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BRIEFS

by the Editor

Our August 31 issue had been in the mail only a few days when we received a letter from a reader in Minneapolis. He wrote in regard to the item in "News From Our Missions" which was entitled: "Where is Rhoda?" You will recall that it closed with an appeal for good used clothing, so that people like Rhoda would not have to stay away from the services conducted by the missionaries in Northern Rhodesia. The writer of the letter complained that we had published the appeal, and then had left him and others "high and dry," since no direction or information was given as to where and how to send the good used clothing.

We realize that the information should have been given with the item. We have part of that information now. We shall gather the rest of it and publish it in the October 26 issue. To the writer of the letter, who shows a fine spirit, and to others like him, we say: A little patience with us, please!

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"Check the Quotes" was the title of a recent *Northwestern Lutheran* editorial. The need for doing that was illustrated for us today. First, we read a report in *The Lutheran*

(ULC—Oct. 1) under the heading: "Canadians move toward union." It told of a meeting of "forty-five leaders of seven synods of Canadian Lutheranism" who met in September "to explore ways and means of leaving their parent churches, all of which have their main strength in the U.S., in order to form one United Lutheran Church of Canada." Then the report went on: "Major break came when delegates of the Canadian District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod voted to favor withdrawing from their parent body to unite with the Canadian church." We have no way of checking that statement, though nothing of such a vote is reported in the source we shall quote in just a moment.

But we do have a way of checking the quotation following this statement. *The Lutheran* goes on: "Every genuine Lutheran wants Lutheran solidarity because he believes that it will be advantageous to the preaching of the pure Gospel," said the Rev. W. O. Rathke of Waterloo, president of Missouri's Ontario District." But the official News Bureau (National Lutheran Council) has President Rathke add-

ing these words: "This Lutheran unity can be established only on the basis of divine Truth. To pursue union simply for the sake of Lutheran togetherness is to pursue a will-o'-the-wisp which will lead into quagmires of controversies and conflicts. He said a Canadian Lutheran Church with no convictions or one weak conviction would be impotent no matter what its numerical strength."

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The omission makes a vast difference, doesn't it? Was it unintentional? Hardly. The ULC is in the National Lutheran Council, and has access to the NLC news releases. But the United Lutheran Church is in hot pursuit of total Lutheran unity, and the full quotation would not give support to the rosy picture of Canadian union-right-around-the-corner.

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In the same report *The Lutheran* has this: "The Winnipeg meeting voted favorably on 'amalgamation with each other to form one Lutheran Church in Canada.'" The NLC news release, however, has: "The group of 45 pastors and laymen considered 'withdrawal from their so-called 'parent bodies' in the U.S. and amalgamation with each other to form one Lutheran Church in Canada, although no one dared to guess how soon.'" (Roman to ours.) The change from 'considered' to 'voted favorably' makes quite a difference. So does the omission of the words: "although no one dared to guess how soon."

The Lord our God be with us, as he was with our fathers: let him not leave us, nor forsake us. I Kings 8:57

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Editorials

"They Want to Be, So They Say They Are"

The Opinion Research Corporation recently conducted a nationwide survey to determine how automobile drivers rated their own driving ability. Nearly 100% of the drivers who were asked whether they considered themselves "average drivers" replied that they were above average in their driving skills. The typical driver would be insulted at the suggestion that he doesn't drive safely.

The survey analyzes the typical driver's thinking as follows: "People really want to be good, law-abiding drivers. They want to be, so they say they are." Most drivers then consider themselves good drivers because they want to think that they are.

Had the Opinion Research Corporation conducted similar surveys among other groups, it would have made the same findings. The workman, for example, feels that it is the other fellow, not he, who needs the lectures on safety and on quality workmanship. The church member is quite sure that the other parishioner needs the sermon more than he does.

It is the commonest of self-deceptions to maintain that we are better than we really are. Every man tends to see himself as he would like to be. Tell him that he should be righteous, law-abiding, etc., and he will believe that he is. Self-righteousness is bred in the bone of man.

This self-righteousness is utterly foreign to the Gospel. By nature, self-righteous man is a foe of the Gospel. Only the power of God can save man by breaking the grip that self-righteous thinking has on man's mind and heart.

In view of this stubborn and soul-destroying character of self-righteousness, what shall we say when it is not only permitted to develop but is even promoted and inoculated? What, for example, is the Boy Scout doing when he declares: "A Scout is loyal, a Scout is kind, a Scout is reverent"? As he repeats his Scout ideals, he is only conditioning himself to believe more strongly than ever that he is better than the average boy. His psychological method for ingraining self-righteousness is hard to beat.

No one who understands and cherishes the Gospel can afford to compromise with the official Boy Scout system for instilling self-righteousness. Even the Opinion Research Corporation could have told us that.

C. TOPPE.

Is There No Hope? "The Century of Despair" is the label put on the present age by Elton Trueblood, the American Quaker philosopher. The observation is not new. Centuries before Christ, Solomon called his day "vanity of vanities." And long before him, when the human race was young, the omniscient Lord said, "Every imagination of the thoughts of his (man's) heart was only evil continually."

The desperate state of fallen and unregenerate mankind is brought out with crushing effect in "This Is My Philosophy," a book to which twenty philosophers from America, Europe, and Asia, under the editorship

of the Britisher Whit Burnett, give their diagnosis of the world today.

Lord Russell confesses, "Sometimes, in moments of horror, I have been tempted to doubt whether there is any reason to wish that such a creature as man should continue to exist." But he has a prescription: "True happiness for human beings is possible only to those who develop their godlike potentialities to the utmost." But where among the "children of wrath" is there even one with "godlike potentialities"? Especially in view of Russell's philosophy that God is something he calls "the Universe."

Albert Schweitzer feels that he has been born into "a period of spiritual decadence in mankind." His aim is to make men "less shallow and morally better by making them think." But what good is it for a man to think if "God is not in all his thoughts"?

Jung of Switzerland comes rather close to the truth when he says, "Misguided development of the soul must lead to mass destruction. The present situation is so sinister that one cannot suppress the suspicion that the Creator is planning another deluge that will finally exterminate the existing race of man."

In this frame of reference, the Epistles of Peter are wholesome reading. There is hope, "blessed hope," for those who are looking for their redemption. "Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless" (II Pet. 3:13f).

Peter knows nothing about developing "godlike potentialities." He closes his Second Epistle with the ringing message, even for "the century of despair," "Grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

H. C. NITZ.

Church and State The complete separation of Church and State is one of the greatest blessings a country can have. Theoretically we have it in our country. According to the Bible the two differ radically, and their God-assigned duties lie in sharply separated spheres. The State concerns itself with the body, the Church with the soul. The purpose of the State is to promote bodily welfare; that of the Church, spiritual and eternal welfare. The tools with which the State operates in the final analysis consists in force, while the Church has no tools to carry out its mission but the Word and the Sacraments.

This is not always strictly observed even in our land of freedom. There are invasions and encroachments. The State invades the religious sphere when it introduces prayer into its programs. It hires chaplains. In some instances religion is introduced into the public schools. That is invading a field which God has assigned, not to the State, but to the Church.

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Studies in God's Word: Walk Circumspectly

"See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil."

Ephesians 5:15, 16.

With the Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity we enter a cycle of Sundays which brings us to the close of the church year. The Scripture lessons for these Sundays teach us of things preparatory to the end, and of the Christian's life in the light of that end. The issues of life and death become more sharply drawn. As the hope of heaven is brought nearer, the danger of falling away becomes all the more acute.

This awareness of drawing to the close is heightened for us especially in the lections for the Twentieth Sunday after Trinity. Notice the Gospel with Christ's Parable of the Marriage Feast (Matt. 22:1-14). It emphasizes the stern judgment upon those who disregard or even rebel against the gracious announcement, "All things are ready: come unto the marriage." There are "both bad and good" who enter into the spirit and joy of the feast. One self-centered individualist, however, who comes without a wedding garment, is cast into outer darkness.

