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# BRIEFS by the Editor

**ADVOCATES OF GOVERNMENT AID** to parochial schools frequently attempt to make a distinction between secular and religious instruction in a church-related school. The claim is made that all teaching in a parochial school, with the exception of the course in religion, is in reality secular. It is said that one doesn't teach religion by way of mathematics, science, or English. In essence, those who argue this way view the parochial school as just another public school with a little religion added. Hence, the public treasury may be called on to provide from 80 to 90 per cent of the parochial school budget.

If it is true that mathematics, science, and other subjects taught in both public and parochial schools are taught in the same way in both types of schools, then the argument for government aid for this phase of the educational program is logical. With adequate control in the use of public funds to safeguard the public interest, nonpublic schools could be utilized to render such secular services. The government

could purchase such educational service from them just as it buys electricity or telephone service.

In our Christian day schools and Lutheran high schools, however, English and history, biology and physics, algebra and music, and even physical education are not taught in the same way as they are in the public school. All of these supposedly nonreligious subjects are taught from a Christian point of view. Christian attitudes and Christian values are established and strengthened in every classroom and in every course. The Christian teacher is specially trained to teach particularly also the so-called secular subjects in the light of the Gospel and in the interest of the Gospel.

The Word of God is the integrating thread in the entire educational process in a Christian school. It permeates all phases of the curriculum. Teachers never permit themselves or their students to lose sight of the fact that Jesus is present in the classrooms and corridors of the school. Their aim in every course is to help their students to

grow in Christian knowledge, faith, and life. The entire program of education is a unified whole designed to enable Christian students as children of God to apply Christian principles and to strive toward Christian goals in every area of life.

To attempt to separate the education given in a Christian school into two compartments, religious and secular, is as foolish and impossible as to separate the faith of a Christian on Sunday from his life and attitudes on Monday.

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THE ENDEAVOR TO PUT MAN ON THE MOON has required the expenditure of billions of dollars and the combined efforts of a large, well-organized team of scientists, technicians, and workers of all kinds.

Some have questioned the value of lunar exploration. They would prefer to see these huge sums of money and this concentration of human energy expended in the interest of better housing, food, and clothing for the poor, broader and better educational opportunities and medical care, and similar social purposes. We readily admit that men may differ in their judgment as to which human undertakings should have priority.

There are also those who have questioned whether it is God-pleas-

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

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# Editorials

**Hebrew Christians** There always have been Hebrew Christians. On the first Christian Pentecost Day about 3000 of them were added to the Christian Church. There is today an International Hebrew Christian Alliance based in London, with a branch office in the United States. There are bookstores in this country devoted to the distribution of Christian literature by Hebrew Christians. Some years ago a tract was circulated on the Virgin Birth of Christ, based on Isaiah 7:14, written by a Hebrew Christian, and Biblically so sound that it put many a Protestant theologian to shame. But any attempt to learn more about Hebrew Christians by consulting encyclopedias or almanacs ends in disappointment. The most obscure denominations will be mentioned, but one is led to conclude that Hebrew Christians are so few that they can be ignored.

St. Paul said: "I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh." Wherever he went, he first went to the synagogue and preached the Gospel there. It was necessary, he said, that the word of salvation should be preached first to the Jews. He did have some success among them, but his usual experience was that they were filled with envy, contradicted, and blasphemed. In more than one city he had to declare to them: "Seeing ye judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles."

Perhaps the last place where one would expect to find Hebrew Christians today is in Communist countries. But they are to be found even there. A letter from the Hebrew Christian Alliance pleading for gifts of money to help destitute Christians in Israel describes the experience of a woman living in a Communist country behind the Iron Curtain: "Recently one who attended a meeting in a home in Rumania, expressed astonishment at being able to meet other Hebrew Christians. She had been given a Gospel of John sometime previously and had acknowledged Jesus as Messiah. She thought that she was alone amongst the Jews in her community until she was invited to this meeting and heard the testimony of others. This experience bolstered her faith immensely and sent her out witnessing." Mission work among the Jews is not very popular, and one hears little of it. But there definitely is Christian witnessing among them, especially by Hebrew Christians themselves. Peter's words to the Jews on Pentecost still apply: "For the promise is unto you and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call."

