

# 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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## Summary Of The Sermon Preached At Dedication Of Publishing House

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“**G**OD our Savior will have all men to be saved and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.” 1 Timothy 2, 3-6.

We were really not ready for the gift over which we are rejoicing today. Though it had been felt that our Northwestern Publishing House was outgrowing its quarters on Fourth Street, there had been no serious thought of enlarging or relocating them.

Thus the order to vacate the premises in favor of a public project came to us as a shock. The change involved a long and difficult search for a suitable location and building, a great expenditure of funds, and months of self-sacrificing labor on the part of the personnel.

By the help of God all these difficulties have been overcome, and we are today permitted to place into the service of the Publishing House this spacious, beautiful, and practically arranged building, which will take care of the expected future expansion and will also house several other departments of our synodical work.

Blessings long enjoyed are only too often taken for granted and not valued as they should be. The removal to its new home has kept our Publishing House before the members of our Synod for many months, and it is to be hoped that the thought given it will have led many to a deeper appreciation of its importance to our household. Permit me to point you to a few thoughts from our text. They show us:

### Our Northwestern Publishing House in the Service of the Truth that Saves

#### I.

*The Truth That Saves* When our text tells us, “God will have all men come unto the knowledge of the truth,” it is not following the trend of present-day popular thought. This engages itself

with the intellectual knowledge which the natural man is able to acquire by his study of nature and of his own person, body and soul. It is hoped that this will make man happier and morally better, prepare him for good citizenship, bring about a better understanding between classes, races and nations, and thus hasten on an era of universal peace, security, and prosperity.

Now, such earthly knowledge has its legitimate place in human life, but it can never meet the needs, the actual needs, of our race. Further training and the development of what is natural to us will never suffice.

### The Greatest Need of Man Is That of Salvation

Where a mediator is required, there is an estrangement. “Your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you.” Is. 59, 22. Separation from God is death, spiritual death here, eternal death in the hereafter. And, “What is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall he give in exchange for his soul?” In his death on the cross, the Eternal Son of God “gave himself a ransom for all” “that he might bring us to God.” 1 Peter 2, 18. The cross on Golgotha is the tree of true knowledge, and the Gospel of the Cross is the one and only truth that satisfies the needs of sinful man. It works the knowledge that is eternal life. John 17, 3. It makes men free. John 8, 31. 32. It sanctifies them. John 17, 17. It leads to glory. John 17, 20-24.

“To be testified in due time.” This truth must be brought to men, for human research will never discover it. Since man believed the deceitful promise of the devil, “In the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods knowing good and evil,” man’s intellect has been corrupted. “The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God.” 1 Cor. 2, 14. Therefore the Lord gave His Church this command: “Go ye into all the world,

and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.”

The most important work on earth is that of proclaiming the truth that saves and now we see

#### II.

*Our Northwestern Publishing House in the Service of the Truth That Saves* From the outside the Publishing House looks like every other business concern. Goods are sold over the counter; printing presses hum; parcels go out by mail or express; and orders and checks are constantly flowing in. There are those who see in it only another publishing house. Yes, some may even look to it for aid to the synodical treasury.

We must rid ourselves of this conception of the purpose and the endeavor of our Publishing House. The emblem, the “Tree of Knowledge,” which our architect has placed over the entrance of this building would lead us to a better understanding. The Publishing House wants to serve the true “Tree of Knowledge,” the Cross, and thus itself become a tree of knowledge spreading the saving truth of the Cross far and wide.

Look at the shelves in its sales-room: Bibles, testaments, hymn books, catechisms, Sunday School lessons, manuals of prayer, devotional books, collections of sermons, dogmatical works, etc. Even the smaller articles of merchandise, certificates of baptism, confirmation, and marriage, greeting cards, etc., are such that Christians use in living their life of faith, hope, and charity.

Books for which we have to rely on other publishing houses are read very critically before they are offered to our people. Its own publications are controlled by one ideal, that of glorifying our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and placing all things under the feet of Him whom God has given to be the head over all things to the Church.

By the periodicals issued through the Publishing House, the *Junior Northwestern*, the *Gemeindeblatt*, the *Northwestern Lutheran*, the *School Bulletin*, and the *Quartalschrift*, our

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# Editorials

**Why, A Publishing House?** Why does our Wisconsin Synod own and control a Publishing House? What purpose does a synod-owned Publishing House serve? The sermon by President Brenner printed elsewhere in this issue as well as the closing remarks of Pastor Pieper in his history of the Publishing House ought to give the reasons to any one who may be interested and inquire. We here quote Pastor Paul Pieper:

"In the Articles of Organization, September 29, 1891, the purpose of our Northwestern Publishing House is set forth: 'to carry on and conduct a general bookselling, publishing and printing business, and particularly the printing, publication of all such books, periodicals and literature as may be by its members considered beneficial to the Evangelical Lutheran faith or principles, and all matters incidental thereto, and also for the purpose of delivering and paying over to the Ev. Lutheran Synod of Wisconsin and Other States all net profits which may be realized from the business.'

"That is, in the main, the mission our Northwestern Publishing House is to perform. Through our synodical periodicals we purpose to instruct, indoctrinate, and edify our members, to keep them informed as to the work of the Church in which we are engaged, to call attention to any particular project which has been launched by the Synod. Through books, tracts and other literature we aim to supply our homes with informative and devotional reading material. For our schools we endeavor to supply the necessary textbooks. For our many congregations we want to be of service by printing the literature for their particular local needs and for our mission congregations we want to furnish such printed matter as will help them grow internally and externally.

"Truly, a noble purpose. And if our Northwestern Publishing House is in a position to produce revenues for our Synod, such blessings will be received with thanksgiving.

"May God ever keep all who make use of the facilities of the Northwestern Publishing House steadfast in their confession of the Truth and in harmony with the Word of Truth. May they ever hew to the line and never abuse the gift of the press for cheap publicity of false methods of building His kingdom.

"May God graciously bless those who according to the will of Synod direct the policies of the Northwestern Publishing House. May He direct the hearts and minds of those who write and edit our periodicals. May He give His Holy Spirit in special measure to those who write books and tracts for our edification and instruction."  
P. P.

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**This May Be the Reason** An interested reader handed us a newspaper clipping which contained a report on "the trend in hymns and hymn books" by Miss Caroline Parker, editor of church

music for one of the largest publishers of church hymnals used by most Protestant denominations. She represents the well known firm of Fleming H. Revell Company.

If any one is interested in knowing why many of the Protestant denominations are rapidly losing every semblance of confessionalism here may be one of the main reasons. Miss Parker says according to this report, "We're getting away from 'heaven-longing' hymns today. . . . There's a movement away from golden streets and golden crowns. And we're weeding out the gruesome ones that talk of blood and wounds." We take it that Miss Parker here refers to the hymns that speak of the blood and the wounds of our Savior. Such hymns as: "There is a fountain filled with blood," "Alas, and did my Savior bleed," "Stricken, smitten, and afflicted," etc. If that is the case then the whole doctrine of atonement and reconciliation wrought by Christ through His vicarious sufferings and death will be in the discard. That, of course, will strike at the very heart and core of the Gospel. Take out Christ's cross and the Savior's death by which He made propitiation for our sins and destroyed death, what is left of the Gospel, what hope has the sinner? We may as well throw out the Apostles' Creed because it becomes absolutely meaningless. Why, then, leave "suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried"? Some may answer, "it is one thing to confess these truths but quite another matter to sing about them." Such a contention is foolish on the face of it. We not only speak about the things that are dear to us but we sing about them as well. We sing of the sun, the songs and verify this statement. We sing of the sun, the moon, the stars, the trees, the woodlands, the meadows, the hills, of men, of women, of children, and who will enumerate the endless line. Then surely the Christian will be glad to sing the Gospel that saves him from everlasting destruction, though by doing so we must injure the false esthetic feeling of some people.

Well, what are the Protestant churches singing? Miss Parker says, "The emphasis in hymns today is on the *world we live in*. The words are designed to appeal to the future and point out the *good on earth*." May we assure Miss Parker and her Protestant friends who sing with her such "hymns" that point to the good of the earth and to the "Future" that they will have no "future"? St. John warns, 1 John 2, 15-17: "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever." Perhaps Miss Parker never read these words, or having read them disregards them. Some one once said that if all the Bibles in the world were destroyed, the people would still have the great truths of the Bible in their hymn books. When a church discards its great hymns because they tell of "blood" and "wounds" it has no more right to the Christian name.

W. J. S.

## History Of Northwestern Publishing House

**T**HIS issue of the *Northwestern Lutheran* is dedicated to our new Northwestern Publishing House. We are indebted to Pastor Paul Pieper, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for this history. The Northwestern Publishing House is the property of the Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Wisconsin and Other States. The Synod controls it through a Board of Directors consisting of seven men elected for a term of six years — three pastors, one professor of the Theological Seminary at Thiensville, one parochial school teacher, and two laymen.

