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*"The Lord our God be with us, as He was with our fathers, let Him not leave us, nor forsake us." 1 KINGS 8:57*



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**COVER DESIGN**

Luther and the university faculty and the students burning the papal "Bull" which announced Luther's excommunication from the Roman Catholic Church.

On September 30, the Revised Standard Version of the Bible celebrated its second anniversary. Although it is claimed that this new version of the Bible has been widely accepted and is widely read, it is admitted that the 343-year-old King James version is still very popular and is still used by millions in the United States. It is claimed by Dr. Knoff, an executive of the National Council of Churches, which sponsored the translation, that the new translation is used in church schools of 15 denominations and by more than 13 million pupils and teachers. Sales of the new translation have almost reached the 3 million mark since its appearance on the market. He also claims that the new version has stimulated Bible reading everywhere. In 1954, a pulpit edition of this version went on sale.

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Whose is the child? had to be decided by the courts in Michigan and Pennsylvania. Writes the *Lutheran*: For a year judges in Michigan and Pennsylvania had been considering whether little Patricia Ann Kuntz should live with her Roman Catholic grandmother or her Protestant aunt. Patricia's parents, who were murdered in Michigan in April, 1953, were Catholic. A Michigan judge placed the child with the aunt and uncle in Pennsylvania, but a Pennsylvania judge decreed the child must go back to Michigan to her grandmother. The religious question was a decisive factor in the case, he said. This month the Pennsylvania Supreme Court reversed the decision of one of the state's county judges. The main point in the case, said the court, is that the child grow up far from the scene of the tragedy which took away her parents.

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*Christian Scientist children will have to submit to vaccination for smallpox in the public schools of Richmond, Virginia. The parents had asked that their children be exempt from the vaccination, claiming that they do not believe in it and find it*

*unnecessary. The school board took up the matter with the State Health Department and the director of public instruction for guidance. Both agreed that the request of the Christian Scientists should be denied.*

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Once again the crimes committed during the first half of 1954 were higher by 8.4 per cent than for the first half of last year, reports the *Lutheran Standard*. The *Standard* continues, This was the biggest increase recorded in any period since the end of World War II. Particularly disturbing to the FBI chief has been a sharp crime rise in the small towns and rural areas. The increase in the urban crime rate was 7.2 per cent, but in the rural areas it was 11.9 per cent. The following number of crimes were committed every day during the first six months of 1954: 35 persons killed; 48 rapes; 252 persons assaulted, including blackjacking, mugging, stabbing and beating; 608 automobiles stolen; 1,454 homes burglarized; and 197 armed robberies. Every 13.8 seconds a crime was committed that the police found out about.

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The Communists are hard at work in Sumatra to make that country a Red haven whence they seek control of Indonesia. "Whoever has the control of Sumatra of the future," the saying goes, "will control Indonesia." With the Mohammedans on the one side and the Communists on the other, the Christian churches of Sumatra find their position a very precarious one. To counteract the influence of these strong opponents the Christian church leaders of Sumatra have decided that Christian education will do it. As a result of this decision they founded a Christian university. Here they intend to train Christian leaders, giving them technical skill in key fields, sending them out into the political and economical life of their nation imbued with Christian principles.

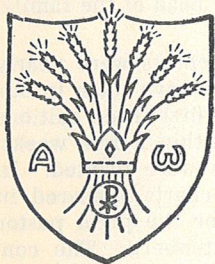
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# "Bless The Lord, O My Soul"

Psalm 103: 1-3

AT Thanksgiving Time we quite naturally turn to the Psalter for guidance and instruction. Through this inspired hymnal and prayerbook of the Old Testament Church the Holy Spirit continues to guide God's



children in raising their hearts to the Lord in trust, hope, love, and gratitude. Among the many psalms which teach us to thank and praise our God the one hundred and third is a veritable gem. May its opening verses again arouse our souls to joyful thanksgiving.

## "Forget Not All His Benefits"

The Psalmist brings to our mind some of the abundant reasons which we have for thanking our God: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies." It seems as though every phrase were especially written to cover the blessings which have come to us during the past year.

*"Who Forgiveth All Thine Iniquities"* Forgiveness of sins is the fundamental blessing in our life. With-

out it we could have no real joy. With every transgression of God's will we merit His wrath and displeasure. Even when we earnestly strive to live as God's children, we still stain every day with sinful thoughts, words, and deeds. Just stop to think what the past year would have been like, if on every evening you would have had to feel that God would now deal with you according to everything that you had neglected and done amiss. With what courage and hope could you have looked forward to the morrow?

What a priceless blessing that you could daily look to God with the assurance that He was the Lord "who forgiveth all thine iniquities." The humble faith in which you daily embraced His pardon and rejoiced in it

was in itself a gracious gift. The Lord renewed and sustained this faith in your heart with His Gospel, through which He gave you the assurance that all your sins are forgiven for Christ's sake who atoned for them with His holy, precious blood and His innocent suffering and death. That without any hindrance this Gospel message was again proclaimed to us during the past year in our churches, that it was taught in our Christian schools, that we were able to hear and read it, that it was brought to us in the Holy Sacraments was, however, all a part of the grace of the Lord, who is intent upon making us blessed in His pardon.

*"Who Healeth All Thy Diseases"* For those of you whom the Lord during the past year has raised up from a

painful and wearisome sickbed, for you whom He has restored to strength and health after some major operation this word of the Psalmist will have a very special meaning. Your heavenly Father heard the prayers in which you turned to Him in your hour of need and danger. In His love and might He blessed the means which were used in your behalf. Though it may have been some newly discovered medicine and cure which helped you, or improved surgical skill which brought you back to health, it was still the Lord who put these means at your disposal and who alone made them effective through His blessing. For many more of you the word of the Psalmist will be a reminder of gracious deliverances from lesser illnesses, aches, and pains.

Can anyone say that it brings no benefits of the Lord to your remembrance? Let us keep in mind that not only our body but also our mind and spirit becomes ill in many a way. The past year likewise brought its sorrows, griefs, disappointments, vexations, and cares. Yet the Lord healed also these diseases for us. Through His Word He assured us that for Christ's sake we are dear children in His sight and rest securely in His love. Thereby He soothed our sorrows, mellowed our griefs, dispelled our fears and cares, comforted

us in our disappointments. Also concerning those crosses which we still continue to bear, we as Christians will want to remember that the Lord has laid them upon us with thoughts of peace and not of evil. That, too, is a gracious healing of the Lord when He uses adversities and crosses to exercise us in Christian faith, humility, and hope.

*"Who Redeemeth Thy Life From Destruction"* Here again the Psalmist points us to rich benefits which we

have enjoyed. God has graciously preserved your life in spite of countless perils and dangers to which you were daily exposed. Many of you will be reminded of very specific occasions when you or your loved ones experienced a narrow escape. Gratefully realize that it did not just turn out that way by blind luck. It was the Lord's doing. He gave His angels charge over you to guard and protect you. Also the peace which our land has enjoyed during the past year is a part of these benefits. Let us thank the Lord that our young people serving in the armed forces of our nation were not drawn into bloody conflict. There were, of course, those in our Christian congregations who during this year were led through the valley of death. Still, as Christians they, too, were redeemed from destruction. Death came to them not as a curse but as a blessed deliverance from every evil to eternal life.

*"Who Crowneth Thee With Lovingkindness"* There are so many things which we have

reason to designate as evidences of God's lovingkindness, of His steadfast love, and of His tender mercy that it is useless to attempt an enumeration. Your Christian home may have been blessed by the rich gift of a healthy child. God may have given you a cherished spouse in holy wedlock. Our children enjoyed the treasure of education and training. All of us have had the necessities of life, food, clothing, and shelter. Very likely God gave you a great many luxuries besides.

## "All That is Within Me, Bless His Holy Name"

Note how eager the Psalmist is to bless the Lord for His many benefits.

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# Editorials

**When the Shoe Pinches** The Roman Catholic Church in Canada is crying loud and hard over the publication of a book issued by the United Church of Canada (Protestant) called, "What's the Difference?" "We have read the booklet," says the *Christian Century*, "and we find in it only a restrained and scholarly attempt, made after long and careful preparations, to outline in concise form the principal differences in belief which distinguish Roman and Protestant communities." When the shoe pinches their own foot they can put up quite a loud cry of pain, and try to make the world believe that they are being inordinately abused. When, however, they are in the driver's seat because of an overwhelming majority, as for instance in Spain, Mexico and parts of Canada, the Roman Catholics see no moral wrong in not only carrying on a word battle against the Protestants but actually doing them great bodily injury, burning their churches, driving them to cover, and even putting them to death. Yes, it all depends whose foot the shoe is pinching. When the Roman Catholic Church attacks the Protestants it is fair play, but if the Protestant attempts to defend himself and in so doing must call attention to the vagaries and false claims and doctrines of the Roman Catholic Church it is a crime, and the Catholics whimper and cry. The *Christian Century* goes on to say, "Magazines and newspapers these days carry many advertisements urging the public to investigate the teachings of Roman Catholicism. This is exactly what the United Church of Canada has tried to do in this booklet . . . to prepare in simple language suitable literature on such subjects as the teaching of Protestantism as contrasted with that of the Roman Catholic Faith." The Roman Catholic Church insults the general public by taking for granted its gullibility. They believe that the average man will not investigate their doctrines and claims whether they are of God by searching the Scriptures diligently. This makes them bold to promulgate their false doctrine in the public press and in magazines hoping thereby to catch the unwary. And, no doubt, some few are caught. But when the investigation is made by a church body, by men who know the Scriptures and reveal their findings and the false claims of the Roman Catholic Church, they squirm and cry and shout and call it "an attack on the Roman Catholic Church" as did Cardinal McGuigan of Toronto. The Roman Catholic doctrines can not bear to be put under the searchlight of the Scriptures — and they know it. Luther's reformation has made this impossible once and for all. He exposed their anti-Scriptural doctrines to the world, and wherever men can read and whoever will make an honest and thorough investigation of Rome's claims according to the Scriptures will know the truth.