ERWIN E. KOWALKE

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**Churchgoing and Faith** Christians in our fellowship agree on the basis of the inspired words of Colossians 2:16, 17 that the Sabbath was a shadow of Christ and that it was fulfilled by Christ's coming. They also agree that since that time there is no day designated by divine decree as a day of worship.

But judging by the performance of many a church member, one might be led to believe that the Third Commandment in its New Testament application is a license to stay away from church and that it now constitutes an invitation to demonstrate one's Christian liberty by not attending.

Without dwelling on the message of the Third Commandment to Christians of the New Testament era, it can be said that conclusions of this kind are not warranted by anything that is said in the Scriptures and that they are dangerous, and can be even fatal, to faith. The Commandment still warns us not to "despise preaching and His Word," and it enjoins us to "hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it." This needs constant re-emphasis today among our church members, of whom perhaps one-half on a given Sunday voluntarily separate themselves from Word and Sacrament as they do service to the god of self-indulgence along with those who make little pretense of being Christians.

Temptations not to go to church are legion. Furthermore, little ingenuity is required to devise excuses to stay home or to go somewhere else. But regular contact with the Word is still essential if Christian faith is to survive as a conviction rather than as a mere profession. It is essential because virtually every influence we are subjected to in daily life tends to erode and to destroy faith. This is not an exaggeration nor an overstatement. Even innocent things—recreation, for example, or improving the home—tend to divert us from our true purpose and from the faith unless they are done under the influence of God's Word. Human nature remains corrupt, and Satan has a way of making sin look just as attractive as he did in the Garden of Eden. The only influence that offsets this is God's Word.

The greatest danger to Christian faith does not lie in straight-faced announcements that God is dead. It lies in the delusion, so obviously prevalent among frequent absentees from church, that in an ungodly world faith will somehow survive apart from Word and Sacrament.

IMMANUEL G. FREY

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**Looking for Authority** Twelve years ago only 14 per cent of Americans polled on the question "Is Religion Losing Its Influence?" felt that this was the case, while 69 per cent held the opposite opinion. Today, according to a Gallup poll report in the *New York Times*, 70 per cent say they think religion is losing its influence on life in this country, while only 14 per cent believe it is increasing its influence.

This shocking change in the views of the public between 1957 and today on the effects of religion, charted in six national surveys during this 12-year period, parallels a decline in church attendance over the last decade. Last year's Gallup poll showed 43 per cent of adults attending church in a typical week, the low point re-

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## Studies in God's Word

### What's the Difference? II Peter 3:3, 4

Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, and saying, "Where is the promise of his coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation."

There was a day when one could assume that all church bodies were at least united on the meaning of the First Article of the Apostles' Creed. You remember the words, I'm sure: "I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth." By and large, the churches were ready to grant that God had created heaven and earth by His creative Word, as Moses wrote in Genesis 1. One could also assume that they believed that 6 days meant 6 days.

#### Capitulation to Pseudo-Science

Such hasn't been the case for a long time. In past centuries the Church was ready to defend the truths of Genesis against all comers. In our day and age most churches have given up the struggle, and have capitulated to "science-so-called." After all, most "scholars"—they say—do not believe that God was necessary at the beginning, and very few believe God will be there at the end.

As a result, most theologians, whether Catholic, Lutheran, Baptist, or Presbyterian, advocate the theory of evolution. Since, however, most of them are not quite ready to rule God out completely, they end up stating that evolution was God's method of creation. Pardon my ignorance, but since when are creation and evolution synonymns?