### BEGINNINGS

The necessity of a Publishing House of our own became evident in the very infancy of our Synod, which was organized in 1850, just a hundred years ago. In 1876 the Joint Synod established a Synodical Bookstore in the store of F. Werner & Son, on Broadway Street in Milwaukee. Mr. F. Werner was engaged by our Committee to be the agent for Synod to run the Synodical Bookstore in his own establishment for a nominal remuneration.

### THE FIRST HOME OF OUR OWN

On June 23, 1891, Synod resolved to establish a combined Bookstore and printing shop and elected a Committee with authority to carry out the resolution.

On August 28, 1891, the business was established in a rented building at 310 Third Street, Milwaukee. The size of the building was 25 by 70 feet. The first manager was Mr. Leo Benson. The printing was done on a second hand Babcock press.

On October 8, 1891, this business was incorporated as "Northwestern Publishing House."

After only a few months a new manager was appointed, a teacher, H. Gruel, who spent his hours after school and on Saturdays at the plant supervising the work. After Teacher

Gruel, in 1892, received and accepted a call to teach St. Marcus Parochial School, the Board engaged Mr. Oscar Semmann as manager. The personnel at this time consisted of a manager, a helper in the store, a foreman, a machinist, two apprentices, and a pieceworker in the print shop. In 1893 Mr. Semmann was forced, however, to resign because of poor health.

Mr. Adalbert Schaller, of St. Louis, was now obtained and engaged to manage this new venture. On February 10, 1894, he assumed office. He had previously been one of the editors of the *Abendschule*, and thus a man who was familiar with the printing business and well versed in designing covers for books and periodicals.

### OUR SECOND HOME

In 1897 our Northwestern Publishing House moved to 329 Third Street, a three story building, 30 by 75 feet.

In the year 1898 after the resignation of Mr. Schaller as manager, a new manager was engaged who guided the destinies of the Northwestern Publishing House until 1945, a period of 47 years, a man whom all pastors practically identified with the Publishing House, Mr. Julius Luening. He came to us from Chicago where he had been connected with the Kaufmann firm. Mr. Luening entered our service on May 16, 1898.

### OUR THIRD HOME

In the year 1902 the Northwestern Publishing House moved to its third location at 347 Third Street, a three story building, 22 by 75. In this building our firm remained for twelve years. The personnel consisted of seven persons.

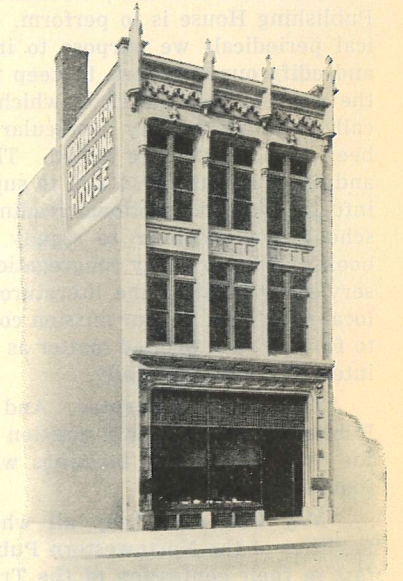
An important change was now made. In this year our Synod undertook to print the Wisconsin Synod German hymnbook in its own Publishing House. It had been previously printed by George Brumder, in ac-

cordance with a contract with the Synod.

In 1865 the need of an official Synodical periodical was stressed by Professor Mohldenke, which resulted in the resolution of Synod to publish the *Gemeinde-Blatt* with Professor Mohldenke in charge as editor in chief. The English companion periodical of the *Gemeinde-Blatt* is the *Northwestern Lutheran*. The first issue of this church paper appeared in 1914. The need of an English hymnbook made itself felt in these years and the *Church Hymnal* was also published by our firm.

### OUR FOURTH HOME

Up to this time Joint Synod had no home of its own. The desirability, however, of owning our own building had been felt by the Northwestern Publishing House Board very often. Money was laid aside for the gradual acquisition of a suitable property.



Property was purchased on Fourth Street between State and Cedar. In the year 1913 building operations were begun. A very substantial structure, 25 by 150, was erected of reinforced concrete throughout, three stories high, with a fine basement,

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capable of carrying a fourth floor if needed. In 1914 the new building was ready for occupancy.

### OUR LATEST HOME

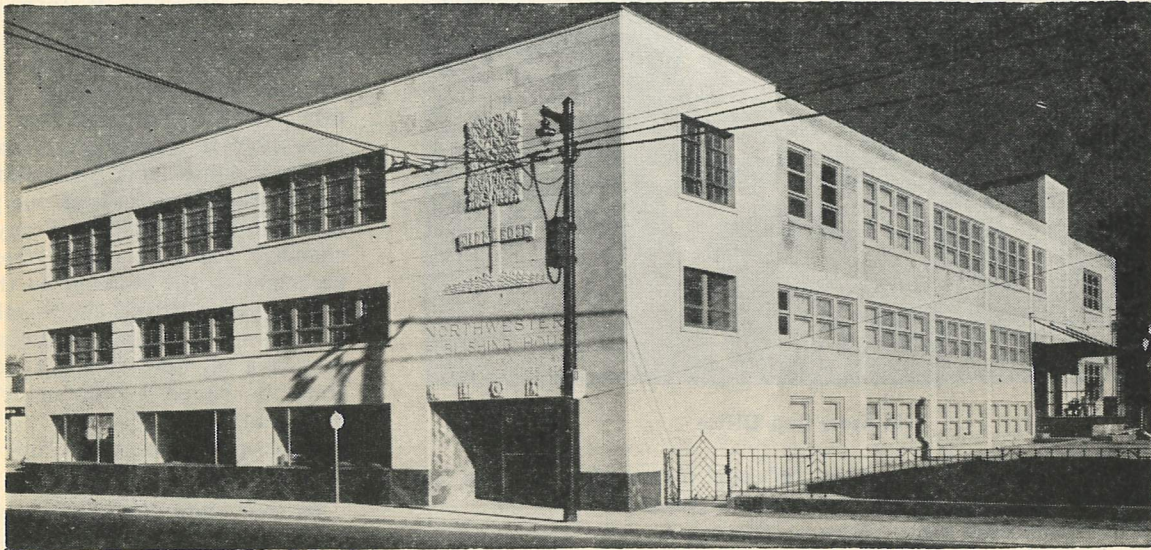
We hope that this latest building will be our permanent home. This new home is located on the corner of 37th Street and North Avenue, in a very lively business section on the northwest side of Milwaukee. At this time we were not looking for a new home. We were satisfied with the

adequate to meet our needs. On it stood a building 80 by 125 feet with a fine basement, two stories high, with a mezzanine floor suspended from the second floor ceiling. Although radical changes had to be made in this building to serve our purpose, the building was purchased, as well as two lots adjacent to the east. This purchase was consummated in 1947. Occupancy, however, could not be effected until May, 1948, owing to a prior lease.

home in fine offices in the front of the building on the second floor. Room for other Synodical offices is also available.

The third floor contains the bindery and a large storeroom. One of the good features of the third floor is the large assembly hall where much Synod business will be transacted in future years.

All in all, we have a building which will serve the Synod for many years to come, God willing.



location of our old Publishing House. But the City of Milwaukee had another mind. Plans for a new Sports Arena contemplated the purchase of the entire block in which our Publishing House was located. We were notified by the City to this effect. What was the Publishing House Board to do now to secure a new home at a time when economic conditions and building operations were severely restricted, and when prices for real estate were sky high and existing vacant buildings were few and far between? Under instructions from the Board of Trustees of our Synod, the Northwestern Publishing House Board now had to look for new quarters for our Synodical business. Many and various buildings and sites were inspected by your Board in the downtown and uptown areas of the city, ranging all the way from \$65,000 to \$300,000 in cost. The buildings were inadequate and the sites undesirable. Finally, the site on West North Avenue and North 37th Street was chosen as desirable and

Mr. Walter Trapp was engaged as architect to draw plans for the new building, to make alterations required by the stringent city code, and to meet our requirements. On May 1, 1948, building operations were begun. The building as reconstructed measures 80 by 150 feet. It is three stories high and presents a very fine appearance. We believe that it is one of the finest buildings in the neighborhood. We may well be proud of our ownership. Our new Publishing House was dedicated on April 24 of this year.

### THE BUILDING

The spacious basement will be used as a storeroom.

On the first floor we have the fine and large store with its modern display racks, the shipping room, the composing room, and the press room.

