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# BRIEFS by the Editor

THE CONVENTION of the Wisconsin Synod will be drawing to its close by the time this issue reaches most of you. We should like to bring you reports on the Convention as early as the September 3 number, but it will be impossible to do so. Look for these reports in the issues of September 17 and October 1.

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**CORNERSTONE-LAYING FOR THE BIG MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING AT DMLC** was held during July. A short item on this appears on page 272.

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**THE FOURTH LUTHERAN FREE CONFERENCE** is now history. You will find a report on it in this issue. Another conference is planned for the summer of 1968. See page 265.

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"LUTHER AND THE SCRIPTURES" is the article in the Reformation anniversary series to be found in this issue. It will be followed by a companion article titled "Luther and Preaching," of which Dr. Elmer Kiessling is the author.

"SHALL I JOIN A FRATERNITY OR SORORITY?" is a topic that is confronting some of our college-bound youth at this time. This timely article will appear in the September 3 issue.

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**HOW IS "THIS WE BELIEVE" BEING RECEIVED?** The best way to answer this question is to cite a figure on sales. At the date of writing 43,000 copies of this booklet containing our Wisconsin Synod's statement of belief had been sold.

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Gratifying as is the reception accorded the statement thus far, we believe that peak of the demand is yet to come, and that the new printing of 50,000 will not be enough to meet this demand. In saying this, we are, of course, presuming that all in a position to do so, pastors, professors, teachers, laymen, will give it the vigorous promotion it deserves.

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"INDONESIA: IT SOUNDS LIKE REVIVAL" — under this head Christianity Today (July 7) had a most

interesting report. We quote it in part:

"The latest legitimate claim to revival belongs to the 112 million people of Indonesia, where in recent months there has been a historic surge in the Christian churches. . . .

"It's too early to put all the pieces together," says Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, executive secretary of the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association, "but there can be no doubt that revival has broken out."

"Taylor says the best estimates show at least 200,000 conversions from Islam to Christianity within the last eighteen months. Mission boards are assigning top priority to getting help to the workers in Indonesia, now the world's fifth largest country. Nowhere before has there ever been a comparable response from Muslims — missionary experts often regard them as among the hardest people in the world to reach.

"At the World Congress on Evangelism in Berlin last fall, an Indonesian delegate declared that in one area hundreds of new Christians were virtually standing in line to be baptized."

The Lord our God be with us, as he was with our fathers: let him not leave us, nor forsake us. I Kings 8:57

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# Editorials

**A Scholar Speaks** In a formal declaration Vatican Council II exonerated "subsequent generations" of Jews from responsibility of the crucifixion of Christ. Since "subsequent generations" of Jews do not feel as we do that "It is my sin for which Thou, Lord, must suffer," they perhaps were grateful for this sop that was thrown their way and felt that it relieved them of some embarrassment. The Vatican's statement at least permitted the Evangelists' account of the crucifixion to stand as it is written.

It perhaps should not surprise us that the rather mild statement of the Council should now be followed up in another quarter by an attempt to exonerate not only subsequent generations of Jews but also the scribes, Pharisees, and high priests who were directly involved in the crucifixion. This attempt was made by a professor at Manchester University in England. The essay was published in the British magazine *History Today* and was copied in this country by *Horizon*. Professor Brandon asserts in his essay that St. Mark's account of the trial and crucifixion of Jesus was a bald falsehood, a story made up by Mark for purely political reasons.

That Pontius Pilate ordered the execution of Jesus is a fact that no one denies. It is also a fact that from the year 66 to 70 A.D. the Romans fought a bitter war to put down a rebellion of the Jews. Jerusalem and the Temple were completely destroyed. In the year 71 A.D. the Romans celebrated the victory with an elaborate triumphal procession in Rome, in which the captured sacred vessels of the holy Temple in Jerusalem were paraded before the people. So much is fact. Now the professor's imagination takes over. He assumes that Mark was in Rome at that time and that he wrote his account after the year 70 A.D. The Jewish Christians, he says, had reason to fear that they would be persecuted because they worshiped as their Lord and King a Jew who had been executed as a rebel 40 years earlier. In order to forestall any persecution of the Christian congregation, St. Mark invented the story that Jesus was really loyal to the Roman emperor and had admonished the Jews to render unto Caesar what was Caesar's. According to the professor, Mark lied when he wrote that Pontius knew that Jesus was innocent and tried to save Him, but was maneuvered by the Pharisees and high priests into executing an innocent man. According to this scholar the Pharisees, scribes, and priests were innocents going about their business as loyal subjects of the Roman Empire, while Jesus was the rebel and Mark the liar.

Why should we mention such an essay at all or pay any attention to it? The answer is that it has the appearance of being scholarly and is right in line with attempts that are being made even in theological seminaries to cast a cloud of doubt upon the truthfulness of the Biblical accounts. People will believe such stories. Adam and Eve did, and no doubt many people also

believed the guards who had been bribed by the priests to say that the disciples came and stole Jesus' body while they slept. Such stories are old and there will always be more of them.

ERWIN E. KOWALKE

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**A Wrong Answer From Hippiedom** Efforts to define the quaint society whose capital is the Haight-Ashbury district of San Francisco have met with a good deal of frustration. The hippie life is too disorganized to be defined as a movement, too new to be called a culture, too deep-seated to be dismissed as a fad like goldfish swallowing.

Observers who undertake to assess this phenomenon are apt to be poles apart in their evaluations of it. James Pike sees in the hippies "a gentleness, a quietness—something good." To others they are irresponsible escapists, immoral hedonists, dirty, lazy parasites.

Hippies are condemned, on the one hand, for the evils which flourish in their motley society—the use of hallucinogenic drugs, the prevalence of venereal disease, the threat of epidemics. They are praised, on the other hand, for their contempt for the false values of contemporary society, for their rejection of the soulless materialism so prominent in the affairs of men, for their aversion to violence, for their emphasis on love.

These praiseworthy aspects, attributed to them by sympathetic observers, may induce in our young people a feeling of kinship with the hippies and may even constitute an attraction to their way of life.

Christian young people, troubled about the complexities, the false values, and the evils of life in this world, should bear in mind that God offers them no prospect of a perfect society or a Utopian existence in this world. This unpleasant truth stems not only from the fact that their parents have botched the job, but from the corruption of the world through sin. As the result, "We must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God." As for daily life, "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread." As for the ultimate destiny of the world itself, "The earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up." As the solution God's Word holds forth the redemption of the world through Christ and the establishment of a new heaven and a new earth, not the ultimate perfection of the world in which we now live.

Thus the answer for the individual lies not in rebellion, withdrawal, and social nonconformity, but in accepting the divinely inspired truth about this present world, facing up to his responsibilities in this world while avoiding its evils, and placing one's hope in the promises held out by the world's Creator and Savior.

This may not be a guarantee of freedom from the burdens of life on earth, but it is as reliable and enduring as its divine originator. And it is quite different from that which emanates from the subculture of hippiedom.

IMMANUEL G. FREY



Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field; which indeed is the least of all seeds, but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof (Matthew 13:31, 32).

To read a parable of the kingdom during the month of August in an odd-numbered year will very likely lead us to think of that kingdom as we see its activity carried on through our Synod, particularly at its delegate convention. Signs of growth are welcome news in any church report. But if the activity of a Synod is to be considered an activity of the kingdom of God, inasmuch as through it members of the Communion of Saints are using the Word and Sacraments, then the growth that brings us the greatest joy will be growth of the kingdom's activities. That does not necessarily mean that numbers of names listed as members of organized congregations will be the chief attraction. Greater joy could well be found in the number of missionaries sent out to preach the Gospel and in the number of future workers being trained—even though that may mean that our joy is over higher dollar expenditures and still higher future budgets!

### A Tiny Seed

Jesus spoke of the obvious when He spoke of the growth of a mustard seed. We don't expect a plant to grow without planting the seed. With all due respect for the care subsequently given to the tender sprout, the fact remains that any harvest at all depends first of all on good, high-germinating seed. And that particular quality is something that can-

not be recognized by size — only by what happens when it is planted!

The Word planted by the Son of God Himself during the days of His earthly ministry was such a seed. Who would have predicted that a traveling teacher could so quickly be such a strong influence on men who would go forth so powerfully to "turn the world upside down"! But that Gospel was not just seed that worldly wisdom might despise; it was, in fact, the power of God to salvation for everyone that believeth; it was the powerful message of salvation through the Messiah.

That seed as it is planted by the sons of God today will still be God's power to salvation. How many times we still see it planted with no earthly advantages to insure its growth. Rather we seem to see only our problems of manpower and chapels and money. Let us earnestly strive to remove everything that might inhibit the gathering of the Lord's harvest — let us be impatient with sluggishness, disinterest, poor policies, and stinginess — but let us not lose our confidence in the good seed of God's Word. He gives it life and power. Keeping that Word pure and untainted by false doctrine will not be outdated foolishness; that is just the thing to do with such marvelous seed.

### With Effect

The thing for a mustard seed to do is to grow into a sturdy, fruitful mustard plant. This, according to Jesus, is what happens in the kingdom of heaven. The Word planted becomes the Word taking root and growing and bearing fruit. Marvelous growth is the result.

But that shouldn't surprise anyone. "My word shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please," says our Lord (Isa. 55:11). There is no reason to expect anything else than that the

Word God sent forth will be carried forth and will be preached. Nor does it surprise us that it will take root in sinners' hearts to bring them to repentance and faith and life everlasting.

