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BRIEFS by the Editor

The last two issues contained three brief stories of actual experiences told by three of our pastors. They appeared under the title "Memorable Moments in My Parish Ministry." The series is continued in this issue. On page 392 you will find the first of a companion series, "This I Remember From My Teaching Ministry."

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Perhaps by the time you read this, you have had snow in your part of the country. At least most of us are expecting snow at any time. No doubt it was this which suggested to Professor Kowalke the theme and subject of the editorial, "Snow Again," on the opposite page. We are glad this happened, for it resulted in a most edifying piece.

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Many of our congregations have conducted stewardship campaigns this fall. Others are in the midst of them now. In speaking of Christian stewardship and in striving to foster a fuller stewardship life among us, it is all-important that we be clear on the motivation, on the spirit in which we undertake our stewardship activities. If this is wrong, the methods we employ are bound to be wrong, too.

Let it be said to the credit of our Synodical Board for Information and Stewardship that its members have consistently stressed the cross of Christ as the starting-point for all stewardship pleasing to God. In other words, the Christian stands under the cross and sees WHAT GOD HAS DONE for him through Christ. Then the Christian, warned by the boundless love of God for him, is willing and ready to serve his God and Savior with a faithful and conscientious stewardship life. Only the stewardship efforts undertaken and carried out in this spirit are acceptable to God.

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This means that all methods of stewardship which do not first warm the heart with God's love in Christ are all wrong. This applies to the appeals to pride ("You surely want to do better than that"), the attempts to shame people into action ("You certainly don't call that a gift to God"), and all high-pressure methods. It even applies to some exhortations to "show your love toward the Savior," or "show your gratitude to God." Even these are wrong when we fail first to bring to our fellow Christians the love of God for them,

to teach them and remind them: "Herein perceive we the love of God that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

In line with this thought are the following quotations from a bulletin sent us by the Board for Stewardship and Evangelism of the Synod of Evangelical Lutheran Churches (formerly the Slovak Lutheran Synod).

"Dr. Martin Luther, while still a monk learned from personal experience that 'forced love is not true love.'"

"To flog people to try to do better is a complete perversion of the Gospel. To admonish man, who is by nature self-centered, to love God with his whole heart, and to show that love in appropriate giving is truly to try to gather grapes from thorns and figs from thistles."

"The attempt to force love is as cruel as it is futile. It is like telling a soldier whose legs have been shot off to get up and march. First make the tree good, says our Lord, and only then have you the right to expect good fruit."

"A man who is cold needs to be led to a fire, not be exhorted to get warm."

"Just so the cold and greedy hearts of men need to experience the warmth of the Savior's love before there will be a genuine spontaneous commitment to Him, following a devoted life partnership with Him."

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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Editorials

Mismatched As reported in the local paper, the style show at the annual "bazaar" was somewhat of a surprise to the ladies who expected to see attractive housedresses, the latest in new nylon or metallic fabrics, box suits and evening gowns.

The housedress was a house made from cardboard cartons complete with doors and windows. The nylon dress was made of dozens of nylon stockings, and the pinstripe dress was hung with chains of safety pins. The evening gown was an old-fashioned flannel nightgown.

Other models wore potato-sack dresses, box suits made of cardboard boxes, and a daytime dress fashioned of clocks.

The theme of this imaginary bazaar was "Pray, Pay, and Play." The meeting started in the church, where the pastor conducted the worship service. In his meditation, "Merchants with a Mission," he urged the women of the congregation to "use their money for things of permanent value, not like some of the merchants of the Orient who wanted to line their pockets with high profits on things of the moment." The music was presented by the Chapel Choir.

Now, no one is likely to object if a group of women amuse themselves at a style show if it is conducted with propriety and decorum. The style show takes on a different complexion when that group of women is identified as the Ladies' Guild of a local Lutheran church, and when the style show is integrated with the work in God's kingdom.

What have potato-sack dresses to do with preaching Christ crucified? How do ridiculous housedresses help to call sinners to repentance? What connection is there between a freakish box suit and leading souls to the Truth?

What a precious gift a sense of propriety is!

C. TOPPE

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Snow Again The first snowflakes of the winter season mean very different things to different people. To the small child seeing snow for the first time with comprehending eyes, the snow is a miracle. It is that, too, to the scientist looking at a single flake through his microscope. To the active boy the first snow is a promise of much fun to come — snowballs, sleighriding, tumbling into and out of the drifts. To the automobile driver and to the man with the shovel, snow may seem to be only a nuisance.

The Bible does not often mention snow. Although snow did occasionally fall in Palestine, still it was a rare phenomenon. When the snow was deep in the mountains to the north in Lebanon, then there would be plenty of water in the Jordan; when it fell on the arid lands to the south, it provided precious moisture that bore a promise of a fruitful harvest.

Isaiah the prophet mentions snow twice in unforgettable passages. As the snow waters the earth that it gives seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so, saith the Lord, "shall my Word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

The other passage in Isaiah is equally well known: "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow." The Psalmist uses the same picture: "Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow."

To the believer familiar with the Bible, the snow is not just a form of precipitation. It is an emblem of God's purpose that His Word shall take root and bear fruit in the hearts of many people. It shall not return to Him void. The snow is also an emblem of the miracle of God's mercy that our sins are forgiven and that in Christ we have been cleansed of all sin, have been purified and justified, so that our garments are in God's eyes like those of the Ancient of Days whom Daniel saw in the vision. His "garment was white as snow."

E. E. KOWALKE

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Self-Sufficiency When Jesus once offered Himself and His salvation to the Jews, they considered that equivalent to carrying coals to Newcastle and replied: "We be Abraham's seed." They were physical descendants of Abraham, the founder of their nation and the man whom God had chosen to convey the right religion to them. They professed the same religion which Abraham had, who was on such good terms with God. They were members of Abraham's church. They meticulously observed all the prescribed forms and ceremonies. They went through all the proper religious routines. God could find no fault with them in that respect. They felt that they were entirely blameless. What, then, was all this nonsense of Jesus that they needed something more? They did not need anyone to make them right with God. They were that already by virtue of their own observances. So they felt.

That is one of the greatest hindrances to getting right with God: this spirit of self-sufficiency and smug self-satisfaction. In it lies a special danger for us who belong to an orthodox church, a right-teaching church. We insist upon the same Bible doctrines which Father Luther by the grace of God restored and brought to light again. We shun false doctrines. Purity of doctrine is our outstanding characteristic. We know that it is the truth, the pure and full truth, that counts. And because we are such sticklers for orthodoxy, for purity of doctrine, we get the idea that we are all set with God.

We need hardly offer the reminder that God wants purity of doctrine. He wants us to be orthodox. But He does not want us to get the idea that, if we are that, it is our own doing and entitles us to special credit with God. If we believe the truth, God is responsible for it, not we ourselves. Orthodoxy may be a purely mechanical process which involves only the head and not the heart. We may think that we are right with God just because we outwardly belong to the right church and go through all the church routines. If we are like that, we are like the Jews who boasted: "We be Abraham's seed," and felt that they did not need Jesus. God does not just look at the outward appearance. He looks beyond the mechanical processes to a living faith.

IM. P. FREY

Studies in God's Word:

Persecution, a Sign of Christ's Second Advent

Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; and that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus (II Timothy 3:12-15).

The second Sunday in Advent is usually devoted to a consideration of Christ's second Advent, His return in glory as Judge of the quick and the dead. Among the signs that will precede His coming, the Holy Scriptures also mention the fact that Christians will be called upon to endure persecution. We are not to regard persecution for Jesus' sake as a great calamity in our life, but rather to find comfort in the thought that persecution is a constant reminder of the certainty and nearness of our Lord's return. God has also given us the one weapon that we need to stand fast, so that we may not fall away from Him in time of persecution.