The second floor contains the various offices and the space for our clerical help. One of the desirable features of our new building is that our fiscal office has at last found a

### NEW MANAGER

On December 31, 1945, Mr. Julius Luening resigned as manager of our Publishing House after forty-seven years of faithful service, and his resignation was reluctantly accepted by the Board. The Board was now confronted with the task of finding a new manager. Interviews were held with a number of applicants. Mr. Herbert Schaefer seemed eminently qualified for the position, and he was unanimously chosen to take charge of the Northwestern Publishing House as the new manager.

### OLD FAITHFUL EMPLOYEES

It will not be taken amiss if in this connection we mention the fact that several of our employees have been with our firm for a good many years.

Mr. Carl F. A. Lohmann came on January 4, 1895, entering as errand boy, at a wage of \$1.50 per week, with working hours from 7:00 A. M. until

6:00 P. M. with overtime unremunerated. He was our shipping clerk for many years until he was incapacitated for this work by an auto accident. Since then he has worked in various departments. Much of the information here given was obtained from him. Today he is in charge of periodicals.

## PICTORIAL DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW BUILDING

### BASEMENT

Entering the basement of our new building is similar to entering the bright sunlight after a dark gloomy day in comparison with the basement

These utilities were not segregated from the rest of the building by partition or any other means. Whenever it became necessary for the janitor to pull clinkers from the furnace, the ashes which were blown around by the air currents and were free to light in any part of the basement, including the section in which stock was stored. The greater portion of the basement was used for stock storage, which included such items as back numbers of periodicals, books to be sold in the store, and paper to be used in the press room. The entire storage space was limited to the capacity of the basement — namely, 22 by 150 feet. Many times it was necessary to crowd so much merchandise into this basement that it was impossible to by-pass either shelving or bulk items and necessitated in many cases climbing over one pile to get at the other. Before any merchandise could be moved from the basement to the store or to the factory, it also involved additional labor to first clean up the merchandise, removing all dust and dirt deposits from the boiler, and in many cases necessitated the discarding of some of the pieces because they were damaged from this exposure.

In our new building basement space is adequate for our needs. Here we have the boiler room sectioned off by a tile partition confining all dust from coal and ashes to these quarters. The rest of the basement is so arranged that one complete section with adequate trucking aisles is reserved



Old Store and Office

The next man in length of service with the firm is Mr. Paul Mau employed in the composing room. Having just come through a serious operation, he looks forward to putting in many more years for the firm with which he has been affiliated for 38 years.

Mr. Henry Lindner who came to us in 1914 when our bindery was established has been in charge of that department ever since.

Other employees have been with the Northwestern Publishing House for many years and have rendered faithful service.

Mr. Oscar Vogelpohl is the supervisor of the office force and the store personnel. The composing room is under Mr. Henry Bauer; the press room under Mr. Edward Schultz; the shipping room under Mr. Louis Dieter; and the bindery under Mr. H. Lindner. Our working force today consists of 42 persons.

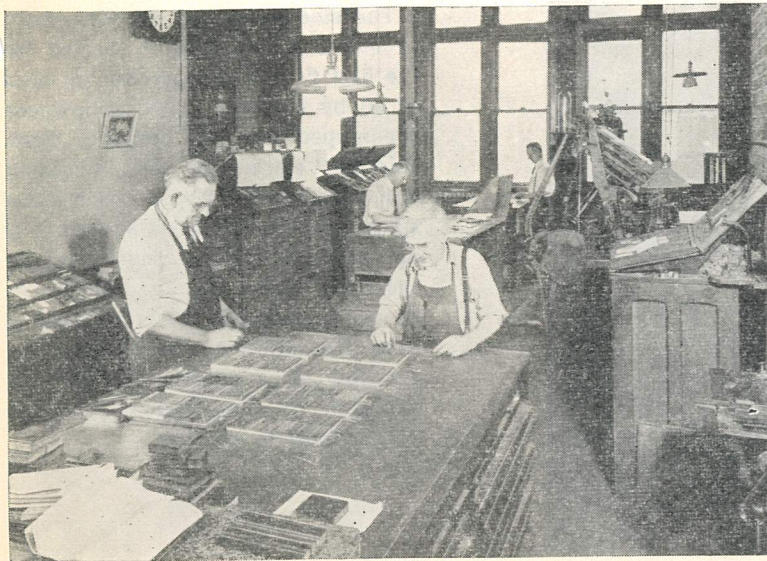
We pray God that under our new manager, Mr. Herbert Schaefer, our Northwestern Publishing House will continue to prosper and grow and under God's guidance it will carry out the purposes for which it is being maintained by our Synod.

of our former building on North Fourth Street.

The basement of our former building housed the boiler room and part of the stockroom. In the front of the basement we had two old style furnaces which were converted to stoker and in addition to this we had a separate hot water heating stove.



Old Office

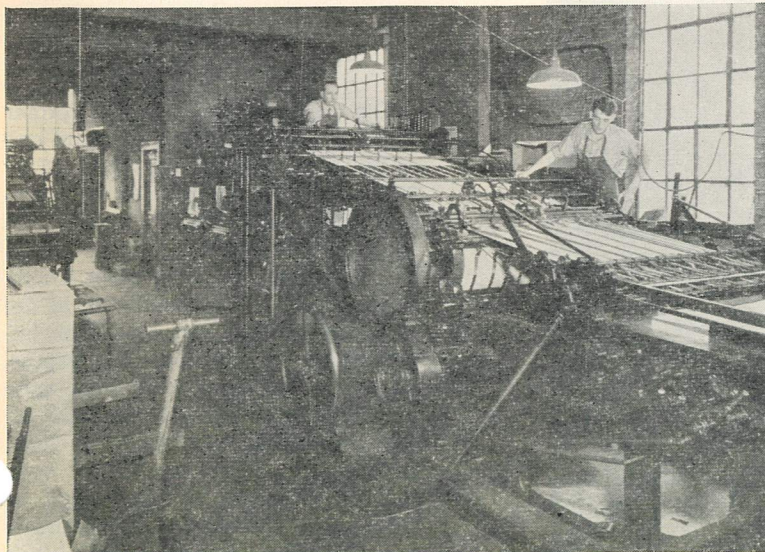


Old Composing Room

for surplus stock storage, for mail orders and for the store. There is also a section reserved for the storage of papers to be used in the process of printing and binding. The basement also provides ample space for the storage of records, which are seldom referred to, and also the back numbers of periodicals. The basement area is also adequate to provide recreation facilities for the employees and guests who may from time to time tour our building. Recreation facilities for our employees must be provided in keeping with the requirements of the Industrial Commission of the State of Wisconsin.



New Composing Room



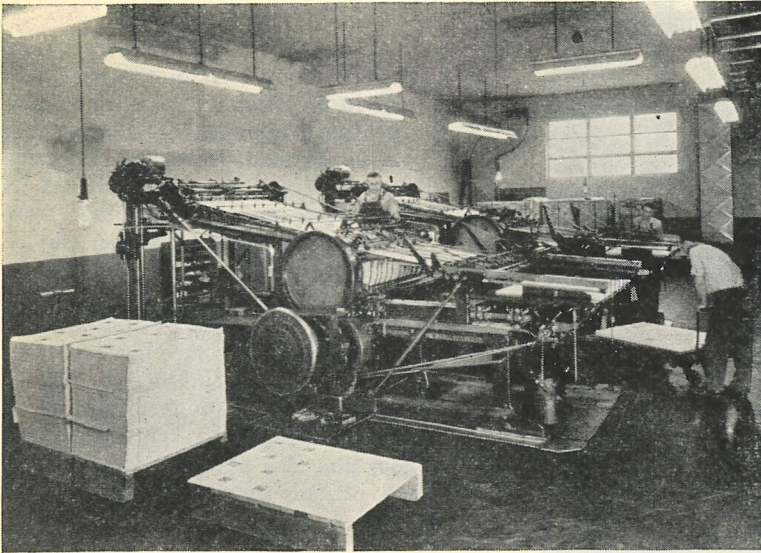
Old Press Room

### FIRST FLOOR

At our North Fourth Street location the front part of the first floor housed the combined store and office. The space allowed for this purpose was by far inadequate, and it became portion of this space was utilized by the store, and behind the store counters the office personnel carried on their activities. This office area was far inadequate, and it became necessary from time to time to place individuals of the office force in other locations of the building — thereby depriving the periodical editors of their meeting room on the second floor and also necessitating the placing of one entire department, the

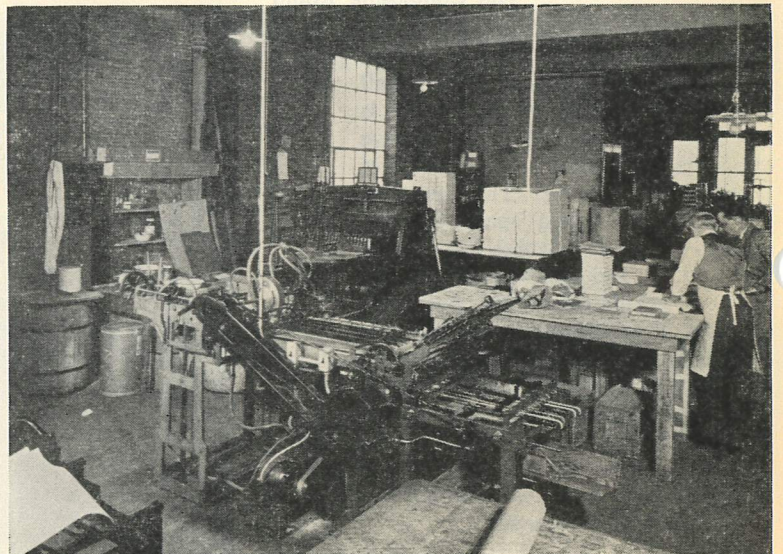
“Subscription Department” on the third floor in the back end of the bindery.

