

# The Northwestern Lutheran

*"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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*"Of Whom Speaketh The Prophet This"*

*"Then Philip....preached unto Him Jesus"*

## CHRISTIANS

Acts II, 20-26

**M**ANY may be surprised to hear that the Bible only in three instances uses the title Christians to designate Christ's believing disciples. We find it used in the twenty-sixth chapter of Acts by King Agrippa. After Paul had testified before him concerning his own conversion King Agrippa exclaimed: "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian." Then the Apostle Peter uses the name in his first epistle, when he admonishes: "Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf" (4, 16). Finally the title Christians is used in our text as a designation for disciples of the Lord.

Here we are told of the first place where this name was given to the followers of Jesus. It was in Antioch in Syria. After Stephan had been stoned for his joyful confession of Christ a bitter persecution had broken out against all the believers at Jerusalem. Because of this persecution they had to flee from the city into the region round about. Yet wherever these faithful disciples of the Lord went they joyfully confessed Christ as their Savior. Some who had gone as far as Antioch in Syria confessed and preached the Lord Jesus not only before Jews but also before pagan Greeks. "And the hand of the Lord was with them: and a great number believed, and turned unto the Lord." When the news of this new congregation of believers came to the church at Jerusalem Barnabas was sent to Antioch. He later got Paul from Tarsus, and the two for a whole year taught in the midst of the church at Antioch, drawing ever more to Christ and deepening and strengthening them all in their faith. These disciples of the Lord at Antioch were the ones who were first called Christians. Outsiders seemingly gave them this name. Obviously they meant to say this: here are people who believe in Christ and who in such faith endeavor to serve Him with Christ-like lives. When the inspired writer states: "And the disciples were called Christians first at Antioch," he implies

that this name was soon applied to disciples of the Lord elsewhere, and that as a fitting title it was destined to become a most common name for Christ's believing followers.

### We Bear Christ's Name

The title of a Christian belongs to you and me inasmuch as we trust in Christ as our Savior and in such faith are moved to live ever more like Him. Christ means The Anointed One. As our God-sent Savior Jesus was anointed to be our High Priest, Prophet, and King.

*We Bear Our High Priest's Name*

We are all sinful by nature and by our daily lives. In these sins of ours we could not stand before God, approach Him, or even enjoy His heavenly bliss and glory. Yet God's Son came down from heaven and became our High Priest. Sacrificing Himself in suffering and death to God in our stead and in our behalf He wiped out the punishments that we had merited. Bringing His own perfectly holy life from birth to death to God in our stead and in our behalf He made us righteous in God's sight. As our victorious High Priest He now intercedes for us. He is our advocate with the Father. Because He pleads for us on the basis of His atoning sacrifice we continue to enjoy God's grace and favor in spite of our daily sins and weaknesses. Those who look up to Christ as their High Priest in trust and faith have a right to bear His name, a right to call themselves Christians. We cannot do this of ourselves, however. Only the Gospel, through which the Holy Spirit enlightens us to see Jesus as our High Priest, can give us such faith and preserve us in it. Through the Gospel also the disciples at Antioch, who were first called Christians, came to look up to Christ as their perfect High Priest.

Bearing our High Priest's name in faith and having become priests through Him with free access to God, we shall want to lead priestly lives. Atoning sacrifices we cannot bring, and Christ's perfect sacrifice has left no need of any. We

shall, however, be moved to grace our name of Christians in accordance with the divine admonitions: "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service" (Rom. 12, 1). "To do good and to communicate forget not; for with such sacrifices God is well pleased" (Heb. 13, 16). In our High Priest's name we shall make prayers, supplications, intercessions for all men, for the members of our household, for our fellow Christians, for those in need and danger, for all that are in authority, yes, even for our enemies, for those that despitefully use us and persecute us.

*We Bear Our Prophet's Name* Our Savior Jesus Christ was also anointed to be our

Prophet. The work of the prophet is to proclaim God's Word. God's great message is the Gospel, the message of forgiveness of sin. Not only did Jesus in word and deed proclaim the Gospel of forgiveness but He Himself established it with His life and death. Without Him there would be no Gospel to reach our ears. Those who look to Christ in faith as their great Prophet, those who seek all knowledge and certainty of salvation in Him, again rightly bear His name and rightly call themselves Christians. Yet bearing our Prophet's name in faith we shall also want to grace it by living as prophets. Jesus says: "As my Father has sent me even so send I you." "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature." This commission we shall want to heed as Christians. It was thus that the disciples at Antioch, who were first called Christians, bore their high title. Though they had been forced to flee they would not keep the precious treasure of the Gospel to themselves. Freely and joyfully they confessed it before all with whom they came into contact. They sent out missionaries to reach those to whom they could not speak personally. It was the Christian congregation at Antioch which prayerfully sent out Paul and his co-workers on their great missionary journeys among the Gentiles. Thus we, too, shall want to bear our high title of Christians.

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# Editorials

**A Word Wisely Spoken** "Churches are empty because they have not challenged youth, but have rallied them around banquets and plays." So said Dr. William Ward Ayer, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in New York City. He spoke these ominous words to 1,500 people in Milwaukee some time ago. We are repeating these words, not because the Baptist minister has said something that has never been said before, nor because he has come across a new discovery in regard to the youth problem. There is nothing new in what he has said, nor has he put it in new dress. These very things have been stressed and said over and over again by ministers of our church privately and publicly. We have said on the authority of God's Word that there is but one hope for our youth as there is but one hope for the aged and that is the *obedience to the Gospel of Christ*. If youth spurns this Word, if youth turns from it and will not have it, youth has signed its own death warrant. It is not the habits of youth that must be changed but the heart. That heart — the natural heart — in which "dwelleth no good thing," must be changed. Christ said to Paul, "I send thee unto the Gentiles to open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive the forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are *sanctified by faith that is in me*." Nothing else will do. Christ must dwell in the heart of our youth by faith and thus take possession of the will and mind and energies. And Christ will come to them in no other way than by the means of grace, the Gospel and the Sacraments. "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God," Romans 10, 17. "Receive with meekness the engrafted Word, *which is able to save your souls*," James 1, 21. There is no substitute for this Word of God, the Gospel of our salvation. Banquets and social gatherings of youth, whether in homes or in the church parlors, suppers and entertainments and plays supervised by the church, will not save the souls of our youth nor create a taste for the real thing, the Gospel of Christ. We were happy to read this expression from the lips of a man whose church body did dabble in these things, and still does, believing that through them the youth will be won for Christ and the Church. "Youth needs a creed," says Dr. Ayer. We hope also that Dr. Ayer had no other creed in mind than that confessed in summary in the Apostles' Creed — and all of it, especially those matchless words of Dr. Luther in his explanation of the second article: "I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord; who has redeemed me a lost and condemned creature,

purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent sufferings and death; *that I should be His own*, etc. That creed youth needs today and always. Let the churches concentrate on this work. That and that alone is her calling.

W. J. S.

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## Rome Collects a Half Million — For What?

Our curiosity was recently aroused by a one-sentence Associated Press dispatch from Honolulu. It stated: "The navy has paid the Catholic Church on Guam \$524,950.23 for wartime damage to 38 properties, Pacific fleet headquarters announced today." The date was August 25. Since \$524,950.23 is a great deal of money and Guam is a small island which, before the war, displayed very simple structures, we wondered how one church could suffer so much damage there. So far we have been unable to secure further light on that point. But we have learned that no Protestant claims have been paid, although one of the Baptist mission boards seeks indemnification for loss of one church and two houses. The Roman Catholic claim was paid promptly, but the Protestant bill is still "under consideration." The navy says that payment was made under Public Law 224, 79th Congress, approved November 15, 1945. That law sets up the Guam Land and Claims Commission, appointed by the Chief of Naval Operations and/or the Naval Governor of Guam. This commission consists of not more than three commissioned officers of the navy or marine corps. Under the law, payment is to be made only to "permanent residents of Guam," the term being defined as meaning "natural persons domiciled in the island of Guam." Since the navy has announced that it has paid "the Catholic Church on Guam \$524,950.23," the question arises as to whether that church is "a natural person domiciled in the island of Guam." Furthermore the law is limited (Section 2-a) to claims not exceeding \$5,000. Thirty-eight claims at a maximum of \$5,000 each do not work out to more than half a million. In the light of the many questions this transaction raises, Pacific headquarters might consider whether it does not owe the taxpayers, whose \$524,950.23 was paid out, a bill of particulars. The whole matter is significant in its own right and also for the precedent it establishes for the Philippines, where the Roman Catholic Church claims from the United States war damages of \$125,000,000.

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## TABLE OF DUTIES

### Widows

#### II.

In our previous study we considered the two verses which our Catechism quotes from 1 Tim. 5, 3-16, on the matter of widows in a congregation. Today we reprint the entire passage and briefly discuss a few of the questions which St. Paul treats in it.

#### Text

*Honor widows that are widows indeed. But if any widow have children or nephews, let them learn first to show piety at home, and to requite their parents, for that is good and acceptable before God. Now she that is a widow indeed, and desolate, trusteth in God, and continueth in supplications and prayers night and day. But she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth. And these things give in charge, that they may be blameless. But 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. Let not a widow be taken into the number under threescore years old, having been the wife of one man, well reported for good works; if she have brought up children, if she have lodged strangers, if she have washed the saints' feet, if she have relieved the afflicted, if she have diligently followed every good work. But the younger widows refuse: for when they have begun to wax wanton against Christ, they will marry; having damnation, because they have cast off their first faith. And withal they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house; and not only idle, but tattlers also and busybodies, speaking things which they ought not. I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully. For some are already turned aside after Satan. If any man or woman that believeth have widows, let them relieve them, and let not the church be charged; that it may relieve them that are widows indeed.*

#### Taken into the Number

Paul begins the entire paragraph with the command to *honor* true widows. After defining what true widows are he adds in v. 9 specifically: *Let not a widow be taken into the number*, that is, entered upon the lists or catalogued as a widow. (Our English word *catalog* is derived from the Greek word which Paul here uses.)

To what custom he refers, and what the exact meaning of this cataloguing of widows was, is not definitely known. It seems to have implied more than just the listing of a widow as in need of support. Paul mentions it as something that falls under the general head of "honor." When he lists as one of the qualifications, *if she have lodged strangers*, and again, *if she have relieved the afflicted*, he does not



seem to have cases of extreme poverty in mind. Rather, during the life of her husband such a widow must have lived in comfortable circumstances.

When Paul says concerning widows who have children or grandchildren: *let them learn first to show piety at home*, he means, of course, that children who earn their own livelihood should according to the Fourth Commandment support their widowed mother. But if there are small children, then the widow herself certainly has something to learn also. She is confronted with problems which troubled her little or not at all while her husband was there to grapple with them, and to counsel and to guide her. Now suddenly the whole management of the estate and the whole training of her chil-

dren is laid on her shoulders. She certainly has something to learn.

In Acts 6 we see that the church in Jerusalem introduced the system of almoners, or deacons, at a very early date. Soon it was found that in a number of cases it was not feasible to employ men. Then — we do not know the exact time — deaconesses were engaged by the congregations. In the Epistle to the Romans (written in 58 A. D.) Paul refers to a certain Phebe who was deaconess in Cenchræa (chap. 16, 1). He adds no word of explanation but assumes that the Romans were familiar with the arrangement. Widows who were not tied down by household duties were often engaged in the capacity of deaconesses.

It seems that Paul has both things in mind, the support of the widow by the church, and her employment for work in the church.

#### Danger of Widow Deaconesses

We note at the outset that Paul is not theorizing. He is speaking from observation and experience. Read the 15th verse: "For some are already turned aside after Satan." That was a matter of record.

On the basis of this sad experience Paul advises Timothy: "Let not a widow be taken into the number *under threescore years old*." And concerning younger widows he says: "But the younger widows *refuse*: for when they have begun to wax wanton against Christ, they will marry; having damnation because they have cast off their first faith." When Paul so brusquely says *refuse*, he does not mean that younger widows should not receive support from the church if they are needy and stand alone in the world. God did not except young destitute widows when He said: "Deal thy bread to the hungry" (Is. 58, 7), nor does Paul; but he warns against "taking them into the number" by the church.

Paul mentions several things that he observed in the case of young widows thus employed by the church. The first was that they began to *wax wanton against Christ*. They began to feel important, and began to lack Christian humility. Then they got it into their heads that they wanted to *marry*. Their heart was not in their work any more. And to have their wish they were ready

to cast off their first faith. They were ready to accept a heathen husband and return to paganism with him, if only they could get married.

