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# BRIEFS

## by the Editor

DOUBLE STANDARDS have a way of plaguing those who set them up. This fact was illustrated at the convention of the Lutheran Church in America early in July. Under discussion was the provision of the 1960 merger constitution which barred men belonging to a lodge ("fraternal organizations which require an oath of secrecy") from ordination as LCA pastors. However, this did not apply to clergymen who already were lodge members at the time the merger was affected.

The United Lutheran Church members of the committee negotiating the merger had no real stomach for such a ministerial standard. But the Augustana Lutheran Church insisted that this restriction be written into the constitution of the new church. Finally the ULC men yielded. A report in THE LUTHERAN of July 29, 1964, refers back to this phase of the negotiations in this way: "Stickiest point in lengthy negotiations which resulted in formation of the Lutheran Church in America had been the insistence by the Augustana Church that men belonging to fraternal organizations which require an oath of secrecy cannot be ordained to the LCA ministry."

Only four years later this ministerial standard came under attack. A motion to delete this provision of the constitution was made by a Andrew J. White of Columbus, Ohio. He said that he is a past grand master and current grand secretary of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Ohio. Strangely, THE LUTHERAN does not give the Ohio delegate's line of argument. But THE LUTHERAN WITNESS (Aug. 4) reporting this same matter contains this paragraph:

"The Ohio lay delegate contended that LCA maintains a 'double standard' because, while it bars pastors from lodge membership, it does not object to such membership by its lay members. He said pastors should be able to 'witness' to lodge members as well as other persons and said the effect of the restriction is to tell ministers to 'go into the world except to the lodge room.'"

Of course, the lay delegate from Ohio was right as rain in maintaining that there is a double standard, making wrong for pastors what is not condemned in the lay members of the LCA. We want to believe that there are some congregations and pastors of the LCA who do testify against

lodge membership. But what a rough time they must have of it when the admonished lodge member can point to many congregations and pastors who never "bother" the lodge members!

However, the lay delegate failed to mention that there is a double standard in another respect. All the clergymen are not on the same standard, either. Those who were lodge members before the formation of the LCA (1960) are free to continue in their lodge membership, but no one belonging to a lodge could be ordained into the LCA ministry after that date.

The motion to delete the provision concerning lodge membership for ministers was defeated. But it is safe to predict that this section of the constitution regarding ministerial standards will continue to plague the LCA. Nor can one have any strong hopes that the lukewarm testimony against the lodge which lies in that constitutional provision will prevail in the LCA.

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WE OFFER WITHOUT COMMENT, since we believe none is needed, this item from the August 4, 1964, Lutheran Witness:

"Two Missouri Synod churchmen will attend session three of the Second Vatican Council, slated to convene September 14.

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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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# Editorials

**"Awareness of God"** The *Chicago Tribune* of last March 23 reported that Professor Schilling, dean of the graduate school of Pennsylvania State university, told an assembly of more than 3,000 science teachers that the teaching of science should increase the "awareness of God" in teachers and students, and that the purpose of teaching is to nurture man's belief in the existence of God. That was the heart of his address and he stopped there.

The author of the Nineteenth Psalm said the same thing when he wrote that "the heavens declare the glory of God." St. Paul also, in the first chapter of the Epistle to the Romans declares that the works of creation clearly proclaim that there is a mighty God. But both Paul and the Psalmist do not stop at that point.

Not the stars and the glorious sun, but the revealed Word of God, says the Psalmist, is the power that changes man's nature, redeems, purifies and sanctifies him, and restores his soul. Knowledge of God, or awareness that there is a God, so says St. Paul in that first chapter to the Romans, does not ensure that man will worship God or give Him the honor due Him. There is no redemptive power in the natural knowledge of God. Mere awareness that there is a God does not keep men from sinking even to the lowest depths of moral degradation.

The Psalmist in Psalm 19 and St. Paul in the first few chapters of his Epistle to the Romans do not leave sinful man looking hopelessly to natural science for redemption and righteousness; they both tell us what it is that converts us, makes us wise unto salvation, opens our eyes, rejoices our hearts and makes us children of God. Knowledge that there is a God does indeed deprive man of all excuses in God's eyes, but what makes him acceptable to God is that righteousness of God, "which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe"; "being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus."

If the *Chicago Tribune* could have reported that the learned dean had told the assembled science teachers that they could indeed come to a knowledge of God's existence by their study and teaching of the mysteries of nature, but that the sure testimonies of the Lord, the revealed Gospel of Jesus Christ is the only power in heaven and earth that can make them wise unto salvation — that would have been news. Why did the professor stop where he did? Was he ashamed to go on and tell the 3,000 scientists the whole truth? It would have made wonderful reading if the professor had imitated St. Paul, who had not been ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, the power of God unto salvation.

ERWIN E. KOWALKE

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**"Backlash" Thinking** From now until Election Day, at least, we may be hearing about the "white backlash" as a result of Negro riots. The fear is there that whites who may have been sympathetic with

the Negro cause will react defensively, or even with hostility, against the Negroes' pushing for civil rights.

Politicians will be concerned because votes are at stake in the civil rights issue. Educational agencies will be involved, as will employment bureaus, welfare organizations, and, eventually, judicial bodies. If whites increasingly resent the Negroes' bid for rights, racially mixed communities face not only the threatened "long, hot summer," but also a harsh winter of strife.

Churches in such areas are also likely to be affected, even if their church bodies do not become parties to the political and civil concerns of the civil rights issue. (In this connection, the caution bears repeating, namely, that church bodies will do well to stop and think seriously before they become parties or pressure groups in political or civil affairs. Church groups have no business compromising or undermining the preaching of the Gospel because they take half-informed or partisan positions in political or civil matters. Embarrassment and folly may well result—to the detriment of the Gospel.)

But individual Christians need to be on guard lest their attitude toward fellow men or fellow citizens of another color be prejudiced by "backlash" thinking. As Christian citizens they are under obligation to show at least as much decency and justice to fellow citizens as honorable pagans do; as Christian neighbors we owe at least a Samaritan's concern for those who are in need of material comfort or aid. Above all, as Christians we owe no less consideration for the soul of a neighbor of another color than we do for the souls of men whose skin is the same as ours.

Church people will be inviting the unbeliever to spit on the cross and scoff at the Bible if a "white backlash" serves as a convenient excuse for slackening efforts to bring the Gospel to their Negro neighbors, or for withholding it from them altogether. That would be the most tragic "backlash" of all.

CARLETON TOPPE

## Briefs

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"Dr. Oswald Hoffman, Lutheran Hour speaker, has announced acceptance of an invitation from August Cardinal Bea, head of the Vatican's Secretariat for Christian Unity, to be a 'guest of the Secretariat' sharing the same privileges accorded 'delegate observers.' Rev. Norman Temme, Synod's Director of Public Relations, will attend Council sessions as an accredited *press correspondent*, representing the LUTHERAN WITNESS, the *American Lutheran*, and other Lutheran publications.

"Neither will serve as an 'official representative' of the Synod, according to synodical President Oliver R. Harms. Their combined stay in Rome will cover some four or five weeks." (Emphasis in the original.)

# Studies in God's Word: God's Testament Is Valid

Brethren, I speak after the manner of men: though it be but a man's covenant, yet if it be confirmed, no man disannulleth, or addeth thereto. Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, 'And to seeds,' as of many, but as of one, 'And to thy seed,' which is Christ. And this I say, that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect. For if the inheritance be of the law, it is no more of promise: but God gave it to Abraham by promise.

Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator. Now a mediator is not a mediator of one, but God is one. Is the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law. But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ be given to them that believe (Galatians 3:15-22).

Have you ever helped to settle an estate? It is a solemn duty; everyone involved conscientiously seeks to carry out the wishes of the deceased as completely as is humanly possible.

Why? Why so scrupulous about carrying out this duty? Is it just because a judge is looking over your shoulder, checking on your activity? No, it is more than that. In drawing up his will, your relative made certain promises. Your role is to help carry out his intentions; you would make him a liar by leaving his promises unfulfilled. If Grandfather promised half his estate to Cousin Charlie you are determined that that promise will be carried out, for the sake of Grandfather's integrity.

It is a sad commentary on human conduct when the Apostle Paul must plead that men treat the promises of God with at least the same fairness and honesty that they exhibit in carrying out human promises. For there is a parallel: In his last will and testament a man directs how gifts are to be distributed to friends and relatives; in God's testament of love He directs that eternal life be given to sinners through the forgiveness of their sins.

