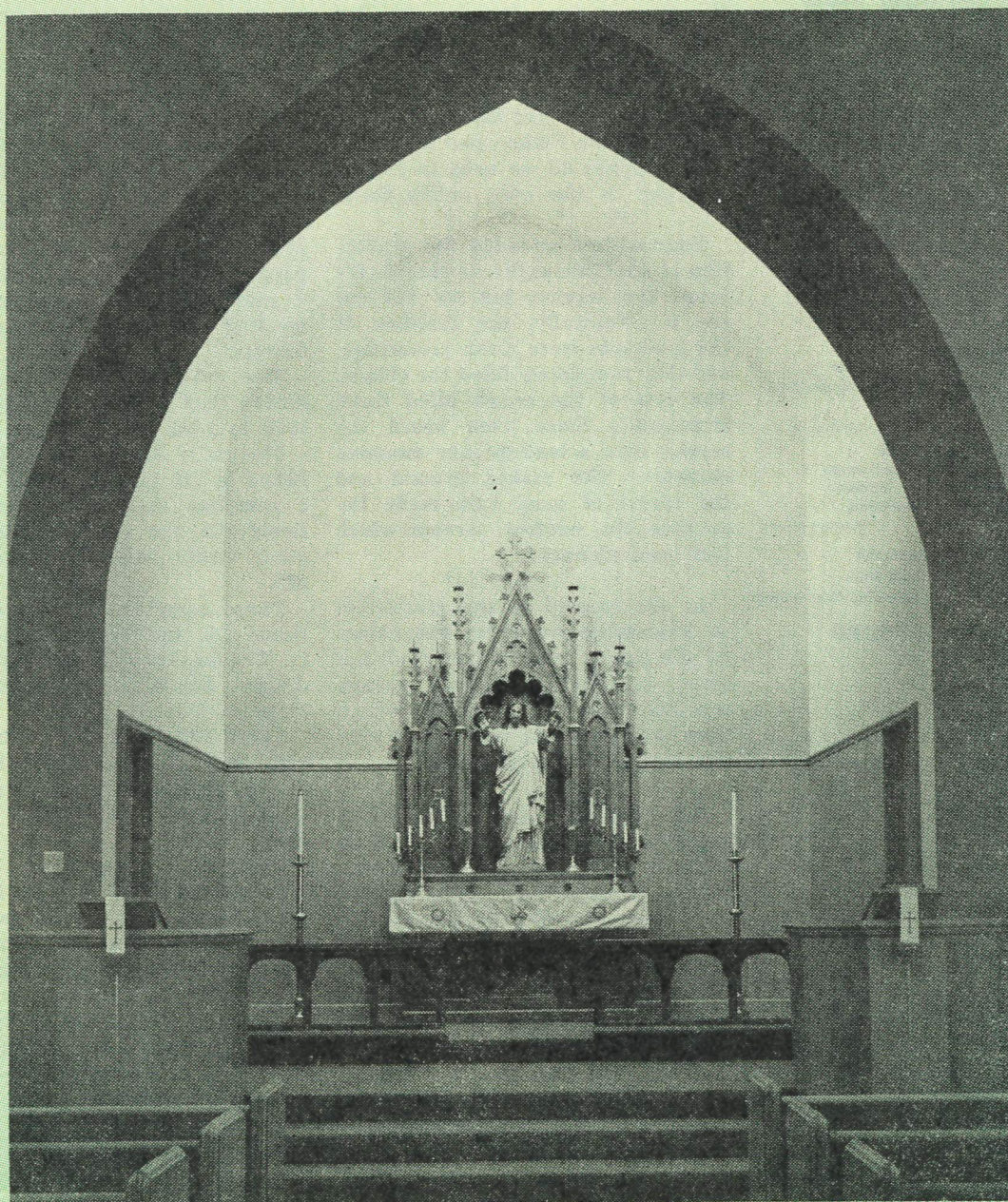


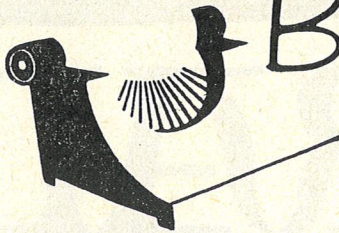
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Should we be lacking in appreciation and joy regarding the Scriptural teaching that our God is Triune, simply because we cannot understand it? Our God — if we stress it like that, we soon realize that grasping the Trinity is not at all necessary, even as it is altogether impossible for our puny minds to comprehend Him who is infinite. Our God — that tells us everything we need to know. He is the God of our salvation. God the Father gave His Son in love for us; the Son gave Himself into death in our stead, in love for us; the Holy Spirit in the same love gave into our hearts the faith that knows and lays hold on the Savior and the Father, and the Spirit daily supplies all we need to endure and live in the only saving faith.

Your editors attended the graduation at our Thiensville Seminary. We heard the service, but we did not see it. Naturally, the families of the graduates were given preference, and they completely filled the chapel. The rest of the crowd filled three classrooms. Some even heard the service over a loud-speaker mounted outdoors. The soaked ground and the threat of more rain made impossible the outdoor service which had been planned.

In our account of the graduation at Thiensville we bring the names of the young men whom God has given to His Church as pastors together with the places to which they have been assigned. Let us send our prayers out with them.

Our next issue will contain short accounts of the graduations at Northwestern College and Doctor Martin Luther College. Let these graduates, too, be the objects of our prayers. Most of the Northwestern graduates will become pastors three years hence. The Martin Luther graduates will enter our classrooms this fall.

The number of those enrolled for the emergency teacher-training course at Winnebago Lutheran Academy has grown to twenty. That is much better than the twelve re-

ported earlier, but — O Shepherd of tender youth, move the hearts of more!

Your attention is directed to the back page of this issue. MEDITATIONS is the title of the devotional booklet that will be available to you for Advent of this year. This is not merely a Northwestern Publishing House venture, but a synodical one as well. There will be further announcements at regular intervals to give you full information regarding this important step in our synodical life.

A news release from the American Bible Society brings the following items of interest, among others:

The number of languages and dialects into which at least one book of the Bible has been translated passed the 1,100 mark during 1956, it was reported at the 141st annual meeting of the American Bible Society.

The addition of 17 languages during last year has brought the total to 1,109.

The entire Bible has now been published in 210 languages and dialects; a complete Testament in an additional 270, and at least a Gospel or other whole book in an additional 629.

Three complete Bibles were published for the first time last year in Bembo (spoken in North Rhodesia); Nimbi Ijo (Nigeria), and Marovo (Solomon Islands).

There still exist some 1,000 languages and dialects which have no written form and in which not even a single book of the Bible is available.

The Society announced . . . the launching of an experiment in Pakistan, Liberia, and Mexico for bringing the Scriptures to illiterate and semiliterate peoples by way of a new, expendable phonograph.

Although distribution in China has been virtually stopped, "even now there is a trickle of Mongolian and Russian Scriptures flowing northward from Hong Kong, and the Chinese churches can still draw upon the China Bible House in Shanghai for supplies."

Editorials

The Door to the Death-Chamber

Friedrich Max Miller, a Sanskrit scholar, who was well versed in the sacred books of the Orient, points out the unique difference between the religions of the East and Christianity. Buddhism, Mohammedanism, and similar systems all teach work-righteousness, salvation by character. Christianity alone offers the sinner salvation by grace through faith.

The modern counterparts of these great misbeliefs are rampant in our midst today: New Thought, Christian Science, Lodgism, Romanism, Scoutism, Unity, Jehovah's Witnesses, and the like. But they are more dangerous than the Oriental superstitions, for they claim to be Christian. They quote Scripture as glibly as did Satan when tempting Christ. Luther would call them the white devil, who he said is more dangerous than the black devil. Sincere and serious people may thus be misled, forgetting that "there is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death" (Prov. 14:12).

There is nothing deadlier than "do-it-yourself" salvation. Auto-salvation appeals to man's pride. Man wants at least some credit for his good deeds and good intentions, insisting that he does not come entirely "short of God's glorious ideal." "Upon my honor" is the creed with which the Pharisee approached God. But with what hot scorn the Lord castigates such hypocrites!

Self-righteousness, be it crass or subtle, leads to hell. The self-righteous has no peace of conscience here, and no hope for the hereafter. He is headed for the Inferno, over which Dante has placed the inscription, "All hope abandon, ye who enter here."

The leaven of the Pharisees is present in every human heart, as a little self-examination will reveal. Our resentment of correction and criticism is just one of its symptoms. Our appetite for praise and approval is another evidence of this insidious, fatal poison.

With daily contrition and repentance we need to drown our Old Adam and cry for a clean heart and a right spirit. That is the work of the Gospel of Christ, "for therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith" (Rom. 1:17). Only thus shall we be rescued from entering "the doors into the death-chamber of self-righteousness."