WE MAY EXPECT PERSECUTION

This is not an easy lesson for us to learn. We still like to think that loyalty to Christ will also give us many temporal advantages, among them a peaceful life on earth. While it is true that faith in Jesus gives us peace with God, and no amount of persecution can rob us of this blessing, it does not follow that we will be at peace with the world. Quite the contrary! It's still the same world that crucified Christ. It hasn't changed. It can never be on good terms with His followers. The Apostle Paul experienced persecution in the world of his day. We may expect the same.

Persecution will not always take the same form. It may come in the form of ridicule because we still insist on doctrinal purity in a day when mergers are being consummated on every side without regard for agreement in doctrine. Or, we may be left out because we still insist on abiding by the moral standards of God's Word in an age that shows so little regard for them. Whatever its form, of this we may be certain, "All that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution."

Someone may object that this doesn't seem to be true today, that Christians never "had it so good." We can live and work and worship pretty much as we please. This is true, in part, and we should never cease to thank God for the many freedoms we still enjoy.

At the same time, it may also be true that our freedom from persecution is due to our failure to make a good confession of Christ. It is rightly said that the line of demarcation between the Church and the world has worn very thin. Jesus has told His Christians to be a good leaven, to exert a good influence on the world. Very often the process is reversed. The world has found its way into the Church and influenced the Christians. So often you can't tell the difference between the believer and the unbeliever. They talk and act alike. As long as the church member is like the world, it will let him alone, for it considers him one of its number in spite of his professed allegiance to Christ.

Over against this the words of Paul stand out, "All that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." This does not mean that we have to go looking for trouble, that we have to adopt a martyr-complex and make ourselves as disagreeable as possible. It simply means that if we confess Christ with our lips and with our lives, and make our confession clear, we won't have

to go out looking for persecution. It will be there.

WE ALSO HAVE THE WEAPONS TO WITHSTAND PERSECUTION

Paul here instructs Timothy and us how we may remain faithful in time of persecution. He directs us to the sword of the Spirit, the Word of God, the Holy Scriptures.

From the Holy Scriptures we have learned to know the way of salvation "through faith which is in Christ Jesus." Here we have learned to know our sin and Jesus as our Savior from sin. We have seen the price which God had to pay for our redemption, His own Son. Since He has clearly demonstrated His love for us by paying that price, we know that He will never permit anything to come into our life that is not intended for our good. Thus we also learn to regard persecution, not as a mark of His disfavor, but as a mark of love. Also through these chastisements God would wear us away from this world in order that He might save our soul for eternity. In fact, by the very persecutions that we endure as Christians He is reminding us that He will certainly come and that He will come soon.

Since God sends them, we know that they cannot harm us. We know that He will not lay a heavier cross upon us than we are able to bear, but will also grant us a way of escape in each temptation. By taking our refuge in His Word and continuing in the things that we have learned, He will give us the patience and the strength to stand fast and to remain faithful unto death. During the time of persecution we shall be able to say with Peter, "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: but rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy" (I Pet. 4:12, 13).

C. MISCHKE

News FROM OUR Missions



"Jesus, Master, Have Mercy on Us"

Five miles north of Lusaka is the Lilanda Convalescent Hospital. To this compound come patients who are not in immediate need of a doctor's care, but who must be confined near the main hospital for observation. For convenience, those who have contracted leprosy are kept on the same compound. Only a small courtyard separates the leper quarters from the convalescent patients' hostels. This is possible since leprosy is not the contagious disease which so many imagine it to be.

No Argument

Every Saturday morning finds us conducting adult instructions at this hospital, ministering to the lepers as well as to those recovering from various injuries.

On this particular morning almost all of the patients had been transferred to the main hospital for treat-



Patients, with the interpreter at right

ment and removal of casts. Only five of the 25 who usually attend remained

Thinking we could return at the beginning of the week when all of them would again be present, we told them we would be back on Monday. But, after hearing their argument, we conducted class as usual.

Their argument? — "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

The Worn-Out Bible

Many people use their Bibles as an ornament in the home; a book in which to file their bills and a convenient place to keep a record of the family history. Too many of our Bibles do not change their appearance from one year to the next. They remain as unsouled as the day they were purchased.

Such is not the case at this leper colony. At no time can a Bible passage be quoted without its being found and then thoroughly examined.

This is not only done when the pastor is present, but it is done throughout the week. These men have heard, and are diligently following the command of our Lord, "Search the Scriptures."

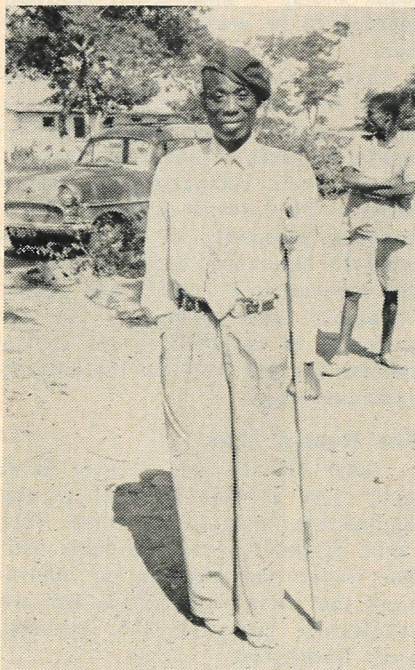
After services one morning, a patient approached and asked if he could have a new Bible. We asked, "Why?" "Because," he said, "mine is worn out."

Never before have we seen such a Bible. The binding was broken from constant opening; the corners of the pages were ripped and torn from turning. Well might we look at our own Bibles to see if they are so worn.

Four Baptisms

For over a year four lepers had attended our instruction classes every week. Then they came with the request of the Ethiopian Eunuch, "What hinders us from being baptized?" They had learned the love of Jesus which showed itself in His death for

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Ravages of Leprosy

By the Way

By H. C. Nitz

Pastors Keep Confidences

Under this title, *The Lutheran* reports:

"A statement designed to protect the confidential nature of information disclosed to pastors will be submitted this fall to delegates to the ULCA convention in Atlantic City for approval.

"Acting in concurrence with the Board of Social Missions, the ULCA Executive Board voted this month to recommend to the 22nd biennial convention (Oct. 13-20) adoption of the following declaration:

"In keeping with the historic discipline and practice of the Lutheran Church, and to be true to a sacred trust inherent in the nature of the pastoral office, no minister of the United Lutheran Church in America shall divulge any confidential disclosure given to him, in the course of his care of souls or otherwise in his professional capacity, except with the express permission of the person who has confided in him or in order to prevent a crime."

The report adds that a similar statement will be included in the by-laws of the new group that will be formed when four Lutheran synods merge.

The inclusion of this statement in the by-laws will serve as a reminder to the pastors and as an encouragement to the parishioners that they may bring their troubles to their pastor with "all boldness and confidence." There may be a further reason. There have been occasions when a pastor was cited by a judge to divulge matters told him in confidence. Upon refusal, pastors have been dealt with harshly by the court. To include the principle in the by-laws of the constitution may prevent legal difficulties.

In our circles, candidates for the ministry are instructed in their course in pastoral theology that whatever is told them in confidence is under the "seal of confession" and must remain a secret with them which they carry to their grave. A pastor who violates this principle forfeits the privilege of the holy ministry.

Doctors and lawyers have the same obligation not to betray confidences. But for some strange reason, people are more ready to confide in doctors

and attorneys than in their pastors. Many a trip to the psychiatrist — always expensive, and often fruitless — could be saved if the troubled soul would talk his or her difficulties over with the pastor and get divine help from the Word of God.

The Presidential Jinx

According to *Grit*, both Vice-President Nixon and Senator Kennedy recently received the following warning from an astrologer:

"No doubt, you have been informed of the presidential jinx that has followed U.S. presidents for the last 120 years. Every U.S. president elected in the years 1840, 1860, 1880, 1900, 1920, and 1940 has died in office, and at the present time the odds are seven to one that the president elected this year will die in office. Four to one on his first term. Three to one his second."