## God Gives an Inheritance by Grace

Abraham is the favorite Bible example both of the blessings God gives, and of the faith mortals should hold toward God. To Abraham God gave great blessings and promises of greater blessings to come. The promise of eternal life centered in the "Seed" of Abraham, in whom "shall all the nations of the earth be blessed" (Gen. 22:18). This Seed, this great Son of Abraham, was not Isaac, nor the hosts of Israelites, but the great Seed of the Woman, Jesus Christ. Through faith in this Savior whom God had promised, Abraham received the gifts God had promised: forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Abraham "believed in the Lord; and he counted it to him for righteousness" (Gen. 15:6).

When Abraham is called the father of all them that believe" (Rom. 4:11), this means that Abraham's faith and redemption are no isolated case. This is also the pattern according to which other believers are saved. God made promises; God gave Abraham faith to believe those promises; God graciously chose to reward that faith with everlasting life. Whatever responding service to God that Abraham gratefully performed is quite beside the point; God's gifts came to him solely by God's grace.

The emphasis is that human effort did not *earn* the eternal inheritance. Abraham's case clearly demonstrates this. The usual standard suggested to guide men in seeking to earn their way to heaven is the Law given by God through Moses at Mt. Sinai. But how could Abraham earn life by obeying a law that wasn't given until

more than four centuries after he had lived and died and entered his eternal inheritance?

No, the facts remain that God gave an inheritance to Abraham, as He did to Adam and the believers who lived before Abraham, as He does to the believers of today. Yet this does not deny the fact that

## God Also Gave the Law

The familiar accusation raised against Jesus, against the Apostle Paul, against Christians in general, is that they despise the Law given through Moses by the Lord God Himself. But just because we say that the Law cannot save us, that by doing the things the Law demands we are unable to earn our way to heaven—that does not mean that we hold the Law to be completely useless. After all, earthly foods don't get you to heaven either, but that doesn't mean that your well-stocked freezer is completely useless!

The Law "was added because of transgressions." That statement of purpose seems rather cryptic until we recognize it as almost a standard summary of a lengthy and oft-repeated discussion. For example, writing to the Romans Paul says: "Moreover the law entered, that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound" (Rom. 5:20). When he fell into sin, Adam lost not only his holiness, but his understanding of what holiness is. Sinful man doesn't even realize he is sinful. The Law makes this appear, humbling the proud with the condemnation of his sin. Into such ground God plants the seed of the Gospel to bring forth the fruits of faith and life.

Let there be no confusion in our hearts or our way of life. We respect the Law, both the Ten Commandments and the law and order given by the "powers that be" that stand as God's intermediaries in our day. We are also absolutely certain of receiving an eternal inheritance of glory—not because of our obedience to law; solely because it is God's promise to us in Christ Jesus!

PAUL H. WILDE

## LOOKING AT THE RELIGIOUS WORLD

### *Information and Insight*

#### **OHIO CONGREGATION WITHDRAWS FROM THE ALC**

Last April, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Columbus, Ohio, resolved to withdraw from the American Lutheran Church in protest against the larger body's unsatisfactory doctrinal position and fellowship practice. The vote was 158 to 39. Pastor of the 750-member congregation is the Rev. John O. Lang, who for a number of years taught at ALC's Capitol University and who was an essayist at the recent Lutheran Free Conference held at Waterloo, Iowa.

So that our readers might hear the dissenting congregation's side of the story in this development in Lutheranism in our country, we print the withdrawal resolution in full:

*Inasmuch* as our St. Paul's constitution commits us to the Bible as "the inspired and inerrant Word of God" and to the Confession of the Lutheran Church, and further states that "there shall therefore no doctrine or practice which is in conflict with this our doctrinal and confessional position be tolerated in our congregation" (Sec. 2:1) and

*Inasmuch* as our constitution requires of the pastor that "his doctrine must be purely Lutheran, being in accord with the Word of God and the Symbolical Books of the Evangelical Lutheran Church," (Sec. 5:1) and

*Inasmuch* as our constitution states that "the pastor with the congregation shall be in synodical connection with the American Lutheran Church or with its recognized successors *as long as said Synod remains faithful to the confessions and practices of the Lutheran Church*" (Sec. 5:3) and

*Inasmuch* as articles appearing in official TALC publications and other articles by TALC writers indicate that some are teaching doctrines contrary to what we have always held, especially with reference to the inspiration of the Scriptures, the first eleven chapters of Genesis, Adam, Job, Jonah, and the immorality of the soul, and

*Inasmuch* as the membership of TALC in the World Council of Churches, the membership of some

of its boards and departments in corresponding boards or departments of the national Council of Churches, and the local participation of TALC ministers in ministerial associations and of their congregations in local area Councils of Churches often result in fellowship contrary to the rules of fellowship laid down in the Minneapolis Theses, and

*Inasmuch* as we have protested these matters to TALC officials in a formal protest in December, 1962, and

*Inasmuch* as in January of 1963 we passed a resolution asking official answers on Genesis 1-11, Adam, evolution, inspiration and fellowship, the answers to which will determine whether we remain in Synod, and

*Inasmuch* as we have had a meeting with Dr. F. Schiotez, the general president of TALC on May 1, 1963, and did not receive satisfactory answers to our questions, and

*Inasmuch* as the protested doctrines and practices continue to be tolerated and those involved not censored but rather defended,

*Therefore be it resolved* that the Evangelical Lutheran St. Paul's Congregation of Columbus, Ohio, withdraw from TALC in protest and for the present time be an independent Lutheran congregation.

#### **THE WISCONSIN SYNOD AND DISSENTING CONGREGATIONS**

The preceding section of "Looking at the Religious World" prompts the question: What relationship should prevail between our Wisconsin Synod and this dissenting congregation, as well as others that for reasons of confession and conscience feel compelled to stand apart from erring church bodies?

The action of St. Paul's Church, Columbus, is not the only instance of withdrawal in recent times. We and our brethren in the Evangelical Lutheran Church had to leave the Synodical Conference. Some congregations formerly in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod have broken their connections with that body. Now we hear that a congregation has

ended membership in the ALC because of that congregation's concern for the true doctrine of Scripture and the right practice of fellowship. What new relationships have thereby been established?

When synods previously joined in the fellowship of the Synodical Conference withdrew from that body for the same good reasons, as did our Synod and the ELC, their fellowship simply continued outside the Synodical Conference. In fact, recent arrangements made by the two bodies for helping one another in certain educational tasks have served to strengthen old bonds.

When congregations of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, previously in fellowship with us in the Synodical Conference, withdrew from the Missouri Synod for the same reason that compelled us to sever ties with that body, then the old spiritual fellowship could not help but prevail between them and us. Whether it should manifest itself in an external association or not, whether such congregations should form an independent group of their own or join our organization was by and large a practical question. The decision of some former Missouri congregations and pastors was to form a new association, the Church of the Reformation.

The situation is obviously different in the matter of St. Paul's withdrawal from the ALC. We admire the concern for the truth of the Bible that these believers have shown. We join in the disavowal of false fellowship. We praise the courage and patience that was and will be required. If any such congregations would seek out our fellowship, we would naturally follow the procedure which our Constitution outlines for the reception of congregations which formerly were not in fellowship with us.

#### **NEW ALIGNMENT OF CONFESSIONAL LUTHERANS?**

The preceding sections of this column with their indication of withdrawals and regroupings on the Lutheran scene suggest the question: Will there not be a major shuffle of Lutheran associations in the near future with those individuals and

groups of a conservative, confessional leaning forming one body and the others joining in another?

Whether or not there will be such a new alignment of Lutherans, no one can now tell. This much, however, is certain: Should there be a major regrouping of Lutherans, the attitude to Scripture will play a large role in drawing the dividing lines. And this much is also certain: Lutherans in these days are being called upon to examine their position regarding Scripture, Inspiration, Revelation. This is happening within the ALC, as is apparent from the previous paragraphs. The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod is studying these points of doctrine on the basis of a document recently issued. We trust that this generation of Wisconsin Synod members is making the

truths of our fathers in these matters its own.

All of which points up the importance of the recent Lutheran Free Conference at Waterloo, Iowa, which concerned itself with these very themes. A detailed report on this meeting was given in the August 9 issue of *The Northwestern Lutheran*. Suffice it to say here that the meeting touched on a subject of vital importance to the Lutheran Church in 1964.

#### AFTER A CENTURY

In 1964 a congregation of the ALC leaves that body in protest against errors regarding the doctrine of Scripture and against false fellowships with other Lutheran bodies.