H. C. NITZ.

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Orthodoxy is not Enough

"The Lutherans have a wonderful recipe, but they don't bake the cake," said a radio evangelist some years ago. His sweeping judgment may not be entirely fair. But ere we give way to resentment, let us be reminded that confessing an orthodox creed does not mean that one has that "true faith which we need the most." Faith is *life*, the Christ-life.

Regarding dead orthodoxy, Johann Arnd, a devotional writer of the sixteenth century, says in his "True Christianity":

"The correct knowledge and the true confession of Christ and His doctrine consists not only in words, but also in deeds and in a holy life, as St. Paul says (Titus 1:16), 'They profess that they know God; but

in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.' So we see that Christ and His Word are denied by an ungodly life as well as by words. St. Paul says (II Tim. 3:5), 'Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof.' What kind of a knowledge of Christ is that which is never proved by deed? He who has not in his heart felt the meekness, humility, patience, and love of Christ does not truly know Christ. How should such a one confess Him when the need arises? He who confesses Christ's teaching but does not live His life, confesses only half a Christ. There is much writing and strife about doctrine, but little about life. And even if the cause of doctrine is served through controversial writings, true repentance and the Christian life are thereby benefited but little. For what is doctrine without life? It is a tree without fruit. Verily, he who does not follow Christ in His life does not follow Him in His doctrine; for the main thing in Christ's doctrine is 'charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned' (I Tim. 1:5). Hence there are those who can dispute about many things, speak on controversial matters, enjoy great respect, but at heart are evil men, filled with pride, envy, and covetousness, so that a cockatrice cannot be worse. Not without reason does Paul mention faith and love in the same breath (II Tim. 1:13). He wants to show that creed and deed must harmonize."

H. C. NITZ.

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Cross and Caduceus

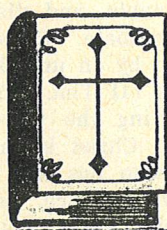
The cross on the license plate of a car identifies the driver as a clergyman. The caduceus does the same for a doctor of medicine. Both emblems are represented in the Synodical Conference Mission in Nigeria, Africa.

In two decades, the Gospel of the Cross has converted more than 30,000 souls in the Calabar Province in Nigeria. At present, nineteen American and seventeen African pastors are preaching God's Word here. Five American and four African teachers are in charge of a high school and a normal school. Some 400 African teachers are instructing 13,000 children in one hundred day schools.

In order to make the African Church indigenous as soon as possible, a theological seminary is training native preachers. For the same reason, a Bible institute is contemplated. A recent release from the Missionary Board states, "In order to produce more African workers for our Church in Nigeria, which is now expanding into another province [Ogoja], the Synodical Conference in December 1956 authorized the Missionary Board to establish a Bible institute, where young men may be trained during a two-year period as teachers of religion or as lay evangelists. Such teachers will be placed in the various circuits of the field and will be assigned specific duties, which will lighten the work of the pastors and make possible the expansion of our mission into new fields."

A modern hospital in Eket is the medical arm of the Lutheran Mission in Nigeria. This hospital is the anonymous gift of a Christian couple in memory of their daughter. Up-to-date X-ray equipment has recently been installed.

Our hospital in Eket does not treat patients merely out of a "reverence for life," as does a much
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Studies in God's Word

Be Thou Faithful Unto Death, And
I Will Give Thee A Crown Of Life

Rev. 2:10

THIS exhortation, first spoken to the church at Smyrna, is still addressed to Christian congregations and all their individual members. We wish to apply it at this time to our young Christians who have only recently vowed such faithfulness to the Lord at their church altar and who have now completed their elementary Christian training in Christian day schools, Sunday schools, and confirmation classes.

Note Who It Is That Bids You To Be Faithful

In speaking these words as a part of His message to the church at Smyrna, the Lord introduced Himself in a very solemn manner, saying: "These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive."

It is Jesus Christ, your Lord and Savior. He is "the first," for He is begotten of the Father from eternity, begotten before all time, eternal with the Father and the Holy Ghost. He is also "the last," for His days are without end. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever, the eternal Son of God who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, lives and reigns forever and ever. As the First and the Last, as true and eternal God, He together with the Father and the Holy Ghost is the Creator of your life, who gave you body and soul, all your members and faculties, who preserves and sustains you, who provides your needs, who protects you from all evil, who gives His angels charge over you.

According to His own word, He who bids you to be faithful is also the One who "was dead." Yes, He died, died to save you from your sin, the sin by which you, too, deserved to be lost eternally. To be able to live and die as your substitute He became true man. Yet He who was dead for your sake, for your redemption, is also the One who "is alive." He rose again from the grave, showing that He has indeed paid the full penalty of your sins. He ascended to heaven

and now reigns over all things with divine majesty and power. From His heavenly throne He has through baptism brought you to faith in Him and with His Gospel Word has kept you in that faith, so that you enjoy His pardon and peace.

Certainly you have every reason to feel a deep constraint and desire in your heart to be faithful to this Lord and Savior. To withhold such faithfulness would be thankless, fatal folly. To be faithful to Him can bring real happiness now and forever.

Consider What It Entails To Be Faithful

The Inquisitive Spirit—Develop it and Check it!

Youth is imbued with an inquisitive spirit; youth wants to know the why and wherefore of things, thirsts for knowledge and information, delights to prove ever new thrills and excitements. In itself that is a trait which God has given to youth that every new generation may acquire the knowledge and experience that it needs to meet the tasks and problems of life. Satan, however, will try to exploit this inquisitive spirit for his wicked design of drawing you away from your Savior. He will try to induce you to become offended at this or that truth of God's Word which you cannot prove with your unfolding reason or grasp with your understanding. He will tempt you to prove all kinds of pleasures and thrills which are sinful, which would sear your conscience and destroy your faith.

Resist Satan's perversions with the power of God's Word. Let your thirst for knowledge be directed to the saving truths which God has revealed in His Word that you may come to see and appreciate them ever more fully. Search out God's holy will in His Word as it applies to every phase of life, that with an increasingly clear Christian judgment you may strive after whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things

are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report. Realize that the less you know through personal experience about things sinful, the better. Humble the inquisitive spirit of your youth before the high and unsearchable wisdom of God. To this you were guided in your Christian schooling; you were trained to ask: What does the Lord say on this and that matter? And whenever you had a clear Word of God, you were trained to let that settle the matter. Let it continue to be that way in your life that you may remain faithful.

The Spirit of Independence—Let Godly Obedience go with it!

Another thing that marks youth is an unfolding spirit of independence. That, too, is in itself a God-given development; through it the Lord leads every new generation to stand on its own feet. As we pass out of childhood and begin to mature, we must gradually think for ourselves, make our own decisions, and take care of our own needs in an increasing measure. Yet Satan will seek to employ this proper impulse for independence for his wicked purpose of leading youthful Christians away from the Lord and His ways. Through your sinful flesh He will tempt you to misuse and abuse it, to turn it into an unbridled passion for freedom from all guidance but that of your own immature whims. He will tempt you to cast aside all further advice and direction from your parents, your teachers, and your pastor.

May the Lord give you wisdom through His Word to keep your youthful spirit of independence in proper bounds. Thank God that He has given you His Word to guide you as you must begin to make your own decisions in a wider measure. Thank Him that He has given you a pastor to expound that Word for you in public services and in Bible class. Thank Him that He has given you Christian parents who are

conscientiously concerned about your welfare; appreciate the counsel and guidance which they offer from their richer experience of life, heed it even when they are not at hand to watch over your actions, or are no longer minded to simply dictate and command.

High Ideals It is characteristic of youth to have high hopes and ideals. In youth we all imagine that we will some day do and accomplish great things, that great happiness is in store for us. It is this spirit of optimistic hopefulness and idealism which we appreciate in youth and which makes it a pleasure to associate with young people. We say of older people who preserve a good measure of this spirit that they have "stayed young."

Yet also here the devil plays his game. He will tempt you to forget Christ and His eternal gifts by catching and holding your interest with hopes and aspirations of earthly happiness and greatness, treasures and joys that ultimately fade away, or he will lure you to obtain these

things in ways which involve you in sin and a denial of your faith. Remember that no matter how wealthy, learned, renowned, successful you might otherwise become, true happiness can come to you as sinful beings only by clinging to your Savior in faith, by walking in His ways, by serving others in love for His sake. The world is prone to count those great who are able to lord it over others with their wealth, their learning, their power, and their gifts. Yet we become great in the eyes of the Lord only in the measure in which we serve others with what we are and have, prompted and constrained by the great love with which He has served and saved us.

The very highest way of serving others always remains this that through the testimony of our lips and our lives we lead others to Christ and encourage them to remain with Him.

Only the Lord Himself can supply the strength to keep you faithful and to guard you against the pitfalls of Satan in youth and in every age. Therefore cherish His Word and commune often at His table of grace.