The Epistle for this same Sunday (Eph. 5:15-21) is very much in line with this imminent approach to the end of all things. Its opening words contain the admonition to "walk circumspectly." In this striking expression lies both a note of heightened expectancy as well as an undertone of cautious warning.

With Expectancy

"Not as fools," the Apostle encourages those who are to walk circumspectly, "but as wise." Then immediately that part of wisdom is stressed which is to be practiced by those mindful of their goal: "Redeeming the time."

We think of those who have been working toward a certain goal for a long time. Perhaps it's a hunter stalking his prey, a builder completing his house, a farmer with the time of harvest drawing close. Much

time and effort has been spent. But the end is in sight. The realization is near. With the thrill of anticipation comes a renewed vigor. Every moment counts. Time becomes exceedingly precious.

Thus Christians are to value time. They are to *redeem* it, purchase it dearly. An awareness of the end with its feeling of heightened expectancy should be with them *always*. Not because they, as Luther points out in his sermon on this text, have by their grand efforts achieved this nearness to their goal. Luther refers in this connection to his years in the monastery, where his path of work-righteousness brought him only farther from his goal. Salvation is ours NOW because Christ has come to us with all His blessings and placed Himself before us NOW. Luther backs this up with a convincing array of Scripture passages: "While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light (John 12:36). . . . Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation (II Cor. 6:2). . . . Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Heb. 4:7; cf. Ps. 95:7, 8)." To this last passage Luther adds the remark, "With us every day is 'today,' since God lets Himself be heard, calling out to us most compellingly not to waste our time."

The various ways in which Christians, mindful of their goal, will redeem the time are beautifully presented by Paul in this Epistle for the Sunday. It will show itself in their search after true wisdom: "Be ye . . . understanding what the will of the Lord is." It will be demonstrated in their worship: "Be ye filled with the Spirit; speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord." It will be reflected in the proper spirit over against God's blessings: "Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." It will be apparent in an attitude of humility over against our fellow men: "Sub-

mitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God."

Thus every part of life is affected by those who walk circumspectly, cherishing each moment which brings them closer to their goal.

With Caution

As our sense of joyous expectancy is increased, so also our awareness of danger is heightened as we near the end. To walk circumspectly, therefore, means that we are cautious, as St. Paul continues, "because the days are evil."

The evil spirit of this world, of course, is reflected in everything which is the opposite of a proper redeeming of the time. By nature man considers the very things emphasized by the Apostle as the greatest waste of time. Time spent in deepening our understanding of the Scriptures, glorifying God in our worship with fellow believers, giving thanks always for all things, and submitting ourselves to others in our concern for their needs is considered of little or no consequence. Christians also have the flesh very much with them and must be circumspect in remaining aloof from this spirit. Luther points his application on this text to the appalling lack, already in his day, of those who considered it worthwhile to prepare for the ministry of preaching and teaching.

Paul points to another evil in which the difference of spirit is quickly recognized, "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit." One hardly needs further comment on the extent to which excessive drinking reflects the earthbound philosophy of the people of our day. One sometimes wonders at many who call themselves Christians, yet have so little time for the things which count because of an excessive lust to "drown their troubles in drink."

May our lessons in this latter portion of the Trinity season impress upon us the realization that "the end of all things is at hand" (I Pet. 4:7), so that we "walk circumspectly."
E. WENDLAND.

Smalcald Articles

Part III. Art. I. Of Sin

VII

In Article I of Part III of the Smalcald Articles, Luther discusses the nature and the ravages of sin. We considered these terrible truths in our previous studies. Luther sums up his verdict in a concluding paragraph, which calls for no further discussion.

- 11) *Such and many similar things have arisen from want of understanding and ignorance as regards both this sin and Christ, our Savior, and they are truly heathen dogmas, which we cannot endure.*

This is indeed a severe judgment to call the theology of the schoolmen "heathen dogmas." Luther proves his charge by pointing to the implications of such teaching.

- 11) . . . *For if this teaching were right, then Christ has died in vain, since there is in man no defect nor sin for which He should have died; or He would have died only for the body, not for the soul, inasmuch as the soul is (entirely) sound, and the body only subject to death.*

How vile sin is, and how only Christ with His bitter suffering and death could save us from its curse, is revealed to us and impressed on our hearts by the Law which God gave us. By the Law is the knowledge of sin, and the Law strikes the haughty sinner low. The letter kills.

The Original Purpose of the Law

Did God give us the Law for the purpose of condemning and killing us? Paul says, "The law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good" (Rom. 7:12). Yes, he says about the commandment that it was "ordained to life" (v. 10).

God gave the Law to Adam before the Fall. He wrote His Law into Adam's heart in his very creation. And when He placed Adam into the Garden of Eden, He gave him a positive commandment: "Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die" (Gen. 2:16, 17).

Here we have a word which clearly defines the sin which Adam must avoid. It very definitely mentions the dire consequences which will follow on a transgression of this commandment. And it holds out the promise of a happy life in case Adam faithfully observes God's word. All this happened when Adam still lived according to that glorious holiness which God had given to him by creating him in His own image. By meditating on God's express command, by considering the terrible curse which he would incur if he sinned, and by pondering the blessed hope which would remain his as long as he obeyed, Adam was to gain, and increase in, strength against any temptation that might arise.

Such was the purpose of that first commandment in Eden; and such was the original purpose of God's Law in general. This is the first truth which Luther mentions in the opening words of his article on the Law.

- 1) *Here we hold that the Law was given by God, first, to restrain sin by threats and the dread of punishment, and by the promise and offer of grace and benefit.*

Man Frustrates the Original Purpose of the Law

- 1) . . . *But all this miscarried on account of the wickedness which sin has wrought in man.*

It was not God's fault that His Law failed to achieve its beneficial purpose. When the temptation came, Adam and Eve set aside God's commandment. The conversation which Eve carried on with the Tempter shows that she well understood the word of God, and that very likely Adam had thoroughly discussed it with her previously. When the Tempter suggested that God had unduly hampered their happiness by laying a burdensome restriction on them, Eve promptly corrected him. The Tempter had said, "Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?" (Gen. 3:1). Eve answered, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden." God's order did not deprive them of any food they might need, it was meant as a test, giving them an opportunity to practice and show their obedience by avoiding that one tree at His command. Hence, "Touch it not."

Yet, in spite of all this, when the Tempter brazenly denied God's word: "Ye shall not surely die," then Eve accepted his word and set aside the word of their God who had so richly blessed them from their first moment until now. It was, as Luther calls it, sheer "wickedness" that Adam and Eve transgressed God's commandment.

This disobedient attitude we have inherited from Adam and Eve, and thus through our wickedness the Law to this day "miscarries," unable to attain its original purpose.

The Law not only fails to produce holiness and life: through our inborn wickedness it is distorted and leads to the very opposite of God's original aim. This is not the fault of the Law, it is the fault of our sinfulness. Paul asks the question: "What shall we say then? Is the Law sin? . . . Was then that which is good made death unto me?" (Rom. 7:7, 13). He answers: "God forbid. But sin, that it might appear sin, working death in me by that which is good; that sin by the commandment might become exceeding sinful" (v. 13).

This sad truth Luther unfolds in the next paragraph. We quote it, but defer a discussion to our next study.

- 2) *For thereby a part (some people) were rendered worse, those, namely, who are hostile to the Law, because it forbids what they like to do, and enjoins what they do not like to do. Therefore, wherever they can escape punishment, they do more against the Law than before.*

These, then, are the rude and wicked men, who do evil wherever they have the opportunity.

(To be continued)

J. P. M.

What shall I say?

Objection:

"I can be just as good a Christian without going to church."

Unfortunately, most people who raise this objection do not even know what Christianity is. The tip-off is in the word "good." If they lead a good, clean life in the eyes of the world, if they are respectable neighbors and citizens, they feel this also makes them good Christians.

What Is Christianity?

