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God bless me and my wife, My son John and his wife. If others desire any blessings, Let them pray for themselves.

That, as nearly as we can remember from our reading, was actually the prayer of a man long ago. Yes, when we first read it, we thought, as you're thinking right now, that it was a prayer someone had made up, in order to bring out in an extreme way the selfishness of some prayers.

This shocking "prayer" can serve as a starting-point in a self-examination. Let us ask: How many of our prayers reach out beyond our family circle? How often do we really mean the "our" when we pray "Our Father which art in heaven"? Do we include all true believers in Christ? That is what our Lord intended when He taught us to pray thus. He wants you and me to bring all members of the true, invisible Church before the throne of grace with us; in turn, He would have all other Christians make you and me the objects of their prayers whenever they say: "Our Father," our common Father in Christ Jesus.

Our fellow believers are to be the special object of our prayers; yet we are to embrace all men in our prayers. St. Paul says this in I Timothy 2:1: "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplication, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men." Have we followed this as a guideline in our prayers? Will it be a directive for our prayers in this year just under way?

"Induce more young men to enter our schools for training ministers. O Lord, who hast loved me into death, by Thy redeeming love I implore thee, move them to enroll at Mobridge, at New Ulm, at Saginaw, at Watertown. O Lord, the need for messengers of Thy saving love is great; help us, and help men dying in their sins." How long is it since you have in this way knocked hard at God's door? You don't need a lot of words to do it. You can put it all into a fervent "Thy kingdom come!" or an earnest "Lord"

of the harvest, send forth laborers into Thy harvest." "Lord Jesus, who alone dost arouse all good and holy desires in men, awaken in the heart of my fairly gifted son (or: daughter) the desire to serve as a pastor or missionary or a teacher in a Christian

day school. And give me the wisdom to do everything possible to nourish and strengthen that desire." Fathers, mothers, have you prayed thus? Or have selfish desires for yourselves and for your children gotten in the way?

What is the situation if your prayers betray to God no genuine interest and concern in regard to the smaller household of faith, the local congregation, to say nothing of the larger family of a Synod? Perhaps you have to strain hard to remember the last time you prayed something like this: "Heavenly Father, bless our pastor. Keep him strong and faithful in Thy cause. Make him a servant who constantly brings comfort and blessing to us poor sinners." How about a similar prayer for the church officers? Or frequent, unremitting pleading for the spiritual health, growth, vigor, and activity of the whole congregation?

Lord, teach us to pray, especially to pray more unselfishly and wholeheartedly for all phases of Thy kingdom-work here on earth.

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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With All Due Respect for Science In these days of national alarm, there has been an insistent clamor

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that the defenses of our land be made secure. Fearful Americans look to the salvation science can create — a salvation effected by means of rocket-launching platforms, guided missiles, and nuclear warheads.

In their anxious concern for this salvation, alarmed citizens demand: Is our production lagging? Then expand research, integrate programs, step up production. Are we short of scientists and technologists? Then speed up their training program, make the scientific profession more attractive, recruit more high school graduates for advanced study in science and technology. But give us the scientists, they plead; without them we are lost.

In the midst of this alarm the voice of a Christian congressman calls for measured thinking. Let us have scientists, he pleads; but let us also have statesmen and theologians.

Even scientists will not deny that capable statesmen play important roles in preserving a nation's security. But what can theologians do to guarantee national survival when a morally cynical rival nation has superior weapons in its arsenal? Has a preacher of the Gospel the skill to fashion an ICBM? Can a man-of-God's moral indignation talk down a ballistic missile? Can a minister of Christ contain the hellish burst of a nuclear warhead with a gentle message of love and humility?

Are we not presuming upon a special privilege when we encourage boys to prepare themselves for the Christian ministry, while all about us public pressures will be funneling more and more young people into mathematics and science courses?

Yet we shall continue to urge the promising sons of our congregations to enter our training schools for the sacred ministry: for they will go out to preach the only wisdom that can exalt a nation. When a nation in crisis is in danger of relying too much on its expert scientific knowledge to save it, there must be more preachers to proclaim the true salvation of mankind. There must be Isaiahs who will bring to a mistaken people the sobering message: "The wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid" (Isa. 29:14).

There is a wisdom that surpasses scientific knowledge. We need never apologize for sending more messengers into the world to proclaim it.

C. TOPPE.

Strange Fires In the opening words of Leviticus 10 we read: "And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered strange fire before the Lord, which he commanded them not." The serious consequences of that are described in the words: "And there went out fire from the Lord, and devoured them, and they died before the Lord."

Why such a severe penalty? Because these men had the audacity to substitute their own ideas concerning the worship of God for the worship which God Himself had prescribed. He wanted that to be a warning for all who are tempted to make similar substitutions. "In vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men." One of the controversies which Jesus had with the Pharisees was over religious practices which they had invented and tried to palm off as just as good or even better than those which God had laid down in His Word. He scorned them as strange fires.

How often do we not hear people say: It is enough that people believe in some kind of God even if it is not the God revealed in the Bible. How does that agree with the very First Commandment: "Thou shalt have no other gods before me"? It is a strange fire. How often the attempt is made to substitute for salvation through Christ alone the saying: It makes no difference what you believe; if you are sincere in your religion, you will come out all right. When the attempt is made to substitute some glamorous deeds, such as the self-denying lives of monks and nuns, as more acceptable to God than faith in Christ, God will not recognize it as such. There is often strong pressure upon a church to drop unpopular doctrines for those of which the general public approves. That amounts to offering strange fires to the Lord. So it is with any replacement of any truth of the Bible with anything else, no matter how worthy and glamorous it may appear in the eyes of men. As King Saul was told: "To obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams."

IM. P. FREY.

The Twenty-fifth Hour One of the most brilliant and shocking paradoxes ever coined by man is embodied in a book titled, "The Twenty-fifth Hour," by the Rumanian author, C. Virgil Gheorgiu.

A character in the book explains the title thus: "The 25th hour is the hour when mankind is beyond salvation, when it is too late even for the coming of the Messiah. It is not the last hour, but one hour after the last hour."

His thesis is that Western Civilization has reached this very moment. The point is, of course, arguable.

But the paradoxical phrase may well serve to shock us into a clearer realization that the twenty-fifth hour may soon strike for mission work. The Lord Himself warns us that "the night cometh, when no man can work."

The heart of every true missionary is branded with this truth. It brought David Livingstone to his lonely death in the heart of "the sobbing continent." It moved Adoniram Judson, Henry Martyn, Robert Moffat, Dan Crawford, William Carey, William Mackay,

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Studies in God's Word: A Foretaste of Glory

"And this voice which came a from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount."

II Peter 1:18.

The story of Christ's transfiguration is the climax of the Epiphany season. To Peter, James, and John the transfiguration of Christ offered a brief glimpse of heavenly glory. Peter in characteristic fashion tried to place his foot in the door of heaven. We would be almost disappointed if Peter hadn't reacted as he did. Such indescribable bliss should be preserved, and at once!

But it was clearly intended as a FORETASTE OF GLORY. It was meant to give assurance, not permanent enjoyment. That is also how we must regard the transfiguration of Christ. Eternal glory is real. It is the goal of our Christian hope. But we must realize that for the present, at least, the cross still lies ahead, and that the Word must for now be our surety.

The Cross Still Lies Ahead

In our Epistle text Peter recalls his glorious experience with Jesus in the holy Mount. No doubt he thought of his own impulsive reaction at the time. He of all people should have known better.

Just a short time before this the Lord had spoken to all His disciples of the absolute necessity of His cross and tomb (Matt. 16:21). Peter had tried to contradict his Lord at the time, and for it had received one of the sharpest rebukes that Christ had ever uttered to one of His disciples.