So what?

Astrology is a "science" which, according to Webster, claims to "foretell the fate and acts of nations and individuals." It was popular in practically all the nations of ancient history, and flourished in Europe during the Middle Ages.

It seems to be flourishing again. To this the stacks of horoscopes and astrological magazines on newsstands and the broadcasting of daily horoscopes by some radio stations testify.

This superstition is forbidden by the Second Commandment. Luther's explanation says: "We should fear and love God that we . . . do not practice superstition."

Hitler reportedly had a private astrologer, whom he consulted about his plans. God-forsaken Saul consulted the witch at Endor.

Even consulting one's horoscope, tea leaves, the ouija board "just for fun" is a precarious and perilous thing. He who fears, loves, and trusts in God above all things will strive for that childlike trust which says to his heavenly Father: "My times are in Thy hands."

Perilous Prosperity

Prosperity and selfishness may form an unholy alliance. That is the gist of a recent article by William Barclay, in which he says that "it sometimes happens that, from the point of view of generosity, prosperity

is the worst thing that ever happened to a man."

We may find serious flaws in the theology of John Wesley, but we cannot quarrel with his practical interpretation of St. Paul's admonition concerning the collection: "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him." In the modern English of Phillips, the underscored phrase reads: "according to his financial ability."

With John Wesley, increased income did not mean increased spending. When he was at Oxford, his income was £30. He managed to live on £28 and gave £2 away. When his income grew to £60, then £90, and later to £120, he still lived on £28 and gave the rest away. This was according to his principal "to save all he could, and to give all he could." He did not bow before the idol of "built-in obsolescence."

In Wesley's day the government took a census of the silver plate owned by the people. When Wesley filed his return to "The Accountant-General for Household Plate" he added the characteristic note: "I have two silver teaspoons at London and two at Bristol — and I shall not buy any more, while so many around me want bread." With Paul, he had learned to be content with what he had.

That is the sense of stewardship shown by some devout Christians who make amazingly large pledges for the Lord's Treasury — and keep them — despite their comparatively meager income. They do not succumb to the perilous prosperity of a man who gleefully announced a rather substantial increase in his salary and added, "I bought more insurance." As far as could be ascertained, his contributions for the work of the Church remained static.

The Nuptial Mass

"After all, it's my wedding, is it not?" says a bride defiantly as she figuratively stamps her little foot while discussing wedding plans with her pastor and insisting on innovations that violate good taste, and are liturgically improper and, perhaps, even unchristian.

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MEMORABLE MOMENTS

In My Parish Ministry

"IN SEASON — OUT OF SEASON"

Sometimes it takes a practical experience, like the one this writer experienced at a hospital bedside, to bring home the truth of the lesson which every ministerial student is taught at the seminary.

The patient, not critically ill, had a room filled with far too many visitors when the pastor arrived. He entered, extended a cheerful greeting, and was introduced to the visitors, most of whom he had not met before.

Still very young and inexperienced, the pastor wondered: "Is this the right time for a devotion? Will not the crowded condition of the room prove a hindrance? Ought I not make another visit to this hospital when there are no visiting hours?"

While he wrestled with these questions, the visitors took up various subjects of conversation again. At last the young pastor stepped to the bedside and assured the patient that he would return at a better hour.

Then came the question for which this pastor has been grateful ever since: "Aren't you going to read a Scripture and speak a prayer for me now?"

"Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season" (II Tim. 4:2). Though he wondered whether this was the "right season" for a bedside devotion, his member in a kindly manner taught him that the season is always right for his message. A lesson from the Word, the remembrance of God's promises, and a prayer of intercession — this is the ministry our members have a right to expect from their pastor. Yes, they do expect it.

What a high privilege to speak the Word of life to souls hungry for the assurance of God's grace and goodness!

"BELIEVING IN GOD WITH ALL HIS HOUSE"

It was a Communion Sunday. At one point during the distribution my heart sent up to God a heartfelt prayer of thanksgiving. This was when I saw kneeling at the altar seven members of the Schmidt (not the real name) family.

Let me explain. It had all begun three years ago. I had been pastor of the mission congregation only a few months when I noticed Mr. Schmidt attending our services regularly. With him came his youngest son, Mark, the only one still at home. Calling at the home, I discovered that Mr. Schmidt had been a member of a Missouri Synod congregation in L, 15 miles away. But he had drifted along now for over 20 years without any church ties. He had attended a nearby Congregationalist church with his wife for a time, but that, too, had ceased. The Lord in His grace had led the prodigal back home. That winter Mark took instructions and was confirmed. No doubt, God had used the example and encouragement of the father to good effect.

The next year Mrs. Schmidt was gained for the instruction class. She evidently felt that her Congregationalist church had nothing to offer her soul, and that her husband and her son had found something that she sorely needed. Through her influence another son, Arthur, and his wife, Martha (who had been a Roman Catholic), began attending our services. They became members of the adult membership class which began in September of the next year. When it was necessary to begin another adult class in December, another son, James, and his wife were members of the class.

Now here were all seven of these souls whom Christ had led to Himself, and He had deigned to use me as His instrument in bringing this about.

It was a memorable moment. It is vivid in my mind now, after 25 years (Acts 16:31-34).

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This feature is the third in a series which we will publish. We hope that the parents of possible "recruits" for the ministry in parish or mission field will read these true stories. We hope that many of our young people will read them, perhaps at the suggestion of their parents. We know that many pastors will be interested readers of these experiences which will reflect their own. — Ed.

By the Way

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People who take that attitude forget that the pastor is responsible for every item of the marriage service, including the choice of music, both vocal and instrumental. And if the bride's requests are reasonable and proper, the pastor will gladly accede to her wishes.

A major headache, however, is in store for the pastor who is asked to serve Holy Communion to the bridal couple in connection with the marriage ceremony. Isolated requests for such a service have been reported in our circles.

It is therefore refreshing to read a report on this matter in *The Lutheran*. The question came up during the discussion of a 10,000-word "guide" on Holy Communion which was adopted by the United Lutheran Church at its recent convention in Atlantic City, New Jersey. The statement was adopted for the purpose of "discussing fellowship at the Lord's Table with other denominations."

While the "guide" was under discussion, the question came up: "What about administering Communion to the bride and groom in the marriage service?" The "nuptial mass," as Dr. Tappert called it, was a "late medieval development." "It did not come in the Roman Church until the 13th century, was discarded in the Reformation, and did not come back in Lutheran churches (a few, here and there) until after World War I."

"If it is true," says Dr. Tappert, "that, in the Lord's Supper, God in Christ comes to us, forgives us, re-establishes a relationship with us, why should we want the sacrament in connection with marriage? Is it that we regard marriage as being in itself something wrong? something evil that requires to be sanctified in some special way? The Reformation said no. Henceforth none of this."

This I Remember

FROM MY TEACHING MINISTRY

RICH LITTLE POOR BOY

Being a teacher is a great privilege. It is a profession which brings its rewards, not in dollars and cents, but in the many blessings and experiences which one is permitted, by the grace of God, to enjoy. One such experience comes to my mind as I write this article.

Four years ago, a little boy came to me in the first grade. He came from a home where there were many children but very little money. His father never came to church and his mother had only recently become a faithful churchgoer. From the very first, he sought love and recognition as an individual. Though he had few of the advantages most children have in their homes, he did all he could to please me and be like the other children in school.

Many a night, I would find him sitting on the front sidewalk after school writing extra penmanship lessons, using his dinner pail as a desk, hoping in so doing to please me. On one occasion, he brought me a hand mirror because he had seen me struggling with a small purse mirror when I wanted to comb my hair after the noon hour. Many Friday nights he stayed to help me clean up after art periods.

In his classwork he occasionally had difficulties which required special attention. Especially in the second grade, we spent many hours working together so that he might become a successful reader.