#### Moses and Christ Were Neither Deceivers Nor Deceived

Those who maintain that are honest enough, for the most part, to admit that what they teach does not

agree with what Moses wrote nor with what Christ stated. But they have a way of meeting that argument. They simply say that Moses and Christ were men of their own day, and possibly didn't know any better. Or if they did, they were just accommodating themselves to the prevailing attitudes. However, men who claim that simply are not the "scholars" they pretend to be.

Don't be hoodwinked! It simply is not true that Moses and Christ were simply following the thought patterns of their day when they spoke of a special creation by the Word of the Almighty. The scientists and philosophers of those days had all sorts of ideas as to how the world came into being. However, all of their theories were evolutionary in character. That God created the world in six days by His almighty Word, as Moses wrote and as God's Son attested, was as revolutionary an idea as anyone could have proposed.

But surely Christ would know, wouldn't you say? The third verse of John's Gospel states: "All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made." The idea that Moses and Christ simply accommodated themselves to the thought patterns of their time is no more than a philosophic notion passed off on a gullible public by men who ought to know better. It's a twentieth-century superstition advocated by an apostate church.

#### The Doctrines of the Bible Form a Chain

Someone, of course, will come along and say, "What's the difference! Surely, I can be saved without believing in the doctrine of creation! All that's really necessary is to believe in Christ, isn't it?"

Those who argue that way are in great spiritual danger. Do you remember what Christ told Nicodemus? "If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly

things?" (John 3:12.) The answer is obvious. Calling one part of Scripture a myth leaves all the rest open to doubt. All Scripture doctrines form a chain. When one link snaps, the entire chain is broken.

That's the answer to the question which may have been puzzling you the last 500 words. It seems we're simply not writing about the text quoted at the beginning of this article, are we? The text speaks about Christ's Second Coming, and in this article we have been writing about evolution and creation. How come?

#### The Connection Between Creation and the Final Judgment

The connection is a very close one. Note the argument these scoffers use to deny the Second Coming of Christ. They say: "Since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation." They insist that the laws of nature have always been in operation, and that they will never change. That effectively rules out the last judgment. It even sounds logical.

The trouble is that the major premise happens to be untrue, namely, that these laws have never changed, have never been modified or put aside. In chapter two, Peter has already pointed to one catastrophic period in the world's history when the laws of nature were found to be not as permanent as they now seem to be. We recall that he wrote: "God . . . spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly" (II Pet. 2:5).

We'll hear more of this shortly, as we meditate on the next two verses of this third chapter, in which it is stated that these scoffers willfully reject what the Word of God reveals on this score.

#### Tampering with God's Word Undermines Morality

Do you recognize what the substitution of evolution for creation brings



with it? If you want to be logical, you will have to say, "If God did not create, as He said, then He cannot destroy, as He says." That's why these scoffers feel perfectly safe, even though they "walk after their own lusts" and let the desires of their Old Adam dictate their manner of life. Tamper with the Word, and you have the new morality of today. It was old stuff in Peter's time already.

Yes, it does make a difference! Unless you and I hold to the doctrine of creation, our children may discard the doctrine of the judgment, and their children won't care the least about God's Law and God's holiness. That's if it takes that long!

**Christ's Return to Judgment Is a Divinely Revealed Truth**

For scoffers of that kind Christ has the same answer He once gave

to Caiaphas. Caiaphas asked Christ, "Art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?" Christ answered, "I am; and ye shall see the Son of Man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven." The high priest called Christ's statement blasphemy. What would you call it? And what would you call the words of these scoffers who seek to cancel the Scripture teaching concerning the final judgment by denying the creation?

David wasn't slow about saying what he thought. In Psalm 14 he wrote: "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God." He then indicated the basis for such fools' bad theology: "They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good."

Peter is just as blunt. He says: "They are walking after their own

lusts." That's why they don't want a judgment! But that doesn't say there isn't going to be one. Christ came the first time according to prophecy; He'll come again according to the same Book.