The rear portion of the first floor, 22 feet by 90, was used for stock room and mail order shipping department. All work in this department was done with artificial lighting, inasmuch as the building had no provisions for daylight to enter on either side. The shelving for the stock was crowded in, to such an extent that it was impossible to truck any bulk merchandise down the aisles, necessitating the stockroom employees to carry all merchandise from the extreme end of the building to the respective place on their arms.

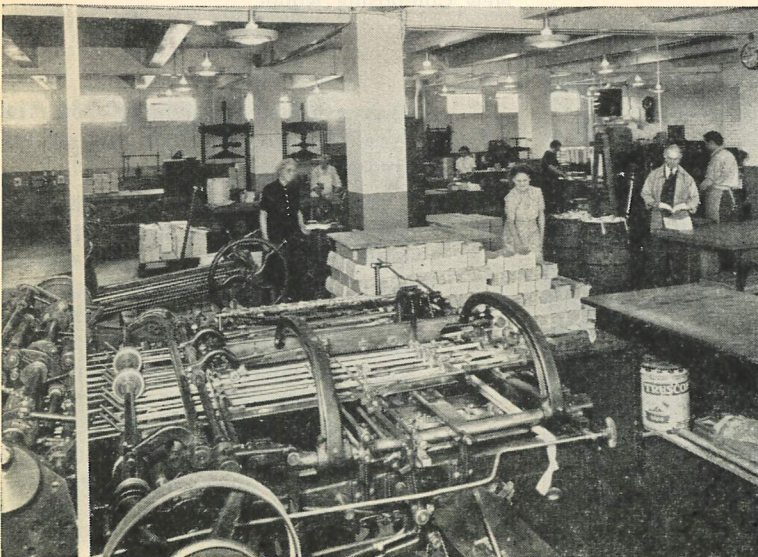


New Press Room

Amid the shelving in the stockroom the shipping department had to find a place. The space was so limited that in many cases one shipping clerk had to wait for the other to finish his package before he could go about filling the order that he had in hand. As demands were made upon the Publishing House for improvements on its catalog and the addition of new merchandise items, it became necessary to also crowd into this small shipping area two people who would undertake this work.



Old Bindery



New Bindery

#### Composing Room

The composing room in our former building was located on the front end of the second floor, an area of 22 by 60 feet, minus allowances for stairway and the editors' room. The equipment in this department had to be placed so close that when a man was working at his machine or at the imposing stone it was almost an impossibility for anybody to by-pass. Here also our employees were compelled to work by artificial light all day long. Our cuts, many of them very costly, were stored on open shelves extending to the height of twelve feet. No provisions were made to protect these cuts from dust. When cuts were needed from the top





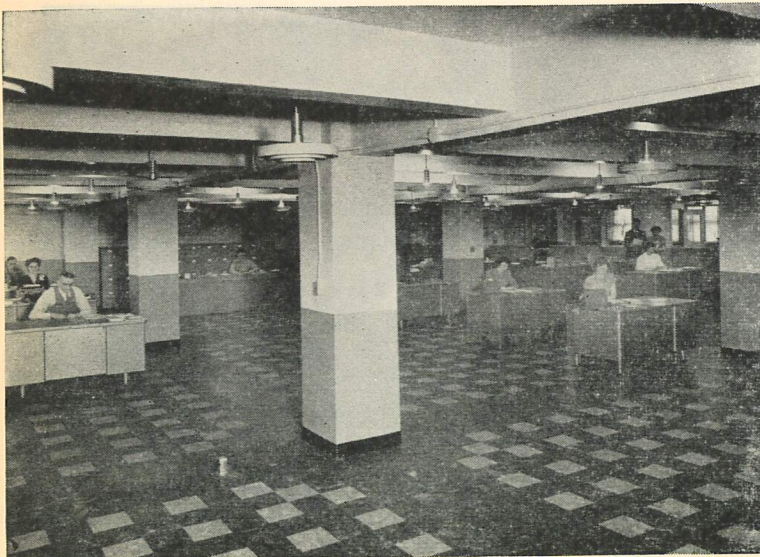
Old Stock Room

shelves, it was necessary to climb a ten foot ladder. Often this had to be done several times before the proper item could be located.

In our new building, the composing room comprises an area of 40 by 50 foot, with additional space for the editors' room. The machinery and equipment in this department is well spaced, providing enough room for trucking and by-passing, eliminating possibilities of accident hazards and also providing ample room for expansion in years to come. The department enjoys natural light through the many windows and is also provided with the most up-to-date artificial lighting. Cabinets have been provided



New Stock Room



New Office

for the storage of cuts, making it no longer necessary for the employee to ascend the ladder to secure the cut he is looking for. This department is also provided with an acoustical ceiling which practically eliminates noises. Let it be said here that the elimination of noise is an item foisted upon us by City building code regulations.

**Press Room**

In the old building the press room was located on the second floor at the rear. The area comprising the press room was 22 by 60 feet. Into this area we had to crowd two large presses and two small ones. Because of the cramped space in the press room, it

was impossible for us to carry sufficient paper stock on the floor and necessitated going down into the basement every time a new job was put on the press. The two large Miehle presses have seen many years of service. The one press is forty-seven years old, and the other thirty-three years old. The presses were in such bad condition that when either press was in operation, it was impossible to carry on a conversation in this department because of the noise, due to worn parts.

In the new building the press room is located on the ground floor and comprises an area of 53 by 80 feet. In compliance with the City building code, it was necessary to make this department as close to 100% noise-

proof as possible, and in this respect, this department was also equipped with an acoustical ceiling and sound absorbing walls.

While in the process of moving, it

The counters and shelving are new and afford ample space to display all merchandise that is offered for sale. The floor in the sales-room is of composition cork and lends very well to



New Sales-Room

was found advisable to have our old presses overhauled which entailed a considerable expense. Because of their age it is impossible to buy parts for them, so that whenever a part has to be replaced, it must be made to order. In spite of the fact that the presses are in fairly good working order now, it is evident that in short time to come both presses will have to be replaced.

One of the small presses had to be discarded and replaced by a more modern, however, rebuilt vertical press.

The present press room, generally speaking, is spacious, pleasant, and well illuminated.

#### Sales-Room

Our new sales-room comprising an area of 40 by 60 feet compares favorably with the most modern and up-to-date sales-room in this vicinity. (There are also provisions made for a library or reading room, which is at the disposal of our pastors and teachers or casual visitors.) The entire sales-room is exposed to daylight from three sides, being enclosed with heavy plate glass. It is approached from a lobby or main entrance of the building rather than directly from the sidewalk, as was the case in our former building.

a quiet, peaceful atmosphere. The counters are placed so that plenty of space is provided for customers to approach the displays from any side or angle. The ceiling is acoustical plaster. The attractiveness of our sales-room with its fine windows, making it possible to display our wares, has, no doubt, contributed to an increase in our retail business.