W. J. S.

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## The Origin of Luther's Catechism

(This is the third in a series commemorating the 425th anniversary of the Catechism)

In March of 1529, Nickel Schirlentz printed for Luther five charts each with the following heading:

1. The Ten Commandments, as the head of the family should teach them to his household.

2. The Creed, as the head of the family should teach it to his household.
3. The Lord's Prayer, as the head of the family should teach it to his household.
4. The Sacrament of Baptism, as the head of the family, etc.
5. The Sacrament of the Altar, as the head of the family, etc.

The form and contents of these charts were nearly the same questions and answers as we have them in our Small Catechism. We know that the first three editions of these charts were out of print within a few weeks. We do not know how many editions were printed. In May of 1529, the contents of these charts appeared in book form, "The Small Catechism for the plain pastor and preacher" by Mart Luther, Wittenberg. The contents of this book was as follows:

1. Luther's Preface to pastors and preachers.
2. The Five Chief Parts (as above).
3. The Morning and Evening Prayers.
4. The Benedicte and Gratias (Prayers before and after meals).
5. The Table of Duties (Certain passages from Scripture for various classes and stations of men, whereby these are to be admonished of their respective offices and duties).
6. Marriage Booklet.

On June 13, 1529, an enlarged and revised edition appeared "The Small Catechism for the plain pastor and preacher. Enlarged and Revised by Dr. Martin Luther, Wittenberg." This is the first High German edition that has come down to us, though in a defective and mutilated copy. It is a book of 120 leaves with the imprint at the end: Printed in Wittenberg, by Nickel Schirlentz, MDXXIX. It contains 120 illustrations. The contents:

- 1) Luther's Preface
- 2) The Five Chief Parts
- 3) Morning and Evening Prayers
- 4) Benedicte and Gratias
- 5) Table of Duties
- 6) Marriage Booklet
- 7) Baptism Booklet
- 8) A Short Form of Confession
- 9) German Litany with music
- 10) Three Collects.

New in this book is the name ENCHIRIDION on the title page. Just why Luther now calls this book, enchiridion or "little handbook" is not clear. By adding to the Catechism the other parts, the book had not only grown in size, but had also become a pastor's manual, hand book (enchiridion), containing forms for the pastor besides those in the German Liturgy Book. It is of interest to note that such a book was during the 16th century the book taken by the people to church, just as the hymnbook is now taken. It was many years later that hymnbooks were taken to church. The hymns were memorized by the people.

It is of interest to note the great activity of the Reformer in providing the Christians with printed material to aid them to grow in the knowledge of God's Word and their Savior Jesus Christ. It is also noteworthy that the Christians were hungry for such knowledge. Printed material and books were extremely expensive, yet the people bought as many books as they could afford, and read and reread them.

G. W. FISCHER.



## Guidance In Godliness

### BACK TO GOD!

**H**OW often one hears this refrain! Men do indeed need to get back to God; but which is the way? Ah, there's the rub! All kinds of leaders rise up to show men the way; but largely, they are blind leaders of the blind, who insist that man can devise the way himself. No; human help cannot bring relief to hearts that are failing for fear of things to come. Human intelligence and ingenuity cannot devise a way.

And the way back to God is not that of man's endeavor to make himself better, nobler, unselfish and pure. The appeal to man's "better nature" is entirely vain. Our wickedness and our sins accuse us before God, and by no effort of ours will the debt ever be paid and the wrath of God removed from us. There is only one way back to God. Peter points to it: "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

To those who are washed in the blood of the Lamb, who are justified before God by the righteousness of Jesus Christ, belong all the gracious promises of God's love, promises first of spiritual blessings, but no less of the blessings of this life on earth. They are under the fostering care of the loving, faithful Father in heaven. They have access to Him by prayer; they possess, as it were, the key to His treasure chambers. For their sake God spares a land and fills it with His gifts.

Let the citizens of our country, let the people of all lands, follow the leadership of those who in the name of God preach repentance and faith in Jesus Christ. That is the way out of distress and the road to true happiness.

And in this manner the new order of things, for which men are blindly groping and vainly hope, comes about in reality, that is, as far as men truly accept the Gospel and through Christ return to God.

The human heart is by nature cruelly selfish. Every day teaches us this sorry fact. And it makes no difference under what political or economic system man lives, he is the same everywhere. Leadership that

does not change a man's heart may achieve an apparent, temporary effect, but its failure will soon become evident. The only power that is able to transform the human heart is the power of the Gospel. Where Christ through the Holy Spirit enters into the heart, that which is of man is overcome and the love of Christ begins to reign. And that is the divinely created new order of things that brings about a complete change in the life of a person: "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance" (Gal. 5:22-23).

No one will deny that conditions would not be what they are, if men walked with each other in love. What laws and regulations cannot do, love can do and does. Love does not wait for great movements and changes; it begins to work immediately where it finds opportunity. We frequently hear how it has found a way to ameliorate conditions in these trying times. Where love can work, it will be effective.

But that love can be engendered only by the Holy Spirit through the Gospel. "We love him, because he first loved us" (1 John 4:19). And the other must follow: "If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God loveth his brother also" (1 John 4:20-21). "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them" (John 13:17).

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### RECOVERING A SENSE OF SIN

Not long ago we read a list of "modern sins," which was compiled for the purpose of "recovering this generation's lost sense of sin." The list is printed on what is called a "sin chart." Each individual is to study the list and check those sins that afflict him. In this way the penitent may ask forgiveness without danger of overlooking any of his sins.

Among the sins of moderns is an "inferiority complex, being a road hog in driving automobiles, class distinction, formality, provincialism, worry, criticism, dispositional temper, superstition, snobbishness, etc."

It is supposed that none of these sins are forbidden, at least by name, in the Mosaic canon of laws. They are thus to round out, as it were, this canon, and bring it up to date. Of course, a closer study of the Ten Commandments would reveal to any unbiased observer that all real sins are there prohibited, as these listed above fall mainly under the heading of plain and pure selfishness.

It seems a pity that the great sin of modernistic rejection of God's plain Word is not included in this list. It would, in our opinion, round it out still more and also reveal its true character.

This generation's lost sense of sin can be recovered only by renewed and constant teaching of the Law of God revealed through Moses and written in the hearts of men. For by this law comes the knowledge of sin (Rom. 3:20). The modernistic compilers of this new list of sins are well described by Isaiah (24:5): "The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant."

K. F. K.

### "BLESS THE LORD, O MY SOUL"

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By word and deed he wants to declare God's love and mercy before others. He realizes how God has endowed his soul with many faculties and powers. In thankfulness he thinks of enlisting them all to form a grand chorus which will magnify the holy name of the Lord.

This, too, is meant for your guidance and mine. As you remember God's many benefits, resolve to bless him with all the powers and capacities within you. Let your judgment bless Him by decisions in accordance with His Word. Let your will bless Him by actions and deeds that are pleasing in His sight. Let your affections praise Him by clinging to those things which God approves. Let your memory laud Him by not forgetting any of His benefits. Let your thoughts honor Him by meditating richly upon the treasures of His Word. "Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me bless his holy name."

C. J. L.





## News from our Mission Fields

*"Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."*

MATTHEW 28, 20

### DEDICATION GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH West Bend, Wisconsin

#### Familiar Landmark

West Bend, Wisconsin, is a familiar landmark in the annals of our Synod — more particularly St. John's Congregation founded there in 1858. After 96 years St. John's has become one of the largest trees in the forest of the Wisconsin Synod's 850 congregations. Today this church numbers 1744 souls and 1260 communicants. It has a large flourishing parochial school with a staff of six teachers and over 200 pupils.

#### Growth of Church and City

The growth of St. John's Congregation during the years as well as a recent and continued increase in the city's population, induced the District Mission Board of our Synod to consider the prospects for mission work in this area. As a result work was begun after the consent of St. John's had been attained.

