shall be constantly at your side, indeed he shall be in you.

The Spirit Glorifies The Savior

There is nothing new or unusual in this promise of the Savior concerning the Holy Spirit. His name and His office, which points at once to *our weakness* and to *His love and grace*, is in full harmony with the entire Gospel of Christ. When God the Father on Christmas Day gave us His Son, He gave Him to a world of lost and condemned sinners. "God so loved the world," this sinful, dying world. When Christ, the Son of God, died on the cross on Good Friday, He was delivered for our offenses; and when He arose on Easter Sunday it was for our justification. "Ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that we through His poverty might be rich." — And the Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son. Even as the Father and the Son loved the sinful world, so the Spirit also has loved helpless sinners. The Holy Spirit is the gift of the Father for Jesus' sake. And mark it, even as Christ Jesus opened the way to God in heaven for sinners, so the Holy Spirit takes us and leads us on that way. Even as Christ purchased and won for us the forgiveness of sins, so the Holy Spirit makes this forgiveness our own. Even as Jesus has said, "This is the will of Him that sent Me, that whosoever seeth the Son and believeth on Him shall have eternal life," so the Holy Spirit is sent to show us that Savior, to bring us to faith in Him through the Gospel of Christ. Even as Christ rose from the dead and lives unto God, so we are quickened by the Holy Spirit through faith in Christ to live unto God, to serve Him in righteousness and holiness.

The World Cannot Know Him

Of this Holy Spirit the world knows nothing. Jesus has said, "The world cannot receive Him, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him." The unbelieving world, the natural man, knows nothing of the things of God,

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Editorials

The Holy Spirit and the Gift of Inspiration When Jesus by His ascension declared very emphatically that He had said and done everything He was sent to say and to do, He at the same time reminded His disciples that they would receive the Holy Spirit with power from on high. "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in Judea and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth" (Acts 1, 8). Who were these men whom He thus appointed to be His witnesses, and whom He promised to equip for their work with the gift of the Holy Ghost? Every Christian can apply this promise to himself, for it is the church to the end of the world whom Jesus thus commissioned (Matth. 28, 18-20). But in the passage from Acts quoted above, St. Luke has particularly the twelve apostles in mind. In v. 2 he tells us that Jesus "through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom He had chosen." He continues to inform us that to these apostles "he showed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs," that He spoke to them "of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God," and that to them He gave the promise: "Ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence" (Acts 1, 2-5).

Apostles The apostles were in a special class. As far as the way to salvation is concerned, they had no advantage over us. There was no other way to heaven prepared for them, no easier way, no surer way, than for us. One word of the Apostle Peter may suffice to show this. Before the council in Jerusalem he testified: "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4, 12). Note the peculiar change in person. First Peter speaks of *men* in general, then suddenly he includes himself, "*we*". As far as salvation is concerned, all men are in the same class, the apostles not excepted. "There is no difference, for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 3, 22-24).

In one respect, however, there is a difference between the apostles and other Christians. They are *apostles*. Jesus Himself gave them that title. In Luke 6, 13, we read this short notice: "And when it was day, he called unto him his disciples; and of them he chose twelve, whom also he named apostles." Jesus had a great number of disciples, people that believed in Him; but He did not appoint them all to be His apostles. Rather, from among their number He selected twelve. All apostles were disciples, but in addition they had a special call from Jesus to be His messengers into all the world.

They needed special qualifications for their high calling. On various occasions we read that Jesus was alone with His Twelve, or that He addressed words in particular to them. When Judas dropped out of the ranks of the apostles, Peter summed up the required qualifications in this way: "Wherefore of these men which have companied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John unto the same day that he was taken up from us, must one be ordained to be a witness with us of his resurrection" (Acts 1, 21, 22).

To these men, companions of Jesus during His public ministry, eye and ear witnesses particularly of His triumphant resurrection, Jesus gave the special promise of the Holy Ghost.

Inspiration To His apostles our Savior gave the promise of the Holy Ghost with power. They are to be "baptized" with the Holy Ghost. What this gift would mean to them, He had also foretold. "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself, but whatsoever he shall hear that shall he speak; and he will show you things to come. He shall glorify me, for he shall receive of mine and shall show it unto you" (John 16, 13, 14). And again: "The Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance whatsoever I have said unto you" (John 14, 26). The Holy Ghost will be with them in such a way that they cannot err nor forget. Jesus even promised: "When they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak, for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall

speak. For it is not ye that speak but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you" (Matth. 10, 19, 20).

The prophets of old possessed the gift of inspiration. How often do we not read in the Old Testament that the holy men of God introduced their message with the remark, "Thus saith the Lord." St. Peter says of them that "the Spirit of Christ" was in them and "testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glory that should follow" (1 Pet 1, 11). St. Paul says of their writings that "all Scripture is given by inspiration of God" (2 Tim. 3, 16). St. Peter describes this act at some length in the following passage: "We have also a more sure word of prophecy, whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place until the day dawn and the day star arise, in your hearts; knowing this first that no prophecy in the Scripture is of any private interpretation; for the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man, but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost" (2 Pet. 1, 19-21).

This same description applies to the apostles of our Lord after they had received the Holy Ghost. One remark by St. Paul may serve to illustrate it. To the Corinthians he explains: "We have received . . . the Spirit which is of God, that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God." These things are the "hidden mystery" of the Gospel, about which it is written, "eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man." But the Spirit of God who searches even "the deep things of God" revealed them to the apostles to proclaim them to the world. And the apostles do this: "which things also we speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth" (1 Cor. 2, 7-13).

Inspiration was a Pentecost gift to the apostles. It was not to be repeated; but nevertheless its blessed fruit was not to die out with the apostles: we still have it in their writings, the powerful and errorless Word of God.

Let us make diligent use of this Pentecost gift for our salvation.
J. P. M.

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The Only Hope For Man As the war continues in unabated fury and people become jittery certain fears begin to manifest themselves. People become a bit more sober, willing to do some good hard thinking and meditating. Much of the thinking done by the serious men and women centers about the problem of education. This war has taught them that education as it is known to the great mass of people and upon which they relied to "make this world a fit place to live in" has utterly failed them. Now they are groping in the dark looking for other ground into which to drop their anchor — and hope. Will they find it? John Edgar Hoover writing in the *Lutheran Companion* proposes the only sure way out of our present troubles. He says, "Amid this degradation and shame there is one ray of hope — the beckoning finger of God, who long ago laid down the principles of family structure for it to follow. The churches of America have a duty now more vital than ever. This burden can be discharged by complete tolerance and unity as manifested during National Family Week. Weekly religious devotion in God's honor is insufficient. His works should govern the every action of parent and child alike. It is through His precepts that our homes can be restored to the tranquil path of freedom from crime.