Now he is in the fourth grade, much more grown up, but still striving to succeed. A few weeks ago an incident occurred which brought tears of joy to my eyes. I had asked for volunteers to read the Bible for devotion. He was the first to do so. When the devotion time came, he read without a mistake, with gentle firmness and conviction. Already at this age, although his earthly blessings appear to be so limited, he has the greatest treasure which any teacher can hope or pray for for her pupils. He can read God's Word, believing the great promise of salvation, knowing that through faith it is his.

"UNDER YOUR TEACHING AND GUIDANCE"

We know that the work of a pastor and a teacher is a most difficult one, and we may often become discouraged with the results of our labors, but we have the assurance that our labor is not in vain. At times the Lord permits us to see the fruits of our labors already here on earth. This is borne out in a letter to a teacher from a former pupil, who is today a minister, 14 years after graduation. He writes in part: "It has been a long time since I last saw you or any of your family. Early in 1941 I went into the service of our country, sailing with our Merchant Marine. Out there on a quiet sea with the skies overhead and not a sound to disturb the peaceful moments, except those of ship and rolling waves, a man can think soberly and seriously. I spent many an hour up on lookout, gazing out over the vast stretches of water and thinking many things. I was content to be alone most of my idle hours, and I did a considerable amount of reading. My little Bible was ever present under my pillow, and no one will ever realize the comfort I derived from reading it.

"I thought of my schooldays and how I came to know Jesus as my personal Savior under your teaching and guidance, and I remember how sincere and devout you were in your teaching of the Bible in school. Many of the things that I believe have grown out of your teachings, and I attribute the foundation of my Christian belief to you and your teaching. It is no wonder that whenever I study the Word of God, somehow, you come into the picture. If every student that you have taught through your years in the service of the Lord has benefited from it as I have, I can truthfully say, they have acquired much for their soul's salvation."

Ninetieth Anniversary St. John's — Barre Mills

Almost a thousand people came from far and near on a beautiful Sunday in October to share with the members of St. John's Lutheran Church of Barre Mills the observance of its ninetieth anniversary. In the morning service, Pastor Norbert Paustian of Oconomowoc, a son of the former pastor, addressed the congregation with the 100th Psalm as his text. The evening service was in the form of a Festival of Praise and Song; participating in this song service were the three choirs of the congregation. Another son of the congregation, Pastor LeRoy Boerneke of Luther High School, Onalaska, spoke briefly in reminding the members of St. John's of their many reasons to sing praises to the Lord for 90 years of grace.

St. John's Lutheran Church has almost from its inception been a member of the Wisconsin Synod. Its history actually goes back to the early 1850's, when the first settlers arrived in Bostwick Valley. Its present house of worship was built in 1887, replacing a smaller church erected in 1871. Seven pastors have served the congregation in its 90 years. St. John's has been privileged to possess a Christian day school since 1887, and at one period, before daughter congregations were established in Bangor and West Salem, had two male teachers in charge of almost 100 pupils. Its mixed and male choirs have a history of almost 75 years. The congregation begins its ninety-first year with about 575 souls and over 400 communicants. As a special thank-offering on the occasion of its anniversary, members brought their gifts as the initial effort toward a building program at their Christian day school.

St. John's has been served by the following teachers: Illing, Wetzel, J. Gieschen, O. Stindt, Zautner, M. Sprengeling, J. Rohde, R. Bruesehoff, O. Boerneke, George Heckman, and its present principal, Mr. Armin Huhn, who since 1953 has been assisted by Miss Merlien Jaekel. The pastors were: Fachtman, Wm. Haas, A. Dagefoerde, A. Lange, R. H. Siegler, J. Mittelstaedt, J. H. Paustian, and its present pastor, H. E. Paustian.

May the Lord's gracious presence and blessings be as wondrously apparent in the future as in the past!

H. E. PAUSTIAN

Dedication of New Church, School, And All-Purpose Room

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin

In March of 1957 St. Paul's of Wisconsin Rapids purchased a three-and-one-half-acre site on the west side of the Wisconsin River. A relocation was in the making. On Sunday, August 28, the congregation dedicated its new plant to the glory of the Triune God. Looking back over the little more than three years it took to bring the congregation to the day of dedication, all were moved to say that "the Lord hath done great things for us."

The total cost of the new building, housing church, school, and all-purpose room under one roof, furnished and partially landscaped, but exclusive of land, is \$385,000.00. Modern and contemporary in design, the structure is of Fond du Lac stone, which faces the basic construction material, Waylite block. A copper steeple marks the church. A free-standing tower at the entrance houses the electrified bell of the old church. It is topped with an aluminum cross.

The nave has a seating capacity of 460 persons, the balcony 40, with possible seating of 260 more in the all-purpose room, when the large wooden folding door is opened.

The organ console has been installed in the balcony, with the organ pipes hidden by the cherry paneling.

Tiling in the church is red with the walls of the nave in blue. Side-walls of the chancel are done in gold, the back wall covered in the middle with a red dossal curtain, flanked on each side by cherry wood paneling. A large wooden cross of oak and walnut is suspended in front of the dossal curtain. The altar is of the same wood.

The pastor's office is done in cypress paneling. Off the pastor's study is the elders' room.

There is no basement under the building, and the entire structure is on ground level.

The all-purpose room, or gymnasium, forms the south side of the building. On the east side of the all-purpose room, which will seat 300 at tables, is the stage, outlined in Fond du Lac stone.

The south entrance to the building is the main school entrance. There are five classrooms on the east along the hall. Along the west side of the

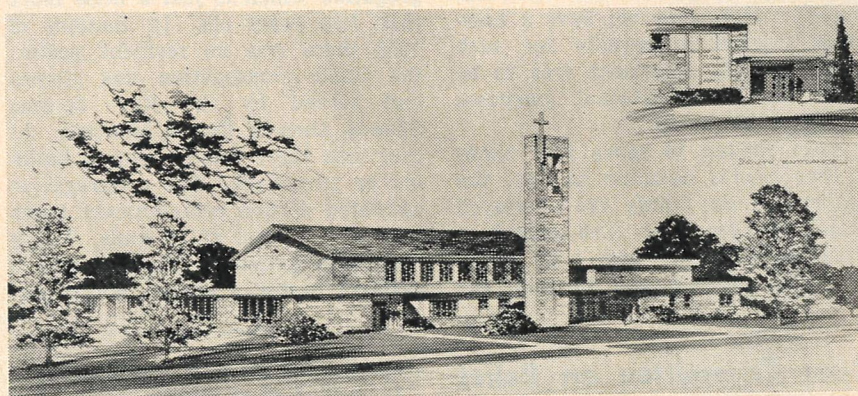
hall are the janitor's room, a room for storage of the choir's gowns, the boys' and girls' lavatories and shower rooms, and the boiler room. All lavatory walls are tiled. Skylites illuminate the halls; acoustical tile covers the ceilings of the classrooms and halls. Also included in this section are the principal's office, the teachers' lounge, and the fifth classroom, to be used as an instruction room.

Since the enrollment in September jumped to 169 from 128 in May, it seems that the congregation planned wisely in providing three future classrooms on the north side of the building. For the present, two of these rooms will be used as a chapel; the third will be used as a meeting room. Members did the painting and landscaping themselves. Mr. Don Hougen of Wisconsin Rapids was the architect.

Four services were held on dedication day, August 28. Two identical services were held in the morning at which Prof. F. Blume of our Seminary preached. Prof. Martin Albrecht of D.M.L.C. was the guest organist for the day. Pastors J. Henning of Wausau, and T. Bradtke of Marshfield, were the afternoon and evening speakers. Over 2000 people attended the services, and about 1700 people partook of the noon and evening meal served by the ladies of the congregation. On Tuesday a dedicatory service of education was held, at which Pastor E. Prenzlou, Jr., of Bloomer, was the guest speaker, and Mr. Carl Finup of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, was the guest organist. On Thursday evening, September 1, a dedicatory service of confirmation was held, at which student of theology Burton Stensberg preached, and Mrs. Elisabeth Mittelsteadt of La Crosse, was the guest organist. The choirs which sang for all services were under the direction of Principal W. O. Johnson.