What does catch our special interest is the mention that there will also be side effects in the growth of the kingdom. The seed grows into a tree, which is its purpose; but then the birds may also come and lodge in the branches of it.

Side effects are quite an issue for Christians today. Often it seems that faith in God and the work of planting the good seed receive less attention than a church is ready to give to civil rights, foreign policies of the nations, health and poverty programs, and other social concerns.

Let us remember the distinction between the effects one seeks and the side effects that happen to coincide. The tree doesn't grow because the birds sit in it; it doesn't grow faster because you add more birds to roost on its branches. Its life flows from the seed; nourished and watered, that good seed will continue to grow — and then there will be room for more birds to come and find benefits there.

Then let the Church seek single-mindedly to carry out its calling to preach the Word of God and to administer the Sacraments, in full confidence that its Lord will not only grant growth in the kingdom of believers, that He will not only send them to open the gate of heaven to lost sinners, but that He will also bless mankind by causing His children to conduct themselves on this earth as those who love their neighbors as much as their own selves.

Thus we pray for our Synod, for our congregations, for ourselves, and for all mankind: Thy kingdom come. Amen.

PAUL H. WILDE



## ITEM FROM OUR NEWS BUREAU

### Lutheran Free Conference Votes to Continue:

Chicago, Illinois — Participants in the fourth Lutheran Free Conference meeting here, July 18-20, resolved Thursday to hold a fifth free conference in the summer of 1968.

It was pointed out by the resolutions committee that "increased attendance reflects a continuing interest in the Lutheran Free Conference and the purposes for which this type of free conference was inaugurated."

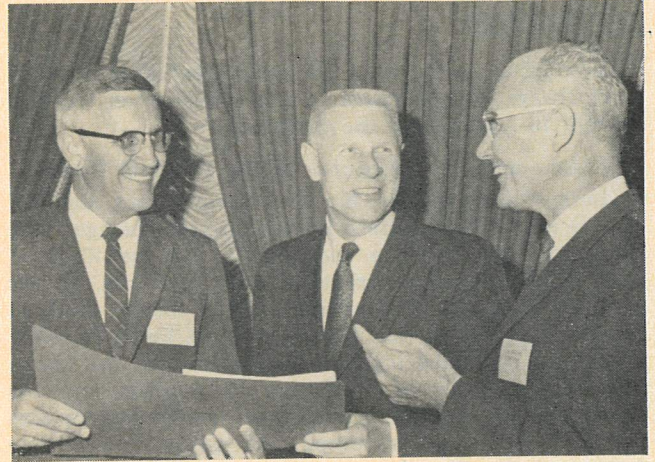
"There is ever greater need," the committee said, "for concerned Lutherans of all synods to strengthen one another through earnest discussion of basic Scriptural doctrines especially in this age of theological ferment."

The free conferences are sponsored by 26 pastors and laymen from five Lutheran church bodies who are concerned about "the growth of liberalism in the Lutheran Church."

Addressing the conference during the three days on the topic "The Church and True Ecumenicity" were Pastor James K. Blumhorst (LC-MS), Tomball, Texas; Pastor Wilbert R. Gawrisch (WELS), Mequon, Wisconsin; Pastor Arthur Darms (LC-MS), Aurora, Illinois; Pastor Vernon H. Harley (LC-MS), Fairmont, Minnesota; Pastor Herman A. Preus (ALC), St. Paul, Minnesota; and Pastor James P. Schaefer (WELS), Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Attending the conference were 275 pastors and laymen from nine Lutheran church bodies coming from 18 states and Canada.

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FILLING IMPORTANT ROLES at the Free Conference were (l. to r.): Pastor Norman Berg, moderator of the Conference; Professor Armin Schuetze, chairman of the Arrangements Committee; Pastor Vernon Harley, secretary of the Committee.



PARTICIPANTS IN THE LUTHERAN FREE CONFERENCE paused for this picture during its busy schedule during the two and one-half days.



# OUR REFORMATION HERITAGE

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## LUTHER AND THE SCRIPTURES

How often do we read the Scriptures? This question must always be uppermost in our minds when we give thought to Luther and the Scriptures.

### Luther and the Scriptures in His Parental Home

Luther according to his own recollections did not see the whole Bible before he was 20 years of age. That there was such a Bible and that it was the Word of God, his God-fearing parents already told him. In his parental home he undoubtedly saw a simple German catechism, which at that time was to be found in many a home. It contained the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, the words of institution of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, perhaps also one or two Psalms. It also included the Apostles' Creed, the oldest known confession of the Church.

Let us ask ourselves right here what portions of the Scriptures we learned to know as children in our parental home. Reared in a Christian home where daily devotions were an essential part of our home life or where our mother read Bible stories to us, we undoubtedly learned more of the Scriptures than Luther did in his home. Yet what do children learn of the Scriptures in today's unsettled homes, where both father and mother may leave early for work and where radio and television take up so much of the children's time?

### Luther and the Scriptures in the Mansfeld School

When Luther, not yet five years of age, attended the Mansfeld Latin school, the school of his home town, his first course of instruction was a Latin primer, a book of religion. In addition, he learned to memorize the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments in Latin. When he reached the sixth grade and had learned the elementary grammar of the Latin language, he was frequently assigned an entire Psalm or some other section from the Latin Bible. As he advanced into higher grades, he was required to commit to memory a considerable portion of the church manual, which contained all the Gospel and Epistle lessons of the church year. To these and to the Lord's Prayer many hours of explanation were devoted by his teachers. These were the main portions of the Scriptures which Luther learned by heart, apart from hymns, prayers and liturgical responses.

Again we should ask ourselves how Luther's religious Latin school instruction compares with our Christian day-school instruction leading to our confirmation. By means of such a comparison we should all grow conscious of the great advantages which we as graduates of our parochial schools have as far as the reading and the learning of the Scriptures are concerned. We are not forced to learn a foreign language before we are able to read and learn parts of the Scriptures. As soon as we have learned to read, we can also read the Scriptures translated for us into our mother tongue, thanks

to Luther and his Reformation. We can read, learn, and memorize them.

### Luther and the Scriptures in the Magdeburg and Eisenach Schools

Luther was in his fourteenth year when he continued his schooling in the Magdeburg Cathedral School. Here his teachers were members of an order known as the Brethren of the Common Life, who encouraged people to read translations of the Scriptures. Although the Brethren believed in much Bible reading, still there is no record of Luther having seen his first complete Bible here in Magdeburg, as many historians assume. Yet we cannot doubt that Luther learned many new portions of the Scriptures from his teachers at this school.

In Eisenach, Luther completed his preparatory education for the university at the *Georgenschule*. This school had an excellent Latin teacher, Trebonius. How far he and the other teachers acquainted Luther with sections of the Latin Bible we again do not know. We do know that in Eisenach he was brought into the circle of devout people, the Cottas, the Schalbes, and Johannes Braun, vicar of the church of St. Mary. Should not this circle of friends have also led him nearer to the Scriptures, if but only to one of the many High German translations of that day?

How much nearer were we brought to the Scriptures after our confirmation, whether as members of a Bible class or as students of one of our Lutheran high schools? Then and there we certainly learned more about the Scriptures than before. But to what extent did we learn to read the Scriptures more fervently for our own edification than before? This question every reader will have to answer for himself. We know that Luther, had he had the opportunity that we had at this early age to gain access to the open Bible, would have made full use of such an opportunity.

### Luther and the Scriptures at the University of Erfurt

When Luther, not quite 18 years old, matriculated at the University of Erfurt, he had not yet, according to the *Table Talk*, seen a complete Bible. At the University he lived in a dormitory, the *Georgenburse*, where at mealtime selections from the Bible and the church manual were read. As a student he frequently heard the town preacher exhort his hearers to study the Scriptures. But Luther tells us that he sought in vain for a complete Bible and could only get portions to read. One day, when he was examining the volumes of the University library, he found a copy of the Latin Bible chained to a reading desk. For the first time in his life he read from a complete Bible. It was the simple story concerning Hannah, the mother of Samuel, consecrating her boy to the Lord which he read. It was God's guiding hand that opened the Book at a chapter, I Samuel 1, which was not to be found in the church manual and which once and for all dispelled Luther's notion that the Church had incorporated the whole Book of God in her services. Now he had the great desire to



read all of the Bible. Yet the means at his disposal did not permit him to buy more than a German sermon book. This book, however, contained more portions of the Scriptures than the church manual.

Searching the Scriptures, we often chance upon a chapter or a portion of one, which we cannot recall having read before. The Scriptures are so rich in content that we shall never finish reading and searching them.

#### Luther and the Scriptures in the Augustinian Monastery

Only when Luther entered the "Black Cloister" in Erfurt in the summer of 1505 was a red leather-bound Bible handed him. According to the Augustinian rule the novice was "to read [it] assiduously, hear it devoutly, and learn it fervently." This Luther did to such an extent that he now the Latin Bible almost by heart. How fervently do we read the Scriptures?

After his novitiate Luther began the study of theology. He continued it in Wittenberg, where he was called by his friend and confessor Staupitz to deliver lectures. Here he gained his first degree in theology, that of a *Baccalaureus Biblicus*, our Bachelor of Divinity. Now he even taught his students twice a week from the Scriptures. And when he earned his degree of Doctor of Theology at the age of 30, he lectured exclusively on the Bible and continued these lectures throughout his life. Indeed, Luther was an outstanding teacher of the Scriptures, and he regarded this his calling as something far superior to the rule of a king or an emperor.

