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BRIEFS

by the Editor

Readers will find in this issue various items pertaining to the forthcoming Convention of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. The exact dates are August 8 to 17. All sessions will be held at the Wisconsin Lutheran High School, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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We are in need of pictures for our covers. Will readers please cooperate as splendidly as they have in the past when this call has gone out? We could use views of church exteriors as well as chancel pictures.

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One of our aims has been to stay current with news items that are submitted for publication. But of late we have had such an abundance of material that it has been impossible to do so. We ask all those affected adversely to bear with us.

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Pastor Theodore Sauer, of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, will be commissioned for the Northern Rhodesia Mission field on Sunday, August 13. Pastor Sauer will be the superintendent of our

Mission. It will also be his assignment to establish the Bible Institute, in which native workers will receive training. For those planning to attend the commissioning service: the place is Grace Church, in Oshkosh; the time, 3:00 P.M.

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A number of significant developments have taken place in American Lutheranism. Some of these have appeared in the public press; some have not. To give a fairly complete picture, we present the following.

In January of 1961, the ALC began functioning as a new church body. This church resulted from a merger of the American Lutheran Church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and the United Ev. Lutheran Church. A fourth body, the Lutheran Free Church, twice considered and twice refused entering the merger negotiations. Now it will consider it a third time, with its leaders apparently pressing for a favorable decision.

Meanwhile approval of merger has been voted by three of the four church bodies which will constitute the new body to be known as the Lutheran Church in America. The

two largest churches involved here are the United Lutheran Church in America (ULCA) and the Augustana Lutheran Church. After these two had given their decisions in favor of merger, the Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Church voted on June 26 to take its 38,000 members into the new body. A fourth body, the American Evangelical Lutheran Church, will take action in August. The constituting convention will be held next June. The new church is expected to be one of 3,250,000 members.

The United Lutheran Church has generally been regarded as the most liberal of Lutheran bodies. It is not to be expected that the new body of which it will become a part will be less liberal. The ULCA has shown itself more and more brash and unashamed in its avowal of un-Lutheran and anti-Scriptural doctrines. Its leadership, headed by Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, is determined and aggressive in pursuing what is called "Christian unity," but what is actually union without unity. Nor does the Augustana Church, the other big partner in the merger, possess the strength to apply the brakes.

The former ALC for many years regarded itself as "the bridge between the left (the liberal) and the right (the conservative)." The merged body of which it has become a part, The American Lutheran Church, seems to see itself cast in the same role. We quote from an item in *The* (Continued on page 253)

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

To Prove What Is Right The Wisconsin Synod Doctrinal Commission has declared that an impasse has been reached in the attempted settlement

of differences between the Wisconsin and the Missouri Synods in the matter of fellowship with church bodies not in agreement with the Synodical Conference in doctrine and practice. What this declaration states, in effect, is that the two synods do not see eye to eye in the doctrine of fellowship and that they are going separate ways in their fellowship practice.

This declaration that we have reached a dead end in our fellowship discussions with our sister synod will be discussed at length at our August Synod Convention. The construction of the theses on the basis of which the impasse was declared will be carefully examined. Are they logical? Are they clear? Are they consistent? Theses on the basis of which vital action will need to be taken should answer these requirements.

Furthermore, the theses will be compared with the time-honored position of the Synodical Conference on the church and on church fellowship. Those who support the present synodical position will need to demonstrate that the Wisconsin Synod stands today where it stood together with the Missouri Synod 25, 50, 75, and more years ago. Those who criticize the present position will, among other things, need to prove that it is no longer the long-established position of the Synodical Conference, but that it is something strange and new; or they will need to say right out that the Synodical Conference has been wrong for the better part of a century.

The question of paramount importance, in fact, of single essential importance, will be the Scriptural validity of the Wisconsin Synod declaration. Every statement made in the presentation of the current position will need to be verified from Scripture. Whether the use of Scripture passages is "forced" and the Bible is being used merely to provide ill-fitting props under a predetermined platform, or whether the position is developed from Scripture and in keeping with Scripture, will need to be determined by every delegate at the convention.

As a crucial convention approaches, our prayers must be that, above all, our position will be found to be God's position, and, if it has been found to be such, that we act solely in keeping with that position.

C. TOPPE

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Mercifulness "Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful." God's treatment of us is characterized by mercy. In His dealings with us He does not act according to the principle: An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. If God treated us as we deserve, we would be done for, we would not have a chance. As the Psalmist writes: "If thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?" Our continual prayer must be: "Enter not into judgment with thy servant: for in thy sight shall no man living be justified." It is either all mercy on God's part, or there is no hope for us.

Out of His boundless grace and mercy He sent His own Son into the world and to the cross to redeem us. While we were yet sinners and God's enemies, Christ

died for us. Now, as the hymn says: "There is no condemnation here; For Jesus' blood through earth and skies Forever 'Mercy! Mercy!' cries." It is upon this undeserved grace and mercy of God that we Christians base all our hopes of salvation. That is the very heart and center of our Christian faith.