A parsonage is in the process of construction on the new property.

WILLIAM LANGE



St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin

Direct from the Districts

Michigan

Among the special events that were observed within this District recently were the dedication of a new organ, on October 23, at Bethel Lutheran, Bay City, Michigan, by its pastor, the Rev. Martin Schroeder. On October 30, the new church of Peace Lutheran, Bradenton, Florida, was dedicated by its pastor, the Rev. James Vogt. On October 23, Hope

Lutheran, Detroit, Michigan, honored its pastor, the Rev. W. Valleskey, on the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination into the holy ministry.

We welcome the Rev. Erhardt Schultz into the District, who, on October 23, was installed as pastor of the Durand-Swartz Creek Parish. We bid God-speed and wish God's blessing to the Rev. Robert Sawall, who is following a call into Africa.

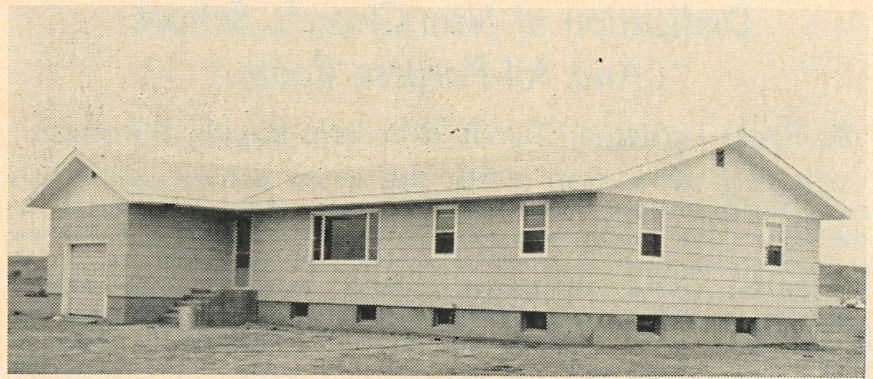
H. A. SCHULTZ

PARSONAGE DEDICATION GLENDDIVE, MONTANA

In West Glendive, Montana, there is a tract of land of about 80 acres, lying between two subdivisions, Highland Park and Forest Park. In 1956 this land was practically unoccupied. Today there are a large elementary school, a Jehovah's Witness Kingdom Hall, a number of homes, a trailer court and, thanks to the Wisconsin Synod, in the center of all this activity there is a small, neat-looking chapel built in 1958 for a cost of about \$5,000.00. Now the members of Messiah Lutheran Church rejoice in thanking God for the new parsonage which was dedicated on August 21, 1960. The Rev. R. E. Pope, the first vice-president of the Dakota-Montana District, delivered the dedicatory sermon and the undersigned officiated at the dedication ceremony.

The new parsonage serves a two-fold purpose. The entire basement, with the exception of a storage room, will be used for the educational purposes of the church, and as a meeting place. The one-room chapel, which does not have a basement, proved inadequate for such purposes. The basement area to be used for congregational purposes measures 28' by 48'.

After having to move four times in two years, needless to say, the pastor and his family are overjoyed with their new home. The main floor measures 28' by 64' with a 12' by 16' extension on one end forming the



Parsonage, West Glendive, Montana

garage. There are three bedrooms, living room, dining room, kitchen, utility room, bathroom, and a study.

The cost of the ranch-style, wood-frame building was \$15,500.00. Anyone familiar with the cost of materials in this part of the country will realize that the cost is very reasonable. The building of the parsonage was contracted by a recently confirmed member with a considerable amount of the labor being donated by the members. Certainly, the Lord is blessing this mission congregation which is just a little more than two years old. In January of 1958 there was no resident pastor; the small congregation was started and served by the Rev. Jerome Spaude, then of Circle, Montana. At that time there was no church building or parsonage. The congregation consisted of five communicant members with a total of 10 souls. Today the congregation is blessed with a resident pastor, a chapel, and a par-

sonage. There are 32 communicants and about 70 souls.

I would also like to add this note. When you, the members of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, help support the Church Extension Fund and the Parsonage-Teacherage Fund, you not only help build churches and parsonages. You also preach a powerful sermon that here is a church body which has experienced the love of Christ. Of the 15 families in our church, only one is a transfer from the Wisconsin Synod. The rest were unfamiliar with the work of our Synod. When asked why the Synod was willing to offer us such a large amount of money interest free for such a long period of time, it was pointed out to them that this was one of the means the members of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod chose to show their love to Christ and their interest in winning souls for Him.

KENNETH LENZ

Your Committee on Relief Reports

Periodically letters reach your Relief Committee requesting information on the scope and activity of your Synod's relief program. We are happy to report that because of the support of many members and congregations within our Wisconsin Synod, a definite, continuing program of physical relief is being carried on in the distribution of clothing, food, medicine and cash grants to needy and stricken areas throughout the world. A part of the program that is perhaps of particular interest at this time is the release of funds to Chile, Hong Kong, and Japan where earthquakes, typhoons and floods have created a great deal of hardship and suffering. Cash grants in the amount of \$6,000.00 have been sent to these

areas during the past few months.

In addition to these grants for emergency relief, a continuing program of relief in material aid has also been instituted in Japan, with our missionaries serving as our agents. Perhaps no report could serve to demonstrate the need and value of this program more vividly than a letter sent by Missionary Poetter to this committee, a portion of which reads as follows:

"The Komatsuzaki family of Ishioka City. Income is \$25.00 per month. Five in family. Living space is just enough so they can all lie down at night. Mother spent several years in T.B. sanatorium where we met her. Without help mother will again become weakened and hospitalized. We are supplementing their monthly income so they can get by, at present about \$15.00 per month. They are

indeed grateful. Entire family has been coming to church."

"Miss Taya. Spent five years in T.B. sanatorium. Very difficult for persons with T.B. record to find employment. Age, 22 years. Now released from sanatorium, but no income and not equipped to take a job compatible with her strength. Mother a widow on relief with small children. Helping her monthly for living expense and rehabilitation training, about \$25.00 per month. She will be baptized soon."

"Nemoto family. Family of six. Father out of job, physical defect in legs. Mother does housework, earns about \$15.00 a month. Father long-time Christian, did some evangelistic work for another group. At present actually down and out. Giving monthly relief while he is learning printing."

"There are so many other cases where temporary relief helps them to help themselves. There is so much more that we could do to help in the rehabilitation of T.B. patients if we had the funds. Giving a helping hand when it is most needed is living Christianity and, done directly and from the Lord, often leads people to Christ. We tell these people where the money comes from and with what motive it is given. This procedure is bound to establish bonds of love with Christ, with us, with you, and friendship for America. All of these are vital needs in Japan today. We are grateful. They are even more grateful to you. Please continue to help us and continue to release relief funds to us as the Lord gives."

In view of the fine and God-pleasing manner in which your gifts are bringing aid to the needy people of Japan, which is only one part of the total scope of your Synod's relief program, we join our missionary in Japan and plead: "Please, continue to support this mission of mercy in Japan with your gifts of money and used clothing as the love of Christ constrains you. May the Holy Spirit continue to move us all to love as Christ loved the suffering, the halt, the blind, the sick and poverty stricken."

Has your church had a collection of used clothing or of monies for your Synod's Relief Program recently?

J. WESTENDORF

Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Mandan, North Dakota

The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Mandan, North Dakota, observed its twenty-fifth anniversary October 2 with two festival divine services. The congregation joyfully was host to its two former resident pastors, the Rev. Edward H. Krueger of Green Bay, Wisconsin, and the Rev. Paul Kuehl of Cudahy, Wisconsin.