Keep Mindful Of The Glorious Promise Which The Savior Holds Out To The Faithful

All earthly things, even those that are good in themselves, pass away. Our earthly life itself will come to an end. Only the crown of life which Jesus holds out to the faithful endures. This glorious crown is life in the heavenly mansions of the Father's house which our ascended Savior has gone to prepare for us. It will be a life of undiminishing joy in His glorious presence when we, untroubled by sin and any further temptation, shall see Him as He is. Our truthful Savior assures us that it is a priceless crown. He holds it out to the faithful, not, however, as a reward of merit for their faithfulness, but as a pure gift of His grace. He offers it freely to all in His Gospel. Every Christian is called to it. Yet it will be enjoyed only by those who through Word and Sacrament remain in faith unto their end, simply because it is a gift that can only be received in faith.

C. J. L.

From A Wider Field

|| SUBJECT: Survival.

Dear Editor:

LET me call your attention to the fact that the mighty hand of God displays a mastery over life and death that shames the faint-hearted as much as it sometimes shocks the overconfident. As swiftly and unpredictably as He sometimes calls men to destruction and says: Return, ye children of men, so also He shatters the law of averages when it pleases His good and gracious purpose, and preserves life far beyond the bounds of human expectation or belief.

About the time that the mangled corpses littering our highways, the rising tide of cardiac deaths, the tragedies of storm and flood have convinced us that human beings are hopelessly fragile and doomed to lose the struggle against the hazards of modern living, along comes a miracle like that of the Wyoming mountaintop.

You remember it, of course. A select group of mountaineers threaded its way up the slopes of a forbidding wilderness. They were

equipped with the materials for carrying back to civilization the broken bodies of a television executive and his wife whose plane had crashed near the summit of a remote peak. That accident was nineteen days old, and the wreckage had only just been spotted. The death of both occupants was regarded as self-evident; not only because of the crash, but because the weather in the Ferris Range had been death-dealing. Shrouded in heavy snows, the peaks had been lashed day after day by late spring blizzards, rain, hail and bitter cold.

But at the end of that dismal march of the searchers lay the story which the whole nation was quick to read in its newspapers. Men called it incredible — but there it was! The pilot of the plane had indeed died, but his wife was found alive. Not only alive, but in miraculously good health and strength after nineteen days of exposure, terror, hunger, and loneliness. She is said to have survived on something less than three chocolate bars and a

bottle of vitamin pills, without fire, without much shelter.

Once the word gets out about what brand of vitamin pills those were, methinks there will be a run on them in drugstores. I somewhat doubt that there will be much of a run on the saving power that has thus been displayed by the outstretched right hand of God. But what a comfort to Christians to see what It can do. It is reassuring for other concerns that we so deeply feel, concerns that transcend the problems of our bodily life.

The spiritual climate in which we are living today is a terrible threat to the survival of the Christian Church. Our age is notable for the spiritual wrecks that human reason and doctrinal indifference have made and are making of so many large church bodies in which no doubt countless Christians are unsuspectingly and trustfully traveling along. Error and denial fill the air and batter away at the hold which the Holy Spirit retains on hearts that were won for Christ. Our fears for

their welfare threaten to mount to panic as we see that the storms of heresy are blowing at gale force even in large areas of the Lutheran Church itself. We think of the tender, fragile quality of faith and we ask: How can it survive in this welter of confusion? We know that people may fall from faith even in the midst of spiritual plenty; what must happen when the springs of Truth are poisoned everywhere? As great as are the dangers that the world with its fleshly lusts and pride of life presents to the faith of saints, an even greater peril lurks in the corruption of the Truth, the insidious attack on pure doctrine by which God's Word is called in question and thus the very foundation of saving faith is undermined.

But the Lord has His vitamin pills, too. In the midst of a howling wilderness He occasionally raises up a voice, even from unexpected quarters, with a testimony to the Truth that by His gracious influence can go a long way toward warding off the impact of error and strengthening disturbed faith.

Witness, for example, the voice of Dr. Wm. Emch of the American Lutheran Church as he answers the question of a woman who is troubled by the gross and wide-spread error called Millennialism. Listen to him uphold the Truth against this abominable and destructive heresy:

“. . . Doubtless, there are conservative Lutherans in our day who believe there will be a marvelous millennium of some kind before the close of the present age. However, the Lutheran Church in its Augsburg Confession and the Reformed Church in its Helvetic Confession reject the teaching of a millennium. . . . The New Testament knows of no age but the present, which is

temporal, and the eternal age which begins after the final judgment. . . . The Scriptures know nothing of a twofold future visible coming of Christ. When He comes again, it will be 'to judge the quick (living) and the dead.' With His coming the era of grace ends. . . .”

Thus, and much more in almost five columns of type in the *Lutheran Standard*, Dr. Emch rebukes a notion that has oppressed the faith of many. And if you remark that this is what we would expect of a Lutheran, I remind you that this strong testimony comes out of a church body in which millennialism in one form or another has long been and still is allowable doctrine, confusing and distracting Christian hearts from the one thing needful. Dr. Emch's words do not mean that his church body has been delivered of this error. But it does mean that the Lord of the Church has used him to speak a word which will nourish and strengthen the faith of some against the assaults of that error.

Or, give ear to the surprising utterance of the new president of Northwestern Lutheran Theological Seminary of the United Lutheran Church, Dr. C. H. Zeidler, who in an address at the ceremonies marking his induction to office spoke of the necessity of faithfulness to our historic creeds and confessions and said that “to permit a confused and contradictory utterance from the Church is to imperil the souls of men.”

“There are always those,” he said, “who not only want to set aside the creeds and symbols, but those who want to rephrase them under the pretext of making them (as they say) 'relevant' to the times. There will always be some foolish men who are carried away by every

current wind of doctrine, which is usually more wind than it is doctrine. May God deliver us from vain men . . . who, to satisfy intellectual vanity or personal pride, must have their try on the doctrinal heritage of the Church.”

We are not so credulous as to believe that one swallow makes a summer, or that one or two forthright confessions to the Truth will cleanse a heterodox church body of its errors. But one day, when the Son of Man comes, He will find faith on the earth; and then these and other similar utterances will surely be seen as having been in part the means by which error was counteracted and the faith of some wonderfully preserved from utter collapse in the wilderness, somewhat as the bread and meat of the ravens sustained Elijah, as indeed more recently the three chocolate bars and the vitamin pills were multiplied into a miracle among the Wyoming peaks.

This must, meanwhile, make us even more zealous not to abandon our rescue expedition along the treacherous slopes of a topsy-turvy world. A handful of candy bars may sustain life for a long time, but they will lead nobody out of the wilderness and provide complete recovery. Elijah, too, soon found that he had need of a better provider than the birds of the valley. The untainted testimony of our Church must continue to be heard. Let us never be ashamed of the valid claim that we have and present all the counsel of God. Let us never become apologetic about our orthodoxy. It is the only safe spiritual haven for souls. May its cruse within the humble walls of our Church never run dry, nor its barrel of meal fail. E. S.

EDITORIAL

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publicized modernistic doctor in Africa. Our hospital is a true handmaid of the Gospel. Reporting on his work for 1956, Dr. Eric Lofgren, who heads the hospital, writes:

“Patients seen in the outpatient clinic numbered 14,220 and, of these, 6,389 were seen for the first time. We hold a brief devotional service at the beginning of each clinic to insure that no one comes to this hospital and leaves without hearing the Gospel message. At times the audience may be as large as 300. Patients admitted to the hospital during the year numbered 2,136 and, of these, one half were surgical admissions and

the other one half medical. During the last six months of 1956, 807 operations were performed.”

“In summary, these figures tell us that our volume has doubled since 1955, and I predict again, as in my previous report, that we should continue to grow providing we can supply the necessary manpower and equipment. There is a vast amount of physical disease not yet touched by scientific care.”

This report is taken from “The Missionary Lutheran,” an official organ of The Missionary Board of the Synodical Conference. Mission-minded readers will be glad to learn that they may subscribe for this edifying monthly. The price is only twenty-five cents per year. The address is Box 683, Selma, Alabama. Take and read!

H. C. Nrtz.

Smalcald Articles

V. The Article by Which the Church Stands or Falls

AFTER presenting in Part One, in very brief form, four articles on which there existed a harmony of confession between the Lutherans and their Catholic opponents, Luther at once took up the article which lies at the root of the whole controversy. Here in answer to the same question the one party says No, while the other says Yes. It is the article which constitutes the heart of the whole Gospel message. If this article is believed and confessed correctly, it will serve as a strong defense against error; it will help to overcome error whenever it raises its ugly head and will open the eyes of the believers to recognize and appreciate the full Gospel with all its details of doctrine. On the other hand, when this article is defiled by error, then no doctrine is safe any longer. The floodgates have been thrown wide open to any and all heresy.

The Acid Test of Doctrine

Yes, this article is the true touchstone to try the spirits whether they are followers of Christ or of Antichrist. Whoever confesses this article is a Christian, while the Pope, by anathematizing (pronouncing his official, solemn curse upon) this article, proves himself to be the Antichrist.