And are we going to walk out of the gracious, merciful presence of God, grab our fellow man, who, we imagine has done us a wrong or actually has done us a wrong, and say: "Pay me what thou owest," after God has freely canceled our entire debt of sin? Are we going to hold our fellow man strictly accountable for everything he has done to us, are we going to be harsh and merciless in our judgment of him and act resentful in the face of the unspeakable mercy which God has shown us?

Those two things don't jibe. We can't feel the warm rays of God's forgiveness in our own hearts and at the same time bear an implacable grudge against a fellow Christian. The person who acts like that does not experience God's great mercy in his own heart. "Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another." That is the meaning behind the statement of Jesus: "Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful."

IM. P. FREY

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A Favorite Term Every era has its favorite terminology, when certain words occur again and again. So it is also in the theological field. One of the favorite terms in Neo-Orthodoxy, which is in control in modern liberalistic circles, is the word "encounter." One runs across it repeatedly in modern theological articles. The important thing, it is said, is to encounter God.

We hasten to say that there can be no true religion without a personal encounter with God. We must meet up with God and His Word. Our religion is a personal matter between God and us. It cannot be farmed out to a pastor or congregation or church body. It must make a personal impression upon us.

But that is not what is meant when modernists emphasize the personal encounter. What is meant is that there is no such a thing as the Word of God until you react to it as such. In the final analysis, it is your favorable reaction which makes it the Word of God. In one case it is the Word of God and in another case it is not the Word of God, depending on how it affects a person. It is an entirely subjective matter. It all depends on what you put into it.

It has always been the comfort of the Bible church that the truth is an objective matter, that God puts the truth into a doctrine, not we. *It remains the Word of God whether we accept it or reject it.* You can not evade the truth by running away from it, perhaps by running away to another pastor or church where a different doctrine is in vogue. The Word of God is something outside of us and apart from us. You do not

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Studies in God's Word: Our Synod Accounts To Jesus

For the kingdom of heaven is as a man traveling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods. And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey. Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents. And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two. But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money. After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them. And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more. His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them. His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art a hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strewed: and I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine. His lord answered and said, Thou wicked and slothful

servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strewed: thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury. Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents. For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath. And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth (Matthew 25:14-30).

Our Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod will soon hold a Convention. The importance of this year's Convention is emphasized by the announcement of the secretary that the Convention will be two days longer than usual "because of the great amount of business and the weighty decisions to be made." The Gospel for this Ninth Sunday after Trinity emphasizes that we Christians are stewards, accountable to Jesus personally for the way in which we have used the talents He has entrusted to us. We would do well to consider that our Synod, too, is accountable to Jesus for the way in which it uses the talents He has entrusted to it.

Our Talents

Jesus has given us many talents over the years, chief of which is the Gospel. He has given us the historical account of the life and death and resurrection of Jesus, through which we have the certainty of the full forgiveness of all our sins. It is our privilege and our duty to put this talent to work. It will not do to wrap the Gospel carefully in a napkin and bury it in the ground to preserve it uncontaminated and untarnished until the return of Jesus. Surely, we must

heed and obey the "Avoid them" of Scriptures. But we dare not use these words as a cloak for laziness and unwillingness to share this Gospel with others. The talents are to be put to work. The Gospel is to be proclaimed so that its power may be let loose in the world.

In all this we need to be conscious of the need for confessing Jesus in word and action. We need to beware of denying Him by word or action. In every decision facing our Synod we need to ask which action will serve to confess Jesus most faithfully and most effectively.

Our Opportunities

The Lord who has given the talents has also given opportunities for putting these talents to use. We still can go into Africa, Asia and Europe with all the missionaries we are ready, willing, and able to send. The Apaches in Arizona still need our help. New suburbs and old cities are our fields of labor. Situations which take people from their families and their home congregations require our specialized service whether it be in the Armed Forces, at a college or university, at a hospital, or at a penal institution.