"America suffers nearly a million and a half major crimes each year plus countless millions of lesser offenses. The crime bill is enormous from both the financial and spiritual viewpoints.

"Religious, educational and civic institutions combined with law enforcement agencies in a solid front can go far in overcoming this menace, but home training is indispensable. Culpable negligence must be crushed and home life should revert to the position it formerly occupied. Neglectful, thoughtless parents who fail to teach and discipline children will inevitably be required to explain at some future date their reason for neglect."

And, let us add, if parents will not pick up the loose ends and make a desperate effort to rehabilitate the home through religious endeavors that center in Christ, the Savior, they may as well abandon all hope and inscribe upon their doors Ichabud.

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.

VII.

IF ye then be risen with Christ," so Paul says to the Colossians, chap. 4, 1, 2, "*seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.*"

In the afflictions and miseries of this life we are prone to forget that we have here no continuing city but are seeking one to come in the life hereafter. For that reason the Holy Spirit never tires of directing our attention away from our

troubles here on earth to the joys that await us in heaven. We could fill many columns by just quoting the passages from Scripture. We shall limit ourselves to discussing briefly but a few this time, and then bring our study about heaven to a close in the next meditation.

Scripture, on the one hand, assures us that our life in heaven will be free from all the infirmities and troubles that beset us in this life. It tells us that there will be no more enemies to harass us. In 1 Cor. 15, the great chapter on the resurrection, Paul uses these words: "For he (Christ) must reign till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death" (v. 25, 26). Mark well, *all* enemies will be put under Jesus' feet, all without exception. There is one enemy that stands out among the rest, an enemy that apparently has not yet been defeated and not brought under control. That is death. We all must die, and then death will hold us in his cold grip. That will continue till Judgment Day. But on that day this enemy, the *last* of them all, will also be brought into subjection. A glorious resurrection will take place. The final judgment will be held, and we shall rise to our Savior in heaven, "caught up in the clouds," Paul says in 1 Thess. 4, 17,

"to meet the Lord in the air." And then we shall be with our Lord where no enemy can touch us. The very last enemy has then been utterly defeated.

The thing that troubles us Christians most in this life is our sin. We know that our sins are not held against us by God. They have been forgiven, washed away in the blood of Jesus. In our happiness that our guilt has been covered we would like to lead a sinless life, a life pleasing to our Lord, a life of perfect love to God and to our neighbor. But we find that our life is far from pure. We sin much every day. — Now Scripture assures us that we shall be rid of sin altogether in heaven. In Heb. 12, 1, the apostle complains about the "sin which doth so easily beset us" (*anklebt, i. e.*, sticks to us and entangles us, as Luther translated); but in v. 22 and 23, he comforts us with the thought that we have come to the "assembly and church of the first-born which are written in heaven"; and that assembly consists of the spirits of "just men made perfect."

Then our struggles against sin and temptation will be over. St. James says (chap. 1, 12, 14): "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation. . . . Every man is tempted when he is drawn away of his own lust and enticed." Hence St. Paul admonishes us to "put on the whole armor of God" — because the devil himself is going about as a roaring lion, seeking to devour us — in order that we may "be able to stand against the wiles of the devil" and to "quench all the fiery darts of the wicked" (Eph. 6, 11-17). But when this same Paul faced death by execution, he rejoiced: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing" (2 Tim. 4, 7, 8). With his death his struggles were over, his crown is now safe, and will be handed to him on the great resurrection day.

Free from the vestiges of sin and its temptations, yet triumphing over sin in heaven, we shall also enjoy perfect freedom from all the consequences of sin. We have seen already that there will be no more death in heaven. When Isaiah, speaking of the redemption won by the Servant of the Lord, used these words: "They shall not hunger nor thirst, neither shall the heat nor sun smite them: for he that hath mercy on them shall lead them, even by the springs of water shall he guide them" (chap. 49, 10) — the book of Revelation took up these words and applied them directly to our coming life in heaven: "They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more," etc., and added: "God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes" (chap. 7, 16, 17). Rev. 21, speaking of the new heaven and the new earth, uses these words: "God will wipe away all tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away" (v. 4).

We have not the space to discuss the numerous passages speaking of this freedom in heaven, *e. g.*, Rom. 8, 21-23; 1 Cor. 15,

54-57; 2 Thess. 1, 6, 7; 2 Tim. 4, 18, and others. We now briefly mention a few expressions that picture to us the happiness of heaven.

There is one idea which may easily rouse our hopes to the highest pitch: "*inheritance.*" Who would not be pleased at the prospect of inheritance! Peter speaks of an "inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you" (1 Pet. 1, 4). Heb. 9, 15 rejoices in "the promise of eternal inheritance." St. Paul in Eph. 5, 5, introduces a new and great element of hope by telling us in what our inheritance will consist, namely, an "inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God." We are made "heirs according to the hope of eternal life" (Tit. 3, 7), or simply, each one is "an heir of God through Christ" (Gal. 4, 7).

Heirs of God's kingdom, this means happiness in a double sense. Wherever God rules as king, there He delights to shower His blessings on the citizens of His kingdom; and in addition we are appointed to be kings ourselves under God. "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom" (Luke 12, 32). Matth. 5, 20; 7, 81; 21, 31, and others, speak of "entering" into the kingdom, which Jesus on the last day will invite those on His right hand to come and "inherit."

There are many passages which call the life in heaven by the simple name "salvation." See 1 Thess. 5, 9; 2 Thess. 2, 13; 2 Tim. 2, 10; Heb. 1, 14; 9, 28. Others call it "glory"; *e. g.*, Rom. 8, 17, 18; 2 Cor. 4, 17; 2 Tim. 2, 10.

The joys of heaven are pictured to us as a wedding feast or some other festival occasion. Matth. 25, 10; Rev. 19, 9; Luke 13, 29; 22, 30.

In what do the joys of heaven consist, which are so vividly painted before our eyes in bright colors? The Scriptures are not silent on this question, and God granting, we shall devote our next study to a consideration of pertinent Scripture statements.

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they are foolishness unto Him. Paul experienced this in preaching the Gospel of Christ. It was a stumbling-block to the Jews and foolishness to the Greeks. There is a reason for this also. Jesus calls the Holy Spirit the Spirit of truth. This world is blinded by the lies of Satan, he holds the men of this world in spiritual darkness, he takes the Word from their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.

But Ye Know Him

But the blessed Spirit is promised to the believers. He leads them into the Truth, He comforts them with the Gospel of Christ, He defends them against the lies and temptations of Satan, He keeps them in the true faith unto the end. — "If ye continue in My Word, then are ye my disciples indeed, and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

A. P. V.





SPIRITUAL WELFARE COMMISSION



THE S. W. C. MAILING LIST



ONE of the questions arising very frequently concerning the work of the Spiritual Welfare Commission is, "Who are the people on your mailing list?" The answer involves a very interesting and fascinating study.