#### SECOND FLOOR

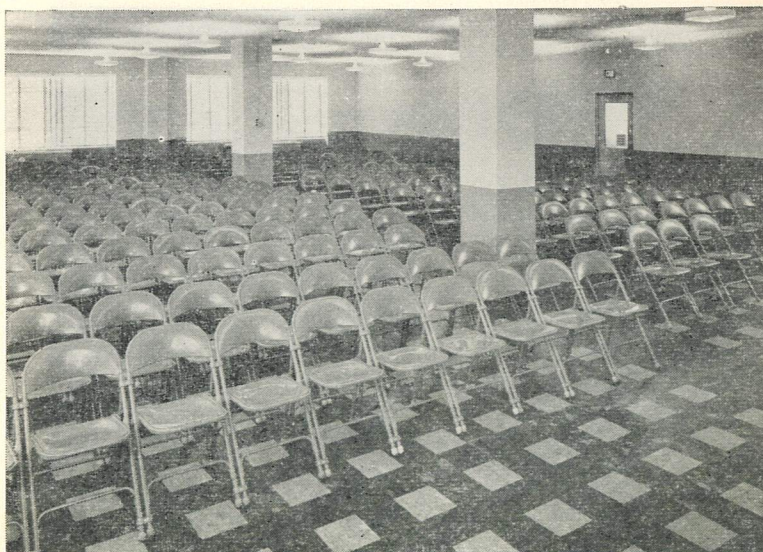
The entire second floor of the new building is given over to office space. The front section, 60 by 40 feet, is assigned to Synod's fiscal offices. Here the treasurer of Joint Synod, Mr. C. J. Niedfeldt, has his headquarters. Next to Mr. Niedfeldt's office we find a spacious room where the Board of Trustees holds its meetings. Adjacent to these two offices we have a 20 by 40 foot meeting room which can be used by Committees, etc. The Synod section also provides for the synod vault for storing valuable records.

The remainder of the second floor accommodates the offices of the Northwestern Publishing House. In this area are three private offices, one for the manager, one for the office manager, and one for the merchandising department. The remainder of the floor area, and by far the larger portion, is given over to the general office, order department, supply storage, vault, and rest rooms.

#### THIRD FLOOR

##### Bindery

The entire third floor of our North Fourth Street location was occupied by the bindery and the mailing department. The many machines and tables necessary to carry on the work in the bindery created a definite fire hazard. At certain times of the year, especially when the Synod report was in production, the passageways and working areas were so crowded that



Auditorium

it was impossible to move any materials without either moving the tables or machines. In this department, like in all other departments of the old building, all work was done by artificial light. One may also add that

building inspector's office, and a very thorough study of the building codes, we were able to convert the two-story building into a three-story building without adding to its height.

The lay-out of all the departments

of parking facilities at our former location was one of the greatest handicaps and inconveniences which our pastors, teachers, and patrons had to encounter. We are happy to say that our present parking lot is sufficiently large to accommodate our customers.



Board of Trustees Room

the ventilation in this building was extremely poor, since the only windows in the building were at either end with 150 feet distance between the two walls.

The front section, 40 by 80 feet, of the third floor in the new building provides a meeting hall for Synod, large enough to accommodate about 400 people. It is provided with lavatories and cloak room facilities.

The remainder of the third floor, an area of 80 by 80 feet, is occupied by the bindery. This large area has made it possible to properly place all machinery and tables, allowing ample room for working and trucking areas, without creating any hazards. In addition to this large area on the third floor, the bindery also has a section 30 by 80 feet which is devoted to raw material storage and the mailing department.

**General**

The entire building, the remodeled section as well as the new addition, is of fireproof construction. When this building was purchased, it comprised only two floors and a temporary balcony. After a considerable amount of study on the part of our architect, Mr. Walter M. Trapp, and many conferences with the City

in this building is so planned that the least amount of hauling and motion is required to carry on the activities of this organization. The location of the elevator is such that it is readily accessible and in close range to all departments in the building. The parking lot adjacent to the building is ample to provide for the parking of at least 75 automobiles. The lack

**EMBLEM OVER ENTRANCE**

The emblem carved in stone above the entrance of our Publishing House is the Ailanthus Tree, commonly called the Tree of Heaven, also called the Tree of Life.

It grows from seed and will root in any soil where the seed is deposited, sometimes in the most remote and dark places, where sunshine never strikes it. Its roots are anchored deeply and it is known to withstand violent tempests beyond that of other species of trees. In autumn it divests itself of all secondary branches leaving only the main trunk. Every spring it sprouts new branches. The wood has no intrinsic value, not even as fire-wood.

Symbolically it signifies, since it will grow wherever planted, our mission endeavors in which the Publishing House plays an important role.

The word KNOWLEDGE is superimposed to signify that the purpose of the Publishing House is to disseminate knowledge through the written Word, the Word of Life.

The small Symbols immediately above the doors are:

Luther's coat of arms and the four Evangelists.



Committee Room

## Closing Days In The Seminary

THE closing of the school year had a special significance this time. It marked not only the end of another school year, in which God had been with us with His blessings, both preserving our health and guiding us with His Spirit to prepare young men for the work in the Church; it marked not only the completion of the twentieth year that the Seminary has been conducted in its present location: it brought the fulfillment of a long cherished hope. The organ of which we had been speaking for many years has become a reality.

*Organ.* — The desirability of having an organ in our Chapel had been felt for a long time; yet since it was not an absolute necessity, it was not deemed advisable to burden the budget of the Synod with the expense. There is so much necessary work in God's kingdom, work that must take precedence over desirable things that we may wish for. The organ could wait. But there were Christians who wanted to do a little something extra for the Seminary. They gave us special gifts, some small, some quite sizable, which we saved in an Organ Fund; and we rejoiced to see this fund grow steadily. We may mention particularly the memorial wreaths which were sent to us at the death of Professor Pieper. Then a Christian, who takes a special interest in our Seminary but who wishes to remain anonymous, sent us one time the sum of \$4,600.00, besides other sums at different times. This enabled us about a year ago to negotiate the purchase of an adequate instrument, which now stands completed and ready for service.

*Dedication.* — It is customary for the Seminary Chorus to give a sacred concert on the evening before the close of the school year. This year the dedication of our organ was combined with the concert. Prof. M. Albrecht of the music department of Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, served as guest organist. The program consisted of appropriate organ music, and of singing by the Chorus under the direction of Prof. H. Oswald. Pastor E. Behm, a member of the Seminary Board of Regents, delivered the dedication address, basing his message on Ps. 118, 15-17. The assembly was not purely passive, merely listening to the sermon and

the music. It took an active part in the celebration by singing two hymns of praise and prayer. — We thank God, whose gift the organ is, and pray that He will preserve us in the faith, so that we always use the organ to the glory of His holy name.

*Purpose.* — What is the purpose of our organ, especially an organ of the capacity of our new instrument? People will ask this question, and it is a legitimate one. If the organ were to be used only on opening and closing days to accompany the singing of the assembly, this would hardly have warranted the expense. Nor is the purpose to serve in our daily devotions. There the student body does four part singing a capella. The chief purpose of the organ is educational. There have always been, and most likely there will continue to be, students who are especially gifted in music. They should have an opportunity to develop their gift for the service of the Church. Our director of music must be enabled to demonstrate to our future pastors what music is fitting for church services on various occasions. The number of stops in our organ is perhaps a little greater than would be required for accompanying the singing of the assemblies which our Chapel will hold. Yet the director should be in a position to point out to our students the tonal characteristics of various stops, and to show which stops are basic in a church organ. A theater organ is not a church organ.

*History.* — I am not thinking of the Seminary, not even of the history of our past twenty years, since we moved to Thiensville; I am thinking particularly of the history of our Chapel Fund. This was conceived as a very modest fund. It dared not elbow its way into the attention of the people in a way that would hamper the regular work of the Synod. Whatever is necessary for the Synod to carry out our commission of preaching the Gospel: in the line of education, of home and foreign missions, of publications, etc., must come first. The Chapel Fund must not stand in the way, to mention something in particular, of our present building fund collection. The gifts for our Organ Fund came in in modest amounts, occasionally less than a dollar.

But look what great things were achieved in this way. Twenty years ago our Chapel was entirely bare: concrete floor, unpainted, even unwhitewashed walls, plain glass windows. Now we have tile floor, decorated walls, a beautiful mural of the Wartburg, art glass windows; and now also an organ, an altar, and a new lectern to match. — And this is not all that the Chapel Fund achieved. Before we called it *Chapel Fund*, we used the more prosaic name *Linoleum Fund*, gathering in little gifts till we could lay a tile floor in our dining room.

There are still many things that we should like to have, which are not absolutely essential, but very desirable. For that reason the fund will be continued, but under the name of *Seminary Gift Fund*.

*Closing Service.* — The closing service was held in the forenoon of June 2. The usual order was observed, except that, due to the special circumstances, the organ was made a little more prominent, and the address was condensed somewhat accordingly.

The graduating class is very small, numbering only ten. One member will continue for a little while in post-graduate training. The other nine were given their calls by the Assignment Committee. Here are the names, and the places to which they were assigned.

Leonard Bernthal, Clarkston, Washington.

John Hoenecke, New Ulm, Minnesota, Tutor.

Robert Kleist, Batesland, South Dakota.

Donald Kolander, New Ulm, Minnesota, Tutor.