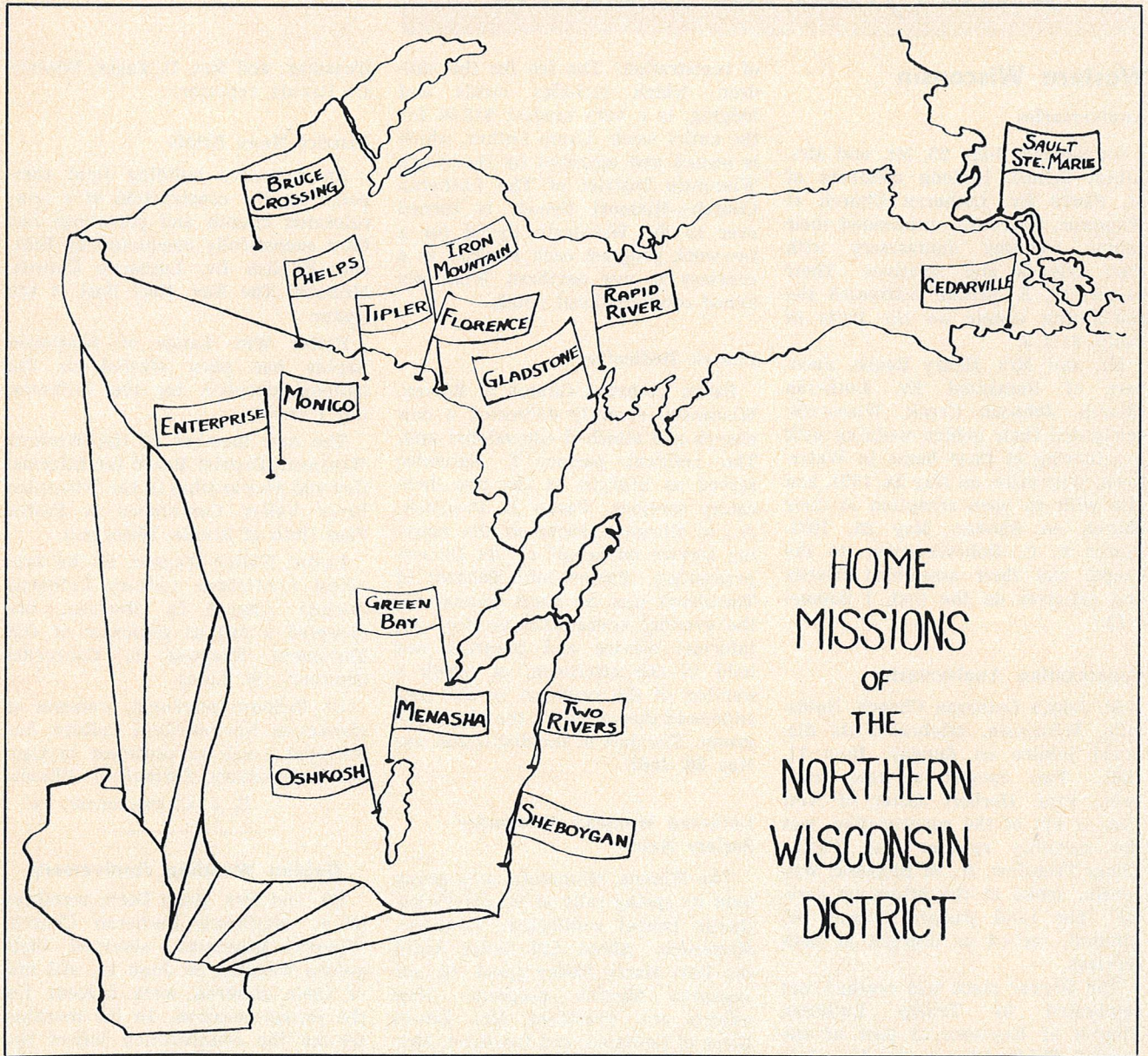
The need for training missionaries, pastors, teachers, and laity offers us another opportunity for the use of our talents. Institutions of mercy, whether supported directly by our Synod or by associations within our Synodical Conference offer further opportunity for our service.

Many weighty decisions are to be made at this Convention. Sincere men, dedicated to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, will disagree on many of them. It is necessary to all of us to approach the Convention with a profound sense of Christian stewardship. How can we most effectively confess Jesus and put to use the talents He has given us? For our answer our Synod will give its account to Jesus.

JOHN SCHAADT

Home Missions of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod

(First in a Series)



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- Bruce Crossing, Our Savior, Pastor Fred Bergfeld — 135 souls — founded 1924
- Cedarville, Our Savior, Pastor R. Frohmader — 36 souls — founded 1955
- Enterprise, St. John, Pastor F. C. Weyland — 122 souls — founded 1923
- Florence, St. John, Pastor Henry Juroff — 170 souls — founded 1888
- Gladstone, St. Paul, Pastor Theophil Hoffmann — 89 souls — founded 1927
- Green Bay, St. Mark, Pastor C. Voss — 172 souls — founded 1960
- Iron Mountain, Mt. Olive, Pastor Henry Juroff, 130 souls — founded 1923
- Menasha, Bethel, Pastor Arnold Tiefel — 542 souls — founded 1951
- Monico, Grace, Pastor F. C. Weyland — 130 souls — founded 1897
- Oshkosh, Faith, Pastor Glenn Unke — 231 souls — founded 1951
- Phelps, St. John, Pastor Fred Bergfeld, — 76 souls — founded 1949
- Rapid River, St. Martin, Pastor T. Hoffmann — 87 souls — founded 1895
- Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Our Saviour, Pastor R. Lauersdorf — 52 souls — founded 1956
- Sheboygan, Calvary, Pastor Henry Meyer — 26 souls — founded 1959
- Tipler, St. Paul, Pastor Henry Juroff — 35 souls — founded 1941
- Two Rivers, Our Savior, Pastor A. L. Schmeling — 231 souls — founded 1953

Direct from the Districts

Western Wisconsin

Anniversaries

On Sunday, June 25, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Schulz, lifelong members of St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church at Wonewoc, Wisconsin, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with their friends and relatives. Their pastor, W. E. Schulz, addressed the celebrating couple on the basis of Psalm 71:1, 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Raabe, members of Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church, Johnson Creek, Wisconsin, celebrated their golden wedding with a gathering at their home in Watertown, Wisconsin, on May 24, 1961, and also with an open reception at their church on Sunday, May 28, 1961. Pastor F. C. Dobratz spoke to the couple and their assembled friends and relatives on the text, I Samuel 7:12.