But it took him the years of spiritual conflict from 1505 till 1514 to become such a teacher. At first he read the Bible with the misunderstanding that "the righteousness of God" was something that God demanded of him. It was only with fear and trembling that he read the Scriptures. But when he discovered the true meaning of these words in the tower room of the Wittenberg monastery, he read them avidly. For now he had learned

to know "the righteousness of God" as a righteousness valid in the sight of God and as a gift granted by the grace of God to the sinner. Now he knew how to teach the Scriptures.

#### Luther and the Scriptures at the Wartburg

Luther's growing knowledge of the Scriptures stood him in good stead when, during his stay at the Wartburg, he translated the New Testament from the Greek into the German. The German people at Luther's time did not yet have a national language. Luther coined one for them. He succeeded in translating foreign Greek phrases into idiomatic German expressions. Let us cite but one example: *Die Gerechtigkeit, die vor Gott gilt* (Rom. 1:17), meaning in English: "the righteousness which avails before God." Thus Luther conveyed the meaning of "the righteousness of God" to his readers. How much are we not indebted to Luther and his translation of the Scriptures! A leading Luther scholar of our day tells us: "Millions have read it, listened to it, memorized greater or lesser parts of it, but only a handful of scholars have actually examined its nature in the full meaning of the word examine. Since it is sure to be used indefinitely, however, its distinctive character should be better known."

"Luther and the Scriptures" must not only be a topic that we speak of and write on during the 450th anniversary of the Reformation, but an incentive to constantly read and search the Scriptures with the saving understanding that Luther had of them, and that the Holy Spirit also works in us by creating faith in our hearts through the Scriptures.

DR. PAUL PETERS

[Dr. Paul Peters was a professor at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary for 27 years. Since 1966 he is living in retirement.]

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## Fifty Years of Grace Trinity Lutheran Winner, South Dakota

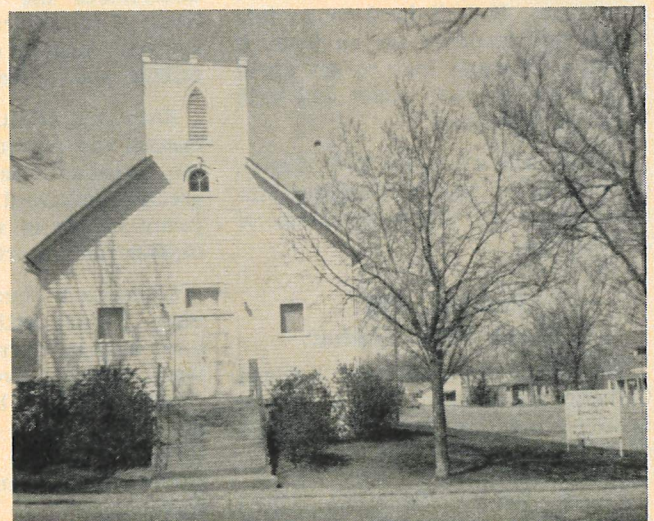
By the grace of God, Trinity Ev. Lutheran Congregation was permitted to observe the 50th anniversary of its organization on June 18, 1967. Special anniversary services were held in the morning, with former pastor Lloyd Wenzel as the speaker. Also taking part in the services as liturgists were Pastor D. J. Plocher and Candidate Fred Kogler.

In the summer of 1909 the first Lutheran services were held in the Winner area by Pastor John Witt of Norfolk, Nebraska. In 1911 Pastor Wm. Fettingner began serving the Lutherans in Winner, and he served them until 1917 when they requested that a resident pastor be granted them. With the arrival of Pastor Walter Baumann the congregation organized on September 2, 1917. In the fall of 1920 the congregation was able to dedicate a new house of worship and a parsonage.

Since 1917 the following pastors have served Trinity: Walter Baumann, Wm. Holzhausen, R. F. Bittorf, W. J. Oelhafen, Lloyd Wenzel, O. W. Eckert, David Plocher, Vicar Fred Kogler, and the present pastor, Wm. Leerssen.

May the Lord continue to hold His protecting hand over Trinity and its members, and shower His blessings upon them in the future as He has in the past!

WM. LEERSSEN



The Golden Anniversary of its founding was observed by Trinity Lutheran of Winner, South Dakota, this summer.



# By the Way

Henry C. Nitz

## Nuns Leave Catholic Orders

According to a survey reported in the April issue of the *Ladies Home Journal*, more than 3,600 Roman Catholic nuns left their orders during 1966. The researcher does not divulge the source of his statistics, but according to *The Sunday Times* (Apr. 29, 1967) he found that "most importantly, they did not leave because they did not want to be 'religious' any longer—but because they did."

"I had to be free," a nun is reported as saying, "to live my own rhythm. Now life is new. It's like being a newborn baby in a 50-year-old body. I had to leave the convent to do what I entered to do—live for others."

An interesting insight is given by another sister, who reportedly said: "Being a nun is great when you are young, but once you begin to see where it all leads, I started to wonder how long it would take me to become as bitter as some of them."

Whatever the "new wind" may be that is said to be blowing in the Roman Church, there is a wholesome kind of "aggiornamento" in the statement of another nun who is quoted as saying: "I look upon marriage as a vocation. This is what God wants me to be doing. You can't be selfish if you have a husband and three children, but it's easy to be selfish as a sister. It isn't hard to go into chapel and meditate for an hour. It shows a lot more love to get up at night with two sick babies and walk the floor with them."

In this connection, Dr. Z. P. Carles, director of the Spanish Christian Mission, writes in the latest issue of *Spaingrams*:

### Problem, YES

### But, NO "Mass Exodus"

*The Register*, America's National Catholic Newspaper, has a special article about the present defection of those in Holy Orders.

Father Godfrey Diekmann, O.S.B., of St. John's Abbey and University of Collegeville, Minnesota, commented that the United States was experienc-

ing "almost a mass exodus from Religious communities."

These comments prompted the officials of a number of Religious communities to say that they "agree that priests, Brothers and nuns are leaving the orders in greater numbers," although they challenge the use of the term "mass exodus" to describe the dropout rate of religious.

A spokesman for the Order of the Servants of the Holy Paraclete said that he would place the total number of "missing" priests "at something less than 5,000. To this extent I will agree with Father Diekmann—we have a problem." He was trying to deny the statement that upwards of 10,000 United States priests had left the priesthood.

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## Holiness and Health

Medicine seems to be discovering that holiness and health are intimately related. In some of our Lord's miracles of healing, the healing was preceded by the announcement of the forgiveness of sin, and sometimes followed by a warning to quit the sin that likely contributed to the illness.

The following report, in *Operation Understanding*, April 30, 1967, is titled "New Morality Helps Fill Hospitals." Incidentally, this report underscores the tremendous importance of the Church's interest in the spiritual welfare of its members in college and university.

Rochester, Minn. — (RNS) — Pre-marital sex relations growing out of the so-called "new morality" have greatly increased the number of young people in mental hospitals, a psychiatrist reported here.

Liberalized dormitory rules and more lenient attitudes toward sex have imposed stresses on some college women severe enough to cause emotional breakdown, according to Dr. Francis J. Braceland, Hartford, Connecticut, who cited reports from university and college psychiatrists.

Dr. Braceland, editor of the *American Journal of Psychiatry* and former

president of the American Psychiatric Association, spoke at the opening session of a three-day National Methodist Convocation on Medicine and Theology.

He said the area of change and stress facing young people is one of the "most fertile fields" for collaboration between theology and medicine, especially between college psychiatrists and chaplains.

"It is obvious now that the effective practice of medicine cannot ignore man's emotional or spiritual problems," declared Dr. Braceland, who is senior consultant of the Institute of Living in Hartford and clinical professor in psychiatry at Yale University. "They are inextricably woven into his very being," he said. "They influence his actions, his life and the symptoms he presents to the doctor. The cry for help, the quest for security, the reach for the alleviation of guilt—all have physical and emotional accompaniments. They all must be dealt with by knowledgeable people."

Dr. Braceland predicted that moral problems "will be raised at every step of the way" as medicine advances.

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## Semper Eadem

"Ever the same," is by many considered out of date with reference to Roman doctrine. The so-called updating of the Church of Rome seems to disturb even some Catholics.

The following question appeared recently in *Our Sunday Visitor* (June 11, 1967): "Our Church is working towards Christian unity; so are many non-Catholic churches. The Protestants will never accept many of our dogmas of faith. Isn't it true that the Roman Catholic Church will have to abandon many of its beliefs for the sake of 'unity'?"

Without equivocation the question-and-answer priest replies: "The Catholic Church will never abandon even one of its dogmas for the sake of unity. Because of the infallibility of the Catholic Church it cannot change its defined teaching on faith or morals, though it may restate them more clearly and more completely."



## THE LUTHERAN COLLEGIANS — REFORMATION RETREAT

They came from nine different campuses throughout Minnesota and Wisconsin to take part in what has been termed 'a tremendously thrilling experience' . . . 45 collegians, some of whom traveled well over 400 miles to be present at the Lutheran Collegian Reformation Retreat which was held on the weekend of May 21 at the Squaw Point Resort in northern Minnesota.