Now, after six days, the Lord took Peter, James, and John up into a mountain. There He was transfigured before them. His face shone as the sun. His raiment was white as light. He revealed Himself in heavenly glory. Moses and Elijah appeared, also in a state of glory. They spoke to Christ "of his decease which he would accomplish at Jerusalem" (Luke 9:31). They testified that Christ's way to the cross was

in perfect accord with the Law and the Prophets.

But Peter wasn't too much interested in this conversation. He was carried away by the glory of the moment. In his characteristic way he offered a ridiculous suggestion: "Lord . . . let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias." Peter wanted to preserve these heavenly bodies in earthly habitations. He wanted to draw eternity into time. He didn't realize what he was saying, of course, but somehow or other he wanted this moment of heavenly bliss to remain here on earth, without the cross and the tomb.

A bright cloud overshadowed them. The voice of God spoke to them, "This is my beloved Son, in whom 1 am well pleased; hear ye him." As at the occasion of Christ's baptism, the Father placed His seal of approval on the Son. Significantly the Father added, "Hear ye Whatever the Son has said is true, also that which He had spoken of His death and resurrection. The disciples fell on their faces. Quickly they were brought back to reality. The glorious manifestation was gone, and when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, "save Jesus only."

Yes, Peter should have known better. Although the transfiguration should have strengthened his faith in the reality of heaven, it should also have reminded him that the full enjoyment of this heavenly glory was not his as yet. It was but a foretaste of glory. Gethsemane and Golgatha were still ahead. Luther remarks that the transfiguration of Christ was intended to strengthen Peter for the offense of the cross, but that evidently little was accomplished for the moment.

We are inclined to criticize Peter's impetuous nature, his shortsightedness. But his weaknesses are often ours. God has granted us wonderful manifestations of His power and glory. As Christians He has taken

us aside and showered so many blessings of body and soul upon us. He blesses us with the beauties of His creation. He grants us moments of joy and success. And with it all He gives us the constant assurance that we, above all, are His children and heirs of His eternal glory. So often we would like things to remain just as they are. We shrink from anything that threatens a change. We don't want to grow old. We regard anything that brings about a sudden change in our complacent way of life as a great evil. Thoughts of accidents, illnesses, and death appall us.

Do we calmly accept the fact that the cross and the tomb *must* lie ahead, for *us* also?

The Word Must Be Our Surety

Peter learned to control his impulsiveness. It took time, but the Lord was patient. We note this change in Peter when we read his Epistles. He is anything but earthbound in his thinking. If there is anyone who speaks to us with calm reassurance about the eternal joys of heaven, it is Peter. If there is anyone who writes with understanding about the necessity of Christ's cross, and also our own, before enjoying this bliss, it is Peter.

Peter KNEW eternal glory. He had seen it with his own eyes. Christ had given him a foretaste of it. Again he refers to this experience in his Epistle when he speaks of himself as an "eyewitness of Christ's majesty." Then he continues, "For he received from God the Father honor and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount."

We note where Peter now places the emphasis. What he had seen was unforgettable. But of more practical value was the voice which spoke to him and testified of Christ. He therefore continues in the very next verse, "We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed."

That Word must for the present be our assurance. It must testify to us of Christ. It must bring us "Jesus only." In the weeks to come we shall see Him not on a glorious Mount of Transfiguration, but on the way to Mount Calvary. In this Word of our crucified and risen Savior, however, lies our assurance of the

fact that the glory of Christ, which we have seen so briefly during Epiphany, will be ours in all its fullness and for all eternity.

E. WENDLAND.

Smalcald Articles

XIX. Part II. Art. II. On the Mass

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So far we have considered three of the "verminbrood" of idolatries which the "dragon's tail," the Mass, produced. That is just one half of the total number which Luther lists.

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21) Fourthly. Fraternities (or societies) in which cloisters, chapters, vicars have assigned and communicated (by legal contract and sale) all Masses and good works, etc., both for the living and the dead.

This is not only altogether a human bauble, without the Word of God, entirely unnecessary and not commanded, but also contrary to the chief article, of Redemption.

Therefore it is in no wise to be tolerated.

Confraternities

The religious confraternities, as these societies are commonly called, seem to have originated with the trade guilds. There were both in England and on the Continent organizations of this kind, both of men and women, as early as the beginning of the eighth century. In them the members had joined themselves together for mutual intercession. But no connection is traceable from these to the later confraternities.

With the rise of the cities in the thirteenth century, and of their industries, the trade guilds came into being. Although these originally served economic purposes, yet they were usually under the patronage of some saint. This then gave rise to the brotherhood system, which was encouraged by the mendicant (beggar) monk orders, which began about the same time.

Purpose of the Confraternities

These brotherhoods were formed under the sanction of the Catholic Church, often with definite rules of life, for the purpose of devotion to some special good work (as for instance, the ransoming of Christians from Mohammedan captivity) or to some doctrine or saint, or merely for obtaining a special grace. It was particularly the last-named point, the expectation of many graces in accordance with papal indulgences, that attracted the masses to seek membership in a fraternity.

As one man sums it up: "In return for their prayers and alms, they were entitled to rich indulgences and to a share in the prayers and good works of the friars (the mendicant monks); in case of death Masses were said for them, and the brotherhood followed them to the grave, sometimes paying the expenses of the funeral."

As remarked above, the mendicants were prominent in boosting the fraternities. In the fifteenth century, the century in which Luther was born, nearly every mendicant house had its special society, with a special altar in the church, where the members assembled.— In this connection we mention a particular confraternity (or sorority), the members of which pledge themselves that at every hour of the day or night at least one person will perform his (or her) devotion kneeling before the solemnly exposed "most holy sacrament." These were called Confraternities of Perpetual Adoration.

Dues

To become a member of a confraternity, entrance fees must be paid; these were not uniform. In Germany they ranged from one to twenty gulden, approximately four to eighty dollars.

Besides the admission fees, many other payments had to be made.

This shows, on the one hand, how willing the people were to pay for imagined spiritual blessings, how firmly was implanted in their hearts the error of work-righteousness; and on the other, what vast amounts of money passed through the hands of the directors, and why the friars were so willing to cultivate the confraternities.

Abuses

John Wyclif, who lived a little over a hundred years before Luther, sharply criticized the fraternities, charging them with hypocrisy and a self-seeking commercial spirit, since they expected grace from heaven in payment as due for their prayers and alms.

As early as 1519 Luther, in a sermon, castigated the brotherhoods as being a violation of the brotherhood which Jesus established, as a violation of the true Christian brotherhood of faith and love. — To consolidate the brotherhood, these societies had frequent social meals, which developed into disorderly carousals. Luther sarcastically remarked about their unity that, in addition to one list, one Mass, one time, one money, they had also one beer, one gluttony, one drinking bout.

The Main Objection

Luther frequently remarked that, if the brotherhoods were formed for the help of the poor or the mutual support of the members, financially or otherwise, he would not object. What he objected to, more than to their scandalous festivals, was that they expected to buy spiritual benefits with their money, and in addition limited their interest to their specific organization. He quotes an objection which they raised to his charge: "If I do not receive special benefits from the fraternity, what good is it to me?" He answers: If you are looking for some special reward, what good does the fraternity or sorority do you? Serve the Church and your fellow men in love. Love offers its services free and without the demand of a reward.

Thus the fraternities undermine true love, in addition to fostering the fatal error of self-righteousness.

The fraternities represented the same blasphemous distortion of the Gospel which also changed Christ's Sacrament of the Altar into a manmade meritorious sacrifice.

"Therefore it is in no way to be tolerated."

(To be continued)

J. P. MEYER.



Dear Editor:

By the time you get around to reading this, just about everybody will have finished with the game of selecting the ten most important people or the outstanding news story or the Man of the Year 1957.