Congregation Anniversaries

St. John's Lutheran Church, Neillsville, Wisconsin, celebrated its diamond jubilee on Sunday, June 11, 1961. Two special services were held. Prof. Herbert Jaster of New Ulm, a son of the congregation, was the morning speaker and Pastor Elmer Prenzlów, Jr., of Bloomer, Wisconsin, spoke at the afternoon service. The local pastor, Norman W. Lindloff, served as liturgist at both services.

The 50-year mark was reached and celebrated by Trinity Lutheran Church of Keystone, a part of the Cornell Tri-Parish, on Sunday, July 9, 1961. The Rev. E. E. Prenzlów, Sr., resident pastor, was the liturgist at the single jubilee service. His son, the undersigned, was guest speaker for the occasion.

Lutheran Youth Camp

Two weeks of fun, fellowship, and Christian instruction will be enjoyed by a number of Wisconsin Synod youths during the month of August at Camp Luther, Three Lakes, Wisconsin. The Junior Week for preconfirmation people (9-12) will run from August 6-13. The Senior Week (14-18) will be held August 20-27. Pastor T. Zaremba of Barron is in charge

of registration. The fee for the children, which includes meals and lodging, is a very modest \$18.00 for the entire week. Camp Luther, which is owned and operated by the North Wisconsin District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, is turned over to the Wisconsin Synod for a two-week program each summer as a courtesy to our northern Wisconsin Synod congregational youth.

Church Dedication

Salem Lutheran Church of Barron, Wisconsin, recently dedicated a new church and attached educational unit. The resident pastor, T. Zaremba, served as liturgist at the two dedicatory services. Pastor E. Prenzlów, Jr., of Bloomer, spoke at the morning service on behalf of the District praesidium. Pastor John Schaadt of Tomahawk was the guest speaker for the evening educational service. An informal service and program was held in the afternoon, at which a number of the brethren in the area addressed themselves to the assembled group. The date of the dedication was May 28, 1961.

Lutheran Women's Missionary Society News

The Winona, Minnesota, area group held its spring rally at St. John's Lutheran School auditorium, Lewiston, Minnesota. About 150 ladies heard the Rev. Harry Shiley speak on our Japanese Mission program. Our officers are: President, Mrs. Edwin Kiese of Lewiston; and treasurer, Mrs. Jacob Pielmeister of Winona. The Pastors Robert Kant, Arthur Hanke, and Harold Essmann are pastoral advisors and committee members for the group.

The Spring Rally of the Wisconsin River Valley Women's Missionary League was held at Christ Church, Marshfield, Traugott Bradtke, host pastor. Missionary R. Horlamus spoke to the group on institutional mission work. A mite-box offering of \$711.53 was divided between the institutional work of Pastor Horlamus and the Spanish Mission of our Synod in Arizona. New officers elected were: Mrs. H. Anderson, Mosinee, president; Mrs. W. Vollert, Wisconsin Rapids,

treasurer; and Mrs. D. Zager, Wisconsin Rapids, reporter.

District News Briefs

An extensive building fund campaign for the construction of a new, relocated church and parsonage has been successfully completed by Eastside English Ev. Lutheran Church, Madison. The Rev. Karl Bast is the pastor.

Pastor Wm. Lange of Wisconsin Rapids has been elected as the national chaplain for the Lutheran Boy Pioneers.

The new member of the Western Wisconsin District Board for Information and Stewardship in the Wisconsin River Valley Conference is Pastor Paul Huth of Ringle, Wisconsin.

Pastor Walter Wegner, of the Synodical Conference Calvary Lutheran Student Chapel in Madison, has accepted a call as professor of Old Testament Exegesis to Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

Dr. Richard Jungkuntz, professor of classics at Northwestern College, has accepted a call as professor to Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Illinois.

E. J. C. PRENZLOW, JR.

Golden Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Dorn, members of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Winona, Minnesota, observed their golden wedding on June 11. All five of their children were present for the joyous occasion. In the morning service the congregation joined the jubilarians in a prayer of thanksgiving. Their golden-wedding text was Psalm 23:1.

A. L. MENNICKE

Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary

On June 25, 1961, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dietz of Lodi, California, gratefully remembered the blessings of the Lord upon them during 50 years of wedded life, in a thanksgiving service in their church. The undersigned addressed them on the basis of Genesis 32:10a. May the Lord continue to bless them in the years He will give them together!

GOTTHOLD ZIMMERMANN

Convention Preview

Section II

SYNOD'S EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

The Synod's schools are the training ground for the public, full-time workers in the Church. Vitaly interested, the delegates to the Convention will study the programs being carried on at these schools and carefully weigh their present and future needs. For this purpose each institution has submitted a full report to the Convention. From these reports we have selected the following items:

Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary

The Board has gained authorization from the Synodical Council to call a professor. It suggests an appropriate Synodical observance of the centennial of the Seminary in 1963.