During the first service Pastor Krueger addressed the congregation on the basis of Ephesians 1:3. He urged the congregation to thank the Triune God for answering our need during the past 25 years. Man's greatest need, said the parish's first pastor, is not material things, but God Himself. During this service, as well as in the afternoon, the senior and junior choirs rendered appropriate anthems signifying the church's joy at this occasion. The undersigned served as liturgist for

each service. The morning service was followed by a fellowship dinner served by the ladies of the church.

In the afternoon Pastor Kuehl referred the congregation to the age-old prayer written in I Kings 18:36ff, a fitting expression of our anniversary praise. He urged the congregation to think of this anniversary as a milestone along the way of continuous service to our gracious Redeemer.

At 4:00 P.M. a reception was held for the former pastors; at this occasion they had opportunity to address the parish informally. During the reception various greetings were brought to the congregation and pastors; President Reinhold Fenske expressed the fraternal felicitations of the Northwestern Lutheran Academy in behalf of the faculty and students; area pastors brought the greetings of their congregations. The reception had in its assembly the first couple to be married in the church, also the various societies, confirmation classes, organists, Sunday-school teachers, choir members, and the council through the years were represented. Note was taken of the remarkable manner in which God supplied the congregation's need in the prior years. This congregation did not see a rapid turnover in its pastorate, a fact which is so typical of congregations on the Western plains. The two former pastors served a total of twenty-two years in the congregation's history. But this was not all. The Lord granted also Aarons and Joshuas to support the arms of God's ministers; councilmen were there that served throughout the church's history, likewise a Sunday-school teacher was entering her twenty-third year of continuous service in that capacity; at this organ console was the same organist that played for Pastor Krueger's installation service.

But as we were reminded by the afternoon speaker that we do not simply glory in the past but look to the future for further opportunity to serve our Lord, the parish noted that on the next day 30 communicants and approximately 65 souls would be "commissioned" to continue the work of the newly established mission at Bismarck. This daughter congregation, now organized as Our Saviour's Ev. Lutheran Church, began its work almost 25 years to the month that mission

work was begun at Mandan. Thanksgiving was expressed to God that He had moved the Rev. Roland F. Zimmermann to assume the work of this field on October 23.

These bountiful blessings underscore the goodness of the glorious Lord we are privileged to worship. Surely, it is good for every congregation to pause in the course of its vital work to count its blessings. Indeed, when any congregation does but observe the gifts which God gives to carry on its complex, but eternal, work of the Kingdom, it can only exclaim with us: "Great is the Lord; praise him in the firmament of his power."

REGINALD E. POPE

Ninety-Fifth Anniversary at Zion, Osceola, Wisconsin

A region along the St. Croix River extending from Stillwater, Minnesota, to St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin, is known as the "Friendly Valley." Nearly a century ago pastors from St. John's, Lake Elmo, Minnesota, sent pastors to East Farmington, Wisconsin, in the heart of this "Friendly Valley," to preach to a few families in log houses in this area, a distance of about 30 miles. This mission work led to the establishment of Zion Lutheran Church at East Farmington in 1865.

Following the services of three pastors from Lake Elmo, the first resident pastor, Carl Gausewitz, was installed in 1882, when the first church was built. In 1892, this modest church was replaced by a larger church during the pastorate of Dr. Carl Abbetmeyer.

On July 8, 1923, this church was struck by lightning and burned to the ground without any insurance to cover the loss. The present pastor had just recently been installed. Work was begun immediately to erect the present church. It was dedicated a year after in 1924 at a cost of approximately \$19,000.

Last year, on November 1, an addition was added at a cost of approximately \$28,000. Marking also the first anniversary of this addition, Zion observed the ninety-fifth anniversary of the congregation on Sunday, October 30. Pastor Theo. H. Albrecht, Lake City, Minnesota, one of the six sons of Zion in the holy ministry, preached at the festival service at 10:30 A.M. He also served as pastor of the congregation from

1910 to 1923, preaching his farewell sermon and installing the present pastor in the same service.

During the dinner hour after the morning service and during the afternoon fellowship hour, a historical moving picture of Zion was shown. The ladies' aid also observed the sixty-fifth anniversary of its organization.

LOUIS W. MEYER, SR.

† Pastor Johannes Plocher †

A faithful servant of the Word was granted to enter into the eternal rest when the Lord called unto Himself the soul of Pastor Johannes Plocher on September 4, 1960.

Johannes Plocher, the son of Andrew and Anna Marie Kipp Plocher, was born on April 2, 1868, in Holzhausen, Sulz am Neckar, Wuerttemberg, Germany. He was confirmed in Sulz on Sunday Quasimodogeniti 1882. After completing the common-school education, he entered the government finance office in the summer of 1882, and worked there until 1884.

Persuaded by a relative to emigrate, he came to Appleton, Wisconsin, and then worked in a factory in

Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Later he was on a farm near Woodland, Wisconsin, where Pastor Koehler induced him to attend Northwestern College, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, and prepare for mission work in the Wisconsin Synod. In 1890 he graduated from Northwestern College and entered the Seminary in Wauwatosa the same year.

In the fall of 1893 he was ordained and commissioned as our first missionary to the Apache Indians of Arizona. His own and his wife's health being very poor, he accepted a call in 1899 to a congregation in St. Peter, Minnesota. Here he regained his health and in 1906 was called to St. John's Lutheran Church in St. Paul, Minnesota.

The Lord blessed his work so that he was able to serve here until 1946, whereupon sickness made it advisable for him to serve the congregation as assistant pastor. He resigned from the active ministry in October of 1950 after serving St. John's for 44 years.

The Minnesota District as well as the Joint Synod asked him to serve in different capacities. He was a member of the Synod Board of Education for 22 years, 20 of which he served as chairman. He willingly



Pastor J. Plocher

spent in the Lord's work that what God had given him.

On September 12, 1894, Johannes Plocher entered holy wedlock with Anna Luise Dowidat in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Three sons and two daughters were born to them. One son died in infancy. His wife Anna died on September 10, 1949.

After spending the last few months in the hospital at Eau Claire, Wisconsin, his health gradually failing, the gracious Lord called His faithful servant to the rest in heaven on September 4 at the age of 92 years. President O. J. Naumann, who had been a coworker with Pastor Plocher from 1946 until 1950, delivered the sermon at the funeral service on September 8. He spoke on I Corinthians 15:57, 58, pointing out how a veteran of the cross would summarize his message to his hearers. A message of comfort was read from President M. Lenz of the Minnesota District and from Pastor Paul Behn of the Apache Indian Mission Board. The undersigned conducted the service held at St. John's Church in St. Paul and also the graveside service.

Pastor Plocher is survived by two sons, Pastor Karl of Glencoe, Minnesota, and Walter of Minneapolis; two daughters, Margaret of Faribault, Minnesota, and Dorothy, Mrs. W. Parker Clark of Eau Claire, Wisconsin; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

"Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (I Cor. 15:57).

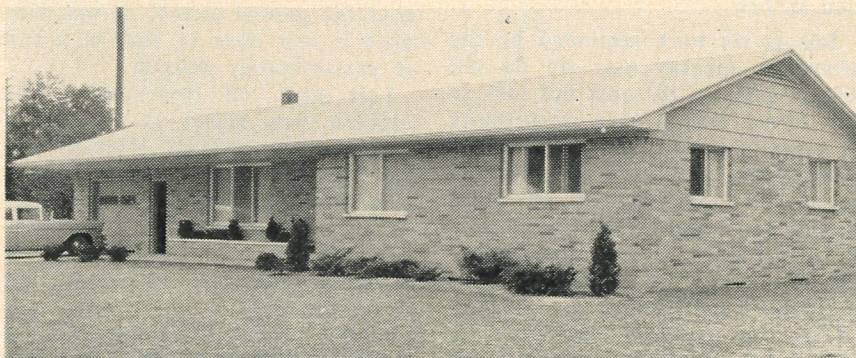
M. B. PETERMANN

NEW PARSONAGE AT VASSAR, MICHIGAN

St. Luke's English Lutheran Church of Vassar, Michigan, dedicated its new parsonage to the glory of God on Sunday morning, September 25, 1960. The undersigned delivered the dedicatory address based on Psalm 100: 4, 5. The theme for this happy occasion was: "We Dedicate to God with Humble Thankfulness." In the afternoon many friends, as well as the members of St. Luke's, observed the traditional open house.