It is self-evident that the large majority of the names on file are those of the members of our Wisconsin Synod congregations. They have been baptized and confirmed in our churches, have attended our services. They have received their Christian education in our Lutheran parochial schools, Sunday Schools, high schools, and colleges. It is our endeavor to show them our continued and increased interest in their spiritual well-being with the firm hope and prayer that they will "continue in the things which they have learned." Through our mailing program we have been able to send them our literature which is written by our own pastors and thus offer them the same Gospel which they heard while at home. Their appreciation is attested to by their fine cooperation in sending us their change of address, by the thousands of letters to our office, and by their liberal contributions. One of the servicemen recently enclosed a donation of thirty-five dollars with the note: "In a global war of this kind we face many things and have to do much thinking. If there were more knowledge of Jesus Christ in this world, it would be a better world. I have made Him my only Stay." . . . One writes from Iceland: "I have been unable to attend a Lutheran church since I have been in the army. Therefore the only means I have of receiving God's words are through the literature you send me, literature from my pastor at home, and reading the Bible. For the past fifteen months I have received your messages and have never failed to read and re-read any of them. Words can't express how much comfort God's Word and promises have given me." . . . Another writes from the Southwest Pacific: "I want you to know that I surely enjoyed receiving your literature as I haven't had much of any chance to attend a church service in about three months. The reason for this was that I have been in combat. Thanks to the gracious Lord, I came through unharmed. I look forward to receiving more of this literature. . . . A letter from somewhere in Italy reads: "There are two things especially that have always struck me rather forcibly ever since I first received this literature from the Commission, the one being the method of planning that you must employ to get these booklets to us at the correct time, and the other and more important one, the very real interest that you manage to put into each devotion sent to us. May the Lord continue to bless your wonderful work."

Through the cooperation of the International Red Cross we have also been able to send our material to our American Prisoners of War. Although we have received no communication from them, which may easily be explained, we also have not received any return mail, which seems to indicate that the material is reaching its destination.

Other Wisconsin Synod servicemen who are receiving our material are the **wounded and hospitalized**. We hope to expand our work in this respect and provide special pertinent literature to meet their peculiar needs. One of our men writes from the hospital: "Your literature came at a time when I was in need of spiritual uplifting. At present I am confined in a base hospital. At first I was terribly worried as to what the future held for me. Now my mind is at ease, and I know that God is merciful and through my suffering I am nearer to Him."

There are also quite a few young men and women on our list who are not communicant members of any of our congregations. Nothing pleases us more than when we can also reach the **unchurched** through our material. Many a man has gone forth to battle completely trained in body and mind, has had the finest of weapons, leaders, and strategy, but lacked the one essential, spiritual strength. This is ably expressed by one of the men on our list who is not yet a member of any of our churches: "Each man is issued a gas mask and is taught to trust his mask completely. If every one of us would compare this mask to God's Word, and when we went into war would trust in it, there would be no fear." . . . Many of our servicemen have put forth much effort in sharing their spiritual literature with their comrades, by letting them read it, by placing it into the reading rooms, and by discussing God's Word with others. In this manner we have received many requests from the unchurched to be placed on our mailing list. We are happy to comply with such requests. It is especially from these new readers that some of the finest expressions of gratitude flow. A recent letter from Italy reads in part: "With this letter I am sending a small-valued money order to help in your wonderful work of sending spiritual food to the men and women in the armed forces. Giving money to help others to Christ is a new experience for me. For my army life is about two years old and my Christian life is about one year old. In reading the word of God I find this old life of worldly pleasures fading fast, and see, feel, and know that I'm not living but Christ that is in me. Thanking each and every one in helping by doing his or her wonderful job in sending publications that strengthen our faith and love in Christ." This was accompanied by a fifteen dollar money order.

It has occurred occasionally that requests for our material have come from pastors and laymen of other religious denominations, who have read our material, were pleased with it, and desired copies of it. When such requests are received, we gladly comply. We know of one church not of our denomination which uses our literature in their Sunday School instructions.

Our material is also mailed regularly to certain civilians of our Synod and of the unchurched who are brought to our attention. This includes the **war workers** who because of their work are taken far away from their

home churches and often have no facilities for attending one of our churches. Many **wives and relatives** of the servicemen have left their homes and home congregations for the duration and have asked to be placed on our list. Several requests have come to us from the servicemen to send our material to their parents and other relatives to give them some indication of the type of literature which is distributed by the Spiritual Welfare Commission.

The pastors of our Synod receive copies of our material, so that they may be informed of the progress of our work, its scope, and material. This gives them the opportunity to show the members in the congregation that our Synod is seeking to provide for our members in the service. Several pastors have displayed this literature on the church bulletin boards to reveal it to the eyes of all who enter the church. Frequently the pastors ask for **additional copies** of our material to use in ministering to the sick, the invalids, and those confined to their homes.

In general it is of course our main object to provide for the 17,300 men and women on our list who are in the armed forces. It was for that purpose that the Spiritual Welfare Commission was established. And since we are working under the General Mission Board, we are dedicated to carry on mission work among the unchurched wherever possible. We should all humbly and gratefully praise the Lord for giving us that pure word of God and the sacraments, we thank Him for retaining them in our midst in their truth and purity, and we can rejoice that He has privileged us to proclaim that Gospel orally and by mail to those who need that comfort so much during these times.

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PASTOR JULIUS KLINGMANN



After faithful service in the vineyard of the Lord, extending over fifty-five years, Pastor Julius Klingmann was called home by the Master whom he had served. He departed this life on May 3, at the age of 78 years, 6 months, and 2 days. He died of a heart ailment from which he had suffered for some time.

Pastor Carl Julius Klingmann was born on October 31, 1865, at Monroe, Michigan. He was the son of Pastor and Mrs. Stephen Klingmann. He attended the parochial school at Scio, Washtenaw County, Michigan, where his father was pastor.

After his confirmation in 1879 he entered Concordia College, Fort Wayne, Indiana, from which he was graduated in 1885. In September of that year he entered Concordia Theological Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri, and was graduated in 1888. One of his teachers at the Seminary was the sainted Dr. C. F. W. Walther.

Upon completion of his theological course he accepted a call as pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Argentine, Kansas, where he was ordained and installed on the fifteenth Sunday after Trinity, 1888, by the sainted Pastor Hofner, then president of the Kansas District of the Missouri Synod.