Northwestern College

Enrollment reached a new high. A further increase that is expected poses a serious problem in housing. Authorization for a new professorship is asked.

A thorough study and review of the preparatory course at Northwestern is submitted.

Dr. Martin Luther College

The college freshman class will number about 100, but enrollment in the ninth grade will have to be limited to about 40 because of a lack of room and teachers.

DMLC requests that two new professorships be authorized.

In studying the need for a training course for teachers on the secondary level (particularly teachers needed in our growing area high schools), the 1959 Convention authorized the Board of DMLC to study the matter of creating such a training course at DMLC. This study has been made. Among the recommendations of the Board are the following:

1. That the course in secondary education in the fields of English and History and/or Social Studies be put in operation with the school year 1962-63.
2. That the College Board be authorized to proceed at once with the calling of three men to enable us to begin this program.

Milwaukee Lutheran Teachers' College

The Board submits a detailed report on the steps which were taken to open this school in the fall of 1960 and on the first year of operation. These are its recommendations to the Synod Convention:

1. That the Synod take action on the *site, respectively sites*, to be submitted in the August convention of this year;
2. That the Synod take action on the *preliminary building sketches* to be submitted in the August convention of this year — and authorize the *immediate start on the building program*.

3. That the Synod instruct the Board of Trustees to grant our Board permission by progressive steps to start *building our own administration and faculty*. . . .
4. That the Synod give this institution an *official name*.

Michigan Lutheran Seminary

Enrollment in the past school year was 317. By April, 124 applications for enrollment had been received, with more expected. As instructed by the Planning Committee and the Board of Trustees, the MLS Board engaged an architect to prepare plans for an addition to replace "Old Main." However, the architect has been instructed to discontinue his work for the present.

Northwestern Lutheran Academy

The enrollment was 85. More than half of the graduating class will continue their studies for work in the Church. The Board again draws attention to the superannuated condition of two buildings.

The Advisory Committee on Education

From a report containing too many items to be even listed here we select the following:

"In order that the Synod might have the advantage of the study of our educational facilities from an outside source before embarking on a large and expensive program, we recommend that an educational consultant be engaged."

"In answer to those who have asked questions regarding a ministerial course of study for mature men, we feel that steps have been taken to meet them through Northwestern College's recent revision of its credit requirements and its elective system as well as through adjustments made at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. This will mean development of departments of special students at both Northwestern College and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary which will work in conjunction with each other, possibly with a called Dean of Special Students.

"In view of this, the Advisory Committee on Education recommends that the boards and faculties of Northwestern College and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary be instructed to set up departments of special students with an augmented teaching staff and, as the need arises, call a Dean of Special Students."

The Planning Committee

The Planning Committee for the Educational Institutions of the Synod prefaced a report on its studies and its recommendations with this statement:

"From a report of estimated future manpower needs, furnished to us by the Manpower Committee, we realize that the number of graduates in the ministry must be increased 100% over the present average. The Board of Education informs us that a 100% increase in teacher graduates is necessary. The growth of our area high schools will necessitate an increase in secondary school-teachers."

Then follows the chief finding of the Planning Committee:

"The committee is of the opinion that the best solution to our problems on the college level is to eventually combine all of our colleges into one institution. This institution could be called Northwestern College, Milwaukee. It has long been the desire of many in Synod to separate the prep and collegiate departments at Watertown. This would make necessary the erection of a complete set of buildings for one of these departments. Our proposal is, to leave the prep department on the present campus in the present facilities and combine the collegiate department with the other colleges on the Milwaukee Campus, where a completely new faculty would be provided.

"We see the following advantages:

1. Facilities for a larger student enrollment.
2. More effective and efficient use of the faculty.
3. A saving in building cost over the erection of two separate schools and additional buildings at the third college.
4. Reduced maintenance and operating costs.
5. Improved transportation.
6. Improved library facilities on and off campus.
7. Improved advantages for postgraduate study by the faculty.
8. Excellent cultural advantages.
9. Accreditation would be facilitated."

The Committee also called for the realignment and strengthening of the academy structure.

Many Reports to be Considered

Many other important matters will be put before the Convention in the reports of other permanent boards and committees. Among these are Board of Trustees, the Board of Directors of the Northwestern Publishing House, the Manpower Committee, the Commission on Evangelism, the Board for Information and Stewardship, the Audio-Visual Aids Committee, the Board of Support, the Committee on Relief. Besides these reports, there are those of committees which have been given a special assignment by the Convention of 1959.

DOCTRINAL MATTERS

The report of the Commission on Doctrinal Matters occupies almost 30 pages in the "Reports and Memorials." It would be impossible, in the space at our disposal, to give even a brief digest of what it contains. Therefore we shall content ourselves with this brief historical resume, so that our readers may know just what will be before the Convention.

The 1959 Convention of the Synod instructed the Commission to continue and accelerate the discussion of these committees [i.e., the doctrinal committees from each synod which make up the Joint Doctrinal Committee of the Synodical Conference] and to give primary consideration to the area of Fellowship.

