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# BRIEFS

## by the Editor

WELCOME, NONSUBSCRIBERS for *The Northwestern Lutheran*! This is a special issue, to be sure. But 14 of the pages are just about what you would get in a regular issue of your church paper. Please read it carefully and then ask yourself: Am I not missing out on added assurance for my faith and on growth in the grace and knowledge of my Lord Jesus Christ? Am I not depriving myself of vital information I need as a coworker in the great task of garnering souls for Christ? Am I failing to share in the joy of harvest — through ignorance of the sheaves being brought in? If your answer is "Yes," you can remedy the situation by using the handy order form on the back page of this issue or the subscription envelope furnished with this issue. We hope that soon we shall be able to greet many of you in this column with: "Welcome, new reader of *The Northwestern Lutheran*!"

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THIS SPECIAL ISSUE GREW OUT OF THOUGHTS DIRECTED TOWARD YOU. When the President's Advisory Council met in late April, all present were not only

*impressed by reports of opportunities which they heard. They were deeply moved by the goodness of God in setting these opportunities before us, poor, awkward workmen that we are. The joy and gratitude which they experienced, they felt, must be passed on to you, the members of the Synod. Since they wanted as many of you as possible to get "the good news," they hit upon the idea of a special issue. It could have been done through a brochure of some kind, of course. But they felt rather strongly that these welcome facts and strong incentives should come through this channel. They wanted all who read this special presentation of work to which our Savior invites us — they wanted them to realize that similar information and inspiration for "earth's noblest task" could be gained regularly from this same Northwestern Lutheran.*

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THE FOUR-YEAR GRADUATES OF OUR DR. MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE are presented in this issue. In our next issue we will report on the assignments of the three-year graduates and special students.

PERHAPS OUR READERS ARE PUZZLED by the appearance in the last few issues of editorials by Pastor Immanuel P. Frey, since his death was reported four weeks ago, and his obituary was published two weeks ago. We give you the facts which explain the matter.

Late this winter Pastor Frey went to Arizona to recuperate further from the heart attack which struck him about Thanksgiving time of 1963. Upon his return to Colorado, he was again forced to enter the hospital for several weeks. But not long after we were heartened to receive from him five editorials within the space of three weeks. Let these editorials we are now printing after his death serve as his valedictory to us.

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A FOLLOW-UP ITEM on our May 31 article on the Wisconsin Lutheran Chapel and Student Center (University of Wisconsin) is offered you here in the form of a paragraph from a report by the Western Wisconsin District Mission Board. After hearing of "the dissolution of the joint campus ministry with the Missouri Synod since 1920 at Calvary Lutheran Church," we read: "Looking rather to the future, and to the challenging task of serving about 700 of our own students (which number is supposed to double in the next eight years), we thank God for providing us so quickly with a pastor with the gifts our student chapel will need. —

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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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THE COVER — The design reinforces the message of this special issue: "Move Forward! — So Our God Invites Us."

# Editorials

**Free Conference** Professor Armin Schuetze of our Theological Seminary at Mequon has announced that a Lutheran Free Conference will be held July 7-9, at Waterloo, Iowa. Eight clergymen from four Lutheran synods will serve as essayists. Professor Schuetze is chairman of the arrangements committee for the meeting, and Pastor Norman Berg of Plymouth, Michigan, will serve as chairman at the conference.

This is not the first conference of this kind that has been arranged by members of our Synod. An account of one such conference and reference to two others appeared in a 1903 issue of *The Black And Red*, a rather unexpected source for information of this kind, since this periodical is usually devoted to student affairs at Northwestern College.

According to this periodical a free conference was held in Beloit in 1902. "Then, in 1903, on April 29 and 30, another such conference was held in the chapel of Northwestern College under the chairmanship of Dr. Ernst, then president of the college. Dr. Franz Pieper, president of the Missouri Synod seminary at St. Louis, was the essayist. Present were 85 from the Wisconsin synod, 62 from the Missouri synod, 15 from the Ohio synod, 15 from the Iowa synod, 2 from the Michigan synod, 2 from the Buffalo synod, 2 from the Norwegian synod, 1 from the New York Ministerium, and 3 with no synodical affiliation. The discussions were frank and open, each synod defending its well-known position, without acrimony. The general opinion was that progress had been made toward an understanding and possible agreement and unity. Another meeting was held the next year in Milwaukee."

Agreement between the Wisconsin and Missouri Synods had been reached long before these conferences were held, in 1868; and in 1903 there was no need for conferences between these two synods. An agreement with the other synods there represented was not reached, as we know. Were the conferences then of no value? "The general opinion was that progress had been made toward an understanding." However little that progress may have been, it was worthwhile. The conferences did show that even where the public and official position of some synods made a union impossible, there were still individuals in all of these synods who were willing to discuss differences in all sincerity and who were concerned above all in preserving and defending the truth of the Gospel. Seeds are sown in such conferences, when they are properly conducted, that can produce good fruit, if not in our time, then in some other time.

ERWIN E. KOWALKE

**Is There Only One Divine Office in the Church?** The reader will know that the theologians of the Missouri Synod have taken the position that only the parish ministry is by divine appointment and that all other offices in the Church have their powers delegated to them by the parish ministry. Our Synod has taken the position that God did not just appoint the parish ministry but rather the general Gospel ministry and that all who carry out its Gospel functions hold a divinely appointed office. At least one prominent theologian of the Missouri Synod has come to the same conclusion. We quote in part from the *CPH Commentator*, published by the Concordia Publishing House:

"Present-day functions in a congregation do not stem from the teaching that there is one divine office of the ministry and that other offices in the church are auxiliary to the pastorate. This is the conclusion of Dr. A. C. Mueller, editor of *The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Sunday school materials*, in *The ministry of the Lutheran Teacher*. The book is scheduled for publication on June 1, 1964."

Dr. Mueller contends: "Through what I consider a misunderstanding of Walther's theses on the ministry, leaders of our Synod maintained that the pastorate is the one divinely instituted office or ministry and all other offices (teacher, professor, executive, writer) stem from it and are auxiliary to the pastorate."

"There is, then, a general ministry in which apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers participate. This ministry consists of various functions. The congregation or a group of congregations assign some functions to pastors, others to teachers, others to executives, professors, writers, etc.

"This general ministry is the one divinely instituted ministry, and all called servants participate in this ministry."

The idea that the parish ministry is the only divinely appointed office in the Church and that all others derive their church powers from it is not the teaching of Scripture. When Jesus gave His final instructions to the disciples, He did not say: Establish the parish ministry everywhere. No, He said: "Preach the Gospel." All workers in the Church have the same divine call. There is a difference only in the scope of the call.

IMMANUEL P. FREY

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**Church vs. Barn** The "Red Barn" served as the playhouse for the drama department of a Midwest college. When fire destroyed the structure recently, the college secured a vacant church

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# Studies in God's Word:

## Be Of One Mind!

Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous, not railing for evil, or railing for blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing.

And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good? But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye; and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled. But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear (I Peter 3:8, 9, 13-15).

There are many things about which the citizens of our country disagree. Which rights are possessed by all our citizens, and how should those rights be safeguarded? Which programs and personalities shall direct our national government for the next four years? Great differences of opinion exist — yet are we not all agreed that those decisions will be reached and carried out according to our Constitution and laws? Then we are, after all, in basic agreement.

Also among Christians there are times when disunity may appear to be the chief characteristic. Christians differ with each other on the proper ways to honor and serve their Lord. A District convention may be the scene of a vigorous debate about the wisdom of a certain policy for our mission fields, or about the need for a new building at one of our worker-training schools. At a quarterly meeting members of a congregation may express conflicting ideas about procedures and expenditures.

But underneath these differences in externals there is yet a unity in one Lord, one faith, one hope of our calling. Any difference among us should only be our different under-

standings about the best way of carrying out our calling. We need to be constantly reminded to keep differences within their bounds, lest they grow into disunity. For the will of God is clearly enunciated: "Be ye all of one mind."

### In Dealing With One Another

Sympathy that leads us to rejoice with those that rejoice, to weep with those that weep; love that moves us to exult when a brother enjoys success; pity that lets us feel the same difficulties that our brother is experiencing; courtesy that is not empty form but a modest humility acknowledging our own lack of worth and goodness — these are the virtues that put into practice our "one-mindedness."

They are not easy-to-practice virtues. In a public meeting, over the back fence, around the kitchen table, it is much easier to be suspicious, to get even, to get one's way at all costs, to enjoy a victory over the other party. But such are not the goals we share with each other and with our Lord.

This was God's purpose: "That ye should inherit a blessing." In mercy He was minded to help us in our needs, to bear in humility our burdens, to give us through Christ eternal life. With sins forgiven by His sacrifice there has been restored to us the "image of God." Thus we now "have the same mind" as God; we seek the same purposes as our heavenly Father. Whether our neighbor deserves it or not, regardless of his conduct toward us, he will receive from God through us not evil but blessing.

