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## *A Message from the President . . .*

As the people of God with a mission that begins in your own community and spans the oceans, I am confident that you were as happy as I was to read the news item in the last *Northwestern Lutheran* about the special Mission of God Offering. This offering is the \$4 million offering authorized by the 1965 convention to be gathered in this biennium to meet our urgent needs at the educational institutions which supply us with pastors and teachers. It is the largest offering ever authorized by a convention.

In addition to securing a temporary full-time executive director, the executive committee of three District presidents has made certain other basic decisions. 1) The actual responsibility for the offering will rest on a national committee of ten laymen, one from each District, and a national chairman. 2) The offering will be gathered through a coordinated, Synod-wide every-member visitation during May and June 1966. 3) Synod families will be asked to make two-year commitments, payable monthly. 4) In January the executive director of the offering and I will hold meetings with all pastors and presidents of congregations to outline plans and procedures.

As president of the Synod I am overwhelmed by the number of Lutherans who want our ministry and who rally around our preaching of God's Word. I see enormous metropolitan areas, the strip cities, inviting us to enter with the precious Word. I view nations across the seas where souls, sick unto death, have not yet heard of the healing cross of Jesus Christ. The souls perishing there without hope and without Christ weigh heavily upon me, as I am sure they do on you.

What can we do? The obvious answer is the right one. We must multiply the number of pastors and teachers who bring the Word to these white fields. We cannot wave a wand and raise up ranks of pastors and teachers. We need facilities, buildings constructed of such ordinary material as bricks and mortar, to educate and send them to the fields. Tomorrow will be too late. Tomorrow is upon us now!

Will we be able to do it? Is \$4 million too much? Statistically, we need a mere fraction of one per cent of the over \$700 million earned yearly by the families of the Wisconsin Synod. Spiritually, we need the prayers, the dedication, the vision of us all, pastors and laymen.

We need the spirit of Atonement Ev. Lutheran Church, Tokyo, Japan. In sending in the *very first* contribution to the Mission of God Offering, this tiny, faithful church wrote, "We are small and not very strong, but this little gift of \$25.00 is just the merest token of how we feel. We are happy to think that this gift will be used to build schools to train workers for the Lord's Kingdom. Every member of our congregation is determined to use every effort to spread the Gospel."

If each congregation of the Synod gave as proportionately and happily as these first fruits of our mission work in Japan gave, we can raise \$8 million!

I earnestly petition each one of you to pray for this undertaking. If you are asked to serve, may you serve with joy, knowing that because of your faithful service the Savior whose love you know will be shared by many who do not yet know His love.

OSCAR J. NAUMANN

# Editorials

**Peace Through Christ** "Peace on earth." Perhaps no other phrase has ever been seized upon with such widespread enthusiasm nor repeated with such feeling by so many people. Grooved into records and perpetuated in print, these words are given an exposure approximating that given to Santa Claus.

It is regrettable, therefore, that this phrase, as generally interpreted, expresses nothing more than a hopeful sentiment, with organ tones in the background. As wars continue to rage and men seem incapable of living at peace with one another, these words, as many understand them, revolve themselves into wishful thinking. The Prince of Peace, who bore the world's hopes, turns out to be a well-meaning failure; and the churches named for Him are assigned the discouraging task of promoting an ideal which in all history has made no progress toward practical reality.

However, we who believe God's message delivered by the angelic choir at the Savior's nativity see these words in a different light. We see them as a divine proclamation rather than a pious wish. Peace has come to men as a result of our Lord's incarnation.

The world's Redeemer, who once was the Babe of Bethlehem, has established peace between man and God by removing the transgressions which separated man from his Lord and Maker. Now the anguished conscience finds forgiveness and peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. It is real, and it is permanent.

We all hate war, and we all regret the interminable fighting and dissension which is so characteristic of life in this world. But what Christian would trade the peace which he now has with God for a lifetime free of trouble on earth? If the coming of the Prince of Peace meant only the cessation of war, there would still be no peace for the living, and certainly no hope for the dead.

There is peace on earth, in the hearts of believers. Even with wars raging, it is still a joyful reality. We are not merely hoping for peace.

We have it in Christ.

IMMANUEL G. FREY

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**Consult the Caretaker** A periodical devoted to matters concerning Protestant church buildings and equipment recently cautioned congregations against placing large areas of glass, and indoor planters into church buildings. Too much housekeeping and maintenance are required to keep the plantings fresh and green and to keep the glass clear of fingermarks, dust, and rain stains. Draperies to cover the glass, which transmits excessive heat, light, and cold, are also expensive to install and bothersome to maintain.

Maintenance-wise congregations and institutions would do themselves an abiding service if they carefully scrutinized the architect's designs for style features and fads that impose unreasonable burdens on custodians and caretakers. Architects can be Frank Lloyd Wright-ish in their devotion to their individual artistic philosophy, and nearly as impractical.

Perhaps there should be an experienced custodian or caretaker on every building committee. He would know about janitor's closets, the front steps, and storage space for the power mower, and we could expect him to offer advice about light fixtures and cloakrooms and floor covering; but he could also make some suggestions for handling such basic building considerations as air and water, and noise, and heat and light. He has had to live with less than complete solutions to these problems.

Building a church or a school without taking the caretaker into consideration could be something like a man building a house without consulting his wife.

C. TOPPE

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**One Thing Needful** A few weeks ago newspapers reported the death of Paul Tillich, theological professor at the University of Chicago. In the eulogies and obituaries that appeared he was frequently referred to as one of the greatest of all theologians. That is such high praise that one naturally looks for something in his works that justifies such an enthusiastic estimate.

In one of his books he himself summed up his teaching in a question and an answer. He wrote: "So we ask again, what is the one thing we need? The one thing needed—this is the first and in some sense the last answer I can give—is to be concerned ultimately, unconditionally, infinitely." What is the one thing we need? We can't read those words without being reminded of Christ's words: "One thing is needful," and of His approval of Mary, who had chosen that one thing needful when she sat at His feet attentive to His word. Mary was there doing what God Himself has bidden all of us to do when He says of Christ: "This is my beloved Son, hear ye him."

Is that what Dr. Tillich, "one of the greatest of all theologians," meant with being "concerned, ultimately, unconditionally, infinitely"? If that was what he meant, everyone could demand of him that he say so at least as clearly as the hymnwriter said it when he wrote: "One thing's needful . . . Therefore, Thou alone, my Savior, shalt be All in all to me."

Very few people would be able to mention offhand the name of the writer of that hymn. He was hardly one of the greatest of all theologians, but he knew the one thing needful and expressed it in words that we all can understand and appreciate.

ERWIN E. KOWALKE

In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, and saying, "Repent ye; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, 'The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" And the same John had his raiment of camel's hair and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his meat was locusts and wild honey.

Then went out to him Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region round about Jordan and were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins (Matthew 3:1-6).

Many are the preparations we make for Christmas. There are gifts to make or purchase; decorations to put up; there is baking to do; a children's service to prepare. If some of these happy traditions were skipped we would probably feel that something important was omitted, that our Christmas was spoiled.

But none of these is really the essential preparation for Christmas. The one all-important preparation for Christmas is not something we can buy or make. No, to make our preparations complete it is still necessary that we heed John the Baptist's call to repentance.

### God Proclaims the Need for Repentance

Did Jerusalem and Judea need any sort of preparation for the coming of the Son of God? We are so used to pointing out the self-righteousness of the Jews that we may not always appreciate how impressive they thought their preparations already were. After all, they did have a Temple; they did have a well-organized, smoothly functioning priesthood; they had firmly established customs—for instance, regular attendance at Temple sacri-

fices was one of many good habits they had formed.