The parsonage, including an attached garage, measures 71' by 29'. The ranch-type home, of brick construction, has a living room, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, study, bath, and a full basement. The total cost, including construction, painting, carpeting, drapes, and landscaping, was approximately \$18,000.00.

St. Luke's is humbly thankful for this blessing from the Lord. The prayer of both members and pastor is that this new building will redound to God's glory and to the furtherance of His kingdom. ORVILLE MAASCH



St. Luke's Parsonage, Vassar, Michigan

Ladies' Auxiliary Organized at DMLC

An undertaking within the Minnesota District which involved a considerable amount of planning and the efforts of a large number of pastors, professors, ladies, and students, came to a most successful and encouraging fruition on October 19. On that day approximately 800 women from every part of the District came to Dr. Martin Luther College to organize a ladies' auxiliary in the interest of our Synod's school at New Ulm.

The program for the day began with registration according to conferences. Students were in charge of this.

At 10.30 a.m. a devotion, conducted by Pastor Emil Peterson of St. James, Minnesota, the chairman of the planning committee for the auxiliary, opened the formal program for the day. Words of welcome were spoken by DMLC president, Prof. Carl Schweppe, and by Pastor Otto Engel, chairman of the Board of Regents.

The business session included a discussion regarding the nature of the organization and the election of officers. Also considered was the first project to be undertaken by the newly formed group. From among the many projects presented, the group decided to select one which will fill a pressing need in the College kitchen, the purchase of a large electric mixer (cost about \$800).

Following the business meeting, pictures were shown portraying the school and school activities.

Because of the large attendance anticipated, arrangements for serving the noonday meal had to be carefully planned. The ladies were divided into 45 groups, with a student assigned to each group as leader and guide. According to a well-arranged schedule, some groups immediately entered the dining hall for the luncheon, while other groups, beginning at various points on the campus, made a tour of the buildings and grounds.

Upon reassembling in the College auditorium after the luncheon and the tour, the entire assembly was treated to a 45-minute program presented by the students. Featured were the College choir, the band, a sextet of girls from the Sophomore class, a violin solo by Eunice Hagedorn of La Crosse, Wisconsin, and short talks by the students presenting the vari-

ous organizations and activities of the College.

The day came to a close at 3:30 P.M. with a brief devotion, which followed the continuation of the business meeting.

During the course of the afternoon an offering was received, intended to cover expenses and to begin the fund for the project adopted. The total collected, approximately \$1100.00, will, no doubt, make possible the immediate purchase of the electric mixer.

Although even the financial assistance which a group of this kind can lend our institution ought not be minimized, undoubtedly a potential, long waiting to be tapped, has now been utilized more fully to create a higher appreciation of our educational institutions and to encourage preparation for the preaching and teaching ministry on the part of our youth.

As a footnote we might add—and we know many are interested in hearing this—that the Dr. Martin Luther Memorial Organ Fund now stands at approximately \$15,500.00.

ROLAND H. HOENECKE

Building Operations Begun at Belle Plaine

The issue of October 23 brought a report of the groundbreaking for the new Music Hall at Dr. Martin Luther College. Now we can report the beginning of another building project.

A new unit for our Synod's Home for the Aged at Belle Plaine, Minnesota, has been approved by the Board of Trustees. It is designed to house 25 more patients. The total cost of the project will be \$152,035.52.

The necessary funds are available. They will come from reserve funds, trust funds, and bequests which are either on hand or anticipated within the near future.

The completion date is set for six months from the date of the contract, which was November 8, 1960.

News From Our Missions

(Continued from page 389)

them upon the cross. The desire had been awakened in them to heed the command of the Lord and to become heirs of the kingdom of heaven through Holy Baptism. Their faith had been placed solely upon Jesus, and nothing hindered them from being baptized.

A date was set so that they might prepare themselves physically and

spiritually for that blessed occasion. When we arrived, they were dressed in the best clothes they had. Unfortunately, one had been called to the main hospital for observation. His baptism had to wait until the following week.

They themselves had brought the water in a large basin. After a short service of hymns and a sermon in



Convalescent Patients

which they were urged to remain faithful unto the end, we began the baptismal liturgy. As the order of Baptism proceeded, tears began to flow from their eyes, for these lepers realized that this water connected with God's Word is for the washing away of their sins. They knew that their names were being written in the book of heaven, and their happiness showed itself in the tears which rolled down their cheeks.

May God bring this same happiness to our hearts each time a child is baptized in the name of the Triune God!

MISSIONARY R. W. MUELLER

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Doescher, members of St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church of Platteville, Wisconsin, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on October 29 midst relatives and friends. A brief service was held in commemoration of the event, the undersigned basing his words upon I Samuel 7:12. May our gracious God and Lord guide and bless them richly in the future as He has in the past!

B. A. BORGSCHATZ

HELP NEEDED

Single persons, married couples, to be house parents. Please write Bethesda Lutheran Home, Box 296, Watertown, Wis.

A MISSION REQUEST

Wanted for a small mission congregation: Used light fixtures suitable for a chapel. Please send description to Mr. Edmund Schaedig, R. 1, Cedarville, Mich.

IN NEED OF PEWS

St. Timothy, a small congregation, is sorely in need of church benches. These should be at least 10 feet wide. Any congregation having benches available contact Pastor H. G. Walther, 3360 Nebraska Ave., Toledo 7, Ohio.

AN OFFER — CHANCEL FURNITURE

A pulpit, an altar, a lectern, and baptismal font, in white and gold, available to any mission congregation for transportation costs.

Please act quickly, since the furniture is in storage, and it is necessary to move it soon.

For further information contact:
Pastor E. Weiss
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Neosho, Wisconsin

NOTICE

Since the number of students taking the Winnebago Emergency Teacher-Training course is only ten, whereas the resolution of the Synodical Council called for a minimum of twenty for the operation of the course, the Board of Trustees has recommended that this emergency program be discontinued.

The Board of Control of Dr. Martin Luther College concurs with the Board of Trustees in this decision and herewith announces that the Winnebago Emergency Teacher-Training Program will be discontinued after the 1960-1961 school year.

ARTHUR GLENDE, Secretary

SUSPENSION OF FELLOWSHIP

Pastor Arthur Clement has suspended fellowship with the Wisconsin Synod because our Synod has not severed fellowship with the Missouri Synod.

Miss Shirley Wendland, a Christian day-school teacher, has severed her relations with the Wisconsin Synod because the Wisconsin Synod has not severed fellowship with the Missouri Synod.

HUGO FRITZE, President
Nebraska District

M.L.S. RECORDING AVAILABLE

A 12-inch long play recording of 16 numbers from the 1960 Anniversary Concert of the M.L.S. Choir is now available. Price: \$4.50 postpaid. Order from

Prof. Meilahn Zahn
2100 Court St.
Saginaw, Mich.

LONG-PLAY CHRISTMAS RECORD

A new long-play Christmas record of the D.M.L.C. Choir singing numbers from the 1959 Christmas concert is now available for \$4.50 postpaid. We have also on hand records of the foregoing year; the price is the same. Kindly place your orders at your earliest convenience.

Martin Albrecht
College Heights
New Ulm, Minn.

ORDINATIONS AND INSTALLATIONS

Installed

Pastors

Geiger, Waldemar A., as pastor of Immanuel, Shirley and St. Paul, Pine Grove, Wis., in Immanuel Church, by C. W. Voss; assisted by R. G. Koch; Nov. 6, 1960.