In this process of dredging up the past for review, a rather odd assortment of men and events is sometimes used to compile a list of the most memorable of their kind. The result not only reflects the inner bent of the compilers — which is natural — but strongly provokes everyone else to take a hand in the game and let this particular bias shine before men.

The Lutheran Standard, for example, limits its collection of "the top ten stories of the year" to "news made by religion and the churches during the past twelve months," and leads off the list with "The Graham Crusade." I believe that one can understand the sense of theological values which produced such a choice. It is a good deal harder to understand why the Standard should list "Sputnik" in ninth place as "news made by the churches." Seems a bit far-fetched, don't you think?

The weekly "Lone Star Catholic" of Austin, Minnesota, on the other hand, may have been a bit hasty in trying to score a beat and get its selection to press ahead of others. In any event, the issue of December 29 came out ahead of publication date and announced as "The Year's Big News" for Roman Catholics the decree of the Pope "that a three-hour fast from solids and alcoholic beverages and an hour fast from other liquids would now be necessary before receiving Holy

Communion." I will not undertake to dispute the importance of that decision — for Roman Catholics. But it should be reported that on December 29 a group of high school students of the city of Austin itself, under the leadership of a nun, equalled the supreme effort of the U.S. Government in 1957 when they blasted off a home-made rocket carrying a white mouse. There was almost as much smoke as at Cape Canaveral and the Mousenik fell just as flat on its face. This achievement may have contributed to the recently announced decision of the Government to seek from Congress a grant of \$250 million in federal aid for the purpose of improving education.

But enough of the efforts of others. Would you like to hear my list? Of course not! It would please you far more to be told that I have not made one. Unfortunately, I have, though it is of somewhat different character. It is a list of the top news events of 1958. A bit of wishful thinking is certainly no worse than the subjective evaluation of the past that we have been getting from all sides. Here, then, without any permission whatever from you, is an itemized bill of particulars which I would consider outstandingly desirable for 1958, though most of them would admittedly never make the headlines. In the interest of saving valuable space, I have lumped the last three entries together under one head. According to my hopeful anticipation, in 1958

1. The Wisconsin Synod would live up to, confirm, justify, meet the challenge of and widely extend the scope of its historic reputation as a vigorous, powerful, and irrepressible voice in the wilderness of theological confusion, a unified defender of the Truth and a welcome haven for all fugitives from the deadly smog areas of Unionism. Note: This should occur continuously and progressively in 1958, and will admittedly require much courage, faith, prayer, and uncompromising leadership.

- 2. There would come a day when a leader, like the King of Nineveh, addresses our nation by conviction of the Word of God and says: "Let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily unto God: yea, let them turn everyone from his evil way, and from the violence that is in their hands. Who can tell if God will turn and repent, and turn away from his fierce anger, that we perish not?"
- 3. There would be so many homes experiencing a day of grace wherein the Savior's voice would be heard saying: "Today is salvation come to this house," that there would result a Zachaeus-grant of something less than \$250 million for volume production of teachers and professors to staff a vast system of Christian education on all age levels.
- 4. From this would issue a potential for the future of a rising generation totally unlike the present-day production of "children of Bethel" (II Kings 2:23, 24). This would also be our real insurance against the claws of the Russian Bear; and 1958 would be the year of payment of the first full premium on that policy.
- 5. The presses of Northwestern Publishing House would break down in midflight under the burden of getting out enough copies of Daily Meditations with spiritual meat and milk of superb quality to supply the demand of an increased number of homes that yearn to break the stranglehold of some suppertime TV feature

on the youngsters and so make room for a family gathering at the feet of Jesus.

- 6. The year would become notable for the disappearance of complacency among us and for the emergence of a widespread sense of urgency. The attitude of Lot's wife would have been abolished among us entirely.
- 7. More money would be spent for the missions of our church than

for cigarettes, more pastors would have spent more time preparing for and engaging in the preaching and teaching of sound doctrine than ever before, and no time at all in distracting occupations sometimes foisted upon God's servants in the past, such as managing periodic restaurant activities, rummage sales, social clinics, or square dances in church parlors.

8 to 10. The heavenly Father would have delivered us from every evil of body and soul, property and honor, and finally, when our last hour came, granted us a blessed end and graciously have taken us from this vale of tears to Himself in heaven.

I invite you to join me in saying: Amen.

E SCHALLER.



Good News for Our Future Missions

This article is not news from our missions, but it has its place here because it is good news for our future mission fields. It is the beginning of a program to recruit more workers for the church as pastors and teachers. We cannot think of expanding our mission outreach without expanding our facilities to train workers and to reach out into our confirmation classes for future pastors and teachers. The Synod has wisely decided to keep our preparatory schools, on the high school level, within easy reach of our youth and wherever practicable to establish these academies within the various Districts.

We have asked Pastor Donald Grummert of Grace Lutheran, Sioux City, Iowa, the first chairman of the newly elected Board of Regents of the proposed Nebraska Lutheran Academy, to bring you this story of the recent meeting of organization.

(W. R. H.)

Board of Regents Nebraska Lutheran Academy

As a part of the many duties of the Synod's delegates meeting in Convention at Dr. Martin Luther College last August, they elected members to various synodical Boards. At this particular session they were called upon to elect an entire Board, one which had not previously existed. From a slate of candidates presented by the delegates of the Nebraska Convention of the Nebraska District, they chose seven men who were to direct the affairs of the Nebraska Lutheran Academy to be built at Grand Island, Nebraska.

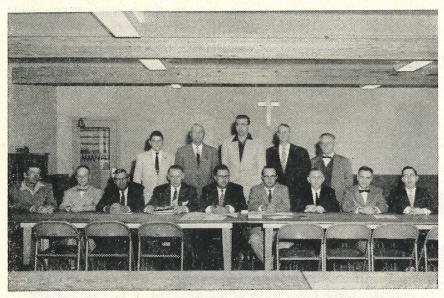
This particular act of the Synod's delegates not only gave life to a new Board of Regents, but also made possible the termination of a committee of the Nebraska District, known simply as "The Academy Committee." This committee had been brought into being by the delegates of the Nebraska District in 1952. The membership of the District had long felt the need of an Academy within its farflung boundaries for the purpose of tapping the rich resources of its youth for work in the Church. Through this committee, the District hoped to be able to realize the fulfillment of its hopes to get more workers for the Church with a within the synodical academy District.

This election was greeted with joy since it meant that the work

of a District Committee could now be done by a duly elected Board of the Synod. This transfer of responsibility was carried out at the meeting of organization. President O. J. Naumann called the elected members together in the academy city on November 25, 1957. Prior to this meeting he had appointed successors to those elected members who, either for reasons of health or removal to another District, had resigned their position.

The presence of President Naumann and District President Im. P. Frey was deeply appreciated as they counseled a board unfamiliar with its new role. Members of the former Academy Committee, as well as a number of interested pastors, were also present. Pastor W. Hoyer, who had served well as chairman of the Academy Committee, greeted the group with fitting words. As he spoke he was awaiting the arrival of the moving van that should transport his possessions to his new charge in Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan.

The business of the board was brought into focus by the reading of a summary report of the Academy Committee by its secretary, Pastor D. Grummert. The work



First Nebraska Lutheran Academy Board of Regents Meeting

Board members seated at table (l. to r.): Mr. A. Workentine, Mr. M. Ingebritson, Mr. L. Koenig, President O. Naumann, Pastor D. Grummert, Mr. T. Jones, President I. Frey of the Nebraska District, Pastor L. Gruendeman and Pastor H. Kruschel. Others attending the first meeting were standing (l. to r.): Pastor H. Lichtenberg, Pastor A. Fuerstenau, Pastor C. Nommensen, Pastor W. Hoyer and Pastor E. Birkholz.

of the Committee was summarized, and direction was given to the new Board members as to the scope of their forthcoming labors. The ensuing elections showed that Pastor D. Grummert of Sioux City, Iowa, was to serve as chairman and Mr. Thomas Jones of Norfolk, Nebraska, as secretary. An Executive Committee was named, consisting of the chairman, the secretary, and Mr. Leon Koenig of Grand Island, Nebraska. This Executive Committee is also to serve as the planning and building committee. The members of the Board include the abovenamed and Pastor Leo Gruendeman, Lincoln, Nebraska, Pastor Herbert Kruschel, Aurora, Teacher M. J. Ingebritson, Omaha, and Mr. Alton Workentine, of Grafton.