We wonder, could our Christmas preparations be put in those same terms? Could we yield to the same sort of pride in beautifully decorated buildings, smooth organizations, age-old customs and rituals? We hope not.

For God was not very favorably impressed with Jerusalem and Judea. There was something else He looked for besides the works and pride of men. In His view the whole land was barren and unfruitful. To that wilderness God sent His prophet with a stern warning: "Repent ye; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." The very appearance of John the Baptist proclaimed his message. His clothing and his diet were a rebuke to those who love this life and its luxuries above all else. His field of labor was the wilderness of Judea, a reminder that God finds no harvest where self-satisfaction and worldliness hold the minds of men.

No, men dare not assume that they have earned a welcome from the King of heaven. Preparation for His coming is needed, lest we be found to be foes of His kingdom, not allies.

### God Supplies the Means to Bring About Repentance

To prepare Judea and Jerusalem for Messiah's coming God sent them John the Baptist, a prophet with a message. For all the drama of his presentation, for all the faithfulness of his ministry, the effectiveness of his work was based on only one thing: as a prophet of God he spoke the word God had given him. God has chosen to work repentance in human hearts through the preaching of His Word. That Word sweeps aside all the feeble excuses of men; it exposes all the guilt of mankind.

No more, then, can we say, "I may not be perfect, but at least I have a better reputation than Tom," or, "I don't lose my temper as often as Dick," or, "I'm more generous to my

family, my neighbor, and my church than Harry is." God's Word has told us, too, to be *perfectly* holy; it demands that we serve God with all our heart, that we love our neighbor fully as well as we love ourselves. This message must surely "change the mind" of anyone of us who may feel that God will already be satisfied with him. This message will lead us to realize our failings, to confess our sins, and to express to God our sorrow for our disobedience.

To such contrite sinners God has something more to say. We are not yet being dragged before the judgment seat of the holy God. Instead, the King of heaven has come to earth. He came to men in the form of a servant to lay down His life to redeem us from the curse of sin. He comes to us now with the Gospel's message that our sin is washed away. Holy Baptism repeats with emphasis the assurance that the stain of sin has been removed, that we have become children of God. Through the gift of faith the kingdom of heaven comes to sinners to make them part of it, heirs of all the glories of living in heaven.

Surely then there will be no room for complacency in our lives. Our sins are not something to be excused and coddled and tolerated and enjoyed. Rather they are barriers on the highway our Lord is building in our hearts and lives; push those sins aside—quickly! Nor can we be complacent in view of the desperate need of a world full of despairing sinners. We in our day stand in the wilderness for a purpose: to proclaim to others both the need for repentance and the Gospel of the Savior-King.

In just a few days our preparations for Christmas must be completed, for the holiday will be here. With that same realization that our opportunities are limited by time, let us heed John's message for ourselves, and proclaim it to others far and wide!

PAUL H. WILDE

What do you mean..

□ □ □ □ **Justification?**

**OUR DEEP CONCERN**

Dear Robert,

Greetings in Jesus' name! From your recent letter I gather that you are troubled by some things which you heard and observed in a Lutheran church which you have attended several times. You were quite young when, during your instructions, I pointed out to you that not all church bodies which call themselves Lutheran are truly Lutheran. You were acquainted with Lutheran teaching and practice only as you learned to know them in our congregation. Perhaps a Lutheran church body or congregation which stood for something else did not seem quite possible to you.

I can imagine how shocked you were when you heard the young pastor say that several doctrines which he mentioned were "not too important." It pleases me to read that you saw a danger-signal in such a statement. For when such a position regarding clear Bible doctrines no longer bothers people who go by the name of Lutheran, then they have gone far toward giving up their Lutheran, that is, their Scripture-based, faith and confession.

Of all our Lutheran doctrines, the most important of all, yes, the "heart" doctrine of the Scriptures and of our Christian faith, is the doctrine of justification. I'm sure that you recall that I spent a great deal of time on this doctrine in our instruction class. I tried hard not only to have you understand it, but also to have you treasure it. I knew, as you know now, that when men begin to

deny this doctrine of justification, then the denial of all other Bible doctrines will follow.

Today, in this liberal age, in which nothing is any longer sacred, this very thing is taking place, and hard as it is to believe, also in our own beloved Lutheran Church, which for hundreds of years both in Europe and later in America was the bulwark of God's eternal truths, especially as far as this precious doctrine of justification is concerned. As a result our Lutheran Christians today are becoming confused, and some Lutheran churches too, like other Protestant groups, are fast losing the truth which alone can keep men free.

It is my fervent prayer that both you and yours, as well as many other Lutheran Christians like you, will by God's grace stand firm in your belief that all Bible doctrines are from God, and thus unchangeable, even as God Himself is unchangeable. Above all, I hope with all my heart, that you will never give up your faith in this one fact, stated so simply and plainly by Paul, Christ's Apostle, "Being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Rom. 5:1).

Give my warmest greetings to all the members of your fine family. And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!

Cordially yours in Christ,  
Your friend and former pastor,  
Kenneth W. Vertz

*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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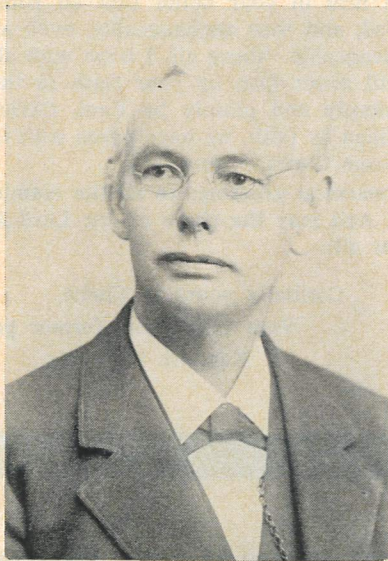
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# The Gemeindeblatt Celebrates Its Centennial

With the appearance of the 2487th issue in August 1965, the German periodical (church paper) of our Synod, the *Ev. Luth. Gemeindeblatt*, completed 100 years of existence. One hundred years ago our Synod was 15 years old. In spite of great shortages of pastors, money, and facilities for training pastors and teachers, it had experienced considerable growth and was expanding ever further into the Midwestern states. This gave rise to the need for a means of communication, a periodical by which the members of the Synod could learn what was happening in other parts of their church.

In the same month in which Northwestern College for the first time opened its doors, two years after the founding of our Seminary, shortly after the end of the bloody Civil War, on September 1, 1865, the first copy of the *Gemeindeblatt* appeared at Watertown, Wisconsin. Prof. E. Moldehnke was the editor, assisted by Pastors J. Bading and A. Hoenecke. The subscription price for the four-page monthly was 30 cents a year.

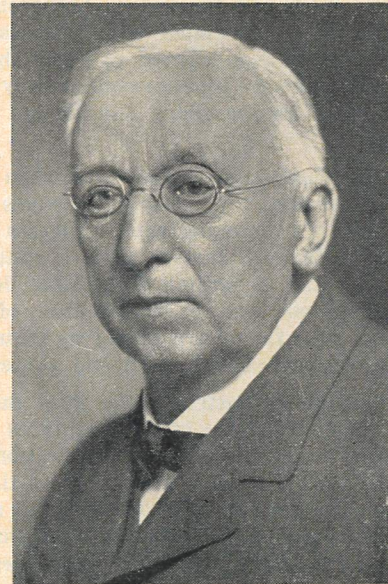


DR. ADOLPH HOENECKE, outstanding theologian in the Synod, was editor from 1866 to 1871 and again from 1902 to 1908.