We have no quarrel with decent living, nor will we deny that it accompanies Christianity. But in itself, outward morality does not count before God. "All our righteousnesses are as filthy rags" (Isa. 64:6), the Bible tells us. Least of all, does such outward morality make us Christians. Christianity begins in the heart. It is a matter of faith in Jesus Christ — the acceptance of Christ as our personal Savior from sin and dependence upon Him as our only and complete hope of heaven. It is only through such faith in Christ that we become Christians and members of God's family. "Ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus" (Gal. 3:26). And it is only as a result of such faith that we are able to do that which is good in the eyes of God. " whatsoever is not of faith is sin" (Rom. 14:23). This remains true even though the world may applaud the outwardly decent life of an unbeliever and call him "Christian."

This faith in Christ which makes a person a Christian is not the result of man's own will power, effort, or determination. It can be created within him solely by the gracious operation of the Holy Spirit working through the Word of God. "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Rom. 10:17). How, then, can a person be a "good Christian" when he shuts himself off from the one power which is able to make him a Christian?

God Disagrees

Moreover, those who claim that they can be Christian without attending church and hearing God's Word, find themselves in direct disagreement with God Himself. Christ told the Jews at His time: "He that is of God, heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God" (John 8:47). That ought to be plain enough for anyone. And surely this truth is supported by the history of God's people from the beginning of time. The Old Testament is full of references to God's people going to the "house of the Lord" for worship. Of the New Testament Christians we are told: "They, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart" (Acts 2:46). And Jesus Himself made it His regular custom to attend the synagogue to read and hear God's Word (cf. Luke 4:16).

A True Christian Wants to Go to Church

We wonder, indeed, why anyone who claims to be a Christian would want to stay away from church. The devout Christian loves the Word of God. He joins David in saying: "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord" (Ps. 122:1). He will not look for excuses for neglecting worship (and such excuses are very easy to find if we seek them), but he welcomes every opportunity to hear his Lord speak to him in divine services. What possible reason is there to stay away — if a person really is Christian? Could we imagine an ardent sports fan turning down a ticket to the world's series if it were offered to him? Would he say he preferred not to go because he didn't like some of the fans there, or the umpires, or the location of the ball park, or the time of the game, etc., etc.? Wouldn't love for the game make him more apt to find reasons for attending rather than staying away? And let us remember that true love for the Gospel is much more compelling than love for baseball.

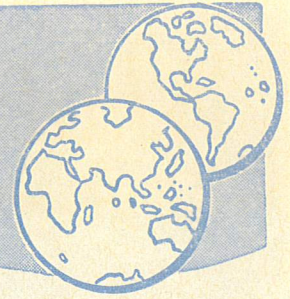
The objector often claims, of course, that he can worship and read his Bible at home. No one will deny the need and the value of home worship. The family altar and family devotions are a "must" for Christians. But almost invariably church attendance and home worship go hand in hand. The sad fact is that where one is neglected, the other usually is overlooked also. And even if a person should remain faithful in home Bible reading and prayers without attending church (we repeat, the chances are very slim), he still is disobeying his Lord who also commands public worship. "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is" (Heb. 10:25), the Bible tells us. Can we really be Christian, if we disobey that command?

A Matter of Confession

A Christian not only believes in Christ. He also confesses Christ. Paul wrote: "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (Rom. 10:10). Part of that confession is taking part in public worship. Surely, we are not confessing Christ, if we show the world we prefer to stay at home. Then, in fact, we are witnessing against Christ. There is no middle course. Jesus said: "He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad" (Matt. 12:30). Think, for example, of the impression which non-church-going parents are giving their children. Even though they send them to Sunday school, they are undermining the work done there, and are encouraging their children to believe that Christianity is just for children, something which they may conveniently discard when they

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News FROM OUR Missions



Alabama Lutheran Conference Meets

The 41st annual Alabama Lutheran Conference met at Alabama Lutheran Academy and College on August 21-24, 1958. The Rev. P. R. Hunt, chairman of the Conference, preached the sermon in the opening communion service. For this occasion he chose the text I Corinthians 15:58. He reviewed the labors that had been done during the past year and encouraged all the members to continue laboring steadfastly because it is the Lord's will, and such work is not in vain.

Essays and papers which were presented and discussed were as follows: "The Holy Christian Church"; "The Financial Standings of Our Congregations"; "The Use of Money According to the Scriptures"; and a film-strip presentation on the topic "Personal Evangelism."

St. Paul's Congregation of Birmingham, formerly affiliated with the A.L.C., was received into the Conference, and a most encouraging report was heard from the new station that has been opened in Ashville. Mt. Calvary, Mobile (Maysville), reported the completion of one phase of its building project. This part consists of a new chapel and school-room. Faith Congregation, also of Mobile, reported that they are ready to begin construction of their chapel. This congregation is relocating, and an existing dwelling on the new property has been converted into a three-room school.

The Conference was encouraged by the news that Alabama Lutheran Academy and College is to have a new campus, and that money has been appropriated for the new library-classroom building and a girls' dormitory. In view of this, the congregations of the field were urged to make every effort to complete the

\$20,000.00 boys' dormitory fund which was voted several years ago.

Local mission offerings of about \$1,500.00 were allocated to stations in need of aid in areas where new work is being done. Projects approved for help from these monies were: Ashville mission for school equipment; Camden, school equipment for school expansion to two rooms; the Chapel of the Air radio program, and *The Missionary Lutheran*.

On Saturday, the day devoted to Sunday school matters, Professor James Gildersleeve presented an essay entitled "How to Use the Sunday School as a Missionary Agency," and a panel discussion led by Professor John Moss dealt with improving the Sunday school in respect to membership, attendance, and instruction. Dr. Wm. Schweppe, superintendent of the Nigeria Mission, showed what great things God has done in the past in the Nigeria Mission. He traced its history from the beginning until the present time. He also gave a preview of the work which is planned and which will be started in Ghana.

Sunday school mission offerings totaling \$3,250.00 were brought in for African, Moslem, and Japanese

mission work. The goal set for the coming year is \$4,000.00.

In the closing service, the Rev. W. H. Ellwanger prepared the members for their return home and to work by reviewing the conference and imploring God's abiding blessing upon the labors for the coming year.

Officers elected to serve for the coming year are: Chairman, P. R. Hunt; Vice-chairman, B. P. Jenkins; Secretary, A. Dominick; and Treasurer, W. H. Ellwanger. The Conference adjourned with the singing of "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

R. A. EGGERT.

NOTICE!

Several families in Columbus, Ohio, have asked to be served by a Wisconsin Synod pastor. Steps are being taken to grant this request. Members of Synod are requested to notify the undersigned of any Wisconsin Synod families which have recently moved to Columbus and its surrounding area.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Pastor W. F. Dorn has been called and installed as Hospital Pastor by the Minnesota District Board for Home Missions to serve all Wisconsin Synod patients at the various hospitals in Rochester, Minnesota. Henceforth kindly refer the names of all Wisconsin Synod members who come to Rochester for medical care to:

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CORRECTION

There was a rather bad lapse in the September 14 number. On page 297, top left, we had "the false religion, the Christian 'gospel,' of the lodge." 'Christless' was intended, instead of 'Christian.' No doubt our readers all made the necessary correction on their own. But let the correction be made here for the sake of the record.



MISSIONARY E. E. GUENTHER — After 48 years of service in the Apache Mission, Pastor Guenther has been relieved of routine work to enable him to carry out the dream of many years: to go into areas remote from our stations in Apacheland to bring the Gospel to the Apaches scattered there. To accomplish this, he has rigged up a panel truck with living arrangements. Thus, he will become the modern version of a circuit rider.

SCHOOL DEDICATION

On August 24, Emanuel Church of New London, Wisconsin, enjoyed the privilege of dedicating a four-room addition to its school. Prof. Martin Albrecht of Dr. Martin Luther College delivered the sermon at both morning services.

The new addition contains four classrooms with lavatories for boys and girls on each floor, also a lounging room for the teachers and a large first-aid room with three beds. In the basement provision has been made for the school lunch program, which is conducted in the church basement at present. An underground tunnel connects the whole school with the church basement.

The entire school now has eleven classrooms and a gymnasium. Four male teachers and six female teachers are serving the school. One of the new classrooms was loaned to a neighboring public school, until the remodeling work on their school is finished.