**Every Teaching of the Bible Is Vital**

You see, it does make a difference! Doctrines never stand in isolation, nor can they be believed in isolation. That's why the Church must ever be deeply concerned about what its members believe. And that's why we consider it a good investment to support a separate school system, in which we can without criticism or legal objection motivate our young people to read what Peter says.

You want that, don't you? After all, Peter's words are the Word of God.

HAROLD E. WICKE



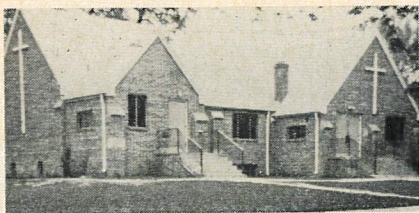
**Our District Mission Boards -  
Called to Serve**

**The Nebraska District**

On the dome of the capitol of the State of Nebraska is a statue of a sower sowing seed. That sower is an indication to all who visit the state capitol that Nebraska is an agricultural state. To a Christian, however, that sower has an added significance. It reminds him of the words of the Savior recorded in Luke 8:5, "A sower went out to sow his seed."

**Sowing the Seed of the Word**

In the Parable of the Sower, the Savior has reference to the Seed of



Good Shepherd Ev. Lutheran Church, Omaha, Nebraska, is one of the missions of the Nebraska District. District President Gerald Free is the pastor.

the Gospel. The Gospel seed was prepared by our Savior Jesus Christ through His perfect obedience to the Law of God and through His sufferings and death as man's Substitute. It is the good news that God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them, that God made Christ to be sin for us, who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him (II Cor. 5:19, 21).

Seeds of grain are usually sown on small parcels of ground, but the Seed of the Gospel is to be sown by the Christians throughout the world. "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15) is the Savior's command. Christians gladly carry out that command of the Savior for the salvation of immortal souls. Accordingly, the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod is engaged in a worldwide mission program.

**The Nebraska District's Area of Responsibility**

To carry out the mission program in the United States in an orderly manner, the Synod convention of 1963 assigned certain areas of mission responsibility to the various Districts of the Synod. The following states and portions of states were assigned to the Nebraska District: Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, southern South Da-



Members of the Nebraska District Mission Board are (left to right): Back row, Pastor Gerhardt Eckert, Mr. R. Brauer, Pastor Herbert Lichtenberg, President Gerald Free; Front row, Mr. Walter Dreyer, Pastor Leo Gruendeman, chairman.



kota, and four missions in Iowa. These are the number of mission congregations in the District according to states: Nebraska 13, Kansas 6, Iowa 4, South Dakota 3, Oklahoma 1, Louisiana 1, and Missouri 1.

#### Moving Into Metropolitan Centers

In the beginning of its history, the Nebraska District carried on its mission program in the towns of the Rosebud of South Dakota. In 1925 a mission was opened in Sioux City, Iowa. In 1940 missions were opened in Lincoln and Omaha, Nebraska. Since that year missions have been established in many of the large cities in the states assigned to the Nebraska District. With the influx of members from the Wisconsin Synod into the large cities of the country, the District Mission Board has concentrated its efforts on establishing missions in metropolitan areas. This enables the members of the Wisconsin Synod in the large cities to welcome those of the household of faith into their membership, thus preventing them from drifting into heterodox churches. In the metropolitan areas, opportunities for mission work exceed by far the opportunities in the rural areas. Here large fields are white unto harvest.

In Kansas missions have been opened in Kansas City, Topeka, Wichita-Halstead, and Stockton-Russell. A pastor was installed at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on December 8 of last year. He is also making an investigation of mission possibilities warranting exploratory services in Tulsa, Oklahoma. A resident pastor has been called to New Orleans by the District Mission Board.