## The Early Years

Already in its second year the paper was expanded to appear twice a month, and the subscription price was doubled. Since Prof. Moldehnke had left Watertown, Pastors Hoenecke and Bading served as the editorial committee. In 1870 the place of publication was moved to Milwaukee, where the *Gemeindeblatt* was printed by George Brumder. Milwaukee has continued as the place of publication except for a two-year return to Water-

town between 1871 and 1873. In 1871, when Pastor A. Hoenecke resigned as editor, he was replaced by Pastor R. Adelberg. In May 1875, Pastor Th. Jaekel was added to the staff as assistant editor. He held this position during the editorships of Prof. A. Ernst, 1877-1880, Prof. A. Graebner, 1880-1887, and Prof. E. A. Notz. The latter continued as editor also after the responsibility for editing the *Gemeindeblatt* was given to the theological faculty of our Seminary in 1891. Three years later Pastor A. Baebenroth was added to the staff as business manager and assistant editor.



PROFESSOR AUGUST ERNST, longtime president of Northwestern College, served as editor in the late 1870's.

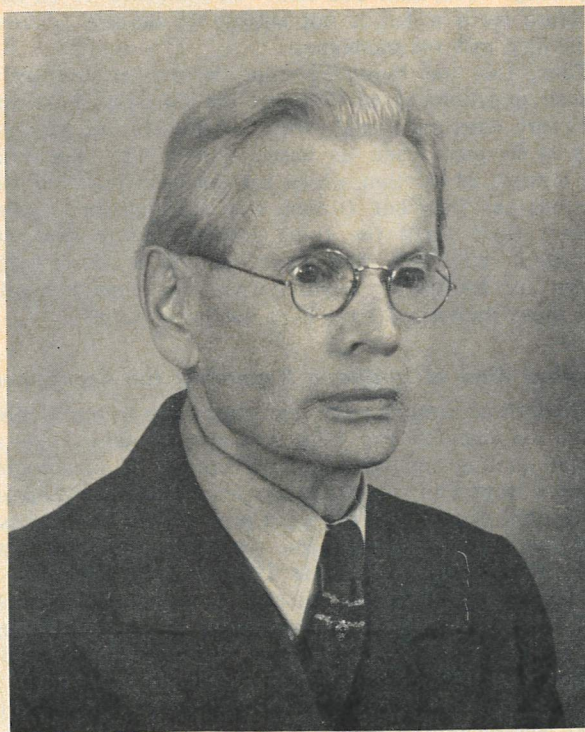
## The Middle Years

1894 is the only year in which an extra issue of the *Gemeindeblatt* was published. The occasion was the fire which destroyed the building at Northwestern College, popularly known as the "coffeemill." Appearing on August 4, the special edition reported the details of the fire. Many thought this disaster meant the end of the College and of the Synod. This extra issue, however, announced a special convention of the Synod for August 22. This convention passed the resolution to replace the building at the College. The end of the Synod had not come.

After August 1, 1902, the name of Prof. A. Hoenecke again appears as editor, with Pastor A. Baebenroth as assistant and business manager.

Since 1908 the *Gemeindeblatt* has been printed by our Northwestern Publishing House. At that time the format was somewhat reduced in size, but the number of pages was increased to 16. The January 15 issue of that year announced the death of Dr. Adolph Hoenecke. For two years Pastor E. F. Dornfeld served as editor until he was succeeded in December 1909 by Pastor H. Bergmann. In 1916, when the Northwestern Publishing House took over the business affairs of the *Gemeindeblatt*, Pastor Baebenroth was relieved as business manager.

In 1918 the *Gemeindeblatt* became a biweekly publication, increasing the number of issues from 24 to 26 annually. When Pastor H. Bergmann died in 1923, Pastor Walter Hoenecke was appointed as editor. He continued in this position until December 1956. At the present time the editorial staff consists of Prof. H. J. Vogel, Dr. Heinrich A. Koch, and Pastor E. Ph. Dornfeld.



PASTOR WALTER HOENECKE, the son of Dr. Adolph Hoenecke, edited the *Gemeindeblatt* in the long span from 1923 to 1956.

#### The Recent Years

With the appearance of *The Northwestern Lutheran* in 1914 the *Gemeindeblatt* had an English associate in serving the members of the Synod. As the use of English grew in our Synod, the number of *Gemeindeblatt* readers gradually declined. However, there was always a considerable number of older people and of such who had immigrated more recently from Germany who continued as readers.

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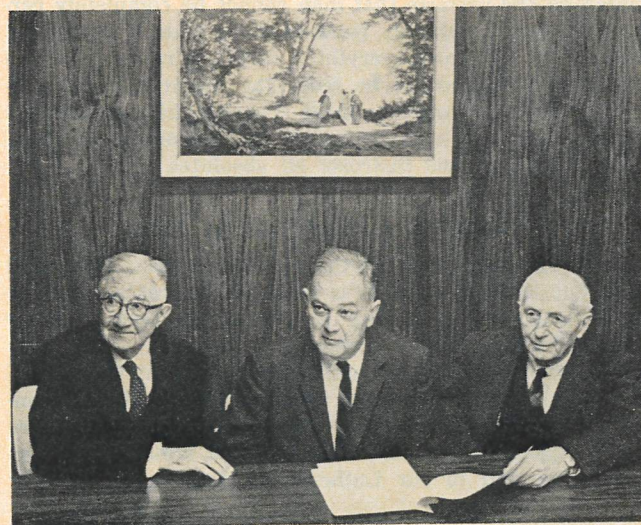
Since January of 1964 the *Gemeindeblatt*, in accordance with a resolution of our Synod, is appearing only monthly.

#### Purpose and Goal

At first the *Gemeindeblatt* was the only official organ of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod. Only later the *Schulblatt* and the *Theologische Quartalschrift* appeared. At first it had to serve a broad purpose. Not only was it a means of spreading news, but also doctrines in controversy and theological subjects were discussed on its pages, and official announcements were published.

In this role it has gradually been replaced by *The Northwestern Lutheran*. For almost 50 years it was the only means of communication among our members.

The *Gemeindeblatt* has also served a broader role. Many of our foreign brethren have remained in contact with our Synod through the *Gemeindeblatt*. Our brethren in Germany and elsewhere still read what is happening in our Synod in the *Gemeindeblatt*. From time to time it also reports important happenings among the foreign churches in fellowship with us.



THE PRESENT EDITORIAL BOARD of the *Gemeindeblatt*. From left to right: Pastor E. Ph. Dornfeld, Professor Heinrich Vogel, Chairman, and Dr. Henry A. Koch.

More recently it has informed German immigrants both in the United States and Canada about our Synod. Although the number of readers each year grows somewhat smaller, President Naumann recently said: "We are convinced that the *Gemeindeblatt* remains an important part of our written proclamation of the Word. It provides us with opportunities to speak to the immigrants from Germany and other countries. The struggle of the Lutheran free churches to preserve the pure doctrine affords the *Gemeindeblatt* further opportunity to encourage the members of the free churches to cling firmly to sound doctrine."

**Topic: Should We Have An Inquiring Mind Toward Scripture and the Confessions?**



A reader asks: "To what extent is an inquiring or open mind and attitude compatible with commitment and loyalty to the Lutheran confessional statements, and to the 'faith that was once for all delivered to the saints' (Jude 3)?"

**What Is the Inquiring Mind?**

One of the prime interests in colleges and universities is to develop an inquiring mind. This is important in carrying on research. The inquiring mind will lead to new discoveries. Through asking questions man learns.