In June, 1891, he accepted a call to Salem Lutheran Church, Scio, Michigan, to succeed his father who had died. He served this congregation for ten years. From 1901 until 1904 he was pastor of Bethel Lutheran Church, Bay City, Michigan.

On April 15, 1904, he was installed as pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Watertown, Wisconsin, one of the largest congregations within the Wisconsin Synod, which congregation he served faithfully and untiringly until the time of his death, for a period of forty years.

His fiftieth anniversary in the ministry was observed on August 31, 1938, by the members

of St. Mark's Congregation and by the members of the Central Pastoral Conference.

Besides his many duties as pastor of a large congregation, he also served our Synod and the church at large in various offices. For more than thirty-six years he served as a member of the Board of Trustees of Northwestern College, for many years as chairman of this Board.

On August 8, 1889, Pastor Klingmann was united in holy wedlock with Miss Clara Meyer, daughter of Pastor and Mrs. Michael Meyer, St. Louis, Missouri. God blessed this union with six children. In 1939 Pastor and Mrs. Klingmann were privileged to observe their golden wedding anniversary.

Pastor Klingmann preached his last sermon on March 13 of this year. On April 21 he was taken to the Theda Clark Memorial Hospital, Neenah, Wisconsin, of which his daughter Esther is superintendent. Here, on May 3, he passed away peacefully in the Lord.

His death is mourned by his bereaved widow; six children: Miss Della Klingmann, Watertown, Wisconsin, Miss Esther Klingmann, Neenah, Wisconsin, Mrs. Louis Bandelin, Racine, Wisconsin, Lt. Col. Walter Klingmann, Maxwell Field, Alabama, Mrs. Rufus Moldenhauer, Racine, Wisconsin, Herbert Klingmann, Washington, D. C., five grandchildren; two daughters-in-law; two sons-in-law; a brother, Dr. Theophil Klingmann, Ann Arbor, Michigan; a sister, Miss Martha Klingmann, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Funeral services were held Saturday, May 6. Private services were held in the forenoon, conducted by Pastor Immanuel Uetzmann, after which the body was taken to the church where it lay in state until the time of services. Pastor William Eggert conducted the altar service. Pastor Philip Koehler addressed the large assembly in the English language, basing his sermon on Luke 2, 29-30. He also read the obituary. Professor Adelbert Schaller preached the German sermon, choosing as his text John 16, 22. The Elders of St. Mark's Church served as active pallbearers; members of the Central Pastoral Conference as honorary pallbearers. Interment was in Oak Hill Cemetery, Pastor Uetzmann officiating at the grave.

Ph. H. K.

REV. THEOPHIL SAMUEL BRENNER

The Rev. Theophil Samuel Brenner, pastor of St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church of the Town of Freedom, near Appleton, Wisconsin, passed away suddenly on Palm Sunday, April 2, 1944. He had delivered his Palm Sunday message to his congregation and was about to proceed to the altar to conclude the service, when he collapsed in the sanctuary of his church. Contemplating the circumstances of his unexpected departure, we say, "Who dieth thus dies well."

The deceased was a son of the late Rev. George Phillip Brenner and his wife Mathilda, née Wetzell. He was born on December 24, 1872, in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. There he attended the parochial school of his father's church, and after his confirmation in 1886 he entered our Northwestern College at Watertown. After the completion of his college

course he entered upon his theological studies at our Seminary which was then located at Wauwatosa, Wisconsin. He was graduated from that institution on June 11, 1896, and on November 8 of the same year he was ordained to the holy ministry and installed as the pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Winneconne, Wisconsin. In the year 1899 he accepted a call to Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin. While serving that congregation he was married to Miss Lina Werner of Milwaukee on February 21, 1900. The Lord granted them a blessed and happy wedded life of forty-four years. It was at Prairie du Chien that their two children, Arthur and Anita, were born to them.

In May, 1906, Pastor Brenner accepted a call to serve four congregations in the towns of Maple Creek and Liberty, near New London, Wisconsin. He was installed in those congregations by his father. On September 7, 1924, he accepted a repeated call to St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Congregation, Town of Freedom, Wisconsin, and was installed there on November 16, 1924, by his predecessor, the Rev. G. A. Dettmann. His ministry at this congregation, which became increasingly difficult, extended over a period of nearly twenty years. All the years of his service in the holy ministry total forty-eight. He attained the age of 71 years, 3 months and 8 days. He is survived by his faithful and devoted wife, one son, Arthur; one daughter, Mrs. Anita Badciong; one grandchild, one daughter-in-law, one son-in-law, one brother, two sisters and other relatives.

The funeral service was held in the church of the deceased on Wednesday of Holy Week, April 5, and was conducted by the undersigned, whose sermon was based on Daniel 12, 2, 3. The body was removed to Milwaukee where on Maundy Thursday the Rev. Prof. J. Meyer, a college and seminary classmate of the deceased conducted a brief service in a mortuary chapel and officiated at the interment on Grace-land Cemetery.

Paul Th. Oehlert.

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MRS. EDNA OTTO

How true the words of David: "There is but one step between me and death." This was brought to the very close and painful attention of the Lutheran Church of St. John, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, and her pastor, Rev. C. A. Otto, when, very suddenly, the beloved wife of Rev. Otto was taken to her eternal home by her merciful God and Father.

She will linger long—in the memories of the the members of her church, in which she, by her cheerful and Christian disposition, had gained many devoted friends, was ever faithful and active in humble service of the Lord—in the memory of her husband to whom she proved to be a true and loving helpmeet—in the memories of her children whom she brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Mrs. Edna Otto, daughter of the now sainted Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Knoop, was born September 4, 1886, in Neillsville, Wisconsin, and soon thereafter made a saving acquaintance with her Savior in baptism. United in marriage with Rev. C. A. Otto September 5, 1909, she lived with her husband

in Meadow, South Dakota, Arcadia, Wisconsin, and for the past sixteen years in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin. She died from a heart attack April 20.

Her earthly loss is sadly felt by her husband, Rev. C. A. Otto; three sons, Rev. Rud. Otto, Wilmot, Wisconsin; Dr. Theophil Otto, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin; Carl, a student at Thiensville Seminary; one daughter, Mrs. Ruth Bradley, El Paso, Texas.

The funeral services were held April 24. Rev. R. Buerger spoke words of comfort in the German language based on the words: "It is the Lord," John 21, 7; and Rev. Wm. F. Pankow in the English language based on the words: "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain," Phil. 1, 21.

While her soul now enjoys the bliss of heaven, merited for her by Christ, her body rests on Graceland Cemetery against the day of resurrection.

W. F. P.

ANNIVERSARIES

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

MR. AND MRS. FRED JACOBI, SR.