The Retreat idea was born of a discussion held last March among the campus pastors in the Minnesota area. The 450th Anniversary of the Reformation provided the theme. The winterized resort, which is owned and operated by Prof. and Mrs. Meyer of Bethany, provided the facilities. And concern for our Lutheran Collegians on secular campuses provided the motivation.

A program was established. Publicity was distributed and the response was rewarding. Fourteen from the University of Minnesota, 12 from Mankato State, 7 from Winona State, 4 from River Falls State, 3 from St. Cloud State, 2 from each of Bethany, Milwaukee Lutheran Teachers College, and Northwestern College, and 1 from Oshkosh State. On the scene to guide and assist were Pastors Birkholz of Mankato, Sievert of St. Cloud, Valleskey of River Falls, and Westendorf of Minnesota, along with Vicars Quist and Scharf of Winona. Prof. Erwin Scharf of Northwestern College was with us as guest consultant and Sunday morning speaker.

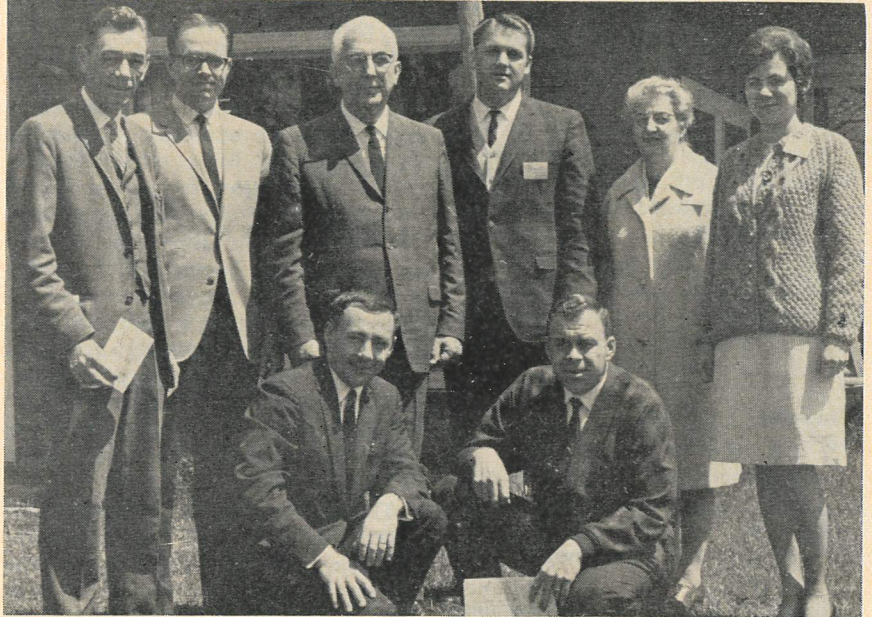
The program divided itself quite naturally into three phases of the

Reformation; namely, the background of the event, covered by means of discussion-type filmstrips on the History of the Christian Church; the event itself; which was depicted in the Luther film and through a presentation of the Luther Seal; and the application of the event, which was carried out in the Sunday morning message and through a panel-type discussion of the doctrinal statement, "This We Believe."

Throughout the Retreat, special emphasis was laid on student participation in almost every area from devotions to discussions. This indi-

vidual involvement stimulated interest and gave the Collegians a satisfaction which only comes with contributing. But all was not work, for throughout the program, the Collegians found generous amounts of time which could be devoted to almost anything, such as: softball, tennis, fishing, golf, or just simply sitting around and enjoying one another's fellowship.

You would have to have been there to fully appreciate why the Retreat has been described as 'a tremendously thrilling experience,' and perhaps next year you will be.



THE REFORMATION RETREAT STAFF — Standing (l. to r.): Pastor M. Birkholz, Vicar S. Quist, Prof. E. Scharf, Vicar R. Scharf, Mrs. E. Scharf and Miss C. Huehnerkock. Kneeling (l. to r.): Pastor R. Sievert, and Pastor D. Westendorf. Missing: Pastor S. Valleskey.



### Fifty Years in the Ministry

#### Pastor Raymond W. Huth

On June 11 Messiah Ev. Lutheran Congregation, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, gathered twice to give thanks to God for the many blessings He had showered on Pastor Raymond Huth during a ministry of 50 years. Thanksgiving was the theme of the regular morning service, which was conducted by Professor Carl Lawrenz, president of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary.

In the special jubilee service in the afternoon, Pastor Roland Ehlke was the liturgist, while the jubilee sermon on I Thessalonians 5:12, 13 was delivered by Pastor Louis Karrer.

A dinner and a social evening followed. Pastor Arthur Tacke was the toastmaster. Among the guests were two former schoolmates, Pastor Henry Rosin of Peridot, Arizona, and Pastor Justus Ruege of Milwaukee.

In the jubilee service folder the members of Messiah, which Pastor Huth has served the past 50 years, expressed what they feel in their hearts regarding their pastor: "We give thanks to the Lord for the many blessings He has bestowed upon us through this His faithful servant. We pray that the Lord may continue to bless him with physical and spiritual strength so that he may enjoy his retirement years."



# Direct from the Districts

## Southeastern Wisconsin

### Workers — News

St. John's, Lannon, observed the 25th anniversary of the ordination of its pastor, Lyle Hallauer, and the 25th wedding anniversary of Pastor and Mrs. Hallauer. Pastor W. Pless preached the sermon, and Pastor George Boldt served as liturgist.

The same congregation observed the 25th anniversary of one of its teachers, Miss Louise Klinker, at which observance Pastor Arthur Gentz preached.

At the school graduation service St. Lucas Congregation gave recognition to the fact that Miss SeVera Sauer has completed 40 years in the teaching ministry, and next fall will be starting her 25th year at St. Lucas. The congregation joined her in thanking our gracious Lord for His goodness and remembered her with various gifts of appreciation.

### Milwaukee Lutheran Teachers College

Looking back, we note that 87 were graduated in the commencement exercises on June 8. Connecting his address with the class motto, "God Is Our Refuge and Strength," Pastor Norman Berg, first vice-president of the Synod and president of the Michigan District, pointed out that these are the days of campus protests. Then he urged the students to engage in protesting, too, not in the spirit of modern campus protests, but in the spirit of Dr. Martin Luther.

Looking ahead, we report the cheering news that of the 87 graduates 85 have submitted applications to Dr. Martin Luther College in order to continue and complete their preparation for full-time service in the church.

### Missions — Buildings

Faith, Sussex, was able to dedicate its worship facilities in May. St. Mark Congregation, Brown Deer, Wisconsin, dedicated its combination church-school complex in June. This new school will open in September with kindergarten and the first four grades. This is the only Lutheran day school in a densely populated area.

### Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hoffmann of St. Lucas, Milwaukee, were privileged to celebrate their 50th anniversary in June.

### Milwaukee Federation — Activities

The Federation is sponsoring a summertime, one-day-a-week "Day Care Center" for mentally retarded at Gloria Dei-Bethesda Lutheran School. The capable staff cares for the children 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M., with noon lunch included, thus freeing the mothers to devote their time to their families. It provides as much Christian education as possible in a Vacation Bible school format.

The Federation is purchasing a complete set of altarware to be used in the radio and television services as well as the special Good Friday and State Fair Sunday services.

In the planning is a change of time for the Sunday morning broadcast of the "Lutheran Heritage Hour."

The Federation is planning its own campsite with a complete camping program, although this year Camp Willerup is still being used.

The Federation is beginning another Sunday school (on Saturday) for the mentally retarded children living in a "group home" on the east-side of Milwaukee following their release from Southern Colony.

### Anniversaries — 450th and 50th

The Western Circuit of the Southern Conference scheduled a special outdoor service with special band music and a guest speaker, Professor John Chworowsky, in thankfulness for our 450 years of Lutheranism and our 50 years as a District. The service was held on July 16 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Burlington, Wisconsin, where the District held its first session.

HARRY WIEDMANN, Reporter

## Minnesota

### Anniversaries

Pastor Edgar Gamm, Marshall, Minnesota, marked his 50th year in the holy ministry on June 18, 1967. A special afternoon service had been arranged in which Pastor H. C. Nitz, Eitzen, Minnesota, offered the mes-

sage of thanksgiving and praise to the Lord.

On the same date Henry Luehring celebrated his 50th year in the teaching ministry in an 8:00 P.M. service at Nicollet, Minnesota. A reception for the jubilarian followed the service.

To commemorate their 50th wedding anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Timm of St. John's, Wood Lake, Minnesota, presented a thank-offering to the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod and to their home congregation in an observance on April 16, 1967.

Being privileged to serve in his 25th year in the ministry is Pastor William H. Wiedenmeyer, Minneapolis.

### New Face

On June 5, 1967, four pastors from the Twin Cities area, Pastor P. Siegler, Pastor F. Fallen, Pastor A. Zenker, and Pastor W. Wiedenmeyer, met at St. Philip's Negro Mission to paint the exterior of the church. Rain interrupted the painting after two sides were completed. The remainder of the church was painted at a later date.

### Dedication

The dedication of a multipurpose Christian education building on May 21 marked the climax of a two-year "Building for Youth" program at St. John's Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota. The pastor of the church, E. O. Schulz, read the rite of dedication in the morning service. Guest speakers for the occasion were: District President M. J. Lenz for the morning dedication service and Pastor G. Birkholz, Lake Benton, Minnesota, for the Christian education service in the afternoon, in which the children and teachers of the Sunday school, released time school, and vacation Bible school took part.