For another statement of the simple principle that believers in God share not only the blessings of God, but also the purposes and attitudes of the holy God, the inspired Apostle Peter points to Psalm 34: "For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they

speak no guile; let him eschew (avoid) evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue (pursue) it. For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil" (I Pet. 3:10-12).

### In Facing the World

But dare we really be compassionate, loving, pitiful, courteous? Isn't this a tough old world? Don't we have to be just as hardboiled in defending our own interests? Won't we come out on the short end of things if we don't push ourselves forward over the other fellow? We know too well the answers that worldly wisdom, and our own Old Adam, would give.

But let us think for a moment. Who is it that opposes godliness? Who is it that would trouble the children of God for being godlike? The old evil Foe, and those under his influence! Well, just how much can he harm us? The threat may appear very grave, the loss of things in this world may be great, but he cannot rob us of God's mercy in this time of grace, nor can he steal from us the treasures in heaven laid up for us by the Son of God! In fact, Jesus said, "Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake" (Matt. 5:10). Take the devil's opposition as an additional assurance that you are an heir of heaven.

Our hearts are too full to leave room for fear of evil threats or for evil words and deeds. "The Holy One" has come to dwell in us. By what we say and do we cannot increase His holiness or His forgiving love; but we can proclaim it! We are minded to have compassion on one another, to persist in righteousness no matter what the world thinks, to go on proclaiming our Savior's mercy as the foundation of such hope and life. Lord, may Thy will be done in us! Amen.

PAUL H. WILDE

# THE 1964 FOUR-YEAR GRADUATES

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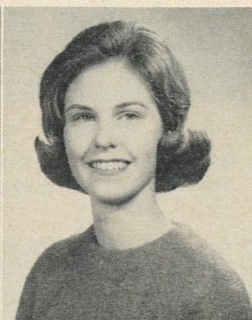
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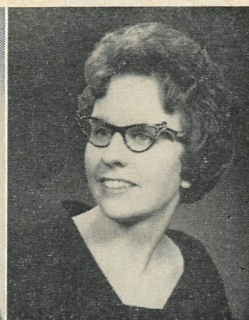
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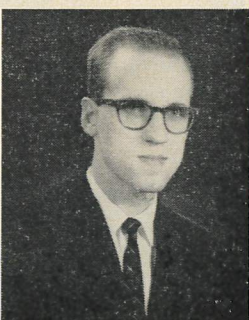
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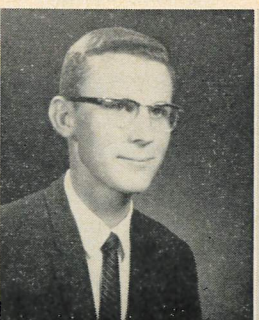
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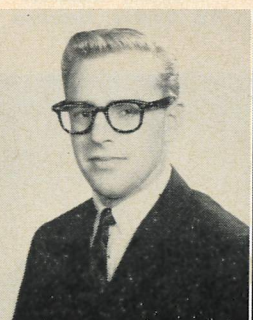
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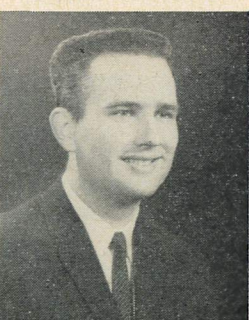
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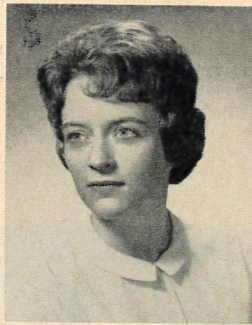
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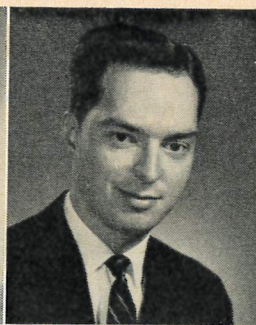
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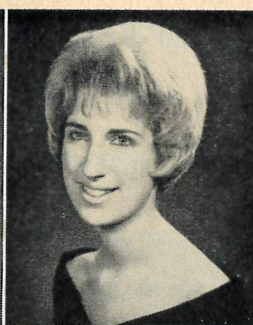
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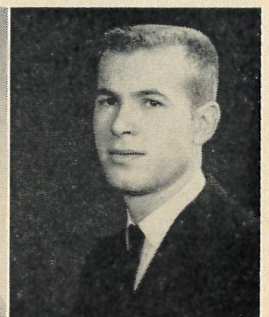
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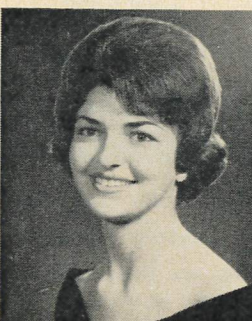
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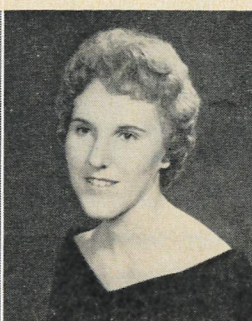
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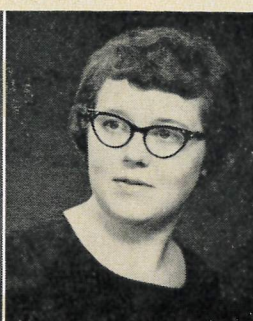
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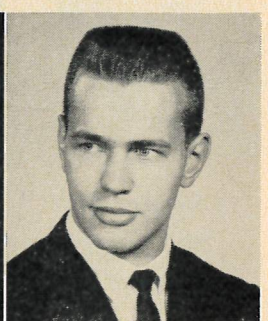
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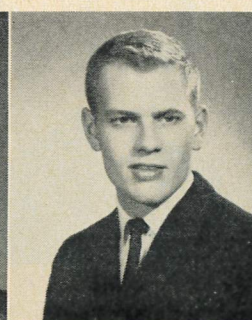
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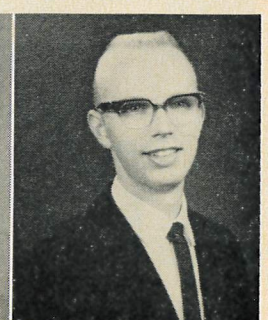
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### Briefs

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Facilities have proven to be a bigger problem. Almost two years of planning and negotiating for a building which seemed almost made to order unexpectedly failed to materialize just recently, and our District Board is continuing its difficult search in an area where property is at a fantastic premium. Fortunately, we were able to rent the Women's Building a few blocks from Calvary for temporary facilities, and hope to begin worship with the summer sessions at the University. These facilities

will serve for Sunday worship, Sunday cost-suppers, and quarters for counseling and Bible classes during the week. It is still our hope to secure permanent facilities for the fall term."

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bakken of St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church, Chaseburg, Wisconsin, on June 16, 1964.

### Sixtieth Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bluske of St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church, Chaseburg, Wisconsin, on June 21, 1964.

### Sixty-fifth Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. August Ballien of St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church, Freeland, Michigan, on April 19, 1964.

### Anniversaries

#### Golden Weddings

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Radke of St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Montello, Wisconsin, on June 10, 1964.

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building, which will be converted into a theater. The theater will be moving from a "barn" into a church.

This once consecrated and hallowed edifice will not be likely to reform the stage to be erected inside its walls. No one expects drama at the college to revert to the morality and mystery plays of the late Middle Ages, when the Church presented Bible stories and moral plays to instruct its people. Contemporary theater will very likely continue to be presented, even though the Ten Commandments and the love of God were once preached in the building it is to occupy.

College drama departments want to give their students experience with many types of plays — history, tragedy, comedy, satire, farce, folk drama, musical, psychological, symbolical, and the like. These plays deal

with a variety of subjects and situations and problems. Some present virtues as virtues, vices as vices. Others make sin appear to be respectable, and virtue boring. In some, nothing is sacred; even the holy God Himself is insulted and blasphemed to His face. Marital honor and chastity are held up to ridicule. Sex is exploited as a great joke. And since pre-occupation with perversion (whether sexual or other) is so popular on the modern stage, it will be a surprise if some of the plays will not present even this theme in a building that was once a house of God.

It would have been better if the church had burned down and the "barn" had remained standing. For contemporary drama a "barn" often provides a more suitable locale than does a church. Some of today's theater, it might be added, does no credit even to a barn.

CARLETON TOPPE

## "MOVE FORWARD"—SO OUR GOD INVITES US

### A Refreshing Spirit

"A most refreshing and forward-looking spirit of enthusiasm and zeal for the work of the Gospel is evident in our thinking and planning." Thus a delegate to the Synodical Council meeting in May expressed his impression.

### Why "Refreshing"?

It's refreshing simply because people who love the Lord Jesus are gladdened when many others united with them in the cause of Jesus give evidence of their faith with an increased devotion and zeal toward His work.

But there's another reason, causing gratitude to God at this particular time in our Synod's life. God has made us such who are determined to "continue in His Word." (Let us keep it straight: We did not make ourselves such!) Continuing in His Word means, of course, that we confess fully and faithfully the whole truth of Scripture and never compromise it. God has just led us through an extended period in which we had to contend for the truth. We cannot regret the role which God has enabled us to play in this hard struggle but are humbly thankful for it.