How this attitude would affect their service as deaconesses is not hard to guess. Paul states it in this way: "And withal they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house; and not idle, but tattlers also and busybodies, speaking things which they ought not."

Hence: *Refuse.*

### May Widows Re-marry?

One of the points that Timothy should investigate before he had any widow enlisted is: whether she was "the wife of one man." Some understand this to mean that she must have been married only once. The new Revised Standard Version even translates it that way: no widow should be enrolled "who has been married more than once." When Paul says "the wife of one husband," he is not speaking of the number of times that she was married, but that she must have been faithful to her husband to whom she was married.

In 1 Cor. 7, 8, 9, Paul writes: "I say therefore to the unmarried and widows, It is good for them if they abide even as I. But if they cannot contain, let them marry: for it is better to marry than to

burn." In our text he continues: "I will therefore that the young women marry," etc.

This is the consistent teaching of the Scriptures.

### Support of the Widows

Paul emphasizes that it is natural for man to provide for his own, and especially for those of his own house. A father does not have to be a Christian, if he is a normal man he will provide for his family. Likewise a normal mother, even though she loses her husband, will not neglect her own children for the sake of pleasure, or of earning money for luxury, or of gaining honor. Also children will provide for their bereaved mother. If any one does not do this, Paul says, he has denied his faith and is *worse than an infidel.*

When a widow had been enlisted by the church, then it became the task of the church to support her. But that did not mean that some members should get cheap help at the expense of the church. Paul concludes the entire paragraph with the warning: "If any (man or) woman that believeth have (namely for service) widows (from the church) let them relieve them, and let not the church be charged; that it may relieve them that are widows indeed."

J. P. M.

## WHAT IS WRONG WITH THE "LUTHERAN MEN OF AMERICA IN WISCONSIN?"

**E**ARLY this summer 550 Lutheran men of Milwaukee and vicinity formally organized the "Lutheran Men of America in Wisconsin," an organization which is "to promote better fellowship among Lutherans" and which according to the constitution it adopted, "is to develop better understanding among all Lutherans and to encourage fellowship and cooperation among Lutherans," "to foster publicity looking toward a wider dissemination of the Christian philosophy of life," "to help meet the challenge which has come to all Christendom as a result of the world crisis arising out of the war." Any adult member in good standing of any Lutheran church in Wisconsin may become a member. The affairs of the group are in charge of

an executive board of 18 members, six of each of the three Synodical groups represented. Accordingly they elected six members each from the American Lutheran Conference, the Missouri Synod, and the United Lutheran Church congregations. At their organization meeting they sang three hymns: A Mighty Fortress, Now Thank We All Our God, and Blest Be the Tie that Binds Our Hearts in Christian Love.

If we carefully examine this organization we shall find it to be unscriptural, unlutheran, and uncharitable.

### The Organization Is Unscriptural

IT IS UNSCRIPTURAL, because it brings into Christian fellowship members of three large Lutheran bodies who are

not in doctrinal agreement with one another. The Missouri Synod this July openly declared that there still is no doctrinal unity between it and the American Lutheran Church. The United Lutheran Church is still so far afield in what it teaches concerning the Scriptures, that it has been considered useless even to begin negotiations with it again, — to say nothing of the unionistic practices countenanced within the congregations outside of the Synodical Conference.

Now religious fellowship with false doctrine, that is with doctrine deviating from the Word of God, no matter whether such doctrine is defended by individuals or by entire church bodies, is UNIONISM. Religious fellowship with those "who do not teach the Word of God in truth and purity and live according to it" is forbidden by God's Word. Preachers who deviate from the true Word of God should be shunned by Christians: "Beware of false prophets." (Matthew 7.) "A man that is a heretic after the first and second admonition reject." (Titus 3, 10.) False doctrine is like a progressive disease, which spreads like a cancer. (2 Tim. 2, 17.) By fellowshipping with those who adhere to false doctrine we become partakers of their evil deeds. (2 John 11.)

The *Milwaukee Lutheran*, published by the Milwaukee Federation of Lutheran laymen (U. L. C.), rejoiced over the fact that after 30 years of efforts they finally succeeded in getting Lutheran men of the Missouri Synod into their organization. That these men practiced religious fellowship can best be answered from items in the same periodical: "Helmuth Koepke of Cross Church opened the meeting . . . after a stirring invocation by Pastor Gornitzka the men took up the business of adopting the constitution . . . at a later meeting of the board of governors Brother Koepke was elected the first president." (Emphasis ours.)

How could brethren of our Synodical Conference join in prayer and religious fellowship with men who belonged to congregations that adhered or countenanced false doctrines and false practices? At least the fact that members who excommunicated themselves from our churches by joining lodges were received at the Lord's table by the very congregations

whose pastors and members now, against all scriptural teachings, call Koepke and other Missourians brothers in Christ should have opened their eyes. Is that heeding God's Word that we "avoid" such (Rom. 16, 17) or be "separate" from, or "reject" heretics?

### The Organization Is Unlutheran

What's in a name? The true Lutheran Church by any other name would be the same. It seems the name Lutheran has for many lost its true significance. Some seem to think that our great Reformation heritage is the name "Lutheran" and so they argue that it is only a lack of mutual understanding among Lutherans in various synods which is keeping them apart. Laymen are told that the real reason for disagreement of synods is a lack of charity in the Synodical Conference ministers and their unwillingness to cooperate with other synods. It is the opinion of many laymen that it is their privilege and duty to establish fraternal relations with all who call themselves Lutheran.

Such an attitude is unlutheran. Let the Lutheran Confessions, to which all true Lutherans subscribe, speak for themselves: "We believe, teach, and confess that the sole rule and standard according to which all dogma together with all teachers should be estimated and judged are the prophetic and apostolic scriptures of the Old and of the New Testament alone, as it is written Psalm 119: Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, etc. And St. Paul: Though an angel from heaven preach another Gospel unto you, let him be accursed."

Again: "We have no intention of yielding aught of the eternal, immutable truth of God for the sake of temporal peace, tranquility, and unity (which moreover is not in our power to do). Nor would such peace and union have any permanency since it is devised against the truth and for its suppression. Still less are we inclined to conceal a corruption of the pure doctrine."

Again: "For the controversies which have occurred are not, as some would regard them, mere misunderstandings or disputes concerning words, one side not having sufficiently grasped the meaning of the other and the difficulty lying thus in a few words, which are not of great

moment; but here the subjects of controversy are important and great, of such nature that the opinion of the party in error cannot be tolerated in the Church of God, much less excused or defended." (Formula of Concord.)

The above quotations apply also to the doctrinal differences between the Synodical Conference and the other Lutheran Church bodies with whom we are not affiliated. It seems that some of our laymen have been misled to believe that the differences are merely differences of misunderstanding. They have become unlutheran by attempting to bring about a fellowship with "false Lutherans" by glossing over and concealing the errors which have separated them from us until now. By such action they have not only sinned against love to Jesus, which demands a confession of the truth at all times, but also against those who belong to Lutheran congregations which adhere to false doctrines, and especially have they acted loveless toward their own congregations and the Synod to which they belong.

### The Organization Is Loveless

We owe this duty of love to all who are in error that we openly confess the Truth also by keeping ourselves separate from any religious fellowship with them as long as they adhere to false doctrines and false churches. This has been pointed out.

In joining this organization the members designated to which congregation they belonged and the organization indicated that its governing board shall consist of six members each from the three named Lutheran Church bodies. In this way the congregations and the Synods of these members became involved in an organization over which they had no supervision. These congregations were publicly drawn into an act by these their erring members which as a congregation and a Synod they had condemned. Such action is loveless on the part of the brethren who joined this group, loveless toward their brethren in their congregations and in their Synod.

The pastors of the congregations are the divinely called men who are to be the spiritual shepherds of their flock. The Lutheran Men of America are sinning against the clear injunction of the Word

of God by sidestepping such authority and the divinely given duty of pastors by drawing Synodical Conference members into an organization which every faithful Lutheran pastor must oppose. "Obey them that have rule over you and submit yourselves; for they watch over your souls, as they that must give account that they may do it with joy and not with grief; for that is unprofitable for you." (Hebr. 13.)

It should be clear to every Lutheran member of a congregation that whatever he does as a member of such a congregation, even though he is not sent to represent it, that he is involving his congregation, and that when he joins in a brotherhood group of men many of whom belong to congregations which adhere to false doctrine, and which have publicly demonstrated their errors by accepting into membership those who had been excommunicated by their own church . . . that they are thereby setting at naught the actions of their own congregation. Such action is loveless. They are indeed playing the part of hypocrites when in their own congregation they declared lodge-members "publicans and sinners" (Mt. 18) and then turn around and call these men brethren in their Lutheran Men of America in Wisconsin organization and pray with them.

It should be clear to every true Lutheran that he can have no part in such an organization and that pastors and congregations whose members have been misled to join such a group cannot look with indifference upon such who have joined the group. G. W. FISCHER.

### THE HOLY MINISTRY

Thou our Life and Truth from heaven,  
Blessed Savior, God of grace,  
Who in death Thyself hast given  
To redeem our sin-stained race, —  
Bless the work Thy servants render  
Thy sweet Gospel to proclaim,  
That all sinners, aged and tender,  
Worship Thee in Thy blest name.

And, when guided by Thy Spirit,  
They pursue their arduous task,  
Let them Thy good gifts inherit,  
Grant them what in faith they ask.  
Give them strength in all their weakness,  
In temptations be their Stay;  
May they learn of Thee all meekness  
As they point out heaven's way.

When the "fiery darts" assail them  
And their work seems all for nought,  
Then do Thou in love sustain them,  
Who Thyself the lost hast sought, —  
Till they hear the summons yonder,  
"Go into thy Master's joy,"  
There forevermore to ponder:  
Blessed indeed was Christ's employ!

DOLORES SCHUMANN.

# Siftings

BY THE EDITOR

**A Relief Experiment.** A new idea is being put into practice in the sending of relief to Germany. Raw materials, rather than finished products, are being sent into the country. The plan was started by Swiss churches, which sent seven tons of raw cotton. The cost of the cotton would have purchased 900 sheets, but from the raw cotton the Germans will be able to manufacture 7,500 sheets. Recently the World Council spent \$50,000 to send Germany hundreds of tons of woodpulp. For that money 5,000 hymnals could have been purchased for German Protestants, but from the pulp they can make half a million. In addition 450 German workers, paid in marks collected by the German churches, will be given employment for a year.

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**Freedom of Religion.** The *Outlook*, we believe, sums up how the Catholic church looks at freedom of religion: "Since the Roman church is the only true church, she is the only one that has a right to exist. Therefore she seizes every opportunity to suppress every other church, and does it in the name of God. . . . Freedom of religion means to Rome only freedom for the Roman religion. . . . Where she has the power she brings about the persecution and suppression of every rival faith through the use of subservient civil authorities, as in Franco Spain; through the adoption of laws that give special advantages to the Catholic church, as in Argentina, where the Catholic religion must be taught in every school; through the denial of religious liberty for the followers of other faiths." Anyone wanting to see a typical example of Catholicism at work was told to look at Central and South America. There the Roman church has been dominant for over 400 years. "Nowhere is there greater poverty among the masses, nowhere is there greater ignorance, nowhere is there greater contempt for religion among the educated classes, nowhere are the priests of the Roman church more despised. . . . Yet Rome moved heaven and earth to prevent Protestant missionaries from entering these countries where she has

kept her subjects in ignorance and poverty for 400 years." These points, we believe, are well taken.

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**Religion in Russia.** Dr. N. S. Timasheff, professor of sociology at Fordham University, declares that government-sponsored anti-religious propaganda in Russia was merely toned down during the war and that the League of Militant Atheists is at present in a state of "suspended animation." Dr. Timasheff admits that the Orthodox Church has gained legal status in that country, but adds that religious tolerance is "not only short of religious liberty, but it is almost more precarious." The *Lutheran Companion* adds, "it must be admitted that the religious situation in Russia is indeed precarious. It is even a question whether the present privileges enjoyed by the Orthodox Church are to be preferred to actual persecution. Political alliances have never brought blessings to the Church of Christ, and they certainly are not conducive to a healthy spiritual life." That friendly warning about political alliances should not be overlooked by the churches of America either!