By the grace of God, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jacobi, Sr., members of Salem Church, Veefkind, Wisconsin, were privileged to observe the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding on April 22, 1944. A special service was arranged for them at the home of a son with whom they now reside. The undersigned spoke on the basis of Psalm 107, verse 1, pointing to the many material and spiritual blessings which the couple has enjoyed from the gracious hand of God during the fifty years of their wedded life. May the Lord continue to bless the jubilee couple with His grace and protection.

L. Lambert.

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GOLDEN WEDDING

MR. AND MRS. HENRY NAUMANN

On April 21 Mr. and Mrs. Henry Naumann, members of Zion Ev. Lutheran Church of West Jacksonport, Wisconsin, were privileged to celebrate their golden wedding at a special church service. The sermon was based on Ps. 126, 3. An offering of \$5.00 was brought for missions as an expression of gratitude for the many blessings received during their long married life.

F. H. Senger.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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, 3626 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.

MINNESOTA DISTRICT CONVENTION

The fourteenth biennial convention of the Minnesota District will be held in New Ulm, Minnesota, Dr. Martin Luther College, June 19, at 2 P. M., until and including June 23.

Credentials of delegates shall be signed by the president and secretary of the congregation. All memorials to the District Synod should be submitted to the District President by June 1.

The opening service with Lord's Supper will be held in St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, New Ulm, on Monday evening, June 19.

On Thursday evening services will be held in the convention hall.

Essays: "The Progress of True Lutheranism in the old Minnesota Synod" (conclusion), Dr. Paul W. Spaude; "A Popular Commentary of 1 Corinthians 12," by the Rev. LeRoy Ristow.

The Housing Committee will send information on quarters.

R. A. Haase, Sec'y.

SOUTHEAST WISCONSIN DISTRICT CONVENTION

The Southeast Wisconsin District of the Joint Ev. Lutheran Synod of Wisconsin and Other States convenes, God willing, June 26 to 29, 1944, at

St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church, North 10th Street and West Garfield Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Arthur Halboth, pastor. Opening service on Monday, June 26, at 10 A. M. Thereafter presentation of credentials of lay delegates, properly signed by the chairman and secretary of their respective congregations, to the undersigned.

Essays will be read by Pastor H. J. Diehl (Sanctification — with German excerpt) and Dr. Alfred von Rohr-Sauer (Der Stand des Christen innerhalb der Schoepferordnungen Gottes — with English excerpt).

Holy Communion service on Wednesday evening, June 28.

The ladies of St. Matthew's will serve dinner on the four days of the convention, also supper on June 28. St. Matthew's is not assuming responsibility for lodging and breakfast.

Memorials, reports, documents, releases, applications for membership, et al., to be considered at the convention are to be in the hands of President R. O. Buerger by June 1, 1944.

W. Keibel, Sec'y.

WESTERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT CONVENTION

Pursuant to an invitation received from the Salem Congregation and the Our Savior's Congregation of Wausau, Wisconsin, and the St. Peter's Congregation of Schofield, Wisconsin (Pastors John Henning, Lyle Koenig, G. C. Marquardt), the Western Wisconsin District of the Ev. Luth. Joint Synod of Wisconsin and Other States will convene, D. v., from June 12 to 15, 1944, at Schofield-Wausau, Wisconsin. The sessions will be held in the church of the St. Peter's Congregation at Schofield, Wisconsin, all three congregations will join in the lodging of the delegates, teachers and pastors.

The opening session will be held on Monday afternoon, June 12, at 2:15 o'clock. The credentials of the lay delegates, signed by the president and secretary of their respective congregation, should be in the hands of the District Secretary by 1:45 o'clock.

The opening service will be held on Monday evening. A communion service will be held on Wednesday evening.

All memorials and communications pertaining to the convention should be in the hands of the District president by June 1, including applications of congregations, teachers and pastors for membership in our Synod. Such applications should be accompanied by the proper credentials.

During the course of the convention two brief papers will be submitted on the following subjects: "The Mission Opportunities of the Church in 1944" by Pastor Martin Nommensen, and "Ordination" by Pastor A. H. Dobberstein.

Lodging will be furnished gratis, meals at a reasonable price. The pastors acting as hosts to the convention will contact all pastors and teachers, respectively congregations, concerning lodging, etc., and will appreciate an early reply. If through some oversight any pastor or teacher of the District is not thus contacted by June 1, kindly announce directly to the Rev. G. C. Marquardt, 201 Jacobi Street, Schofield, Wisconsin.

A. W. Paap, Sec'y.

NEBRASKA DISTRICT CONVENTION

The fourteenth convention of the Nebraska District of the Ev. Lutheran Joint Synod of Wisconsin and Other States will be held, D. v., in Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church, Hadar, Nebraska (Rev. H. H. Spaude, pastor), June 21 to 26.

The opening service will be held on Wednesday, June 21, at 10:45 A. M. President Im. P. Frey will deliver the sermon. Holy Communion will be celebrated in this service.

Immediately after the opening service the District Secretary will receive the credentials of lay delegates. Credentials are valid only if signed by the chairman and secretary of the congregation which the delegate represents.

The first session will begin at two o'clock on Wednesday afternoon.

The following essays will be read: Gospel versus Canonical Law (Rev. A. C. Bauman); The History of the Lutheran Church in America from 1820-1870 with Special Emphasis on Various Efforts at Merging (Rev. Victor Schultz); Woman Suffrage in the Church (Rev. Herbert Witt).

On Sunday the convention visitors will be guests of the host congregation at the celebration of its Mission Festival. Services will be held at 9:45 and 11 A. M. and at 2:30 P. M.

The difficult task of making arrangements for quarters will be facilitated if all announcements of attendance are in the hands of the local pastor several weeks in advance of the convention. Also all correspondence pertaining to matters to be considered at the sessions of the District should be sent to the District President, Rev. Im. P. Frey, at the earliest possible date.

L. Sabrowsky, Sec'y.

DAKOTA-MONTANA DISTRICT CONVENTION

God willing, the Dakota-Montana District of the Ev. Luth. Joint Synod of Wisconsin and Other States will convene June 13 (10 A. M.) to June 16, 1944, at Bowdle, South Dakota. The opening service will be held Tuesday evening and will be a communion service. The service on Thursday evening will commemorate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the District.

Essays will be delivered by Prof. F. Blume (The High Calling of the Christian according to the First Epistle of Peter) and by Supt. F. Meyer (An Appraisal of Educational Principles in the Light of Scripture).

Credentials of the delegates should be signed by the chairman and secretary of the congregation. Please forward them to the District Secretary by June 10.

Lodging and breakfast will be furnished free, but a nominal charge will be made for dinner and supper. Please announce early.