The inquiring or open mind and attitude is generally based on the premise that man cannot be completely certain of what he already believes to be true. It recognizes that he doesn't know everything as yet. It raises questions about what appears to be true. The inquiring mind ultimately questions whether there is such a thing as absolute truth, about which one can have unquestioning certainty. The inquiring mind distrusts all absolutes.

**Where This Mind Has Its Place**

In many fields such as the various sciences this mind that questions is good. It is essential for research. Even in a field such as history it will always seek to know more of what actually happened to improve and modify one's interpretation and arrive more fully at the knowledge and understanding of what happened. This circumstance, however, raises the question of our reader. Are we to apply such an inquiring or open mind also to the Scriptures and to our Lutheran Confessions?

**First, As to Scriptures**

In considering this question we must take each up separately, for in the Scriptures, where we find the faith as it was delivered to the saints, we have to do with God's divinely inspired Word. In our Confessions we have writings that are of human origin, about which we cannot claim divine inspiration.

**In a Sense, the Inquiring Mind Is Essential**

Should we have an inquiring mind over against the truths revealed in the Scriptures? When Jesus says, "Search the scriptures" (John 5:39), He invites us to have an inquiring mind. We are diligently to search out *what the Scriptures say*. We are to inquire: What does God reveal in this Word, in this phrase or sentence, in this paragraph or book? This calls for research, a careful study of the languages of Scripture, of the context and historical background, a careful comparing of Scripture with Scripture. Christ promises that as we continue in His Word, we shall know the truth (John 8:31, 32).

**A "Stop!" Sign for the Inquiring Mind**

This, however, is where the inquiring mind must stop. Once we have recognized what Scripture says, we accept that as truth, absolute truth. We are no longer free to apply an inquiring mind that raises doubt about the truth revealed. That is what Satan did. God had clearly given His command to Adam and Eve. Satan raised doubt by inquiring: "Yea, hath God said?" In Scripture we do have absolute truth which is not subject to inquiry as to its reliability and reasonableness.

Then, too, the inquiring mind is not to attempt to answer questions about God and the Christian faith that Scripture does not reveal. We often like to ask why God acts as He does when He hasn't told us why. Regarding the mystery of election, which has not been revealed, God reminds us: "Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus?" (Rom. 9:20.) There are limitations beyond which we cannot inquire and those limitations have been set by Scripture.

**Another Kind of Inquiring Regarding the Confessions**

What about applying the inquiring mind to our Confessional statements? The Confessional statements, like all human writing and speaking, are subject to our inquiry. In what way? The commendatory example of the Bereans shows this. Concerning the word preached to them we are told that they "searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so" (Acts 17:11). Since Scripture is the truth revealed by God, we can accept only what agrees with it. If we are to commit ourselves to the Confessions, we are concerned to know that they are in complete agreement with the Scriptures. If a doctrine is stated in our Confessions, we are to inquire whether this is Scriptural. Seeing that it is, we then are committed to it because of its relationship to Scripture.

The best known of our Lutheran Confessions is Luther's Small Catechism. In confirmation instructions we are concerned to show our young Christians that what is taught in the Catechism is firmly based on Scripture. Our pastors are expected to study all of our Lutheran Confessions for the same reason. It would be well if more of our laymen would inquire into our Confessions, and not stop at the Small Catechism, and compare them with Scripture. Such inquiry would be truly faithful study. However, when we see that our Confessions are truly Scriptural, then our commitment to them is a firm one.

So the Christian will have an inquiring mind, but it is one that is under the control of God's Holy Word. We will inquire into what it says, but the "why" and the "how," when this is not revealed, we leave to God.

ARMIN SCHUETZE



# A District's Answer to the Plea of the Aged

## The Martin Luther Memorial Home

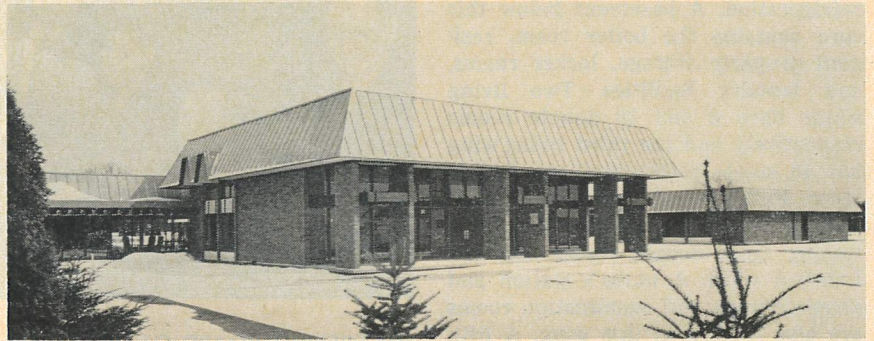
A pastor once wrote: "The life of a senior citizen may be compared to a pyramid. It begins with a broad base of friends and relatives. As it proceeds, it begins to narrow as contemporaries and acquaintances are lost through death. In some instances, an octogenarian or nonagenarian stands alone." These are the kind of people who call for love and attention. As their aging bodies become ill, as their strength begins to fail, and as the pain of crippling diseases begins to immobilize older folk, there is need for tender care, nourishing food, and geriatric medicines. Such needs are summarized in the plea of the aged recorded in Scripture: "Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth" (Ps. 71:9).

### Planning to Heed the Plea

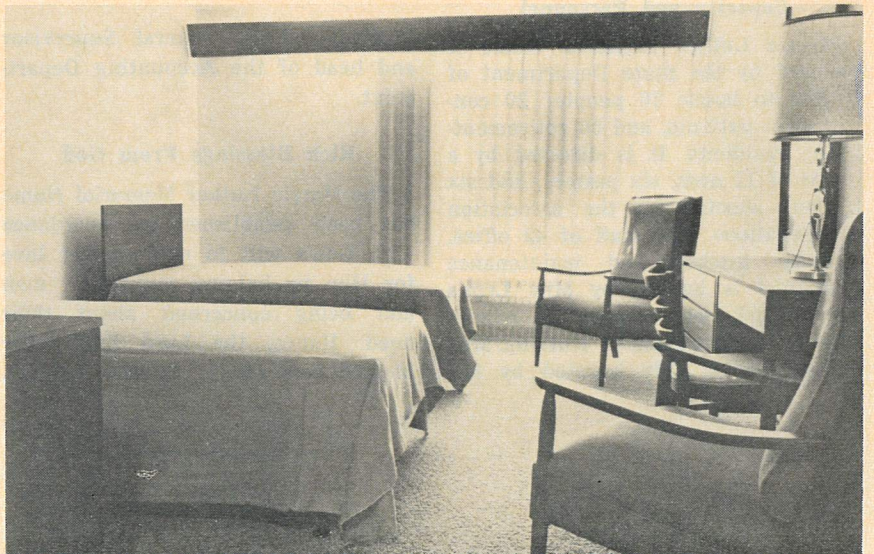
This plea was heard in the Michigan District of our Synod by a group of pastors and laymen which met in the winter of 1957 to explore the possibility of erecting a home for their aged fellow Christians. As the need for such a home became apparent and interest in such a project grew, an association of 27 congregations located throughout the state organized itself in May 1958. Today the association numbers 41 congregations.

### The Home Is Built

During the first six years of the association's history many hours were spent by the members of the Board of Directors and several committees in investigation, research, conducting of surveys, planning, and gathering funds. Ground-breaking ceremonies for the new home were held on April 26, 1964, and actual construction began on May 16 of the same year. Our gracious God blessed us with good weather, a fine architect, and an excellent general contractor so that construction progressed according to schedule. The cornerstone-laying service was held on October 25, 1964, with one of the original board members, the Rev. H. L. Engel of Saline, serving as the guest speaker.