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**Anyone Can Have Them Now.** By a vote of 50 to 28, the New Jersey Constitutional Convention has agreed to insert in that state's new charter a provision that public funds may be used for the transportation of children to all schools, public and private. The convention thus affirmed the state's parochial school bus act, which was upheld last February by the U. S. Supreme Court in a five-to-four decision. The school bus issue arose over an amendment by Mrs. Marion Constantine calling upon the Convention to strike out a proposal by Judge John Rafferty, of Middlesex, for a permissive clause broad enough to protect the school bus statute from possible attack on the ground that it is limited to schools not operated for profit.

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**Yugoslavia.** Seven Protestant church leaders were recently invited by the government of Yugoslavia to make a two-weeks' tour of the country. These men

gave reporters a signed statement which declared, "There is today in Yugoslavia complete freedom of worship and respect for religious beliefs and institutions. What we have seen has made us deeply conscious of the misrepresentation and outright falsification which are today provoking ill will toward Yugoslavia, whose story, stripped of all political and ecclesiastical propaganda, ought to receive the sympathetic and informed interest of world opinion." Concerning the imprisonment of certain Catholic priests, among them Archbishop Stepinac, they had this to say: "No person informed of the facts behind these trials can possibly construe as religious persecution the punishment of individuals guilty of criminal acts unworthy of their religious calling." To this report, of course, the Catholics take violent exception.

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**Translation of the Early Church Fathers.** Catholic scholars are translating the writings of church fathers from apostolic times to the 7th century and will issue them in a series of 72 volumes. The first one, entitled *The Apostolic Fathers*, is out. It includes the letters of Clement of Rome, those of Ignatius of Antioch, the letter and martyrdom of Polycarp, the Didache of Teaching of the Twelve Apostles, the Shepherd of Hermas, and four other documents. Five more volumes are in type and will appear yet this fall. If these are faithful translations, they are a very welcome addition to other editions of church fathers.

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**Religious Census.** Because of the lack of a specific appropriation in the current fiscal year to cover costs, the regular governmental decennial census of religious bodies will, in all probability, not be produced. A good bit of work has already been done in the compiling of this census. To date some 60 per cent of the pastors and clerks of local churches have submitted the necessary information. This involves a tremendous amount of material and of work and expense. However, 60 per cent of the data is not sufficient to draw accurate and safe conclusions. And so we will have no government records this year at least. Next year an appropriation may be granted and the work continued.

## CONFERENCE OF FACULTIES

**A**FTER the lapse of a goodly number of years a conference of faculties was again held this year. Since many of the faculty members would attend the sessions of the Joint Synod, convening at Northwestern College, Watertown, Wisconsin, from August 6 to 13 anyway, the conference was held at the same place on the two preceding days, August 4 and 5.

### Purpose of These Conferences

For general information it might be stated that these conferences of faculties are meetings of the entire faculties of our four Synodical institutions held for the purpose of discussing all such educational problems as arise from time to time at this or that institution, which in their effect, however, influence the work of all of our educational institutions to a greater or lesser degree. While there is perfect agreement as to what constitutes the one basic objective of all of our educational efforts at these institutions, differences naturally have arisen, and will continue to arise, as to the methods, etc., by means of which this basic objective might be most efficiently attained. At the conferences of faculties such differences are discussed, and if deemed necessary, ironed out, or removed, the aim or goal being uniformity even in these externals, without destroying, however, the identity or individuality of the different institutions. Besides this, various problems as well as new ideas and trends in the broader field of general education are taken up and discussed at these conferences. And if these discussions indicate that the subject matter is of vital importance to us resolutions are adopted, which resolutions would indicate and express the official stand or position taken by the faculties of our institutions.

For the 1947 Conference of Faculties three essays or papers had been assigned: "Whether We Should Have More Science in Our Curriculum," by Prof. P. Eickmann; "Recent Developments in Philosophy," by Dr. P. Peters; and "Accreditation," by Prof. A. Schultz.

### Science in Our Schools

In the first essay, which was presented to the Conference at its first session,

Monday afternoon, Prof. Eickmann pointed out that the plan of studies prescribed for the college department of Northwestern College is already so heavy that our students cannot adequately and effectively handle all the work that our plan of studies calls for and that therefore under the present setup no new courses could possibly be added. The essayist expressed his conviction, however, that our college student should be given good science courses, with laboratory work included, in biology and physics. But to make this possible our curriculum would have to be revised. A lengthy discussion followed and the upshot of this was a resolution: That a committee from the Northwestern College faculty be appointed, which is to work out an ideal college plan of studies; and that it report its findings to the body at its next meeting.

At the second session, Monday evening, an informal discussion of general problems and questions pertinent to our institutions took place. One such problem that was discussed at this session was, Evaluation and creditation of courses toward graduation. Another, The utilization of the present large enrollment as a means toward raising the scholastic standards in our institutions.

### Evaluation of Modern Philosophy

At the third session on Tuesday morning, Dr. Peters read his essay, "Recent Developments in Philosophy." In it he gave a rather comprehensive view of the philosophies which continue to influence the thought and activities of our day. He pointed out that all modern philosophy centers about what philosophers term the "autonomous man," in three types of interpretation; namely, 1. Die Lebensphilosophie, or philosophy of life, which holds that the question regarding the very essence of life must first be answered before the quest for knowledge, ethics, God, etc., can at all begin. 2. Existential philosophy, a philosophy of individualism, which regards all thinking and reasoning as something that determines man's very existence. 3. Pragmatism, developed especially by James and Dewey, who take a bread-and-butter view of life, which aims only at

consequences and results, *e. i.*, a looking away from the origin to the end or result. Dr. Peters then showed how these philosophic ideas are being used in education and modern theology.

A general discussion followed in which some amplified the thoughts expressed while others uttered warnings: namely, that since philosophy appeals to the reason of man it may become a definite threat both to the teacher as well as to the student. To the teacher, if he does not approach his subject in the right spirit; and to the student if the ideas are not properly presented.

At the request of the conference Dr. Peters agreed to revise his essay for publication in the *Quartalschrift*.

### The Problem of Accreditation

At the fourth session on Tuesday afternoon Prof. A. Schultz read his paper on "Accreditation." The essayist first showed what accreditation is by defining the term:

1. Prescription of minimum standards.
2. Visitation to see if minimum requirements are met.
3. Publication of list of accredited institutions.

Next a brief history of the inception and growth of accreditation was given. In the third part of his essay the author set forth the advantages and disadvantages of accreditation.

I. Advantages: 1. It would show that we are placing religion in the first bracket over against the other branches. 2. It would satisfy the dubious as to the abilities of our schols. 3. It would facilitate transfer of our students by eliminating fear of entrance examinations and by giving reasonable assurance to each student that his grades are acceptable. 4. It would stop "conniving" at principle of separation of church and state. 5. We would be kept on our toes.

II. Disadvantages or objections: 1. Mixing of church and state. 2. Our institutions would lose their educational freedom. For the power of governing boards would be given into the hands of the accrediting agencies; and we would be limited in the choice and use of teachers. 3. Our schools would lose their identity for which they exist. 4. Our schools are a matter of confession for us. 5. Accreditation has done nothing for the



public schools, and certainly they would do nothing for us. General observations: 1. The entire field of accreditation is a complex affair. 2. In itself accreditation need not be objected to if no principle is violated. 3. All evidence points to the strengthening of the state over against the educational institutions.

Summary: It was moved that because of the lack of time at this conference to fully discuss the problem of accreditation a committee be appointed to study the matter further. A second motion provided that each institution send a member of the faculty to the Conference of Presidents at the May, 1948, meeting to discuss this matter of accreditation fully.

The fifth and last session of the conference, Tuesday evening, was set aside for group meetings of instructors in the following branches: English, Science, Greek, and Music.

This brief report of the 1947 Conference of Faculties was prepared in compliance with a resolution adopted by the Conference.

G. A. W.

## CHRISTIANS

(Continued from page 322)

*We Bear the Name of Our King* Christ, the Anointed One, whose name we Christians bear, was also anointed to be our King. He became our King by delivering and rescuing us from our enemies, even from sin, death, and Satan. As our King He now rules over us with His word of grace, giving us His royal gifts of pardon, peace, comfort, joy, strength, and eternal hope. That we call ourselves Christians ought ever to mean that we joyfully acknowledge Christ in faith as our Savior King. Yet if it is really thus that we bear the name of a Christian we shall also be moved to live kingly lives. With the Savior's word, the Christian as a king unto God will ever seek to rule over his own flesh, subdue its evil promptings and desires. The peace of God will rule in his heart. With the Savior's Gospel the kingly Christian will ever seek to rescue others from the bondage and curse of sin, ever seek to bring to them the royal treasurers of salvation.

C. J. L.

## NORTHWESTERN COLLEGE

The eighty-third school year of Northwestern College began on Monday, September 8. The enrollment is not quite so heavy as it was last year. The dormitory will not accommodate more than 229 boys, and by the first of August that number appeared to have been reached. So several applicants were either rejected or else accepted only on the condition that they find quarters outside the dormitory.

But there were several last-minute cancellations, and some applicants for whom a room had been reserved failed to appear. Consequently the maximum number of 229 in the dormitory has not been reached, although the building is still filled beyond what we considered its normal capacity. The total enrollment is 295.

On the opening day Professor Rudolf Sievert entered on his duties as teacher of commercial branches. Prof. Sievert formerly taught these branches at Winnebago Lutheran Academy and latterly also in Waldo High School. He succeeds Prof. C. Bolle who so ably headed our commercial department ever since 1902 and who now has retired.

William Zell was also inducted into his office on the opening day as tutor and instructor for the present school year.

Rather extensive changes were made during the summer in the arrangement of rooms in the basement of the recitation building. The entire basement in that building has now been put to effective use. Rooms for town students are located there and most of the library books are stacked there, thus opening up the former library for use as a reading and reference room for faculty and students. The book store has also been moved out of the library reading room, so that we now have more space in the library for study than we ever had before. It is not yet adequate, but it is a great improvement over former conditions.

The Synod decided at its meeting in the college gynasium this summer to add one more professor to the College faculty. This addition was made necessary by the increase in teaching load caused by the division of the large lower classes into two sections in all subjects and also by the fact that Professor Oswald's time is

taken up completely by instruction in music both here and at the Seminary in Thiensville. He formerly taught several classes in Latin and English. The new professor will take over that work. A call will be extended at the meeting of the college board this fall.

E. E. KOWALKE.

## NORTHWESTERN LUTHERAN ACADEMY

Mobridge, South Dakota

On Monday, September 8, Northwestern Lutheran Academy opened the twentieth year of its service to the Dakota-Montana District and to the church at large. Since we have no adequate auditorium on the campus, the opening service was held in Zion Lutheran Church in the city. Though a number of parents, especially such as live far away, had brought their children as early as Saturday and Sunday afternoon, a goodly congregation assembled in the church on Monday.

Again the aims of our institution were stressed: that we be filled with the knowledge of His will in all knowledge and spiritual understanding; that we walk worthy of the Lord, unto all pleasing. To reach these goals, God will strengthen us with all might, according to His glorious power. It is He who has delivered us from the power of darkness and has translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son. Hence we will begin our school-year and every daily task with thanksgiving unto the Father. (Col. 1, 9-14.)

Registration showed that we had 8 seniors, 14 juniors, 19 sophomores, and 24 freshmen. An accurate figure of the year's stable enrollment cannot be reported immediately, since one or two may come late because of threshing and some, overcome with homesickness, may decide to go home. In all we gained 26 new students. As can be seen, our enrollment is not quite as high as it was last year, which is due to the fact that during the week before the opening of the Academy several recalled their applications.

Though we have been calling for our fourth professor since the beginning of summer, we have up to this writing been

unable to secure this much needed help. The extra loads resulting from dividing classes that heretofore had been combined had to be divided among the regular members of the faculty.

Harry Wiedmann of Wanblee, South Dakota, a graduate of our Seminary, is filling the vacancy left by Tutor Edward Renz, who has accepted a call to Stockton, Michigan. Tutor Leonard Bernthal is serving as inspector in the dormitory.

May the Lord grant us a fruitful year.

R. A. FENSKE.

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### DR. MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE New Ulm, Minnesota

On Tuesday morning, September 9, at 8:30, Dr. Martin Luther College opened the doors for the sixty-fourth school-year. A goodly number of visitors, mostly parents of students, were present for the forty-five-minute service, which was held in the auditorium. This was followed by the registration of students under the direction of Professor V. Voecks, who succeeded Professor R. M. Albrecht in that work. All inquiries about credits should henceforth be addressed to him.