#### Mission Branch Under the Tall Tree

In the shadow of this tall tree, 96 years old in the forest of our churches,

a mission branch has been planted and watered, and God has wonderfully given the increase by a steady, wholesome growth. The name of this new mission is Good Shepherd Lutheran. A loan from Synod's Church Extension Fund and many hours of donated labor made the day possible of which Missionary W. Gawrisch will now tell you. —

#### The Joy of a Missionary

"The day dawned bright and warm. It was May 16, the fourth Sunday after Easter, called Cantate. The Introit for that Sunday begins, "O sing unto the Lord a new song." And for your Good Shepherd Mission Congregation in West Bend, Wisconsin, it was truly a day of singing and rejoicing. It was the day for the dedication of its new chapel to the service of the Triune God."

#### A Year of Toil

"Ground had been broken for the new church in June, 1953, and the cornerstone was laid in August. Now

at last, after nearly a year of toil, it stood complete, waiting to be consecrated to its sacred purpose. It was to serve as a refuge for weary, sin-sick souls. Here they would find rest and peace in the Gospel message of a loving God. Here they would assemble to hear the story of God's Son, who gave Himself for them. Here they would gather to chant His praises and to consecrate themselves to His service."

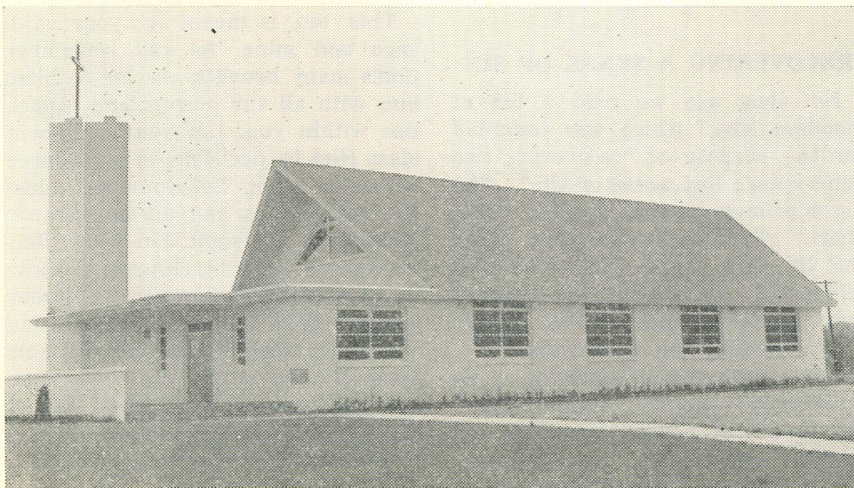
#### Christmas Eve

"The building had already served this purpose since Christmas Eve of 1953 when the first service in it was held. Who in the congregation will ever be able to forget the joy of that night! As the shepherds worshipped the Christ-child in the manger, so the people of Good Shepherd worshipped Him for the first time in their own church.

"For a period of over three years the congregation had worshipped in temporary quarters. From a fire station they moved to a dancing studio. When this building burned to the ground, they moved to a small, windowless, basement hall. It was the only place available in West Bend, a prosperous, growing community of about 7500 people, midway between Milwaukee and Fond du Lac. The growth of the congregation had made it necessary to begin using the chapel before construction had been completed."

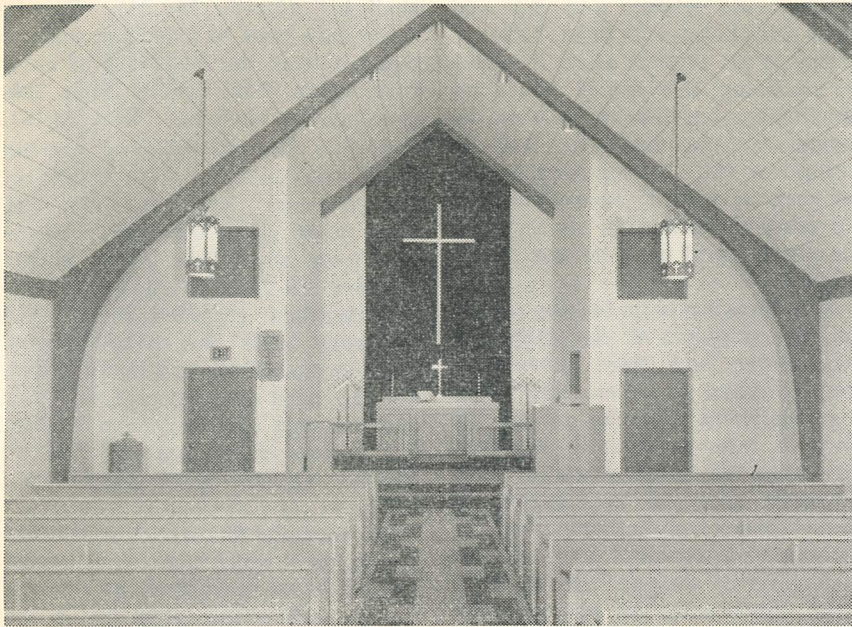
#### Dedication Sunday

"On the day of dedication nearly 1200 people came from far and near to rejoice with the congregation and to hear the festival speakers. To accommodate the overflow crowds two tents were erected outside the church and equipped with loud speakers.



"HOW AMIABLE ARE THY TABERNACLES"





GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH — West Bend, Wisconsin

"In the morning service Pastor George Boldt of Roscoe, South Dakota, reviewed, in German and English services of dedication, the history of God's grace toward the people of Good Shepherd and admonished them to continue to find their joy in this grace. Pastor Boldt was the founder of the mission. On June 11, 1950, he held the first service and continued to serve it for the first year of its existence from Theresa, 20 miles away. The English service, in which the rite of dedication was performed by the present pastor,

W. Gawrisch, was broadcast over the West Bend radio station.

"In an afternoon song service the new Consonata organ, a gift of one of the members, was dedicated. The concert choir of Winnebago Lutheran Academy of Fond du Lac, under the direction of Prof. T. W. Zuberbier, graced the service with its hymns of praise. Guest organist was Prof. John Gawrisch of Milwaukee. In his address Pastor Arthur Halboth, president of the Southeastern Wisconsin District of our Synod, pointed out that the organ serves to beautify our worship as we glorify God for the gift

of salvation through Jesus Christ.

"The day's festivities were brought to a quiet close with a vesper service in which Pastor F. Gilbert of Slinger, visitor of the Dodge-Washington conference, acted as liturgist. The sermon was delivered by Pastor J. Mahnke, chairman of the District Mission Board. He showed his hearers that this new church building was a striking testimony both to the world and to this congregation that the Lord is God.

"The new chapel was designed by Karl Fuge, an architect who is a member of our Bethany Mission in Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin. It is built on simple, modern lines of churchy character. It provides room for about 250 worshippers. Waylite block was used in the construction. The south wall, however, is frame. Thus future expansion and the addition of a Christian day school have been taken into consideration in the design.

"The 200 members of the congregation who come to this building to hear God's Word and to receive the Sacraments are grateful to their Good Shepherd who has so graciously led them to green pastures and still waters. They are grateful also to their fellow members in the Wisconsin Synod who through a loan from the Church Extension Fund made the erection of this chapel possible. Contemplating the mercies and blessings of their gracious God, they are moved to exclaim: 'O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good; for his mercy endureth forever.'" W. R. H.

## ETERNITY

### Christ's Return for Judgment

(Fifth continuation)

CHRIST wants us to observe the signs of the times, which indicate the approaching end, so that His return, for judgment may not come upon us unawares. It will come unexpectedly, but it will not find us unprepared. — In our previous studies we took notice of abnormal conditions in human society, which by themselves undermine the health of human society, and call for punitive action on the part of God, since His commandments are being violated. We took particular note of the rise

of Antichrist. Today we shall consider some other abnormal conditions which forebode the coming end.

#### Abnormal Conditions in the Physical World

When God had finished the creation of the world, He had all His creatures pass in review before Him, and He thoroughly examined His work. "And God saw everything that he had made." And what did He find? "Behold, it was very good" (Gen. 1:31).

God had created the earth as the abode of man. He had created sun, moon, and stars. He had assigned to each its respective place in the heavens, that they should give light on earth, and divide the time into convenient periods of day and night, of months, of years with their seasons. — On the earth there were the various forms of solid matter, fertile land, precious metals and stones. There was water, and there was the atmosphere. God had endowed each form, with certain qualities and forces, and had established certain laws (the so called laws of nature) according to which they all should function. — He had created forms of life adapted to various surroundings: plant and animal life for the land



sections; similarly plant and animal life to inhabit the streams, the seas, and oceans; similarly also birds for the air. God had set the world in motion, and everything functioned without hitch or disturbance. The whole world was like a paradise.

Then came the fall into sin, and God pronounced a curse on His creation. Let us not take this curse too lightly. The whole universe received a terrific jolt. It was subjected to vanity (Rom. 8:20). The record in Genesis speaks of the curse on the ground, that it shall by itself produce nothing but thorns and thistles, and that man shall only with great difficulty wrest a living from it. The "flaming sword" which the cherubim wielded to "keep the way of the tree of life" points to devastating storms, to thunder and lightning. — "The wages of sin is death" says St. Paul. "In the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." So God had warned Adam, and since that fateful moment under the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, Adam carried the germ of sure death in his system. Similarly all the forces of the universe, which had functioned so smoothly up to that moment, were upset, and their final collapse was only a question of time. This was the curse of sin.