This is the article of justification. This article shows that a sinner, laden with guilt and doomed to damnation, has been declared by God to be free of all his guilt and an heir of eternal life, without any merit or worthiness of his own, solely by God's free grace through the redemption procured by Jesus Christ. The forgiveness of sins is offered to the sinner as a ready blessing, to be received by him and enjoyed in faith.

Part Two, Article Ia By Grace Alone

The first and chief article is this:

1)

That Jesus Christ, our God and Lord, died for our sins, and was raised again for our justification, Rom. 4:25.

2)

And He alone is the Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world, John 1:29; and God hath laid upon Him the iniquities of us all, Isa. 53:6.

3)

Likewise: All have sinned and are justified without merit (or: freely, and without their own works or merits) by His grace, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, in His blood, Rom. 3:23.

Notes on these points

In these three points Luther shows the firm Bible foundation on which the article of justification rests. Let us briefly examine them.

The Person of Our Savior

On 1) — Here Luther in sharp-drawn profile presents the person of our Savior, and His work. He is "Jesus Christ, our God and Lord." He is the Son of God who was made man; who was born in Bethlehem of the Virgin Mary and died on the cross of Calvary; in whom dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. He is the "Lord," the One whom God appointed both Lord and Christ, whom He highly exalted, and to whom He gave the name which is above every name, before whom all knees must bow of the angels in heaven, of men on earth, of the devils in hell under the earth. Jesus Christ is the Lord to the glory of God the Father.

The Work of Our Savior

The work which this Jesus Christ did for us is briefly outlined in the words of Rom. 4:25. Here Paul makes two parallel but contrasting statements about Jesus Christ.

He — was delivered for our offenses;

He — was raised for our justification.

Jesus was delivered into judgment and death and into the agony of hell because of our offenses. He Himself had done nothing wrong, but we had. Our sins were laid on Him; and because of our sins Jesus Christ suffered death and damnation. Our sins were a terrible fact, and Jesus

Christ felt their killing effect in His own person.

But He was more powerful than our sins. By His death He wiped out our entire guilt. Death could not hold Him, because now there were no sins left unpaid. He was raised again. The fact that the entire amount of our guilt had been liquidated is called justification. By paying the penalty in full Jesus stood justified of our sins; and in His justification we have ours, our justification. It is a fact. Just as our offenses had led to the death of Jesus, so our justification led to His resurrection. In raising Jesus from the dead, God proclaimed justification to all the world for each and every sinner.

Jesus Christ "Alone"

On 2) — In this point the little word "alone" marks the important truth which Luther wishes to emphasize. In the first point he had shown that Jesus Christ brought our justification with Him out of His grave as the blessed fruit of His suffering and death. But is there not perhaps after all some little thing that we must add to His work in order to complete our justification? Must we not by contrition and repentance help to wipe out our guilt? Must we not by some good works increase our righteousness? Must we not at least by our faith complete and round out this transaction?

No, Luther says, Jesus Christ *alone*. And he adduces two Scripture passages in support of this little, but powerful word *alone*. The first is the word of John the Baptist, who called Jesus "the Lamb of God" and declared that He "taketh away the sin of the world." — When a lamb was made a sin offering, the priest laid his hand on the lamb's head and confessed on it the sins of the man who brought the sacrifice. Then the lamb was slaughtered, and the guilt of the man was considered to be removed; there was nothing more that he had to do about it, he was free. — Jesus was the Lamb sacrificed for the sins of the world.

Anything attempted by man to increase the value of that sin offering would only bring shame and disgrace on Jesus.

The second passage is from the book of Isaiah: "The Lord laid on him the iniquity of us all." When an ordinary sin offering was brought, all the acting persons, including the officiating priest, were mortal, fallible human beings; but when Jesus, the Lamb of God, was sacrificed, it was God Himself who acted.

He laid the sins of the world on Jesus; He led Him to the slaughter. Who will dare to say that God's work was incomplete? That we have to add a little patchwork of our own?

The Summary: "All — By Grace"

On 3) — This point really sums it all up in the words of Rom. 3: 23, 24, and requires no further comment: "All have sinned — and all are justified." That is, the ready justification extends as far as sin

extends. "Without merit" either before or after Christ's work — "by His grace" which alone planned and carried out Christ's redemption — "through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, in His blood."

With these three points Luther presented the Scripture foundation for the doctrine of justification. Justification is ready — how does it become our own?

(To be continued)

J. P. M.



YOUR MISSION BOARDS REPORT IN MILWAUKEE
May 22-23, 1957

**The General Board for
Foreign Missions**

"And when they were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith unto the Gentiles." Acts 14:27.

Paul the Apostle had been stoned, dragged out of the city, and left for dead outside of the gate of Lystra. But the Lord spared his life; his colleagues cared for him at nearby Derbe; and Paul "returned again to Lystra . . . confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God."

Then follows the simple statement quoted in italics above concerning the report of Paul and Barnabas to their home base at Antioch. The narrow escape from death is not mentioned, only the momentous fact how God "had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles."

Praise the Lord, we can report the same remarkable results for the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ in

this first report of the General Board to a convention of the Synod.

The individual reports from our foreign fields will show this. Especially in Nigeria, Rhodesia, and Japan new doors are open to us. Pray the Lord that we who support the men in the field with our faith in God's unfailing promise, with our prayers and offerings — that we make sure to provide every means for encouraging this God-commanded work: "Therefore thy gates shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day nor night; that men may bring unto thee the forces of the Gentiles" (Isa. 60:11).

By Pastor Edgar Hoenecke,
Chairman of the Board.

**The General Board for
Home Missions**

In a world filled with sin and the consequences of sin, it is a wonderful joy to hear the inspired Isaiah declare, "I create the fruit of the lips; Peace, peace to him that is far off, and to him that is near, saith the Lord; and I will heal him."

These words immediately remind us that the risen Savior has also

entered the disturbed rooms of our hearts and has repeatedly declared, "Peace be unto you. Lo, I am the Lord who was crucified for you. Lo, I am the Lord whom the Father gloriously raised from the dead." No, we have not seen Him with the eyes of our flesh, but we have seen Him in that Spirit-given and Spirit-filled "fruit of the lips." May the Lord continue this Word to us in all its truth and purity!

Since this peace is meant for all — for "him that is far off and for him that is near," may we bend every effort to do far more mission work than we have been doing. This means that we must give our Lord more of our boys and girls for the blessed work of the ministry of the Word. This means that our annual Church Extension collections must become a real privilege to all of our peace-blessed Christians.

At all times we must remember that our planning and our labors in the kingdom need, and will receive, the gracious blessing of the Lord of the Church.

By Pastor Karl Gurgel,
Chairman of the Board.

These individual reports from our foreign fields and our Home Mission endeavors will be heard at our Synod's Convention in August. This column will from time to time feature these fields and phases of our mission program at home and abroad.

The Church Extension Report

In our General Synodical Committee Meeting in May we heard of several severe shortages. There was a big deficit in our Synod's treasury. After all the calls for teachers were in and the 56 candidates assigned, there were 30 unfulfilled calls. Likewise the 30 ministerial candidates for this present year did not fill all the vacancies in our congregations. In our Church Extension account another serious shortage was noted.

The following ten-month report on the CEF receipts and disbursements will show why not one new building project could be added to the

priority list at the May meeting. The present list has a backlog of \$300,000. These requests must be processed before any more mission building projects can be considered.

Receipts for ten months to the CEF:

Bequests	\$ 22,897.34
Memorial Wreaths	463.50
Annual Collection for CEF	71,989.25
Payments by District Boards	68,994.18
Parsonages sold to Parsonage Fund	68,710.86
Special Receipts	300.00
Monthly Payments on Accounts	90,739.27
Total	\$324,094.40

At the end of our fiscal year we will have invested a total of about \$530,000 in one year for property

and buildings in our Home Mission stations. This will be a record high of CEF building expenditures in the history of our Synod.

The Shortages

As we today reflect on these severe synodical shortages we are prone to ask: Are not our children a heritage of the Lord? Why then do we hesitate to lend them unto the Lord to labor in His harvest? Why has the Lord so richly blessed us in temporal goods? Surely not to say: Soul, take thine ease! He has so blessed us because He is the Lord that commissioned us to preach the Gospel in all the world. May we never despise these rich gifts by using them selfishly for the pride of life. Only by repentance and faith in our living and ascended Lord can we face our synodical shortages and declare: We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us.

W. R. H.

OUR JAPAN MISSION

Pastor Richard Seeger was commissioned in October, 1956, to be our second missionary in Japan. Since then, Pastor Fred Tiefel has resigned as our Japanese missionary. At present Pastor Seeger is our only minister to these people in the Orient.

He, his wife, and their two little children left the States on April 11, 1957, and arrived in Yokohama on April 26, after a stormy voyage, passing through a typhoon with a wind velocity up to 80 miles an hour.