Professor Voecks reported to the faculty that we had enrolled 113 new students. This number, together with those who returned, gave us a total of 332, the largest in our history. It does not include eleven others whom we had to persuade to assist in school work for a year in places where teachers were sorely needed.

Our largest class, the eleventh grade, numbers 67; the ninth, 62. In May we hope to be able to present the names of 22 graduates to the committee on assignments. This will again be a class that we depleted in order to keep some of our day schools in operation.

It is no longer news that we could not accept all who wanted to come. We did not have the room. All who were accepted were asked to write us in case they would not be able to enroll, but we again had the experience that several failed to write and did not come either. We had reserved places for them, places that we could have assigned to others if we had known. The guilty ones doubtless did not realize what their indifference involved.

Our dormitories and our class rooms are filled, crowded in some instances. We are eagerly looking forward to the completion of the addition to our dining rooms. At present the situation there is uncomfortable for the students and a trial to our maids.

We have three assistant instructors: Mr. Paul Nolting and Mr. Edwin Schmelzer, graduates of our theological seminary, and Mr. Lloyd Huebner, a graduate of Northwestern College. Formerly we had only two, but the illness of Professor Edwin Sauer, who has been in a local hospital for ten weeks, made it imperative for us to ask for a third one. The absence of Professor Sauer on the opening day marred what would otherwise have been a very happy occasion. May God speed his recovery.

During our opening service Pastor E. G. Fritz, the chairman of our college board, installed our new professor, Cornelius Trapp, formerly of the Lutheran High School of Milwaukee. His coming fills the vacancy caused by the death of Professor E. R. Bliedernicht.

We ask the Lord to abide with both students and teachers so that this school-year may make us all more efficient in our Father's business.

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### MICHIGAN LUTHERAN SEMINARY

The new, the 38th school year at Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Saginaw, Michigan, began September 9. On the evening before that day Prof. Einar Anderson, Ph. D., was installed as dean of boys and instructor in music and history at a special service in our St. Paul's Church. Rev. O. Frey, the secretary of our board of regents, preached the sermon, using as his text John 21, 15: "Feed my lambs." The chairman of the board, Rev. R. Koch, performed the installation.

The director of the school delivered the address at the opening service of the new year. He based his remarks on Daniel 6, 1-5, encouraging both scholars and teachers to be faithful as Daniel by showing that faithfulness is a characteristic of true Christians. Fifty new scholars were enrolled. The total enrollment today is 135. The boys' dormitory is filled. Candidate Kurt Eggert began his duties

as tutor with the beginning of the new school year.

The addition to the refectory, which was granted us by Synod at New Ulm in 1945, could finally be begun. The basement has been excavated, the footings have been laid, and the sub-surface part of the walls are to be poured today. Scarcity of bricklayers, however, may hinder a speedy progress of the work and the completion of the so needed space in the refectory is not yet in sight.

May the Lord be with us in the new year and bless our labors as in the past.

O. J. R. H.

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### OBITUARIES

#### † REV. J. H. PAUSTIAN †

John Henry Paustian was born November 26, 1877, in Kropp, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany. He was one of five children born to Hans Paustian and his wife, Anna, née Sierck. After baptism and confirmation in his native Kropp, John Henry followed a brother and a sister who had emigrated to America. His brother, Claus, died while a student at the Theological Seminary in Springfield, Illinois. His sister became the wife of the Rev. Carl Bast and died several years ago.

John Henry went to Michigan and began his studies at the Lutheran Seminary in Saginaw in 1893. In 1895 he transferred to our Northwestern College in Watertown, Wisconsin, graduating with the class of 1900. In the fall of this year he began his theological training at the Seminary in Wauwatosa, graduating in June, 1903.

He was called to a pastorate in Redwood Falls, Minnesota, and began his ministry in the fall of 1903. From there he was called to St. John's Church of Barre Mills, La Crosse Co., Wisconsin, in January of 1910. To grace the parsonage of this congregation and be his faithful helpmeet he brought his wife Magdalene, née Siegler, with whom he had been joined in marriage on June 28, 1905, in Town Forrest, Fond du Lac Co., Wisconsin. Here, then, they brought up the four sons and two daughters with which their happy marriage was blessed. These children are: Rev. Walter Paustian of West Salem, Wisconsin; Rev. Norbert

Paustian of Oconomowoc, Wisconsin; Margaret, the wife of Rev. G. Albrecht of Dexter, Michigan; Marie, the wife of Harvey Nuttelman, Barre Mills; Mr. Adelbert Paustian; and Rev. Henry Paustian of Barre Mills.

After having served his congregation at Barre Mills faithfully and energetically for forty-five years Pastor J. H. Paustian was handicapped in his work by illness, which began in November, 1945. He continued to serve, however, until he was confined to the sickbed in June, 1946. But even from the sickbed he gave evidence of his Christian faith and kindness of heart. The comfort of God's Holy Word, which he had brought to so many sick and dying in this congregation, was now also his great comfort in distress. It made it possible for him even in suffering to give expression to his faith in Jesus, who has suffered for our sins, by a childlike submission to God's holy will. He loved to hear also the words of the hymn: If thou but suffer God to guide thee. He was now ready to be offered and the time of his departure was at hand. He fell asleep in his Lord on Saturday, August 23, 1947, at the age of 69 years, 9 months, having served 44 years in the ministry.

He was laid to rest in the church cemetery on Wednesday, August 27. Prof. Walter Schumann preached the sermon, basing his words of comfort and hope on Isaiah 43, 1. Rev. G. Ernst, a classmate, officiated at the grave; the undersigned at the parsonage and church.

Besides his wife and children he is also survived by two sons-in-law, two daughters-in-law, two grandsons, two granddaughters, eight nephews, seven nieces.

May the sure Word of God, with which he comforted so many people, also be our comfort and our hope until we, too, shall join the Church Triumphant.

WALTER E. GUTZKE.

† MRS. BERTHA ELISE WITT †

Bertha Elise Witt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Christian Riehl, was born February 16, 1875, at Center, Wisconsin. She was baptized in the Name of the Triune God on March 14, 1875, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Ellington, Wisconsin. On April 13, 1890, she renewed her Baptismal vow by the rite of confirmation.

On August 2, 1900, she was united in holy wedlock with Rev. John Witt, Center, Wisconsin. In the year 1904 Rev. and Mrs. John Witt came to Norfolk, Nebraska, where Pastor Witt took charge of St. Paul's Lutheran Church until the year 1943 when he retired because of illness.

In January of this year Rev. and Mrs. Witt moved to Scottsbluff, Nebraska. It was here where Mrs. Witt passed away on July 27. She reached the age of 72 years, 5 months, and 11 days.

All who knew Mrs. Witt found her to

be a living Christian wife and mother; kind, sympathetic and faithful — one that "feareth the Lord."

She leaves to mourn her departure, her husband, Rev. John Witt; six sons: Richard, Herbert, Meinhardt, Max and Paul; three daughters: Irmentrude, Mrs. Harold Sabrowsky, and Mrs. Charles Robinson.

Funeral services were conducted on July 30, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Norfolk, Nebraska, by Rev. E. Dreyer, assisted by Rev. Tessmer and the undersigned. H. H. SPAUDE.

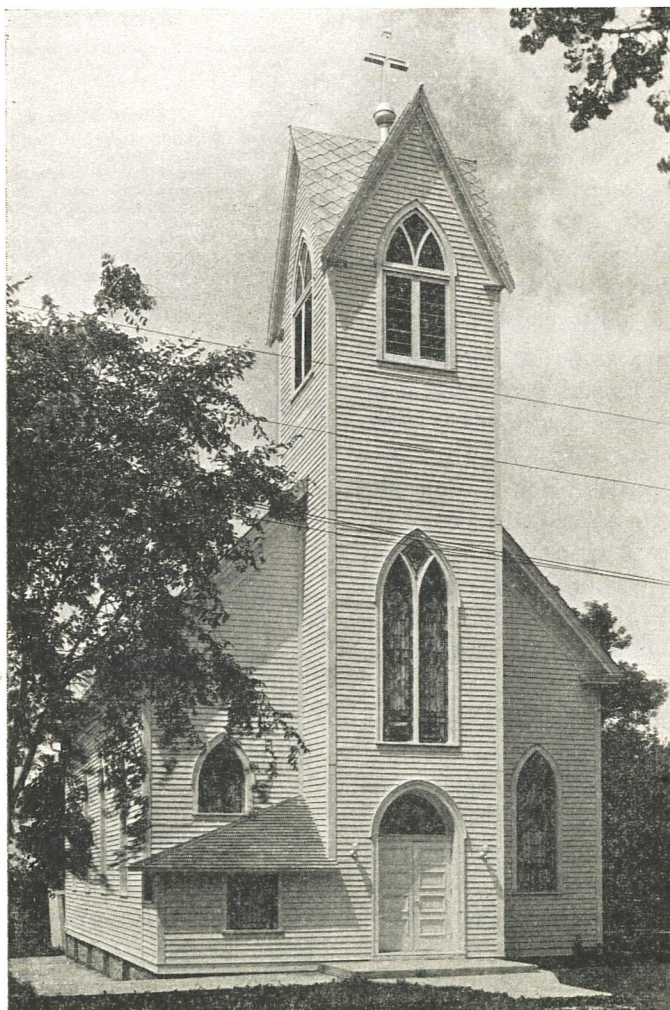
REDEDICATION

ST. JOHN'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Tp. Woodville, Wisconsin

St. John's Congregation of the Town of Woodville, Wisconsin, was privileged

held. The morning service was conducted by the local pastor and the evening service by the Rev. D. Brick of Kimberly, Wisconsin.

The entire interior of the church was



to rededicate its newly remodeled and renovated house of worship to the Triune God on July 20, 1947. Two services were

renovated at a cost of approximately \$4,100.00, and asbestos slate shingles were placed on the roof with a further

expenditure of \$900.00. The ceiling and walls were finished with Nu-wood blocks and strips, new fixtures and a new wool rug were added to the chancel furniture, the floors were sanded and refinished, cathedral light fixtures were installed, and all doors and the woodwork were refinished with new wood. All this gives the church a new, beautiful, and attractive appearance.

Hoping to sing their God and Savior's praise in the beauties of heaven, the congregation desired to have a beautiful place to sing His praise even now.

A. SIPPERT.

## ANNIVERSARY

### EIGHTIETH ANNIVERSARY

#### ST. JOHN'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

Waterloo, Wisconsin

On January 6, 1867, eleven families attended the first Lutheran service held in Waterloo, Wisconsin, likely in the public school building. The preacher was C. H. von Snell of Watertown. On the same day, this group organized what is now known as St. John's Congregation. The building of a house of worship was undertaken before the year was up.

After Pastor von Snell's brief pastorate the congregation was served intermittently by Student H. Oppen, Prof. Meumann, Pastor Hachelberger, Pastor Haese, Pastor Eugene Notz, Prof. A. F. Ernst, Candidate Schroedel. For a time the Newville pastors served the Waterloo church. Pastor Martin Denninger was the first resident pastor. He was followed by Pastors J. J. Meyer, R. Bock, M. H. Pankow, O. Kuhlrow, G. M. Thurrow, H. C. Nitz.

Twice in its history St. John's suffered numerical losses. Once when the new church was built, in 1892; and again some forty years ago, when under the pretense of wanting more English services the lodge element separated itself.

The well-kept records report a hard struggle, in the early days, for sound Lutheran doctrine and practice. The first pastor seems to have been a unionist.

In the course of its eighty years St. John's has built two churches, two schools, and two parsonages.

On Synod Sunday, August 10, 1947, the congregation observed its eightieth anniversary in three services. The guest preachers were Pastor Paul G. Albrecht, Bowdle, South Dakota; Pastor Theo. Kock, Goodhue, Minnesota; and Pastor Ruben Kettenacker, Tappen, North Dakota.

Although St. John's had already exceeded its quota for the Wisconsin Synod Building Fund, the congregation on its anniversary brought a thankoffering of well over five hundred dollars for the same fund, realizing that the money thus far collected by the Synod for enlarging our educational institutions will not suffice because of the sharp rise in construction costs.