We thank the Lord who has so wonderfully blessed and guided this work, also giving the congregation the courage and readiness to meet this challenge. The present enrollment is 350 pupils. The total cost remained below the original estimate and is covered by individual pledges from willing members of the congregation.

WALTER E. PANKOW.

Church Music Workshop

Pastors, organists, choirmasters, and other interested persons are herewith invited to attend a Church Music Workshop to be held in Watertown, Wisconsin, November 7 and 8. Members of the Teachers' Conference will find the date and place convenient since the workshop will follow immediately upon the conclusion of their meetings. The workshop will open with registration Friday evening at 6:30 in the Chapel-Classroom Building at Northwestern College and continue with the evening sessions there at 7:00. Saturday's meetings will be held at Trinity Church, beginning with matins at 8:30 and adjourning at 3:30 in the afternoon. The noon meal will be served by Trinity Ladies' Aid Society.

The program will feature the following items: Church Music in the Divine Service; Planning the Choir and Organ Music for the Trinity Season; The Christian Life — A Presentation in Song by the Lutheran Chorale of Milwaukee; Wedding

Music; The Aims of the Choir Rehearsal. Professor Meilahn Zahn of Michigan Lutheran Seminary and Professor Bruce Backer of Doctor Martin Luther College will join local leaders in presenting the lectures and demonstrations. A display of organ and choir music will also be provided.

A registration fee of \$3.00 will be charged. This will include the cost of the dinner to be served Saturday noon. Lodging in private homes will be furnished to participants coming from a distance, and the local committee will be glad to handle hotel and motel reservations for those who desire them. Advance registration is requested so that adequate preparations for planning booklets, music, lodging, and the noon meal may be made. All inquiries and registrations may be sent to

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814 Richards Ave.
Watertown, Wisconsin

From Our Synod's Schools

Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota

OUR seventy-fifth school year began on Wednesday, September 10, at 8:30. Registration gave us a total of 510. We have 104 in the college freshman class and 69 in the ninth grade. We are setting tables for 480. This is the largest number we have had in attendance at any one time, with several more to come.

We had intended to begin one week sooner, but some of the repairs and alterations we were making were not completed on schedule, especially the two terrazzo floors in the boys' dormitory. We notified all students by mail or by telegram, and only a few appeared before time.

Because of the large freshman class, the teaching load of the faculty was increased still more, a situation which can not go on indefinitely. If we are to continue with a student body of this size, we need not only more instructors but also decidedly more room. We set up a temporary

classroom in Centennial Hall, but we are sure no one would consider that a favorable permanent arrangement.

We are housing 19 girls on the third floor of Old Main. We moved out of that area some years ago and hoped we would never have to use it again for that purpose, but it did prevent our adding this number to the list of applications we returned to those who also wanted to prepare for work in the Church.

We were fortunate in being able to begin this school year with a complete faculty. We have three new instructors: Mr. Jerome Kingsbury and Mr. Orlin Wraalstad, graduates of our Theological Seminary, and Mr. James Schneider from the same school. In addition to these, we were permitted to add two men to our permanent teaching staff: Prof. Bruce Backer, who had accepted our call as an instructor in the music department, and Prof. Lloyd Hahnke, of Boyd, Minnesota, who is our new dean. Both were

installed during the opening service, the Rev. Egbert Schaller, our Board chairman, officiating.

Since this is our seventy-fifth school year, we are planning to observe this anniversary in a special service on Sunday, June 7, the day before our commencement. Throughout the year, we shall stress the grace of God as it has manifested itself among us and also the obligation and the privilege that thereby became ours. We shall take our theme from Psalm 78:4b: "Show to the generation to come the praises of the Lord." During the coming months, we shall also attempt to bring more complete information about the history, the purpose, and the needs of our school to members of our Synod.

We close these remarks with the annual plea that applications for enrollment for the next school year be made as soon as possible.

C. L. SCHWEPPE.

Northwestern Lutheran Academy-Mobridge, South Dakota

IF the month of September had no other significance than that in most parts of the land it marks the opening of schools, it would still be one of the more important months of the year, for at this time every town and hamlet feels the upsurge of business, the schools themselves usually have just met the deadline of necessary and extensive renovations, and most families are in one way or another drawn into the excitement that attends someone's leaving for school. In the case of a Christian school additional important factors obtain, such as the teachers' knowledge that they are about to contribute another year of their time and effort to the salutary work of the Church and the assurance that parents have that their children can continue under Chris-

tian guidance to prepare themselves for a God-pleasing life.

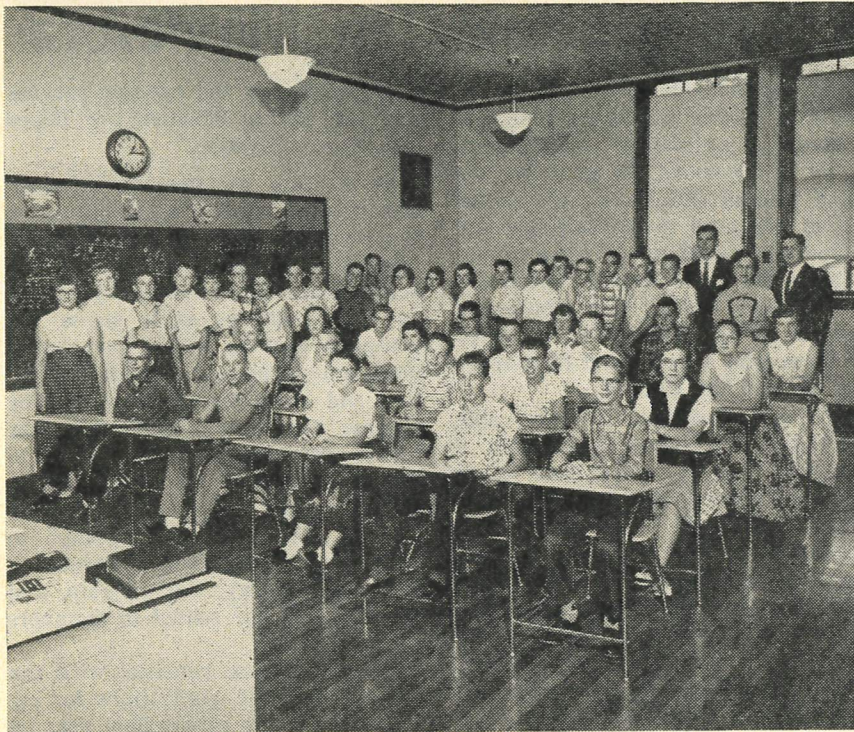
Nevertheless, the opening day of school can also have its disappointments, such as we experienced when our enrollment did not meet our expectations. With a fair background of experience, we naturally think of various factors that could have been responsible, for to ascribe a loss to one cause alone would be an oversimplification. It has been a number of years now since a number of factors combined at one time as they seem to have done this fall. As our enrollment now stands, we have 18 seniors, 27 juniors, 19 sophomores, and 23 freshmen, and we hope that these figures will hold throughout the year, though we know that in the far-flung reaches of our West, where children are very close to their parents, homesickness takes its

toll. It is encouraging to note, however, that the majority of our new students are taking either the ministerial or the teacher's course.

At the beginning of the school year we could have reported in a spirit of thanksgiving that we were able to enter upon our work with a complete staff, but now we must report our loss in our music department through Professor Nolte's accepting a call into another field of labor. We wish him God's richest blessing. Members of the faculty have volunteered to carry on his work during the vacancy or until such time when temporary assistance can be found. May the Lord grant us an early response to our call for an athletic director, and may He likewise soon fill the vacancy in our music department.

R. A. FENSKE.

From Our Lutheran High Schools



A Record Opening

The forty-one freshmen of the new Jefferson County Lutheran High School

JEFFERSON COUNTY LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin

September 2, 1958, was a special day for Wisconsin Synod Lutherans of the Jefferson County area. At eight o'clock that evening a student body of 41 freshmen marched into St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Fort Atkinson, to take their place in the front pews for a special service to mark the opening of our Lutheran High School. About 500 people attended this service conducted by the recently called principal, the Rev. Lloyd Huebner.