In the first two meetings of the Joint Doctrinal Committee our Commission did not receive the full statement of the Missouri Synod's position on Fellowship. Finally, in May of 1960, the Missouri Synod Committee on Doctrinal Unity presented *The Theology of Fellowship, Part II*. This presentation was discussed and its viewpoint was tested by means of a number of specific cases. Here we let the Commission speak:

"All of these (cases) are conferences between Missouri Synod leaders and leaders of other Lutheran church bodies with whom they are not in doctrinal unity and hence not in confessional fellowship. Our Wisconsin Synod men have also been repeatedly invited to participate in these conferences. The meetings mentioned are in each case held within the framework of conference devotions.

"According to the Scriptural principles of fellowship as we hold them, such joint devotions with people with whom confessional fellowship has not been established would simply be ruled out as unionistic. Thus proper discipline would mean for us asking those within our confessional fellowship not to participate in these expressions of fellowship.

"In contrast, the Missouri Synod representatives held that such joint devotions could not simply be ruled out in principle. Hence for them an earnest concern for discipline would merely mean carefully evaluating each of these interconfessional conferences and gaining the assurance from the men participating that their approval of such devotions was justifiable on the basis of the situation (a fruitful opportunity to bear witness to Scriptural truth) and on the basis of the character, purpose, and effect of those joint devotions.

"This discussion therefore revealed that these instances of Missouri Synod practice and their official evaluation were in full harmony with the viewpoint on fellowship set forth in their presentation.

"We as a committee therefore believed that our full admonitory testimony on the Scriptural support of our convictions and on our adverse evaluation of the Missouri Synod viewpoint had been given and that the differences had not been resolved. In this sense we then declared to the Joint Doctrinal Committees that we had reached an impasse."

Thereupon the Commission did what it had been instructed to do by the 1959 Convention. It reported to the members of the Synod that an impasse had been reached.

At the Theologians' Conference in July 1960, our Commission decided that it could not enter upon a new discussion of the fellowship question proposed by the overseas delegates. It saw in this proposal the creation of a new forum of discussion. (A group of men from overseas was to be added to the four committees of the Synodical Conference.) The Commission stated that "in keeping with the synodical instructions under which our Commission on Doctrinal Matters is doing its work, our Commission cannot enter upon the proposals of the overseas delegates." It also stated, however: "We shall be happy to receive a study from the overseas delegates with respect to the doctrine of church fellowship and shall carefully consider any statement received."

This same position was taken at the Synodical Conference Convention, which took place soon after.

The latest development was the recessed convention of the Synodical Conference in May of 1961. We have reported on this in full in a previous issue of *The Northwestern Lutheran* (June 18, 1961). Though the Synodical Conference voted to create a new committee to study the whole matter of the Church and Church Fellowship, our Commission drew the following conclusions which it is submitting to the Synod:

"I. On the basis of the Synodical Conference discussions we saw no change in the position of The Lutheran

Church—Missouri Synod relative to the Doctrine of Church Fellowship.

- a. The position expressed in Part II of *A Theology of Fellowship* was defended.
- b. The practice, too, continues to be in keeping with the principles enunciated therein.

II. We see in the theses proposed by the overseas delegates and the resolutions adopted by the Synodical Conference the creation of another forum of discussion rather than a practical solution to our problem.

- a. We are not convinced that in our treatment of the Doctrine of Church Fellowship we have slighted the Doctrine of the Church or the Marks of the Church.
- b. Nor have we been convinced that the suggested use of a different approach would in any way discredit the Scriptural soundness of our presentation of Church Fellowship.

III. It is our conviction that in the present controversy we have consistently contended for the historical, Scriptural position of the Synodical Conference. We consider it a sacred trust from the Lord to "contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints."

Such a trust, however, also involves a grave responsibility. It is not only our solemn duty to continue to defend this position, but also to give vigorous testimony to it before the church and the world.

We, therefore, invite those who share our position to join us in preserving this historical, Scriptural position of the Synodical Conference."

This is the situation which confronts the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod in Convention, and on this situation the Convention must act.
W. H. F.

The Thirty-sixth Convention of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

The Thirty-sixth Convention of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod will meet, God willing, August 8 to 17, 1961, at the Wisconsin Lutheran High School, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The opening service with Holy Communion will be held Tuesday, August 8, 10:00 A.M., in St. John's Lutheran Church, corner of Harwood and Dewey in Wauwatosa, the Reverend Karl J. Otto, pastor. The Reverend Irwin J. Habeck, First Vice-President of the Synod, will preach the sermon.

The opening session will be held at the High School Tuesday, August 8, at 2:00 P.M. Delegates are asked to arrive early enough so that they will have time to register before the beginning of the session.

Daily sessions will be held as follows: morning, 9:00 to 11:45 A.M.; afternoon, 2:00 to 5:00 P.M.; evening, 7:00 to 9:00 P.M.

The Convention Service will be held Wednesday evening, August 16, at 7:30 P.M. in the High School auditorium. The Reverend M. J. Lenz, president of the Minnesota District, will preach the sermon.