THE EXTERIOR OF THE HOME is functional, yet pleasing to the eye. The Administration Wing is closest to the viewer. To the left of it is the Lounge Area, and to the far right the Convalescent Wing.



ONE OF THE PLEASANT DOUBLE ROOMS at Martin Luther Memorial Home.

### Description of the Home

The new Martin Luther Memorial Home, which was dedicated to the glory of God and for the care and service of our aged brethren and sisters in Christ on May 16, 1965, is located on a three-acre site in the small town of South Lyon, Michigan, just three blocks from the shopping district and adjacent to the property of one of our Wisconsin Synod congregations, Immanuel Lutheran

Church. It was built at a cost of \$500,000, exclusive of furniture and equipment. These items were donated by members and friends of the District congregations at the cost of about \$35,000. Gardens and courts will be developed around the home. These will provide walking and sitting areas for the residents. The parking lot, when finished, will allow for the parking of 70 cars.

### The Facilities

The home is made up of five wings connected by a central core which provides space for dining, religious activities, social activities, recreation, relaxing and hobby work, as well as facilities for kitchen, storage and refrigeration. A basement below this core contains the boiler room, resident property storage, locker rooms, and laundry facilities. Two living wings have 8 and 10 double rooms respectively and the third living wing has 18 single rooms and one double room. Full nursing care is offered to the residents of a fourth wing, containing eight double rooms and one four-bed ward. A nurse's station and physiotherapy and examination rooms are also located in this wing. A fifth wing of two stories holds the administrative offices and, when construction is completed, the Director's apartment, an efficiency apartment for nurses, and overnight guest quarters.

### Capacity and Personnel

Martin Luther Memorial Home is licensed by the State Department of Health to house 76 people: 20 convalescent patients, and 56 retirement-living residents. It is directed by a board of 12 men, six pastors, and six laymen, elected by the association congregations. The staff of 42 office, nursing, kitchen and maintenance personnel is headed by Mrs. Leona Westendorf, who serves as administrator and Director of Nursing. Mrs. Westendorf is ably assisted by Mr.



THE PRESENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS for Martin Luther Home. Standing (left to right) are: Pastor A. H. Baer, Secretary, Mr. Lawrence Blunk, Mr. Wm. I. Scheel, Treasurer, Mr. Howard Buettner, Vice-President, Pastor M. C. Schroeder, Mr. Frank Walker, and Pastor R. O. Frey. Seated are: Pastor Jack de Ruiter, Pastor R. P. Mueller, President, Pastor H. C. Kuske, Mr. Bernard Dittmar, and Mr. Jake Brinks.

William Scheel, General Supervisor and head of the Accounting Department.

### Rich Blessings From God

The Martin Luther Memorial Home has been established in accordance with God's will to express our love for Him by helping our fellow men and being concerned about their need. Hence, the Lord has richly blessed our efforts in this project.

Only five months have passed since the first resident was admitted, and already applications must be placed on a "waiting list." Already funds are being set aside to retire bonds and loans. Once again, God's blessings have far exceeded our fondest hopes. Those who are closely connected with this project humbly ask the members of our Synod to join them in giving glory, honor, praise and thanksgiving unto our gracious God.

ROBERT MUELLER

### † Pastor Frank Senger †

Funeral services for Frank Senger, youngest son of Frank and Henrietta Senger, were held in Grace Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, on October 19, 1965. Death occurred on the preceding Saturday, October 16, following a severe stroke.

Born in Milwaukee on June 11, 1898, Pastor Senger was baptized into the Christian faith at Grace Church, attending also the day school maintained by that congregation and receiving confirmation instruction there. After graduating from North Division High School, he began to prepare for the holy ministry at Concordia Col-

lege, from which he was graduated in 1922. Continuing his theological training at the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Wauwatosa, Pastor Senger was ordained into the ministry in 1925.

After six years of service in the Bruce-Rice Lake parish, Pastor Senger was subsequently moved to accept calls to four other Wisconsin parishes: Arcadia, West Jacksonport, Town Herman-Theresa, and finally Norwalk-Wilton. In 1963, after 38 years in the active ministry, he retired and moved to Neillsville, Wisconsin, bearing patiently his cross of physical infirmity which had been precipitated by a stroke.

Pastor Senger is survived by his wife, Elsie, nee Kagerah, to whom he had been married in 1926; by his daughter, Mrs. Pauline Williams; his son, Carl; nine grandchildren; and by two sisters, Mrs. Caroline Hale and Mrs. Charlotte Stresse. Preceding him in death were his parents and two brothers, Gustav and John.

Officiating at the funeral services were Pastor I. G. Uetzmann, whose sermon was based upon Psalm 23, and by Pastor E. A. Mahnke, serving as liturgist. Burial was in Graceland Cemetery, Milwaukee.

E. A. MAHNKE

# Direct from the Districts

## Dakota-Montana

### News From Our Missions

Faith Lutheran Church of Melstone, Montana, on September 26 observed a joyous occasion. This congregation of 31 communicants served by Pastor David Zietlow dedicated a chapel to the glory of God on January 14, 1962. After some three and a half years the final payments have been made and the building belongs to the congregation. Participating in a special service of thanksgiving with the members of Faith were Pastor K. Lenz of Livingston, Pastor R. Zimmermann of Great Falls, and Pastor J. Schneider of Billings. The many friends and visitors that attended the service were invited to a supper prepared by the men of the congregation.

Summer canvassing of Montana by Seminary students has shown the possibilities of beginning work in Butte and Missoula. The part-time service of nearby pastors will have to suffice for the time being. It is hoped that resident pastors will be called as soon as possible.

The work in Canada continues. Since 1963 St. Matthew's of Edmonton, Alberta, and St. John's of Wetaskiwin, Alberta, served by Pastor W. Loesch, have formed the basis for our work in the province of Alberta. Recently two new missions at St. Albert and Calgary have come into existence. Thanks to God, we are also enabled to speak with the Apostle Paul, "Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ." We thank God that He has honored us in this way that we may proclaim His Word to those who desire that Word in all its truth and purity. May He continue to bless our efforts in the future!

Our mission at Moorhead, Minnesota, served by Pastor M. Putz, was organized under the name Ascension Ev. Lutheran Church on November 2 of this year. This infant mission is eagerly looking forward to a CEF loan in order to build its own church

on a parcel of land which was kindly donated by a Christian lady of the community. Services are presently being held in a home rented for this purpose. Pastor Putz serves the Ascension congregation from Valley City, North Dakota, a distance of 68 miles.

### Golden Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Borns of St. John's Lutheran Church, Rauville, South Dakota, observed their fiftieth wedding anniversary on October 3. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hanson of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Lavina, Montana, observed a similar occasion on November 21. May God continue His rich blessings upon His children in Christ Jesus!

### News From Our Academy

On September 24, the Ladies Auxiliary of our Academy met in the school's gymnasium for their annual meeting. A large attendance received with great interest the guest speaker, Pastor D. Buske of Hazelton, North Dakota, who spoke on the purpose of ladies' organizations in the church and the fulfilling of that purpose.

A new matron is serving the Academy in the girls' dormitory. Mrs. Irene Rauschke of Stanton, Nebraska, began her work with the present school year. It is our prayer that the Lord will bless her labors in the Christian training of our youth.

This past summer Prof. Victor J. Weyland completed work necessary for his Master's degree. The degree was awarded by the University of South Dakota. Other members of the faculty continuing their training this summer were Prof. T. Pelzl and Prof. W. Birsching.

Plans for the proposed student union-refectory building are still being considered. Contracts have not been signed and no date for groundbreaking has been set.