The new addition adds 11,000 square feet of floor space on two levels to the complex. The six major classrooms in the building can be divided into 24 smaller rooms for Sunday-school purposes. In addition to these classrooms the building features a 57'x22' addition to the church narthex, a nursery and powder room, Sunday-school superin-



tendent's office, church work office, pastor's study, and other necessary facilities. An enclosed garden area, which provides daylight for the church windows, is located in the center.

Pastor Schulz of the congregation said, "To provide a place where the lambs of the flock of Christ may be fed, where the rising generation may be taught to remember their Creator in the days of their youth, where believers of all ages may grow in the knowledge of God's Holy Word was the guiding factor which led St. John's Congregation to embark upon this \$155,000.00 'Building for Youth' program."

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#### Anniversaries

Pastor and church marked silver anniversaries recently in Mankato, Minnesota. The 25th anniversary of St. Mark's Ev. Lutheran Church, and of its pastor, Martin Birkholz, in the holy ministry was observed with special services of praise to God on June 24 and 25. A church filled to capacity heard Pastor Wehausen, Phoenix, Arizona, chairman of the Mission Board at the time that St. Mark's was founded, address the group on Ephesians 3:14-21. Special guest at the service was Mr. Martin Bode, lay member of the original Mission Board.

"Have You Retained the Right Pitch?" was the theme of Pastor R. Palmer's sermon, based on John 1:29, addressed to the adult and children confirmed during the past 25 years at St. Mark's, in an evening service on June 24.

Various organizations of the congregation, including the Mankato State chapter of the Lutheran Collegians, presented their pastor with gifts of love.

The 50th anniversary of Pastor Edgar Gamm in the holy ministry was observed by his present congregation, Christ Lutheran Church, Marshall, Minnesota, on June 18. Pastor H. C. Nitz, Eitzen, Minnesota, was the guest speaker at the 4:00 P.M. service.

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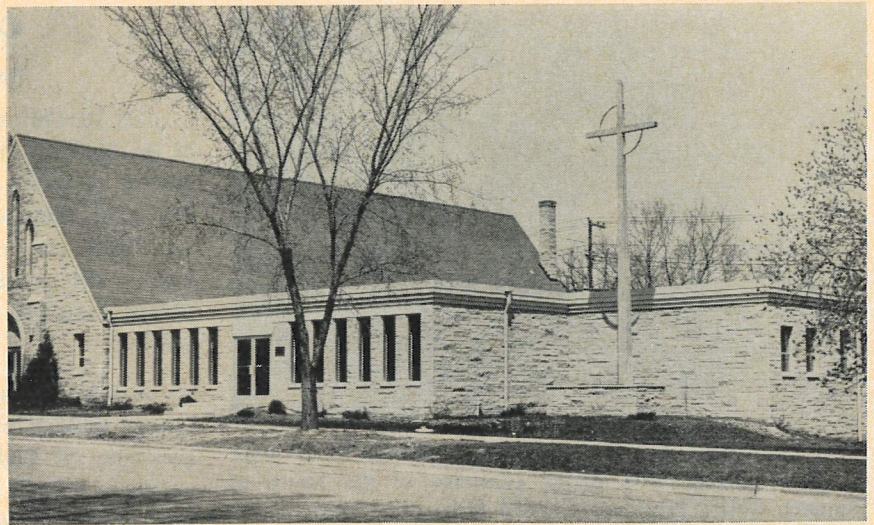
#### Appointment

Mr. Phil Carlberg was appointed lay member to the Minnesota District Auditing Committee. The Delano appointee flies to the Litchfield meetings.

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#### Anniversaries

Mr. and Mrs. August Belling, members of St. John's, Wood Lake, Minne-



THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BUILDING recently dedicated at Redwood Falls, Minnesota.

sota, observed their 50th wedding anniversary.

The anniversary of the 60 years of marriage was observed by Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Ziebarth, of St. John's, Wood Lake, Minnesota.

ROBERT SIEVERT

## Western Wisconsin

### Retirements

Professors Walter Schumann and Theodore Binhammer, veteran members of the Northwestern College faculty, retired at the close of this school year. Mr. Leland Dahlberg, Palos Heights, Illinois, has filled one of these faculty vacancies by accepting the call as professor of mathematics. The vacancy in the Greek department has not yet been filled.

Pastor Carl Kuske, Elmwood, Wisconsin, is retiring from the active ministry this summer. The Elmwood congregation which he served will share a pastor with St. Mark's, the new mission at Eau Claire.

### Education

The District Board of Education is offering a new service to pastors and congregations. The Board is soliciting from pastors and teachers materials which will be helpful for Bible study in Ladies' Aids, Men's Clubs, and Young People's Meetings. The Board will file the materials and publish a catalog of materials which may be borrowed.

### Evangelism

Good Shepherd and St. Stephen's Lutheran Churches of Beaver Dam participated in a joint lay evangelism effort called "Sharing the Savior."

Members of the congregations cooperated in a religious survey of the community. By door-to-door canvassing of the community the unchurched were discovered and located; later members of the congregations combined to form teams which called on the unchurched and witnessed to them of Christ and His salvation. In summarizing the results of the program Pastor Ronald Roth of Good Shepherd declared, "I am eager for eternity to reveal all the fruits of 'Sharing the Savior.' There are so many fruits evident already—both without and within the congregation. Indeed, when we follow our Lord's directive to begin our mission work at home—in our Jerusalem, He blesses that work and gives us greater concern for all men everywhere who are without Christ."

### New Missions

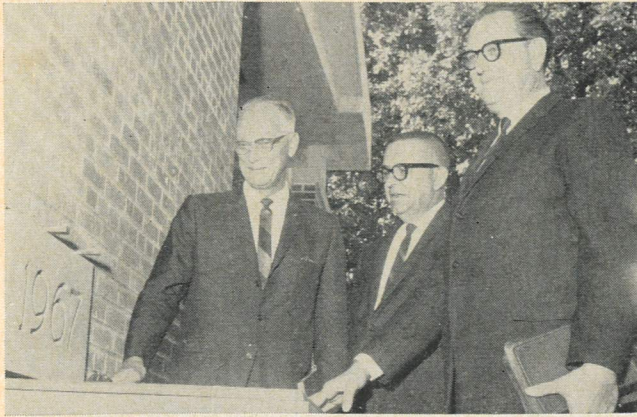
Four new missions were born in the Western Wisconsin District in recent months. Three are in Wisconsin, at Lancaster, Eau Claire, and Sauk City; the fourth is at Davenport, Iowa. A fifth congregation was added to the Western Wisconsin District when an ALC congregation near Brodhead sought affiliation with the Wisconsin Synod and formed a dual parish with St. Peter's of Brodhead.

### Construction Delayed

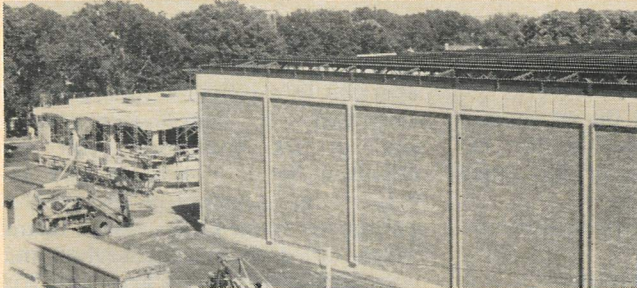
A labor dispute has delayed construction progress of the student chapel at Madison. The campus pastor, Rev. Richard Balge, still is hopeful that the building may be occu-

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**PARTICIPATING IN THE CORNERSTONE LAYING** were (l. to r.): Pastor Otto Engel, chairman of the Board of Regents; DMLC President Conrad Frey; Minnesota District President, Manfred Lentz.



**THE MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING** under construction at DMLC.

## Cornerstone Laying

### Dr. Martin Luther College

July 16, 1967, marked another milestone on the campus of Dr. Martin Luther College. During a special 4:00 P.M. service of praise and thanksgiving the chairman of the Board of Control, Pastor Otto Engel, Danube, Minnesota, laid the cornerstone for the Luther Memorial Union. The president of the Minnesota District of the WELS, Pastor M. J. Lenz, served as liturgist for the brief service.

In his address, President Conrad Frey, Dr. Martin Luther College, stated: "We wish hereby to express our gratitude to God who has moved the hearts of our members and to hundreds of laymen, teachers, and pastors who have devoted willingly so much of their time and their talents to promoting the best interests of the Lord's kingdom through the Missio Dei program, which to date has been the most successful in the history of our Synod."

Professor Meilahn Zahn, chairman of the Music Department at the college, directed the summer school chorus in a selection by Heinrich Schultz, "Rejoice in God, all Christendom."

Following the benediction the many friends, students, and alumni of the College were invited to tour the new building and view the progress of construction.

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pleted this summer and dedicated with the return of the students in the fall.

Another labor dispute has delayed construction progress of the dormitory at Northwestern College. When it is finished, the dormitory will provide housing for college Juniors and Seniors and some Sophomores. Opening day this fall should find the dormitory completed.