Housing for the delegates will be provided in the dormitory of the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary and at the Ambassador Hotel. Noon and

evening meals will be served all bona fide delegates in the High School cafeteria. Visitors will also be served if meal tickets are purchased in advance of the meal.

Reservations for housing should be made by July 15. Kindly address all requests for reservations to The Convention Housing Committee, Wisconsin Lutheran High School, 330 N. Glenview Avenue, Milwaukee 13, Wisconsin.

All mail to be sent to delegates during the time of the convention should be addressed in care of Wisconsin Lutheran High School, 330 N. Glenview Avenue, Milwaukee 13, Wisconsin. The High School telephone number is GLENVIEW 3-4567.

THEODORE SAUER, Secretary

List of Floor Committees Thirty-Sixth Convention of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod August 8-17, 1961 Wisconsin Lutheran High School Milwaukee, Wisconsin

PLEASE NOTE: The names of all voting delegates to the Synod Convention appear as members of one of the committees listed below. Therefore no separate listing of voting delegates will be published in *The Northwestern Lutheran*.

1. Elections

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4. President's Report

Pastor H. Sauer, Chairman	Pastor H. Kuske
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Immanuel	Tawas City, Mich.
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Grace	Seattle, Wash.
Zior.	Rhineland, Wis.

5. Requests of Institutions and Planning Committee

Also the Michigan Memorials:
re: Board of Higher Education
re: Revamping Educational System

Pastor L. Sabrowsky, Chairman	Pastor L. Schroeder
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St. John	Barre Mills, Wis.

6. Nominating Committee

Pastor G. Schmeling, Chairman	Milwaukee, Wis.
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Pastor W. Pankow	New London, Wis.
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Pastor G. Haag	Portland, Ore.

7. Credentials and Excuses

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8. Northwestern Publishing House, Committee on Publications, A.A.L. Overture Also Hymnal Revision Report

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Immanuel	Tyler, Minn.
St. John	Florence, Wis.
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Mt. Calvary	Waukesha, Wis.

9. Reports and Requests of Home Missions And Committee Report

**re: Synod-Supported Schools in Mission
 Congregations**

And Committee Report

re: District Autonomy in Home Missions

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St. John	Renville, Minn.

10. Reports and Requests of World Missions

Also Committee Report

re: Executive Chairman—Board for World Missions

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Pastor S. Kugler	E. Einspahr
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Grace	Sugar Bush, Wis.

11. Board of Trustees Report

Also Committee Report

**re: Executive Chairman—Board of Trustees
 And The Pre-Budget Subscription Program**

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12. On Resolutions

Pastor E. A. Sitz	Prof. C. Schweppe
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13. Report of the Board of Education

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14. Press Committee

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**15. Constitutional Matters
Also Committee Report
re: Duties of the Visitor**

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Nominations by the Districts

(The order is determined by the Districts
and at times expresses preference.)

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Report of the Nominating Committee

In accordance with Article 2.09 (d), page 269 of the Constitution of our Synod, the Nominating Committee of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod, consisting of properly elected delegates from each of the nine Districts of Synod, herewith submits the list of candidates it was required to nominate for the forthcoming Synod Convention:

The Executive Committee of the Board for Apache Indian Mission

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121 N. 66th Street
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501 Smith Street
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Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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Jefferson, Wisconsin

(Layman—new office required by the Constitution)

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Member of Calvary Church,
Thiensville, Wisconsin

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Member of St. Marcus Church,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Mr. Norman Schier
Member of Siloah Church,
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Chairman of the General Board for Home Missions

(Pastor)

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G. E. SCHEMELING, Chairman
of the Nominating Committee

tween The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and the American Lutheran Church:

“Conversations ‘looking toward pulpit and altar fellowship’ would begin ‘early in 1962,’ Dr. Frederick A. Schiotez, ALC president, announced in Minneapolis.”

Does this mean that the ALC is moving toward a greater conservatism and has little interest in groups which are manifestly becoming more liberal? Not at all, for the next sentence in the news item reads:

“Dr. Schiotez also reported that an ALC committee is making a historical study of pulpit and altar fellowship ‘in anticipation of discussions with the Lutheran Church in America when it comes into being.’”

Briefs

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Lutheran (July 19) which reports thus on forthcoming discussions be-

Editorials

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make it divine truth by reacting favorably to it. It is that before it ever comes to you.

Signs are not lacking that the “encounter” idea is also invading Lutheran circles. Though they do not

disavow the attitude of the fathers to a certain doctrine, they feel free to take the opposite position because times have changed, because there is a different situation. Circumstances are given the priority over the everlasting Word of God. The only safe attitude is to say to the Word of God which comes to us from outside of us: “Speak, Lord, for thy servant heareth.”