In 1867, the Ohio Synod, one of the groups out of which the ALC

was formed and the one to which St. Paul's of Columbus formerly belonged, testified boldly and fearlessly against false altar and pulpit and lodge fellowships and against errors in the Doctrine of the Last Things that prevailed in the General Council then being formed. It was the Ohio Synod's hour of greatness and glory when in 1867 it raised the issue of the Four Points at the first formal meeting of the General Council and then because of the unsatisfactory reply dared to stand aside and withdraw the hand of fellowship.

What a strange and sad reversal a century can bring! There is a moral here for us who as a church body are already more than a century old.

EDWARD C. FREDRICH

## ITEMS FROM OUR NEWS BUREAU

### Church Leaders to Confer in Germany and Africa

The Rev. Oscar J. Naumann, president of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod, left Milwaukee August 7 to confer with representatives of the Ev. Lutheran Free Church in Mannheim, Germany, and of the Ev. Lutheran Church of Nigeria in Obot Idim.

He was accompanied by the Rev. Professor Carl J. Lawrenz, president of the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, Wisconsin, and the Rev. Professor Oscar J. Siegler, principal of Dr. Martin Luther High School, New Ulm, Minnesota, and secretary of the Synod's Commission on Doctrinal Matters.

In Mannheim the three-day discussions will deal with the present and future status of the Lutheran free churches in Germany.

There are four "free" churches in Germany — church bodies not supported by the government — the Church of the Ev. Lutheran Confession of Germany, the Ev. Lutheran Free Church of Germany, the Ev. Lutheran Church of Germany (formerly the Breslau Synod), and the Independent Ev. Lutheran Church.

The Church of the Ev. Lutheran Confession is supported by the Wisconsin Synod.

From Germany the three Wisconsin Synod leaders will leave for Nigeria

to confer with officials of the Ev. Lutheran Church of Nigeria.

The Wisconsin Synod has been invited by the Board of Directors of the Nigerian church to give a full report on the Synod's suspension of fellowship with The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in 1961 and its withdrawal from the Lutheran Synodical Conference in 1963.

"We were happy to accept the invitation," commented Pastor Naumann, "because the issues disturbing the Church today — the doctrine of fellowship and of the Holy Scriptures — are not parochial ones. Every church body, whether in America or in a distant mission field, is affected by them."

The Nigerian Ev. Lutheran Church was a mission project of the Lutheran Synodical Conference since 1936.

The representatives will return to the United States August 30.

### School Official to Leave for Hong Kong

The Rev. Professor Conrad I. Frey, president of Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Saginaw, Michigan, an academy of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod, and chairman of the Synod's Advisory Committee on Education, will leave September 1 for a temporary assignment in Hong Kong.

He will work closely with the Christian Chinese Lutheran Mission in Kowloon, Hong Kong, in establishing standards and curriculum for the theological seminary of the mission. The seminary, with an enrollment of five, was established last year but has been handicapped by a lack of staff and funds.

The temporary assistance was requested by Pastor Peter Chang, president of the 1200-member Mission and a graduate of Bethany Lutheran Seminary, Mankato, Minnesota, a seminary of the Ev. Lutheran Synod.

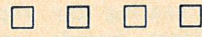
Since January of this year the Wisconsin Synod has been granting a monthly sum on a loan basis to the Mission establishment, which operates three congregations and schools in addition to the seminary.

In March the Mission was visited by the Rev. Oscar J. Naumann, president of the Synod; the Rev. Edgar Hoenecke, executive secretary of the Board for World Missions; and the Rev. Leonard Koeninger, a representative of the Synod's Committee on Relief.

The visitation was undertaken after the Mission had appealed to the Synod "for counsel and help in developing along sound, Scriptural lines."

Professor Frey is expected to return to the United States in May 1965.

What do  
you mean..



# Atonement ?

## ROME HAS NOT CHANGED!

In direct contradiction to the Bible's comforting assurance that the blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, has perfectly cleansed us from all our sins, the Catholic Church teaches that even after the guilt of sin has been forgiven, some temporal punishment may still remain to put things back into right order again.

### "Satisfaction . . . By Means of Any Good Works"

Father William J. Grace, for example, writes, "For every sin punishment is due either in this life or in the next, before the sinner is purified so that he can fittingly appear in the presence of the all-pure God in heaven. Satisfaction must be made, and the debt must be paid. This may be accomplished in whole or in part during our life on earth. It may be done by means of any good works performed for the love of God. The gaining of indulgences is not the only means, but it is *one* of the means at hand for satisfying divine justice. Some specified good work is always connected with the gaining of an indulgence" (*The Catholic Church and You*, page 135).

### "The Treasury of the Church"—A Fabrication

When the Church of Rome grants an indulgence, it claims to be drawing on the so-called "Treasury of the Church," which is made up of the superabundant merits of Christ and of His saints, who have lavishly paid for sins which were not theirs. That Christ paid the penalty, and paid it in full, for our sins is, of course, true. But it is directly contrary to the Scriptures and derogatory to Christ to maintain that there is anyone else who has merited a surplus of good works which can be credited to others.

Peter unequivocally rules out any such thought when he tells the rulers of the Jews, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4: 12). "I, even I, am the Lord," the Holy One of Israel insists, "and beside me there is no Savior" (Isa. 43:11). Rome's teaching, therefore, that the Church has the authority to apply the benefits of the saints' good works to others through the granting of indulgences is nothing but a fabrication pure and simple!

### A Powerful Club Wielded by Rome

What a powerful club this fabrication has, however, placed into the hands of the Papacy! How unscrupulously the Papacy has wielded this spurious power in order to

tyrannize the consciences of men! And how this monstrous, devilish scheme immediately opened the floodgates to wholesale merchandising in the church! Driven by fear of the fires of purgatory, desperate, conscience-stricken sinners have easily become gullible victims of the mass and indulgence "racket." On the other hand, Luther also noted in his Ninety-Five Theses that the laity often asked shrewd and pointed questions like, "Why does not the Pope empty purgatory for the sake of holy love and the dire need of the souls that are there if he redeems an infinite number of souls for the sake of miserable money with which to build a church?" (Thesis 82, Am. Ed., Vol. 31, p. 32.)

### A Change in Regard to Indulgences?

This evil and outrageous but immensely profitable traffic in indulgences is still being shamelessly promoted, however, despite the pretense and claim that there has been a thoroughgoing "reformation" of the Catholic Church since the days of Luther. While it is true that Rome today is more concerned about its public image than formerly, the tragic thing is that even many present-day Protestant theologians, who ought to know better, are propagandizing the myth that Rome today is different. The best-selling book, *The Riddle of Roman Catholicism*, by Jaroslav Pelikan, is a sorry example of this.

One fails to find any evidence of a change in the essentials but rather an insistence on the very opposite in these words from Father Grace's manual, "Certain abuses in connection with the *administration* of indulgences in the sixteenth century occasioned serious dissatisfaction among all honest people. Such abuses have been done away with for hundreds of years past. The Church's basic *doctrine* concerning indulgences is the same today as it has always been" (p. 136, original emphasis).

Modern indulgences are still pardons granted in return for money or the performance of certain acts of obedience. The anathema or curse still stands which the Council of Trent in 1563 pronounced upon those "who either assert that they are useless, or who deny that there is in the Church the power of granting them" (Session XXV).

No, Rome has not changed. Like a thief, it may have changed its disguise, but it is still a thief.

WILBERT R. GAWRISCH

# Report on the Michigan District Convention

The eighty-second convention of the Michigan District of our Synod met at Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Saginaw, Michigan, from June 15 to 18, 1964. The delegates were able to examine at their leisure and to use and enjoy the recently expanded facilities of the Seminary's administration building.

## Divine Services

Approximately 200 pastors, teachers, and lay delegates from the 101 congregations of our District came together for this convention from four states: Florida, Michigan, Ohio, and Virginia. We were strengthened in our faith, admonished and encouraged through the Word of God which was brought to us in the devotions at the beginning of every morning and afternoon session and in two special divine worship services. Seminary professors conducted the devotions. Pastor G. L. Press delivered the sermon at the Communion service, which was held at St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church on the first evening of the convention. The chairman of the Mission Board of our District, the Rev. Daniel Gieschen, encouraged us in the closing service to carry on mission work by pointing out the terrible nature of hell.

## Essays

Two brethren of our own District were asked to prepare papers for our edification. Prof. Martin Toepel presented "A Study of Excommunication." He treated the subject under the following points: 1. What is excommunication? 2. Why do we excommunicate? 3. Who has the right and power to excommunicate? 4. Whom must we excommunicate and for what reason? 5. Under what conditions and by whom is the excommunicate received back into the Church of God? 6. What right of appeal is open to the excommunicate? It proved to be a very interesting paper.