But doing battle for the truth can degenerate into a fleshly "love of a good fight." If that had happened to us, then this would have been a true picture of us, instead of a caricature: "You people always harp on defending the Gospel, and then you put it into cold storage!" — as one man put it. God be praised, He has kept us from a one-sided concern for the purity of the Gospel! There is evident generally in our Synod of 350,000 souls a strong urge to "share the wealth." Continuing in the Word for them involves also a dedicated program of witnessing at home and venturing with the Gospel to the ends of the earth. It means taking courage in view of staggering assignments and taking the Lord at His word when He promises: "All power is given unto me. . . . Go ye therefore! — And, lo, I am with you always."

"The spirit of happy faith and courage is sprouting out all over on all levels and in all areas of the Synod's work, like the leaves and bursting buds of early spring. And like these, there's a hint in the air of greater things ahead for this church body," as a member of the Synodical Council has written.

### Incentives for Faith and Courage

Before you read the special presentation on the next pages and there learn the facts which provide mighty incentives, take encouragement from statements by our two mission boards.

*The Board for World Missions says:*

"The children of Israel were encamped on the shores of the Red Sea. Behind them were the hosts of Pharaoh; in front of them were the forbidding waters of the sea. Retreat was impossible. Advance was inconceivable. Into the frustration of the Israelites came the clear command of God: 'Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward.'

"'Go forward!' This command must have seemed unreasonable to most, unrealistic to many, even ridiculous to some. Yet Israel followed the command of God and went forward. And Israel saw the obstacle of the Red

Sea dissolve before its very eyes, saw the way opened wide, and saw the opposition crumble and disappear under the foaming waters.

"We are also under the mandate of God to go forward with the preaching of the everlasting Gospel. As a result, the voice of God, speaking through the missionaries of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod has been heard for many years in such places as Apacheland in Arizona, in Nigeria, in Poland, and in the Land of the Reformation. In the last decade we have gone forward into other areas. We have become acquainted with such unusual names as Tsuchiura and Utsunomiya, Tochigi and Mito, Lusaka and Lumanu, Katinti and Chibota, Kanyipa and Munali. You will take joy in reading of the success of the Gospel of God's salvation in these and many other places.

"But the end is not yet. The voice of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod will soon be heard in Puerto Rico and in the lands to the south of us. There are further calls coming to us from Africa. And, above all, **we stand before a wide-open door in the Far East in the city of Hong Kong.**

"There will be those who will hear the voice of God, telling us to go forward, and will think of further expansion of the World Mission program as being unrealistic, unreasonable, and even ridiculous. 'Haven't you heard of the manpower shortage?' 'Haven't you heard of the perennial shortage of funds in our Synodical treasury?' 'Aren't you afraid of overextending the Synod?' 'What about our building program?' Yes, we have heard and seen all these things. . . . What is more, God has also heard and seen all these things. Yet He tells us to go forward: 'Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.' It is His work and His care; it must be our work and our care. If we but obey His voice, we too shall see the obstacles that seem insurmountable dissolve and the will of our blessed Savior prevail."

*The General Board for Home Missions says:*

"Several of the District Mission Board chairmen expressed fears that their reports might sound too optimistic. In viewing the overall activity of our Synod's Home Mission Program, we can state that this will be the most encouraging report we have been privileged to present to you for some years.

"God the Holy Spirit has led us into many new fields of work, 24 to be exact. By comparison, these reports in some years were able to list only 3 or 4 new fields.

"As each District report is given, it becomes more and more evident that our District Boards are giving attention to larger key cities of our nation.

"The new Church Extension-Chapel Expansion Loan program is making this expansion possible. Last year we received \$540,000 from the Church Extension Fund. At the end of March we were in the process of purchasing six parcels of ground for new missions, with nine others still on priority. On the same date we had seven chapels under construction, with 14 others on priority. . . . this represents a figure of \$900,000. . . . All have been given permission to proceed. When in the history of the Synod have we had almost a million dollars in building projects and land purchases under way?"

In Jesus' name, let us boldly enter the open doors, and we shall not be put to shame!



## "MOVE FORWARD" — SO OUR GOD INVITES US

"Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward."

Exodus 14:15

### FORWARD — IN WORLD MISSIONS!

Never before has our God set before us such tremendous opportunities. In regard to world missions, these opportunities sound out a double call:

#### PURSUE THE EXPANDING WORK IN EXISTING FIELDS

##### □ NORTHERN RHODESIA

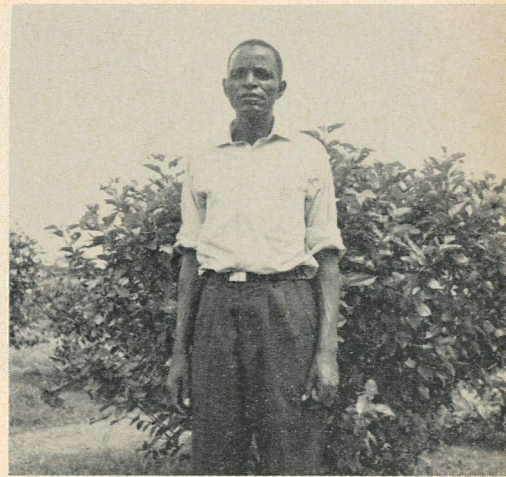
- Visible blessing rests on the work of our missionaries, including one African pastor.
- Won for Christ, the people are living and working for Christ and His Gospel.
- Certain village elders have been trained in Christian doctrine and have been given preaching and teaching responsibilities.
- The Lusaka Bible Institute will open in September to begin more systematic training of more workers.
- Instruction courses were worked out in English, then translated into the native tongues.
- The Medical Dispensary Program is proving a valuable aid in the work.
- A mailing program, followed up, led to the opening of a new field in neighboring

##### □ NYASALAND

- Two missionaries are at work here.
- National pastors are being trained by the missionaries to assume more and more of preaching and teaching duties.
- Two congregations of another denomination have asked our missionaries for instruction in God's Word and Lutheran doctrine.
- The mailing program is proving effective here, too.
- Instruction courses in the native language are being developed.



Missionary Sauer and nine Negro boys  
(Northern Rhodesia) reading the Bible together.



Mr. Robert Mulundika, headmaster and  
Christian teacher at Lumano.



The congregation in front of the new church  
after dedication at Kapopo (Rhodesia).



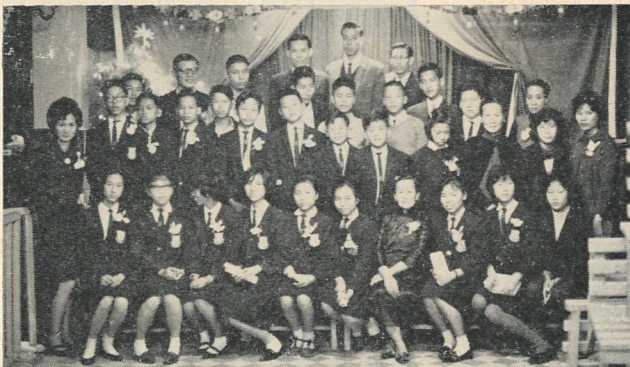
Orphans at Mito, Japan, listen to the  
Christmas story as told by our missionary.



Christmas service at Aoki Hospital, Ashikaga, Japan. Two doctors flank our missionary (the tall man).



Immanuel Lutheran English Middle School's chapel in Hong Kong, China.



People who accepted the Savior, baptized on Christmas Day at Grace Church, Hong Kong.



Lutheran students are shown distributing Christian pamphlets on a Hong Kong street.

□ JAPAN

- God has so blessed the work here that we now have two fields instead of one (in Ibaragi and Tochigi Prefectures).
- We now have a native voice for broadcasting over two networks, one in each of the above-mentioned provinces. The voice is that of our new Japanese missionary, Tatsushiro Yamada. The listener potential: over 5,000,000.

□ APACHELAND

- Evidence of new zeal and devotion on the part of our Indian brethren is to be noted here.
- Every congregation now assumes a part of the missionary's salary and operating expenses.
- Major building projects were carried out without help from the Synod (notably at Whiteriver and East Fork).

□ SPANISH MISSION (in Arizona)

- In spite of difficulties, progress can be charted.
- Another missionary is needed.
- The day school has 30 children of Mexican descent enrolled.

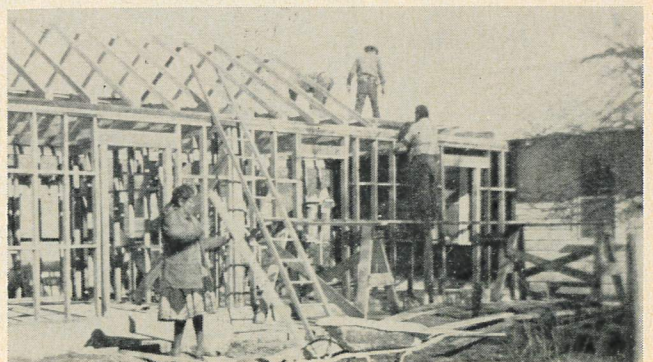
Now we come to the other and still more emphatic half of the double call to

"Move forward in World Missions!"