Many matters pertaining to the planning and opening of the Nebraska Lutheran Academy were discussed and acted upon. The spirit of the entire group was one of a sincere realization of the responsibility placed upon them, and a deep humility in the understanding that "except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it" (Ps. 127:1). It is the sincere prayer of all that the Lord of the Harvest hasten the day when the 33-acre tract of land already purchased will be occupied by the necessary buildings and the school will be filled with pupils whom the Lord will some day send forth as laborers into His harvest.

D. GRUMMERT.

CONSIDER OUR WINNEBAGO PROGRAM

It is quite generally known throughout our Wisconsin Synod that Dr. Martin Luther College conducts an extension department at Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. This extension department is commonly called the "Winnebago Program" because it is operated in conjunction with Winnebago Academy of Fond du Lac.

The regular teaching staff of Winnebago Academy, in addition to other teaching help supplied by Dr. Martin Luther College, shares in the teaching duties of the extension department. Professor Arthur Koester is the regularly called instructor of Dr. Martin Luther College serving at Winnebago Academy. The College also supplies an assistant instructor.

The Winnebago Program has been in operation for two full years and

is now in the third year of its existence. During that time it has supplied approximately forty "emergency teachers" for the Christian day schools of our Synod. The enrollment for the present year is twenty-three. These twenty-three people have spent the past summer on the D.M.L.C. campus, are now at Fond du Lac, and will again return to the New Ulm campus for the summer of 1958. If they meet the proper scholastic requirement, they will become eligible for a call.

NOW IS THE TIME for all who are interested in helping solve the teacher shortage to become active in the recruitment of young women for the "Winnebago Program." Facilities exist so that thirty students could be enrolled. We have never reached that figure in any one year of the program's existence. Would it not be possible to enroll at least thirty students if we all put forth a bit more effort towards

that end? You can help by giving encouragement to those who are eligible to attend.

Any woman graduate of our Synodical Conference high schools may enroll in the Winnebago Program. Her scholastic attainment should be such that she will not experience difficulty in her various college courses. Young women who have graduated from public high schools and who in the opinion of their pastors and day school teachers might become successful teachers should also be encouraged to enroll. These might be such who have shown an aptitude for teaching in the Sunday school or Vacation Bible school. Further information may be had by writing to Dr. Martin Luther College of New Ulm, Minnesota, or to the Principal of Winnebago Academy of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. He is Mr. T. Zuberbier.

- From the D.M.L.C. Messenger.

Question: Why Do We Always
Hear the Same Thing
In Church?

Perhaps you too have asked this question. Or you have said, "The pastor seems to preach the same thing Sunday after Sunday." A certain man once said as he left

the church, "I heard all that before." He didn't mean that he had heard that identical sermon before, but it dealt with things he had heard many times.

One Thing Dare Not Vary

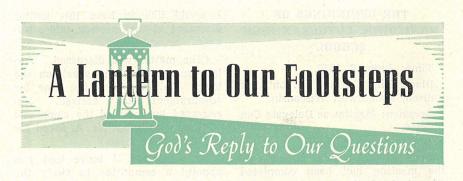
It is not surprising if it seems as though the pastor is preaching "the same thing" again and again. In a way he is. And if he is, you will be grateful for it. Why? Because there is one theme that must always run through all preaching in a Bible-centered church. The Apostle Paul pointed to it when he wrote: "For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified" (I Cor. 2:2). Every time you go to church you will expect to hear in some manner about your crucified Redeemer. If your pastor didn't in every sermon preach sin and grace, Law and Gospel, if he did not in every sermon somehow point out that we who are sinners are saved alone through the death of Christ, he would have a guilty conscience. For that is the one thing needful. What if someone was present who did not as yet know and believe in Christ? What a tragedy if he failed to hear about Him as his Savior as he listened to the sermon. There is salvation in none other than in Christ; He must then be preached "in season and out of season." So expect to hear "the same thing" every Sunday. Be thankful that you do.

Indispensable Food

And do not think that hearing that "same thing" is of no benefit to you since you already believe in Jesus. You ate bread yesterday, and the day before. Then why are you eating it again today? Don't you know what bread tastes like? You will answer, "But my body needs nourishment every day." What about your soul? Christ is the Bread of Life. His Gospel nourishes your faith. The soul too needs to be nourished day by day so that faith grows, so that it is preserved and strengthened. You need the same spiritual food again and again.

A Great Variety - If You Will Note It

On the other hand, it isn't quite so that you hear exactly the same thing in church Sunday after Sunday. St. Paul said that he preached "all the counsel of God" (Acts 20:27). Your pastor will strive to do the same. Although all preaching will center in Christ, yet the depth of Christian knowledge can never be sounded, the river of life-giving waters will never run dry. There are many different doctrines to be considered, each, however, in its God-given way contributing to the central purpose of all preaching, man's



salvation through Christ. A faithful pastor will bring forth out of the Gospel treasure things new and old. When you listen to a sermon, listen for what you already know, and let your soul feast itself thereon. Then take note when there is something new, which will add to your understanding of the Gospel, which will increase your faith and joy in your Redeemer. As you listen to the same Gospel Sunday after Sunday, note how with the changing seasons of the church year the same Christ is preached, but once as the newborn Child in Bethlehem; then as the Man of Sorrows on His way to give Himself for man on the cross; thereupon as the victorious, risen Lord; as the ascending, reigning King; as the one who sends the Holy Spirit upon the disciples; as the Second Person in the glorious Trinity. A careless listener will perhaps say, "We are always hearing the same thing." An attentive listener will soon notice that while he is nourishing his soul with the same Bread of Life, he is continually growing in wisdom and understanding, gaining a deeper appreciation of the Gospel.

Itching Ears?

Unfortunately there are times when the souls of men weary of the spiritual manna from heaven and lust after Egypt's fleshpots of worldly wisdom and philosophy. The Israelites, having eaten the manna God so wonderfully provided for them in the wilderness, said, "Our soul loatheth this light bread." They were tired of eating the same thing day after day; they wearied of the food God in His grace and mercy was giving them each day. Satan is only too happy when he can lead us to feel the same way about the spiritual food God gives us in Christ. St. Paul warns against this in writing to his young friend Timothy: "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables" (II Tim. 4:3, 4). If your heart is yearning to hear something new, something different, perhaps something sensational, it might be well to examine that desire. Is it a desire to hear more about Christ, to gain a deeper understanding of the Gospel? Or is it a desire for something different from the old Gospel Is it a desire for the fleshpots of human philosophy and reason which may seem quite tasty, but will bring only bondage and death?

There is only one thing needful; ever feast your soul on that "same thing," the Gospel of salvation through Christ.

A. SCHUETZE.

THE BEGINNINGS OF MANITOWOC LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

Time: June 12, 1950.

Place: First German Ev. Lutheran Church, Manitowoc, Wisconsin.

Occasion: Manitowoc Delegate Conference.

Setting: The Chairman has just announced that regular business for the meeting had been completed. He asked whether any present has a matter to discuss. A lay delegate rises and is recognized by the chairman: "Mr. A., you have the floor."

(The Chairman asks him to continue.)