#### Service to Rural Areas

Those of the household of faith in the rural areas, however, are not



Christian day schools are maintained by many mission congregations. These are the pupils of Good Shepherd Ev. Lutheran School, Omaha, Nebraska. Mr. Richard Brei and Miss Jean Mueller are the teachers.

neglected. Provisions are made for them to grow in Christian knowledge and to be nourished and strengthened in their saving faith through the Gospel of Jesus Christ by recorded services, by sermonettes, and by pastors from neighboring congregations, willing to share their pastor with their fellow Christians.

#### Year-Round Sowing

Seedtime is usually confined to the spring of the year. The sower on top of the Nebraska capitol, however, is always sowing. No matter when people look at him, he is sowing. So it should be with all Christians. The sowing of the Seed of the Gospel is not to be confined to certain seasons of the year. In the hottest days of summer as well as in the coldest days of winter, Christians enjoy sowing the precious Seed of the Gospel for a life of sanctification as well as for the eternal salvation of immortal souls. The Gospel-seed is faithfully sown by 23 pastors in the mission congregations

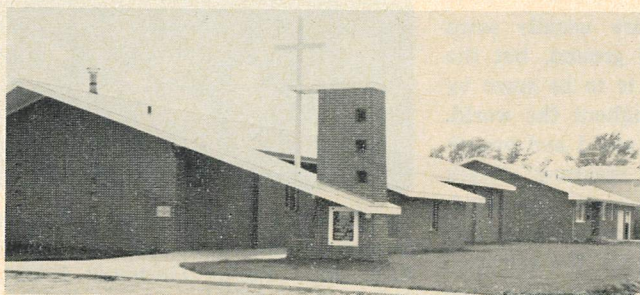
of the Nebraska District. Twelve teachers faithfully sow this precious Seed in the classrooms of seven mission congregations.

#### The Increase Given by God

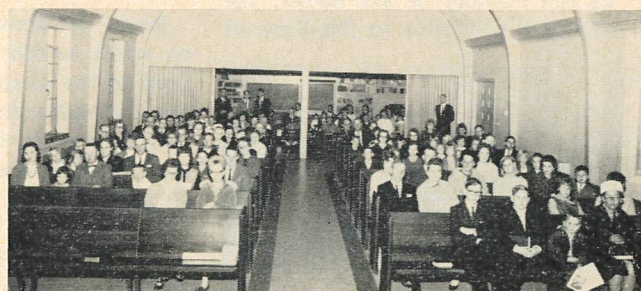
The Sowing of the Seed of the Gospel is done by Christians, but it is the Lord of the Harvest who must make the Seed sprout, grow, and yield fruit unto eternal life. St. Paul writes in his First Epistle to the Corinthians, chapter 3, verse 6: "I have planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase." In sowing the Seed of the Gospel, therefore, Christians will ask the Lord's blessing upon their labors for fruit unto life eternal in heaven.

The spiritual blessings produced by the Gospel can never be measured. Numbers, however, may be produced to serve as statistics of the mission congregations of the District. Some of the statistics for 1968 are:

Soul Membership .....	1841
Baptisms of Children .....	97
Baptisms of Adults .....	22
Confirmations of Children .....	70
Confirmations of Adults .....	39
Enrolled in Sunday Schools .....	671
Enrolled in Christian Day Schools .....	249
Enrolled in Vacation Bible Schools .....	632
Enrolled in Adult Bible Classes	245
Contributions for	
Home Purposes .....	\$147,440.00
Synodical Purposes .....	49,758.00
Charity .....	1,063.00
Average Contribution per Communicant .....	107.67



The church and parsonage (on the right) of St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, North Platte, Nebraska, Paul Soukup, pastor.



The interior of Christ Ev. Lutheran Church, Grand Island, Nebraska.



A slide-lecture of the missions of the Nebraska District is available. Available also is a large album containing pictures and a brief history of each mission of the District.

"As the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater; so shall my Word be that goeth forth out of my mouth; it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it" (Isa. 55:10, 11).