On the following morning, classes were begun in the old St. Paul's Christian Day School building of Fort Atkinson. Members of the High School Association donated many hours of labor to give the school building a neat and fresh appearance. Seventy new student desks were purchased along with two new teachers' desks and files to equip the classrooms. Other equipment, such as maps, science charts,

dictionaries, athletic equipment, etc., has been donated by the Men's Clubs and Ladies' Aids of the surrounding congregations. The Ladies' Guild of the High School Association purchased one of the two Volkswagen buses which serve to transport the students to and from school. The cost of transportation of all high-school students is borne by the Association.

The curriculum has been set up to meet the needs of three types of students: those seeking a general high-school education; those preparing for college; those preparing for parochial-school teaching.

In addition to the principal, Mr. Nicholas Kiessling of Watertown, Wisconsin, and a graduate of our Northwestern College, is serving as full-time instructor for this school year. Miss Mildred Buending of Fort Atkinson is helping out as a part-time instructor.

In addition to using their old school building, St. Paul's Congregation of Fort Atkinson is permitting

us to use the gymnasium of their new Christian day school for our athletic activities. Permission has also been granted us to eat our noon meals with the pupils of St. Paul's in their beautiful new dining hall.

May God, who has blessed us so abundantly thus far, continue to prosper our future endeavors as we seek to give our youth a Christ-centered education!

L. O. HUEBNER, principal.

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FOX VALLEY LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL Appleton, Wisconsin

The opening enrollment here was 331, 155 of these being boys and 176 girls.

New instructors added to the staff this year were: Mr. Walter Klann, mathematics; Pastor Paul Koch, religion and Latin; Mr. Andrew Madson, commercial subjects and physical education; Mr. Howard Rauch, English; and Miss Doris Schroeder, commercial subjects and physical education. The faculty now numbers 15.

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WINNEBAGO LUTHERAN ACADEMY Fond du Lac, Wisconsin

The thirty-fifth year of the Winnebago Lutheran Academy opened Wednesday, September 3, 1958, with a service at 8:30 A.M. A total of 210 high school students were registered. Of these, 54 are freshmen.

An installation service was held Tuesday, September 2. During this service, at which Pastor Robert Kleist of Pickett delivered the sermon, Pastor John Mattek, chairman of the Board, installed Mr. Raymond Spangenberg as instructor at the Academy. Mr. Spangenberg had taught in the Lutheran Normal School in Nigeria. Also, Mr. Robert Bame, Findlay, Ohio, was inducted into his office as a tutor, and Miss Christine Burroff, Watertown, into her office as the commercial teacher.

The Emergency Teacher Training Course began its fourth year. Twenty-

seven students are enrolled. This is an appreciable increase over the past years.

Trusting that the Lord will continue to abide with us, we look forward to another successful year.

T. W. ZUBERBIER.

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LUTHER HIGH SCHOOL

Onalaska, Wisconsin

Luther High School, a relatively new institution on the scene of Lutheran higher education, opened its second year with a divine service on Sunday afternoon, September 7. At this service two new instructors were inducted into office. They were Mr. Herbert Grams, formerly of Wood Lake, Minnesota, and Miss Lois Buss, who had been teaching at Gresham, Nebraska. These two teachers together with the Rev. Wayne Schmidt, comprise the full-time faculty. Five part-time staff members assist with the teaching duties. They include Pastor John Lau of Onalaska, Pastor Henry Paustian of Barre Mills, and Pastor Arden Stuebs of Bangor; Mr. Frank Italiano of La Crosse, and Mrs. Anker Michelson of West Salem.

A year ago Luther High began its first year of operation with an initial enrollment of 21 in the ninth grade. Registration on September 7 of this year recorded a total of 46 students; 22 of these are in the tenth grade, and 24 in the ninth. The student body is made up of 19 girls and 27 boys.

Although we were privileged to dedicate an attractive new building designed for academic instruction in the fall of 1957, it has become apparent that this structure will continue to be adequate only for this year. For that reason the construction of another classroom addition is presently under way. When this addition is finished, we hope to be able to complete the plans for a gymnasium-auditorium and carry out its construction. By making some additions to our present physical plant each year, it is hoped that we shall have adequate facilities for our four-year high-school program when it becomes a reality in 1960. With our Savior's blessing may we then continue faithfully to respond to our chosen aim: Dedicated to keeping Christ in higher education!

WAYNE SCHMIDT.

WISCONSIN LUTHERAN

HIGH SCHOOL

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Few can appreciate both the satisfaction and the sense of relief that come to the administration of a school on the opening day of classes. In our case, the satisfaction was provided by the substantial increase in our enrollment. Five hundred twenty-six pupils were with us when we held our opening service on September 3, 1958, at St. Philip's Lutheran Church. This was an increase of over 50 students compared with last year's enrollment.

Pastor Robert Voss of Siloah Lutheran Church preached to our students on a portion of Proverbs 23. He spoke on the heavenly Father's command to His children.

The sense of relief came about when a record number of students was placed in class and when all classes were provided with teachers. We were faced with a shortage of four teachers. The problem was solved by asking faculty members to teach additional periods and by engaging eight part-time teachers. Instead of the 22 full-time teachers we are authorized to have, we opened the year with but 18. For the next school year, these vacancies must be filled. In addition, enough new teachers will also be called to meet the expansion in enrollment which we expect as we make use of our new high-school facilities in the fall of 1959.

R. KRAUSE.

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ST. CROIX LUTHERAN

HIGH SCHOOL

St. Paul, Minnesota

"What started as a dream, grew to be a hope, became apparent as a duty, and was adopted as a goal, now stands as an accomplished fact."

This release from the publicity committee of the Twin City Lutheran High School Association vividly summarizes the brief history of St. Croix Lutheran High School.

Where the dream of a Lutheran high school for this area began, nobody will ever know for certain. Suffice it to say that the first public utterances of the dream were made in Hastings, Minnesota, at a meeting of the St. Croix Conference of the Minnesota District. The Conference reacted favorably to the thought,

and a Lutheran high school committee was later chosen to survey prospects and study possibilities and probabilities. This committee organized at Bloomington Lutheran Church, Bloomington, Minnesota, in September 1957. The Reverend Gerhard Ehlert served as chairman. Other members were the Reverend John Hoenecke, the Reverend George Baer, the Reverend Martin Jahnke, Mr. Egan Banke, and Mr. Delmar Nispel.

The committee labored with feverish delight, and the hope grew that a high school could be started. A short six months later, in February, 1958, the committee announced that five working committees had been formed and were already operating: steering, constitution, publicity, education, and building and site. The appropriate committee drew up a constitution, and it was referred to the congregations of the St. Croix Conference for adoption.

From the very beginning, this movement has been characterized by the enthusiasm, interest, and consecration of interested laymen. Mr. Delmar Nispel spoke in many of the congregations, urging them to further the cause of Christ by forming an association of congregations. Twelve congregations, and later 13, accepted the constitution, and articles of incorporation for the Twin City Lutheran High School Association were issued by the Minnesota Secretary of State on July 22, 1958. Officers of the corporation are Mr. Delmar Nispel, president, Mr. A. W. Horning, vice president, the Reverend John Hoenecke, secretary, Mr. Paul A. Unke, financial secretary, and Mr. George C. Paul, treasurer. Member congregations are Emanuel, St. John's, St. James, Trinity, Christ, and Divinity Lutheran Churches of St. Paul, Pilgrim Lutheran Church of Minneapolis, St. Andrew's Church of St. Paul Park, Timothy Lutheran Church of Stillwater, St. John's Lutheran Church of Hastings, and St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Prescott, Wisconsin.

The immediate control and supervision of St. Croix Lutheran High School is vested in a 15-man Board of Regents. The Board is responsible to a 55-man General Board. The General Board is, in turn, responsible to the various congregations, by virtue of their representation on the General Board.