All of us know that our state has certain compulsory school laws. Years ago it was considered enough if a child attended school through the eighth grade. Many of the congregations of this area kept building up their Christian day schools to include all eight grades. In that way we parents had nothing to worry about, since our children could get the schooling the state required from Christian teachers in Christian surroundings. Each subject was taught from a Christian viewpoint. We parents were sure that the training we had started in the home was carried over into the When child's school life. children graduated, their schooling had been such that when they worked with the parents around the farm one could see that they had grown up in Christ. But, Mr. Chairman, things have changed.

Today my child has to attend school until he is eighteen or through high school. It means that I am forced to send my child, after the eighth grade, to the state schools. There the school subjects are taught There for four without Christ. years they must be educated in surroundings that tell them that all religions are all right. The truth that God made the world will be presented as a theory. Day after day the schooling will forget Christ entirely. Should He be mentioned at all, it will be to make of Him a good man who died for the cause of showing people how to live right. Mr. Chairman, I could go on for a long time, but what I have said is enough to have you understand why I have a very earnest request.

I am convinced that we need a Lutheran high school in this area.

I would like to have this matter discussed at the meeting this afternoon

(The matter was discussed. Various speakers rose to speak on the topic. Only too soon the time for adjournment had arrived. Encouraged by some of the comments of those who spoke, Mr. A. asked for the floor once more.)

Mr. Chairman, I move that you appoint a committee to study the possibility of establishing a Lutheran high school in the Manitowoc area. (That motion was seconded and carried.)

After some unavoidable delay the first meeting of the Lutheran High School Survey Committee was held on February 11, 1951, at the same church where the motion for its appointment was made. Other meetings were held at Collins, Brillion, and Newtonburg to prepare a report of findings to the Manitowoc Delegate Conference on July 9, 1951.

At this conference session various speakers presented factual information that indicated that there was an adequate enrollment potential, as well as a sufficient number of communicant members to support such a Lutheran high school venture. The members of the Survey Committee were retained as the permanent Lutheran High School Committee. The personnel of the committee included Weyland, Chairman, Pastor V. Teacher F. Manthey, Secretary, Teacher E. Kopitzke, Mr. Harold Schiffleger, and Mr. L. Wehrwein. The work toward the organization of a Lutheran High School Association progressed step by step until at a meeting on October 19, 1952, at First German Lutheran Church in Manitowoc, by a vote of 73 to 5 such an organization was effected.

Pastor L. H. Koeninger, Teacher R. Behmer, and Mr. R. Christman were appointed to draw up articles of federation. These articles were presented and adopted at a meeting on January 25, 1953. The five men duly elected as incorporators were Pastor V. Weyland, Pastor E. Bode, Mr. H. Schiffleger, Mr. L. Wehrwein, and Mr. F. Manthey. Various executive board meetings and more association meetings were held during the next few years. Publicity material was prepared and sent into the various congregations. Contact men were appointed in some of the congregations to help solicit

funds and to disseminate information. Other men who served on the Lutheran High School Committee were Teachers R. Behmer and W. Roekle, Mr. H. Habeck, and Pastors F. Knueppel, O. Heier, C. Thurow, and R. Koch. The faithful efforts of the members of the various committees began to bear fruit. At a meeting of the Lutheran High School Association in Manitowoc on May 13, 1956, a motion prevailed to start a ninth grade in the old Madison School, a vacated public school. By unanimous vote of the City Council of Manitowoc, the Lutheran High School Association was granted use of the building at a cost of one dollar a year, plus complete insurance and maintenance of the buildings and premises. Volunteer labor made the building ready for occupancy.

On September 10, 1956, Manitowoc Lutheran High School began operation. A call for a principal of the infant school had thus far gone unheeded. There was a building, there were students, and there was the necessary equipment for a ninth grade. Four neighboring pastors willingly lent their support and accepted the Lutheran High School calls as temporary instructors. As the day of school opening arrived and there was no principal or fulltime instructor, two more of the neighboring pastors were found willing to teach temporarily. The men who helped Manitowoc Lutheran High to keep going were Pastors E. Breiling, W. Gieschen, F. Knueppel, R. Koch, A. Roekle, and K. Seim. The call for a principal continued. Six calls were returned, but the school year continued and there were constant evidences that God was guiding this fledgling school. November 28, 1956, the Lord of the Church guided the Board of Directors to call Pastor K. Seim of the Town Gibson-Two Creeks parish. He it was whom God had chosen as the first principal and full-time instructor of the new Manitowoc Lutheran High School. He was duly installed into his office at the First German Ev. Lutheran Church on January 20, 1957.

The Rev. Seim began his work with the fourteen students in the ninth grade at the beginning of the second semester. Under him the Lord guided the high school through its first year. During the year, one

of the instructors, Pastor F. Knueppel, accepted a call to another parish, and Pastor S. Kugler took his place as instructor at the high school. Many prayers and sacrifices on the part of consecrated association members and friends made continued operation of Manitowoc Lutheran High School possible.

At the annual meeting of the Association on November 18, 1956, it was decided to add the tenth grade for the 1957-58 school year. The matter of subjects and courses to be offered was placed in the hands of the principal and the executive committee of the board. Manitowoc Lutheran High School offers

its students a general course, a classical course, and a commercial course.

In February 1957, a call for a second full-time instructor was issued. The first call was returned. A second call was sent in March to Teacher F. Manthey. The Lord guided him to accept the call as the second full-time instructor for the next school year. Mr. Manthey was installed on September 8, 1957, at Bethany Ev. Lutheran Church in Manitowoc.

On the first day of the second school year, thirty-six students enrolled. There were twenty in the ninth grade and sixteen in the tenth. These students are being taught by two full-time and four part-time instructors.

God's constant guidance and blessings alone have made the progress at Manitowoc Lutheran High School possible. It is the fervent hope and prayer of the Association members that many more in and around Manitowoc will become interested in this worthwhile project. The joint efforts of an ever-increasing membership will mean a four year Lutheran high school course for the youth of the Manitowoc area by the 1959-60 school year. May this be the will of our God.

F. MANTHEY.

STEWARDSHIP CONFERENCE

According to resolution of the Synod Convention this past summer, the Conference of Presidents has directed the Board for Information and Stewardship to call and arrange for a Stewardship Conference of all the District Stewardship Boards. The purpose of the Conference is to outline for these Boards the Synod's program and also the anticipated Building Fund program. It is also to assist in presenting ways in which the District Stewardship Boards can best bring knowledge of the Synod's program to all the members of our congregations. Materials for bringing information to congregations and individual members will be presented and studied.

The Stewardship Conference is called for January 21 and 22 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. To save time and expense, the conference will be held in the Ambassador Hotel where the delegates will be quartered.

The members of the District Boards, most of whom will attend the conference, are listed below:

ARIZONA-CALIFORNIA: Pastors Robt. Hochmuth, Alfred Uplegger, I. G. Frey, A. A. Guenther; Messrs. John Heiny, R. L. Smith, Carl Loeper, Carl Weber.

DAKOTA-MONTANA: Pastors C. Reiter, L. Grams, L. Wurster; Messrs. E. Moeldner, H. Dorn, Fr. Becker.

MICHIGAN: Pastors R. Gensmer, Ed. Zell, Jr., W. Zarling; Messrs. E. Krieger, Louis Leitz, Henry Lusk.

MINNESOTA: Pastors H. Hempel, Paul Hanke, Rollin Reim, Leonard Schmidt, Lloyd Hahnke, Wm. Zell; Messrs. Carroll Larson, Raymond Tomhave, Clarence Becker, Melvin Precht, Erwin Seifert, Gordon Oliver.

NEBRASKA: Pastors L. Groth, Herold Schulz, Herbert Witt, L. Gruendeman; Messrs. Don Gibb, K. Karrow, Fred Schwantes, Otto Neujahr. PACIFIC-NORTHWEST: Pastor T. Adascheck; Mr. Dugan Drath.