LEO GRUENDEMAN, Chairman  
Nebraska District Mission Board

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### Briefs

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ing for man to go to the moon. "If God wanted man to be on the moon, He would have put him there," they

argue. Nevertheless, the fact remains that when God created man, He gave him the command to *subdue* the earth (Gen. 1:28). He is to bring it under his control and master it for his service. To accomplish this, man must probe the mysteries of God's creation, discover its laws, explore its frontiers, harness its energy, and utilize its resources.

For us Christians the technological achievements of an age in which one scientific discovery or accomplishment trips on the heels of another will only awaken increasing astonishment and awe at the wisdom, power, and love of our God. "The invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead" (Rom. 1:20).

ON THE BASIS OF OUR PRESENT KNOWLEDGE OF SPACE, the earth appears to be a mere speck of dust in a universe the vastness of which staggers the imagination. Man

is a tiny, microbe-like passenger riding on this planet as it hurtles through space in its orbit around the sun. Yet it was for man, the crown of His creation, that God created the earth and the heavens. It was for the sake of man, whom He planned to create in His own image, that God on the fourth day placed into the heavens the sun, moon, and stars "to give light upon the earth."

The earth, man's home, may not be the center of the universe in a physical sense, but it is the center of God's attention. It was created before the firmament, the heavens, into which God set the two great lights, "the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night." But above all, it was to this earth that God in an act of supreme love sent His only-begotten Son to redeem fallen man from sin and death for a life of glory with Him in heaven. In this sense the universe is indeed geocentric, or, more properly speaking, anthropocentric.

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corded to date. Declining attendance among young adults, those in their 20's, accounts for much of the overall decline in churchgoing.

Why the decline in their attendance? The breakdown in morality has much to do with it; interest in church palls on those who revel in fleshly desires. Rebellion against the establishment, with which the church is commonly associated, is another contributing factor. So is the social gospel insistence on relevancy to the problems of the day—race, poverty, riots, war.

As reported in the *Times*, one woman suggested, "Young people today are looking for authority, but don't know where to find it." This is a thoughtful observation. Authority is crumbling in many church bodies, the most

conspicuous example being the Church of Rome, where a pope pleads almost pathetically for obedience and respect. The authority of the ministry is disintegrating in both Catholic and Protestant church bodies. The authority of God's Word is waning throughout Christendom, even in the bulk of Lutheranism.

How many churches still say with authority, "Thus saith the Lord"? How many let God be God, and let His Word be His Word? How many still tremble at that Word instead of presumptuously determining what God can say and what He cannot say?

If it is authority that young adults are seeking in the church today, thank God we can still tell them where to find it. Thank God our congregations still let it stand for them to find.

CARLETON TOPPE

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## Commencement At Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota

"And he gave some . . . teachers." Once again it was evident to a grateful Church that its prayers addressed to its God and Lord, "Send forth laborers into thy harvest," were being answered. On Friday, June 6, 152 graduates were granted the degree of Bachelor of Science in Education. Most of these young men and

women will enter the classrooms of our Christian day schools this fall as teachers—more laborers to bring in the harvest of souls. President Conrad Frey presented the degrees to the graduates and also presented them in turn to the Church, which will use them in classrooms in many schools of our Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod.



The address for this commencement was delivered by Professor Robert J. Voss, president of Wisconsin Lutheran College of Milwaukee. He asked the question, "Is Christian education really worth it?" He then proceeded to address the audience and the graduates on the theme, "Living Letters of Christ." As letters are written on white paper, which was not always that but began in a state of dirty pulp and rags, so these letters (the graduates) began also with hearts not good and clean. God has made them good to use. The use of pen and ink were compared to the Word of God and God's Spirit working in their hearts to produce a letter. Often letters are written by secretaries to whom they are dictated. Even so, instructors, pastors, parents have taken dictation from God to make these letters possible. The message of the letter is important. In the graduates' hearts the message of faith, assuring them that they are God's children, redeemed by the Lord Jesus, has made them letters of recommendation for Christian education, for their college, and, above all, for their Lord Jesus. Their life, as an envelope, must conform to the message. By their works they glorify their Father in heaven. The addresses of these letters of recommendation are the Christian schools, the Christian congregations, and the world with whom they come into contact.