The world received a second jolt of immense proportions in the flood. The interior of the earth was de-ranged when "the fountains of the great deep were broken up" (Gen. 7:11), likewise the firmament above us, which God had established on the second day of creation, for in the flood "the windows of heaven were opened" (Gen. 7: 11; and see also chap. 8:2). Add to this the rushing back and forth of the waters and the raging winds. We are awed by the devastations which a local flood can cause in a few hours. In Noah's day there was a universal flood, in which the waters, whipped up by furious tempests, raged back and forth, not over a limited area, but over stretches hundreds, yes, thousands of miles in extent. No wonder that Noah hardly recognized the old earth when he left the ark, and had to make an absolutely new beginning in cultivating the land. God comforted him, giving him the rainbow for a sign that He would never again destroy the earth with a flood, and that "while the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and

summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease" (Gen. 8:22).

That is the type of world in which we are living: the laws of nature are functioning, but they have been de-ranged by the curse of God on account of sin. Just as man carries the germ of death in his system from the moment he arrives on earth, so the whole world is on its way to dissolution.

Now Jesus urges us to keep an eye on the symptoms of dissolution, to take notice how they increase in frequency and in vehemence. They are indications that the end of the world is drawing nigh. — We shall now list a few of His remarks.

"There shall be earthquakes in divers places, and there shall be famines and troubles: these are the beginnings of sorrows" (Mark 13:8). "And there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows" (Matth. 24:7,8). We notice how in this connection Jesus immediately mentions the effects which the disturbances in nature will have on the well-being of the human race. Earthquakes, storms, floods, droughts, and the like, will not only take a great toll of human life directly, they will cause food shortages and famines, disease and pestilence.

Yet Jesus calls all these only "the beginning of sorrows." He adds: "For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever

shall be" (Matth. 24: 21). "For in those days shall be affliction, such as was not from the beginning of creation which God created unto this time, neither shall be" (Mark 13:19).

Besides the disturbances on the earth there will be disturbances in the heavens. Both Matthew and Mark speak about them in the chapters from which we quoted above. We now list Jesus' words in the way that Matthew recorded them: "Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and powers of the heavens shall be shaken" (Matth. 24:29; Mark 13:24, 25).

We conclude this week's study with the words in which Luke sums up the matter: "And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken" (chap. 21:25, 26).

When we see these disturbances, some of which are even manmade (for instance, A and H-bomb explosions; the deliberate destroying of foods, and the like) let us be reminded of the rapidly approaching return of our Lord for judgment.

(To be continued)

J. P. M.

## In The Footsteps Of Saint Paul

### The First Epistle To The Thessalonians

HOW grateful should we not be that urgent matters in Corinth prevented Paul from going to Thessalonica at the time, as he had promised and planned. Through his Epistles we are now informed what he would have told the Thessalonians in person. It is recorded for our benefit. Briefly we should like to review the main thoughts of his First Epistle.

#### Two Salutations Blended

To his own greetings to the Thessalonians Paul adds those of Silas and Timothy. Thus he also informs

them that they had arrived and reported to him on their state. His First Epistle is his answer to their questions and problems. He greets them with the well-known salutation: "Grace and peace be unto you!" This greeting had a personal appeal both to the Gentiles and the Hebrews. The word 'grace' is a Greek word, yet filled with a new content. It signifies the undeserved favor of God. The word 'peace' reminded the Hebrews of their own familiar greeting 'shalom,' of Jerusalem, the city of peace, and of the Messiah, the Prince of Peace. In a wonderful way the



Apostle blended the two salutations. Both the Gentiles and the Greeks are to feel that they are one in Christ. The Apostle's heart is filled with joy over what he has heard about their faith, how they have become imitators, followers of Christ, and shining examples of faith to all in Macedonia and Greece. As if by the blast of a mighty trumpet their faith has been sounded throughout all of Achaia. All have heard of their conversion from heathendom to Christendom, of their turning from idolatry to the worship of the living God. They were awaiting the coming of the Lord. Soon the vials of God's wrath would be poured out over the ungodly. This was noteworthy praise indeed.

#### **Paul No Mercenary Sophist**

The Thessalonians were witnesses unto Paul that, in spite of the shameful treatment he had received at the hands of the Gentiles in Philippi, he had not been afraid to come and to preach to them the same Gospel of salvation through Christ. In Thessalonica the Jews had assailed him. They had tried to spread the slanderous report as though Paul had spread his message of Christ among them for mere covetous gain, that he was just another mercenary sophist. To such slander the Thessalonians had refused to listen. They knew that Paul had not come to them for filthy lucre's sake but solely to win their souls for heaven. In those days many sophists, charlatans, and quacks moved about, advertising their sham wisdom and seeking to make an easy living by preying on the general public. Could not Paul and his co-workers have been similar deceivers? Such insinuations fell flat among the Thessalonians. Paul had burdened them in no way, had sought to earn his own living by working night and day. Before them he had led a blameless life. It could not be denied, the Thessalonians had had to suffer much at the hands of the vindictive Jews just as the early Christians had to suffer much because of them in Jerusalem and Palestine. The Jews were, however, only filling the measure of God's wrath over themselves. For the Thessalonians in the midst of such trials Paul had but one word of praise: "Ye are our glory and our joy." Of how few congregations can this be truly said!

#### **Paul's Plea**

Paul had sent Timothy to Thessalonica from Athens. He desired to know whether the great Tempter had

been able to seduce them from the truth. Night and day had he longed to return to them, to see them face to face, and to perfect what was lacking in their faith (3:10). Now he pleaded with them to increase in brotherly love toward one another just as they could be assured of his love toward them. By such conduct their hearts would be firmly established in the faith ready to meet the Lord at any time.

#### **The Admonition**

Now Paul is ready to admonish his Thessalonians to lead a life of sanctification. Only during a very short time had he been able to be in their midst. Not so long ago they had been heathen. They were still living in a pagan world, surrounded by enemies of the cross. The Gentiles, among whom they lived, saw no special virtue in a pure life, no sin in fornication. There was grave danger that they might revert to such a sinful way of life. This Paul sought to prevent through his admonition.

#### **Paul's Concern**

Paul's greatest concern, however, was that some of the Thessalonians had misinterpreted what he had told them about the coming of Christ. Some had died in the meantime and had been in doubt, whether they now would still see the Lord at His coming. Had Paul perhaps taught them falsely and filled their hearts with a vain hope? Paul assured the worried believers that there was no ground for any uneasiness. As sure as Christ died and rose, they would also rise. In fact, they would be the first to rise and then the living would join them and then they all would be with the Lord forever. For the perplexed Thessalonians he has a word of consolation: "Comfort ye one another with these words."

#### **The Lord's Coming**

When will this great event of the coming of the Lord happen? The Lord will come like a thief in the night. Watchful waiting is necessary on the part of all Christians. They are to test the false spirits, who would teach them otherwise and try to mislead them. They should hold fast to the Word, to that which is good. For the coming of the Lord they are to sanctify themselves, lead a blameless life so as to be ready and able to meet the Lord in His glory.

#### **For All the Faithful**

It is significant that Paul closes every section of his Epistle with the

reminder that the Lord will surely come to gather His saints and to punish the ungodly. He wants his Epistle to be read by all. The grace of the Lord was to guide and strengthen them. Paul's comforting words have not only been read by the Thessalonians. Through the ages the faithful have been strengthened and consoled by Paul's words against false prophets and enthusiasts. First Thessalonians by its timeless message purposes to establish our faith more firmly in Christ and the hope of our resurrection. As a sacred fruit of the faith there is to be lived an ever holier and blameless life in and for the Savior from sin and death. A firm faith in Christ does not make idle busybodies, but rather Christians, who at all times seek to do the will of God, to practice sanctification. This is the assuring and comforting message of the First Epistle to the Thessalonians.

H. A. KOCH.

### **MICHIGAN DISTRICT TEACHERS CONFERENCE**

**October 6-8, 1954**

We met at Toledo, Ohio, in Zion Lutheran Church, of which Rev. R. W. Scheele is pastor, and Mr. J. Birkholz and Miss M. Baer are teachers. We assembled in their newly constructed four-classroom school, which was erected at a cost of \$80,000.00 plus much voluntary labor.

When Zion's children attended a joint school at Trinity the enrollment numbered 16 in 1951. When their own school opened in September, 1952, we note an enrollment of 77.

#### **I. Inspirational Address**

After the opening of our conference by the chaplain, Pastor W. Voss, our District President, Rev. G. Press, gave us an inspirational address. He pointed out that there are temporal blessings in teaching in a parochial school. However, in view of the ability to proclaim the Gospel, using those means "which provide an avenue to approach God," to take "a dead child and make it alive," all other considerations fade into insignificance. He concluded with: "GIVE YOURSELF FIRST TO THE LORD."

#### **II. Potentiality for More Schools**

By means of graphs and statistics our chairman, Mr. Arras, indicated the present extent of our schools and



the enrollment. A steady increase was noted. He then emphasized the potentiality for starting many others. He stated that Dr. Luther accomplished much with two documents. How much could not be accomplished within our Synod, inasmuch as we have our own publishing house, and many pastors, teachers, and laymen!