H. C. NITZ.

### THE GENERAL SYNODICAL COMMITTEE

The General Synodical Committee will meet in St. John's School, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Wednesday, October 15, at 9:00 A. M.

#### Group Meetings

General Mission Board, Monday, October 13, 9:00 A. M., St. John's School.  
Board of Education, Wisconsin Synod, Monday, 9:00 A. M., Jerusalem School.  
Conference of Presidents, Monday, 2:00 P. M., St. John's School.  
Spiritual Welfare Commission, Monday, 7:30 P. M., St. John's School.  
Representatives of Institutions, Tuesday, 10:00 A. M., Grace Church.  
Board of Trustees, Tuesday, 2:00 P. M., St. John's School.

JOHN BRENNER.

### CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES

#### RHINELANDER DELEGATE CONFERENCE

The Rhinelander Delegate Conference will meet on Sunday afternoon, October 12, at 2:30, at Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, Monico, Wisconsin, F. C. Weyland, pastor.

LOUIS O. KEUP, Secretary.

#### ROSEBUD DELEGATE CONFERENCE

The Rosebud Delegate Conference will meet in Valentine, Nebraska, October 14-15, 1947, 10 A. M., M. S. T.

Papers: Exegetical and Practical Study of Is. 7, 14 and 9, 6-7, Sauer; 1 Tim. 6, Wenzel; Is. 10, Weiss; The Lord's Supper, Groth; How may Christian giving be encouraged?, Ploetz.

Speaker: Lietzau.

Alternate: Tills.

Please announce!

WM. NEUJAH, Secretary.

#### SOUTHWESTERN PASTORAL CONFERENCE OF THE MICHIGAN DISTRICT

Place: St. John's, Allegan, Michigan, Louis G. Meyer, pastor.

Date: October 21-22. Opening at 9:30 A. M., October 21.

Essays: Romans 1, H. Hoenecke; Catechetical Instructions, H. Haase; Ephesians 1, C. J. Kionka.  
Preacher: H. Haase (A. Hoenecke).

WILLIAM KRUEGER, Secretary.

#### SOUTHERN PASTORAL CONFERENCE OF THE SOUTHEAST WISCONSIN DISTRICT

God willing, this conference will meet at Friends Ev. Lutheran Congregation, Kenosha, Wis-

consin, October 21-22, C. Buenger and A. Buenger, host pastors. The first session shall begin at 9 A. M., Central Standard Time.

Essays: Old — Continuation of 1 Tim. 2, 9-15, H. Wackerfuss; Exegesis of Passages Relating to the Discipline of Children, A. Buenger; Manifestations of God in the Old Testament, E. Jaster; Continuation of the Discussion of the Advisability of Establishing an Academy on Milwaukee's South Side, led by A. Buenger.

Essays: New — Exegesis, Hebrews 10, E. Hinderer; Names in Scripture Designating the Church, W. Pfifer; Report on Various Church Papers, A. C. Bartz.

Preacher: Redlin (Toepel).

Timely announcements, please!

WM. H. WIEDENMEYER, Secretary.

#### FOX RIVER VALLEY PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Time: October 21 and 22. Opening session at 9:30 A. M.

Place: Immanuel Lutheran Church, Kewaunee, Wisconsin. Waldemar Zink, pastor.

Preacher: Walter Gieschen; D. Hallemeyer, alternate.

Works: Ex.-Hom. Treatise on Daniel 3, 19-30, O. Henning; Exegesis of Romans 8, 24-30, S. Johnson; Isagogical Treatise on Amos, W. Gieschen; Is the Synod a Church? H. Kahrs; The Hand of God in the Fulfillment of Old Testament Prophecy, E. Lehninger; An Explanation of the Old Testament Term: "This shall be a statute forever", F. Reier; A Popular Catechism on the Differences of the Various Lutheran Synods, H. Wicke; Catechesis on the Seventh Commandment, C. J. Henning; Catechesis on the Eighth Commandment, E. C. Hinnenthal, alternate.

All pastors of the conference are requested to notify the host pastor of their intended presence or absence.

G. FRANZMANN, Secretary.

#### CENTRAL PASTORAL CONFERENCE

The Central Pastoral Conference will convene at Johnson Creek, Pastor Aug. Paap, on October 28 and 29.

Order of Business: Tuesday, 10 A. M., Opening and Roll Call. 10:15, Exegesis on Galatians, chapt. 5, 16ff, Prof. F. E. Blume. 11:45, Financial Report, Pastor J. M. Raasch. 1:50 P. M., Opening. 1:45, "What the Book of Job Means to the Christian in His Cross Bearing on Earth," Pastor H. Geiger. 3:30, Book Review, Pastor E. Schewe. — Wednesday, 9 A. M., Opening. 9:15, Sermon Criticism. 9:45, "Holy Communion, its Benefits and Frequency of Celebration," Pastor E. H. Wendland. 1:30 P. M., Opening. 1:45, "The History and Meaning of Confirmation," Pastor M. J. Nommensen. 3:15, Casual Questions and Miscellaneous Business.

Sermon: Pastor Eldor Toepel. Alternate: Prof. F. E. Blume.

Note: Casual Questions are to be presented to a committee appointed by the chairman on the opening day of conference.

Please, announce a week before the meeting!

H. GEIGER, Secretary.

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

The Western Pastoral Conference of the Dakota-Montana District will meet October 21 and 22 at St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Tappen, North Dakota, Pastor R. Kettenacker. Sessions begin at 10 A. M.

Essays: The Pastor as Voting and Contributing Member, C. Koepsell; Doctrine and Practice of Ordination, K. Sievert; The Lord's Supper: 1. An Exegesis of the Words of Institution According to the Four Records, Paul Kuehl; 2. The Purpose and Effects of the Lord's Supper, O. Heier; 3. The Necessity of the Lord's Supper, A. Walther; 4. Lutheran Practices in Connection with the Lord's Supper, H. Sauer. Report of delegates to General Synod.

Sermon: R. Gehrke (M. Hanke).

Essay Committee: Meyer, Birner, Hanke.

G. J. EHLERT.

#### NEW ULM PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Place: St. Paul's Lutheran School, New Ulm, Minnesota.

Time: November 5, 1947, 9:30 A. M.

Essays: Isagogical-Homiletical Treatise of the Prophet Hosea, E. Schaller; Church Etiquette, A. H. Birner.

Confessional Address: G. Hinnenthal (H. Sprenger).

W. FRANK, Secretary.

**EASTERN PASTORAL CONFERENCE  
DAKOTA-MONTANA DISTRICT**

Date: October 22 and 23.  
Time: 9:30 A. M.  
Place: Henry, South Dakota. W. Ten Broek, pastor.

Papers: Historical Background of Our Confessions, W. Ten Broek; The Evangelical Way of Inciting to Adequate Christian Giving, H. Rutz; What is the Relation of Father and Son in the Light of 1 Cor. 15, 22-28, E. Bode; What Methods will best Anticipate the Problem Connected with the Choice of Baptismal Sponsors, discussion leader: A. A. Hellmann.

Preacher: W. Zickuhr.  
Note: Please announce to host pastor, and indicate whether lodging is desired.

WM. LANGE, Secretary.

**REDWOOD FALLS PASTORAL CONFERENCE**

Place: Gibbon, Minnesota. Hy. Boettcher, pastor.  
Time: October 21, 1947, 9 A. M.  
Essays: Exegesis of 1 Thess., Th. Bauer; Gideons, Can We Support Them?, I. Lenz; Prayer Fellowship, G. F. Zimmermann.

Speaker: I. Lenz (H. Schnitker).  
Remarks: If unable to attend, please inform host pastor.

WALTER P. SCHEITEL, Secretary.

**EASTERN PASTORAL CONFERENCE OF  
THE SOUTHEAST WISCONSIN DISTRICT**

Time: October 28 and 29.  
Place: Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, 1076 White Rock Avenue, Waukesha, Wisconsin. Harry Shiley, pastor.

Sermon: A. Maaske, J. Mahnke.  
Essays: Hebrews 9 (continued), A. Schuetze; Luther and the Peasant's War, K. Lescow; Giving Offense and Taking Offense, H. Lange; The Human Element in Inspiration, L. Hallauer; The Origin and Founding of the Synodical Conference, A. Keibel; The Human Element in the Divine Call, J. F. Brenner.

JOHN F. BRENNER, Secretary.

**STATE TEACHERS' CONFERENCE**

The State Teachers' Conference will meet, God willing, November 6-7, 1947, at St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Waterloo, Wisconsin, the Rev. H. C. Nitz, pastor.

**PROGRAM**

**Thursday Morning**

- 9:00—9:45—Opening Service.....
- .....Pastor Henry Gieschen
- 9:45—10:45—Luther, the Educator.....
- .....Mr. J. F. Gawrlich
- 10:45—10:55—Organ Solo.....Miss Ruth Engelhardt
- 10:55—11:05—Intermission.
- 11:05—11:55—Psychology as an Aid in Teaching the Individual as well as the Class as a Whole.....Mr. Morton Schroeder

**Thursday Afternoon**

- 2:00—2:10—Devotion.....Pastor H. C. Nitz
- 2:10—2:50—Book Review.....Mr. Louis Keup
- 2:50—3:00—Children's Chorus.....
- Under Direction of Mr. P. Kolander
- 3:00—3:10—Intermission.
- 3:10—4:00—Visual Education.....Mr. E. Arndt
- 4:00—5:00—Choir Rehearsal.....
- Under Direction of Mr. T. Zuberbier

**Friday Morning**

- 9:00—9:10—Devotion.....Pastor H. C. Nitz
- 9:10—10:30—Essayist.....Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota.
- 10:30—10:40—Intermission.
- 10:40—11:15—Comments on Matters of Interest.....
- .....Mr. F. W. Meyer
- 11:15—11:55—Business Meeting.

**Friday Afternoon**

- 1:30—1:40—Devotion.....Pastor H. C. Nitz
- 1:40—2:40—Panel Discussion: Ethics of a Christian Day School Teacher — Rev. W. Gieschen, Rev. H. Pussehl, Mr. F. Manthey — Leader, Mr. M. Zahn, Mr. R. Christman, Mr. H. Schiffleger
- 2:40—2:50—Intermission.
- 2:50—3:20—Business Meeting.
- 3:20—3:50—Closing Address.....Rev. P. Oehlert
- 3:50—4:00—Closing of Conference.

Requests for quarters are to be addressed to Mr. P. Kolander, 173 Jefferson Street, Waterloo, Wisconsin, and should reach him not later than Friday, October 17, 1947.

Milwaukee teachers please take note: Train from Milwaukee to Waterloo leaves at 7:30 A. M.

Chairman has been requested to announce that only members of the Conference should ask for lodging because of the housing situation.

WALDEMAR NOLTE, Secretary.

**MICHIGAN STATE TEACHERS' CONFERENCE**

The Michigan State Teachers' Conference will convene for three days beginning at 9 A. M., October 22, at St. Bartholomew's Lutheran School, Kawkawlin, Michigan.

Please have announcements, with requests for quarters, in the hands of Pastor W. E. Steih by October 15.

**The Program**

1. The Sixth Commandment....Rev. O. J. Eckert Substitute: The Samaritan Woman...E. Backer Substitute: The Seventh Commandment (Preparation for Memory Work...J. Wantoch
  2. The Gulf Stream and Labrador Current.....W. Stindt Substitute: Profit and Loss.....A. Schleaf
  3. Art Lesson.....Mrs. Pfeiffer Substitute: Picture Study.....Betty Wagner
  4. The Study of a Poem.....Wm. Winterstein Substitute: Telling Time.....Lois Trettin
  5. The Position of the Principal in a Christian Day School, His Duties and Responsibilities.....Rev. A. Westendorf
  6. Round Table Discussion: Busy Work, Sources, and How to Use Them..... Discussion Leader: Emma Tiefel
  7. The Professional Growth of the Christian Teacher.....Prof. Walter Schumann
  8. Services Available to Our Schools and Teachers from the State Department of Public Instruction.....Rep. of State Department
  9. Preparing Our Pupils for Enrollment in Michigan Lutheran Seminary.....Prof. Franzmann
- Conference service: Wednesday evening, 7:45, Rev. A. Baer.