Janke, Philip R., as pastor and missionary of the Wisconsin Lutheran Mission, Menomonee Falls, Wis., by L. Hallauer; assisted by Wm. Fischer, H. Kruschel, W. Nommensen; Nov. 13, 1960.

Wilde, Paul H., as pastor of St. John Lutheran Church, Hancock, Minn., by R. Roth; assisted by F. Stern, H. Mutterer, N. Sauer, Ph. Janke; Oct. 30, 1960.

Zimmermann, Roland F., as pastor of Our Savior's Ev. Lutheran Church, Bismarck, N. Dak., by R. E. Pope; assisted by E. Schultz, F. Mutterer; Oct. 25, 1960.

Teachers

Backer, Adelbert, as principal of St. John's School, Newburg, Wis., by G. P. Kionka; Oct. 9, 1960.

Boll, Arlyn, as instructor at St. Croix Lutheran High School, by E. Bode; Oct. 2, 1960.

Heup, Howard, as teacher in the Junior High Department of the St. Matthew's Lutheran School, Winona, Minn., by A. Mennicke; Sept. 12, 1960.

Williams, David, as teacher of 5th and 6th grades and Sunday-school superintendent, St. John's Lutheran School, Bay City, Mich., by J. Brenner; Aug. 28, 1960.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Pastors

Bartelt, Wayne L., 112 S. Jefferson St., Sturgis, Mich.
Kell, Arthur P. C., 105-12th Ave., N.E., P.O. Box 185, Watertown, S. Dak.
Unke, Glenn, 1721 Ohio St., Oshkosh, Wis.
Zimmermann, Roland F., 823 N. 14th St., Bismarck, N. Dak.

Teacher

Williams, David, 296 S. Alp St., Bay City, Mich.

MISSION FESTIVALS

September 4, 1960

Zion Church, West Jacksonport, Wis.
Offering: \$1,021.25. W. G. Fuhlbrigge, pastor.

Christ Church, Liberty Grove, Wis.
Offering: \$311.44. W. G. Fuhlbrigge, pastor.

September 18, 1960

Immanuel Church, Elkton, S. Dak.
Offering: \$147.85. Wm. Lindloff, pastor.
St. James Church, Cambridge, Wis.
Offering: \$355.63. A. F. W. Geiger, pastor.
St. John Church, Lannon, Wis.
Offering: \$649.98. L. Hallauer, pastor.

September 25, 1960

Christ Church, Marshall, Minn.
Offering: \$3,658.00. E. R. Gamm, pastor.

October 2, 1960

Immanuel Church, Waupaca, Wis.
Offering: \$448.61. P. R. Kuske, pastor.
St. Paul Church, Fort Atkinson, Wis.
Offering: \$3,177.28. H. A. Gleschen, pastor.

October 9, 1960

Grace Church, Geneva, Nebr.
Offering: \$1,569.05. J. Rockhoff, pastor.
St. Matthew Church, Niles 48, Ill.
Offering: \$697.14. H. Henke, pastor.

October 16, 1960

Redeemer Church, Ann Arbor, Mich.
Offering: \$663.46. A. H. Baer, pastor.
St. John Church, Riga, Mich.
Offering: \$600.46. E. H. Schmelzer, pastor.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT

July 1, 1960, to October 31, 1960

Receipts

Cash Balance July 1, 1960.....	\$	64,128.64
Budgetary Collections	\$639,106.57	
Revenues	167,422.35	
Total Collections and Revenues.....	\$806,528.92	
Non-Budgetary Receipts:		
Payments on Accounts		
Receivable	3,190.00	
Lutheran S.W.C.—Prayer Book	36.36	
Bequests	4,999.73	
Miscellaneous	2,392.20	
Total Receipts	\$ 817,147.21	
	\$ 881,275.85	

Disbursements

Budgetary Disbursements:		
General Administration	45,343.26	
Board for Information and		

Stewardship	17,821.64
Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary	42,356.42
Northwestern College	104,568.74
Dr. Martin Luther College	138,850.92
Michigan Lutheran Seminary....	83,372.19
Northwestern Luth. Academy....	49,393.96
Milwaukee Lutheran Teachers' College	7,614.95
Nebraska Academy	1,007.00
Academy Subsidies	15,000.00
Winnebago Teacher Program....	5,915.03
Home for the Aged	16,683.30
Missions —	
General Administration	
Home Board	65.90
Board for World Missions	5,865.16
Indian Mission	46,653.86
Colored Mission	19,353.65
Home Missions	196,671.30
Refugee Mission	28,612.18
Madison Student Mission	64,121.05
Northern Rhodesia Mission.....	10,837.48
Luth. Spiritual Welfare Comm.	2,765.38
Japan Mission	10,018.51

Spanish Mission	2,942.00
Winnebago Lutheran Academy	750.00
General Support	32,246.00
Student Aid	3,802.62
Board of Education	7,571.82
Teacher Certification	888.00
Depreciation on Inst. Bldgs.	47,738.04

Revenues designated for Special Building Fund	145,295.25
Total Budgetary Disbursements....	\$ 1,154,125.61
Deficit Balance October 31, 1960	\$ 272,849.76

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF BUDGETARY
COLLECTIONS AND DISBURSEMENTS**

For period of July 1, 1960, to October 31, 1960

	1959-60	1960-61	Increase	Decrease
Collections	\$ 611,222.99	\$ 639,106.57	\$ 27,883.58	
Disbursements	1,091,144.12	1,154,125.61	62,981.49	
Operating Deficit	\$ 479,921.13	\$ 515,019.04	\$ 35,097.91	

ALLOTMENT STATEMENT

Districts	Comm.	Receipts	Allotment	Deficit	Percent of Allot.
Pacific Northwest.....	1,387	\$ 3,568.15	\$ 6,935.00	\$ 3,366.85	51.45
Nebraska.....	6,893	26,413.78	34,465.00	8,051.22	76.64
Michigan.....	26,030	74,065.29	130,150.00	56,084.71	56.91
Dakota-Montana.....	8,040	23,624.18	40,200.00	16,575.82	58.77
Minnesota.....	39,286	120,398.41	196,430.00	76,031.59	61.29
Northern Wisconsin.....	48,129	123,084.32	240,645.00	117,560.68	51.15
Western Wisconsin.....	50,004	117,039.58	250,020.00	132,980.42	46.81
Southeastern Wisconsin.....	50,004	142,144.67	250,020.00	107,875.33	56.85
Arizona-California.....	3,584	8,211.46	17,920.00	9,708.54	45.82
	233,357	\$638,549.84	\$ 1,166,785.00	\$528,235.16	54.73

C. J. NIEDFELDT, Treasurer

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For Month of October, 1960

For General Relief Committee

Emmanuel First Ev. Lutheran Church, Lansing, Mich.	\$ 500.00
St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Wayne, Mich.	90.00
	\$ 590.00

For "Books for Missions"

St. Mark's Ladies Aid, Watertown, Wis.	\$ 75.00
Southeastern Wisconsin District	60.75
St. John-St. James Ladies Aid, Reedsville, Wis.	25.60
Students at West Hall, D.M.L.C., New Ulm, Minn.	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Hawes, Kenosha, Wis.	5.00
Student Body of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Thiensville, Wis.	68.50
	\$ 244.85

For Church Extension Fund

N. N.	\$ 5.00
Northwestern College Students	229.50
Thank-offering by St. Michael's Ev. Lutheran Church, Fountain City, Wis.	818.95
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Baer, Roscoe, S. Dak.	10.00

Memorial Wreaths —

In memory of Mrs. Julius Haase by Mr. and Mrs. William Hellebrand, Neenah, Wis.	20.00
In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Byer by Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Fabian, La Crosse, Wis.	200.00
	\$ 1,283.45

\$ 1,918.30

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