Pastor Edward Zell read an essay on "The Appropriations and Value of Customs Associated with the Sacraments and Church Rites." He reminded us that there are good reasons for retaining the long-established practice of having sponsors at the baptism of infants and of announcing in advance one's intention to partake of Holy Communion.

## District Reports

Most of the rest of our time was devoted to hearing the reports of District officers, boards, and floor committees. President Norman Berg called upon our District to be a true light and salt of the earth, in keeping with the words of our Lord: "Ye are the salt of the earth — Ye are the light of the world." He warned that we must not place dimming and confusing filters between ourselves and the world. We dare not permit our light to be hidden by failure to hold it forth boldly and energetically, nor permit it to be narrowed down by weaknesses and prejudices affecting our words and actions which would seem to exclude certain segments of mankind from our loving concern. He said we will therefore seek every opportunity to permit the pure rays of light to shine. We will shine proudly, for it is not our light but the Light of Christ which we hold forth. As the salt of the earth the Church is to have a preserving, biting, and cleansing influence on the world. Through the Gospel it will endeavor to create the new life within the souls of men which will affect every thought and action of the individual. Thus it is through the individual Christian that the Church will exert its influence on the world. Our president reported that 24 pastors and eight teachers and professors were installed into office in our District during the last two years.

The Mission Board informed us that work is being done in six new mission fields and that one congregation became independent. The failure of our Christians to supply more men and money than they have continues to hamper and restrict the work.

The Evangelism Committee is busy organizing a District-wide effort which is to be made this fall by each congregation to win more of their unchurched fellow men for Christ. In preparation for this effort, area meetings will be held which will deal primarily with the recruiting of lay visitors. The Committee also announced plans for a program of family devotions during the next Lenten season.

The Board for Information and Stewardship distributed a map of the District which shows where the Wisconsin Synod congregations are located and lists the time of church

services. The maps are being made available to every family in the District. The Board was entrusted with the work of securing better lay representation at conferences and conventions. It will also conduct an annual training clinic for congregational officers.

According to the report of the Board of Education we have 30 Christian day schools in our District, which have an enrollment of approximately 2900 students and have 97 teachers imparting instruction. With the accreditation of Dr. Martin Luther College, the four-year graduates teaching in Michigan are able to obtain a provisional teaching certificate.

## Floor Committee Reports

The floor committee reports took note of the many blessings which the Lord so graciously bestowed on the efforts of our Synod in the past year and expressed our gratitude to Him and the desire to do still more in the future. Approval was given in general to the recommendations which were found in the Report to the Nine Districts. The individual conferences of the District were asked to study the report of the Blue Ribbon Committee on our teacher-training facilities during the next year. It was also recommended that this matter be placed on the agenda of the Pastor-Teacher Conference of June 1965 and that a firm course of action be determined at that time.

One new conference was added to the District. The congregations in Florida were granted permission to organize as a separate conference.

In the field of welfare activities it was resolved that all congregations of the District cooperate with and support financially the association of the Martin Luther Memorial Home, Inc., under whose auspices a home for the aged is being erected at South Lyon, Michigan.

## Elections

The various District offices and terms of office which had expired on boards and committees were filled by election or appointment. We shall list only the names of those who were elected as the officers of the District: Pastor Norman Berg, president; Pastor Waldemar Zarling, first vice-president; Pastor Leonard Koeninger, second vice-president; Pastor Myron Kell, secretary; Mr. Erich Koepflin, cashier.

RICHARD A. GENSNER



# Direct from the Districts

## Arizona-California

### ARIZONA

#### Unique Concerts

On May 17, Pentecost Sunday, the East Fork Lutheran Mission Chorus rendered concerts at Resurrection, Phoenix, and Good Shepherd, Tucson. The Apache voice, once given to pay homage to heathen gods and fill the air with fierce war cries, has been subdued by the Gospel and enlivened by the Holy Spirit to declare in song the wonderful works of God. The chorus, under the able direction of Mr. Roland Schultz, sang a variety of selections from the church year.

These concerts were unique in this respect that they were the first time this mission chorus had ventured into white congregations.

#### Fruits of Faith

Apacheland once had a total abhorrence for death. When an Apache died, he was buried as soon as possible in an out-of-the-way place that family and friends could easily avoid. Together with the lifeless body were buried as many of the deceased's possessions as possible. What couldn't be buried was destroyed, including the burning of the home (wickiup).

How all this has been changed by the Word of God was evidenced at the funeral of Dr. Francis Uplegger (June 18) whose obituary has appeared in the July 26 issue. Not only did the Apache people come by the hundreds to pay last respects; not only did they listen carefully to the comforting words of white preachers and Apache tribal and church leaders; but they also accompanied the mourners to the burial plot.

This cemetery, which was featured on one of this year's Stewardship Board bulletin inserts, lies among the low hills at the foot of the towering Peridot mesa. There, as a conclusion to the committal service, white man and Apache joined hearts and voices to sing in English and Apache a hymn of praise to the Lord.

Certainly our mission efforts among the Apaches have not been wasted, for through the Gospel they have learned to know: "Blessed are the

dead which die in the Lord" (Rev. 14:13).

#### Farewell

On July 2 a total of about 40 pastors, teachers, and children gathered in Tucson to bid farewell to Pastor and Mrs. Roger Sprain who were leaving Douglas for Puerto Rico. There he will be the second member of the Synod's Missioner Corps in that country. After a brief trip to Wisconsin, Pastor and Mrs. Sprain will go to Saltillo, Mexico, to become better acquainted with the Spanish language through formal study and by "living in" with a Spanish-speaking family. At the end of August they will go to Tucson, where he is scheduled to be commissioned in a special service at Grace Church.

#### Separation

Zion Lutheran Church, Phoenix, has experienced a separation in its midst. In protest against the Synod's withdrawal from the Synodical Conference (August 1963), Pastor Robert Schaller and a group of adherents have withdrawn from the congregation. The remaining group, which retained all property rights, is at the present time calling a new pastor.

M. C. Nitz

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### CALIFORNIA

#### VBS and Summer Camps

Vacation Bible school was held in June by Christ Church, Lodi; in July by Our Savior Church, Pomona (69 enrolled); and by Apostles Mission in San Jose (67 present). Peace Church in Santa Clara and Gethsemane Church in Los Angeles are conducting VBS the first two weeks in August.

An eight-day camp was the happy lot of 13 children from grades 5-8 of Gethsemane School, with four adults, mid-June in Yosemite National Park. A month later, a youth camp was sponsored for boys and girls in grades 4-8 by the California Conference. Twenty-one attended. It was held at Morgan Hill under the direction of Pastor Robert O. Waldschmidt.

#### Land Purchases — Construction

Two choice acres of land are being negotiated for by Reformation Church in San Diego. They overlook Highway 101 and Mission Bay. The congregation at present rents the Mission Bay Women's Club for services. Our new Christ the King Church of Whittier, currently worshiping on the top floor of an American Savings and Loan building, expects to secure suitable property in nearby La Habra. Gloria Dei Church in Belmont is most grateful. After holding services for over three years in a second-floor lodge hall, it was able to acquire a site of one and a half acres with a suitable parsonage. This is our church nearest to San Francisco, situated on the peninsula beneath it.

An education building, 28 by 39 feet, has been added to Our Savior Church, Pomona, Paul Heyn, pastor. It will open in September for use by the church's Christian day school. Nearly completed is a new church-school combination for King of Kings Congregation in Garden Grove, Joel Gerlach, pastor: Communicant membership here stands at 118, with attendance at 180. The church recently resolved to open a Christian day school in September 1965.

#### Miscellaneous

Vicar Jon Mahnke completed his year's stint under the California Mission Board this August, after having divided his time between Southern California and the San Francisco Bay area. His assigned successor will be Seminary student Wayne Schneider of Two Rivers, Wisconsin.

The Wisconsin Synod already has 10 churches in California. Four are mid-state, six in the southland. These have 950 communicants, who are served by eight full-time and two supply pastors.

A. KEIBEL

### Dakota-Montana

#### New Workers

Our District has been blessed with several new workers. Through the Assignment Committee of our Synod Donald A. Krause has been called to

serve the triparish of Christ Lutheran Church, Morristown—Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Wautaga—St. Paul's Lutheran Church, McIntosh. Assigned to a year of vicarship are Larry Ellenberger at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Raymond, Peace Lutheran Church, Clark, and Stephen Valleskey at St. Martin's Lutheran Church, Watertown. Roger Dallmann and Joel Ehlert of our Seminary will be serving Northwestern Lutheran Academy as tutors. Ronald Schilling, a 1964 graduate of Dr. Martin Luther College, will also be serving the Academy in the field of music during the one-year absence of Prof. Birsching. Prof. Birsching is attending the University of Wisconsin—Milwaukee. Miss Anita Lemke and Miss Judith Anderson have been assigned to Zion Christian Day School, Moberge. We thank the Lord of the Church for sending us these co-workers.