Herbert Kruschel, Firth, Nebraska.  
Norman Lindloff, Isabell, South Dakota.

Marvin Radtke, Morrystown, South Dakota.

Eugene Rische.

John Westendorf, Williamston, Michigan.

Leland Wurster, Terry, Montana.

The two tutors who had served in New Ulm during the past year were this year assigned to congregations: John Jeske to be Assistant Pastor of St. Marcus Church in Milwaukee; and Rollin Reim as Pastor to Mapleview, a suburb of Austin, Minnesota.

May God bless the labors of these men to the salvation of souls.

J. P. M.

## The Wisconsin Synod Building Fund Collection

AT the recent meetings of the Conference of Presidents and of the General Synodical Committee, May 16-19, the Building Fund Collection as well as the entire building program came in for much thought and consideration.

### Amount Collected

The chairman of the Building Fund Collection was able to report that as of May 10 the proceeds of the second phase of the Collection amounted to \$334,150.00. Adding this to the \$1,068,769.00 of the first effort gives us a total of \$1,402,919.00. Of this amount \$325,000.00 has been turned over to the Church Extension Fund according to synodical resolution. That means that we have on hand for the proposed new buildings at our educational institutions the sum of \$1,077,919.00.

### Short of Our Goal

According to the most reliable estimates available at this time, \$1,500,000.00 will cover the cost of the proposed new buildings at Watertown, New Ulm, Saginaw, and Moberge. If these estimates are fairly accurate we are approximately \$422,000.00 short of our goal.

### What Needs to be Done

If all those congregations which have not yet remitted the required minimum of \$5.00 per communicant member will put their shoulders to the wheel now the gap between what we have on hand and what is needed will be narrowed down considerably, if not closed, by the time the synod meets in convention next August. To accomplish this we still have to collect slightly more than \$700,000.00 since forty per cent of all monies remitted flow immediately into the Church Extension Fund.

So that the synod may know exactly how much the contemplated new buildings will cost, the General Synodical Committee advised the various building committees to have final plans and specifications prepared and to call for bids which will be in force during the time that the synod will be in session.

### Idle Money

It is to be deplored that more than a million dollars are lying idle at a time when our educational institu-

tions are in such dire need of additional room and facilities and when literally hundreds of prospective students must be denied admittance because it is simply impossible to accommodate them.

This large sum of money is lying idle only because the Collection has not been completed. The synod decided, and we believe wisely so, that no money shall be released from the Building Fund until the amount on hand is sufficient to cover the cost of the four needed buildings. There is to be no debt that will hinder our work in the future.

### How to Put this Money to Work

The best and quickest way to put these dollars to work for the sacred purpose for which they were given is by one mighty, concerted effort to bring the Collection to a speedy conclusion.

It is our fervent prayer that God may fill us with a holy zeal to complete this Collection. Then the synod, at its convention in August, can instruct the building committees to let the contracts immediately, construction work can be begun this fall, and the buildings which are to be our thankoffering for 100 years of grace can be completed during the jubilee year of 1950. P. G. ALBRECHT.

## Sermon Preached At Dedication Of Publishing House

(Continued from page 194)

Synod reaches out to all of its members, young and old.

Through them the gifts and talents bestowed on individual members of our Synod are placed at the service of all. Eph. 4, 9-16. These periodicals aid in the work of indoctrinating our membership and acquainting it with the history of the Church. They offer brotherly admonition, comfort, and counsel concerning our common task. Through them we are warned against dangers threatening the individual Christian and the Church. They fearlessly combat error of every kind. The reports in them keep our work before the eyes of our members and rally the brethren around the projects on which we have agreed in our conventions. In doing all this, they serve to maintain in our Synod the true unity of faith and the love

that makes the many one in the edification of the body of Christ.

We love our missions and want to foster them. But let us not forget that our Publishing House maintains contact with more souls that we can reach through many missions.

### III.

*The Publishing House Our Means of Serving the Truth that Saves* The spirit of our Synod is the life of our Publishing House.

No, we are not apostles: nor have all of us been called into the public ministry: but every one of us belongs to the "royal priesthood" whose duty it is "to show forth the praises of him who has called us out of the darkness into his marvelous light." The Christian's highest duty is that of bringing the gospel to those who have it not and to the brethren in the faith according to their needs. We can do this personally in our homes, our association with outsiders, our congregations, and in the smaller circle of our conferences and Districts.

But to reach out to the distant brethren, to whom we owe our service of love, we must unite our efforts as we do in the work of our Synod. The blessed service of our Publishing House is, therefore, the combined service to the truth of all the members of our Synod. Thus we all have a personal interest in it and should regard it as a most valuable means of doing our God-appointed work, support it loyally, and make the widest possible use of it.

Let us remember, however, that we are only stewards of the blessings bestowed on us by God. The good things that come to us from his benign hand always carry with them a sacred responsibility. Our Publishing House now is a blessing because it disseminates the knowledge of the truth that saves. A publishing house sending out error is a bane to individual Christians and to the Church. An institution of this kind will reflect the spirit of the body that conducts it. As we in our whole Synod accept the truth, fearlessly witness against and combat every error in doctrine and practice, and teach and preach sound doctrine diligently, we will by the grace of God preserve this treasure for the coming generations.

Above all, let us at all times carry it up to God in fervent prayer, for we are utterly dependent on Him. We

pray that the Lord would tenderly watch over the physical plant we are dedicating today; bless and keep its personnel; and by His Holy Spirit guide and direct those who lend their talents to its service: in order that by the ministry of the Northwestern Publishing House His name may ever be glorified and His kingdom built among us.

## OFFICIAL LIST OF DELEGATES JOINT SYNOD CONVENTION OF 1949

### DAKOTA-MONTANA DISTRICT

#### Pastors:

B. Borgschatz, Watertown, South Dakota.  
R. Bretzmann, Hendricks, Minnesota.  
H. Birner, Faulkton, South Dakota.  
H. Sauer, Rapid City, South Dakota.  
P. Kuehl, Mandan, North Dakota.

#### Alternates-at-large:

W. Zickuhr, Willow Lake, South Dakota.  
R. Reede, White, South Dakota.  
A. Walther, Livingston, Montana.  
K. Stevert, Mobridge, South Dakota.  
O. Heier, Jamestown, North Dakota.

#### Lay Delegates:

Trinity, Hendricks: H. Hempel (H. Dorn, P. Trulock).  
Immanuel, South Shore: R. Macy (H. Scriver).  
Zion, Akaska: R. C. Heier (G. Sulzle).  
Christ, Bison: R. Kolb (Lee Kolb).  
First English, Dupree: O. Nygaard.  
Our Saviors, Jamestown: C. Koppelman  
H. Fennern, E. Lange).

#### Alternates-at-large:

First Lutheran, Gary: G. Hovel (Otto Baer).  
Ev. Lutheran, Willow Lake: E. Warken-  
thien (P. Waldow).  
St. Paul's, Henry: Alternate.  
St. Paul's, McIntosh: Elwyn Katus.  
Trinity, Terry: E. Gaub (R. Stepper).  
Trinity, Flasher: F. Wenger (M. Koll-  
man).  
Zion, Ipswich: R. Meyer.

### MICHIGAN DISTRICT

#### Pastors:

L. Meyer (W. Westendorf).  
A. Fischer (A. Kell).  
J. Martin (F. Schroeder).  
A. Baer (H. Buch).  
W. Vallskey (E. Frey, A. Tiefel).  
R. Scheele (P. Heyn).  
W. Steih (J. Roekle).  
O. J. Eckert (W. Franzmann).  
A. W. Hueschen (W. Kehrberg).  
G. Cares (R. Frey).

#### Teachers:

Wm. Woltmann (E. Walz).  
M. Roehler (W. Arras).  
Alternate.

#### Lay Delegates:

St. Matthew's, Benton Harbor: O. Bau-  
meister (G. Reimann).  
St. Paul's, Hopkins: L. Buck (L. Bren-  
ner) Alternate.  
Emanuel, Lansing: K. F. Maier.  
Zion, Telodo: C. Pollex (C. Bade).  
St. John's, Wayne: C. Stiem (E. Boett-  
ger).  
Salem, Scio: O. Schaible (A. Eschelbach).  
Alternate.  
Ascension, Detroit: R. Lehmann.  
St. John's, Pigeon: O. Rathje (L. Cla-  
buesch).  
New Salem, Sebawaing: A. Baur (M.  
Baur) Alternate.  
St. Bartholomew, Kawkawlin: L. Ott (W.  
Luehring).  
St. John, Bay City: E. Koeplin, Alter-  
nate.  
St. Paul's, Manistee: E. Peterson.  
Emanuel, Sheridan: A. Wagner (W. Som-  
merfeldt) Alternate.