President Oscar Naumann, Pastor Edgar Hoenecke, and Pastor Harry Shiley were sent to Japan by the General Board for Foreign and Heathen Missions. They arrived a few days earlier than the Seeger family. On April 27 these three men were able to help the new missionary get through customs and be moved to a hotel. The next day was Sunday. The three men went to Seeger's hotel in Yokohama and held a thanksgiving service to our dear Lord for the safe arrivals. On May 1 our new missionary moved to a

hotel in Tokyo and immediately began looking for a house. The rent was found to be much higher than it is in the U.S.A. We looked at some modest homes renting for \$140 to \$160 per month.

After the three men returned home Pastor Seeger continued to look for a suitable house. We had no word from him until today, May 31. His letter was dated May 27, 1957. We quote a part of it:

Dear Brother Shiley: Please excuse me for not writing sooner, but there really was nothing to report until the last few days. At present I am incapacitated with a strep infection. However, I expect to be on my feet in a few days. The home we found here is just wonderful for our needs. It is not surrounded by other churches, is fairly close to a big army base, is easily accessible by train. Moreover, it is dirt cheap by Tokyo standards. The house costs Y35,000 per month, which is about \$97.50. (Our note: 360 yen equal one American dollar). However, all that glitters is not gold. As usual there was a catch to it. I had to pay the

landlord Y200,000 "right money," one half of which he keeps, and the other half of which is returned to me when I move. Without this agreement, the rent would have been Y55,000. If I stay here a year, which I intend to do, as I'll be going to school, I will have that Y100,000 back with interest. Expenses have been rather high — I expect to start school in a week or two — also expect to start an English Bible class here with some university students. Also possibility for Sunday school. . . .

Your brother in Christ,
Richard M. Seeger.

His new address is:
The Rev. Richard M. Seeger
#3392 6 Chome
Itabashi-Machi, Itabashi-ku
Tokyo, Japan

I am sure that he would welcome some words of encouragement from his people back home.

HARRY SHILEY,
Chairman of the
Japan Mission Board.

Gifts to the Church

The Commencement Service at the Lutheran Theological Seminary

Thiensville, Wisconsin

WHEN our Theological Seminary presented thirty graduates to our Church on the morning of May 31, the God of all grace was really giving gifts, precious, undeserved gifts, to His Church. This thought certainly was uppermost in the minds of the overflow crowd that attended this service (see the *Briefs* for details).

The same thought came to the fore in all parts of the service, but particularly so in the commencement address by Professor Edmund Reim, president of the Seminary. He employed I Cor. 7:23 to leave etched in the minds of the graduates the surpassing glory of the ministry that they were about to enter. Directing attention to the words, "Ye are bought with a price," he led the graduates and us to see once again the greatness of the ministry with regard to its origin. The Lord gives gifts purchased with His blood. He gives men to proclaim redemption who themselves have experienced that redemption. Therefore the speaker urged the graduates to glory in their ministry, not by turning it to selfish purposes, but by being faithful to the great and gracious Giver.

President Reim then proceeded to show from the words, "Be not ye the servants of men," the nobility of the ministry with regard to its function. Service of men is held up to us as the way to success. But very

often it is a selfish type of service which slavishly follows public opinion and courts popularity. The graduates were reminded that such service has no place in their ministry, since they know themselves to be, first and foremost, servants of Him who purchased them at great cost, chose them in pure grace, and made them overseers over His flock. Serving Him with implicit loyalty, they would find themselves serving men, too, but in an entirely different sense. In closing he urged them to learn true, humble service from their Lord and to go out with confidence in the Word given them to proclaim.

After the distribution of the diplomas, thanks was given to the Giver of all gifts to the Church for another gracious favor. For twenty-five years He had sustained Professor Carl Lawrenz and kept him faithful in his ministry. Pastor Oscar J. Naumann, president of our Synod, spoke briefly to express gratitude for the gifts given to the jubilarian and the blessing which had attended his work as he preached and taught and contended for the faith. In his response Professor Lawrenz acknowledged the grace of God in his ministry.

This is the list of the Thiensville graduates together with the fields of work to which they have been assigned:

Brandt, John (Appleton, Wis.).....	Faith — Dupree, S. Dak.
Buss, Richard (Manitowoc, Wis.).....	Northwestern Lutheran Academy, Tutor
Chworowsky, John (Milwaukee, Wis.).....	Dr. Martin Luther College, Tutor
Denninger, John (St. Paul, Minn.).....	Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Tutor
Eckert, Paul (Saginaw, Mich.).....	Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada
Enderle, George (Hartford, Wis.).....	Flasher — Carson — Paradise, N. Dak.
Freier, Ronald (Oshkosh, Wis.).....	Scottville — Custer, Mich.
Gawrisch, Harold (Milwaukee, Wis.).....	Continuing his studies
Habeck, Daniel (Milwaukee, Wis.).....	Muskegon Heights, Mich.
Habeck, John (Milwaukee, Wis.).....	Northwestern Lutheran Academy, Tutor
Hallauer, Kenneth (Watertown, S. Dak.).....	Mission — White River — Wood, S. Dak.
Henning, Thomas (Milwaukee, Wis.).....	South Seattle, Wash.
Huebner, Philip (Elkhorn, Wis.).....	T. Herman — T. Theresa, Wis.
Johannes, John (Two Rivers, Wis.).....	Isabel — Timber Lake — Trail City, S. Dak.
Kienetz, Alvin (Two Rivers, Wis.).....	Butterfield — Darfur, Minn.
Meier, Norbert (Marshall, Wis.).....	Billings, Mont.
Mueller, Robert (Bay City, Mich.).....	North Monroe — Flatrock, Mich.
Naumann, Bertram (Milwaukee, Wis.).....	Marquette — Green Gardens, Mich.
Nitz, Marcus (Waterloo, Wis.).....	Northwestern College, Tutor
Oswald, Robert (Appleton, Wis.).....	Weyauwega, Wis., Teacher
Palenske, Carlton (Toledo, Ohio).....	Bylas, Ariz.
Panning, Armin (Gibbon, Minn.).....	Northwestern College, Tutor
Retzlaff, Nathan (Menasha, Wis.).....	Loganville — Lime Ridge, Wis.
Ruege, John (Milwaukee, Wis.).....	Slinger — Cedar Lake, Wis.
Schlicht, Robert (La Crosse, Wis.).....	Town Globe, Wis.
Schmiel, David (Watertown, Wis.).....	Continuing his studies
Spaude, Cyril (Rollingstone, Minn.).....	Aberdeen, S. Dak.
Stelter, Edward (Clyman, Wis.).....	Crivitz, Wis.
Thierfelder, Victor (Sheboygan, Wis.).....	Goodwin — Altamont, S. Dak.
Zimmermann, Arnold (Fairfax, Minn.).....	Seattle (Grace Church), Wash.

NOTE: Eighteen other members of this class, now serving as Vicars in the field, will, God willing, be graduated in 1958.

Some Highlights Of The General Synodical Committee Meeting

FOREIGN MISSIONS Policies

The Board for Foreign Missions has adopted the following policies:

1. God willing, our foreign fields must gradually become self-supporting.
2. To achieve this, the foreign fields ought, as early as possible, supply wages and homes for native workers as well as simple buildings for chapels and schools.
3. A thorough-going training program for a native staff should be inaugurated in our foreign fields from the beginning.
4. Congregations should be organized as soon as possible.
5. We ought to assist in establishing *limited* health and medical services in our foreign fields.

The German Mission

Western Germany has 15 congregations, 59 preaching stations, 3101 souls, 12 pastors, and one vicar

Eastern Germany has 14 congregations, 51 preaching stations, 1485 souls, four pastors, and one vicar.

The Apache Mission

Unemployment is a major problem among the Apaches. Many are finding work off the reservation. Our work is being adjusted to meet this problem.

Pastor F. Uplegger has been relieved of all administrative work in order to allow more time for language work. The administrative work is being done by a field secretary, Pastor R. Zimmermann.

Rhodesia

Three missionaries are at work.

Work is being done at the leper colony at Lelandi, the government school at Numali, and at Chalinbona Teachers' College.

There are six preaching stations in Sala with a total average attendance of 640.

Five schools have been turned over to us by the government. The government retains ownership of the schools, and our mission manages them.

SYNODICAL CONFERENCE MISSIONS

There is an urgent need for a building project at Selma (Alabama) Lutheran Academy.

The great problem at present is the production of Negro pastors.

New missions are being opened in strategic urban centers in the South. In Nigeria, Pastor W. Schewpe is rounding out his twentieth year of service.

There are fourteen ordained native pastors in addition to our white workers. There is need for a larger number of evangelists to aid these pastors in their work.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

We now have 202 congregations with their own schools.

The total enrolment is 21,393, a gain of 914 over 1956.

There are 270 male teachers and 377 women teachers.

A workshop for school visitors will be held August 2-6 at New Ulm.

The question of the accreditation of Doctor Martin Luther College is under study.