### III. Art in the Lutheran School

Prof. E. Deffner (River Forest) reviewed past methods. He then stressed the purpose of art today and its scope. He believes that school art must make use of the child's art until it is about nine years old. On the basis of experiences in the home, in reading, etc., a child should be encouraged to express itself. At the age of nine a child is willing "to undertake practice." These should be outcomes: 1) Better balanced personality; 2) Every subject becomes more interesting; 3) The laity will demand more beautiful exteriors and interiors; 4) The ordinary man will become art-minded.

### IV. Practical Lessons and Panel Discussions

Miss D. Becker presented "The Fall of Man and the Promise of the Savior." — Parents would have rejoiced to hear the presentation, behold her attitude, and note the children's responses. Sin and grace, Law and Gospel, temporal punishment and eternal life through faith in Christ were duly taught.

A panel presentation on handwriting was presented by Messrs. P. Steiner, D. Sebald, and W. Luehring. The advantages and disadvantages of different textbooks were indicated. Members of Synod may be assured that this subject is receiving conscientious and faithful attention.

### V. Place and Value of Parent Organizations in Our Schools

This was not a theoretical presentation. Pastor K. Vertz presented a case history of Salem Lutheran Church at Owosso. The following points were made:

1. There is a place for such an organization within the church
2. How to organize one
3. Membership
4. How to keep it a worthwhile project
5. Accomplishments by the grace of God at Salem.

The writer will send a copy of this paper providing it is returned promptly so that others may read it.

### VI. Reports

Mr. Trettin

He asserted that a week's workshop is arranged to train school visitors at New Ulm. — Tests given in our schools indicate that our pupils concluded with a superior rating according to a national standard. — Teachers are to contact Pres. Naumann should they be drafted into military service. — New Textbooks will be on the market soon.

Rev. Brenner

All correspondence relative to certification should be handled by the Michigan District Board. — There should be "Synodical education of Synod."

Director Frey

Ninety per cent of students come from congregations that maintain parochial schools. 266 students are in attendance. Students pay \$200.00 a year. \$60.00 is subtracted from those that prepare for church work. It costs Synod \$251.00 to educate a student. He also spoke about early enrollments and memorial cards.

President Press

Reported on building progress and costs at New Ulm, Saginaw, and Watertown. The bid at Watertown is higher than was anticipated. He requested our verbal support and indicated that a promotional program is under way.

Pastor Baer

Michigan District is the largest mission district. Cost of property increased because "new areas in subdivisions are sold quickly." Large proportionate giving in our Synod is a necessity. He asked us to: "EDUCATE CHILDREN TO FIND JOY IN GIVING — and — GREATER JOY IN GIVING A LOT."

### VII. Divine Worship Service

Rev. Scheele conducted the liturgical portion and Pastor Wendland preached the sermon. Text: "Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Zion. For He hath strengthened the bars of thy gates; He hath blessed thy children within thee." — We have reason for praise for wonderful blessings:

1. On us;
2. On our children in particular.

Cities in those days were places of refuge. People would flee to them when enemies attacked them. The gates were the vulnerable spot. God's promise to strengthen the bars of

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the gates is a promise to protect His Church at all times.

The youth problem is a serious one. Experts are grappling with it, but are not solving it. In consideration of God's promise of protection and blessing we have nought to fear. A non-Lutheran pastor stated: "WHERE WE ARE THE WEAKEST YOU (Lutherans with schools) ARE THE STRONGEST." — Truly, where the Word of God is taught in all its truth and purity daily, God's promises of blessing and protection cannot fail.

To start a school and maintain it was a difficult matter and is today. Yet in view of the divine blessings we have reason to praise God for thus strengthening the bars of our gates. "PRAISE THE LORD" for what He hath done and will do via our Christian day schools!

### VIII. Miscellaneous

Approximately 80 pastors, teachers, professors were in attendance. Election: Messrs. Found, Chairman; Woltmann, vice-president; May, secretary; Winterstein, choir director; Zimmermann, chairman of program committee. — Mr. Steiner served as guest organist. Mr. Luehring directed the choir. — The 25th anniversary in teaching of Mrs. H. Pfeiffer was observed and the 40th for the reporter. Each year of service was matched with one dollar. How considerate and thoughtful!

Conferences are another blessing of the Lord. Congregations should rejoice when their called servants attend.

LESTER A. FOUND, *Chairman.*

V. J. SCHULTZ, *Reporter*

### ORGAN DEDICATION

On Sunday, October 24, the First Ev. Luth. Church of Elkhorn, Wis., dedicated its new Wurlitzer Electronic Organ. The guest speaker was Prof. Hilton Oswald of Northwestern College, and the guest organist in the dedicatory service was Mr. Frederick Biedenbender of Burlington, Wis. In the evening of the same day Pastor Kurt Eggert of Johnson Creek, Wis., presented an organ recital, during which the male octet of the Seminary at Thiensville sang two numbers and Prof. Oswald gave a brief talk on church music.

H. LAU.



## Attend Which Church??

THE question is asked, "Is it not better to attend any church, rather than no church at all?" Such as would emphatically answer yes to this question will also be quick to remind us that surely many church organizations do have real Christians in their memberships. And our church claims indeed to be the only church that has pure doctrine, but does not claim that salvation is impossible outside our church. The argument in favor, then, might be presented like this: To learn the truth is a good thing. Not to learn the truth is an evil thing. Therefore to learn some of the truth is a good thing, or at least better than nothing. This is all true; that is, true as far as it goes. But what of that which is not even mentioned — ERROR? The following is equally true: Error leads from God.

Any error leads from God. Therefore even "little" errors lead from God. If one combined the above two truths it would result in the following: To learn the truth is a good thing. But to learn error is an evil thing. Therefore learn only truth, never error. Surely we admit that some truth is better than nothing, better than the total absence of truth; but the real question to be answered is this: Is error better than nothing, or perhaps, is error mixed with truth (half-truths then) better than nothing? Such as argue in favor are saying it is better to learn part of the truth, even though one also learns error, than to learn nothing. Is it? Food is also good for the body. Not to eat is harmful for the body. Therefore eat any food (even though part poison), for it is better than nothing. Is it? True, it might not be fatal to eat some poison, but, then, it might be. True, to feed partly on error (Satan's poison) might not destroy your soul, but then again it might!

What does God say? We simply ask where in the Bible does God say that any part of His Word may safely be ignored? You look in vain. If you search, however, do not fail to notice how often we are charged not to ignore or to add to His Word. "Teaching them to observe ALL things" — not only some things — "whatsoever I have commanded you" — not what someone else may say or think. Did God give us a Bible so that we should ignore it or any

part of it? Why not let God answer the question then? He says, "all." To preach the truth is vitally important, but to teach or permit error is just as emphatically forbidden. One cannot be vitally interested in preaching the truth, if one does not wish to begin to withstand error, for that is part of proclaiming the truth.

Dare one ignore the "small" leaks in a dike? If these are not checked immediately they will rapidly enlarge until the flood in all its fury bursts upon us. Just consider the flood waters of opinion that have rushed into church organizations, so that it is hardly impossible to name one doctrine which some church or other does not challenge. If a dike is broken in one point, even if it be sound otherwise, eventually this one break will allow the area to be flooded. One may not yield just one doctrine, compromise with just one error, without tragic results. "A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump."

Yet is not this the very basic error of Evanston? Are we, dear reader, free from the spirit of our age? Free from indifference? With great zeal men would impress us with the absolute necessity of more persuasive, more effective, more zealous preaching. And so far so good. But realize there is a vast difference between preaching and preaching the truth. If preaching anything so long as one preaches be our sole interest then we may also enlist Satan. The devil has demonstrated himself to be a most effective preacher in Eden, but as one who preaches and not as one who preaches the truth. But must it not be admitted that part of what Satan preached to Eve was true, for after eating she did know evil as he had promised. A half-truth is usually more destructive than a bald lie, for the lie of a half-truth is not always so easily detected.

Are we voicing warnings where none are needed? Try going from house to house in the area where you live and count the Lutherans, members of our Synod if you will, who are no longer connected with us. Why not? The fall always has its roots in indifference to God's Word. "If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

H. WIEDMANN.

## MASS REFORMATION FESTIVAL SERVICE

An estimated crowd of 1,200 gathered in the auditorium of Dr. Martin Luther College on the afternoon of October 31 to honor that faithful servant of the Lord, Dr. Martin Luther. This special Mass Reformation Service was sponsored by the New Ulm Conference for congregations in the New Ulm area. The speaker for the occasion was Prof. K. G. Sievert of Northwestern Lutheran Academy, Mobridge, South Dakota. On the basis of John 2:13-17 he elaborated upon the theme, "In the Reformation God Cleansed His Church." Pastor W. Frank, Chairman of the New Ulm Conference, served as liturgist. A mass chorus of singers from surrounding congregations and college students was under the direction of Prof. Emil Backer. Prof. M. Albrecht served as organist. An offering of \$196.65 was received for the Church Extension Fund. It is a hope that this service will become an annual service to give expression of the unity of the Spirit by thanking and praising our God for the blessings of the Reformation.