ENTER NEW FIELDS THAT ARE BECKONING

□ HONG KONG

- Here is located the Christian Chinese Lutheran Mission, established and directed by Pastor Peter Chang.
- Contact has been made with Pastor Chang occasionally for the past five years.
- In December 1963 it was fairly clear that this is a confessionally sound church.



Our Apache brethren busy in constructing a parish hall addition, Whiteriver, Arizona.

## "MOVE FORWARD"

- First official assistance given out of the World Mission Expansion Fund.
- A committee visited Hong Kong during Lent. The result was a confirming favorable report.
- Provisional action proposed:
  - 1) Additional loans to keep the work going during the next year.
  - 2) Sending to Hong Kong a theologian-counselor, on sabbatical leave from the Seminary, if this is possible. (Our Chinese Lutheran friends express the need and desire for this kind of assistance, too.)
- Conclusive action regarding this mission to be taken at the 1965 Convention.
- There are three congregations: Spirit of Love Church, 758 souls; Spirit of Grace Church, 324 souls; Immanuel Church, 100 souls.
- There are three schools: Spirit of Love Roof-Top School, 276; Immanuel Lutheran English Middle School, 250; Spirit of Grace Fourth Floor School (enrollment figure not available).
- A Seminary is also maintained. Enrollment: 5
- Three Wisconsin Synod people, a pastor, a male teacher, and a woman teacher, are at work here, supported by the Christian Chinese Lutheran Mission.

### TAIWAN AND THE PHILIPPINES?

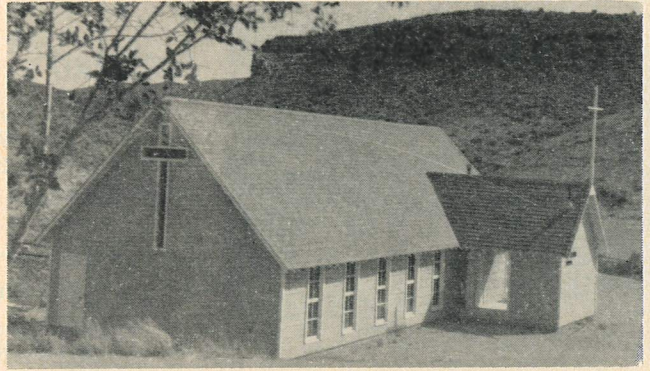
- As a result of the contact with the Hong Kong field, requests have come to us to branch out into Taiwan and the Philippines with Chinese Lutheran mission work. The Lord seems to lead through one open door on to another!

### PUERTO RICO

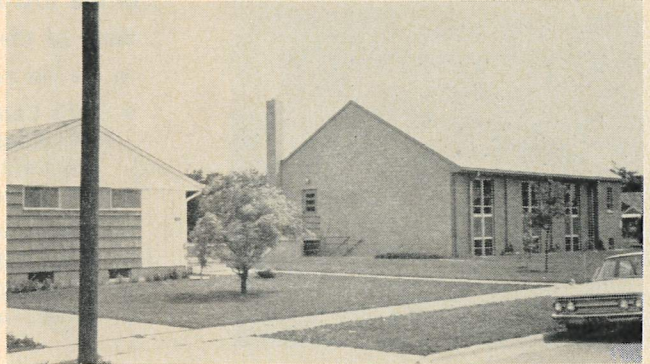
- Here the Christian Missioner Corps program is being formally inaugurated. (For an explanation of "Missioner Corps" see page 205 of this issue.)
- Pastor Rupert Eggert is now in Puerto Rico, having completed six months of language study in the States.
- He will continue his Spanish studies over there and will meanwhile get the "feel" of his field.
- Another missionary has accepted a call to work at his side.

### OTHER AREAS OF LATIN AMERICA?

- Perhaps Puerto Rico will prove to be the testing ground that will enable us to undertake large-scale mission work in Latin America.



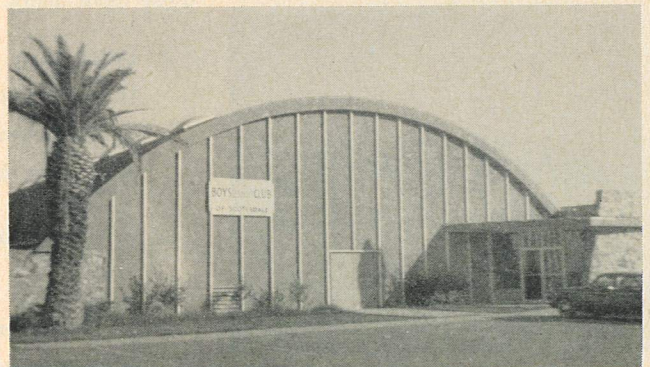
Trinity, Morenci, Arizona. One of the missions in this state of rapid population growth.



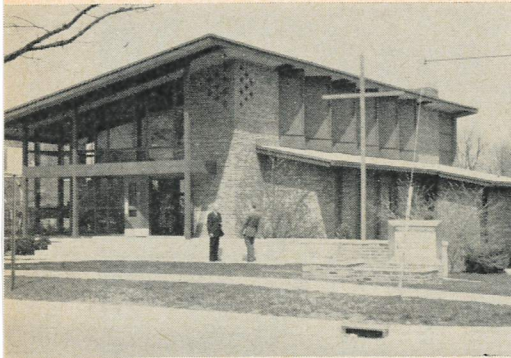
This gives you an overall view of the church and parsonage at St. Timothy, Maumee, Ohio.



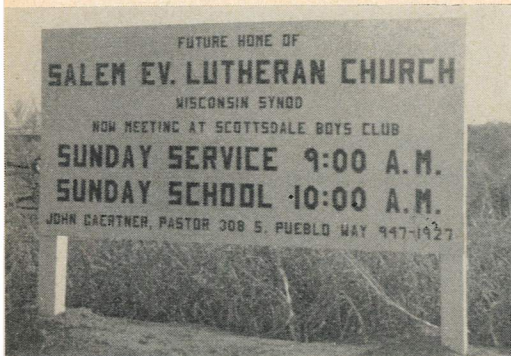
Here is a Sunday-school group at Zoar, a mission in Detroit, Michigan.



Theaters, clubs, hotels, and mortuaries must serve as first places of worship (Scottsdale, Arizona).



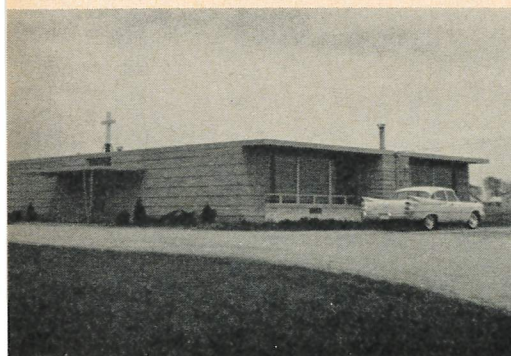
The recently constructed house of worship at Redeemer, Ann Arbor, Michigan.



One of 21 mission sites in the U.S. waiting for construction of churches.



The church and school of Good Shepherd, Tucson, Arizona. You helped build them.



You also helped build a combination school-chapel at Good Shepherd, Beloit, Wisconsin.

**FORWARD — IN HOME MISSIONS !**

On the home front God is giving us opportunities without parallel in the history of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Consider the facts below. Let your heart swell at the prospects of the work our gracious Lord would let us do!

- "Mission-a-Month Plan"? God Says: "Too Slow!"**
  - This plan was adopted in 1961.
  - But God showed our plans to be too timid. In 1963-64 He led us into 24 new fields of labor — two missions a month!

- New missions established "all over this land" in the last few years.**

Some of these:

*In the far reaches of our country:*

- Falls Church, Virginia
- Dallas, Texas
- (Washington, D.C., and Arlington, Virginia, areas)
- Merritt Island, Florida
- San Diego, California
- (Cape Canaveral or Cape Kennedy)

*In areas nearer to most of us:*

- Great Falls, Montana
- Sheboygan, Wisconsin
- Flossmoor, Illinois
- Utica, Michigan
- Carlisle, Ohio
- Brown Deer, Wisconsin
- Halstead, Kansas

- Conservative Lutherans calling us to serve them.**

● Groups of people of strong confessional convictions request that they be served by our Synod. In California alone several such places are ready and waiting. Here we have an opportunity to enter areas of the United States undeveloped by our Synod to this time.