K. G. Sievert, Sec'y.

THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNODICAL CONFERENCE

In response to the invitation extended by the Federation of our Lutheran Churches of Greater Cleveland, we will meet in convention August 1 to 4 at St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church (Pastor Theo. H. Dorn), 1486 E. 55th Street, Cleveland, Ohio. Essays by Prof. Theo. Laetsch, D.D., St. Louis, Missouri, on "The Holiness of God" and by Prof. E. Reim, Thiensville, Wisconsin, on "Christian Liberty." Delegates to the convention should secure three copies of their credentials, which must bear the signature of the president and of the secretary of the respective Synod or District, and should mail one copy to the chairman, Prof. L. Fuerbringer, D.D., 801 De Mun Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri, another one to the secretary, Prof. G. V. Schick, Ph.D., 801 De Mun Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri, and the third to Pastor Theo. H. Dorn, 1486 E. 55th Street, Cleveland 3, Ohio. Overtures, in order to appear in the printed agenda, must be in the hands of the chairman of the Synodical Conference by June 1.

G. V. Schick, Sec'y.

EASTERN PASTORAL CONFERENCE OF THE SOUTHEAST WISCONSIN DISTRICT

The Eastern Pastoral Conference of the Southeast Wisconsin District will meet at Trinity Church (Rev. A. Schultz), North Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on June 6 and 7.

Communion Service, Tuesday, June 6, at 9:30 A. M. H. Herwig, preacher; G. Hillmer, substitute.

Essays: Arguments of the Chiliasts and Millennialists, E. Ebert; Can Creation and Supernatural Acts be Explained in the Light of Science, A. Krueger; Excommunication: 1. Who is to be Excommunicated? 2. Shall he be dealt with as Mission Material? M. Rische; Exegesis of Hebrews, chap. 7, G. Hillmer; Exegesis of Hebrews, chap. 6 (continuation), A. Buenger.

Melvin C. Schwenzen, Sec'y.

FOX RIVER VALLEY PASTOR, TEACHER, AND DELEGATE CONFERENCE

The pastors, teachers, and lay delegates of the Fox River Valley will meet on Tuesday, June 13, 1944, 9 A. M., at Bonduel, Wisconsin. V. J. Weyland, pastor. Matters of business that will be taken up at the coming district convention will be discussed at this meeting with the delegates. A special service with Holy Communion will be held in the evening. The Rev. Arthur Werner will preach the sermon. (The Rev. Wilmar Wichmann - Substitute Preacher.)

Announcements for both, pastors and delegates, should be made to the local pastor, V. J. Weyland, Bonduel, Wisconsin, no later than June 1. Kindly specify whether night's lodging will be required.

On June 14, 1944, 9 A. M., the pastoral conference will meet at the St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Town Angelica, V. J. Weyland, pastor. The following new essays have been assigned: Ex. Hom. Treatise on 2 Chron. 33, 9-16, J. Masch; Isagogics on Isaiah, Im. Boettcher; Catechesis on the first part of the Fifth Commandment, C. Croll; "What is meant by 'Repentance' in the Life of the Christian," W. Kuetter; Practical Exegesis on Ezekiel 33, 8-9 in the light of the pastor's responsibility in the final judgment, C. J. Henning; "The content and scope of the Visitor's activity," W. Zink; Explanation of passages used as proof texts in the catechism which present difficulty of explanation. Ex.: "Let the dead bury the dead," "Search the Scriptures," "This say I and not the Lord"; A. Voigt. Previous assignments are to be delivered by Pastors P. Oehlert, E. Hinenthal, J. Masch, W. Wichmann, F. Senger, F. Brandt, F. Knueppel.

Victor Weyland, Sec'y.

EASTERN DELEGATE CONFERENCE, SOUTHEAST WISCONSIN DISTRICT

The Eastern Delegate Conference, Southeast Wisconsin District, meets, D. v., Sunday afternoon, June 18, at Trinity Church, Pastor H. Shiley, 1076 White Rock Avenue, Waukesha, Wisconsin. Sessions will begin at 2 o'clock.

Wm. Holzhausen, Sec'y.

REDWOOD FALLS DELEGATE CONFERENCE

The Redwood Falls Delegate Conference will be held, D. v., on Friday, June 2, 1944, in Echo, Minnesota. Pastor Theo. Bauer, host pastor. Opening at 9 o'clock A. M.

The time of conference will be filled with a consideration of the reports and proposals addressed to the District Synod meetings of this year and a discussion on the "Reward Plan" led by Pastor Im. Lenz.

Congregations are urged to send at least two delegates. The time of conference has been set, also to make it convenient for our male teachers to attend. The pastors are asked to let Pastor Bauer know how many guests to expect from their congregations.

G. F. Zimmermann, Sec'y.

ST. CROIX CIRCUIT DELEGATE CONFERENCE

The St. Croix Circuit Delegate Conference will be held on Tuesday, June 6, 1944, at St. John's Church, Baytown, E. W. Penk, pastor.

The forenoon session will begin at 9 o'clock with Holy Communion, John Plocher (J. Pieper) preaching.

Essays: A. E. Frey: "The Christian's Mental Attitude toward Sickness and Trials"; A. H. Leerssen: "Infant Baptism"; F. A. Werner: "Blessings and Privileges of Synod Membership."

Kindly inform Pastor Penk in due time as to the number of delegates planning to attend.

P. R. Kurth, Sec'y.

CROW RIVER VALLEY DELEGATE CONFERENCE

The Crow River Valley Delegate Conference is to convene at Acoma, Hutchinson, Minnesota. Rev. W. Voigt, pastor, on June 6 and 7. The first session begins at 10 A. M.

Program: "How a Layman can become a Missionary in his own Congregation," W. J. Haar; A Study of Booklet, "The Government Chaplaincy - An Appraisal," by Prof. K. Schweppe led by W. C. Nickels (bring your copies); discussion of Syllabus.

Sermon: Chr. Albrecht. Your intentions of presence or absence should be made known to host pastor in time. Report names of delegates also.

M. J. Lenz, Sec'y.

SOUTHWESTERN DELEGATE CONFERENCE

The Southwestern Delegate Conference will meet in St. Paul's Church, Mauston, Wisconsin, Albert Winter, pastor.

Time: Sunday afternoon, June 4, 2 P. M. E. W. Ebert, Sec'y.

MANKATO DELEGATE CONFERENCE

The Mankato Delegate Conference will convene on Tuesday, June 13, at 9:30 A. M. in Immanuel's School, Mankato. The various reports of the program for the District Synod Convention will be considered and discussed.

W. Schuetze, Sec'y.

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY DELEGATE CONFERENCE

The Mississippi Valley Delegate Conference will meet on June 6, 1944, at 9:30 A. M. at Lewiston, Minnesota.