PAUL F. NOLTING.

## ANNIVERSARY OF DEDICATION

St. Peter's Church  
T. Winchester, Winnebago Co.,  
Wisconsin

On October 3, the 16th Sunday after Trinity, St. Peter's Congregation of the Town of Winchester, Winnebago Co., Wisconsin, celebrated the 50th anniversary of the dedication of their church.

In a special morning service, Pastor Victor Weyland of Chilton, Wisconsin, a member of the 1928 confirmation class, preached the festival sermon on Psalm 26:8. An offering was made for our Synod Building Fund. How amiable are thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts!

„Mein Ruf erschallt  
Fuer Jung und Alt  
In Freud und Leid:  
Macht euch bereit,  
Zu Haufe kommt,  
Hoert, was euch frommt,  
Aus Gottes Wort  
An diesem Ort."

ARMIN ENGEL.

## 90th ANNIVERSARY

October 3, 1954, was the date chosen by the members of Immanuel



Lutheran Congregation, Acoma Twp., near Hutchinson, Minnesota, for the observance of the 90th anniversary of its organization. Pastor W. G. Voigt of Frontenac, Minnesota, former pastor for 21 years, preached at both of the morning services. On the basis of the Savior's words: "I have given them thy word" (John 17:14), he recounted for the celebrating congregation the many blessings that have preceded for them from this Word these past 90 years. Pastor Egbert Schaller of Nicollet, Minnesota, spoke at the afternoon service. He directed the appeal of 2 Cor. 6: 1.2 to the congregation not to receive the grace of God in vain.

All of the services were well attended. Many former members and such who at one time had been confirmed here returned to share this festive day with Immanuel Congregation. A collection of confirmation pictures which included all the classes confirmed here during the past 60 years was on display in the basement of the church throughout the day and attracted much attention. The ladies of the congregation served at noon and again at suppertime.

The early history of Immanuel Congregation is linked closely with that of the old Minnesota Synod. The first German settlers began to move into this territory soon after the Indian uprising of 1862. The first pastor was Pastor Henry Braun who came from the Missionary Institute of Basel, Switzerland, known as St. Crischona. He was ordained in 1864 in old Trinity Church, St. Paul, by Pastor G. Fachtmann, President of the Minnesota Synod, and then sent out to Hutchinson and Acoma. Immanuel Congregation was organized on December 24, 1864. Pastor Braun very soon extended his missionary endeavors beyond the Acoma territory to Hutchinson, Lynn Township, Litchfield, Cedar Mills, and Ellsworth. Self-supporting congregations exist at each of these places today.

Immanuel Congregation has had three church edifices during the 90 years of its existence. The first log church was built in 1867. The second frame church was built in 1884. The present completely new and modern brick church was dedicated on March 6, 1949. The congregation has conducted a Christian Day School since 1918.

The following pastors have served the congregation: Henry Braun

(1865-1871), J. J. Huntziker (1871-1872), F. S. Richter (1872-1873), P. Rupprecht (1873-1876), Henry Braun (1877-1892), J. Chr. Albrecht (1892-1917), Gervasius Fischer (1917-1928), W. G. Voigt (1928-1949), and Otto Engel (since 1950).

The present membership of Immanuel Congregation is: 415 communicants, 140 voting members, and 562 souls. Out of gratitude to the Lord for the many faithful servants who these past 90 years have brought them the blessings and comforts of the Word, the congregation designated the anniversary offering for the Wisconsin Synod Building Fund.

OTTO ENGEL.

#### 75 YEARS OF GOD'S GRACE

Favored with fair September weather, members and friends of St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church of Route 1, Freeland, Michigan, gathered on September 12 to rejoice and thank God for 75 years of His unmerited grace.

Under the leadership of Pastor Christian Eberhardt of St. Paul's, Saginaw, this congregation was organized on March 12, 1879. Until a church was erected services were conducted in a nearby schoolhouse. The first church building served St. Matthew's until the summer of 1913, when it was completely destroyed after having been struck by lightning. The following year a new house of worship was constructed, similar in design but larger than the original one.

The following pastors have served St. Matthew's: William Kramer, Ferdinand Huber, A. Moussa, H. Lemster, Friedrich Menke, Jacob Wuerthner, W. Wuestenberg, Paul Schulz, Adolph Fischer, Harold Zink, and Amos Schwerin.

To commemorate its 75th anniversary a number of improvements were made to the church property, including the installation of art-glass windows and a new lighted church sign.

In the morning service Pastor Harold Zink of Stevensville, Michigan, spoke words of admonition and encouragement, based on Rev. 3:11: "Hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown." In the afternoon service Pastor B. Westendorf of Flint based his remarks on John 17:8a: "For I have given unto

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them the words which thou gavest me." Both speakers stressed the great treasure we have in His Word and that, having received it, we should ever cherish it and give it to others in mission work.

May God's continued blessing rest upon this congregation!

A. SCHWERIN.

### SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY ST. PETER'S CHURCH

Juneau, Wis., R. 1

St. Peter's Lutheran Church of Oak Grove, Wisconsin, was privileged to observe the 75th anniversary of organization September 4, 1954.

The observance began on Saturday evening with a Confirmation Reunion Service, in which Prof. Martin Drews spoke on the basis of Matt. 26:35. Sunday forenoon Pastor M. Liesener spoke in a German and an English service on the basis of Rev. 3:11. In the afternoon Prof. R. W. Mohrhardt spoke on Judges 6:24. In a School Anniversary Service in the evening Pastor Arthur A. Gentz spoke on Exodus 2:1-11.

St. Peter's Congregation was organized in the fall of 1879 by Pastor W. Hasz of Lowell, Wisconsin, with the following charter members: Johann Mecklenburg, August Wersonski, Heinrich Ohnstedt, Ludwig Sommerfeld, Bruno Flohr, Wilhelm Tesch, Carl Runge, Ferdinand Belling, August Zimmermann, and Albert Zimmermann.

The congregation was served by Pastors W. Hasz (1879-1882), Theo. Hartwig (1882-1886), K. Machmiller (1886-1891), A. Kirchner (1891-1911), W. Pifer (1912-1920), Theo. Kliefoth (1920-1931), M. Drews (1931-1946), M. Liesener (1946-1951), R. Mohrhardt (1951-1953), and A. H. Dobberstein since 1953.

The following teachers have taught in St. Peter's School: Mr. Stinnis, Mr. Wiedersheim, Mr. Keller, Helen Bernick, Helen Hase, Minnie Kirchner, Helen Meyer, Martha Grothe, Agnes Hoyer, Verna Huebner, Elizabeth Sauer, Ella Pagenkopf, Helen Zinter, Thekla Zarembo, Irma Krause. At the present time Mrs. Armin Zastrow, formerly Winifred Wehausen, is teaching in her sixth year.

The congregation has given the Synod two sons to serve in its midst. They are Pastor Arthur A. Gentz of



Marinette, Wisconsin, and Teacher Edwin Sell of Valentine, Nebraska.

Two members of the congregation have served as organists for the past 42 years, Otto Gerbitz having played a little over 17 years, and Herbert Weinheimer playing in his 25th year.

The choir under the direction of Mrs. Armin Zastrow rendered selections for all services.

The ladies of the congregation under the direction of the Ladies Aid served lunch on Saturday, and dinner and supper on Sunday to the many guests.

Statistics show that in the course of seventy-five years 437 people were baptized, 387 were confirmed, 160 weddings were performed, and 165 received a Christian burial.

May the Lord abide with St. Peter's Congregation in the future as He has been with it in the past.

A. H. DOBBERSTEIN.

#### GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

In the course of the past summer, Trinity Congregation of Nicollet, Minnesota, had occasion to take note of the 50th wedding anniversaries observed by two esteemed couples in its membership.

On May 16 a celebration was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Otto to mark the grace of God bestowed upon them. Close relatives and friends assembled to rejoice with them, and their pastor spoke to them on the basis of Psalm 79:13.

On June 13 a service attended by many friends was conducted in Trinity Church for Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kettner in recognition of their 50th anniversary of marriage. The sermon text for the occasion was Psalm 128, as it had also been the Lord's message to them on their wedding day.

Both couples contributed a thank-offering toward the Lord's work.

May the gracious God confirm unto them His promise for those who wait for His salvation: "It shall come to pass, that at evening time it shall be light." Zech. 14:7.

E. S.

#### 60th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

On Sunday, October 17, 1954, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Meyer, faithful members of Christ Lutheran Church at West Salem, Wisconsin, were privileged by the grace of God to cele-

brate their 60th wedding anniversary.

A short service was held in conjunction with the dinner served at their home. The pastor based his remarks on Deut. 32:3: "Ascribe ye greatness unto our God."

Open house was held in their home for many friends and relatives.

May the Lord of love and mercy continue to bless them to the end of their earthly pilgrimage.

WALTER A. PAUSTIAN.