JAMES SCHNEIDER

## Nebraska

### Vacancies

There are seven pastoral vacancies in the Nebraska District at the present time. We are happy to receive the news that the Gresham-Garrison vacancy will be filled by Pastor Elmer Miller on the 6th of December. A vacancy was created at Grand Island, Nebraska, when the Lord called Pastor W. Wichmann in a fatal auto accident this past summer. Two of the vacancies are being filled by full-time vicars at Valentine, Nebraska, and Winner, South Dakota.

### Anniversary Observances — Congregations

The following congregations recognized the Lord's grace and blessings granted them by conducting anniversary services: Redeemer Lutheran of Hastings, Nebraska (G. Eckert, pastor), observed their twentieth anniversary on June 6, 1965. St. Paul's of North Platte, Nebraska (M. Liesener, pastor), dedicated their new parsonage on the tenth anniversary of the founding of the congregation on July 18, 1965. Zion Lutheran Church of Mission, South Dakota (E. Herman, pastor), celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the congregation on September 19, 1965. Trinity Lutheran of Halstead, Kansas (D. Plocher, pastor), observed the twenty-fifth anniversary of organization on September 26, 1965.

### Personal Anniversaries

Pastor Walter Krenke of Colorado Springs, Colorado, observed the fortieth year of his ordination on September 19, 1965.

God's grace during wedded life was recognized by the following: Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Matkkes of St. John's Lutheran of Stanton, Nebraska, their sixty-fifth anniversary on March 4, 1965; Mr. and Mrs. John Nehls of Zion Lutheran of Garrison, Nebraska, their fiftieth anniversary on August 24, 1965.

### Dedications

Zion Lutheran of Bonesteel, South Dakota, dedicated a new organ on February 7, 1965. St. James of Golden, Colorado, dedicated their new day-school building on May 2, 1965.

### Cornerstone-Layings

The cornerstone of the new Lincoln Heights Lutheran Church and School of Des Moines, Iowa, was laid September 19, 1965. The cornerstone-laying of the new church of St. Paul's Lutheran of Stockton, Kansas, took place on September 12, 1965.

### Amalgamations

At a time when the pastor shortage is so great, some of the congregations in our District have helped to alleviate this problem through amalgamation. Atonement of Denver and Calvary of Littleton, Colorado, have amalgamated and are now known as Zion of Denver. W. H. Wietzke is the pastor. Pilgrim and Mt. Olive of Denver have also merged. Victor Bitorf is the pastor of the newly organized congregation.

The following congregations are planning new worship facilities: St. James of Golden, Colorado; the two newly merged congregations of Denver, Colorado; St. Mark's of Lincoln, Nebraska; St. Paul's of Columbus, Nebraska; and Zion of Mission, South Dakota.

### Newest Mission

The newest mission endeavor in our District at Kansas City, Kansas, has thus far proven to be very successful with a steady attendance. It is now served by other pastors from our District. Services are being conducted every Sunday evening at 7 in the Toon Shop of the Prairie Village Shopping Center in Prairie Village, Kansas.

### Summer Camp

A Nebraska District summer youth camp was held at the Nebraska State 4-H Camp at Halsey, Nebraska, August 15-21. There were 51 in attend-

ance. The director was Pastor J. Mantefel of Aurora. It was deemed a great success.

Many area Reformation services were held in our District this fall. A good number of them designated the offerings for the proposed Nebraska Lutheran Academy. The need for such a school is keenly felt in our District.

HERBERT LICHTENBERG

## Pacific Northwest

### Summer Camps

Five of our Wisconsin Synod congregations of the central Washington area this past summer organized Central Washington Lutheran Bible Camp. The beautiful Cascade Mountain area north of Cle Elum afforded an excellent opportunity for the 64 campers to pursue the theme of the camp, "Exploring God's Nature." The Pastors Adaschek, Tessmer, and Widmann conducted the devotions and Bible study, while Pastor Paul Albrecht served as camp director. All who attended deeply appreciated the opportunity for spiritual growth, Christian fellowship, and enjoyment of God's beautiful nature.

Millersylvania State Park Youth Camp, which is located approximately 10 miles south of Olympia, was once again the site of Camp Four Star. This is an organization made up of four Lutheran churches of the Tacoma area. There are two congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and two of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. The theme of the camp, "Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus," was carried out in Bible study hours and devotions led by the Pastors Frey, McMurdie, and Teske. The recreational activities consisted mainly of archery, swimming, softball, and volleyball. These camps have afforded an excellent opportunity for fellowship between the members of these two sister synods.

### Anniversaries

A special thanksgiving service followed by a reception was held on August 1 in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Berger, who were on that day observing the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding day. The Bergers are members of Faith Congregation of Tacoma.

Two families of St. Paul's Congregation of Tacoma also observed their fiftieth wedding anniversary: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schultz on October 3 and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Wayne on November 7.

### Teachers' Conference

Grace Evangelical Lutheran School of Yakima, Washington, was host to the fourth annual teachers' conference of the Pacific Northwest District. Professor Martin Albrecht of our Seminary was the guest essayist. The conference was attended by the teaching staffs of the three Wisconsin Synod schools of the District and Parkland Lutheran School of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Those who attended the conference were indeed grateful for the opportunity to hear Professor Albrecht and for the fellowship we continue to enjoy with the members of our sister synod.

### Notes

Two vacancies which had existed for quite some time in Eugene, Oregon, and Spokane, Washington, have been filled. Candidate Jon Mahnke was assigned to Eugene, and Candidate John Henning to Spokane.

Miss Naomi Breiling, a June graduate of Dr. Martin Luther College, was assigned to Grace Congregation of Yakima, Washington.

Pastor Arnold Zimmermann, who labored so faithfully at Grace Congregation of Seattle for eight years, accepted a call to the San Diego area. There he will be serving two parishes. He will be sorely missed in our District.

Calls are being extended for Grace, Seattle, and for a missionary at large to begin work in the Salem, Oregon, area.

M. F. TESKE

## A Joyous Occasion — The Debt Paid

### Broken Bow, Nebraska

It is perhaps the ambition of every minister to be able to begin the construction of a chapel for a mission congregation. It is equally as fulfilling for a young missionary to say to that mission congregation, "The debt is paid. The chapel is now yours." This was the privilege of the undersigned on November 9, 1965. Pastor Ray Wiechmann, Executive Secretary for Home Missions, the guest speaker at the Nebraska District Missionary Conference held at Broken Bow, presented a photostat copy of the ledger showing that the debt of St. Paul's Chapel had been paid in full.

Construction on the chapel began in 1950 and was finished in 1952 under the pastorate of Rev. Ralph Baur, now of Mountlake Terrace, Washington. A loan from the Church Extension Fund was secured. Because of the small membership, repayments on the debt were also small, but they were steady. It is in prayerful gratitude to our Lord, who so guided us in the stewardship of His gifts that we were able to reach this landmark in the history of our mission. May His house be always used to His glory and praise!

DAVID G. SCHMELING



A LANDMARK IN THE HISTORY of a WELS mission congregation was reached when Pastor Ray Wiechmann of the Board for Home Missions presented to Pastor David Schmeling a photostat copy of the ledger showing that the debt on the chapel was paid in full. The pastor, in turn, passed the ledger on to Mr. Gerald Fenster, chairman of St. Paul's Church in Broken Bow, Nebraska. Representing the mission congregation was the church council (from left to right) Paul Hudson, Gerald Fenster, Herb Bunte-meyer, Pastor Schmeling, Pastor Wiechmann, Norman Schipporeit, and Bennie Hall (not shown, Trustee Gerald Taubenheim).