Both the Board of Regents and the General Board are gifted with men of courage, vision, and dedication to Christ-centered education. At the last combined meeting of the two groups, they unanimously voted to secure a site and begin making plans to erect a building for the school year 1959-1960.

It was due to the Lord's gracious blessings and the consecration and devotion of these men that St. Croix Lutheran High School opened its doors to an initial ninth grade on September 9, 1958. Twenty-two pioneers "braved the unknown" to enroll in this first class. And in the opening service, the Reverend A. L. Barry of Pilgrim Lutheran Church gave them ample reason to thank God that they had enrolled in a Christian high school. His sermon, "What Induces Parents to Send Their Children to a Lutheran High School?" spelled out the basic fundamentals of Christian education.

The Association is grateful to St. James Lutheran Church, for in its facilities the first classes of our high school are being held. Teaching the children are Winifred Bolle (music), the Reverend Donald Kolander (Latin, algebra), and Morton A. Schroeder (church history, citizenship, English, general science, and physical education).

Mr. Schroeder was installed as principal and first instructor of St. Croix Lutheran High School in a divine service held in St. James Lutheran Church, September 28, 1958. The Reverend Oscar J. Naumann, president of the Synod and pastor of a participating congregation, delivered the sermon. He based his theme, "Teach them to walk in the fear of God," on Psalm 111:10. The Reverend Carl F. Bolle, pastor of the host congregation, was liturgist. The Reverend Roman Palmer, pastor of Pilgrim Lutheran Church, officiated at the rite of installation. Pastors of the St. Croix Conference participated in the service. Special music was rendered by St. James Senior Choir, Emanuel Lutheran School Children's Choir, and St. John's Lutheran School Children's Choir.

We give all glory to God who, through His servants, has enabled another Lutheran high school to open. We ask His blessings upon teachers, students, parents, and all who are interested in the cause of Christian higher education. We ask

that He give all the wisdom to nourish what He has planted that this school may be a blessing to all who walk through its doors. We seek His help in all that we do, for we know that of ourselves we can do nothing. May He, in His time, give the increase!

M. A. SCHROEDER.

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CORNERSTONE LAYING OF THE WISCONSIN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL Milwaukee, Wisconsin

On September 21, Wisconsin Synod Lutherans of the Milwaukee area laid the cornerstone for their new high-school building. The structure, which is being erected at a cost of slightly over \$2,000,000, is designed to serve a beginning enrollment of 750 students, with expansion planned for a future enrollment of at least 1,000.

In addition to academic classrooms, the structure provides rooms for science, business, home economics, shop, and mechanical drawing classes. Also included in the building is a library, a cafeteria, a gymnasium, a chapel-auditorium. The school has been planned and is being built in such a way that it can be expanded to accommodate over 1,000 students by the mere addition of

classroom space. All other facilities for a larger enrollment are included in the original building.

Mr. Fred Bartz is chairman of the Building Committee. The firm of Grellinger & Rose are the architects, and the general contractor is the Jezo Company.

The Wisconsin Lutheran High School Conference was organized in 1952 when the Evangelical Lutheran High School Conference was reorganized into separate Wisconsin and Missouri Synod groups. The old school itself was divided into the Wisconsin Lutheran High School and the Milwaukee Lutheran High School of the Missouri Synod in the fall of 1955. The beginning enrollment of 350 students at the Wisconsin Lutheran High School has increased by 50% to the present enrollment of 525.

In March of 1957, a building fund drive conducted by over 30 congregations of the Milwaukee area raised \$1,250,000 in subscriptions for the erection of the new structure. The balance of the money needed was raised through loans received from our own members.

As a token of thanksgiving to the Lord for the way in which He has blessed our progress, the members of our churches have begun a fund to install an organ in the chapel-auditorium of the new building.



Cornerstone Laying Rite — Wisconsin Lutheran High School, Milwaukee
Pastor Erhard Pankow (left) and Prof. John Meyer

We are thankful to the Lord for the blessings He has bestowed on us, for the encouragement, wisdom, and perseverance He has granted us; for the willingness to give and to serve, which faith in Him and in our Savior has aroused in so many.

ROBERT P. KRAUSE.

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**RACINE LUTHERAN
HIGH SCHOOL
Racine, Wisconsin**

School opening took place on September 3, 1958, with a brief chapel service, followed by a full day of classes. A formal opening service was held on Sunday evening, September 7. Pastor Walter Wegner, Columbus, Wisconsin, was the speaker.

The opening enrollment was 332, with 79 of these freshmen. There are now 15 instructors on the faculty, including the principal, Mr. Delbert Schulz. Mr. James Bartz was added to the staff this year.

There are 301 students from Synodical Conference churches, while 21 are from other Lutheran churches and 10 from other denominations.

(Editor's Note: Racine Lutheran High School is conducted by an association of Synodical Conference Lutherans.)

† **PASTOR ADOLPH HENRY
BIRNER** †

October 8, 1889 - September 9, 1958

We beg leave to take note of a few facts in the life of God's late servant, Adolph Henry Birner.

He was born on October 8, 1889, the child of Henry Birner and Sussanne Lehner, in Wittenberg,

Perry County, Missouri. He liked the hills round about Lake Benton, Minnesota, because they reminded him of his childhood home. He was baptized as a babe in Wittenberg and attended parochial school there. On March 24, 1904, he was confirmed by the sainted Pastor F. Albrecht. He attended normal school for two years in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. At the urging of his father, who thought he was too young to teach school, he enrolled for ministerial training at Fort Wayne, Indiana. However, he soon transferred to Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Illinois. He was ordained and installed into the ministry in January of 1913, and began his pastoral work by serving a mission circuit from Mena, Arkansas, to Texarkana. It was while he was at Mena that he married Amanda Lueders of St. Louis. Ill health forced him to leave Arkansas and take a call to Shawneetown, Missouri, in March of 1916. From 1918 to 1920 he served a parish at Pevely, Missouri. In 1920 he accepted the call to the Hendricks-Arco-Tyler, Minnesota, parish. Hendricks and Arco he served until 1942. The Lord then directed him to work in the McIntosh-Wataugua, South Dakota, and Paradise Township, North Dakota, parish. From 1944 to 1947 he served congregations at Stratford, James, and Hanson Township, South Dakota. This field of labor he left in April, 1947, to serve the congregations at Lake Benton and Verdi, Minnesota. Here he served until his death September 9, 1958.

His longest pastorate was in the Dakota-Montana District of the Wis-

consin Synod. This District he once served as its second vice-president.

The marriage of Pastor Birner to Amanda Lueders was blessed with nine children. They are: Pastor Herbert of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Walter of Canby, Minnesota; Lillian (Mrs. D. B. Sayner) of Tucson, Arizona; Thelma, who preceded her father to his heavenly home; Rhoda (wife of Pastor Donald Larsen) of Detroit, Michigan; James of Lake Benton, Minnesota; Talitha (Mrs. Larry Scott) of Denver, Colorado; Joel and Rollo, of Lake Benton, Minnesota. He is survived by his widow and eight children and their families. There are thirteen grandchildren. Of his immediate family, one brother, Pastor E. T. J. Birner of Mattoon, Illinois, and one sister, Mrs. William Margrave of Holly Hill, Florida, are living.

It was Pastor Birner's desire to serve his Lord in the active ministry until he was seventy years old. His Lord, however, in love, saw fit to terminate that work when he was sixty-eight. His Savior summoned him while he was performing his last ministerial act, a funeral at the Verdi church. He was stricken with a heart attack and answered his Savior's call about three hours later.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them" (Rev. 14:13). Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

WHAT SHALL I SAY?

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become older. They are giving offense to Christ's "little ones" with all the serious consequences this entails (cf. Matt. 18:6). Is this the rearing which a Christian will give his child?

Those who claim they can be good Christians without going to church are only deceiving themselves. Moreover, they are denying themselves countless blessings. The devout Christian will find himself in the house of the Lord regularly, mindful of God's promise: "Blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it" (Luke 11:28).