#### GOLDEN WEDDING

By the grace of God, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Woller of Route 1, Merrill, Wisconsin, lifelong members of Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Town Berlin, Marathon County, Wisconsin, commemorated their 50th wedding anniversary with a brief church service. The pastor based his address on Luke 24:29. Many relatives and friends gathered to rejoice with them on this happy occasion, and to wish them God's continued blessings. May God abide with them and permit them to bask in the sunshine of His grace and love.

LOUIS A. WINTER.

#### GOLDEN WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Baumann, Sr., of Route 1, Merrill, Wisconsin, faithful members of Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Town Berlin, Marathon County, Wisconsin, were privileged to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary on September 4, 1954. Relatives and friends gathered in the church for a short service in which the undersigned based his address on Genesis 32:26. May the God of grace and mercy continue to bless them in the evening time of their life and keep them unto eternal life.

LOUIS A. WINTER.

#### FIFTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

On June 25, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dress, members of Trinity Ev. Lutheran Congregation at Brillion, Wisconsin, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in the company of their children and relatives. The undersigned addressed the assembly, basing his remarks on Luke 24:29.

May the gracious Lord continue to shower His grace upon them in the eventide of their life.

V. J. SIEGLER.

#### FORTY-FIFTH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. William Tessmann, faithful members of Frieden's Ev. Lutheran Congregation in Randolph, Wisconsin, celebrated the forty-fifth anniversary of their wedding day on October 12, 1954, at their home in the company of over 100 relatives and friends. A brief devotional service was held in which the undersigned addressed them on the basis of Jer. 32:38-39.

E. A. BREILING.

#### SCHOOL DEDICATION

On Sunday, August 22, 1954, St. Paul's Congregation at Moline, Illinois, was privileged to dedicate its new two-room parochial school. The Reverend Walter Wegner of Columbus, Wisconsin, the pastor who organized the mission congregation, preached the dedicatory sermon based on the Biblical account of Mary and Martha. At this service the congregation also inducted its very first teacher, Miss Edith Bruss. After the church service the congregation proceeded to the school building, where the dedicatory rites were read by the undersigned.

The building of the school was accomplished during the pastorate of the Reverend Warren Steffenhagen and by means of a loan from the Church Extension Fund. St. Paul's is grateful to the Synod for that assistance as well as for the blessing of God upon its work.

Twenty-eight children have enrolled in the initial classroom, which was opened covering kindergarten through the fourth grade. It is hoped that the Lord will permit the congregation to open the second classroom in the next school year.

E. A. MAHNKE.

#### ORGAN DEDICATION

A new three-manual Wick's pipe organ, installed in St. Peter Lutheran Church, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, was dedicated to the Triune God in the services held Sunday, June 27. The dedicatory service at 10:30 a. m. was conducted by the Rev. G. Pieper, pastor of the congregation. The Rev. Wilbur Gawriscch of West Bend was the guest speaker. Professor T. W. Zuberbier, director of music at the Winnebago Lutheran Academy, was



the organist for the morning services. The mixed choir of the congregation, with G. W. Mueller directing, joined the congregation in songs of praise.

In the evening the Rev. K. Eggert, pastor of Emanuel Lutheran Church, Johnson Creek, presented an organ recital.

The organ, considered one of the largest in the north central area of the state, contains 1,643 pipes arranged in 27 ranks.

Besides the organ other improvements in the church are new doors at the entrance, a renovation of the stairway and the balcony, remodeling of the entry, and the installation of new carpeting on the main floor.

A. H. KOESTER.

### CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES

#### WESTERN PASTORAL CONFERENCE DAKOTA-MONTANA DISTRICT

Time: November 3-4, 1954. Opening session at 9:00 a. m. (M.S.T.).  
Place: Christ Lutheran Church, Morrirstown, South Dakota, G. Birkholz, pastor.  
Preacher: E. J. Otterstatter (Alternate: R. Pope).

Please inform the host pastor in due time regarding your intended presence or absence.  
GEORGE W. BOLDT.

#### SOUTHWESTERN PASTORAL CONFERENCE

##### Western Wisconsin District

Time: Tuesday, November 30, 9:30 a. m. at Onalaska, St. Paul Church, 9th and Main. H. Lange, pastor.

Sermon: L. Schroeder (C. Siegler).  
Program: Titus 1, H. Paustian; Report of Financial Secretary, A. Winter; Report of Visitor, P. Kuske; How Can We Counteract the Insidious Influence of Catholic Propaganda, A. Winter (Church Financing Methods, J. Dahlke); Church Weddings and Wedding Dances, R. Biesmann; (Marriage Counseling, H. Kirchner); Casuistry.

R. C. BIESMANN, Secretary.

#### FOX RIVER VALLEY PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Conference will meet on Tuesday, November 16, 1954, at Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Kaukauna, beginning with Confessional Service and Holy Communion at 9:00 a. m.

##### Conference Program:

Exegesis of Ephesians 1 — H. Pussehl; Character Study of Rebekah — F. Heldemann; "The Church, The Kingdom of God, The Kingdom of Heaven — Are These Terms Identical?" — R. Waldschmidt; A Comparative Study of the "Brief Statement" with our Lutheran Confessions — H. Warnke.

##### Prepared alternate papers:

Isagogs of Matthew — W. Pankow; The Origin and Doctrinal Position of the United Brethren — A. Voigt; How can the Office of Conference Visitor be best Utilized to Benefit both our Pastors and Congregations? — F. Reier.

Sermon: I. Boettcher (F. Brandt).  
Please notify the host pastor, P. Oehlert, if you will be unable to attend.

THEO. HARTWIG, Secretary.

#### MANITOWOC PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Time: November 23, 1954, 9 a. m.  
Place: Trinity Lutheran Church, Brillion, Wisconsin; V. J. Siegler, pastor.  
Conference Work: All unfinished assignments.  
Preacher: F. C. Knueppel; alternate: R. G. Koch.

V. J. WEYLAND, Secretary.

#### WINNEBAGO PASTORAL CONFERENCE

The Winnebago Pastoral Conference will meet November 29, 1954, at Trinity Church,

Dundee, Wisconsin. Service at 9 a. m. with the celebration of Holy Communion. Preacher: W. Wadzinski, alternate: H. Wicke.  
R. REIM, Secretary.

### CALL FOR CANDIDATES

#### Racine Lutheran High School

Lutheran High School, Racine, Wisconsin, will have vacancies in the English, Music, and Home Economics departments in their faculty at the close of the present school year. Qualifications of teachers to fill these positions should be sent to the undersigned, — James Engel, Secretary, Board of Trustees, Lutheran High School, 251 Luedtke Avenue, Racine, Wisconsin.

JAMES ENGEL.

### ORDINATIONS AND

#### INSTALLATIONS

(Authorized by the Proper Officials)  
Installation

##### Pastor

**Hein, William**, installed and ordained as pastor of First English Luth. Church, Dupree, South Dakota, by Stanley Holt; Fourth Sunday after Trinity, July 11, 1954.

**Hein, William**, installed as pastor of St. Paul Ev. Luth. Church, Faith, South Dakota, by S. Holt, assisted by Karl G. Bast; Fourth Sunday after Trinity, July 11, 1954.

##### Teacher

**Steinberg, DeLos**, as teacher of Bethesda School, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, by Irwin J. Habeck; August 8, 1954.

**Wentzel, Arden W.**, in the Christian Day School of Centennial Ev. Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, by L. A. Tessmer; Eighth Sunday after Trinity, August 8, 1954.

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

##### Teacher

**Steinberg, DeLos**, 2833 North 8th Street, Milwaukee 6, Wisconsin.

**Thiele, G. A.**, 566 Humboldt Avenue, St. Paul 7, Minnesota.

**Wentzel, Arden W.**, 3702 So. 20th Street, Milwaukee 15, Wisconsin.

### WANTED

Church benches, still in serviceable shape, for use by a mission congregation. Any congregation having such extra furniture please contact Pastor Paul Koch, Box 506, Hettinger, North Dakota.

### MISSION FESTIVALS

#### Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Zion Church, West Jacksonport, Wisconsin.

Offering: \$978.95. W. G. Fuhlbrigge, pastor.

Salem Church, Circle, Montana.

Offering: \$345.00. J. Spaude, pastor.

St. John Church, Firth, Nebraska.

Offering: \$396.55. R. Hoenecke, pastor.

Emanuel Church, Henrysville, Wisconsin.

Offering: \$145.55. A. Wadzinski, pastor.

#### Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Redeemer Church, Hettinger, North Dakota.

Offering: \$130.60. P. R. Koch, pastor.

Christ Church, Liberty Grove, Wisconsin.

Offering: \$208.13. W. G. Fuhlbrigge, pastor.

St. Peter Church, Haven, Wisconsin.

Offering: \$172.10. Wm. F. Pankow, pastor.

Immanuel Church, Campbellsport, Wisconsin.

Offering: \$180.13. H. A. Kahrs, pastor.

Trinity Church, Dundee, Wisconsin.

Offering: \$555.45. H. A. Kahrs, pastor.

St. Paul Church, Manchester, Wisconsin.

Offering: \$808.70. Wm. Wadzinski, pastor.

#### Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

St. Martin Church, Watertown, South Dakota.

Offering: \$2,100.72. W. T. Meier, pastor.

Bethlehem Church, Hortonville, Wisconsin.

Offering: \$742.92. E. Froehlich, pastor.

Immanuel Church, Gibbon, Minnesota.

Offering: \$5,000.00. H. H. Kesting, pastor.

St. Matthew Church, Marathon, Wisconsin.

Offering: \$517.11. G. O. Krause, pastor.

St. Matthew Church, Iron Ridge, Wisconsin.

Offering: \$517.11. G. O. Krause, pastor.

## The Northwestern Lutheran

Offering: \$488.26. F. Zarling, pastor.  
Good Shepherd Church, Presserville, Montana.

Offering: \$253.72. J. Spaude, pastor.

St. Stephen Church, Adrian, Michigan.

Offering: \$1,324.51. A. H. Baer, pastor.

First Church, Elkhorn, Wisconsin.

Offering: \$436.75. H. Lau, pastor.

#### Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Zion Church, Tp. Leeds, Wisconsin

Offering: \$624.55. H. Geiger, pastor.

St. Paul Church, Stephenville, Wisconsin.

Offering: \$124.04. R. Waldschmidt, pastor.

Trinity Church, Tp. Ellington, Wisconsin.

Offering: \$596.50. R. Waldschmidt, pastor.

St. John Church, Lake City, Minnesota.

Offering: \$1,327.47. T. H. Albrecht, pastor.

Salem Church, Coloma, Michigan.

Offering: \$587.10. R. E. Schaller, pastor.

Trinity Church, Saline, Michigan.

Offering: \$2,549.04. H. L. Engel, pastor.

Christ Church, Marshall, Minnesota.

Offering: \$921.70. E. R. Gamm, pastor.

St. Matthew Church, Benton Harbor, Michigan.

Offering: \$3,169.00. E. H. Wendland, pastor.

St. John Church, Waterloo, Wisconsin.

Offering: \$2,025.00. H. C. Nitz, pastor.

St. John Church, Herrick, South Dakota.

Offering: \$268.27. Martin Bradtko, pastor.

#### Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

St. Paul Church, Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin.

Offering: \$2,847.55. H. Gieschen, pastor.

Immanuel Church, Mosinee, Wisconsin.

Offering: \$126.49. Karl A. Nolting, pastor.

Redeemer Church, Yakima, Washington.

Offering: \$156.35. G. Frey, pastor.

Mt. Olive Church, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Offering: \$307.00. W. A. Krenke, pastor.

Immanuel Church, Shirley, Wisconsin.

Offering: \$298.68. G. A. Maas, pastor.

St. John Church, Woodland, Wisconsin.

Offering: \$335.78. W. F. Schink, pastor.

#### Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Bethlehem Church, Watauga, South Dakota.

Offering: \$222.50. G. Birkholz, pastor.

Emanuel Church, Kolberg, Wisconsin.

Offering: \$801.75. Wm. G. Zell, pastor.

St. Paul Church, Broken Bow, Nebraska.

Offering: \$251.21. R. N. Baur, pastor.

Christ Church, Brady Tp., Michigan.

Offering: \$681.72. H. A. Schultz, pastor.

St. Paul Church, North Freedom, Wisconsin.

Offering: \$582.80. P. R. Kuske, pastor.

St. Paul Church, Sodus, Michigan.

Offering: \$1,593.12. A. F. Maas, pastor.

Immanuel Church, Washington, Iowa.

Offering: \$152.41. C. P. Brenner, pastor.

#### Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

St. Paul Church, Faith, South Dakota.

Offering: \$147.09. H. William, pastor.

First English Church, Dupree, South Dakota.

Offering: \$189.50. H. William, pastor.

Zion Church, Reeder, North Dakota.

Offering: \$154.15. P. R. Koch, pastor.

Grace Church, Newton, Iowa.

Offering: \$295.26. L. R. Schmidt, pastor.

Trinity Church, Jenera, Ohio.

Offering: \$2,350.00. W. C. Voss, pastor.

#### Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

St. Paul Church, Mayville, Michigan.

Offering: \$179.57. H. Schaible, pastor.

St. John Church, Wayne, Michigan.

Offering: \$940.00. G. L. Press, pastor.

#### Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Christ Church, Denmark, Wisconsin.

Offering: \$273.45. A. Wadzinski, pastor.

St. Matthew Church, St. Charles, Minnesota.

Offering: \$525.00. J. C. Bast, pastor.

Memorial Church, Williamston, Michigan.

Offering: \$225.98. K. F. Koeplin, pastor.

### BOOK REVIEW

All books reviewed here may be ordered through the Northwestern Publishing House. **Old Testament in Modern Research.** Herbert F. Hahn. Muhlenberg Press, Philadelphia. pp. 267. \$4.00.

Dr. Hahn in this present study proposes "to examine the various approaches to the interpretation of the Old Testament that



have predominated in biblical studies since the 'higher critics' revolutionized the basic principles of research with reference to the Scriptures' (p. v). These trends the author details in seven chapters: The Critical Approach to the Old Testament, The Anthropological Approach to the Old Testament, The Religio-Historical School and the Old Testament, Archeology and the Old Testament, The Sociological Approach to the Old Testament, Archeology and the Old Testament, and The Theological Approach to the Old Testament. In these chapters the views of every important Old Testament scholar from De Wette to H. Wheeler Robinson is carefully and sympathetically stated. Of special interest will be the last chapter which discusses the position of neo-orthodoxy to the Old Testament. To our knowledge there is no similar comprehensive synthesis on the market today. For this reason, we believe, it is a "must" for the pastor's library. Although Dr. Hahn would scarcely agree with us, we submit that this study clearly indicates the vast confusion and chaos which exists among the ranks of the scholars who produce the "assured results of scientific research." It comes to us with greater force than ever that the Old Testament was written by the Church

and can only be understood by the Church.  
JAMES P. SCHAEFER.

**From Nation to Nation.** By Martha L. Moennich. Print, Zondervan, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Price, \$2.00. Pages 153.

This book carries the reader from Portugal to Africa, India, Hawaii depicting the mission efforts and successes of the Protestant churches. To us it seems peculiar, however, for a writer to describe in detail the missions in Nigeria without mentioning the work of our Synodical Conference missions. It is an informative book, well written and instructive. W. J. S.

**Simon Peter, Sinner and Saint.** By M. R. DeHoan. Print, Zondervan, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Price \$2.50. Pages 185.

The title indicates the tenor of this book. We don't like the author's distinction between believer and disciple, but we do like his emphasis on grace and verbal inspiration. Though we often must disagree with statements made by the author, we still recommend the book to the discerning reader. W. J. S.

**The Gospel in Ezekiel.** By Thomas Guthrie. Print, Zondervan, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Price \$2.95. Pages 395.

This is a reprint. Thomas Guthrie was an English theologian who died in 1873. The book is divided into 15 chapters or sermons, based on the book of Ezekiel. The author knows and is able to expose man's natural corruption, but he also knows Christ and how to preach Christ. It is a good book. W. J. S.

**The Fall and Rise of Israel.** By William Hull. Print, Zondervan, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Price \$3.95. Pages 424.

Although the book is rich in historical facts relating to Israel, the author nullifies this by his determined effort to prove the conversion of the Jews and their restoration as a nation. W. J. S.

**The Holy Spirit's Ministry.** Edited by C. Wade Freeman. Print Zondervan, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Price \$2.00. Pages 150.

This volume contains 12 addresses delivered before the Texas Baptist Evangelistic Conference. One is pleased to read a long discourse on this subject — the Holy Ghost and His ministry. It is a subject that is stressed too little in our day.

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**The Lord of the Harvest.** By S. Franklin Logsdon, D. D. Print, Zondervan, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Price \$2.00. Pages 152. This too is a volume of sermons on the Holy Ghost and His work. Without endorsing all statements made by the author, the sermons make profitable reading.

W. J. S.

**Sermon Outlines.** By S. Franklin Logsdon. Print, Zondervan, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Price \$1.50. Pages 128. These outlines are generally very short and the texts used still shorter.

W. J. S.

**Preaching From Isaiah.** By John P. Milton. Print, Zondervan, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Price \$2.50. Pages 187. This volume is different. It is not only a collection of sermon outlines, but rather shows the basic teachings of the Old Testament as related to the New. The book is thorough and provides sermon texts from Isaiah for a whole year. We heartily recommend this book for intensive study.

W. J. S.

**The Unfolding of the Ages.** By Paul R. Alderman Jr. Print, Zondervan, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Price \$2.00. Pages 147. The author, who is a layman, says on page 23, "There is one Author (the Holy Ghost), and one Theme (the Lord Jesus Christ), and one Word (the Bible)." It is truly the author's purpose in this book to glorify Christ and to show that all prophecies center in Him. The wealth of material in this little volume surprises one.

W. J. S.

**What Shall I Say?** By A. Obermeier. Print, Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, Missouri. Pages 95. This small volume contains short talks for many and varied occasions — district meetings, pastoral conferences, teachers' conferences, school graduation, etc. Though very short they are good.

W. J. S.

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