#### Vacancies

At the present time there are two vacancies in the District. We are grateful that the vacancy at First Lutheran Church, Gary, will be a short one. Pastor Warren Steffenhagen of Spokane, Washington, has accepted the call and will be installed in August. While vacancies are a part of our District life, the fact that many pastors have remained at their stations for longer periods of time

has a stabilizing effect upon the District.

#### Great Falls, Montana

Following a very favorable report from a convass team of Seminary students, Pastor David Valleskey of Livingston, Montana, began serving this field, a city of 58,500, last September. Pastor Roland Zimmermann was installed as the first resident pastor of Mountain View Lutheran Church on March 8. Services at the present time are being held in a school near the property purchased for a chapel. Plans for a new parsonage are being processed. A new chapel has been allowed by the General Board for Home Missions. As soon as the Board for Trustees is able to release the funds, construction of a chapel for the newest mission of our District will begin. Average attendance was 33 as of June 1.

#### Student Center

We are grateful for the student house in Brookings, dedicated on January 26. A survey showed that there were more than 60 of our young people studying at South Dakota State University. This survey led to the eventual purchase, redecorating, and dedicating of a house one block from the main campus. Student pastor is Pastor John Brandt of Clear Lake, who has conducted Sunday morning services. Instruction classes

and Bible classes are also being held. Many gifts of money have been received from interested organizations of District congregations to aid in the purchasing of needed equipment and furnishings. It is hoped that a congregation in Brookings will eventually evolve from our student effort.

#### Northwestern Lutheran Academy

A class of 15 was graduated from the Academy this past June. Prof. K. G. Sievert speaking in behalf of the Board and faculty, made mention of President R. A. Fenske's 25 years of service to the Academy. Shortly after graduation the redecorating of the boys' dormitory began. More activity took place as the Academy again served as an excellent host for the biennial convention of the District, held June 16-18. Several changes have taken place on the Board of Control. Pastor Cyril Spaude of Aberdeen was appointed to serve the term of Pastor Gerald Eckert, who accepted a call into the Nebraska District. Pastor James Schneider of Goodwin was appointed to serve the term of Pastor Roland Zimmermann, who resigned because of the great distance between the Academy and his new station. A layman is yet to be appointed who will serve the term of Mr. Martin Scherf, whom the Lord called to his eternal rest. Pastor David Plocher of Winner is serving as temporary chairman following Pastor Zimmermann's resignation.

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### Western Wisconsin District Convention

"I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord." This was the theme of the report of the District president, Pastor Richard W. Mueller, in which he expressed his gratitude to God for having spared his life after having been stricken with a severe heart attack. The assembled delegates to the convention, held in Watertown from June 9 to 11, heartily concurred in this expression of thanksgiving. At their president's request, his name was not presented to the convention as a candidate for reelection. A standing vote expressed the District's appreciation for the many years of faithful service their beloved president had given to his constituency.

Most of the convention time was spent in studying the many phases of

our Synodical activity as reviewed in the "Report to the Districts." In the vital problem of providing adequate teacher-training facilities, the District endorsed the recommendations made by the Synodical Teacher-Training Facilities Committee which call for the erection of a new four-year college in Milwaukee.

"Our Gifts to the Lord on the Congregational Level," an essay on stewardship delivered by Pastor Fritz Miller of La Crosse, was well received by the convention. Pastor Harold Wicke of Watertown, a member of the Synod's Board of Trustees, presented an essay entitled, "Our Gifts to the Lord on the Synodical Level." Both essays showed how our membership may help to meet the greater oppor-

tunities that the Lord of the Church is now opening up to our Synod.

Pastor Karl Mischke of Juneau was elected to the office of District president. First vice-president is Pastor Norbert Paustian of Oconomowoc, and Pastor Karl Bast of Madison is the second vice-president. Pastor Herman Winkel of Sparta is the District secretary. Pastor Ardin Laper of Sun Prairie was elected to fill an unexpired term on the District's mission board. Two members were added to this board: Pastor Marcus Schwartz of Menomonie and Dr. Walter Gausewitz of Cross Plains. Informed, encouraged, and strengthened by Word and Sacrament, the delegates returned to their homes to busy themselves in the work of their Lord.

G. FRANZMANN

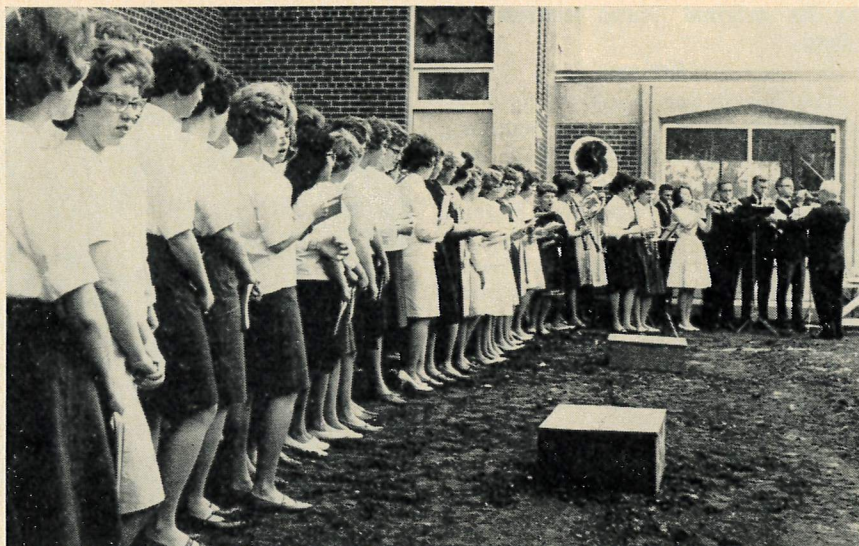
## Cornerstone Laying and Commencement Dr. Martin Luther College New Ulm, Minnesota

The cornerstone for the new women's dormitory, Hillview Hall, was laid in the afternoon of June 2. Pastor Otto Engel of Danube, Minnesota, took over the liturgical part of the service, and the remainder of it



PRESIDENT CARL SCHWAPPE officiates at the cornerstone laying of the new dormitory for women at Dr. Martin Luther College.

was in charge of the undersigned. Under the direction of Professor M. Zahn, student groups sang several selections, and the audience took part in another. This building, housing 220, will be ready by August 1, and the dedication has been set for the end of September.



MUSICAL ORGANIZATIONS employed their voices and instruments to the praise of God at the cornerstone laying of the new dormitory for women at DMLC.

On June 3, Wednesday, at 10:00 in the morning, the commencement exercises were held, with President Norman Berg of the Michigan District delivering a very appropriate address. The names and pictures of the graduates have already appeared in *The Northwestern Lutheran* together with the names of the schools to which they have been called. In addition to these the degree of a Bachelor of Science in Education was conferred in absentia on the following teachers:

Blauert, Karl, Columbus, Wisconsin  
Bradtke, Edward, Jenera, Ohio  
Funk, Mary, Pomona, California  
Helwig, Donald, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Klinker, Louise, Lannon, Wisconsin  
Manthey, Frederick, New Ulm, Minnesota

Oswald, Kurt, Appleton, Wisconsin  
Raufmann, Ann, Franksville, Wisconsin

Schwalbe, Russell, Livonia, Michigan

Sievert, Erich, New Ulm, Minnesota  
Sievert, Janet, Montello, Wisconsin  
Stelse, Kathleen, Neillsville, Wisconsin

Wulff, Frederick, Franklin, Wisconsin

Zuberbier, Theodore, Neenah, Wisconsin

CARL L. SCHWAPPE

## Arizona-California District Convention

### "In Christ"

"In Christ" — this was the spirit behind the Convention of the Arizona-California District, its sixth biennial session, held June 23 to 25, 1964, at nature-beautified East Fork Mission, Whiteriver, Arizona. It was begun with a fitting sermon, "How We Can be Sure of God's Blessing on Our Work," based on James 1:21-25, by Vice-President Immanuel G. Frey. Sixty-one delegates and 29 visitors attended.

### Elections

Pastor E. Arnold Sitz of Tucson was re-elected president, Pastor Immanuel G. Frey of Phoenix as first vice-presi-

dent, Pastor Armin K. E. Keibel of Los Angeles as secretary. Pastor Marcus C. Nitz of Tucson was newly elected as second vice-president. Most other incumbents were re-elected.