W. MUELLER, Secretary.

**ORDINATIONS AND  
INSTALLATIONS**

(Authorized by the Proper Officials)  
Ordained and Installed

**Pastor**

Henke, Howard, as pastor of St. Andrew's Church, St. Paul Park, Minnesota, in St. James Church, St. Paul, Minnesota, by Carl F. Bolle; assisted by Oscar Naumann, R. Avellemant, P. R. Kurth, Elmer Zehms, Winfred Schaller, G. A. Ernst, Gilbert Thiele, and Karl Otto; Eleventh Sunday after Trinity, August 17, 1947.

**Installed**

**Pastors**

Birkholz, H., in First Lutheran Church, Windsor, North Dakota, by J. J. Wendland; Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity, September 7, 1947.  
Luetke, Nathaniel, in East Denver Mission, Denver, Colorado, by Victor F. Tiefel, assisted by Im. P. Frey; Third Sunday after Trinity, June 22, 1947.

Backer, Harold, in Mt. Calvary Church, La Crosse, Wisconsin, by Fritz Miller; Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity, September 21, 1947.

**Professor**

Anderson, Dr. Einar, as dean of men and professor of history and music at Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Saginaw, Michigan, by R. G. Koch, assisted by O. Frey; September 8, 1947.

**Teachers**

Manthey, Fred, as teacher and principal of the First German Ev. Lutheran School, Manitowoc, Wisconsin, by L. H. Koeninger; Tenth Sunday after Trinity, August 10, 1947.

Bradtko, Edward, as teacher in the parish school of Bethesda Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, by Victor Brohm and Gerhard Horn; Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity, September 14, 1947.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

**Pastors**

Backer, Harold, 1401 South 16th Street, La Crosse, Wisconsin.  
Henke, Howard, Hastings Street and Broadway, St. Paul Park, Minnesota.

**Teacher**

Manthey, Fred, 855 North 8th Street, Manitowoc, Wisconsin.

**MEMORIAL WREATHS**

During the summer months we have received a considerable number of memorial wreaths for the benefit of our Seminary Chapel Organ Fund, as follows:

In memory of Professor August Pieper by Mrs. Eleanor Arnison, \$10.50; Mrs. Amos Schuster, \$10.50; Mrs. Margaret Eriksson, \$5.00.

In memory of Mrs. Anna Lehninger by the Lehninger Family, \$50.00; St. Paul's Lutheran Ladies' Aid, Plymouth, Nebraska, \$10.00; Misses Helen McLaughlin, Duth Lives, and Phyllis Kane, \$6.00; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Rattman, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Rattman, Mr. and Mrs. Anton Kiersten, Mr.

and Mrs. Harold Rubbert, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Jacobs, and Gordon Jacobs, \$6.00; Boston Store Little Beauty Shop, \$6.00; Mr. and Mrs. E. Wittkopf, \$2.00; Mrs. Albert Voland, \$1.00; Mr. and Mrs. Ewald Patt and Family, \$5.00; Miss Ruth Markworth, \$1.00; Friends in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, \$8.00; Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Schaefer, Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Wichmann, and Rev. James Schaefer, \$5.00; Mr. and Mrs. R. Grupe, Beatrice, Nebraska, \$1.00; Mr. and Mrs. Herb. Jark, \$2.00; Mrs. Pauline Stolzenburg, \$1.00; Miss Ruth Stolzenburg, \$1.00; Mr. Gilbert Stolzenburg, \$1.00; W. Gawrlich, \$5.00; Faculty, \$20.00; Student Body, \$20.80.

In memory of Mr. Richard Hinz by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Haack and Mrs. Clara Gaulke, \$5.00.

In memory of Mr. Paul Hollender by Rueben Paul, Laura, and Althea Schultz, \$4.00; Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Schultz, \$2.00; Mr. and Mrs. Fred. Horstmann, \$2.00; Mr. and Mrs. George Peserik and Norma, \$4.00.

In memory of Mr. Carl Wunsch by Rev. and Mrs. L. W. Mahnke and Rev. and Mrs. Wm. C. Mahnke, \$4.00.

In memory of Rev. J. H. Paustian by Rev. C. Bast and Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Petrie, \$5.00.

In memory of Mr. Herman Brandenburg by Mrs. Herman Brandenburg and Sons, \$3.00

In memory of Mr. Frank Redlin by Rev. G. Redlin and Rev. T. Redlin, \$4.00.

We have also received a gift of \$100.00 from a donor who wishes to remain anonymous.

We express our sincerest appreciation and thanks to these friends of our Seminary.

E. REIM, Bursar.

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Dr. Martin Luther College Music Department, New Ulm, Minnesota, received a memorial wreath of \$25.00 in memory of the late Mrs. Wm. Albrecht, wife of Rev. Wm. Albrecht, formerly of Sleepy Eye, Minnesota. The above amount was given by friends and relatives.

We herewith express our heartiest thanks to the kind donors.

EMIL D. BACKER, Music Department.

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**Memorial Wreaths in memory of**

**Pastor R. F. Pietz**

For the Church Extension Fund: St. John's Congregation, Lomira, \$15.00; St. Peter's, Kekoskee, \$5.00; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pade, Sr., \$1.00; Victor Kinkel, \$1.00; R. Schierenbeck, \$2.00; Mr. and Mrs. Ernst Hayes, \$5.00; Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Meyer, \$5.00; Florence and Norman Meyer, \$2.00; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Krueger, \$2.00; St. John's Ladies' Aid, \$1.00.

For Wisconsin Synod Building Fund: Dodge-Washington Conference, \$15.00; Zion Church, Town Herman, \$10.00; St. Paul's Church, Brownsville, \$10.00.

For Children's Friend Society, Wauwatosa: Mr. and Mrs. W. Bohde, \$3.00; Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Schwach, \$2.00; Mr. and Mrs. Gerhard Spielman, \$2.00 Mr. and Mrs. Lester Beitz, \$2.00; Werner Spielman, \$1.00; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Timm, \$2.50; Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Timm, \$2.50; Mr. and Mrs. Otto Haberkorn, \$2.50; Mr. and Mrs. Edw. Timm, \$2.50.

For Winnebago Lutheran Academy: Prof. Carl Lawrenz, \$2.00.

For the Seminary Organ Fund: Rev. K. Lescow, \$5.00.

For the St. John's Building Fund, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Kietzer, \$3.00.

For the Lutheran High School, Milwaukee: Rev. and Mrs. Carl Dietz, \$5.00; Immanuel School Faculty, \$9.00; Rev. and Mrs. Martin Plass, \$3.00.

For Radio Station KFUC: Mr. and Mrs. Herman Zabel, \$2.00; Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Zabel, \$1.00; Mr. and Mrs. Helmuth Zabel, \$2.00; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hakala, \$1.00.

For Institutional Missions: Ernst Schwach, \$2.00. Total: \$127.00.

For the Lutheran High School, Milwaukee: Rev. and Mrs. H. Tesch, \$3.00; Mrs. A. Heidtko, \$2.00; Mrs. R. Spredeman, \$2.00; Mr. and Mrs. J. Goll, \$1.50; Albert Schmidt, \$1.50.

For Church Extension Fund from Rev. Theo. Hoffman, \$2.00.

A Memorial Wreath (amount unknown), was given to the Lutheran Hour by Mr. and Mrs. Hasenbein. H. LEMKE.

**MISSION FESTIVALS**

St. Jacob's Church, Waterloo Twp., Jackson Co., Michigan.  
Offering: \$266.31. A. Bloom, pastor.

**Seventh Sunday after Trinity**

Trinity Church, Washington Township, Wisconsin. Offering: \$412.50. H. Kuckhahn, pastor.

**Eighth Sunday after Trinity**

St. John's Church, Tp. Caledonia, Wisconsin. Offering: \$71.00. Armin Engel, pastor.  
St. Peter's Church, Tp. Winchester, Wisconsin. Offering: \$112.66. Armin Engel, pastor.

**Tenth Sunday after Trinity**

St. Paul's Church, Tp. Herman, Sheboygan Co., Wisconsin.  
Offering: \$272.02. H. A. Kuether, pastor.

**Eleventh Sunday after Trinity**

Trinity Church, Lime Ridge, Wisconsin.  
Offering: \$556.90. H. Kuckhahn, pastor.  
St. Peter's Church, Tp. McMillan, Marathon Co., Wisconsin.  
Offering: \$201.00. D. H. Kuehl, pastor.  
Immanuel Church, Tp. Eau Claire, Marathon County, Wisconsin.  
Offering: \$70.00. D. H. Kuehl, pastor.  
Zion Church, David City, Nebraska.  
Offering: \$353.70. A. K. Hertler, pastor.  
Zion Church, Valentine, Nebraska.  
Offering: \$524.62. E. J. Hahn, pastor.  
David Star Church, Kirchhahn, Wisconsin.  
Offering: \$1,112.80. M. F. Rische, pastor.  
Trinity Church, Tp. Berlin, Wisconsin.  
Offering: \$568.00. W. E. Schulz, pastor.  
Zion Church, David City, Nebraska.  
Offering: \$353.70. A. K. Hertler, pastor.

**Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**

St. Paul's Church, Neosho, Wisconsin.  
Offering: \$265.91. A. G. Dornfeld, pastor.  
St. Paul's Church, Hillsboro, Wisconsin.  
Offering: \$284.00. Elmer A. Mahnke, pastor.  
English Lutheran Church, Viroqua, Wisconsin.  
Offering: \$27.45. Elmer A. Mahnke, pastor.  
Zion Church, Tp. Leeds, Col. Co., Wisconsin.  
Offering: \$510.52. H. Geiger, pastor.  
St. Paul's Church, Slinger, Wisconsin.  
Offering: \$358.24. F. Gilbert, pastor.  
St. Paul's Church, Cedar Lake, Wisconsin.  
Offering: \$47.75. F. Gilbert, pastor.  
St. Paul's Church, Rapid City, South Dakota.  
Offering: \$105.00. H. Sauer, pastor.  
Trinity Church, Piedmont, South Dakota.  
Offering: \$15.66. H. Sauer, pastor.  
Trinity Church, Sturgis, South Dakota.  
Offering: \$16.60. H. Sauer, pastor.  
St. Paul's Church, Gresham, Nebraska.  
Offering: \$460.25. W. Schaller, Jr., pastor.  
Bethany Church, Manitowoc, Wisconsin.  
Offering: \$380.45. A. Roeckle, pastor.  
St. John's Church, Sterling, Michigan.  
Offering: \$115.40. J. F. Zink, pastor.

**Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**

St. Paul's Church, Marshall, Wisconsin.  
Offering: \$274.58. K. K. Lederer, pastor.  
Grace Church, Yakima, Washington.  
Offering: \$597.80. T. R. Adascheck, pastor.  
Grace Church, Pueblo, Colorado.  
Offering: \$93.58. E. C. Kuehl, pastor.  
Salem Church, Circle, Montana.  
Offering: \$365.17. A. Walther, pastor.  
Bethlehem Church, Tp. Hague, South Dakota.  
Offering: \$205.00. W. H. Zickuhr, pastor.  
St. Andrew's Church, Goodrich, Wisconsin.  
Offering: \$150.00. W. E. Schulz, pastor.  
Salem Church, Woodbury Tp., Newport, Minnesota.  
Offering: \$184.00. Dr. Paul W. Spaude, pastor.  
St. Paul's Church, Platteville, Wisconsin.  
Offering: \$215.15. F. Naumann, pastor.

**Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**

Willow Lake Lutheran Church, Willow Lake, South Dakota.  
Offering: \$260.00. W. H. Zickuhr, pastor.  
Friedens Church, Randolph, Wisconsin.  
Offering: \$444.52. E. A. Breiling, pastor.  
St. John's Church, St. Clair, Minnesota.  
Offering: \$294.69. A. H. Mackdanz, pastor.  
Emmanuel Church, Mecan Tp., Wisconsin.  
Offering: \$244.97. W. J. Oelhafen, pastor.  
Trinity Church, Amak, Washington.  
Offering: \$235.86. T. F. Stern, pastor.  
St. Paul's Church, Roscoe, South Dakota.  
Offering: \$1,507.00. H. Lau, pastor.  
St. Mark's Church, Tp. Lebanon, Dodge Co., Wisconsin.  
Offering: \$193.00. T. C. Uetzmann, pastor.

**Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**

Zion Church, Akaska, South Dakota.  
Offering: \$478.87. R. D. Gehrke, pastor.  
St. John's Church, Tappen, North Dakota.  
Offering: \$523.23. A. A. Kettenacker, pastor.  
Zion Lutheran Church, Reeder, North Dakota.  
Offering: \$113.13. Elmer H. Semenske, pastor.  
St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Pardeeville, Wisconsin.  
Offering: \$424.67. A. J. Engel, pastor.  
Emmanuel Church, New London, Wisconsin.  
Offering: \$1,700.39. Walter E. Pankow, pastor.  
St. Paul's Church, Ixonia, Wisconsin.  
Offering: \$70.85. Otto A. Pagels, pastor.

Zion Church, Clatonia, Nebraska.  
Offering: \$876.15. S. Kugler, pastor.  
St. John's Church, Ridgeville, Wisconsin.  
Offering: \$405.34. C. E. Berg, pastor.  
Zion Church, Akaska, South Dakota.  
Offering: \$478.87. Ralph D. Gehrke, pastor.  
Trinity Church, Hillrose, Colorado.  
Offering: \$275.49. G. B. Frank, pastor.  
Grace Church, Tp. Maine, Marathon Co., Wisconsin.  
Offering: \$251.79. E. H. Kionka, pastor.  
St. Paul's Church, Naper, Nebraska.  
Offering: \$441.24. N. E. Sauer, pastor.

**Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity**

Emmanuel Church, Tp. Herman, Dodge Co., Wisconsin.  
Offering: \$216.25. A. C. Schewe, pastor.  
Zion Church, Tp. Theresa, Dodge Co., Wisconsin.  
Offering: \$160.55. A. C. Schewe, pastor.  
Zum Kripplein Christi Church, Tp. Herman, Dodge Co., Wisconsin.  
Offering: \$400.00. G. Bradtke, pastor.  
Our Redeemer Church, Martin, South Dakota.  
Offering: \$28.00. K. Neumann, pastor.

**Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity**

St. Paul's Church, Batesland, South Dakota.  
Offering: \$124.05. K. Neumann, pastor.

**CORRECTION**

**Eighth Sunday after Trinity**

St. John's Church, Newton, Wisconsin.  
Offering: \$482.75. A. Roeckle, vacancy pastor.

**BOOK REVIEW**

**WHAT LUTHERANS ARE THINKING.** A Symposium of Lutheran Faith and Life. Published under the auspices of the Conference of Lutheran Professors of Theology. Edited by E. C. Fendt, Capital University, Columbus, Ohio.  
Twenty-eight essays by as many writers representing seven different Lutheran bodies. Written for theologians "as an introduction to the various fields of theological study." — To be read critically. The book itself with its background reduces theology to the level of an external, a thing in which cooperation is possible in spite of confessional differences, and in which latitude of opinion may be differences, and in which latitude of opinion may be granted as allowable and wholesome.  
J. P. M.

**NORTHERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT**

April, May, June, 1947

**Fox River Valley Conference**

| Reverend                                      | Budgetary    |
|---|--------------|
| Toepel, K. F., Algoma, St. Paul               | \$ 1,891.00  |
| Weyland, V. J., Angelica, St. Paul            | 348.30       |
| Hallemeier, D. E., Appleton, Bethany          | 172.41       |
| Ziesemer, R. E., Appleton, Mt. Olive          | 1,595.19     |
| Lehniger, Ernst, Appleton, Riverview          | 184.24       |
| Johnson, S., Appleton, St. Matthew            | 477.46       |
| Brandt, F. M., Appleton, St. Paul             | 1,921.00     |
| Thierfelder, F. E., Black Creek, Immanuel     | 251.05       |
| Kuether, W. A., Carlton, St. Peter            |              |
| Bergholz, H., Center, St. John                | 680.00       |
| Gieschen, Walter, Clayton, Immanuel           | 182.75       |
| Franzmann, Gerhard, Dale, St. Paul            | 521.79       |
| Sippert, A., Dundas, St. John                 | 480.93       |
| Henning, Carl, Ellington, Trinity             | 274.27       |
| Hinnenthal, E., Forestville, Immanuel         | 191.96       |
| Hoepner, Walter, Freedom, St. Peter           | 406.00       |
| Krueger, E. H., Green Bay, First Ev. Lutheran | 704.29       |
| Voigt, A. W., Green Bay, St. Paul             | 365.65       |
| Croll, Melvin W., Greenleaf, St. Paul         | 104.52       |
| Gieschen, Walter, Greenville, Immanuel        | 591.50       |
| Weyland, V. J., Hartland, Peace               | 456.26       |
| Wicke, Harold, Hortonville, Bethlehem         | 562.66       |
| Senger, F. H., Jacksonport, Zion              | 95.35        |
| Croll, Melvin W., Kasson, Bartholomew         |              |
| Oehlert, Paul Th., Kaukauna, Trinity          | 1,015.04     |
| Zink, Waldemar P., Kewaunee, Immanuel         | 575.00       |
| Brick, Delmar C., Kimberly, Mt. Calvary       | 166.12       |
| Kahrs, H. A., Maple Creek, Immanuel           |              |
| Kneuppel, F. C., Naseaupee, Salem             | 187.17       |
| Pankow, W. E., New London, Emanuel            | 1,095.90     |
| Baganz, Theo., Sawyer, St. Peter              | 1,296.02     |
| Henning, Carl, Stephenville, St. Paul         | 117.59       |
| Kahrs, H. A., Sugar Bush, Grace               | 1.00         |
| Henning, Otto C., Valmy, St. John             | 569.82       |
| Reier, F. A., Waupaca, Immanuel               | 244.80       |
| Struck, Gerhard, Wrightstown, St. John        | 527.59       |
| Conference Total                              | \$ 18,232.65 |

**Lake Superior Conference**

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|---|----------|
| Eggert, Paul C., Abrams, Peace                      | \$ 46.75 |
| Fuhlbrigge, W. G., Beaver, St. Matthew              |          |
| Eggert, Paul C., Brookside, St. Paul                | 44.40    |
| Kuschel, Bernard G., Carbondale, Michigan, St. Mark | 64.51    |
| Fuhlbrigge, W. G., Coleman, Trinity                 | 277.10   |
| Pope, Reinhart, J., Crivitz, Grace                  | 144.28   |
| Tiefel, Geo., Crystal Falls, Michigan, Zion         | 29.80    |

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| Kuschel, Bernard G., Daggett, Michigan, Holy Cross       | 143.70      |
| Lutz, W. F., Escanaba, Michigan, Salem                   | 609.25      |
| Zaremba, Theo., Florence, St. John                       | 183.00      |
| Hoffmann, Theo., Gladstone, Michigan, St. Paul           | 87.38       |
| Roepke, W., Green Garden, Michigan, St. Paul             | 241.53      |
| Schlavensky, Norman, Grover, St. John                    |             |
| Dobratz, Franklin C., Hermansville, Michigan, Trinity    | 49.34       |
| Schabow, Alvin, Hyde, Michigan, St. Paul                 | 215.98      |
| Krug, Clayton, Lena, Our Savior                          | 103.84      |
| Eggert, Paul C., Little Suamico, St. John                | 54.60       |
| Hillmer, S. (Vacancy), Manistique, Michigan, St. Peter   | 5.60        |
| Gentz, A. A., Marinette, Trinity                         | 680.51      |
| Roepke, W., Marquette, Michigan, Trinity                 | 508.14      |
| Thurow, Theodore, Menominee, Michigan, Christ            | 444.01      |
| Geyer, K., Peshtigo, Zion                                | 580.28      |
| Dobratz, Franklin C., Powers, Michigan, Grace            | 96.20       |
| Hoffmann, Theo., Rapid River, Michigan, St. Martin       | 73.10       |
| Zarling, Fredric H., Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, Emanuel | 56.20       |
| Tiefel, George, Stambaugh, Michigan, St. Peter           | 121.46      |
| Zaremba, Theo., Tipler, St. Paul                         | 9.50        |
| Conference Total   | \$ 4,870.46 |

**Manitowoc Conference**

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| Siegler, V. J., Brillion, Trinity                  | \$ 642.35    |
| Braun, M. A., Cleveland, Parochie                  | 385.06       |
| Schwartz, H. Marcus, Collins, St. Peter            | 940.00       |
| Wadzinski, A., Eaton, Immanuel                     | 58.00        |
| Wadzinski, A., Fontenoy, Christ                    | 137.25       |
| Pussehl, Henry E., Gibson, St. John                | 218.16       |
| Schink, W. F., Haven, St. Peter                    |              |
| Kuether, H. A., Town Herman, St. Paul              | 662.86       |
| Zell, Ed., Jambo Creek, Jambo Creek Lutheran       | 15.50        |
| Behm, E. G., Trinity, Kiel                         | 207.35       |
| Geiger, Adalbert F. W., Liberty, Trinity           | 294.45       |
| Grunwald, Harold O. (Vacancy), Louis Corners, Zion | 548.26       |
| Roeckle, Armin, Manitowoc, Bethany                 | 270.00       |
| Koeninger, L. H., Manitowoc, First Ev. Lutheran    | 2,031.50     |
| Gieschen, Waldemar, Manitowoc, Grace               | 271.00       |
| Gieschen, Paul J., Maribel, St. John               | 582.81       |
| Zell, Ed., Mishicot, St. Peter                     | 120.00       |
| Koch, Henry, Morrison, Zion                        | 740.75       |
| Kionka, Ed. H. (Vacancy), Newton, St. John         | 414.10       |
| Kionka, Ed. H. (Vacancy), Newton, St. Paul         | 59.62        |
| Thurow, Carl M., Pine Grove, St. Paul              | 74.85        |
| Eckert, Harold H., Reedsville, St. John            | 1,139.10     |
| Zell, Ed., Rockwood, Rockwood Lutheran             | 95.8         |
| Ehlke, Roland, Sandy Bay, St. John                 | 51.          |
| Thurow, Carl M., Shirley, Immanuel                 | 164.0        |
| Pussehl, Henry M., Two Creeks, St. John            | 140.73       |
| Haase, W. G., Two Rivers, St. John                 | 576.27       |
| Conference Total                                   | \$ 10,821.57 |

**Rhineland Conference**

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| Ristow, LeRoy, Argonne, Peace.....                     | \$ 87.41    |
| Bergfeld, Fred, Bruce Crossing, Michigan, Bethany..... | 100.08      |
| Ristow, LeRoy, Crandon, St. Paul.....                  | 102.60      |
| Krubsack, J., Eagle River, Christ.....                 | 177.17      |
| Weyland, F. C., Enterprise, St. John.....              | 81.25       |
| Ristow, LeRoy, Hiles, Christ.....                      | 18.80       |
| Raetz, F. W., Laona St. John.....                      | 42.90       |
| Weyland, F. C., Monico, Grace.....                     | 17.05       |
| Scharf, Erwin, Rhineland, Zion.....                    | 935.59      |
| Weyland, F. C., Starks.....                            |             |
| Krubsack, J., Three Lakes, Grace.....                  |             |
| Raetz, F. W., Wabeno, Trinity.....                     |             |
| Conference Total .....                                 | \$ 1,562.85 |