### MINNESOTA DISTRICT

#### Pastors:

N. A. Reinke (Gordon Radtke).  
E. F. Peterson (W. Schuetze).  
W. J. Schmidt (R. Schroeder).  
E. R. Gamm (J. Bradtke).  
C. Albrecht (E. R. Baerwald).  
A. E. Frey (R. C. Ave-Lallemant).  
R. J. Palmer (F. Tabbert).  
A. H. Leersen (E. W. Penk).

#### Pastors-at-large:

O. Klett (T. Haar).  
I. F. Lenz (W. F. Dorn).  
M. Kunde (M. Lemke).

#### Teachers:

V. Gerlach (G. Bauer).  
Henry Luehring (T. Pelzl).  
J. W. Wirth (W. Bonitz).

#### Professor: V. Voecks.

#### Lay Delegates:

St. John's, Goodhue: Victor Schultz (A.  
Kunde).  
Zion, Hokah: A. Stellick (W. Warnke).  
Trinity, Belle Plaine: W. C. Reinke (A.  
Ruehling).  
St. John's, Sleepy Eye: Wm. Harmening  
(J. Harmening).  
Christ, Marshall: E. Seifert (H. Schultz).  
St. John's, Winfield Twp.: H. Schroer  
(H. Grabow).  
Cross, Rockford: H. Mutterer (J. Ketten-  
acker).  
St. John, Minneapolis: Alaternate.  
Trinity, St. Paul: Wm. Dye (R. Nitz).  
Emanuel, St. Paul.

#### Congregations-at-large:

Salem, Greenwood Twp.: A. C. Staats.  
St. John's, Baytown Twp.: A. Schaefer  
(A. Appmann).

### NEBRASKA DISTRICT

#### Pastors:

E. J. Dreyer (A. Laper).  
R. Vollmers (W. Siffring).  
E. Ploetz (L. Wenzel).  
L. Gruendemann (N. Mielke).  
O. P. Kuehl (W. Siffring).

#### Teacher:

Theo. F. H. Schmidt (K. Petermann).

#### Lay Delegates:

Christ Lutheran, Grand Island: W. Dan-  
kert (N. A. Arnold).  
Lincoln Heights, Des Moines, Iowa:  
W. Harter (J. Pritchard) Alternate.  
Mt. Olive, Lamar, Colo.: W. Kern.  
Mt. Olive, Denver, Colo.: P. Luethy.  
Alternate.  
St. Paul's, Naper, Nebr.: J. Nicolaus.  
Zion, Bonesteel, South Dakota: Alter-  
nate.  
St. Paul's, Plymouth: H. Freese (H.  
Koenig).  
Mt. Olive, Lincoln: B. McVey (D.  
Ubben). Alternate.

### NORTH WISCONSIN DISTRICT

#### Pastors:

K. Toepel (M. Groll).  
E. C. Hinnenthal (W. Kuether).  
I. P. Boettcher (G. J. Henning).  
K. Geyer (W. Lutz).  
T. Hoffmann (T. Thurow).  
A. Roekle (C. Thurow).  
H. Ehlike (V. Siegler).  
E. Scharf (W. Weissgerber).  
T. Mittelstaedt (Hugo Warnke).  
E. B. Schlueter (W. Wajahn).  
O. Siegler (H. Kleinhans).  
W. Wadzinski (G. Kanless).

#### Teachers:

Arthur Koester (F. W. Hagedorn).  
Earl Rohloff (H. Schnitker).  
Myron Hilger (T. Lau).  
Gilbert Fischer (R. Bode).

#### Lay Delegates:

St. Bartholomew, Kasson: E. Winkler (R.  
Greve, C. Krahn).  
Emanuel, New London: Alternate.  
Trinity, Ellington: H. Schroeder.  
Our Savior, Lena: L. Kaminski (A. True-  
benbach).  
Grace, Powers: A. J. Piepkorn.  
Zion, Morrison: John Zich.  
Reedsville: W. J. Buhholz. Alternate.  
Immanuel, Shirley: H. Dobberphuhl.  
Emanuel, Denmark: Alternate.

St. John's, Enterprise: E. D. Zander.  
Grace, Monico: E. Baade. Alternate.  
Grace, Oshkosh: H. Gomoll.  
St. John's, E. Bloomfield: A. Henschel  
(A. Koepf).  
Peace, Wautoma: Fred Priebe.  
Redeemer, Fond du Lac: M. Winter (F.  
Jahr).

### PACIFIC NORTHWEST

#### Pastors:

V. Greve (E. Schulz).  
Theo. Stern (E. Zimmermann).

#### Lay Delegates:

Grace, Seattle: C. Browning.  
St. John, Clarkston: Alternate.  
Trinity, Spokane: C. J. Dhondt.  
Zion, Rainier: B. Lowry. Alternate.

### SOUTHEAST WISCONSIN DISTRICT

#### Pastors:

P. Schlessner (E. Guenther).  
M. Volkmann (J. Schaefer).  
H. Heckendorf (W. P. Sauer).  
E. Pankow (F. Gilbert).  
C. S. Leyrer (W. Mahnke).  
A. Maaske (A. Mittelstaedt).  
F. Burkholz (R. Buerger).  
L. Voss (W. Schaefer).  
H. Cares (H. Koehler).  
E. W. Hillmer (H. J. Wackerfuss).  
E. Jaster (A. Lorenz).

#### Teachers:

W. Huber (O. W. Kempfert).  
A. Huhn (L. Stellwagen).  
Wm. Prah (W. Vater).  
E. Kirschke (W. Denninger).

#### Lay Delegates:

(Arizona Conference)  
St. John's, West Bend: F. Bammel.  
St. John, Woodland: Alternate.  
St. Matthew's, Iron Ridge: G. Budahn  
(H. Moldenhauer).  
St. Paul, Brownsville: Alternate.  
St. John's, Town Lake:  
St. John, Newburg: Alternate.  
St. John's, Lannon: F. Rossmann (E.  
Mathiak).  
St. John, Root Creek: Alternate.  
St. John's, Mukwonago: F. Karsten (M.  
Nitschke).  
St. John, Wauwatosa: Alternate.  
St. Peter's, Milwaukee: A. Haack (S.  
Hinz).  
Messiah, Milwaukee: Alternate.  
St. Paul's, Milwaukee: A. Kneoppel (E.  
Zimmermann).  
Grace, Milwaukee: Alternate.  
Saron, Milwaukee: J. Lusk.  
Gethsemane, Milwaukee: Alternate.  
Trinity, Twn. Raymond: H. C. Pederson  
(L. Behling, W. Gonsky, P. Green).  
Epiphany, Racine: Alternate.  
Zion, South Milwaukee: M. Knoll (C.  
Schwab).  
St. John's, Slades Corners: Alternate.

### WESTERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT

#### Pastors:

H. Gieschen (A. Nicolaus).  
O. Pagels (L. M. Bleichwehl).  
M. Kujath (T. Frey).  
G. Fischer (J. B. Ehrhardt).  
E. Schewe (M. Wahl).  
H. Oswald (D. Rohda).  
H. A. Pankow (E. H. Becker).  
G. H. Geiger (G. P. Kionka).  
R. P. Korn (J. C. Bast).  
(P. Lehmann).  
E. G. Toepel (H. Paustian).  
R. W. Mueller (K. Kuske).  
E. E. Kolander (E. Kionka).

#### Teachers:

G. E. Heckmann (L. Kehl).  
W. A. Pape (A. Gresene).  
G. A. Pape (M. Schroeder).  
E. Wehausen (R. E. Schulz).  
F. Broker (L. Raabe).

#### Lay Delegates:

Immanuel, Farmington: B. Baneck (H.  
Raabe).  
Friedens, Randolph: F. Luck.  
St. Peter, Savannah, Ill.: P. Streicher.  
Zion, Leeds: O. Bussan (W. Thiele).  
Salem, Barron: G. Schmidt.  
St. John, Rice Lake: Alternate.  
Mt. Calary, La Crosse: D. Schoenfeld.  
Grace, La Crosse: Alternate.  
First Lutheran, Minnesota City, Minn.:  
G. Schneider.  
St. Matthews, Winona, Minn.: Alternate.