NORTHERN WISCONSIN: Pastors Edward Krueger, Arthur Gentz, Armin Roekle, Fred Bergfeld, W. Strohschein; Messrs. Howard Koch, Leonard Nass, Everet Zimpelmann, Fred Jahr.

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN:
Pastors Wm. Schink, Paul Gieschen,
Waldemar Pless, Carl Leyrer;
Messrs. F. Woldt, R. Maas, Gordon
Brandenburg, Elmer Ungemach.

WESTERN WISCONSIN: Pastors Harold Johne, Elmer Prenzlow, Jr., Frederick Nitz, H. Winkel, G. C. Marquardt; Messrs. G. A. Pape, Milton Schlough, Gerhardt Frey, Levi Chapiewsky, Clarence Sandgren.

No appointment has been made as yet to replace Mr. Henry Spearbraker, of the Fox River Valley Conference of the Northern Wisconsin District, who passed away December 17, 1957.

NORMAN W. BERG, Chairman Board for Information and Stewardship.

EDITORIALS

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Roger Price, and hundreds of others to sacrifice their last ounce of strength in the preaching of the Gospel. It motivated five brilliant young men to attempt to bring the Word of life to the murderous Aucas. They failed, but entered "the gates of splendor."

The sands of time are fast running out, while seminaries are training ever more laborers, whom planes and ships are carrying to the uttermost parts of the earth, where they will agonize over difficult languages so that blind savages may know, "Christ died for me."

Mission boards agonize over schedules, budgets, personnel problems, beseeching God to enable them to

find men and means to save a few more of God's elect souls; for men are dying at the rate of seventy a minute, many of them without having known Christ, entering that twenty-fifth hour when "it is too late even for the coming of the Messiah."

"Now is the time! How fast the moments fly! How soon each hour is gone!
Ye virgins, hear and heed the midnight cry; Look for the break of dawn.
The Bridegroom comes; prepare to greet Him! Rise! Trim your lamps! Go out to meet Him! Now is the time! Now is the time!"

H. C. Nitz. (Reprinted from The Missionary Lutheran)

MICHIGAN DISTRICT TEACHERS' CONFERENCE

This conference convened at St. John's Lutheran Church, Bay City, Michigan, the Rev. Mr. Brenner, pastor. Although the attendance has been increasing from year to year, the prevailing "flu" compelled some "old faithfuls" to remain at home.

Pastor F. Schroeder served as chaplain. Pastor W. Voss continued with an inspirational address based on "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?"

I. The Father's Business

The Father's business is God's love as it is reflected and expressed in the plan and means of salvation and as it is executed by the Holy Trinity. Making God's holy will and God's good and gracious will known to mankind must be the zealous endeavor of the Father's dear children.

As the teacher reviews the course of study, the old evil Foe would distract him from the main objective and lead him to stress other goals. The speaker then reminded us how precious the souls of children are. We, like Jesus, must ever "be about our Father's business."

Chairman Found expressed joy at the increase in enrollment in our parish schools within the District. He voiced regret that the turnover in teachers within the District reached such proportions in the past year. He then set forth advantages that accrue when called servants remain in a congregation over a longer period of time.

II. What May A Congregation Justifiably Expect of Its Called Servants?

was presented by Mr. Woltmann. He admitted that there is justification in the statement that extra-curricular obligations at times compel one to reflect on the ability "to do justice to the work that we are actually called to do."

He then postulated that we remember that the Head of the Church placed us into a particular church. He asked us to keep in mind that we are serving first and foremost not the congregation — but the Lord.

He continued that the devil whispers into our ears that others are working less hours in the week. A comparison is surely unfair. However, he reminded us that we are living in evil days. The time of labor may be shorter than we think. Prayerfully and faithfully we should apply our time and talents towards the building of His kingdom. To this end let us look to Him for wisdom, strength, courage, and faith — and labor "as unto the Lord."

Miss Ebe spoke on activities that are suitable for rainy days. Activities should develop attitudes, skills, responsibilities — and help to make leisure time profitable. She then submitted a list of suitable games.

III. Conference Adopts Constitution

Considerable time was spent in discussing and adopting a proposed constitution. Each member was given a final draft.

IV. Teaching Bible History With the Correlated Material

Mrs. Alvin Kroening ably demonstrated that little children are eager to hear and learn God's Word and acquit themselves valiantly both as to knowledge and profession. The correlated material was used effectively.

From the account "The Man of Ethiopia" the children learned that the Ethiopian learned about Jesus, confessed, believed in Jesus, and was baptized in His name. His return home was one of rejoicing.

Mr. Scharf outlined a paper on spelling thus: Causes for poor spelling, suggestions to improve it, and suggested drills. All agreed that spelling requires concentrated attention on the part of teacher and pupil.

Prof. H. Gross (River Forest) lectured on geography and history. He favors teaching these subjects as separate units. At present he is heading a group writing a new geography. People and environment make geography. Environment influences people, but so do customs and beliefs. Likes and dislikes of people should be studied at the scene of activity. The theory of evolution must be dethroned and the risen Christ enthroned.

IV. Reports

President Press reported on the recent Convention; gave a brief sketch of our Synod's historical development; admonished us to remain firm in faith on the basis of God's Holy Writ. — He also reported on a recent meeting relative to settling differences that threaten intersynodical relationships.

Pastor Brenner explained activities of the School Board, visitor's workshops; stressed improvement of our school via visitations and continued education; called attention to the teacher shortage.

President Frey reported that enrollment at Michigan Lutheran Seminary is 296. Of these, 176 have indicated a desire to prepare for work in the church. More, no doubt, will be won for this noble cause.

Mr. Trettin called attention to publications; invited us to help introduce the new devotional booklets; touched on the assistance that he is to receive in carrying out his work in Synod.

Pastor Vertz: To meet the vast mission opportunities the need of the hour is twofold: Greater manpower and more funds to carry on present and future projects. Chapels need to be erected; college facilities extended. Opportunities to make disciples are either embraced or lost. The decision must be faced by each communicant.

V. Church Service

The Rev. G. Cares based his sermon on Psalm 78:5. The theme was: "The Church and the Child." The Church is built on Christ. Christ commanded the Church to preach and teach. A laity must be reared that can give an account of its faith.—God is concerned about the spiritual welfare of the child. The church needs the child, and the child needs the church. All concerned must give an account to the omniscient God.

The conference choir, directed by Mr. Bradtke, sang: "Send Out Thy Light." It is always a joy to hear such that sing with understanding and faith in their hearts.

VI. Conclusion

Another conference is concluded. By the grace of God and with His help much good will be channeled into representative churches.

LESTER A. FOUND, Chairman V. J. Schulz, Reporter

NOTICE

Request is herewith made for suggestions or recommendations concerning prospective Lutheran high school teachers in the following branches: Commercial subjects (male or female teachers), Home Economics, Girls' Physical Education.

The Rev. O. SIEGLER R.R. 1, Mt. Calvary, Wis.

CANDIDATES FOR THE PRESIDENCY OF THE LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Thiensville, Wisconsin

The following men have been nominated as candidates for the presidency of our Theological Seminary at Thiensville, Wisconsin: Professor Fred E. Blume,

Thiensville, Wisconsin Pastor Adolph C. Buenger, Kenosha, Wisconsin Pastor Werner Franzmann, Milwaukee, Wisconsin Professor Conrad Frey, Saginaw, Michigan Professor Gerald Hoenecke, Thiensville, Wisconsin Professor Carl Lawrenz, Thiensville, Wisconsin Pastor Oscar J. Naumann,

St. Paul, Minnesota Pastor Karl H. Neumann, Sebewaing, Michigan Pastor Egbert Schaller,

Nicollet, Minnesota Pastor William Schink, Woodland, Wisconsin Professor Walter Schumann,

Watertown, Wisconsin Pastor Oscar J. Siegler, Mt. Calvary, Wisconsin

Professor Heinrich J. Vogel, Thiensville, Wisconsin Pastor Walter Wegner,

Columbus, Wisconsin Pastor Harold E. Wicke. Weyauwega, Wisconsin

The Board of Control of the Seminary is scheduled to meet Tuesday, January 28, 1958, to call one of these men. Any correspondence relative to any of these candidates must be in the hands of the secretary of the Board by January 25, 1958.