- Many areas beckon and are under study.**

Some of these:

- Alaska
- Hawaii
- Norfolk, Virginia
- Maryland
- New Jersey
- Bakersfield, California
- Pasadena, California
- Salem, Oregon
- Medford, Oregon
- Moscow, Idaho

**FORWARD — IN TRAINING MORE MANPOWER !**

If we consider open doors in missions as blessed opportunities, then we will welcome as another opportunity the training of men and women to enter those open doors. For your encouragement, hear

- What has been accomplished in just a few years.**

*In new facilities:*

- The Music Hall completed at Dr. Martin Luther College.
- A new dormitory for women (capacity 220) to be completed this summer. This is also at Dr. Martin Luther College.
- A new dormitory wing at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary dedicated in 1963.
- A large addition (\$425,000) at Michigan Lutheran Seminary, dedicated in the spring of 1964.
- A new wing (\$200,000) at Wisconsin Lutheran High School, to provide facilities for Milwaukee Lutheran Teachers College, dedicated in April 1964.

- The new Synod Administration Building dedicated in May 1964. Indirectly this will also serve in training more manpower.

*In building up teaching staffs:*

- Professors at our Synodical schools in 1960.....65
- Professors at our Synodical schools in 1964.....82
- If all professorships authorized by the Synod are filled by September, there will be 11 more, or .....93

*In manpower coming up:*

- Total enrollment at Synodical schools in 1960-61 .....1441
  - Total enrollment at Synodical schools in 1963-64 .....1695
- But all this has not ended the opportunities to serve our Lord in this direction. Weigh

**What we ought to do in the next years.**

- No fewer than 102 vacancies in pulpit and classroom after this year's graduates had received their assignments.

- 51 pastor vacancies. Note: This does not include the missionaries we could have sent out.
- 44 vacancies to be filled by women teachers.
- 7 vacancies to be filled by male teachers.

Note: The District presidents had calls for all these in hand. There could be other vacancies which congregations did not wish to fill by this method.

- All this means that we must continue
  - to expand our facilities at all our schools;
  - to build up our teaching staffs;
  - to enlist more and more of our sons and daughters for the full-time ministry in pulpit and classroom.

*Hark! the Church proclaims her honor,  
And her strength is only this:  
God hath laid His choice upon her,  
And the work she doth is His.*

*Onward, then! For naught despairing  
Calm we follow at His word,  
Thus through joy and sorrow bearing  
Faithful witness to our Lord.*

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**The Christian Missioner Corps** "Because of limited resources in men and money for our missions, it was necessary to devise a way of doing the work which would conserve these, while the scope of our missionary endeavor was being expanded. The Christian Missioner Corps was the result. . . .

"At present it works in this way: Two pastors are sent into a field with instructions to prepare themselves thoroughly in the language and customs of the people. After a year of such preparation they are expected to build a church indigenously, with the Christians gained, out of the resources of the area and without material support from the Synod. Charged with the early training of elders to take full charge of the work, they are to shift their efforts to a new area, thus gradually building up a national church.

"The program saw its first tryout in Nyasaland. There our missionaries, Mueller and Cox, followed up the contacts of the Christian Mailing Program with the training of national pastors who are even now assuming more and more of the preaching and teaching duties." Pastor Edgar Hoenecke, Executive Secretary of the Board for World Missions.

**Proposed Course of Action in Hong Kong** We reprint here from "Reports to the Districts" the resolutions which the Board for World Missions addressed to the Synodical Council regarding the Christian Chinese Lutheran Mission:

WHEREAS, An open door has beckoned our Synod in the Christian Chinese Lutheran Mission at Hong Kong for the past five years to enter a vast, new

mission field with an ultimate potential of 750 million Chinese people, and

WHEREAS, The C.C.L.M. is an already established indigenous Church which is not only very active in Christian mission work, having baptized 72 individuals last Christmas alone, and already comprising three churches and schools, and

WHEREAS, This C.C.L.M. has declared its intention to build a confessionally sound Lutheran Church and to remain in full doctrinal fellowship with the ELS and the WELS, and

WHEREAS, The Board of Directors of the C.C.L.M. have addressed a request to the WELS through the Board for World Missions as follows:

"TO THE WISCONSIN EV. LUTHERAN SYNOD  
c/o THE BOARD FOR WORLD MISSIONS  
The Rev. Edgar Hoenecke, Ex. Sec'y

At a special meeting held on March 18, 1964, the Board of Directors of the C.C.L.M. unanimously passed the following resolution:

*Be It Resolved*, That the C.C.L.M. request the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod through its World Mission Board to supply a pastor for the C.C.L.M. and also to serve as a liaison between the C.C.L.M. and the W.E.L.S.

Respectfully submitted, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, C.C.L.M. Rev. Peter Chang, Timothy Lee, Chan Yan Wah, Matthew Cheung, John Schwertfeger, Rev. Kenneth Seim," and

WHEREAS, Our Commission on Doctrinal Matters through exhaustive study and a personal visitation

has examined the confessional position of the C.C.L.M. and found it satisfactory, and

WHEREAS, The C.C.L.M. feels itself still incapable in its leadership to develop a confessionally sound Church and Seminary program and has therefore appealed to our Synod for such guidance, and

WHEREAS, It is extremely important that competent spiritual and administrative guidance be given in the formative years that lie ahead for the C.C.L.M., and

WHEREAS, Good stewardship demands that the Synod's financial interest already invested and to be invested in the C.C.L.M. be safeguarded through on-the-spot supervision, and

WHEREAS, With a competent man on the field, the Synod at its 1965 convention would have more ac-

curate and complete information on which to base its decision than on the findings available at this time from a short visitation and correspondence; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the Synodical Council join the Board for World Missions in requesting the Board of Trustees to release sufficient funds (perhaps by a diversion of the funds budgeted for Nigeria) to permit the C.C.L.M. to exist until the matter may be presented to the Synod in convention in 1965, and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Synodical Council encourage the Board for World Missions to find ways and means to make a competent man available to provide guidance for the C.C.L.M. for the interim period.

THE BOARD FOR WORLD MISSIONS  
Marlyn A. Schroeder, Secretary

## PAGES FROM THE PAST

*Marking the Golden Anniversary of The Northwestern Lutheran*

### From the January 5, 1930, Issue

**"The People Must Know If We Are to Grow"** *The Presbyterian Advance* found it somewhere, and we discovered it in *The Presbyterian Advance*. The subject is not new; neither are the arguments. Our readers know this. But, as we read this article, we happened to remember that Benjamin Franklin was wont to present his own ideas as having been suggested by someone else, feeling the people would accept them more readily when presented in this manner, and we decided to try it on our readers. So, here is the article:

"The people must know if we are to grow."

That's what one minister said emphatically — a minister of another denomination — as he was talking about the circulation of his church paper. The greater part of the conversation follows as it was reported by the managing editor of the paper in question. Does it fit into the situation of our own church?

A minister was in my office the other day and I told him about our plan to increase the subscription list. After some preliminary conversation, I said, "May I ask you some questions, and will you give me your honest opinion in your answer to them?"

He replied, "I will. Fire ahead."

"All right. Here is the first one: Would it really help the church and Kingdom to have a thousand extra papers going into the homes of our people, or is it just a plan (in your mind) to boost *The . . .*?"

"It would help the church greatly. There is no question about that."

"In what way would it help?"

"It would bring Christian reading matter into many homes which have at present only secular papers and magazines."

"Will it help any other way?"

"It would promote interest in the . . . Church and the Kingdom."

"Anything else?"

"Yes, it would increase giving, both to the local church and to the general work."

"How do you figure that out?"

"Well, I have tried it and checked up on it. I believe that it will work out in any church. You will find that the best supporters of the local church work and of the general church enterprises are the people who have the church paper in their homes."

"What is the reason back of that in your opinion?"

"A perfectly natural one. You will not give to that which you know nothing about, and those who read the church paper know more about the church than those who do not, and their interest is greater, and they naturally give more."

"But can they not and do they not, get the information every week from the pulpit and other meetings of the church?"

"No pastor on earth can preach the Gospel as it ought to be preached in its power and be continually giving information in his sermons about the details and the machinery of the church work."

"But how can we get pastors to see that they need the church paper in the way you see it?"

"I am sure that I do not know just how we can do it, but we must do it somehow if we are to live. The people must know if we are to grow."

How can we? Well, one way is to do what we are doing here, to call attention again and again to the fact that the church paper is a most valuable assistant to the pastor. But let us not burden the pastor with the entire responsibility. Even when he is fully convinced and doing his best to place a church paper in every home, he finds it impossible to prevail on all to subscribe, and he is often given very little help by members of the congregations who are readers. Our congregations should learn that it is to their own interest if their members are "people who know." Then, if they do not see their way clear to put a church paper for every family in their budget, they will at least aid their pastor in getting subscriptions.

John Brenner

## Topic:

### What Is Legalism?



"Would you please explain legalism? It appears to me that although there exists a unanimity of definition among our church workers, there is diversity of understanding in application." This question inquires not so much into the definition of legalism as into its application in church life. In the latter, misunderstanding has often occurred because "strictness" in practice is often considered legalism, and "laxness" is looked upon as evangelical practice. Such identification is misleading.

#### A Brief Definition

Briefly, what is legalism? It is a method in matters of Christian faith and life in which we expect to accomplish by means of the Law what only the Gospel can do, or we use the Gospel like Law, in effect making Law out of it. So legalism involves a serious confusion of Law and Gospel. Not the Law, but only the Gospel builds up Christian faith and produces a God-pleasing life.