Remarks: Dinner will be served by the Ladies' Aid Society. Pastors, please inform the local pastor as to the number of delegates and teachers from their respective congregations, at an early date!

Rud. P. Korn, Sec'y.

LAKE SUPERIOR DELEGATE CONFERENCE

The Lake Superior Delegate Conference will meet on Tuesday, June 6, 1944, at 9 A. M., at Carbondale, Michigan. Pastor B. Kuschel.

Note: Please announce by June 1, 1944, to Pastor B. Kuschel, Daggett, Michigan.

H. A. Kahrs, Sec'y.

MANITOWOC DELEGATE CONFERENCE

The Manitowoc Delegate Conference will meet on Monday, June 12, at 9 A. M., at the First German Ev. Luth. Church, Manitowoc (Pastor L. Koeningner).

Essay: Faithfulness in Church Membership, Pastor C. Thurow.

E. H. Kionka, Sec'y.

NEW ULM DELEGATE CONFERENCE

The New Ulm Delegate Conference will meet in Zion Lutheran Church of Morgan, Minnesota (W. Frank, pastor), on June 14, at 9 A. M.

Kindly announce to the local pastor. W. Frank, Sec'y.

NOTICE

All constitutions of congregations of the Minnesota District, that have not been submitted yet for approval as well as those translated from the German into the English, are to be forwarded, before the next convention, to the Committee on Constitutions consisting of Pastors Henry Boettcher, Robert Ave-Lallemant, and the undersigned.

Dr. Paul W. Spaude, Chairman.

SEMINARIES, COLLEGES, ACADEMIES

Theological Seminary

The new school year of our Theological Seminary will be opened, D. v., with a special service in the Seminary Chapel on Tuesday, June 20, at 10 A. M. Friends and patrons are cordially invited.

Joh. P. Meyer.

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Michigan Lutheran Seminary

The present school year at Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Saginaw, Michigan, is to close June 8. It was, thanks to God, a very good year in all respects. The total enrollment rose to 81. With that the highest previous enrollment has been equalled. The dormitory enrollment was 36, five more than ever before.

The morning and afternoon of commencement day will, as in former years, be given over to field events, ending in a base ball game between former students and graduates and the Seminary team.

The commencement exercises are to take place at 7:30 P. M. at our St. Paul's Church. There are 10 scholars in the 12th grade, 5 boys and 5 girls.

The Michigan Lutheran Seminary Club will meet immediately after the exercises at the Seminary. We hereby extend a cordial invitation to all to be with us on commencement day.

Otto J. R. Hoenecke, Dir.

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Northwestern College

Graduation exercises at Northwestern College will take place on Thursday, June 8. We extend a cordial invitation to attend these exercises.

The new school year for the four classes of the Collegiate Department will begin on June 19. There will be no summer session for the classes of the Preparatory Department.

E. E. Kowalke.

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Dr. Martin Luther College

Commencement exercises at Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota, will be held on Friday, June 9, at 10 o'clock. Concert on Thursday evening, June 8, at 8:15. Everybody is welcome.

C. L. Schweppe.

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Northwestern Lutheran Academy

The closing exercise of this institution will be held at 10:30 A. M., Friday, June 9. Four boys and four girls will graduate. Rev. O. Heier of Jamestown, North Dakota, has consented to deliver the main address. All friends of the Academy will, as usual, receive a hearty welcome.

R. A. Fenske.

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Winnebago Lutheran Academy

On June 11 the present school year will be closed with a church service at 4 P. M., and an Academic program at 8 P. M. Friends are cordially invited.

G. E. Bergemann.

ORDINATIONS AND INSTALLATIONS

Authorized by the president of the Minnesota District, Pastor A. Ackermann, the undersigned installed Mr. H. A. Klatt as teacher of St. John's Lutheran School, Sleepy Eye, Minnesota, on Invocavit Sunday, February 27, 1944.

Wm. C. Albrecht.

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Authorized by President A. Ackermann the undersigned installed M. J. Lenz as pastor of St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church on Sunday Jubilate. Pastors R. Haase and A. Mackdanz assisted.

Address: Rev. M. J. Lenz, Alma City, Minnesota.

Otto K. Netzke.

Upon authorization by President W. T. Meier of the Dakota-Montana District the undersigned installed the Rev. A. Hellmann as pastor of St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church of Goodwin, South Dakota, on Sunday, April 30.
Address: Rev. A. Hellmann, Goodwin, South Dakota.

William Lange.

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Upon due authorization by President Im. P. Frey of the Nebraska-Colorado District, I ordained and installed John F. Brenner as pastor of Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Hillrose, Colorado, on Sunday, April 30, 1944.
Address: Rev. John F. Brenner, Box 154, Hillrose, Colorado.

M. F. Weishan.

MEMORIAL WREATHS

Included in the total sum of \$95.65 is a Memorial Wreath for Missions for the amount of \$53.00 for Mrs. F. M. Pottratz from the following:

Mrs. Johanna Lange.....\$ 3.00
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lange..... 3.00
John Lange 3.00

Fred Welsand and Family..... 4.00
Deters Brothers and Sisters..... 20.00
Grand-children and Great-grand-children 20.00
\$53.00

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Included in the total sum of \$95.65 is a Memorial Wreath for the Church Extension Fund for the amount of \$11.00 for Mrs. F. M. Pottratz from the following:

Mrs. O. Rutz, Pipestone, Minn.....\$.50
Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Rosin, Elgin, Minn. 5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Rossin, Elgin, Minn. 1.00
Mr. and Mrs. Edw. Rossin, Elgin, Minn. 1.00
Mrs. Louise Hofer, Pipestone, Minn..... .50
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pottratz, Pipestone 1.00
Mr. and Mrs. H. Conrad, Holland, Minn. 1.00
Mrs. Fred Dubbels, Eyota, Minn..... 1.00
\$11.00

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Included in the total sum of \$95.65 is a Memorial Wreath for the Church Extension Fund for the amount of \$1.00 for Mrs. Rudolph Welsand from

Mrs. Fred Dubbels, Eyota, Minn.....\$ 1.00
S. E. Johnson, District Treasurer.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND THANKS

The library of Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota, has received the following gifts: Mr. Albert Carlin, Adrian, Michigan, \$20.00, a personal donation; from the teachers and pupils of St. John's School, Wayne, Michigan, M. W. Boehler, principal, \$25.00, a Memorial Wreath for Robert E. Moers, Wayne, Michigan. To all the donors our cordial thanks.
E. R. Bliedernicht, Librarian.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Mr. H. A. Klatt, 617 So. 5th Street, Sleepy Eye, Minnesota.