The calling of an Assistant Executive Secretary is made a request to the Synod.

REPRESENTATIVES OF INSTITUTIONS

It is recommended that the board and room rate for our synodical schools be set at \$275.00 for 1958-1959.

A change in curriculum calling for beginning the course in German in third high school year instead of the second was endorsed.

THE SPIRITUAL WELFARE COMMISSION

The listing of servicemen has stabilized at about 3000.

The names of 350 students are in the Commission's files.

THE EDUCATIONAL SURVEY COMMITTEE

The committee is convinced that this is not the time to decide on any definite plan for the permanent solution of our perennial teacher shortage.

The committee did, however, recommend:

1. That, to meet the prevailing needs at Dr. Martin Luther College, \$15,000.00 be allowed for the necessary alterations in the kitchen, and that the Board of Control be asked to study the matter of erecting a gymnasium-auditorium with music practice rooms and of making alterations in the Administration Building by which the chapel could be enlarged and a needed student union and other necessary rooms could be provided.
2. That the D.M.L.C. Board of Control and the faculty be asked to make a thorough study of the problem of providing practice teaching.

THE BOARD FOR INFORMATION AND STEWARDSHIP

The main effort of the Board in the past year has been in the direction of providing educational and informational material, both printed and audio-visual.

A manual for the organization and work of local stewardship committees is under production.

NORTHWESTERN PUBLISHING HOUSE

The Publishing House will be able to remit a profit of \$21,000.00, plus an annual facilities charge of \$6,162.00 to the Synod.

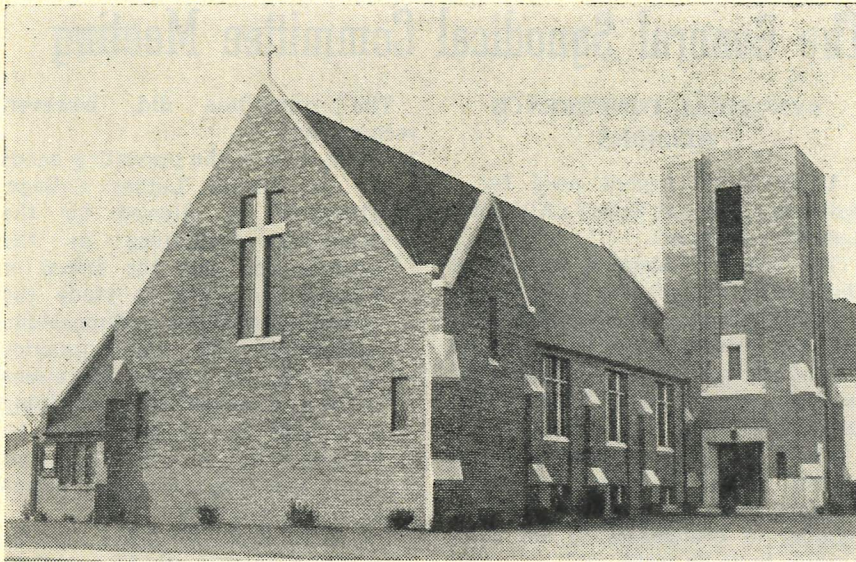
More than \$175,000.00 has been invested in new machinery and fixtures since 1948. The Board anticipates the expenditure of \$75,000.00 more in the near future.

WAR SUFFERERS' RELIEF

Some assistance is still necessary, particularly to such as have come from the Russian Zone into Western Germany.

CHURCH UNION

Long hours of thought and discussion were devoted to these matters, particularly our relationship to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. The report of the Standing Committee on Church Union which was adopted at this meeting, will be before the Convention of Synod in August.



Paul the Apostle Lutheran Church, Detroit, Michigan

DEDICATION

Paul the Apostle Lutheran Church Detroit, Michigan

Sunday, November 11, was indeed "a day which the Lord had made" for the membership of Paul the Apostle Congregation of Detroit, Mich. After some seventeen years of patient waiting they could dedicate their completed church to the service of the Triune God.

Organized in September 1939 by some 300 communicants, who for reasons of serious differences had severed their membership with their former church, the congregation first worshiped in a rented school auditorium. By October 1947, under the first resident pastor of the church, the Rev. Carl Miller, the congregation dedicated the basement of the present church and held services there until Sunday, November 4, 1956. Shortly after the completion of the basement, the congregation became affiliated officially with the Wisconsin Synod, to which body it also turned for its second pastor, the Rev. Edward Fredrich, who served the congregation until August 1954. During his pastorate the beautiful and spacious parsonage was erected.

When the present pastor arrived in October of 1954, he found a people anxiously waiting for the day when their church should be completed. In the spring of 1955 a three-year fund raising program was adopted, and by fall of the year the congrega-

tion resolved to proceed with actual building of the superstructure. Construction was held up, however, until January of 1956, primarily because of difficulty in obtaining the type of brick required to match the basement structure.

As will be seen from the accompanying view of the exterior, the church is semi-Gothic in design. With nave and balcony it provides seating for about 300 persons. The main entrance on ground level is in the tower and leads to a spacious narthex. The same is separated from the nave by a glass-partitioning wall. From the narthex to the south is found a large nursery and ladies' lounge. From the roomy chancel, entrance is gained to the right to a vestry room, while the sacristy is to the left. This, in turn, connects to a spacious church office. Four ornamental windows enhance the beauty of the church, the chancel window being recessed against a large wooden cross in the interior. The church throughout is completely furnished, all items being the gifts of individuals or families. These include the sanctuary furnishings, the pews for the nave, the furniture for the narthex, the ladies lounge, and the sacristy. The chancel floor, the aisles in nave and balcony, and all stairways are overlaid with a rich green carpeting, the gift of the Ladies Aid society. The balcony houses a new Model 10 Baldwin electronic organ, largely the gift of individuals, families, the choir, and

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Ladies Aid society. The furnishings and organ were installed at a total cost of approximately \$28,000.00, practically fully paid for at the time of dedication. Construction costs were approximately \$85,000.00.

Three festive services were held. At the dedicatory service proper in the forenoon, Prof. Otto Hoenecke preached the German sermon, and the Rev. G. Press addressed the congregation in the English language. The undersigned read the dedication rites. In the afternoon service, the Rev. Karl Krauss delivered the sermon, while the Rev. J. DeRuiter served as liturgist. At the evening's musicale, the Rev. John Westendorf served as liturgist, and read the organ dedication rite, with the Rev. Edward Zell delivering the sermon, and Mr. Ole Foerch of Detroit presenting the new organ in a special concert. All services overtaxed the seating capacity of the church, adding greatly to the joy of the members.

The church owns a very fine property fronting an entire city block on Springwells Avenue, and represents with buildings an investment of approximately \$225,000.00. The entire indebtedness is about \$75,000.00. The congregation at no time could enjoy the material aid from any church fund, but from its inception had to struggle with its varied problems. All of these in due time were solved and which may in the end prove a rich blessing. For while today the membership has decreased to about 250 communicants, and whereas the church is located in one of the older sections of Detroit, it may under God still look forward to moderate growth in the future, as it prays: "the Lord our God be with us, as he was with our fathers, let him not leave us, nor forsake us."

HUGO H. HOENECKE.

GOLDEN WEDDING

With Psalm 116:12-13 as his text, the pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, Portland, Oreg., addressed Mr. and Mrs. John Woehlert, faithful members of the church for many years, on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary, April 28, 1957. A reception for the celebrating couple was held following the service. God bless them and keep them!

LEE SABROWSKY.

Know Your Synod

1. How do I, the average church member, participate in our Church's work as carried on by the District?
 - A. *Your congregation by vote selects one of its members as a delegate to the District convention.*
2. How often is such a District convention held?
 - A. *Every two years, in the even years (1956, 1958, etc.).*
3. Who else has the privilege of speaking and voting at such District conventions?
 - A. *Every pastor, professor, and male teacher in the District.*
4. Is the same method of representation followed in regard to Joint Synod conventions?
 - A. *No. Such a procedure would give us a convention of unwieldy size. It would also be too costly.*
5. How, then, is it done?
 - A. *There is one delegate for every ten congregations, one for every ten pastors, and one for every ten male teachers.*
6. How often are the Joint Synod conventions held?
 - A. *Every two years, but in the odd years (1957, 1959, etc.).*

SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF DEDICATION

St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church of Des Plaines, Ill., celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of its church dedication on May 26, 1957, in two festival services.

The guest speaker for the morning service was the Rev. Harold Wicke of Weyauwega, Wis. Pastor Wicke is a nephew of the Rev. Julius Toepel, now sainted, who had served St. Matthew's Congregation for fifty years. Pastor Wicke used Matt. 9: 9-13, as his text, and urged the congregation to use St. Matthew as an example to follow in their congregational life. He stated that we may learn of Matthew to leave all in order to follow Jesus and that we ought to invite all to follow Jesus.