#### An Application to Lodge Practice

Let us now illustrate this from our practical life. We recognize that the "salvation by character" views of the Masonic Lodge are soul-destroying. For this reason we oppose membership in the lodge. Our Synod and congregational constitutions include a "lodge clause," prohibiting the church members from holding membership in any un-Christian association such as the lodges. Legalism would proceed in this manner: If a member joins such an organization, it would be pointed out that this is against the constitution of the congregation. In other words, the "lodge clause" would be used as a law to attempt to get the member to give up his connection with the lodge. Or it might be said: "Our Synod is against this; so you cannot be a member of the lodge." A man might be excluded from the congregation because he does not follow the congregation's constitution. This would be legalistic procedure. The constitution is used as Law to effect a change in the member.

But also laxness in practice would not necessarily be evangelical. Laxness which only halfheartedly warns against the dangers confronting the member in his lodge connection and that then says: "Well, I warned him, but he would not listen to me, so it's on his conscience now," and does nothing more — that, too, is a form of legalism. You tell yourself that you have done your legal duty through your so-called warning.

#### True Evangelical Practice in the Matter

True evangelical practice will seek to convince through proper use of both Law and Gospel, will show the soul-destroying nature of the lodge's teachings, will seek on the basis of the Gospel to build up the erring person in his faith in Christ and to show him the true

dangers to his soul's salvation that confront him. So legalism is not simply a matter of being strict or lax. In either case legalism may be involved. But it is a failure to show true concern for the soul's welfare and to apply the Word of God, both Law and Gospel, each according to the purpose for which it was given. It is seeking to effect fruits of faith and the Christian life by laying down the Law rather than by building up by means of the Gospel.

#### An Application to Maintaining Sound Doctrine

This may also show itself in the maintenance of sound doctrine. If our concern is simply to retain certain doctrinal formulas and ways of expressing true doctrine without convincing our hearts from the Scriptures of their correctness, without actually building up true spiritual life in the soul, then a harping on soundness of doctrine may become nothing more than legalistic insistence on certain outward forms. Sound doctrine has become a law that must be obeyed.

#### Characteristics of Legalism

What then are some of the characteristics of legalism?

Legalism is more interested in outward results than in inner growth. The legalist is particularly interested in maintaining what might be called a "clean" congregation than in the soul's welfare of the erring brother.

Legalism easily becomes engrossed in outward forms. What does not follow the prescribed forms is frowned upon. It deals with externals, and doesn't penetrate to the heart.

Legalism often is connected with traditionalism. It wants to continue what is tradition simply because it was always done that way, without knowing why. So "what was always done" becomes a law that is to be followed without Spirit-wrought conviction, but as a matter of outward conformity.

Legalism is often impatient, imposing upon the Gospel the manner and time according to which its power must demonstrate itself in the faith and lives of Christians.

Legalism in the end becomes a form of work-righteousness. The Gospel becomes Law that must be obeyed rather than the life-giving power of God unto salvation to everyone that believes.

So both legalistic strictness as well as laxness that poses as evangelical practice are to be avoided. True evangelical practice will carefully and patiently apply the Word of God to the faith and life of the Christian, using the Law to reprove sin, but recognizing that *only the Gospel* can strengthen faith and motivate a Christian life.

ARMIN SCHUETZE

## LOOKING AT THE RELIGIOUS WORLD

### *Information and Insight*

#### DOCTRINE OF THE MINISTRY

Years before the withdrawal of the Wisconsin Synod from the Synodical Conference there was disagreement between us and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in the matter of applying the doctrine of the ministry. Missouri's view was and is that the public ministry is the supreme office in the Church and source of all other offices. We have held and hold that the public ministry is one of various forms of the Gospel ministry created by the Holy Spirit.

When diverging practices in such matters as military chaplaincy or cooperation with other church bodies were discussed, this difference in viewpoint regarding the ministry would often assert itself. How much of a part it played in the eventual break between the synods is, of course, difficult to say. It certainly did not make for closer ties.

We cannot help but be interested in and heartened by the notice of a Missouri Synod publication on the subject that seems to support our view. The **CPH Commentator** of April 1964, new house organ of Concordia Publishing House, calls attention to one of its June publications, **The Ministry of the Lutheran Teacher** by Dr. A. C. Mueller, editor of Missouri's Sunday-school materials, and lets the author say, "Though what I consider a misunderstanding of Walther's theses on the ministry, leaders of our Synod maintained that the pastorate is the one divinely instituted office or ministry and all other offices (teacher, professor, executive, writer) stem from it and are auxiliary to the pastorate."

In other quotations these statements are attributed to Dr. Mueller: "I conclude that the teacher in our school, being in the parish ministry, is related to the pastor the way one elder is related to another." And, "This general ministry is the one divinely instituted ministry and all called servants participate in this ministry."

We await the appearance of the book this month with the hope that it presents the Biblical doctrine as clearly as the advance notice indicates and that it may help bring about a change in viewpoint for the better.

#### FORGOTTEN FIRST PRINCIPLE

On occasion one hears or reads something that suggests there is some hope for the long-neglected and oft-rejected old Bible doctrine of original sin in this modern day and age. The mass of today's psychologists and social workers, of course, still hold to the rationalistic view of man's innate goodness and still try to convince us that there is no such thing as a bad boy. A rare and refreshing contrast is presented in a **U.S. News and World Report** (April 20) article, "How Much Crime Can America Take?" In it Judge Long of Seattle's Juvenile Court is permitted to quote a Minnesota Crime Commission report:

What we call delinquent behavior is as old and universal as man. It is not something to which only an evil or moronic segment of humanity, different from the rest of us, is liable. It must be remembered that no infant is born a finished product. On the contrary, every baby starts life as a little savage. . . . He is completely selfish and self-centered. He wants what he wants when he wants it—his bottle, his mother's attention, his playmate's toy, his uncle's watch. And deny him those wants and he seethes with rage and aggression which would be murderous were he not so helpless. . . .

What this means, of course, is that all children, not just certain children, are born delinquent and, if permitted to continue in the self-centered world of his infancy, given free rein to his impulsive actions to satisfy his wants, every child would grow up a criminal, a thief, killer, rapist. And in the process of growing up, it is normal for every child to be dirty, to fight, to grab, to steal, to tear things apart, to talk back, to disobey, to evade. Every child has to grow out of delinquent behavior.

We accept the Judge's word, not only because it is backed by 30 years of juvenile court experience, but especially because it is in harmony with Bible statements on original sin, such as: "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity" (Ps. 51:5) and, "The imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth" (Gen. 8:21).

In a forgetful age we need to remember what God's Word teaches us about original sin. It tells us much about parental duties and educational principles. It underscores the need of Christ's forgiveness offered in the Gospel Word and Sacraments.

EDWARD C. FREDRICH

#### A NEW PATRON SAINT

The many and varied activities and accomplishments of Dr. Jaroslav Pelikan often leave us breathless, to say the least. One never quite knows where this ubiquitous Missouri Synod theologian will turn up next, or what he'll be saying or doing while he's there.

"Educationally, Dr. Pelikan was always skipping grades, was always a man in a hurry" (*AAL Correspondent*, Autumn 1960). Driven by a "sheer love of books," he graduated Summa Cum Laude from Ft. Wayne Concordia College at the tender age of 18. By the time he was a mere 22 he was already a full-fledged Missouri Synod pastor with a Ph.D. degree from the University of Chicago. After teaching stints at both Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, and Valparaiso University, Dr. Pelikan joined the faculty of the University of Chicago divinity school. Some of us had still not gotten over the shock of that appointment when we learned a year or so ago he had transferred his considerable talents to the divinity school of Yale University.

Dr. Pelikan is probably best known to most of us as a coeditor of the new 55-volume English edition of *Luther's Works*, as well as the author of such controversial books as *From Luther to Kierkegaard* and *The Riddle of Roman Catholicism*. Largely due to these and other literary achievements, Dr. Pelikan, at age 36, was awarded in 1960 both an honorary Doctor of Letters degree and the degree of Doctor of Divinity. The citations accompanying these degrees glowingly described him as a "scholar of world-wide reputation and acclaim."

We should like to be able to share Missouri's pride in the accomplish-



ments of this Lutheran scholar, but we find it most difficult to do so. In fact, over the past several years Dr. Pelikan, like a number of his synodical colleagues, has proved to be an ever-increasing source of embarrassment for conservative Lutherans. With something akin to reckless abandon he has plunged headlong into ecumenical activities of the most unionistic sort. Last fall, for instance, Dr. Pelikan appeared as a guest speaker at an LCA pastors' retreat in the Berkshire Hills of Massachusetts. There he joined a *Roman Catholic* monsignor and a *Unitarian* professor in discussing "The Nature and Mission of the Church." Then in December Dr. Pelikan served as a guest lecturer at the triennial General Assembly of the National Council of Churches, held at Philadelphia.