REQUEST

Any congregation having German choir music for mixed choir which it would like to dispose of, please inform the undersigned. Describe and give cost.

Rev. H. A. Kuether,
R. R. 1, Box 63,
Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT

July 1, 1943 to April 29, 1944

Receipts

Cash Balance July 1, 1943.....\$ 59,788.26

Budgetary Collections:

General Administration\$158,367.53
Educational Institutions 60,056.76
Home for the Aged 4,915.55
Spiritual Welfare Commission 32,299.44
For Other Missions 248,255.55
Indigent Students 2,865.57
General Support 11,950.17
School Supervision 739.79
To Retire Debt 5,555.37
Revenues 73,271.87

Total Budgetary Collection and Revenues\$598,235.60

Non-Budgetary Receipts:

U. S. Government Bonds Matured\$ 49,952.50
From Debt Retirement Committee 33,000.00
Miscellaneous 19.80

Total Receipts\$681,207.90

\$720,996.16

Disbursements

Budgetary Disbursements:

General Administration\$ 19,872.37
Theological Seminary 21,178.16
Northwestern College 57,376.85
Dr. Martin Luther College 44,267.82
Michigan Lutheran Seminary 19,120.20
Northwestern Lutheran Academy 10,779.08
Home for the Aged 7,666.69
Missions - General Administration 135.11
Indian Missions 31,426.26
Negro Missions 25,713.69
Home Missions 158,296.40
Poland Mission 6,144.85
Madison Student Mission 1,135.62
Spiritual Welfare Commission 26,783.36
Winnebago Lutheran Academy 1,500.00
General Support 22,488.00
Indigent Students 695.00
School Supervision 2,748.19

Total Budgetary Disbursements\$457,327.65

Non-Budgetary Disbursements:

Institutional Missions - Parsonages\$ 7,334.07
U. S. Government Bonds Purchased 179,971.50

Total Disbursements\$644,633.22

Cash Balance April 29, 1944\$ 76,362.94

Amount of U. S. Government Bonds now held for Budgetary Account\$150,000.00

Allotment Statement

Districts	Communicants	Receipts	Allotments
Pacific Northwest	1,070	\$ 4,515.15	\$ 5,210.00
Nebraska	4,715	14,808.78	14,145.00
Michigan	16,980	68,052.61	50,940.00
Dakota-Montana	5,586	21,981.32	16,758.00
Minnesota	34,014	97,542.25	102,042.00
North Wisconsin	39,604	106,160.36	118,812.00
West Wisconsin	41,420	101,170.09	124,260.00
Southeast Wisconsin	45,447	107,489.98	136,341.00
Totals	188,836	\$521,700.54	\$566,508.00

Districts	Deficit	Surplus	Percent of Allotment
Pacific Northwest		\$ 1,305.15	140.65%
Nebraska		663.78	104.69%
Michigan	17,092.61	133.55%	
Dakota-Montana		5,223.32	131.16%
Minnesota	4,499.75	95.59%	
North Wisconsin	12,651.64	89.35%	
West Wisconsin	23,089.91	81.41%	
Southeast Wisconsin	28,851.02	78.83%	
Totals	\$ 69,092.32	\$ 24,284.86	92.09%

P. S. Requisition from Dr. Martin Luther College for April was not received in time for this report.

C. J. NIEDFELDT, Treasurer.

DONATIONS SENT DIRECTLY TO TREASURER'S OFFICE

For April, 1944

For Spiritual Welfare Commission

Memorial Wreath in memory of Mrs. John Seipel and infant by Immanuel's Ev. Luth. Ladies' Aid, Plum City, Wisconsin\$ 3.00

Memorial Wreath in memory of Mrs. Aug. Teut of Burlington by the Tuesday Afternoon Club 7.00

Sgt. W. F. Arnhoelter, Nashville, Tennessee..... 1.00

Mr. Carl J. Greif..... 1.00

Capt. Richard C. Giffey, Washington, D. C..... 10.00

S/Sgt. Harvey Callies, Africa..... 2.00

Ladies' Aid, St. John's Ev. Luth. Church, Rising City Pfc. Milton E. Peterson, Camp Reynolds, Pennsylvania 10.00

Pfc. Harold Tesch, Laredo Army Air Field, Texas.... 2.00

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Raabe, New Ulm, Minnesota..... 10.00

Sgt. and Mrs. Bucka..... 15.00

Reinhold Rusch, Manitowoc, Wisconsin..... 2.00

Carl W. Lenz, Manitowoc, Wisconsin..... 1.00

Art Lenz, Manitowoc, Wisconsin..... 2.00

Pfc. L. G. Meyer, Seattle, Washington..... 25.00

Ladies' Aid of St. Paul's Ev. Luth. Church, Tess Corners Sgt. Alvin Schneider, New York City, New York..... 22.00

St. Luke's Ev. Luth. Church, Lemmon, South Dakota... 2.00

Cpl. Lawrence D. Caskey, Sherman Field, Kansas.... 3.00

Cpl. Erdmann Haase, San Francisco, California..... 4.00

Lt. Henry Krigner, New York City, New York..... 25.00

Zion Ev. Luth. Ladies' Aid, Morrison, Wisconsin.... 1.00

Pfc. Edward Wehausen, Lowry Field, Colorado..... 25.00

Mr. Ernst Kuesel, Spring Valley, Wisconsin..... 5.00

Joint Recreation Committee of Racine and Kenosha Lt. Adeline H. Lenz, A. N. C., Station Hospital, Camp McQuaide, California 2.00

Pvt. Martin Berg, Shreveport, Louisiana..... 2.00

Pvt. Carl E. Berg, Seattle, Washington..... 2.00

C. W. O. Harold G. Berg, New York City, New York T/Sgt. Elmer C. Horstman, New York City, New York 10.00

Memorial Wreath in memory of Mrs. F. M. Pottratz by Young People's Society of Immanuel Congregation, Ward, South Dakota..... 7.50

\$ 207.50

For Missions

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Muench, Milwaukee, Wisconsin..\$ 53.00

Memorial Wreath in memory of Mrs. C. A. Otto by Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Wiedenmeyer..... 2.00

\$ 55.00

For Church Extension

Memorial Wreath in memory of Harry W. Luebecke by the Ernest Luebecke Family\$ 5.00

Memorial Wreath in memory of Mrs. Anna Wegener by Mrs. Elizabeth Boettcher 1.00

Memorial Wreath in memory of Mrs. Henry Vetter by Mrs. Elizabeth Boettcher 1.00

Memorial Wreath in memory of Mr. Carl Abram by Mr. and Mrs. Emil Trettin, Mr. and Mrs. John Hauck, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Sampe..... 3.00

\$ 10.00

C. J. NIEDFELDT, Treasurer.