C. S. LEYERER.

EDITORIALS

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The Church also trespasses on a field where it has no business. Some churches, especially those which operate with the social gospel, are fast becoming mere

appendages of the State. Their chief interest is to improve the community economically and socially. They bring pressure to bear to get the lawgiving bodies to pass what they regard as moral laws and force people to live up to them with the threat of fines or imprisonment, so to promote the program of the Church. That, too, is an unauthorized invasion of a field which does not belong to them. It is a mingling of two radically different institutions.

There are things which belong to the responsibility of the State, and there are things which are the responsibility of the Church, and these are sharply outlined in the Scriptures. "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's." Jesus in these words teaches a valuable lesson, so that we may learn not to shoot beside the mark and willingly render both to the government and to God the services to which they are entitled.

IM. P. FREY.

SIXTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

On Sunday, May 4, 1958, Mr. and Mrs. John Suess, members of Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Olivia, Minnesota, were privileged by a gracious God to observe the 60th anniversary of their wedding. The undersigned addressed them on Psalm 100. May God richly bless them in the evening of their lives together!

IM. F. LENZ.

FIFTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

On Sunday, June 15, 1958, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wallert, members of Zion Ev. Lutheran Congregation, Olivia, Minnesota, in the presence of children and children's children, were privileged by God to celebrate the 50th anniversary of their wedding. The undersigned addressed them on Psalm 128. May God be a joy to them in the years still left to them!

IM. F. LENZ.

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On June 17, 1958, Mr. and Mrs. John Zimdahl, members of St. Peter's Congregation, Theresa, Wisconsin, were privileged to celebrate the 50th anniversary of their marriage in the company of their family and friends. It was also the silver wedding anniversary of their son Raymond. To the glory of the Triune God, who has hitherto so graciously preserved and blessed them, a monetary thank-offering was designated for the congregation's building fund. The undersigned based his address on the Word of God in Genesis 32: 9-12.

B. R. HAHM.

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On Wednesday, August 13, 1958, Mr. and Mrs. William Peper, members of St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Route 2, Loganville, Wisconsin, were privileged to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary together with relatives and friends at their home. The undersigned addressed them briefly on the basis of Psalm 128. May the God of all grace continue to guide and bless them through the remaining days of their life!

N. RETZLAFF.

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On September 21, 1958, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Teuteberg, long-time faithful members of Bethesda Congregation, Milwaukee, celebrated their golden wedding. The undersigned addressed them briefly on the basis of Psalm 23:6.

IRWIN J. HABECK.

CALL FOR CANDIDATES

Professor G. Horn, dean at Northwestern College, has accepted a call into the ministry. The Board of Control of the College seeks to fill this vacancy as early as possible. Members of the Synod, pastors, teachers, and laymen, as well as congregations, are requested to submit names in nomination for this office. The man called will be placed in charge of the dormitories and will be asked to teach a class in religion.

Nominations must reach the board before October 20, 1958.

Kurt A. Timmel, Secretary
612 Fifth Street
Watertown, Wisconsin

CALL FOR CANDIDATES

The members of Synod are hereby requested to nominate candidates to fill the professorship at Northwestern Lutheran Academy, Mobridge, South Dakota, which has become vacant by Professor W. Nolte's accepting a call elsewhere. The man called to this professorship shall be qualified to take charge of the music department and also teach high-school English and geography.

Nominations should be in the hands of the secretary not later than October 24, 1958.

Gerhard W. Birkholz, Secretary
Board of Control, N.W.L.A.
Box 207
Morristown, South Dakota

NOMINATIONS FOR THE PROFESSORSHIP AT NORTHWESTERN LUTHERAN ACADEMY

Following are the names of men who have been nominated for the sixth professorship of Northwestern Lutheran Academy at Mobridge, South Dakota:

Rev. Donald Bitter, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin

Rev. Carl Nommensen, Lincoln, Nebraska

Mr. Gerald Pankow, Columbus, Wisconsin

Rev. Howard Russow, Iron Ridge, Wisconsin

Rev. Walter Schumann, Watertown, South Dakota

Rev. Melvin Schwenzen, West Allis, Wisconsin

Prof. Kenneth Seim, Manitowoc, Wisconsin

Mr. Philip Strohm, Racine, Wisconsin

Rev. Edward Stelter, Crivitz, Wisconsin

Rev. Walter Wegner, Columbus, Wisconsin

Rev. Harry Wiedmann, Burlington, Wisconsin

Correspondence regarding these nominations should reach the secretary not later than October 24, 1958.

Gerhard W. Birkholz, Secretary
Board of Control, N.W.L.A.
Box 207
Morristown, South Dakota

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To any mission or church — a lectern and white marble baptismal font.
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Immanuel Lutheran Church
R. 1, Johnson Creek, Wis.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Pastor O. W. Eckert, of Winner, S. Dak., has resigned his membership in our Synod because our Synod has not severed its relationship with the Missouri Synod.
HUGO FRITZE, President
of the Nebraska District.

APPOINTMENTS

Pastor Marilyn A. Schroeder of Raymond, S. Dak., has been appointed to serve the remainder of President Walter Schumann's term on the Board of Regents of our Northwestern Lutheran Academy at Mobridge. President Schumann resigned after his election as District president because of the added duties placed upon him by his new office.

Mr. Alvin Kroening of Benton Harbor, Mich., has been appointed to serve on the Executive Committee for Missions in Germany, to fill the vacancy created by the death of Dr. A. Westendorf.

OSCAR J. NAUMANN, President.

CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

The members of the Southern Conference of the Southeastern Wisconsin District will meet on October 14 and 15 at First Lutheran Church, Lake Geneva, Wis. Time: Oct. 14, 9:30 a.m., communion service, Oct. 15, 9:00 a.m.

Meetings will be conducted according to Wisconsin time schedule.

Speaker: H. Wackerfuss, Evanston, Ill. (II Tim. 1); Alternate: R. Waldschmidt, Palos Heights, Ill. (II Tim. 2).
Exegesis: Phil. 2, beginning at v. 22, F. Schulz; Phil. 3, R. Bittorf.

Papers: How shall we advise our relatives as to worship with heterodox relatives? Molkentin; What is an Adiphoron? Wiedmann; Does a false prophet have a divine call? Pope.

H. HENKE, Secretary.

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GENERAL SYNODICAL COMMITTEE

The General Synodical Committee will meet, God willing, on Oct. 22 and 23 in the Synod Office Building, 3616-32 W. North Ave., Milwaukee 8, Wis., beginning at 9:00 a.m., C.S.T., on Oct. 22.

Preliminary Meetings

Conference of Presidents, Monday, Oct. 20, 10:00 a.m.

Church Union Committee, Monday, Oct. 20, 2:00 p.m.

General Board for Home Missions, Monday, Oct. 20, 9:00 a.m.

Executive Committees for Foreign Missions, Monday, Oct. 20, 10:00 a.m. in Parkside Lutheran Church, N. Sherman Blvd. and W. North Ave.

General Board for Foreign Missions, Tuesday morning at Parkside Church.

Board of Trustees, Monday, Oct. 20, 10:00 a.m.

Board of Education—Wisconsin Synod, Monday, Oct. 20, 10:00 a.m.

Lutheran Spiritual Welfare Commission, Tuesday, Oct. 21, 9:30 a.m.

Representatives of Institutions, Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2:00 p.m.

All meeting hours are reckoned according to Central Standard Time.

OSCAR J. NAUMANN, President.

DODGE-WASHINGTON PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Place: St. John's Lutheran Church, Woodland, Wis.; William Schink, host pastor
Date: Oct. 21 and 22, 1958.

Conference will begin with a Holy Communion service on Tuesday, Oct. 21, at 9:30 a.m. Speaker: H. Schaar (alternate speaker: A. von Rohr).

Essay assignments: Commercialism in the Church, Homemakers and 4-H Clubs, H. Schaar; What Is Divisive of Church Fellowship? B. Hahn; Exegesis, I Cor. 3, M. Westerhaus; Exegesis, Gen. 4, E. Huebner; An Exposition and Application of Ezek. 3:18 with Reference to Our Ministry, W. Krueger.

CARL J. HENNIG, Secretary.