But what really topped everything previous was an article of Dr. Pelikan's which appeared this past March in the *Register*, a national

Catholic weekly newspaper published in Denver, Colorado. This time the eminent doctor had a rather novel "Lutheran" suggestion for his Catholic friends to mull over. He proposed that one way to improve understanding between Protestants and Roman Catholics would be to name a *special patron saint for Christian unity*. Moreover, Dr. Pelikan showed that he had been doing his homework and was not just daydreaming. He already had exactly the right saint in mind: none other than St. Clement Mary Hofbauer (real life name: John Dvorak), who had lived from 1751 to 1820 and was canonized in 1909. "As a saint," Dr. Pelikan said, "he is remembered most for his charitable and pastoral work and for his efforts to rehabilitate Christianity in Vienna after the restrictions of the 18th century.

"But it was also he who penetrated more deeply than most Roman Catholics into the genius of the Reformation, recognizing that . . . the basic

motivation of the Reformation was religious and Christian and, in fact, Catholic." Dr. Pelikan maintained that if this recognition "could ever dawn on Roman Catholics . . . they would begin to take Protestant Christianity more seriously and thus to work more fervently for Christian unity" (quoted from *The Milwaukee Journal* of March 28, 1964).

We have no personal ax to grind with regard to Dr. Pelikan. He simply stands as one glaring example of the unionism rampant within Missouri Synod circles today. Sound, conservative Missouri Synod pastors, teachers, and congregations are being badgered and harassed and forced to leave the synod that gave them birth, while rank liberals are heaped with laurels and elevated to positions of high responsibility. One cannot help but wonder what kind of treatment Dr. C. F. W. Walther, the founder of the Missouri Synod, would receive in the "new" Missouri of today!

MARTIN LUTZ

## Direct from the Districts

### Northern Wisconsin

Many things have happened in our Northern Wisconsin District since the last appearance of this column.

#### Centennial

St. John's at Bloomfield, Wisconsin, where Hermann Scherf is pastor, this winter completed a renovation project on its school. On January 13, classes moved into the school. A Renovation Sunday was set apart to celebrate the completed work. This was April 19. The new addition is a structure 24 by 16 feet. It contains a basement with furnace room, cloakroom, and storage space. A new roof will soon be placed on the old section, and new windows, storms, and screens will be added; a ceiling in one classroom will be lowered and the whole school will be painted. St. John's will celebrate its centennial during this year.

St. Lucas Church in Kewaskum celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of its church building on February 2. The present pastor is Donald Bitter.

The 1912 minutes of St. Lucas Church contain a resolution to build.

Members hauled stone and excavated the basement. On June 22, 1913, the cornerstone was laid by Pastor F. Greve, assisted by Pastors P. Knuth and P. Gutekunst. On February 1, 1914, the dedication took place. Pastors Hoyer, A. Schlei, and G. Bergemann took part in these services. An English service was held in the evening. Mr. Ph. Saxmann of Fond du Lac was the guest organist. In 1948, the structure was completely renovated, G. Pieper and F. Brandt preaching. For the golden jubilee, the preachers were Pastors Glenway Backus of Toledo, Ohio, and Gerhard Kaniess of Wautoma. Guest organist for the morning services was Mr. Kenneth Jeske of Adrian, Michigan.

#### New Church at Red Granite

At Red Granite, the members of Trinity and their pastor, S. Johnson, worked hard to complete a beautiful new church faced with fieldstone. The cornerstone was laid last October, Pastor W. J. Oelhafen, then of Montello, preaching. The interior of the church is finished in wood paneling and stone. These people worked hard and deserve our congratulations. The dedication took place in early March,

the preaching being done by Pastors W. Oelhafen and E. G. Behm. Pastor John Dahlke, District president, preached in the evening. During the week, Pastors Paul Eggert and Armin Engel preached. On March 8, the organ was dedicated and Pastor Fred Schroeder of Flat Rock, Michigan, and Pastor Walter Strohschein preached. Pastor William Wadzinski assisted at the evening service on that day.

#### Tomahawk Chapel Dedicated

The chapel for Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church of Tomahawk, Wisconsin, was dedicated on June 14, 1964. You will recall that this chapel has been built by the members of the Rhinelander Conference by means of donated materials and labor. (Cf. *Northwestern Lutheran*, Vol. 51, No. 2, Jan. 26, 1964, pages 22-24.)

Pastor W. Gawrisch of Rhinelander, who served the little mission at its beginning, was the liturgist; Pastor Marvin Radtke, Eagle River, chairman of the District Mission Board, preached at the 3 P.M. service. The chapel is located on the south side of Tomahawk on Highway 51. We rejoice with these people.

## Cornerstones Laid in Ripon and Fond du Lac

With three charter members of Mt. Zion Lutheran Congregation at Ripon taking part in the rites on Sunday, May 24, Pastor R. D. Ziesemer, assisted by Pastor Fred Tabbert of Mequon, laid the cornerstone of the new church of our Synod there. Charter members participating were Messrs. W. Hilke, E. Miller, and E. Gelhar. The building is not yet complete. Services are, however, being conducted there in the educational unit. The new structure, near Ripon's new high school, will be dedicated in the fall.

Another cornerstone laying was performed this spring, this one being at Fond du Lac. Here at Fond du Lac's southeast corner of the city, Pastor Gerhard Ehlert laid the cornerstone for the new Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. This took place on the afternoon of May 17. Dedication of this church will take place in late summer or early fall. The new Good Shepherd Church is on the Martin Road at Pioneer Road, south of the county fair grounds.

### Miscellaneous

New members of the District are the congregations of Manchester and Marquette. These voted some months ago to join the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

On July 13, Pastor Herold Kleinhans of Martin Luther Church in Oshkosh was privileged to celebrate the fortieth year of service in this congregation. He is a graduate of the Wauwatosa Seminary. During his ministry he was privileged to see a congregation of 28 grow to more than 900 today. The new Martin Luther Church was dedicated in 1960. Pastor Kleinhans' father was a principal of Ebenezer School in Milwaukee, and his grandfather, Pastor August Kleinhans, was once pastor in Neenah.

Pastor Walter Pankow of New London has been confined to his home with illness during the past several months.

Members of the Winnebago Pastoral Conference gave a farewell for Pastor and Mrs. W. Oelhafen and family on April 9 in Montello. Pastor Oelhafen took a call to Winthrop, Minnesota, and moved there in April.

### Lutheran High Schools

At Manitowoc Lutheran, graduation took place Sunday, June 7, 1964.

There were 39 graduates. The school will have a new building sometime next year.

At Fond du Lac, Winnebago Lutheran graduated 60 seniors. The speaker was Pastor B. J. Hahm of Theresa. Exercises were held on Tuesday, June 2, 1964. A spring concert of the chorus was given on May 24. Mr. Francis Warner, who taught for two years at the Academy, has accepted a call as principal to St. John's School, Red Wing, Minnesota.

At Fox Valley, a new athletic field (track and football) together with landscaping costs about \$12,000.00. Graduation here was held on June 5. There were 87 seniors. Prof. W. Hoepner, of Fond du Lac, was the speaker. Mr. Philip Teigen of Mankato, Minnesota, has been called to the English department.

### Congregations Share Pastor

Faith Lutheran and Immanuel Lutheran Congregations of Oshkosh have formed a two-congregation parish. Pastor Glenn Unke of Faith Church was installed as pastor of Immanuel by President J. Dahlke on Sunday, May 31. Pastor Clarence Koepsell preached the sermon. Immanuel is at 1135 Arthur Drive.

Teacher Floyd Mattek of 628 London Street, Menasha, recently completed his special theological studies and had his colloquy. He is eligible for a call into the preaching ministry. Mr. Mattek preached his first sermon in May in Faith Lutheran Church in Fond du Lac, where his brother John is pastor.

LEROY RISTOW

## Southeastern Wisconsin

### Miscellaneous

For confessional reasons our services were requested by the Wisconsin Synod members at Libertyville, Illinois. They were not in accord with the action of withdrawal from our Synod taken by St. John's Congregation. The first service was held on May 17, Pentecost Sunday. Pastor O. Lemke serves this group as vacancy pastor. The hope of Peace Congregation, Wilmot, Wisconsin, for a vicar to help with canvass work in the Twin Lakes area this summer did not materialize. Nonetheless, their pastor, G. Enderle, reports work has been started. Whenever possible, the Mission Board wishes to encourage and

help such mission-minded congregations to begin daughter congregations. Obviously, a more efficient use of available manpower connected with a considerable saving in Synodical funds can thus be achieved. It also enables the Board to seek out new areas which lie beyond the reach of this mode of expansion. Zion Congregation of Hartland began such a preaching station in Delafield in April. Organizing the group is being considered.

Bethlehem, Menomonee Falls, will begin a two-room school addition, which they wish to occupy by fall.