### President's Report

For greater bond with Christ, and as an antidote for the legalist within us, President E. A. Sitz urged more personal study of Scripture and of the Book of Concord. In regard to the Synod in general, he felt that our teacher-training program was eclipsing our world and home mission endeavors. Locally, he pointed out that the work of our District is really the work of the Synod itself.

### Doctrine

The delegates endorsed the report of the Floor Committee on Doctrinal Matters. They favored continuation of meetings held by our Commission on Doctrinal Matters, such as with the Ev. Lutheran Church of Nigeria and the overseas delegates over the doctrines related to church fellowship. They hoped that a new approach might be found for continuing discussions with the Church of the Lutheran Confession, since the latest conditions the latter has stipulated forestall this. They also hoped that the study of doctrine by The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod may lead it to recognize and return from its deviations

to its original sound confessional stand.

### Missions

The boards for Home Missions described our latest missions, including those in Tucson and Scottsdale, Arizona, in Dallas, Texas, in Whittier and San Jose, California. Besides evident gains in membership, per communicant contributions exceeded \$100 for the seventh consecutive year. The field secretary for the Apache Mission noted that 40% of the Indians are in our charge and that our major stations have assumed \$3,000.00 on salaries.

### Essay

Professor Joh. P. Meyer of our Seminary read a valued, timely paper on, "The Synod and the Congregation." It treated the sole qualification for membership in the Church: faith in Christ as divine Savior. It showed how the needs of Christians are met: by receiving Christ's Word and Sacrament. It listed special assignments given to Christians: an active brother love, a public confession of faith, a check on the confessions of others, and the preaching of the Gospel through properly trained ministers. It described the composition of the Church: the collection of Christians, totally or in partial groupings. It showed that in carrying out its task, no particular form was prescribed for the Church in the New Testament except observance of love and order,



AN INTERESTING PICTURE TAKEN during the time of the Arizona-California Convention. In front, kneeling, are Pastor Edgar Hoenecke, Executive Secretary of the Board for World Missions, and Missionary Alfred Uplegger. In the rear, standing, are Prof. Joh. P. Meyer, Missionary Henry Rosin, and Mr. Alfred Burdette.

with emphasis on the necessity of intercongregational fellowship. Finally, it dealt with present-day forms serving the purposes of the Church: the congregation — for local regular worship, administration of

the Sacraments, instruction, and soul care; and the synod — for wider activities such as pastor-teacher training, extensive missionizing, higher education, and the work of charity.

ARMIN K. E. KEIBEL, Secretary



JERUSALEM, MORTON GROVE, ILLINOIS, now looks like this. Attached to the new church building is the school building (far right).

## Jerusalem Ev. Lutheran Church Announces Its Dedication Morton Grove, Illinois

On June 7, Jerusalem Ev. Lutheran Church of Morton Grove, Illinois, was privileged to dedicate its new house of worship to the glory of God. Pastor Roman Biesmann of Abrams, Wisconsin, a son of the congregation, preached in the morning service and Dr. Siegbert Becker of Milwaukee Lutheran Teachers College was the afternoon speaker.

The building is contemporary, yet not extremely so. The focal point is the chancel area with its beautiful marble altar and bronze cross on a walnut reredos. The nave itself will seat 324 worshipers in pews. A beautiful feature of the building is the incorporation of the stained glass windows of the old church building,

which had to be demolished to make way for the present building. The balcony contains two organ chambers for the pipes of the rebuilt organ and provides seating for 54 people. There are a spacious narthex, cloakrooms, a lounge, and an office in a connecting link between church and school.

In the basement of the church are the fellowship hall and the usual other facilities.

By a network of stairs this new building is connected with the pres-

ent school building. Through this new construction the school has gained two new rooms for its future expansion and present needs.

On June 5, in a prededication service, a special education service was conducted in connection with the 8th-grade graduation. President Robert Voss of Milwaukee Lutheran Teachers' College was the guest speaker.

With full knowledge that its place in this world is to do mission work,

to win more and more souls for Christ, the congregation arranged for a special mission service on June 10 in connection with its dedication celebration, with Pastor Howard Henke of Niles, Illinois, as the guest speaker.

For this wonderful gift of God the congregation is humbly grateful and prays that this will always be a house where the Word is proclaimed in all its truth and purity.

GEORGE W. BOLDT

## Pacific Northwest District Convention

June 23-25, 1964

The generous hospitality of Trinity Lutheran Congregation, and the warm, sunny climate of Omak, Washington, provided the pleasant surroundings for the Pacific Northwest District convention.

Though the smallest in number of members of our Synod's nine Districts, the Pacific Northwest District by no means took a small interest in the reports relating to the Synod's programs and business. The 14 pastors and 12 lay delegates who attended the convention devoted many hours in sessions and committee meetings to studying and discussing the 111 pages of reports which the Synod's boards, committees, and commissions placed in the hands of the Districts.

The pastors and delegates were greatly encouraged by the many reports which gave evidence of our Lord's gracious guidance in our Synod's and District's plans and programs in promoting the work of the Church. District president, Pastor E. H. Zimmermann, appropriately introduced his report to the District with the words of the Psalmist: "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

That we are dependent upon the Word of the Lord for these great blessings, for all of our successes and achievements, was most fittingly presented by Professor E. E. Kowalke of Northwestern College in his sermon on Psalm 119:41-48, which he delivered at the convention service.

The District was privileged to have Synod president, the Rev. O. J. Naumann, present at the convention. The information, counsel, and encouragement which he provided aided greatly in the work of the convention and was very much appreciated by the delegates.

Our Synod's worker-training program through its educational institutions is today a very extensive program, and was an important topic of discussion at the convention. It was very interesting, therefore, to hear Professor Kowalke relate some of the events connected with the very beginnings of our Synod's educational program, the establishment of Northwestern College at Watertown. These events, plus other incidents and anecdotes, were among the excerpts read before the convention by Professor Kowalke from his forthcoming book, "The History of Northwestern College."

The District elected Pastor E. H. Zimmermann to a fourth two-year term as president. Pastor George Frey was elected first vice-president, and Pastor William Lueckel second vice-president. Pastor Paul Pankow was chosen as secretary, and Mr. Carl Precht was retained as District cashier. Pastor Gerhardt Haag was re-elected as doctrinal recorder, and Pastor Ralph Baur was returned to the District Mission Board for a six-year term. Pastor Charles Tessmer succeeds Pastor Warren Steffenhagen on the District Board of Support.

Well aware of the Lord's continued blessings on our work, we could only express our gratitude to Him with a renewed dedication to labor faithfully and zealously in the tasks which He has placed before us.

GEORGE FREY



THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST CONVENTION paused in its work long enough to have this picture taken. Synod President O. Naumann is in the front row, far left. Occupying the end position in the second row above him is Prof. Erwin Kowalke.

## Ninetieth Anniversary St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Tomah, Wisconsin

Exactly 90 years after 17 families organized St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church of Tomah, Wisconsin, on July 26, 1874, the congregation observed its anniversary. Pastor Dahlke of Weyauwega, Wisconsin, applied God's Word written Exodus 35:29 to the congregation in two morning services held at 8:30 and at 10:30. The Rev. Mr. Herbert Schaller of Tomah, Wisconsin, based his sermon on Psalm 117 in the service held at 2:30 P.M. And Pastor Herbert Hackbarth of Echo, Minnesota, a son of the congregation, addressed the congregation on the basis of I John 2:28 in the final service held at 8:00 P.M. The total attendance at all services was over 1,800.

The offerings for the day flowed into St. Paul's Building and Expansion Fund. The congregation plans to build a new church, remodel the present Christian day-school building, and add an auditorium-gymnasium building. The program will cost about \$500,000. The present communicant membership is about 1,400.

St. Paul's was first served by pastors of St. John's of Ridgeville, Wisconsin. They were A. Siegler, E. Pankow, and A. Schroedel. The first resident pastor of St. Paul's was John Jenny, who served from 1884 to 1892. G. E. Bergemann served from 1892 to 1900; J. G. Glaesser from 1900 to 1933; Herbert Schaller from 1933 to 1960; J. C. Dahlke from 1950 to 1958; O. W. Heier from 1958 —. The congregation is in the process of calling an assistant pastor.

OTTO W. HEIER

### † Mrs. Huldreich Klatt †

Mrs. Elsie Klatt, wife of Prof. em. Huldreich Klatt, departed this life Thursday evening, July 30, 1964, succumbing to a heart attack.