The guest speaker at the afternoon service was Pastor Adolph Buenger of Kenosha, Wis. His father was the first resident pastor of St. Matthew's Church. Pastor Buenger chose Psalm 26:8 as the anniversary text. The theme of this sermon was: "The Christian's Love for His Church." He pointed out where this love is rooted, and how this love manifests itself.

St. Matthew's Congregation was founded by nine charter members.

Today, by the grace and love of God, the congregation numbers 225 communicant members and 50 voting members. The church formerly served only a farm area, but with suburban areas expanding the way they are around Chicago, this congregation is in the midst of a rapidly growing area.

The members of St. Matthew's have always supported a Christian day school. The present school was built in 1923, and since that time eleven principals have served here. The principal at the present time is Mr. Harold Runke.

In the history of this congregation only three pastors have served: Carl Buenger, 1897 to 1902; Julius Toepel, 1903 to 1953; and the undersigned, who has ministered to St. Matthew's members from 1953 until the present time.

Sixty years have gone by. The Lord has presented this congregation many opportunities for growth. May St. Matthew's continue to be a refuge and comfort to sin-sick souls in the future even as she has been in the past. God grant that all of her members may join the Psalmist in saying: "Lord, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and place where thine honor dwelleth."

HOWARD N. HENKE.

REDEDICATION

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, March Rapids, Wisconsin

Sunday, May 26, was set aside by members of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, March Rapids, Wis., as a day of dedication and thanksgiving for the improvements which have been added to its church facilities. On that Sunday the congregation and its friends gathered for two services to give glory to God on high. In the morning service, Pastor D. H. Kuehl of Slades Corners, Wis., and pastor of the congregation from 1947 to 1954, delivered the sermon. In the afternoon, Pastor Elmer Larson of Bowler, Wis., a son of the congregation, preached the sermon. The church choir provided special music in the morning service, while the children of the Sunday school sang in the afternoon service. At noon the ladies of Emmanuel served a lunch to members and guests for which no charge was made.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church has recently completed a 16 ft. by 22 ft. addition to the front of its church building. This provides a ground-level entrance to the church, houses a convenient cloak room, and gives a new entrance to the Sunday school and fellowship facilities in the basement. Besides the new construction considerable remodeling has been done. A small "mothers' room" has been provided. The basement has been completely redone. An insulated tile floor was laid and the walls were covered with a leatherwood material. The Sunday school has also equipped the basement with movable class dividers.

In the course of the past year the interior of the church was covered with a celotex planking material. Several years ago a chancel and a kitchen were added to the church facilities.

The cost of the recent building project was about \$4000. The greater part of the work was done by the members of the congregation. Otherwise the project would have cost nearly \$8000.

The undersigned has been pastor of Emanuel Lutheran Church since 1954.

ALFRED PAUTSCH.

NOTICE

Mr. Thomas Kriewall of Saline, Mich., has accepted the call to fill the post of mathematics professor at Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Saginaw, Mich.

OSCAR FREY, Secretary.

ANNOUNCEMENT

To fill existing vacancies Pastor Milton Weishan has been appointed Secretary of the Nebraska District and Pastor E. C. Birkholz a member of the Nebraska Academy Committee.

IM. P. FREY,
President of the Nebraska District.

AN OFFER

Free to any mission congregation willing to furnish the transportation: an altar, pulpit, and baptismal font, of heavy wood construction, painted white with gold trim, all in good condition. Altar has painting of The Ascension.

**And
FOR SALE**

Twenty ten-foot pews at a reasonable price, finished only on one end for use in church with no side aisles, medium brown finish, good condition.

Write to:
Pastor Clarence Koepsell
St. Luke's Lutheran Church
Oakfield, Wis.

CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES

**MILWAUKEE CITY DELEGATE
CONFERENCE**

The Milwaukee City Delegate Conference will meet on Wednesday evening of June 26 at 8:00 o'clock at the Northwestern Publishing House. All pastors, male teachers, and church councils are the official delegates to this conference.

NORMAN SCHLAUVENSKY, Secretary.

**RHINELANDER DELEGATE
CONFERENCE**

The Rhineland Delegate Conference will be held at Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church in Minocqua at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, July 28. The Ladies Aid will serve supper.

N. STELLICK, Secretary.

**EASTERN DELEGATE CONFERENCE
DAKOTA-MONTANA DISTRICT**

God willing, the Eastern Delegate Conference of the Dakota-Montana District will meet June 27, 1957, at St. Martin's Lutheran Church in Watertown, S. Dak. The meeting will open at 9:00 a.m. with a Communion service.

The business before the conference will be reports on the prospectus of the Synod Convention and election of Conference officers.

H. A. BIRNER, Secretary.

**WESTERN DELEGATE CONFERENCE
DAKOTA-MONTANA DISTRICT**

Date: June 25-26, 1957.

Place: Northwestern Lutheran Academy, Mobridge, S. Dak.

Time: 10:00 a.m. Communion service; Jerome Spaude, preacher (Martin Lutz, alternate).

Essay: "Verbal Inspiration: A Pillar Of True Lutheranism" by Edmund Schultz.

Reports of our synodical work will be heard and discussed. Each congregation is expected to send a delegate. Lodging will be provided in the dormitories; guests are to bring their own bedding.

REGINALD POPE,
Visitor

**CROW RIVER VALLEY
DELEGATE CONFERENCE**

Date: June 25 and 26, beginning at 10 a.m.

Place: Immanuel Lutheran Church, T. Acoma, N. Sauer, pastor.

Preacher: G. Geiger; alternate: W. P. Haar. Program: Duties of Church and State — P. Janke. A stewardship report with filmstrip.

Note: Kindly announce to the host pastor the names of delegates and lodging needed.

LOREN SCHALLER, Secretary

WINNEBAGO DELEGATE CONFERENCE

The Winnebago Delegate Conference will meet in Grace Lutheran Church, Nebraska and Ninth, Oshkosh, Wis., on Monday evening, June 24, 1957, at 7:30 p.m. The Book of Reports and Memorials for the August Convention will be presented for discussion.

R. REIM, Secretary

NEW ULM DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: June 26, 1957, 9:30 a.m.

Place: St. John's Lutheran Church, Lake Benton, Minn., A. H. Birner, host pastor.

Work: Reports on business to be presented at Joint Synod Convention.

Please announce yourself and delegates to the host pastor.

E. BIEBERT, Secretary

**ORDINATIONS AND
INSTALLATIONS**

(Authorized by the Proper Officials)
Installed

Pastors

Franzmann, Gerhard, Divine Savior Ev. Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, Wis., by R. L. Wiechmann; assisted by Werner Franzmann and Ernst Lehninger; April 7, 1957.

Gilbert, Frederic, at Jordan Lutheran Church, West Allis, Wis., by A. W. Schuetze; assisted by A. Halboth and M. Volkmann; Fourth Sunday after Easter, May 19, 1957.

Hein, William, in First Lutheran Church, Woodruff, Wis., and in Trinity Lutheran Church, Minocqua, Wis., by Marvin Radtke; assisted by John Schaadt, Glen Unke, Charles Schlei, Gilbert Bunde, and Wilbert Gawrisch; March 10, 1957.

Koepsell, Markus, in St. Catherine's Lutheran Church, Beyer Settlement, Wis., by H. A. Pankow; assisted by Elmer Prenzlou, Sr., Loyal Schroeder, and Orrin Falk; May 26, 1957.

Roth, R. H., in St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Morris, Minn., by E. Hallauer; assisted by J. Raabe, F. Stern, and Ph. Janke; May 19, 1957.

Schmelzer, Edwin C., in Salem Lutheran Church, Escanaba, Mich., by Carl H. Schmelzer; assisted by Th. Hoffmann, C. Hanson, H. Scherf, and J. Manteufel; May 19, 1957.

Schumann, Adolph, as pastor of Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, Town Maine, Wis., by Karl A. Nolting; assisted by Gustav O. Krause; May 5, 1957.

Senger, Frank, in St. Jacob's Lutheran Church, Norwalk, Wis., by Robert Beckmann; assisted by Max Herrmann; May 5, 1957.

Spaude, Paul W., D.D., as pastor of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Town Norton, Winona County, Minn., by Harold Backer; assisted by A. L. Mennicke, Norman Lindloff, Harold Braun, Burnell Beyers, Rudolph Korn, Arthur Hanke; Sunday, May 19.

Voss, Robert James, in St. John's Lutheran Church, T. Hamilton, Clare County, Mich., by Otto H. Drevlow; assisted by Leonard Newman, Otto J. Eckert, and Paul Wilde; May 26, 1957.

Zimmermann, G. F., in St. John's Lutheran Church, T. Ridgeley, Fairfax, Minn., by W. F. Vatthauer; assisted by W. J. Schmidt and Prof. Victor Voecks; Cantate Sunday, May 19, 1957.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Pastors

Heyn, Paul P. M., 1968 N. Garey, Pomona, Calif.