Adolph C. Buenger, Secretary 5026 19th Avenue Kenosha, Wisconsin

GOLDEN WEDDING **ANNIVERSARIES**

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schulte, members of St. John's Lutheran Church of R. 2, Loganville, Wisconsin, were privileged to observe their golden wedding anniversary on November 12, 1957, surrounded by family and friends. The undersigned addressed them briefly on the words of I Sam. 7:12. May God in His goodness abide with them.

N. RETZLAFF.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Stolz, members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church

of Rapid City, South Dakota, were by God's grace privileged to observe their golden wedding anniversary in a special service held at their church on the evening of November 24, 1957. The undersigned addressed them on the basis of Psalm 136:1. May the Lord bless them and keep them in His grace unto eternal life! D. C. SELLNOW.

"O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever."

Few are privileged to celebrate golden wedding anniversaries. However, the Lord has granted such a blessing to five Christian couples of St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Wood Lake, Minnesota during the past year of 1957.

The fifth couple of St. John's to observe their fiftieth wedding anniversary this year was Mr. and Mrs. Henry Geistfeld. On this joyful occasion, the undersigned addressed the jubilarians on the basis of Psalm 118:24. May the Lord, who graciously granted them this day of rejoicing, abide with them in the twilight of their earthly life!

L. O. HUEBNER.

HELP WANTED

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Pastor T. Baganz

314 Maple Sturgeon Bay, Wis.

APPOINTMENTS

To fill existing vacancies, Pastor Paul E. Eickmann has been appointed as a member of the District Board of Education and Pastor Carl B. Nommensen as financeman for the Southern Conference.

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

WANTED CHURCH PEWS

Our new mission in West Glendive, Mont., is in urgent need of pews for its house of worship. Used pews of 8 ft. or 9 ft. are most welcome.

Pastor Jerome Spaude Circle, Mont.

ONE USED BELL

Our church tower is empty. Do you know of an available Lutheran bell with which we could fill the void? We are still looking for one about three feet across, tone D or C if possible, which could be set upon yoke for ringing by rope.

Gethsemane Ev. Luth. Church 3734 Centinela Ave. Los Angeles 66, Calif.

A REQUEST

Several families in the vicinity of Fargo, N. Dak., and Moorhead, Minn., have asked to be served by a Wisconsin Synod pastor. Steps are being taken to grant their request. Members of Synod are herewith requested to notify the undersigned of any Wisconsin Synod families which have recently moved to the Fargo-Moorhead area.

Pastor Martin W. Lutz
560 Third St. N.W.
Valley City, N. Dak.

AN OFFER

A pair of three-branch candelabra, a cru-cifix (height 24") and a set of communion ware available to any congregation or mission for cost of transportation. Please contact

St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church Pastor A. T. Degner R. 3, Manitowoc, Wis.

A set of four candlesticks: one pair 271/2 inches tall; the other pair 231/2 inches tall. Contact

The Rev. Paul Knickelbein 212 E. North Ave. Milwaukee 12, Wis.

NOTICE

Communion ware, free — to any mission congregation paying the mailing cost. The includes a flagon, paten, ciborium, and

Pastor Burnell Beyers 810 - 37th Ave., Winona, Minn.

CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES NEW ULM PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Time: Wednesday, Feb. 12, 1958.

Place: St. John's Lutheran Church, New Ulm, Minn.

Confessional speaker, C. Schweppe; alternate, D. Brick.
E. BIEBERT, Secretary.

SPECIAL PASTORAL CONFERENCE DAKOTA-MONTANA DISTRICT

The Pastoral Conference of the Dakota-Montana District will meet Jan. 20, 1958, at 10:00 a.m., at Mobridge, S. Dak. The purpose of the conference is consideration of the New Ulm Resolution pertaining to church union matters.

D. C. SELLNOW, Secretary.

RED WING PASTORAL CONFERENCE MINNESOTA DISTRICT

MINNESOTA DISTRICT

Date: Jan. 28, 1958.

Place: Charles City, Iowa; Cross Church,
W. A. Geiger, host pastor.

Time: Opening communion service at 9:00;
R. Goede, speaker.

Agenda: Exegesis of Isaiah 40, F. Kosanke;
Continued Study of "Theses and Antitheses on Romans 16:17," with printed copies of this paper by P. Nolting.

F. KOSANKE, Secretary.

GADSDEN PASTORAL CONFERENCE

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Place: Casa Grande, Ariz.
Date: Jan. 27, 1958.
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Essays: E. A. Sitz: Election; W. Wagner:
A Lenten Sermon and a Lenten Series;
R. Hochmuth: The Messiah in Malachi;
J. Gerlach: The Development of the Papacy.

V. H. WINTER, Secretary.

WINNEBAGO PASTORAL CONFERENCE
The Winnebago Pastoral Conference will
meet in St. Luke's Ev. Lutheran Church,
Kewaskum, Wis., Gerhard Kaniess pastor,
on Feb. 10, 1958. The conference will
open with a communion service at 9:00 a.m.
H. Kleinhans will be the preacher.
R. REIM, Secretary.

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY PASTORAL CONFERENCE

lace: Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church, La Crosse, Wis., W. E. Gutzke, pastor. Place: Date: Tuesday, Jan. 21, 1958.

Time: 9:30 a.m. Communion service with sermon by Mennicke (Miller).

Agenda: Essay by Prof. John Meyer; Discussion of Romans 16:17, 18, Chairman M. Hanke, moderator.

Brethren of the Conference will please excuse, if unable to attend.

E. P. PANKOW, Secretary.

NORTHERN CONFERENCE MICHIGAN DISTRICT

Pastor-Teacher Conference meets January 27 and 28, 1958, at Christ Church, Swan Creek (Saginaw), Pastor L. Lothert. Preacher: T. Frey (alternate: R. Gensmer). Please send excuses or requests for lodg-ing to the host pastor in due time!

PAUL H. WILDE, Secretary. . .

CONVENTION OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNODICAL CONFERENCE The dates are August 5 to 8, 1958.

The place is Lakewood, Ohio, SS. Peter and Paul Lutheran Church.

Convention headquarters - the Cleveland

H. J. A. BOUMAN, Secretary. . . .

CROW RIVER VALLEY PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Feb. 12, 1958; at 10:00 a.m. Place: Litchfield, Minn.

Round Table Discussion: Romans 16:17 and the "conclave's" findings concerning this passage. Evaluation of the results of the Synodical Conference Union Committee's deliberations.

A communion service will be held.

E. HALLAUER, Secretary.

CENTRAL DELEGATE CONFERENCE NEBRASKA DISTRICT

Date: Feb. 11 and 12, 1958; opening session at 10:00 a.m.

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Place: St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Norfolk, Nebr.; Hugo Fritze, host pastor.

Speaker: V. Schultz (F. Werner).

Papers: Church Discipline, L. Groth; Augsburg Confession — Articles VII and VIII, D. Grummert; Does a Christian Congregation have the Responsibility of Providing Social Activities for its Membership? Mr. G. Hempel; Church Life in Apostolic Times, A. Schmeling; Genesia in Contrast to the Theory of Evolution, M. Weishan; Isagogical Study of the Book of Job, Wm. H. Wietzke; Panel Discussion — Family Worship: J. Martin (moderator), gate, G. Frank and Delegate.