## HIDDEN GEMS IN OUR HYMNS

Hymn number 73 in *The Lutheran Hymnal* is another fine Advent hymn translated from the German. During this season of the church year many of us will again be singing of the joyous meaning of Advent as expressed in the words of this hymn: "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates."

But have you ever wondered, as you sang this hymn, about the origin of this command in the first line? I suppose we all have a certain feeling about how these words apply to the advent or coming of Christ, the King. But what is their *specific* meaning?

Your *Hymnal* gives you the information that this hymn is based on Psalm 24. (Your *Hymnal*, incidentally, also supplies you with the text of Psalm 24 on page 128.) In the seventh verse of this Psalm we read: "Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors." This expression is repeated in verse nine. A brief look, then, at Psalm 24 will help us to understand more fully this beautiful Advent hymn.

Psalm 24 is really an Old Testament Advent hymn in honor of the Lord who should come into His temple. The Prophet Malachi speaks of this coming Savior: "Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me; and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple." In other words, the Messiah, the Lord of hosts, the King of glory, is coming to His people to save them from their sins. Isaiah expresses the same glorious truth when he speaks of the crier in the wilderness announcing: "Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God."

In Psalm 24, then, Israel is singing of the coming Emmanuel who made His appearance in "the fullness of the time." "Gates of Zion, open!" "People of God, prepare for your King!" For us this Psalm and this hymn are also a call to humble repentance and joyful anticipation. "All ye saints of God, open your hearts to receive your Savior and King! He has come as your Savior; He is coming again as your eternal Deliverer!"

PHILIP JANKE

## ITEM FROM OUR NEWS BUREAU

### Veteran Lutheran Educator Resigns:

The Rev. Professor Carl L. Schweppe, 73, president for 31 years of Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota, has resigned. The effective date of the resignation is "as soon as possible and not later than June 1966."

The Rev. Otto Engel, Danube, Minnesota, chairman of the Board of Control, said that steps would be taken immediately to secure a successor, but "it might take months before a new president is named."

Prof. Schweppe, a native of the New Ulm area, graduated from Northwestern College, Watertown, Wisconsin, in 1912 and from the Lutheran Theological Seminary, Wauwatosa (now Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, Wisconsin), in 1915. After serving St. John's Lutheran Church, Bowdle, South Dakota, for three years, he was called to Dr. Martin Luther College as an instructor in the English department.

In 1934 he was appointed president of the college after serving as its acting president for two years.

Prof. Schweppe has three children, Homer, an agent in the Federal Bureau of Investigation; Mrs. Vernon Gerlach, Phoenix, Arizona; and Mrs. Robert Nordby, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Mrs. Schweppe died in 1964.

Dr. Martin Luther College is the terminal school for parish school teachers of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod, and has a current enrollment of 497.

Congregations of the Wisconsin Synod maintain 227 parish schools with an enrollment of 24,593 and eight area high schools enrolling 2,519.

### Seminary Octet Christmas Tour

On December 16, 1965, eight students from our Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, will set out on a tour of the western and southwestern part of the country during the Seminary's 18-day Christmas recess. The octet has been invited by pastors from the Arizona-California District of our Synod to tour a number of congregations. The sponsoring Golden Gate Conference has coordinated the scheduling of 22 appearances for the octet in Texas, Arizona, California, and Nebraska. It has been estimated that the tour will cover over 6000 miles.

The purposes and objectives of the tour are as follows: to draw our scattered Wisconsin Synod congregations closer to the work they are supporting and praying for, to help the people better understand what is involved in their responsibility for training laborers for the Vineyard; and to give our future pastors an acquaintance with the work in the West

and Southwest, to provide an opportunity to testify to our Synod's and our Seminary's theological position, and to encourage the youth to prepare for the work in Christ's kingdom.

The octet has prepared a program that includes the singing of sacred

songs together with some secular numbers, the presentation of our Synod's schools by means of displays and other visual aids, and a closing devotion by one of the members of the octet.

JAMES DIENER  
Publicity Chairman



Back row, left to right: Karl Plocher and Ralph Scharf. Front two rows, left to right: Douglas Bode, Walter Oelhafen, Stephen Valleskey, Myrl Wagenknecht, Gary Schroeder, and James Diener.

### REQUEST FOR COLLOQUY

Pastor Channing E. Miller of 805 8th St., Monett, Missouri, has requested a colloquy for the purpose of entering the pastoral ministry of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

M. J. LENZ, President  
Minnesota District

### CHRISTMAS GIFT SUGGESTION

#### Summer Camp Gift Enrollment (Michigan)

A week of Christian fun and instruction in God's Word at the Lutheran summer camp. For information on gift enrollments at Killarney Lutheran Camp, Onsted, Mich., write Rev. R. F. Westendorf, Camp Director, 1032 Leith, Maumee, Ohio 43537.

### OFFER OF

#### ALTAR AND LECTERN VESTMENTS

Any mission church wishing altar and lectern hangings, white with gold fringe, may have the same for mailing charges. Altar hanging measures 81 by 29 inches, with 12-inch drop. St. John's Ladies Aid Society, Frankenmuth Mich. Write to Mrs. Edward Adams, 11191 Curtis Rd., Frankenmuth, Mich.

## SCHEDULE OF CONCERTS

### Northwestern College

February 13 4:00 p.m. Band "Pop" Concert  
March 27 8:00 p.m. Easter Concert  
May 1 8:00 p.m. Spring Concert

ARNOLD O. LEHMANN, Music Director

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT

### Milwaukee Lutheran Teachers College

The choirs of the college will present a sacred Christmas concert on Friday, December 17, at 7:30 p.m., in the chapel-auditorium, 330 North Glenview Avenue. You are cordially invited to attend.

The Christmas recess at the college will begin after the concert.

Our concert choir will appear on WITI TV Channel 6 on Christmas Day. Kindly consult the local newspaper for the time.

ROBERT J. VOSS, President

## CONGREGATION ORGANIZED

### Moorhead, Minnesota

A Wisconsin Synod congregation, Ascension Ev. Lutheran Church, has been founded and organized at Moorhead, Minn. Temporary worship home is at 518 Birch Lane (Senior High Area), Moorhead, Minn. Besides the Moorhead area of Minnesota, this congregation also serves the Fargo and W. Fargo areas of North Dakota. Send all references to the undersigned at this address:

Rev. Marvin Putz  
650-4th St. S.W.  
Valley City, N. Dak. 58072

## WANTED BY A MISSION CONGREGATION

### Communion Ware and Altar Ware

The recently organized Ascension Ev. Lutheran Church of Moorhead, Minn., is in need of the above furnishings. Anyone wishing to donate these, send to Ascension Ev. Lutheran Church, 518 Birch Lane, Moorhead, Minn., or contact Mr. Tom Tutin at the above address. We will pay shipping costs.

Rev. Martin Putz

## REQUEST FOR NAMES

### El Paso, Texas, Area

Exploratory services have been begun in El Paso, Texas. Names and addresses of people in El Paso and the surrounding area who might be interested in the services of the Wisconsin Synod should be sent to Pastor W. F. Winter, 1218 8th St., Douglas, Ariz. 85607.

## ELS CHURCH IN

### WATERLOO-CEDAR FALLS, IOWA, AREA

All Wisconsin Synod Lutherans moving to the Waterloo-Cedar Falls, Iowa, area are welcome to contact Pilgrim Lutheran Church, a mission congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, temporarily meeting at the Kittrell School, 11th St. and Easton Ave., in Waterloo.