DARVIN RADDATZ

### Dakota-Montana

#### Informational Meetings on the New Sunday-School Course

In mid-April the pastors and Sunday-school teachers of the District were given the opportunity to become acquainted with materials that make up the new Sunday-school course. In a District which, because of small communicant membership and vast distances between homes and churches, has only two Christian day schools, the Sunday school is

the most important arm for formal Christian education. Therefore the new Sunday-school course has been long awaited and eagerly anticipated. This was certainly borne out by the remarkable attendances at the meetings. Mr. Adolph Fehlauer of the Synod's Board of Education, who has played a major part in the preparation of the new course, spoke at Sunday-school institutes and gatherings across the District.

On Sunday afternoon, April 16, Mr. Fehlauer addressed the Sunday-School Institute of the Dakota-Eastern Conference which had gathered at Watertown, South Dakota. Bethlehem Congregation served as host for the assembled pastors and teachers. In addition to many guests, there were 95 pastors and teachers in attendance.

Monday brought Mr. Fehlauer to Hazelton, North Dakota, where St. Paul's Congregation hosted a similar meeting of pastors and teachers from the Dakota-Western Conference in the evening. More than 100 were in attendance in spite of a heavy storm

the evening before which had disrupted communication and caused lengthy power failures in some areas. As evidence of the interest which the new course had generated, distances of more than 300 miles were covered by some individuals.

On Tuesday an automobile carried Mr. Fehlauer to Bismarck, and a one-hour plane flight brought him to Billings, Montana. There he addressed pastors and teachers of Montana at Faith Ev. Lutheran Church. An early supper, prepared by the Ladies Guild of Faith, was followed by an early evening gathering. This enabled pastors and teachers who had traveled 100 miles, 200 miles, 250 miles, to attend the meeting and still return to their homes that night.

Mr. Fehlauer's presentation of the new materials and his review of the basic aims and purposes of our Sunday-school program were greatly appreciated by the entire District. May God continue to bless the labors of all who strive to bring the story of God's love through Jesus Christ to our children!



### Brookings Congregation Organized

February 19 of this year saw the organization of a new congregation in Brookings, South Dakota. Our Savior's Ev. Lutheran Church organized with five voters and 10 communicants. This congregation came into being after work had been started among the students of South Dakota State University by Pastor John Brandt of Clear Lake. For the past year Pastor Larry Ellenberger of Elkton has been serving the congregation. The first resident pastor will soon be installed.

### Five Seminary Graduates to the District

Once more the Lord of the Church has answered the prayers of His people for men who are "apt to teach." Through the Assignment Committee of our Synod God has sent five graduates of our Seminary to our District.

All members of the District rejoice with the congregations that their pulpits have again been filled with resident pastors. May God bless them

in their fields of labor to His glory! At the present time there are four pastoral vacancies in addition to the vacant presidency of the Academy at Mobridge.

### Miscellaneous

Bethlehem Ev. Lutheran Church of Watertown, South Dakota, dedicated a new Baldwin Model 6 organ to the worship of God on Sunday, April 2. The dedicatory service was conducted by the pastor of the congregation, President Arthur P. C. Kell, in the morning. In the afternoon a concert was held. Guest organists were Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Zabell of Gethsemane Ev. Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Pastor Arnold Lemke of the Zeeland, North Dakota-Mound City, South Dakota, parish reports building plans of his congregations. Zion Ev. Lutheran Church of Zeeland is proceeding with the construction of a new church and Sunday-school unit. The groundbreaking ceremonies were held April 9. The total cost of the project is \$62,380. St. Paul's Ev. Lu-

theran Church of Mound City is planning to begin an extensive remodeling of the interior of its church which should be completed this summer.

### A Step Forward in Canada

Another positive step was taken in our mission endeavors in the Canadian province of Alberta when Pastor Richard Strobel was installed to serve the congregation at Wetaskiwin and Bashaw. Pastor Waldemar Loescher of Edmonton conducted the installation, assisted by Dr. F. K. Schultze. An attendance of over 200 included individuals from the entire Edmonton area. The addition of Pastor Strobel brings to three the number of our pastors in and around Edmonton.

Summer visitors in the Glacier National Park area are invited by our congregation at Great Falls to attend Sunday services: Mountain View Ev. Lutheran Church, Sacajawea Drive and 8th Street NE, 9:00 A.M., MDT.

JAMES SCHNEIDER

### Item From Our News Bureau

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Participants in the conference do not speak for or bind their respective church bodies.

Pastor Norman W. Berg, Plymouth, Michigan, moderator of the conference and first vice-president of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod, reminded the delegates that "we are not here as judge and jury of men, but as searchers and servants of God's Word."

He said that the results of such "joint attention" to God's voice "cannot be predicted or even properly evaluated by us. The Holy Spirit will determine this."

The time and place of the 1968 conference was left to the Arrangements Committee to determine.

Named to the Arrangements Committee to replace retiring members were Gerhard L. Freund, Elmwood Park, Illinois, and Ralph Lohrengel, Birmingham, Michigan, both lay members of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

Also named were Pastor Eugene P. Kauffeld, Watertown, Wisconsin, a clergyman of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and Pastor David Moke, Minneapolis, Minnesota, a clergyman of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations.

### † Pastor Rudolph Schroeder †

After conducting a confirmation service for eight children on May 14, Pastor Schroeder entered the hospital for surgery, fully intending, the Lord willing, to continue his work after several weeks, as he had been permitted to do after his first major operation a year ago. But the Lord willed otherwise and called His faithful and humble servant to his eternal home on May 20, 1967.

Rudolph Frederick Schroeder was born in Appleton, Wisconsin, on September 1, 1898. He became a child of God through Holy Baptism at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Appleton and renewed his baptismal covenant at his confirmation at First Lutheran

in Shiocton, Wisconsin. After his elementary school training he attended Northwestern College in Watertown, Wisconsin. He graduated from Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Illinois, in 1923.

After his ordination at Shiocton, Wisconsin, he served missions at Haynes, North Haynes, South Haynes, and North Hettinger, North Dakota. Two and a-half years later he received the call to Trinity Lutheran Church at Dexter Township, Minnesota. Here he served for 18 years, also teaching parochial school for 13 years. In 1943 he accepted the call to serve Immanuel Lutheran Church at Tyler and Zion Lutheran Church at Island Lake, Minnesota. After serving here for 13 years, he was called to Trinity

Lutheran Church in Osceola and Grace Lutheran Church, Nye Township, Wisconsin. For the past 11 years he was the faithful pastor of these congregations.

During his pastorate at Tyler, Pastor Schroeder also served the New Ulm Conference as visiting elder. He was serving as circuit visitor in the St. Croix Conference at the time of his death.

Shortly after his graduation from the seminary, Pastor Schroeder was united in holy wedlock with Miss Frieda A. Beyer.

Besides his wife, he leaves one son, Robert R. of Austin, Minnesota; three daughters: Mrs. Clarence Schnell (Lorna) of Tyler, Minnesota, Mrs.



Charles Parsons (Lorraine) of Lake Benton, Minnesota, and Mrs. James Hansen (Eunice) of Minneapolis; two sisters: Mrs. Frank Beyer of Shiocton, Wisconsin, and Mrs. Frank Christian of Neenah, Wisconsin; two brothers:

Walter of Menasha and Frederick of Shiocton, Wisconsin.

Funeral services were conducted by the undersigned on May 22 in Osceola and on May 23 in Dexter Township.

May our gracious Savior comfort the survivors with that same precious Gospel with which Pastor Schroeder comforted Christian congregations for 44 years!

ELDEN M. BODE

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## Fiftieth Anniversary of the Southeastern Wisconsin District

On June 14 and 15 of this year the pastors and teachers of the Southeastern Wisconsin District met in conference at St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church, Milwaukee. The opening service of this conference was a special service, marking the 50th anniversary of the District. Pastor Arthur Halboth, pastor of St. Matthew's and past president of the District, delivered the sermon, calling attention to the many and marvelous blessings a gracious Savior has bestowed upon the District, its congregations, and people.

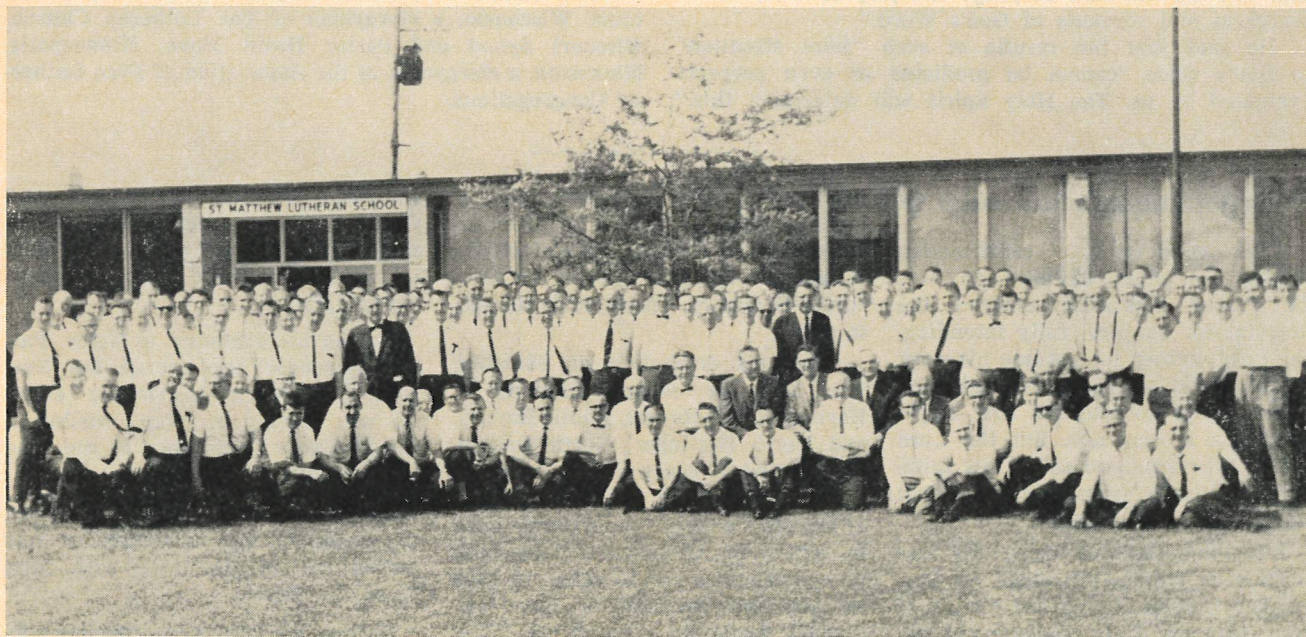
Special 50th anniversary services were to be held in all congregations of the Southeastern Wisconsin District on Sunday, July 16, 1967. On that same date in 1918, the first convention of the District was held in St. John's Lutheran Church, Burlington, Wisconsin.