**Winnepago Conference**

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|--|--------------|
| Engel, Armin L., Caledonia, St. John.....            | \$ 122.80    |
| Strohschein, Walter, Campbellsport, Immanuel.....    | 126.26       |
| Strohschein, Walter, Dundee, Trinity.....            | 364.22       |
| Schneider, A. E., E. Bloomfield, St. John.....       |              |
| Wojahn, W. A., Eldorado, St. Paul.....               | 178.96       |
| Wojahn, W. A., Eldorado, St. Peter.....              |              |
| Reim, R., Fond du Lac, Redeemer.....                 | 249.95       |
| Raabe, John, Fond du Lac, Faith.....                 |              |
| Raabe, John, Fond du Lac, Good Shepherd.....         | 55.00        |
| Pieper, G., Fond du Lac, St. Peter.....              | 913.54       |
| Siegler, O., Forest, St. John.....                   | 104.88       |
| Siegler, O., Forest, St. Paul.....                   | 659.27       |
| Warnke, Hugo, Green Lake, Peace.....                 | 1,011.82     |
| Kaniess, G., Kewaskum, St. Luke.....                 | 229.91       |
| Sommer, Orvin A., Kingston, Zion.....                | 196.50       |
| Wadzinski, Wm., Manchester, St. Paul.....            | 824.29       |
| Kobs, Geo., Markesan, St. John.....                  | 1,550.00     |
| Wadzinski, Wm., Marquette, St. Paul.....             | 88.49        |
| Hartwig, Paul L., Mears Corners, Trinity.....        | 66.16        |
| Oelhafen, W. J., Mecan, Emanuel.....                 | 426.27       |
| Bergmann, P. G., Menasha, Trinity.....               | 439.33       |
| Oelhafen, W. J., Montello, St. John.....             | 965.28       |
| Hartwig, Paul L., Neenah, Martin Luther.....         | 170.82       |
| Schaefer, Gerhard A., Neenah, Trinity.....           | 1,849.62     |
| Wichmann, W. F., No. Fond du Lac, St. Paul.....      | 389.86       |
| Dowidat, John, Oakfield, St. Luke.....               | 227.15       |
| Hoyer, O., Town Omro, Zion.....                      |              |
| Schlueter, E. Benj., Oshkosh, Grace.....             | 482.80       |
| Mittelstaedt, T. J., Oshkosh, Immanuel.....          | 202.53       |
| Kleinhans, Harold O., Oshkosh, Martin Luther.....    | 257.07       |
| Froehlich, E., Pickett, Grace.....                   | 139.70       |
| Warnke, Harold, Princeton, St. John.....             | 1,175.86     |
| Engel, Armin L., Readfield, Zion.....                | 253.76       |
| Oelhafen, W. J. (Vacancy), Red Granite, Trinity..... | 155.36       |
| Ziesemer, Richard, Ripon, Zion.....                  |              |
| Sommer, Orvin A., Salemville, St. John.....          | 132.80       |
| Oelhafen, W. J. (Vacancy), Seneca, St. Paul.....     | 261.51       |
| Schulz, J., Van Dyne, Zion.....                      | 245.00       |
| Redlin, T. W., Wautoma, Peace.....                   | 488.26       |
| Habeck, Irwin J., Weyauwega, St. Peter.....          | 661.99       |
| Engel, Armin L., Winchester, St. Peter.....          | 115.25       |
| Grunwald, Harold, Winneconne, St. Paul.....          | 347.60       |
| Conference Total .....                               | \$ 16,103.67 |

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| District Total ..... | \$ 51,591.18 |
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**Memorial Wreaths**

| In Memory of                   | Reverend                        | Amount |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------|
| Mrs. William C. Albrecht ..... | Erwin Scharf, Rhineland         | 2.00   |
| Mrs. Roman Algiers .....       | Walter E. Pankow, New London    | 5.00   |
| Herman Arнемann .....          | W. G. Haase, Two Rivers         | 12.00  |
| Henry Aschenbrenner .....      | L. H. Koeninger, Manitowoc      | 12.00  |
| T. M. Ballard .....            | Wm. F. Lutz, Escanaba, Mich.    | 10.00  |
| Mrs. E. Baulke .....           | W. Roepeke, Marquette, Mich.    | 10.00  |
| Mrs. Chas. Becker .....        | Irwin J. Habeck, Weyauwega      | 6.00   |
| Mrs. Rudolph Behnke .....      | Harold H. Eckert, Reedsville    | 3.00   |
| Wm. Behnke, Sr. ....           | V. J. Siegler, Brillion         | 5.00   |
| August Born .....              | H. Marcus Schwartz, Collins     | 28.00  |
| Mrs. G. Bredael .....          | E. H. Krueger, Green Bay        | 2.50   |
| Alvina Cook .....              | Karl F. Toepel, Algoma          | 5.00   |
| H. Detjen .....                | A. A. Gentz, Marinette          | 10.00  |
| Herm. Detjen .....             | Karl F. Toepel, Algoma          | 15.00  |
| Hannah Dix .....               | Karl F. Toepel, Algoma          | 2.00   |
| Mrs. Hy. J. Eichorst .....     | V. J. Siegler, Brillion         | 15.00  |
| Lena Grim .....                | Karl F. Toepel, Algoma          | 32.00  |
| August Habermann .....         | H. Marcus Schwartz, Collins     | 15.00  |
| William Habermann .....        | V. J. Siegler, Brillion         | 1.00   |
| Carl Hartmann .....            | E. H. Krueger, Green Bay        | 12.00  |
| Mrs. Elmer Hein, Sr. ....      | Harold H. Eckert, Reedsville    | 46.00  |
| A. J. Herrmann .....           | F. M. Brandt, Appleton          | 22.00  |
| Arnold Herrmann .....          | I. J. Habeck, Weyauwega         | 2.00   |
| Mrs. Herman Heydrich .....     | L. H. Koeninger, Manitowoc      | 5.00   |
| Gail Hutter .....              | Karl F. Toepel, Algoma          | 18.00  |
| Wm. R. Jones .....             | F. N. Zarling, Sault Ste. Marie | 3.00   |
| Ed. Kaphingst .....            | F. M. Brandt, Appleton          | 20.00  |
| Mrs. James Kutchera .....      | L. H. Koeninger, Manitowoc      | 3.00   |
| William La Casse .....         | Wm. F. Lutz, Escanaba, Mich.    | 12.25  |
| Albert Lautenschlager .....    | F. M. Brandt, Appleton          | 4.00   |
| Mrs. Clara Lemke .....         | Gerhard Struck, Wrightstown     | 3.00   |
| Frank Liebich .....            | W. G. Haase, Two Rivers         | 3.00   |
| Oscar Luebke .....             | W. G. Haase, Two Rivers         | 10.00  |
| Mrs. Minnie Miller .....       | W. E. Pankow, New London        | 3.00   |
| Phil. Morien .....             | W. E. Pankow, New London        | 10.50  |
| Arthur Mueller .....           | W. G. Haase, Two Rivers         | 2.00   |
| Arthur J. Mueller .....        | L. H. Koeninger, Manitowoc      | 24.00  |
| Theresa Mueller .....          | A. A. Gentz, Marinette          | 2.00   |
| Mrs. Amalia Nichols .....      | E. Benj. Schlueter, Oshkosh     | 2.00   |
| Mrs. Lester Ott .....          | H. Marcus Schwartz, Chilton     | 4.00   |
| Niles Rasmussen .....          | Paul Th. Oehlert, Kaukauna      | 10.00  |

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| Wm. F. Redman .....        | Paul Th. Oehlert, Kaukauna     | 5.00  |
| John F. Reinemann .....    | Th. Thurow, Menominee, Mich.   | 5.00  |
| Max Risse .....            | F. M. Brandt, Appleton         | 1.00  |
| Henry Schaut .....         | E. H. Krueger, Green Bay       | 29.00 |
| Ed. F. Schmidt .....       | E. Benj. Schlueter, Oshkosh    | 3.00  |
| Mrs. Aug. Schoen .....     | E. H. Krueger, Green Bay       | 2.50  |
| Andrew Schultz .....       | Erwin Scharf, Rhineland        | 3.00  |
| Mrs. August Schultz .....  | Erwin Scharf, Rhineland        | 2.00  |
| Mrs. Louise Schultz .....  | R. E. Ziesemer, Appleton       | 8.00  |
| Wilfred Strube .....       | L. H. Koeninger, Manitowoc     | 37.50 |
| Mrs. Fred Thiesfeldt ..... | Paul Th. Oehlert, Kaukauna     | 5.00  |
| Mrs. John L. Thoma .....   | H. A. Kahrs, Sugar Bush        | 1.00  |
| Dorothea Toepel .....      | Wm. Wadzinski, Manchester      | 3.00  |
| Herman Trettin .....       | Paul Th. Oehlert, Kaukauna     | 72.00 |
| Ernestine Uecke .....      | A. A. Gentz, Marinette         | 6.00  |
| Mrs. John Viel .....       | W. E. Pankow, New London       | 2.50  |
| Fred Vohs .....            | W. E. Pankow, New London       | 1.00  |
| Mrs. Fred Voigt .....      | Wm. F. Lutz, Escanaba, Mich.   | 3.00  |
| William Volz .....         | W. E. Pankow, New London       | 2.00  |
| Mrs. Emil Weckwerth .....  | W. F. Wichmann, N. Fond du Lac | 4.00  |
| Ernst Winter .....         | W. G. Haase, Two Rivers        | 2.00  |
| Carl F. Wittler .....      | W. Roepeke, Marquette, Mich.   | 15.00 |
| Alb. Witzke .....          | F. M. Brandt, Appleton         | 2.00  |
| Clara Woekner .....        | A. A. Gentz, Marinette         | 3.00  |
| Carl Wunsch .....          | H. Marcus Schwartz, Chilton    | 59.00 |

Total ..... \$ 687.75  
 GERALD C. HERZFELDT, District Cashier.

**TREASURER'S STATEMENT**

July 1, 1947 to August 30, 1947

**Receipts**

|  |              |
|--|--------------|
| Cash Balance July 1, 1947 .....                | \$ 76,518.66 |
| Budgetary Collections:                         |              |
| General Administration .....                   | \$ 51,557.78 |
| Educational Institutions .....                 | 4,653.41     |
| Home for the Aged .....                        | 191.85       |
| Spiritual Welfare Commission .....             | 398.39       |
| For Other Missions .....                       | 30,211.59    |
| Indigent Students .....                        | 85.00        |
| General Support .....                          | 890.04       |
| School Supervision .....                       | 191.80       |
| Revenues .....                                 | 12,718.03    |
| Total Budgetary Collections and Revenues ..... | \$ 80,897.89 |
| Non-Budgetary Receipts:                        |              |
| Payments on Mortgage Receivable .....          | 200.00       |
| Total Receipts .....                           | \$ 81,097.89 |
|  | \$157,616.55 |

**Disbursements**

|  |              |
|--|--------------|
| Budgetary Disbursements:                               |              |
| General Administration .....                           | \$ 9,791.18  |
| Theological Seminary .....                             | 4,053.88     |
| Northwestern College .....                             | 19,855.54    |
| Dr. Martin Luther College .....                        | 7,058.97     |
| Michigan Lutheran Seminary .....                       | 8,494.20     |
| Northwestern Lutheran Academy .....                    | 6,464.68     |
| Home for the Aged .....                                | 2,236.49     |
| Missions — General Administration .....                | 32.80        |
| Indian Mission .....                                   | 11,606.43    |
| Negro Mission .....                                    | 2,618.94     |
| Home Missions .....                                    | 47,655.43    |
| Poland Mission .....                                   | 1,381.00     |
| Madison Student Mission .....                          | 305.00       |
| Spiritual Welfare Commission .....                     | 839.00       |
| Winnepago Lutheran Academy .....                       | 500.00       |
| General Support .....                                  | 7,034.00     |
| School Supervision .....                               | 807.78       |
| Total Budgetary Disbursements .....                    | \$130,695.32 |
| Non-Budgetary Disbursements:                           |              |
| Capital Advance to Northwestern Publishing House ..... | 20,000.00    |
| Total Disbursements .....                              | \$150,695.32 |
| Cash Balance August 30, 1947 .....                     | \$ 6,921.23  |

P. S. August requisition from Dr. Martin Luther College not included in this report and the report of collections from the Minnesota District was not received in time for this report.

C. J. NIEDFELDT, Treasurer.

**DONATIONS SENT DIRECTLY TO TREASURER'S OFFICE**

August, 1947

**For Spiritual Welfare Commission**

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| Carl Creif, Prescott, Arizona .....                     | \$ 1.00  |
| Mrs. Amos Mathup, Oconto, Wisconsin .....               | 2.00     |
| Walter Dobberphul, Jackson, Wisconsin .....             | 50.00    |
| Mr. and Mrs. John H. Dreier, Green Bay, Wisconsin ..... | 50.00    |
|   | \$ 63.00 |

**For Church Extension Fund**

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| Memorial Wreath in memory of Mrs. Minnie Palmer given by Mrs. Martha Bast ..... | \$ 2.00 |
|   | \$ 2.00 |

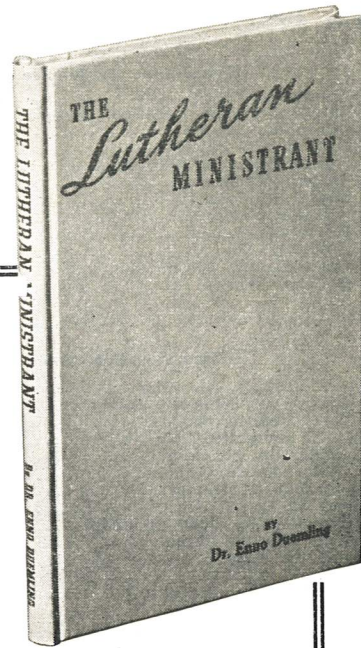
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