Pastor Paul Petersen  
1745 Mitchell Ave.  
Waterloo, Iowa  
Telephone 234-0939

## WISCONSIN SYNOD MISSION MIAMI, FLORIDA, AREA

Since Oct. 17, 1965, our Wisconsin Synod Mission in the Miami, Fla., area has been conducting services of worship at 10:15 a.m., and also holding Sunday school at 9 a.m., at the Community Center in the Shopping Plaza at Cutler Ridge. This mission will serve the Coral Gables, Suniland, Perrine, Cutler Ridge, Naranja, Leisure City, Gould, Homestead and Florida City area as well as the Homestead Air Force Base. Please send the names and addresses of prospects in this area to:

Pastor G. C. Marquardt  
20825 Coral Sea Road  
Miami, Fla. 33157  
Phone 238-7787

## ANNOUNCEMENT

Pastor Paul E. Eickmann of Siloah Congregation of Milwaukee has accepted the call to the Hebrew professorship at Northwestern College. He will assume his duties there September next.

KURT A. TIMMEL, Secretary

## LIST OF NOMINATIONS

### Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary

The following men have been nominated by members of the Synod to fill the professorship at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, Wis., to be vacated by the retirement of Dr. Paul Peters at the end of the present school year:

Prof. Siegbert W. Becker  
Pastor Paul E. Eickmann  
Pastor Karl Gurgel  
Pastor Irwin J. Habeck  
Prof. Theodore Hartwig  
Pastor John C. Jeske  
Pastor Harold Johnne  
Prof. Martin Lutz  
Pastor Henry Paustian  
Pastor James P. Schaefer  
Pastor Walter A. Schumann, Jr.  
Prof. Oscar Siegler  
Pastor Cyril Spaude  
Prof. Milton P. Spaude  
Pastor Alvin G. Werre  
Pastor Harold E. Wicke  
Pastor Harry Eiedmann  
Pastor Edward Zell

The Board of Control plans to meet Monday, December 20, 1965, at 1:30 p.m. at the Seminary at Mequon, to call a professor from the above list. Any correspondence the members of the Synod would have pertaining to any of these candidates should be directed to the Secretary of the Board of Control before December 20, 1965.

Pastor Adolph C. Buenger, Secretary  
5026—19th Ave.  
Kenosha, Wis. 53140

## APACHE INDIAN MISSION DISPLAYS

### Materials Available

As a result of many requests that have come to him to send materials for displays of various kinds, the undersigned has prepared four complete displays and is making them available. They include pictures, maps, informational sheets, and small articles, such as Indian baskets, cradleboards, bead work, etc.

The undersigned is ready and willing to send these materials to those requesting them for a Mission Sunday display, a Mission Fair, or a classroom display. These displays are so made up that they can be sent by mail. There is no charge. [However, users of the materials will be expected to pay the postage.] Address your request to:

The Rev. Arthur Guenther  
Lutheran Apache Mission  
P.O. Box 516  
Whiteriver, Ariz. 85941

## CORRECTION

### Missionary N. R. Meier's address

Missionary Meier's address should read:

Meier, Norbert R.  
890-1 Chome Minamicho  
Hanakoganei Kodeira-shi  
Tokyo, Japan

## CORRECTION

### Faulty Impression Given: Publication Date of the New Sunday School Course

In the Nov. 28, 1965, issue of *The Northwestern Lutheran*, page 380, the topic of Mr. Adolph Fehlauer's address was erroneously reported to be: "A Preview of New Sunday School Material to Be Made Available Shortly." This wording gives the impression that one may expect an early publication date of the new materials. It should be emphasized that the Board of Education will not venture to give a definite publication date at this time.

The title of Mr. Fehlauer's address actually was: "How the New Sunday School Course Will Assist the Teacher to Prepare and Teach His Lessons."

For the Board of Education—  
Wisconsin Synod  
Adolph Fehlauer, Secretary of Schools

## FOR SALE

Church organ for sale, price \$300. For further information please contact Pastor Harry Shiley 8231 West Herbert Ave., Milwaukee, Wis. 53218. Telephone 463-1397.

## CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES

### ARIZONA-CALIFORNIA

#### CALIFORNIA DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Time: Jan. 25, 1966.

Place: King of Kings Ev. Lutheran Church, Garden Grove, Calif.

Agenda: Is there a Relationship Between Political Conservatism and Confessional Lutheranism? by Joel Gerlach; An Analysis of the Modern Heresy: the Denial of the Resurrection of the Flesh and the Immortality of the Soul, by R. Waldschmidt.

R. WALDSCHMIDT, Secretary

### MICHIGAN

#### SOUTHEASTERN

#### PASTOR-TEACHER CONFERENCE

Date: Jan. 24, 25; Zion Lutheran Church, Toledo, Ohio.

Communion service: Mon., 10 a.m. (G. Tiefel, preacher; R. Stieve, alternate).

Agenda: Exegesis: I Pet. 1:13-25, R. Baer; What Can Be Done to Improve Our Post-Confirmation Christian Education Throughout Our Congregations? V. J. Schultz; Biblical Chronology and the Age of the World, H. Hoenecke; The Final Session of Vatican II, E. Frey.

R. F. WESTENDORF, Secretary

## ORDINATIONS AND INSTALLATIONS

### Pastors

**Arndt, Dale**, as pastor of St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church, Town Flora, Renville, Minn., and of Bethany Ev. Lutheran Church, Town Emmet, Renville, Minn., by O. K. Netzke; Nov. 21, 1965.

**Horneber, Theodore G.**, as assistant pastor of Zebaoth Ev. Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, Wis., by Arthur B. Tacke; assisted by W. O. Pless, P. E. Eickmann, P. G. Eckert, W. H. Fischer, L. M. Voss, and R. J. Voss; Nov. 14, 1965.

**Reimers, Reuben**, as pastor of Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church, Acoma Township, Hutchinson, Minn., by John Raabe; assisted by T. Bauer, M. Lenz, R. Roth, G. Fuerstenau, H. Klug, W. Oelhafen, and M. Scheele; Nov. 14, 1965.

**Wiedenmeyer, Wm. H.**, as Twin Cities Institutional Missionary at St. Philip's Ev. Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minn., by W. F. Dorn; assisted by J. E. Raabe and J. G. Hoenecke; Oct. 10, 1965.

**Wraalstad, Orin**, as pastor of English Ev. Lutheran Church, Viroqua, Wis., and First Ev. Lutheran Church, Portland, Wis., by H. W. Winkel; assisted by D. Kuske, E. Zehms, and N. Gieschen; Oct. 24, 1965.

### Teachers

**Ehlike, Roger**, as teacher in St. John's Lutheran School, Wayne, Mich., by G. L. Press; Aug. 29, 1965.

**Lemke, Eldon**, as teacher in St. Mark's Lutheran School, Watertown, Wis., by H. E. Wicke; Aug. 22, 1965.

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

### Pastors

**Horneber, Theodore J.**  
615 W. Melvina  
Milwaukee, Wis. 53212

**Smith, Lowell K.**  
4642 Mt. La Platta Dr.  
San Diego, Calif. 92117

**Tacke, Arthur B.**  
2806 W. Bobolink Ave. Apt. 1  
Milwaukee, Wis. 53209

### Teacher

**Ehlike, Roger**  
2457 Christine St.  
Wayne, Mich 48184

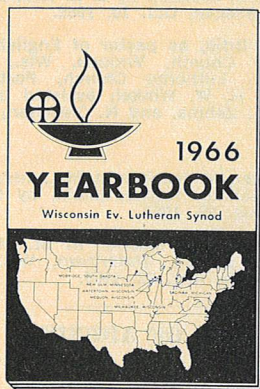
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