Not only local observances are planned, however. Congregations that have labored together in the Lord's vineyard for 50 years will worship and praise together

in a mass service at the Milwaukee Auditorium on October 22, 1967. While this festival service will specifically mark the 450th anniversary of the Reformation, attention will also be directed to the anniversary of the District.

To commemorate this occasion and to bring District history before our members, an anniversary booklet, "Faith of Our Fathers," has been printed and placed in every home. These words are recorded in this booklet: "In the 50 years of its existence, our District has touched the life of each of its congregations in countless ways. Twenty-five biennial conventions have been held, at which the District's program of Gospel-work for the years ahead has been planned. Conferences are held regularly, to administer this work. Underlying all this activity is the firm conviction that the Word of God is the only authority in all matters of Christian faith and life. This is indeed the 'Faith of Our Fathers,' and it is to this Faith that we today rededicate ourselves.

ROBERT W. KLEIST  
District Director of Public Information



DURING THE GOLDEN JUBILEE CONVENTION of the Southeastern Wisconsin District the pastors and teachers assembled before St. Matthew Lutheran School for this picture.



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## ORDINATIONS AND INSTALLATIONS

### Ordained and Installed

#### Pastors

**Gawrisch, Kenneth H.**, as pastor of Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Austin, R. 5, Minn., by John Henderson, assisted by R. F. Uttech, H. R. Johne; July 16, 1967.

**Hahn, Martin R.**, as pastor of Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Sturgis, S. Dak., by L. A. Dobberstein, assisted by H. A. Birner, N. J. Engel; July 16, 1967.

**Kuske, Norman C.**, as pastor of Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church, Buffalo, Minn. (R.R. 1), by P. R. Kuske, assisted by M. J. Lenz, R. A. Sievert, W. E. Neumann; July 30, 1967.

**Pagel, Carl E.**, as pastor of the Baltimore Mission, Towson, Md., by R. W. Uhlhorn, assisted by I. J. Habeck, W. F. Beckmann, G. P. Baumler; July 16, 1967.

**Sturm, Harold W.**, as pastor of Salem Ev. Lutheran Church, Woodbury, Minn., by Allen Zenker, assisted by E. M. Bode; July 23, 1967.

**Valerio, Arthur J.**, as pastor of Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, Zillah, Wash., by T. R.

Adascheck, assisted by P. P. Schliesser, W. T. Krueger, C. L. Tessmer; July 16, 1967.

**Westendorf, James J.**, as pastor of Hope Ev. Lutheran Church, St. Charles, Mich., by W. W. Westendorf, assisted by N. E. Pommeranz, H. C. Kuske, H. A. Schultz, V. W. Thierfelder, H. C. Buch; July 16, 1967.

**Ziebell, William W.**, as pastor of Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Rt. 1, Lake City, Minn., by Adelbert Hellmann, assisted by N. E. Sauer, R. A. Goede, W. J. Henrich, E. C. Leyrer; July 16, 1967.

**Zimmermann, Daniel G.**, as pastor of St. John Ev. Lutheran Church, Boyd (Omro Twp.), Minn., by W. F. Vathauer, assisted by M. Lemke, H. H. Hackbarth, W. J. Oelhafen, N. A. Gieschen; July 16, 1967.

### Ordination

#### Pastor

**Habben, Kermit D.**, as missionary to Japan, by K. G. Bast, assisted by D. P. Ninmer, W. R. Gabb, W. B. Ten Broek, S. G. Stern; July 16, 1967.

### Installations

#### Pastors

**Bradtke, Martin T.**, as pastor of Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, Nye, Wis., by Erich W. Penk, assisted by R. Weeks; July 16, 1967.

**Bradtke, Martin T.**, as pastor of Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Osceola, Wis., by Erich W. Penk, assisted by R. Weeks, L. Meyer, K. Neumann; July 16, 1967.

**Geiger, Gerhard H.**, as pastor of St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Mishicot (R.R. 1), Wis., by R. P. Otto; July 2, 1967.

**Geiger, Gerhard H.**, as pastor of St. John Ev. Lutheran Church, Two Rivers (R.R. 1), Wis., by Floyd Mattek; July 2, 1967.

**Sawall, Robert**, as pastor of Bethany Ev. Lutheran Church, Manitowoc, Wis., by A. T. Degner, assisted by N. Kock and T. Sauer; July 23, 1967.

**Schoemann, Elroy C.**, as pastor of Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, Dalton, Wis., by Erdmann Pankow, assisted by K. Eggert; July 16, 1967.

**Schoemann, Elroy C.**, as pastor of Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Friesland, Wis., by Albert Winter, assisted by K. Eggert, E. Pankow, E. Huebner, C. Mischke; July 16, 1967.

**Steffenhagen, Warren R.**, as pastor of Our Savior Ev. Lutheran Church, Lena, Wis., of St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Oconto Falls, Wis., and of St. Mark's Ev. Lutheran Church, Spruce, Wis.; by Waldemar Zink, assisted by R. Steffenhagen, A. Gentz, J. Sauer; July 9, 1967.

**Sturm, Harold W.**, as pastor of Mt. Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, St. Paul, Minn., by Allen Zenker, assisted by E. Bode, F. Fallen, H. Filter, S. Valleskey; July 23, 1967.

### Teachers

**Kruse, Merlyn**, as teacher of Immanuel Ev. Lutheran School, Hutchinson (Acoma), Minn., by R. O. Reimers; July 16, 1967.

**Steffenhagen, Gerald**, as teacher of Christ Ev. Lutheran School, Saginaw, Mich., by H. C. Kuske; July 16, 1967.

## ATTENTION — COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY STUDENTS!

College and university students are asked to list their religious affiliation as "Wisconsin Synod" when enrolling at school. This is extremely important, especially at schools where the campus pastors of our Synod have access to the religious preference cards of students.

We also encourage all students who attend non-Synodical schools away from home to see to it that their names and addresses reach the office of the Lutheran Spiritual Welfare Commission promptly. Ordinarily this is done through the home pastor. This will enable the student to receive regularly the following: Meditations, The Northwestern Lutheran, periodic sermons and newsletters.

Address all communications to: Lutheran Spiritual Welfare Commission  
3624 W. North Ave.  
Milwaukee, Wis. 53208

## CORRECTION

A picture caption in the August 6 issue (p. 253) stated that this year Northwestern College graduated its largest class in history. The statement is not correct, as several previous classes of recent years were larger.

## REQUEST FOR COLLOQUY

Teacher Henry Otto Luers, Clinton, Iowa, has requested a colloquy preparatory to entering the teaching ministry of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod. Inquiries regarding the applicant may be directed to the undersigned, who together with Vice-Presidents G. Horn and P. Kurth recently conducted an extensive interview.

Manfred J. Lenz  
Minnesota District President

## APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Frederick E. Schulz, 212½ N. Sibley, Litchfield, Minn. 55355, to the office of District Cashier, replacing Mr. Wm. J. Frank, who resigned because of age.

Mr. Phillip Carlberg, Delano, Minn., to the District Auditing Committee, replacing Mr. F. E. Schulz, who became District Cashier.

Mr. Allen H. Klimmek, Monticello, Minn., to the District Auditing Committee, replacing Mr. Ronald Ertner, who moved out of the District.

Rev. LeRoy Lother as Financial Secretary, replacing Rev. G. H. Geiger, who was called into another District.

Manfred J. Lenz  
Minnesota District President

## WISCONSIN LUTHERAN SEMINARY

The 1967-68 school year of our Theological Seminary at Mequon, Wisconsin, will open with a special service in the Seminary Chapel on Tuesday morning, Sept. 5, 1967, at 10 a.m.

Carl Lawrenz, President

## SCHOOL OPENING

### Northwestern College

Northwestern College will open its school year with a service at 2 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 11. New students are to report at 9:00 that morning.

The dedication of the new college dormitory will take place in connection with this service.

Carleton Toppe, President

## OPENING SERVICE — MILWAUKEE LUTHERAN TEACHERS COLLEGE

The opening service for the 1967-68 school year will be held in the chapel-auditorium, 30 North Glenview Ave., at 10 a.m. on Sept. 12. All friends of the College are invited to this service. All students are to register on either Sept. 11 or 12. The dormitories will be open on Sunday, Sept. 10, at 2 p.m. Regular classes will begin on Wed., Sept. 13.