MINNESOTA DISTRICT, WISCONSIN SYNOD, TEACHERS CONVENTION

October 23 and 24, 1958

At St. John's Lutheran School
St. Paul, Minn.

Thursday

- 9:00 Registration and Program Committee Meeting.
- 9:50 Opening Service by Pastor Oscar Naumann.
- 10:00 President's Report, Minutes, Treasury, Appointments, etc.
- 10:45 Recess and Late Registrations.
- 11:00 A Science Topic with Demonstration by Prof. Ralph Swantz.
- 12:00 NOON RECESS
- 12:45 Program Committee Meeting.
- 1:15 Devotion and Minutes.
- 1:30 Kindergarten and First Grade Readiness, Age, etc., by Mrs. Schwertfeger.
- 2:30 Recess
- 2:45 Report on Synod and District by Pastor Manfred Lenz.
Report on Synod Schools and Related Matters by Mr. Emil Trettin.
- 3:30 Sectional Meetings and Leaders.
 - I. One-Room School, by Mr. Frederick Mahnke.
 - II. Kindergarten to Third, Miss Ruth Otterstatter.
 - III. Fourth to Sixth, Mr. Franklin Kolander.
 - IV. Seventh and Eighth, Mr. Erwin Walz.
- 4:30 Business and Announcements.

Friday

- 9:00 Opening Devotion by Pastor Roland Gurgel.
- 9:15 Minutes, Election, Program Committee, etc.
- 9:45 "Lord, Increase Our Faith," by Pastor Roland Gurgel.
- 10:45 Recess
- 11:00 Separation of Church and State and Its Effect on Our Schools, by Prof. Otis Stelljes.
- 12:00 NOON RECESS
- 1:15 Devotion and Minutes and Election Committee.
- 1:45 How Far Can We Go in Accepting Government Services and Aid, by a Panel led by Pastor Egbert Schaller. Prof. John Oldfield, Pastor W. F. Vatthauer, Mr. Edgar Wiechmann, Miss Doris Tietz, and Miss Myrna Kiecker.
- 2:45 Recess
- 3:00 Miscellaneous Reports and Business.
- 4:00 Closing Devotion by Pastor George Baer.

ARIZONA-CALIFORNIA DISTRICT FALL PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Zion Lutheran Church of Phoenix will play host to the Fall Pastoral Conference of the Arizona-California District. Robert W. Schaller is host pastor. Sessions begin on Tuesday, Oct. 28, at 9:30 a.m.; and end on Thursday, Oct. 30, at 11:55 a.m. Commercial facilities will be used.

The agenda: Review of "Gesetzliches Wesen unter uns," R. Stock; "The Messiah in Jeremiah," P. Heyn; "Formation of the New Testament Canon," G. Seager; Substitutes: Exegesis of Isaiah 55, W.

Bein; Prayer Practices in the Lutheran Church, I. Frey.

JOEL C. GERLACH, Secretary.

WESTERN PASTORAL CONFERENCE DAKOTA-MONTANA DISTRICT

The Western Pastoral Conference of the Dakota-Montana District will meet on Oct. 28 and 29, 1958, at Zeeland, N. Dak. Conference begins at 9:00 a.m.

Please announce to the host pastor, E. Klaszus.

N. BARENZ, Secretary.

REDWOOD FALLS PASTORAL CONFERENCE - MINNESOTA DISTRICT

Date: October 28, 1958, 9:00 a.m.

Place: Vesta, Minn.; Walter O. Nommensen, host pastor.

Speaker: Edw. Birkholz (alternate: John Bradtke).

Agenda:

Isagogical study of Amos with practical applications (Continued), H. Reed; A study of the Epistle for All Saints Day (Rev. 7:2-17), J. Bradtke; Exegesis, I Thess. 5:12ff., M. Lemke; The Ministry not to be looked upon as a Sacrifice, Edw. Birkholz; Suggested Program for Ladies' Aid Societies, H. Kesting; Report of delegate to the Synodical Conference, Im. F. Lenz.

OTTO ENGEL, Secretary.

RED WING PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Time: October 28, 1958; 9:00 a.m.

Place: St. John's Lutheran Church, Frontenac, Minn.; H. Schwertfeger, host pastor.

Agenda: Exegesis: Isaiah 42, W. Geiger; Report on the General Synodical Committee Meeting, K. Gurgel.

Speaker at the opening communion service will be T. Haar (E. Hertler, alternate).

F. KOSANKE, Secretary.

NEBRASKA DISTRICT TEACHERS' CONFERENCE

Date: Oct. 29-30, 1958.

Place: Our Savior Lutheran School, 5th Avenue & 4th Street S.E., Jamestown, N. Dak.

Wednesday, October 29, 1958

- 9:00-9:45 Opening Devotion, Pastor H. E. Rutz.
- 9:45-10:30 Business, elections.
- 10:30-10:45 RECESS
- 10:45-11:45 Practical Application of the Second Commandment to School Life, Otto Schenk.
- 11:45-1:15 NOON RECESS
- 1:15-1:30 Devotion, reading of minutes.
- 1:30-3:15 Separation of Church and State as Related to the Lutheran Parochial School, Professor O. Stelljes.
- 3:15-3:30 RECESS
- 3:30-4:00 Report of the Executive Secretary.

Thursday, October 30, 1958

- 9:00-9:15 Devotion, reading of minutes.
- 9:15-10:30 Sectional group discussions.
- 10:30-10:45 RECESS
- 10:45-11:45 Constructive Busywork, Viola Loeck.
- 11:45-1:15 NOON RECESS
- 1:15-1:30 Devotion, reading of minutes.
- 1:30-2:30 Penmanship as Taught in Grades 1-3, Jeanette Backer.
- 2:30-3:15 School Report.
- 3:15-3:30 Closing Devotion.

Please announce to the host pastor.

LAVERNA EVERTS, Secretary.

ARIZONA-CALIFORNIA TEACHERS CONFERENCE

The Arizona-California Lutheran Teachers' Conference will meet at Peridot Apache Mission, Peridot, Ariz., on Nov. 6 and 7, 1958.

The opening service will be at 9:00 a.m.

V. JAHNKE, Secretary.

CENTRAL PASTORAL CONFERENCE NEBRASKA DISTRICT

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

Place: Grace Lutheran Church, Newton, Iowa; Victor Schultz, host pastor.

Speaker: L. Groth (J. Martin).

Papers: The Proper Form and Meaning of Our Liturgical Service, J. Martin; Have the Synods of the Synodical Conference Retreated From Their Former Stand? (Essayist to limit paper to any doctrine or practice he wishes to examine), H. Fritze; Revelation 2:18-29, G. Frank; Isaiah 9:6, 7, Wm. H. Wietzke; The Ministry is not to be Regarded as a Sacrifice, M. Weishan; Revelation 3:1-6, W. A. Wietzke.

Papers: Mission Board, Board of Education, Academy, Financial.

Please announce to the host pastor.

W. A. WIETZKE, Secretary.

ORDINATIONS AND INSTALLATIONS

(Authorized by the Proper Officials) Installed

Pastor

Heier, Otto, in St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Tomah, Wis., by E. C. Kiessling; assisted by E. C. Berg; Sept. 7, 1958.

Professor

Grams, Herbert, at Luther High School, Onalaska, Wis., by Wayne Schmidt; Sept. 7, 1958.

Teachers

Boll, Arlyn, in St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Stevensville, Mich., by H. J. Zink; Aug. 24, 1958.

Spangenberg, Raymond, as instructor at Winnebago Lutheran Academy, Fond du Lac, Wis., by J. Mattek; Sept. 2, 1958.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Pastors

Heier, Otto W., 519 Superior Ave., Tomah, Wis.

Hillemann, Roland C., 1123 Harrison Ave., Beloit, Wis.

Horlamus, R., 321 So. Midvale Blvd., Madison 5, Wis.

Kuehl, D. H., 501 Madison St., Lake Mills, Wis.

Teacher

Spangenberg, Raymond, 148 Garden Drive, Mounted Route 26, Fond du Lac, Wis.

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