Reports: Mission, Board of Education, Financial, Academy, Convention.

Please announce to host pastor, Hugo

W. A. WIETZKE, Secretary.

. REDWOOD FALLS PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Feb. 11, 1958, 9:00 a.m. Place: Zion Lutheran Church, Morton, Minn., S. Baer, pastor. Preacher: H. Reed; alternate:

Edw. Birkholz.

Agenda:

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Isagogical study of Amos (or Micah)
with practical applications, H. Reed.
A Sermon Study of the Epistle for All
Saints Day (Rev. 7:2-17), J. Bradtke.
Theses and Antitheses on Rom. 16:17,
P. Nolting, guest essayist.
I Thess. 3:6ff, L. Huebner.
The Ministry is not to be looked upon
as a Sacrifice, E. Birkholz.
An Investigation of Alcoholics Anonymous, E. Gamm.
Suggested Program for Ladies' Aid
Societies (not assigned as yet).

L. O. HUEBNER, Secretary.

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..... MANKATO CIRCUIT PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Feb. 4, 1958, 9:30 a.m.

Place: St. Peter's Lutheran Church, St. Peter, Minn., P. Hanke, pastor.

Preacher: M. J. Wehausen (alternate: Theo. Bauer).

Agenda: Continuation Rom. 16:17. M. BIRKHOLZ, Secretary. STEWARDSHIP CONFERENCE

for District Stewardship Boards and the Board for Information and Stewardship— Wisconsin Synod

Time: 8:00 a.m., Jan. 21, to 11:45 a.m., Jan. 22, 1958.

Place: Ambassador Hotel, Milwaukee, Wis. Note: Evening session will be held on Jan. 21. Reservations for lodging are to be made through the undersigned.

NORMAN W. BERG, Chairman.

COLORADO MISSION DISTRICT CONVENTION

Date: Feb. 4-6, 1958.

Place: St. Luke's Lutheran Church, W. 39th Ave. and Winona, Denver, Colo. Host pastor: V. Tiefel, 3841 Wolff St., Denver 12, Colo.

Speaker: N. R. Carlson, with D. DeRose, (alternate: I. P. Frey and N. Gieschen). Pastors and delegates will please announce early to the host pastor. CARL M. THUROW, Secretary.

SOUTHEASTERN PASTOR-TEACHER CONFERENCE — MICHIGAN DISTRICT

Date: Jan. 27 and 28, 1958. Opening service: Monday, 10:00 a.m.

Place: St. John's Lutheran Church, Wayne,

F. P. ZIMMERMANN, Secretary.

MISSION FESTIVALS

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Gethsemane Church, Mason City, Iow Offering: \$79.81. L. R. Schmidt, pastor.

DAKOTA - MONTANA DISTRICT July 1, 1957, to October 21, 1957

Western Conference

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| | Budget | | Budget | S. B. F. | | s. B. F. | C.E.F. |
| | Min. | | Raised | Min. | • | Raised | |
| Aberdeen, C. Spaude\$ | 528.00 | \$ | | \$ 48.00 | \$ | 67.70 553.18 | \$ |
| Akaska, K. Biedenbender Billings, N. Meier Bison, V. Greve | 1,380.00 | | 537.66 | 660.00 36.00 | | 140.26 | op teladi |
| Billings, N. Meier | 204.00 | | 13.50 | 396.00 | | 365.46 | |
| Bison, V. Greve | 780.00 | | 130.00 | 1,686.00 | | 1,350.85 | 134104 |
| Bowdle, P. Albrecht Burt, G. Cares | 3,432.00 | | 202.45 251.85 | 180.00 | | 164.05 | - |
| Burt, G. Cares | 588.00 | | 198.04 | 462.00 | | 204.87 | |
| Carson, G. Enderle | 1,248.00 660.00 | | 360.00 | 342.00 | | 347.05 | 401 |
| | 768.00 | | 159.41 | 324.00 | | 253.85 | TATELLA ST |
| Dupree, J. Brandt Ekalaka, L. Wurster | 216.00 | | 71.41 | THE PERSON NAMED IN | | 29.90 | |
| Elgin, G. Cares | 888.00 | | 333.23 | 228.00 | | 198.14 | |
| Faith, J. Brandt | 768.00 | | 377.95 | 336.00 | | 388.76 | BUATURE . |
| Toulleton I. Grams | 684.00 | | 537.64 | 318.00 | | 121.44 | |
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| Lemmon, V. Greve | 336.00 | | | 180.00 | | 237.50 | |
| Livingston, N. Barenz | 3,084.00 | | 808.92 | 1,362.00 | | 1,505.15 | ALL THE |
| McIntosh, G. Birkholz | 516.00 | | 147.25 | 264.00 | | 264.00 | A VALACE |
| Mobridge, H. Kuske | 2,832.00 | | 431.97 | 1,848.00 | | 791.44 | |
| Morristown, G. Birkholz | 1,020.00 | | 890.00 | 492.00 | | 537.01 | 400 500 500 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 |
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| Presserville, J. Spaude | 432.00 | | 258.75 | 198.00 | | 437.40 | RI TOTAL |
| Rapid City, D. Sellnow | 1,308.00 | | 176.91 | 240.00 | | 295.53 | <u> </u> |
| Presserville, J. Spaude Rapid City, D. Sellnow Reeder, T. Van der Bloemen | 540.00 | | 194.16 328.49 | 2,778.00 | | 1,058.75 | |
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| Terry, L. Wurster | 540.00 | | - | 252.00 | | 42.21 | AVET TO |
| Timber Lake, J. Johannes Tolstoy, K. Biedenbender Trail City, J. Johannes Valley City, M. Lutz | 432.00 | | | 216.00 | | 275.99 | |
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| Clark, M. Schroeder Clear Lake, D. Gieschen Dempster, H. Witte Elkton, W. Lindloff Retelling H. Witte | 732.00 | | 312.40 | 408.00 | | 476.00 | - |
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| Elkton, W. Lindion | 1,140.00 | | 457.53 | 528.00 | | 637.86 | R THE |
| Estelline, H. Witte Florence, C. Hanson Gary, L. Hahnke (V.P.) | 1,008.00 | | 257.53 | 384.00 | | 304.00 | A Caralla |
| Cary I. Hahnke (V.P.) | 1,980.00 | | 710.17 | 1,020.00 | | 516.35 | AND PROPERTY. |
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| Goodwin, V. Thierfelder Grover, Chr. Albrecht Hague, R. Zimmermann | 1,224.00 | | 349.78 | 570.00 1,020.00 | | 1,224.51 | 430.00 |
| Grover, Chr. Albrecht | 2,052.00 | | 1,425.70 304.24 | 372.00 | | 441.65 | 12.5 |
| Hague, R. Zimmermann | 840.00 | | 449.00 | 720.00 | | 838.09 | |
| | 1,452.00 1,140.00 | | 77.50 | 504.00 | | 584.00 | |
| Henry, C. Hanson | 1,080.00 | | 409.43 | | | 505.55 | |
| Hidewood, D. Gieschen | 1,656.00 | | 247.43 | | | 945.80 | |
| Hendricks, C. Reiter Henry, C. Hanson Hidewood, D. Gieschen Mazeppa, M. Eibs Rauville, M. Eibs | 1,752.00 | | 440.23 | 1,200.00 | | 1,101.37 | |
| Raymond, M. Schroeder | 1,056.00 | | 434.46 | | | 410.00 | |
| Raymond, W. Schroeder | 672.00 | | 269.07 | 150.00 | | 294.52 | |
| South Shore, W. Beckendorf | 1,908.00 |) | CO MANAGEMENT | 804.00 | | 656.00 | |
| Ward, W. Lindloff | 1,212.00 |) | 18.00 | 720.00 | | 874.50 | THE RESERVE |
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