Franzmann, Gerhard, 11118 W. Wisconsin Ave., Wauwatosa 13, Wis.

Koepsell, Markus, R. 2, Menomonie, Wis.

Lutz, William, P.e.m., 1051 High St., Wisconsin Rapids, Wis.

Roth, R. H., 510 Idaho Ave., Morris, Minn.

Schmelzer, Edwin C., 1211 4th Ave. S., Escanaba, Mich.

Wadzinski, Wm., 1204 11th Ave., Grafton, Wis.

Zank, Walter E., R. 1, Beaver Dam, Wis.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT

July 1, 1956, to May 31, 1957

Receipts

Cash Balance July 1, 1956.....	\$	23,821.49
Budgetary Collections	\$	1,659,674.69
Revenue		313,646.63
Total Collections and Revenues	\$	1,973,321.32
Non-Budgetary Receipts:		
Bequests		500.00

L. S. W. C. — Prayer Book	226.31
Miscellaneous	700.00

Total Receipts 1,974,747.63

\$ 1,998,569.12

Disbursements

Budgetary Disbursements:

General Administration	136,398.24
Theological Seminary	69,231.27
Northwestern College	187,460.69
Dr. Martin Luther College....	229,864.26

Michigan Luth. Seminary.....	152,133.62
N.W. Lutheran Academy.....	60,511.75
Nebraska Academy	2,000.00
Academy Subsidies	6,400.00
Winnebago Teacher Program	22,823.88
Home for Aged	35,338.29
Missions — Gen. Adm.:	
Home Missions	356.54
Foreign Missions	3,572.36
Indian Mission	173,309.49
Colored Mission	54,627.50
Home Missions	647,692.07
Refugee Mission	70,567.05

Madison Student Mission	5,788.42
Rhodesia Mission	60,643.05
Luth. S. W. C.	9,117.90
Japan Mission	28,703.05
Winnebago Luth. Academy....	2,750.00
General Support	83,166.95
Indigent Student Support	790.00
Board of Education	13,948.00
Depreciation on Inst. Bldgs.	36,020.23

Total Budgetary Disbursements	\$ 2,093,214.61
Deficit Balance May 31, 1957	94,645.49

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF BUDGETARY COLLECTIONS AND DISBURSEMENTS

For period of July 1 to May 31

	1955-56	1956-57	Increases
Collections	\$ 1,600,396.05	\$ 1,659,674.69	\$ 59,278.64
Disbursements	1,993,613.18	2,093,214.61	99,601.43
Operating Deficit	\$ 393,217.13	\$ 433,539.92	\$ 40,322.79

ALLOTMENT STATEMENT

Districts	Comm.	Receipts	Allotment	Deficit	Surplus	Perc. of Allot.
Pacific Northwest	1,454	\$ 10,033.49	\$ 12,283.37	\$ 2,249.88		81.68
Nebraska	6,735	56,984.74	60,701.63	3,716.89		93.87
Michigan	23,152	215,882.41	202,235.00		13,647.41	106.74
Dakota-Montana	7,283	58,505.10	64,900.00	6,394.90		90.14
Minnesota	38,739	270,590.65	346,555.00	75,964.35		78.08
Northern Wisconsin	45,851	332,454.84	416,735.00	84,280.16		79.77
Western Wisconsin	48,840	321,316.61	444,895.00	123,578.39		72.22
Southeastern Wisconsin	47,909	364,009.26	431,731.63	67,722.37		84.31
Arizona-California	2,899	25,183.42	23,064.37		2,119.05	109.18
	222,862	\$ 1,654,960.52	\$ 2,003,101.00	\$348,140.48		82.61

C. J. NIEDFELDT, Treasurer.

DONATIONS SENT DIRECTLY TO TREASURER'S OFFICE For May, 1957

For Japanese Mission	
Glen Danielson, Milwaukee, Wis.	\$ 2.00
Children of St. Peter's School, Fond du Lac, Wis.	60.50
Glen Danielson, Milwaukee, Wis.	3.90
	\$ 66.20
For Expansion Fund	
Glen Danielson, Milwaukee, Wis.	\$ 5.00
For Rhodesia Mission	
Mrs. Clara Kehl	\$ 5.00
Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Bernthal	5.00
	\$ 10.00
For L.S.W.C.	
Theodore A. Frank, Appleton, Wis.	\$ 5.00
Mrs. Clara Moegenburg, Milwaukee, Wis.	1.00
	\$ 6.00
For General Missions	
Memorial wreath in memory of Mr. Wm. Tackmann, sent in by Rev. H. Schwertfeger	\$ 3.00
For Home for Aged	
Memorial wreath in memory of Mr. Wm. Tackmann, sent in by Rev. H. Schwertfeger	\$ 3.00
For Spanish Mission	
Tri-Parish Sunday School, Rio, Wis.	\$ 15.72
For General Support	
N. N., Whitewater, Wis.	\$ 25.00
For Building Fund	
Memorial wreath in memory of Mr. Wm. Tackmann, sent in by Rev. H. Schwertfeger	\$ 5.00

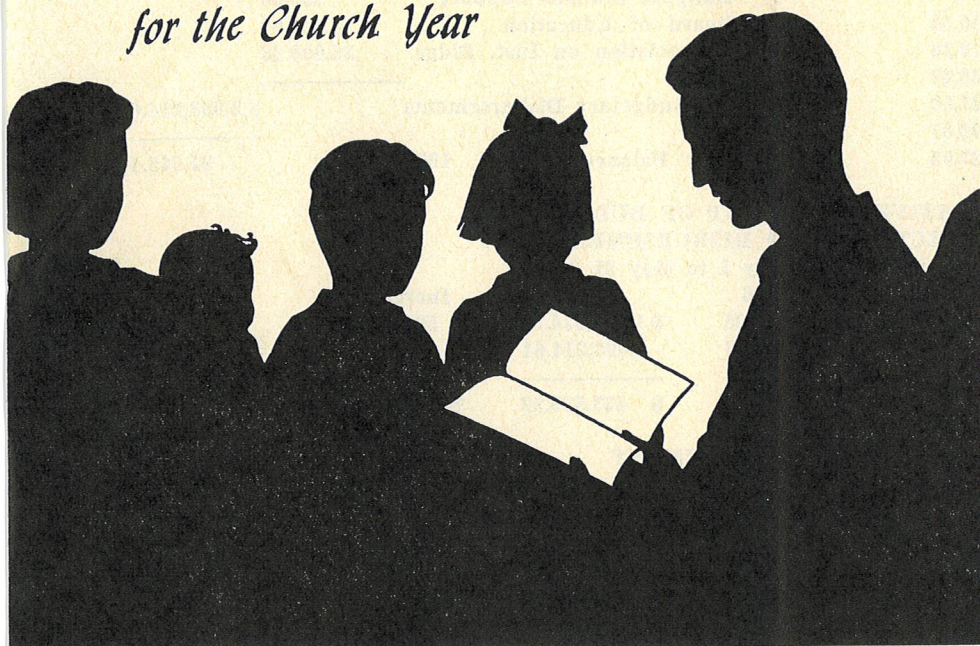
Donation in memory of Golden Wedding Anniversary, by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ammermann, Coleman, Wis.		50.00
		\$ 55.00
For Church Extension Fund		
Memorial wreath in memory of Wm. Glenn Johnson, given by Mrs. H. A. Kuether	\$	2.00
Memorial wreath in memory of Mr. Wm. Tackmann, sent in by Rev. H. Schwertfeger		1.00
Memorial wreath in memory of Emil Drager, given by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Arndt		10.00
Memorial wreath in memory of Ludwig Reiser, by Our Savior's L.A., Jamestown, N. Dak.		2.00
Memorial wreath in memory of Henry Ruemler, by Our Savior's L.A., Jamestown, N. Dak.		2.00
Memorial wreath in memory of Henry Ruemler, by relatives		12.00
Memorial wreath in memory of Mr. Herman Fricke, by delegates to General Synodical meeting		78.53
Memorial wreath in memory of Michael Hoffner, given by Mrs. H. H. Kirkpatrick		2.00
Memorial wreath in memory of Mr. Herman Fricke, given by Karl Holz		3.00
Memorial wreath in memory of Mrs. Ida Berg, given by Rev. C. Ernest Berg, Mrs. Esther Roscovius, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bernhardt, Mr. and Mrs. Winfred Berg		5.00
Memorial wreath in memory of Mr. Herman Fricke, given by members of S. E. Wis. D.M.B. for St. Philip's Colored Mission Church		10.00
Memorial wreath in memory of Mr. Herman Fricke, given by Emily and Paul Eickmann, Watertown, Wis.		3.00
Memorial wreath in memory of Fred Bergmeier, given by Mrs. Louise Bergmeier		250.00
		\$ 380.53
For Indian Mission		
Memorial wreath in memory of Mr. Fred Bergmeier, given by Mrs. Louise Bergmeier	\$	250.00

C. J. NIEDFELDT, Treasurer.

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