Elsie Wilhelmine Klatt, daughter of William Schmidt and Anna nee Stelljes, was born in Tracy, Minnesota, on December 13, 1888. On February 18 of the following year she was brought by her parents from Lamberton to New Ulm to be baptized in St. Paul's Lutheran Church by Pastor C. J. Albrecht. Some time later the parents moved to New Ulm so that the children might receive

their elementary education in St. Paul's Christian Day School. Having been thoroughly instructed in the way of salvation by her teachers and pastors, the departed publicly confessed her faith in the Savior in the rite of confirmation on March 23, 1902.

She was united in marriage with Huldreich Klatt, who was the teacher in Zion Lutheran School of South Milwaukee at that time. Prof. Adolph Ackermann solemnized the marriage vows spoken in St. Paul's Lutheran Church on April 3, 1907. The Lord blessed the Klatt union with two sons and one daughter.

Mrs. Klatt accompanied her husband first to South Milwaukee, the following year to Milwaukee, Teacher Klatt having accepted a call from Jerusalem Congregation. The Klatt's moved to New Ulm in 1915, where Prof. Klatt served as principal of St. Paul's School until 1918, then served his Lord and the Church as professor at Dr. Martin Luther College until he retired in 1962.

Mrs. Klatt was afflicted with a heart ailment for many years. A very severe attack made hospitalization necessary Thursday afternoon, July 30. The Lord in His mercy permitted her to fall asleep in Christ about 9:30 that same evening. She attained the age of 75 years, 7 months, and 17 days.

The comfort offered the mourners was drawn from Psalm 23. The opening words of this well-known Psalm, "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want," had been assigned to the departed as her confirmation memory verse, later became her wedding text, and was chosen by her for her funeral text. She was laid to rest on August 3 in St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery at New Ulm, Minnesota, there to await the resurrection of all flesh.

Mrs. Klatt is survived by her husband, Prof. em. Huldreich Klatt; by two sons: Prof. Harold Klatt of Manitowoc Lutheran High School; Mr. Roland Klatt of New Ulm; and one daughter, Mrs. Ruth Hummel of New Ulm. She is survived also by three sisters: Mrs. Walter Karrer of Milwaukee, Mrs. George Deering, and Mrs. Ray Pelkafer. There are six grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

*The Lord is my shepherd,  
I shall not want.*

W. J. SCHMIDT

## Anniversaries

### Golden Weddings

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Homer of St. Lucas Ev. Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on June 10, 1964.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Priebe of St. Lucas Ev. Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on June 13, 1964.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Roecker of St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Slinger, Wisconsin, on June 18, 1964.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Meyer of Friedens Ev. Lutheran Church, New Prague, Minnesota, on July 5, 1964.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Wickert of St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Slinger, Wisconsin, on July 19, 1964.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Heger of St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Slinger, Wisconsin, on July 30, 1964.

The Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Hanke of First Lutheran Church in Minnesota City, Minnesota, on August 2, 1964.

### ANNOUNCEMENT

#### Northwestern Lutheran Academy

The new school year at Northwestern Lutheran Academy will begin with an opening service on Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2:00 p.m. Registration of new students will begin in the forenoon of that day. We extend a hearty invitation to all to attend the opening service and spend at least part of the day with us. R. A. Fenske

### CALL ACCEPTED

#### Michigan Lutheran Seminary

Pastor James Fricke of Benton Harbor, Mich., has accepted the call to teach in the fields of Latin and English at Michigan Lutheran Seminary. Gerald R. Cudworth, Secretary MLS Board of Control

### HOUSEMOTHER SOUGHT

#### Lutheran Children's Home, Milwaukee

The Lutheran Children's Home is recruiting a housemother for its Child Care staff. The Lutheran Children's Home is currently operating as a residential treatment center for emotionally disturbed boys, age six through twelve. The houseparent plays an important role in the residential treatment of the emotionally disturbed child since he provides the day-by-day security and controls which are essential to a treatment program.

Interested people have the opportunity to join a treatment team consisting of other houseparents, social workers and teachers. Although college training is helpful, it is not essential. Requirements are a basic love for children and interest in them, the ability to be firm but gentle, and a willingness to accept children whose behavior is not always acceptable.

Anyone wishing to become a professional housemother is encouraged to contact the Lutheran Children's Home, 8138 Harwood Ave., Wauwatosa, Wis. 53213, telephone BL. 8-4542. Telephone calls or correspondence can be directed to Mr. Don L. Druckrey, Child Care Supervisor.

**WISCONSIN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD**  
1964 Pre-Budget Subscription Performance

District	Subscription Amount A	6/12 of Subscription B	January thru June	
			Offerings Received C	Per Cent of B D
Arizona-California .....	\$ 60,926	\$ 30,463	\$ 33,289.12	109.3
Dakota-Montana .....	106,569	53,285	55,438.46	104.0
Michigan .....	403,439	201,720	211,648.55	104.9
Minnesota .....	509,874	254,937	290,352.44	113.9
Nebraska .....	100,209	50,105	47,731.59	95.3
Northern Wisconsin .....	533,607	266,804	300,430.12	112.6
Pacific Northwest .....	19,380	9,690	8,751.06	90.3
Southeastern Wisconsin .....	638,372	319,186	333,258.24	104.4
Western Wisconsin .....	575,172	287,586	317,674.00	110.5
Total for 1964 .....	<u>\$2,947,548</u>	<u>\$1,473,774</u>	<u>\$ 1,598,573.58</u>	<u>108.5</u>
Total for 1963 .....	<u>\$2,874,149</u>	<u>\$1,437,075</u>	<u>\$ 1,545,872.22</u>	<u>107.6</u>

**WISCONSIN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD**

**Offerings, Gifts and Memorials for Other Funds**  
Second Quarter, 1964

Restricted Funds	Amount
Nebraska Lutheran Academy Equipment Fund .....	\$ 8.00
Nebraska Lutheran Academy .....	506.00
East Fork Lutheran Nursery .....	7,057.10
Books for Missions .....	1,080.67
Chapels for Japan .....	500.00
Committee on Relief .....	6,148.60
Rhodesian Medical Mission .....	3,712.91
Bible Institute in Northern Rhodesia .....	869.45
Mission Canvass Fund .....	105.13
Wisconsin Synod Scholarship Fund .....	1,185.14
Dr. Martin Luther College Chapel Fund .....	250.00
Mission for the Blind .....	530.40
Rhodesian Literature Fund .....	2,571.27
Northern Wisconsin District Home for Senior Citizens.....	301.31
<b>Loan Funds</b>	
Church Extension Fund .....	24,096.55
Parsonage-Teacherage Fund .....	23.75
<b>Building Funds</b>	
Educational Institutions Building Fund .....	1,011.43
Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Centennial Thank-Offering .....	1,002.81
Dr. Martin Luther College Thank-Offering .....	10.00
Michigan Lutheran Seminary Thank-Offering .....	5,588.64
Total — All Funds .....	<u>\$ 56,559.15</u>

Total received for the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Centennial Thank-Offering through June 30, 1964, is \$94,473.21.

NORRIS KOOPMANN, Treasurer, 3512 West North Avenue,  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53208

Students, teaching also in the fields of religion, geography and English. Correspondence regarding the candidates should reach the secretary before this meeting.  
David J. Plocher, Secretary  
225 Taft St.  
Winner, S. Dak. 57580

Thursday, Sept. 10. All college freshmen and all new students should report for registration on Monday, Sept. 7; all others on Wednesday, Sept. 9.  
All dormitories will be ready for occupancy on Sunday, Sept. 6.  
Carl L. Schweppe

**OPENING OF NEW SCHOOL YEAR**

Dr. Martin Luther College  
New Ulm, Minnesota

The school year at Dr. Martin Luther College will officially open at 8:30 a.m. on

**WISCONSIN LUTHERAN SEMINARY**  
School Opening

The new school year at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary will open with a service at 10:00 a.m., on Sept. 8, 1964.  
CARL LAWRENZ, President

**APPOINTMENT**

Pastor Harold E. Wicke of Watertown, Wisconsin, has been appointed chairman of the Board of Trustees, and has accepted the appointment. His successor as representative of the Western Wisconsin District will be elected by the Board of Trustees from candidates nominated by the Western Wisconsin District Praesidium.

The Synod Praesidium  
Oscar J. Naumann, President

**APPOINTMENT**

In response to a number of requests from members of our Synod, the Conference of Presidents has appointed a "Committee for Information on Organizations." It will be the function of this Committee to secure official literature from various lodges, clubs, and service organizations and to make these materials available to our pastors for study. The members of this Committee are Professor F. E. Blume, Pastor Frederic H. Tabbert, and Pastor Fredrick C. Kneuppel.