IM. P. FREY

THE ADVISORY DELEGATES to the Thirty-Sixth Convention of the WISCONSIN EV. LUTHERAN SYNOD August 8-17, 1961 Wisconsin Lutheran High School Milwaukee, Wisconsin

President Oscar J. Naumann
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Second Vice-President Karl F. Krauss
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of the **Wisconsin Lutheran Quarterly**

Professor F. E. Blume and
Professor E. E. Kowalke, Essayists

Professor Lester A. Found, Parliamentarian

Note: Some of the members of the Boards
and Committees listed above have
also been elected as voting delegates
for this convention by their Districts
and will be found on the floor com-
mittees.

OSCAR J. NAUMANN, President

Let Us Move Forward From Here!

Encouragement for a New Year of Giving

Our fiscal year ended on June 30, 1961.

As we begin a new year of giving, we have this cheering picture:

- A steady improvement throughout the past year over the preceding year.
- \$339,702.63 was the figure for our gifts for the month of June.
- This was \$63,741.92 over our gifts for June of 1960.

As a result:

- Every cent of the revenues — on which we had drawn at one point to the extent of \$300,000.00 for operating funds — has been returned to the Building Fund.
- The Building Fund is short only the amount which was voted to come from budget collections (but which we did not bring in).
- \$649,620.11 is now the balance in the Building Fund (after allotments totaling \$573,872.70 to Dr. Martin Luther College and Michigan Lutheran Seminary).
- A balance of \$46,766.76 remains in our treasury.

There is strong cause for encouragement here.

Let it spur us on in the present year of giving to greater love and generosity toward the Lord Jesus, for:

- We have reached only 75% of our budget, and this means that
- Many necessary, urgent tasks remain undone or partly done!

Call Meeting

The Board of Control of Northwestern College will meet on Monday, August 21, at 1:30 to elect a professor to fill the vacancy caused by Professor Jungkuntz's leaving. The man called is to work in the classics, particularly Greek.

The following have been nominated:

Pastor Ralph Baur, Mountlake Terrace, Washington
Pastor Donald Bitter, Kewaskum, Wisconsin
Professor LeRoy Boerneke, Onalaska, Wisconsin
Pastor Carl Bolle, St. Paul, Minnesota
Pastor Milton Burk, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Pastor J. C. Dahlke, Weyauwega, Wisconsin
Mr. Robert Drews, Durham, North Carolina
Pastor Paul Eickmann, Crete, Illinois
Professor Edward Fredrich, Saginaw, Michigan

Pastor James Fricke, Watertown, Wisconsin
Pastor Richard Frohmader, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan
Pastor Wilbert Gawrisch, Rhinelander, Wisconsin
Pastor Waldemar Gieschen, Columbus, Wisconsin
Pastor Paul Hanke, St. Peter, Minnesota
Pastor Gerhard Hillmer, Hales Corners, Wisconsin
Pastor Martin Janke, Roscoe, South Dakota
Pastor John C. Jeske, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Professor Iver Johnson, Mankato, Minnesota
Pastor Norval Kock, Wood Lake, Minnesota
Pastor Leonard Koeninger, Jr., Lansing, Michigan
Pastor Paul Kuehl, Cudahy, Wisconsin
Pastor Nathanael Luedtke, Nicollet, Minnesota
Pastor Fritz Miller, Le Crosse, Wisconsin
Pastor Carl Mischke, Juneau, Wisconsin
Pastor Armin Panning, Escanaba, Michigan
Pastor Martin Petermann, St. Paul, Minnesota
Professor Wayne Schmidt, Onalaska, Wisconsin

Pastor Donald Sellnow, Rapid City, South Dakota
 Pastor Cyril Spaude, Aberdeen, South Dakota
 Pastor W. W. Westendorf, South Haven, Michigan
 Pastor Martin Westerhaus, Iron Ridge, Wisconsin
 Pastor Ray Wiechmann, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
 Pastor Waldemar Zink, Kewaunee, Wisconsin

Any correspondence which will have to do with these nominations must reach the board before the date of the meeting.

KURT A. TIMMEL, Secretary
 612 Fifth Street
 Watertown, Wisconsin

Call for Candidates

The Board of Control of your Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, Wisconsin, herewith invites the members of our Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod to nominate candidates for a professorship at the Seminary.

Candidates nominated must be qualified to teach Church History and the courses in Liturgics and Church Music.

This is not an eighth professorship. The new professor will teach the courses formerly taught by Professor Hilton Oswald of Northwestern College, Watertown, Wisconsin. He is to be the provision for an eventual replacement of Professor Joh. P. Meyer, now in his 89th year, and to make possible a sabbatical leave for other faculty members when such requests are granted. All nominations must be sent to the undersigned no later than August 8, 1961.

PASTOR ADOLPH C. BUENGER, Secretary
 5026 19th Avenue, Kenosha, Wisconsin

HELP NEEDED AT D.M.L.C.

Matron supervisors are needed for Centennial and West Hall (women's dormitories) at Dr. Martin Luther College beginning with the new school year.

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Polzin, Ralph, in St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Doylestown, Wis., and in St. Stephen's Ev. Lutheran Church, Fountain Prairie, Wis., by Carl Leyrer; and in Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Fall River, Wis., by Carl Mischke; assisted by A. Winter, W. Zank, M. Zank, and E. Zehms; July 2, 1961.

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