St. John, Barre Mills: R. Meyer.  
 St. Paul, Cataract: Wm. Follendorf.  
 Our Savior, Wausau: E. Lehrmann.  
 St. Paul, Wisconsin Rapids: Alternate.  
 Christ, Marshfield: A. Pankow.  
 St. Peter, McMillan: Alternate.  
**WINFRED SCHALLER, Secretary.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LIST OF CANDIDATES**

The following have been nominated for the position of professor of Latin now vacant at Northwestern College:

- Dr. E. W. Anderson, Saginaw, Mich.
- Pastor George Barthels, Burlington, Wis.
- Professor Wilbert Gawrisch, Fond du Lac, Wis.
- Pastor Waldemar Gieschen, Manitowoc, Wis.
- Pastor Walter Hoepner, Appleton, Wis.
- Pastor Richard Jungkuntz, Fort Atkinson, Wis.
- Pastor Willard Kehrberg, Vassar, Mich.
- Professor Robert Krause, Milwaukee, Wis.
- Pastor Reinhard Pope, Crivitz, Wis.
- Pastor Erwin Scharf, Rhineland, Wis.
- Pastor Oscar Siegler, Calvary, Wis.
- Pastor Reginald Siegler, Madison, Wis.
- Pastor Melvin Schwenzen, West Allis, Wis.
- Pastor Ewald Tacke, Milwaukee, Wis.
- Pastor Walter Wegner, Moline, Ill.
- Pastor Harold Wicke, Hortonville, Wis.

The Board of Control will meet on Wednesday, June 22, 1949, at the college at 2:00 P. M. to select a professor from this list. Any correspondence concerning these candidates must reach the secretary before that date.

**PASTOR K. A. TIMMEL, Secretary.**  
 612 Fifth Street,  
 Watertown, Wisconsin.

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A call was issued by the Board of Michigan Lutheran Seminary for the nomination of candidates for a professor to fill the vacancy made by Prof. G. Martin's leaving. The names of a number of men have been placed in nomination. The list will have to be cancelled, however, for by Dir. O. Hoenecke resigning as director but still remaining on the faculty only a new director can be called. Otherwise a new professor would be created without authorization of the Synod.

Nominations for the new director are to be sent in not later than June 23.

**OSCAR FREY, Secretary,**  
 1441 Bliss Street,  
 Saginaw, Michigan.

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Since I have been recently commissioned as hospital chaplain to the Rochester, Minnesota, hospitals, I shall be happy to serve all Synodical Conference Lutherans, who are seeking relief in these institutions. To enable me to locate them in the various institutions, I would urge all to notify me of their presence and to declare their synodical affiliation at the time of their registration. When they register as Missouri or Wisconsin Synod Lutherans, their registration cards are turned over to me and I am able to serve them promptly.

**REV. WM. PETZKE, Chaplain,**  
 1217 7th Avenue N. W.,  
 Rochester, Minnesota.

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**ANNOUNCEMENT ON A COLLOQUY**

Robert W. Mohrhardt of Dawson, Minnesota, pastor of the Augustana Church, during an interview with a duly appointed committee of the Minnesota District, has been found to be in complete agreement both in doctrine and practice with our Wisconsin Synod and is eligible for a call in our midst. The committee consisted of Pastors Egbert Schaller, W. J. Schmidt, Paul E. Horn, O. J. Naumann, and Professor C. L. Schweppe.

**O. J. NAUMANN, President**  
 of the Minnesota District.

**CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES**

**BIENNIAL CONVENTION OF THE JOINT SYNOD OF WISCONSIN AND OTHER STATES**

The Convention Committee has decided on August 3, 1949, as the opening date for the Biennial Convention of the Joint Synod. The convention begins with a divine service with Holy Communion at 10 A. M. The place is St. Luke's Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, E. W. Tacke and Herbert Koehler, pastors.

**Special Notice**

To satisfy constitutional requirements, it is absolutely necessary that the names of all delegates, pastors, teachers, and laymen be in the secretary's hands not later than a week after appearance of this notice. All names, also of the laymen chosen by their respective congregations, must be published in our official periodicals long before the convention opens. Pastors of congregations which are to choose delegates will please forward these names to their respective District Secretaries at once.

**Instructions to Delegates**

Pastor and teacher delegates are certified to the convention by their respective District Presidents and District Secretaries. Lay-delegates must send their credentials, signed by the President and Secretary of their congregations, to the undersigned or present them on the first day of the convention one hour before the first session, which begins at 2 P. M., August 3. All delegates, also advisory delegates, must register in the registration book immediately upon arriving at the convention. This should also be done, if at all possible, before the convention opens. Detailed information as to housing, meals, etc., will follow in a later announcement.

**PROF. WINFRED SCHALLER, Secretary,**  
 311 Gillett Street,  
 Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

**PASTORAL CONFERENCE AND PASTORS' INSTITUTE OF THE NEBRASKA DISTRICT**

The Pastoral Conference and Pastors' Institute of the Nebraska District will meet at Valentine, Nebraska, Pastor K. Molkenstin, on June 28-30, 1949. Opening session at 9:30 A. M.

Papers: Prof. J. P. Meyer will deliver papers on Prayer Fellowship and 2 Cor. 1-7; 8-13. Additional assignments include, Winning and Instructing the Unchurched, L. A. Tessmer; Romans 9, 6-15, L. Groth; Hebrews 11, H. E. Lietzau; Infiltration of Idol Worship in Israel with Modern Applications, W. Schaller, Jr.; Isaiah 65, 17-25, W. F. Sprengeler.

Speaker: R. Roth (L. Sabrowsky).  
 Kindly announce to the host pastor.  
**M. WEISHAN, Secretary.**

**SOUTHEAST WISCONSIN DISTRICT PASTORAL CONFERENCE**

The pastors and male teachers of the Southeast Wisconsin District of the Wisconsin Synod will meet for a two-day conference, Tuesday and Wednesday, June 21 and 22, 1949, in the auditorium of Northwestern Publishing House, corner North Avenue and 37th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The opening communion service will be held on Tuesday morning, June 21, 1949, at 9 A. M., at Parkside Evangelical Lutheran Church, Richard Stiemke, pastor, six blocks west of the Publishing House, corner North Avenue and Sherman Boulevard, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Sessions will begin immediately after the church service at the Publishing House.

Essay: "Prayer Fellowship and Its Practical Application," by Professor John P. Meyer. Other matters to be discussed: Interim Committee Report on "Ordination," (cf. Proceedings, Sixteenth Biennial Convention, Southeast Wisconsin District, page 92). The Syllabus for the Joint Synod Convention, in August, 1949.

The members of the conference will provide for their own meals and lodging.

**ADOLPH C. BUENGER, Secretary.**

**MICHIGAN DISTRICT PASTOR AND TEACHER CONFERENCE**

Time: June 20, 12:00 M. to June 24, 12:00 M.

Place: Manistee, Michigan, R. Scheele, pastor.

Works: "The Alleged Conversion of the Jews," G. Press; "What Is Valid Excommunication?" A. H. Baer. Substitute: "A Restudy of Ordination and Installation," E. J. Berg.

Sermon: H. Buch.  
 Kindly have requests for quarters in the hands of the host pastor not later than June 12.

**R. O. FREY, Secretary.**

**NEW ULM DELEGATE CONFERENCE**

Place: Immanuel's Church, Town Eden, Brown Co., Minnesota (W. Frank, vacancy pastor).

Date: June 21, 9:00 A. M.

Essay: A Study of New Developments of the Veterans Organization, Pastor C. H. Lueker.

Confessional Address: Pastor W. Schmidt (Pastor E. Schmelzer).

Remarks: Kindly announce to the undersigned before June 19.

**W. FRANK, Secretary.**

**FOX RIVER VALLEY PASTORAL-DELEGATE CONFERENCE**

The Fox River Valley Pastoral-Delegate Conference will meet on Tuesday, June 28, 1949, at Riverview Ev. Lutheran Church, Appleton, Wisconsin. Host pastor, Rev. E. Lehninger. The conference will begin with a Holy Communion Service at 9 A. M.

Essay: The Family Altar, Pastor D. Halle-meyer.

Conferees will furnish their own meals. The Visitor, M. Croll, will also discuss the Syllabus for the Synodical Convention in August.

**DELMAR C. BRICK, Secretary.**

**ST. CROIX DELEGATE CONFERENCE**

The St. Croix Delegate Conference will meet at Salem Ev. Lutheran Church, Stillwater, Minnesota, on Tuesday, June 21, 1949, beginning at 9:30 A. M., F. A. Werner (G. A. Thiele) preaching.

**F. H. TABBERT, Secretary.**

**WESTERN DELEGATE CONFERENCE OF THE DAKOTA-MONTANA DISTRICT**

Sessions at Our Savior's Lutheran Church of Jamestown, North Dakota, O. W. Heier, pastor, on June 21 to 22, beginning on Tuesday morning, June 21, at 10:00 with communion services.

Please announce to the host pastor. Sermon by Paul Kuehl (Harold Sauer). Synod's program is to be discussed and an essay is to be delivered on Wednesday morning.

Each congregation in the conference is expected to be represented by a delegate. Lodging will be furnished. Pastors and delegates will provide their own board.

**O. W. HEIER, Secretary.**

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