Robert J. Voss, President

## SCHOOL OPENING

The new school year at Northwestern Lutheran Academy will begin on Aug. 29, 1967. The opening service will take place

at 2 p.m. Early enrollment of students is appreciated. Write for information to:

Office of the President  
Northwestern Lutheran Academy  
Mebriidge, South Dakota 57601

## EXPLORATORY SERVICES

### Hartford, Conn.

Beginning this fall, exploratory services will be held in the greater Hartford area on Sunday evenings twice a month. For information contact Pastor Gary Baumler, 155 Milltown Road, East Brunswick, N. J. 08816. Phone: 201-254-3910.

## BALTIMORE AREA SERVICES

The Baltimore Mission, Holiday Inn North, Loch Raven Boulevard, one block south of the Baltimore Beltway I-695 (Exit 29), Towson, Maryland; Carl Pagel, pastor. Phone 488-6584, Sunday worship 10 a.m.

## MISSION WORK BEGUN

### Jackson, Mich.

The Michigan District Mission Board has begun exploratory work for the purpose of establishing a mission congregation in Jackson, Mich.

Please send us the names and addresses of any members or former members who have moved and are living in the Jackson area, and of all interested parties. Send the information to:

Pastor D. M. Gieschen  
626 South Madison St.  
Adrian, Mich. 49221

## NOTICE AND REQUEST

### New Berlin, Wis.

Services are being held in New Berlin, Wis., in the New Berlin State Bank's air-conditioned basement at 15820 W. National Ave. The mission is in need of hymnals, chairs, offering plates, baptismal font, mimeograph, antependia, etc. Please contact Pastor John Raabe, pastor pro tem, 2209 Hickory Lane, 115 N, Mequon, Wis. 53092.

## NOTICE

Notice to vacation travelers and new residents of the Petoskey-Charlevoix, Mich. area:

Faith Lutheran Church, Evangelical Lutheran Synod, which has been conducting serv-



ices in a private home, is now holding Sunday evening services at a renovated country church on Wilson Road, ¼ mile south of Behling Road, German Settlement, 4 miles east of East Jordan, Mich., 7 p.m. service. Robt. A. Moldstad is pastor.

#### MORE MISSION KITS AVAILABLE

Japan Mission Kit—Home Missions Kit—Africa Mission Kit. These may be had for a handling and postage charge of 25c each. The Kits contain Helpful Hints to help plan a Mission Fair. Pictures, films, filmstrips, etc., are suggested in each kit. Order Kits from:

Mission Kits  
Library—Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary  
Mequon, Wisconsin 53902

#### RECORDING AVAILABLE Northwestern Male Chorus

Monaural recordings of the choral selections sung by the Northwestern College Male Chorus on the recent tour are available from the undersigned for the cost of \$3.15. Selections include hymns, chorales and anthems for the church year.

Dr. Arnold O. Lehmann  
501 College Ave.  
Watertown, Wis. 53094

#### BETHESDA LUTHERAN HOME

Immediate openings for individuals desiring employment in a family atmosphere. Applicants may be either male or female, single or married. No previous experience required. On-the-job training is provided.

The following positions are available:

1. Ward parents and nurses aides
2. Work-crew foreman
3. Janitors
4. Recreation aides
5. Kitchen workers
6. Therapists in various areas
7. Social workers
8. Registered nurses
9. Dietitian
10. L.P.N.

Benefits include Social Security program, group insurance, paid holidays, paid sick leave and two weeks of paid vacation annually.

For more information, contact:

Personnel Manager  
Bethesda Lutheran Home  
700 Hoffman Drive  
Watertown, Wisconsin 53094

#### PASTORS' FALL INSTITUTE

This Institute is scheduled at the Seminary at Mequon, Wis., for five successive Mondays, beginning with Oct. 16 and ending Nov. 13, 1967. Two lectures will be presented between the hours of 1:30 and 4:30 p.m. Ample time for discussion will be allowed.

Professors Martin Albrecht and Gerald Hoenecke will be the lecturers on topics to be announced later.

The registration fee is \$5.00. Reservations are to be sent to Prof. Carl J. Lawrenz, President, 11831 N. Seminary Dr., 65W, Mequon, Wis. 53092.

Adolph C. Buenger, Secretary  
Seminary Board of Control

#### LAKE SUPERIOR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS' CONVENTION

The 38th annual Lake Superior Sunday School Teachers' Convention will be held at St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Route 2 (Town of Grover), Peshtigo, Wis., Sept. 24, 1967 at 3 p.m. The host pastor is Joel Sauer.

Mrs. John Kallman, Secretary

#### CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES

##### DAKOTA-MONTANA

#### ALBERTA-MONTANA PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Sept. 13 and 14, 1967.

Time: 9 a.m.

Place: Pilgrim Lutheran Church, St. Albert, Alberta, Canada; E. Klaszus host pastor.

Agenda: Interpretation of Matt. 20:16, W.

Loescher; Exegesis of Heb. 6:4-6 with emphasis on the word 'adunatos', J. Humann; Has Rome's Attitude Toward Lutheran Doctrine Changed Since the Council of Trent? J. Schneider; A Review of the **Screw-tape Letters** by C. S. Lewis, E. Klaszus.

D. Zietlow, Secretary

##### MICHIGAN

#### NORTHERN PASTOR-TEACHER-DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: Sept. 25 and 26, 1967.

Place: St. Paul's, Manistee, Mich.

Preacher: Walter C. Voss (R. Yecke, alternate).

Agenda: Reports on the Synod Convention; Discussion of essay, "A Christian Viewpoint of Current History"; Descensus Ad Infernos, Walter C. Voss; Exegesis of Eph. 1, Gary Scheuerlein.

Edwin C. Schmelzer, secretary

##### MINNESOTA

#### ST. CROIX PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Place: Holy Trinity, New Hope, Minn.

Time: Tuesday, Sept. 12, 9 a.m.

Preacher: H. Filter (M. Hanke, alternate).

Agenda: Marriage and Divorce in the Light of Scripture, P. Borchardt.

P. Siegler, Secretary

##### NORTHERN WISCONSIN

#### LAKE SUPERIOR DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: Aug. 22, 1967.

Time: 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m., beginning with a Holy Communion service.

Place: Our Savior Church, Lena, Wis.

Agenda: Reports on the Synod Convention; Election of chairman, secretary, and treasurer.

Joel Ph. Sauer, Secretary

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#### DISTRICT PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Oct. 30 and 31, 1967.

Place: Martin Luther Church, Oshkosh, Wis.; host pastor, H. O. Kleinhaus.

Time: 10 a.m., Oct. 30, Communion service (Fred Brandt, alternate, Alf. Engel).

Agenda: 1. Reports on the Synod Convention; 2. Psalm 46 by Prof. Paul Eickmann; 3. Missions, especially in Fox River Valley—round-table discussion led by M. Radtke. Agenda: Send excuses and requests for information to the host pastor. Each pastor will arrange for his own lodging. If help is desired, contact the host pastor.

S. Kugler, Secretary

##### SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN

#### DODGE-WASHINGTON PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Time: 9 a.m., Sept. 12, 1967.

Place: St. Paul's Church, Cedar Lake, Wis.

Preacher: H. Schwertfeger (alternate, L. Tessler).

Agenda: Augsburg Confession, Art. IV, E. Weiss; Visitor's Report, M. Croll; I Cor. 11, N. Retzlaff; "This We Believe," L. Tessler; Conference Business and Casuistry.

Alternate Papers: Augsburg Confession, Art. V, E. Breiling; Gen. 14, W. Nommensen.

M. Westerhaus, Secretary

##### WESTERN WISCONSIN

#### SOUTHWESTERN DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Place: St. Paul's, Tomah, Wis.

Time: Sept. 3, 1967; 7:30-10 p.m.

Agenda: Report by the delegates to the Synod Convention; the election of a visitor.

E. V. Vomhof, Secretary

#### MISSISSIPPI VALLEY PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Sept. 19 and 20, 1967.

Place: Chaseburg, Wis.

Preacher: Prof. W. Schmidt (alternate, H. Nitz).

Time: 9 a.m., both days.

Papers: What Do the Lutheran Confessions Say About Private Confession? R. Beckmann; What Does Scripture Teach About Heaven? C. Weigand; Exegesis—Rom. 8:1-14, W. Koepsell; Evangelical Dealing With Delinquents Under the Burden of Limited Time, E. Zehms; Should Not Baptism Be Mentioned More Frequently in Preaching and Seelsorge? H. C. Nitz.

L. I. Zessin, Secretary

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#### WISCONSIN RIVER VALLEY— CHIPPEWA RIVER VALLEY PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Sept. 19, 1967.

Time: 9 a.m., Communion service.

Place: St. Paul's, Stratford (Day Township).  
Speaker: R. A. Schultz (H. M. Schwartz, alternate).

Agenda: Discussion of **This We Believe**—H. P. Koehler; Report on the Saginaw Convention; Exegesis of Rom. 8:18ff—R. F. Weber; Book Review of **Ecumenicalism and Romanism**—R. A. Schultz; Pastoral Counseling In Impending Divorce Cases—M. W. Zank; Mission Reports—W. Lange and H. M. Schwartz.

D. A. Witte, Secretary