Oscar J. Naumann, President

**APPOINTMENT**

Pastor James Schneider of Goodwin, S. Dak., has been appointed to the Board of Control of Northwestern Lutheran Academy, Mobridge, S. Dak., to serve the remainder of the term of Pastor Roland Zimmermann, who resigned because of the distance of his new field of labor in Great Falls, Mont., from Mobridge.

Oscar J. Naumann, President

**CALL ACCEPTED**

Pastor Harold H. Eckert, formerly executive chairman of the Board of Trustees, has accepted the call as executive secretary of this Board, effective as soon as a chairman appointed by the Praesidium of the Synod accepts.

Oscar J. Naumann, President

**NOMINATIONS**

**Northwestern Lutheran Academy**

The following pastors have been nominated for the new professorship at Northwestern Lutheran Academy at Mobridge, S. Dak.

Gerhardt Birkholz, Lake Benton, Minn.  
Richard Buss, Hettinger, N. Dak.  
L. A. Dobberstein, Rapid City, S. Dak.  
Paul Eickmann, Milwaukee, Wis.  
Martin Janke, Roscoe, S. Dak.  
Harold Johnne, St. Paul, Minn.  
Norval Kock, Wood Lake, Minn.  
Paul Nitz, Milwaukee, Wis.  
Winfred Nommensen, Milwaukee, Wis.  
Henry Peter, Sodus, Mich.  
Martin Petermann, St. Paul, Minn.  
C. Reiter, Fond du Lac, Wis.  
D. Sellnow, Menominee, Mich.  
V. W. Thierfelder, Saginaw, Mich.

The Board of Control has postponed its call meeting at the Academy to August 31, 1964, at 10:00 a.m. when it will choose a man to fill this professorship as Dean of

## NOTICE TO ALL WELS MEMBERS

Forms for listing students who attend non-Synodical schools away from home are being sent to all pastors of congregations belonging to our Synod.

If you have a son or daughter attending college, university, technical school, or nurses' training school, kindly inform your pastor as soon as possible. Students will be referred to our Synod campus pastors, where this is possible.

All students listed with our office receive spiritual literature at regular intervals (Meditations and sermons).

Lutheran Spiritual Welfare Commission  
3624 West North Avenue  
Milwaukee, Wis. 53208

### SCHOOL OPENING

#### Northwestern College

Northwestern College will open its centennial school year with a service in the gymnasium at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 9. New students are to report at 9:00 a.m. the same day.

C. Toppe

### SCHOOL OPENING SERVICE

#### Milwaukee Lutheran Teachers College

The 1964-65 school year at Milwaukee Lutheran Teachers College will begin with the opening service on Tuesday, Sept. 15, at 10:00 o'clock in the morning. The service will be held in the chapel-auditorium of Wisconsin Lutheran High School, 330 North Glenview Avenue.

Parents of our students and friends of the college are cordially invited to attend.  
ROBERT J. VOSS, President

## CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES

### NORTHERN WISCONSIN

#### RHINELANDER PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Sept. 14, 1964.

Place: First Lutheran, Woodruff, Wis.

Time: Conference begins at 9:00 a.m. Communion service at 7:00 p.m.

Preacher: F. Bergfeldt; alternate: W. Gawrisch.

Agenda: Study of the principles and policies of the World Mission Board, which appeared in the 1963 Reports and Memorials, M. Radtke; Continuation of the Study of Ephesians, J. Radloff; Study of Book of Amos, J. Kingsbury.

J. Radloff, Secretary

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#### WINNEBAGO PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Monday, Sept. 21, 1964.

Place: Mt. Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Ripon, Wis.; host pastor: R. Ziesemer.

Time: Communion service 9:00 a.m. (preacher: J. Petrie; alternate: C. Reiter).

Agenda: Book of Daniel, Chapter VI, G. Unke; Exegesis of Ephesians (cont.), K. Gurgel; Round Table Discussion of Practical Matters, discussion leader, D. Hallemeyer; The Call of the Lady Teacher, L. Ristow; Casuistry, Reports, Assignments.

GLENN H. UNKE, Secretary

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#### LAKE SUPERIOR

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS' CONVENTION

The thirty-fifth annual Lake Superior Sunday-School Teachers' Convention will be held on Sept. 20, 1964, at Grace Ev. Lutheran Church of Crivitz, Wis. Starting time will be promptly at 3:00 p.m.

MRS. JOHN KALLMAN, Secretary

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#### MANITOWOC PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Sept. 21, 1964.

Place: St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Route 1, Sheboygan Falls, Wis.; H. Juroff, host pastor.

Time: Opening Communion service at 9:00 a.m.

Preacher: R. Fleming (W. Geiger, alternate).

Agenda: Sermon Study, A. Engel (H. Heckendorf, alternate); Doctrine of the Church, Dr. H. Koch; Conference choice: Open and Close Communion, A. Stuebs; Hardening of Hearts, L. Schaller; Early History of District and Conference, A. Engel; Various

Early Missouri Statements on Church Fellowship, Ph. Press; Review of Proposed Rite of Confirmation for Children, A. Roekle (Moderator); Reports and Conference Business.

Send excuses to host pastor.

A. F. SCHULTZ, Secretary

## WESTERN WISCONSIN

### SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE

Date: Sept. 15, 1964.

Time: 9:00 a.m. Communion service.

Place: St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church, South Ridge, Wis.

Preacher: M. Nommensen (alternate, W. Paustian).

Agenda: Exegesis Heb. 13, R. Mutterer; Constructive Criticism of **The New English Bible**, R. Siegler; Your Neighbor's Place, G. Neumann; Exegesis Rom. 5:12-21, C. Nommensen; Constructive Criticism of **The New Testament in the Language of Today**, D. Kuske.

DENNIS E. KEMPF, Secretary

## ORDINATIONS AND INSTALLATIONS

### Ordained and Installed

#### Pastors

**Bode, David E.**, as pastor of Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Kent (South Seattle) Wash., by E. M. Bode; assisted by P. G. Albrecht, A. H. Zimmermann, T. R. Adascheck, C. Tessmer, M. F. Teske, W. L. Widmann, R. N. Bauer; July 19, 1964.

**Ehlers, Robert E.**, as pastor of Christ and Emmaus Ev. Lutheran Churches, Beatrice, Nebr., by H. C. Schnitker; assisted by H. Lichtenberg, H. John, L. Gruendeman, and R. Ehler; July 5, 1964.

**Krueger, Silas**, as pastor of Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church, Scottville, Mich., and as pastor of Emanuel Ev. Lutheran Church, Sheridan Township, Custer, Mich., by W. F. Winter; assisted by J. Brenner, Wm. Krueger, G. Struck, E. Kasischke, and R. Gensmer; July 26, 1964.

**Kuckhahn, Richard**, as pastor of St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Batesland, S. Dak., by J. E. Lindquist; assisted by K. Plocher, D. Plocher, E. Herman, and M. Liesener; July 19, 1964; and as pastor of Our Redeemer's Ev. Lutheran Church, Martin, S. Dak., by J. E. Lindquist; assisted by K. Plocher, D. Plocher, E. Herman, and M. Liesener; July 26, 1964.

**Sievert, David**, as pastor of St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Rising City, Nebr., by E. W. Lindemann; assisted by W. H. Wietzke, and L. C. Gruendeman; July 5, 1964.

**Sievert, Robert A.**, as pastor of Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Crawford Lake, Rockford Twp., Minn., by G. H. Geiger; and as pastor of St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Montrose, Minn., by G. H. Geiger; assisted by M. Schwark, P. Siegler, and M. Lenz; July 19, 1964.

**Weeks, Richard L.**, as pastor of Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Osceola, Wis., by

L. W. Meyer, Sr.; assisted by Carl F. Bolle, A. G. Eberhardt, D. Grummert, R. F. Schroeder; July 19, 1964.

### Installed

#### Pastors

**Hohenstein, Lloyd**, as pastor of St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Ridgeville, Wis., by D. Kempf; assisted by E. Gieschen, R. Lauersdorf; and as pastor of St. Jacob's Ev. Lutheran Church, Norwalk, Wis., by H. Winkel; assisted by D. Kempf; Aug. 2, 1964.

**MacKain, Richard**, as pastor of Hope Ev. Lutheran Church, Swartz Creek, Mich., by Erhardt Schultz; assisted by F. Jungkuntz, K. Vertz, and J. Spaude; July 19, 1964.

#### Teacher

**Koss, Melvin**, as teacher of St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran School, Green Bay, Wis., by A. W. Voigt; Aug. 2, 1964.

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

#### Pastors

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