### College and High School News

A joint baccalaureate service was held for the closing of the year for both Wisconsin Lutheran High School and the Milwaukee Lutheran Teachers College. In the June 11 commencement of the College, President Robert Voss awarded diplomas to 44 members of the class. The Rev. Armin Roekle delivered the address. The High School held its commencement exercises on June 12, with Dr. Siegbert Becker of the Milwaukee Lutheran Teachers College as the guest speaker. Mr. Harold Yotter, Fairbault, Minnesota, has accepted a call to teach mathematics both in the High School and in the College. Miss Susan Schwartz, a June graduate of the University of Wisconsin, has been named librarian to replace Mrs. Beth Preuss. Mr. Gerald Lange, who has served on a part-time basis, will teach full time. He was assigned as an undergraduate vicar. In May, 2500 children of kindergarten through fourth grade from our area parochial schools enjoyed the College presentation of "Many Moons," a modern fairy tale, by James Thurber. The College will offer a continuation course in modern mathematics, August 10-21. This is done in response to many requests, especially from those who took the course last summer. Applications are available through the office of the president, Milwaukee Lutheran Teachers College.

Our District received only half of its requests for teachers. The Assignment Committee could satisfy only 10 requests.

### Hymn Festival

About 700 people attended the annual hymn festival held at the Wisconsin Lutheran High School auditorium this spring. Several hun-

dred local choir members participated under the direction of Pastor Kurt Eggert. A regular feature of the Milwaukee Federation is the telecast "Guideposts" on channel 6 on the first and third Sundays of each month. Recently, Northwestern College was featured through Professor G. Franzmann and the male chorus, directed by Professor A. Lehmann. Concentrated effort will no doubt produce our first Sunday school for retarded children by fall of this year. Surveys have pointed clearly to the need for such classes.

HARRY WIEDMANN

#### AN OFFER

To any mission congregation or any church having need of these items, we are offering the following free of cost: one antependium, olive green, with gold fringe and gold-embellished IHS insignia, 18" by 35". Also, one antependium, olive green, with green fringe and gold Latin cross and circle insignia, 18" by 33". In good condition. Please contact:

St. Luke's Ev. Lutheran Ladies' Aid  
c/o Mrs. Harold Schubert  
R.R. 1 — Box 110  
New Lisbon, Wis. 53950

#### NOTICE

##### ALTAR CANDELABRA WANTED

St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church of Tipler, Wis., desires one set of used electric altar candelabra, either 3, 5, or 7 lights. Any church wishing to dispose of such an item, please send information as to condition and cost to

Pastor Richard Shimek  
Box 607  
Stambaugh, Mich.

#### ITEMS NEEDED

##### BY MISSION CONGREGATION

Communion ware with the common cup; mimeograph in usable condition. Giving price asked for the item, contact:

The Rev. Daniel Sabrowsky  
12424 S. 71st St.  
Palos Heights, Ill. 60463

#### CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

##### Northwestern Lutheran Academy

The Board of Control of Northwestern Lutheran Academy, Mobridge, S. Dak., herewith invites members of the Synod to nominate candidates for the seventh professorship authorized by the Synod in the last convention.

The man called should be qualified to give Christian counsel as Dean of Students and to teach in the fields of English, Geography, and Religion. Please include all pertinent information with your nomination. All nominations must reach the undersigned by July 6, 1964.

Rev. David J. Plocher, Secretary  
NwLA Board of Control  
225 Taft St.  
Winner, S. Dak.

#### CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

##### Michigan Lutheran Seminary

Since Prof. E. C. Fredrich has been released by the Board of Control of Michigan Lutheran Seminary to enable him to accept a call to Dr. Martin Luther College, the constituency of the Synod is herewith requested to nominate a replacement who is qualified to teach in the fields of Latin and English.

Nominations with all pertinent data are to be in the hands of the secretary of the Board by July 3, 1964.

Gerald Cudworth, Secretary  
606 Sidney St.  
Bay City, Mich. 48707

#### NOMINATIONS — DMLC

The following have been nominated for the professorship in the department of science at Dr. Martin Luther College:

Mr. Robert Behnke, Whiteriver, Ariz.  
Mr. Marcus Busch, Tomah, Wis.  
Mr. Gary Carmichael, Kenosha, Wis.  
Mr. James Enter, Wrightstown, Wis.  
Mr. James Fenske, West Bend, Wis.  
Mr. Roger Hinz, Wood Lake, Minn.  
Mr. Dale Markgraf, Brownsville, Wis.  
Mr. James Pelzi, Mankato, Minn.  
Rev. Robert Schlicht, Belle Plaine, Minn.  
Mr. Daniel Schmeling, Edgar, Wis.  
Mr. Robert Stoltz, Fond du Lac, Wis.  
Dr. Paul Zimmermann, Ann Arbor, Mich.

The Board of Control will meet on July 10, 1964, at 1:30 p.m., to call a man from this list. Correspondence regarding these candidates should reach the secretary before the time of the meeting.

Arthur Glende, Secretary  
DMLC Board of Control  
17 South Jefferson St.  
New Ulm, Minn.

#### CALL FOR CANDIDATES

##### Dr. Martin Luther High School

The Board of Control of Dr. Martin Luther High School, New Ulm, Minn., requests the members of the Synod to nominate men for a new professorship in the department of mathematics. The man to be called must be qualified to teach mathematics on the high-school level. Kindly include pertinent information concerning the nominee.

All nominations must be in the hands of the undersigned by July 6, 1964.

ERVIN WALZ, Secretary  
Dr. Martin Luther High School  
Board of Control  
17 1st St. NE  
Fairfax, Minn.

#### PIANO TEACHER NEEDED

A piano teacher will be needed on the music staff of Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minn., for the next school term. Persons interested in position and those knowing of persons qualified for the position are asked to inform the undersigned.

Prof. Meilahn Zahn, Chairman  
Music Department  
Dr. Martin Luther College  
New Ulm, Minn.

#### CAMP CROIX

Camp Croix, a Wisconsin Synod Youth Camp, will be in operation August 16-22 for grades 4-6, and August 23-29 for Jr. and Sr. High in St. Croix State Park, Hinckley, Minn. Cost per camper, \$17.00. For further information write:

Pastor C. G. Sengbusch  
145 8th Ave. South  
South St. Paul, Minn. 55075

#### SERVICES

##### Being Held at Delafield, Wisconsin

Exploratory Services are being held on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. at the Highland View School, which is located on Highway 83, 1½ miles south of I-95. 2 miles south of Delafield, Wis., 24 miles west of Milwaukee.

#### CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES

##### NEBRASKA

#### DISTRICT CONVENTION

The 24th biennial convention of the Nebraska District will be held July 14-17, 1964, in St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Stanton, Neb.; E. W. Lindemann, pastor.

The opening service with celebration of the Lord's Supper will be held Tues. morning at 9:00 a.m. Preacher: L. Gruendeman.

Essays: "The Third Use of the Law," by Prof. A. Schuetze; "The Pioneers," by R. Ehler.

The closing service will be on Thurs. evening at 8:00. Preacher: H. Schnitker.

All lay delegates are to provide credentials prepared by their congregation.

A nominal fee for meals will be charged. Lodging will be provided.

Please announce in due time.

M. WEISHAHN, Secretary

#### NORTHERN WISCONSIN

##### FOX RIVER VALLEY DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Time: June 30, at 9:00 a.m.

Place: Fox Valley Lutheran High School, 2626 N. Oneida St., Appleton, Wis.

Delegates will furnish their own noon meal.

C. SCHLEI, Secretary

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##### MANITOWOC DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Time: July 5, at 8:00 p.m.

Place: Reedsville, Wis., H. Heckendorf, host pastor.

S. KUGLER, Secretary

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##### DISTRICT CONVENTION

Place: Winnebago Lutheran Academy, Fond du Lac, Wis.

Time: July 13-16, 1964.

Opening: Faith Lutheran Church (J. Mattek) at 10:00 a.m., July 13; Communion service; speaker: Dr. Henry Koch (alternate: L. H. Koeninger).

Essays: Church Discipline and Matthew 18, K. Gurgel; The Origin and Development of the Papacy, H. Bergholz.

Excuses and requests for lodging, etc., ought to be sent to Prof. J. Petrie as soon as possible. Delegate credentials should be in the hands of District Secretary by July 1.

S. KUGLER, Secretary

#### INSTALLATIONS

##### Installed

##### Pastors

Hellmann, Adelbert, as pastor of St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Slades Corners, by H. Wiedmann; assisted by G. Enderle; May 31, 1964.

Kant, Robert A., as pastor of St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Caledonia, Minn., by H. Muenkel; assisted by D. Bruemmer, C. Nommensen; June 7, 1964.

Kuske, Theodore, as pastor of Dr. Martin Luther Church, Buffalo City, Wis., by A. Hanke; assisted by E. Schoenike; and as pastor of Christ Lutheran Church, Cochrane, Wis., by R. Beckmann; assisted by H. Essmann, D. Ponath, K. Kuske, E. Schoenike; and as pastor of Zion Lutheran Church, Cream City, Wis., by R. Beckmann; assisted by H. Essmann, D. Lindloff; May 3, 1964.

#### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

##### Pastors

Kant, Robert A.  
610 N. Kingston St.  
Caledonia, Minn. 55921

Kuske, Theodore  
Cochrane, Wis.

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