The speaker repeated his opening question: "Is Christian education worthwhile?" and replied: "The answer lies with you as you go forth from this stage as living epistles of Christ." The presentation of diplomas was followed by the class hymn, written by one of the graduates, Monte Schmiede, "In Me There Is One Spirit." We include it since it indicates the spirit and dedication these young people have as they leave the halls of Dr. Martin Luther College to enter the classrooms of our Synod's congregations.

*In me there is one Spirit, one faith that makes me whole;  
In me that faith was planted and grows by grace alone.  
In me there is one light, one light that shines through  
shade;  
And death can have no power o'er me whom Christ has  
saved.*

*That faith was sparked within me by the Spirit's holy  
name;  
That faith on Christ was founded, who from the Father  
came,  
And did for man the pleasure of the Father's gracious  
will,  
And gained for man salvation from everlasting hell.*

*To me the Lord has given the care of many souls.  
To me the Lord has spoken and called me to prepare  
The hearts of many children for everlasting life,  
That they may live hereafter free from all pain and  
strife.*

*Now forth I go in earnest to serve the Lord of all;  
Now forth I go to witness salvation from the Fall;  
Now forth I go with banner of Christ, the Father's Son,  
To bear before the nations the news of redemption.*

*To Father, Son, and Spirit let this my pray'r be said:  
I ask for me no honors for me no merit gained;  
But grant to me the favor of Thy assisting hand  
That I might serve Thee better, and souls might thus  
be gained.*

The graduating class, directed by their classmate K. Kremer, presented the words of this song as a prayer to their Lord, who was on graduation day sending them into fields of harvest.

Indeed, "He gave some . . . teachers."

DELMAR C. BRICK



The president of the College, Prof. Conrad Frey, congratulates Miss Janice Stone of Costa Mesa, California, as she receives her diploma.



Some of the 1969 graduates of Dr. Martin Luther College come forward on the stage to receive their diplomas.



# Presenting the 1969 Graduates

## Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota

### And Their Assignments



**Lou Ann Ahles**  
Schofield, Wis.  
To: St. Peter,  
Appleton, Wis.



**John M. Akers**  
Sparta, Wis.  
To: First  
German,  
Manitowoc, Wis.



**Marilyn Andres**  
St. Joseph, Mich.  
To: St. Mark,  
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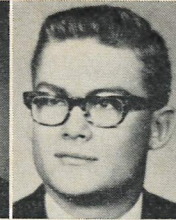
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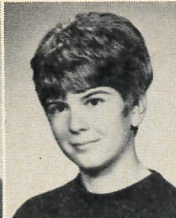
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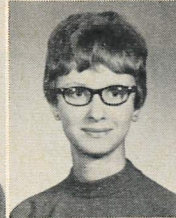
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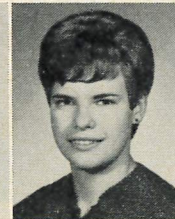
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To: St. John's, Sleepy Eye, Minn.



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To: Gethsemane, Omaha, Nebr.



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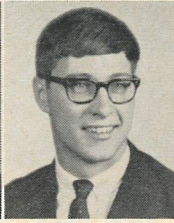
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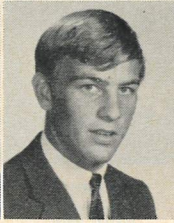
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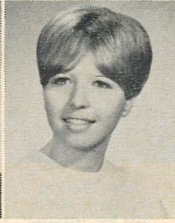
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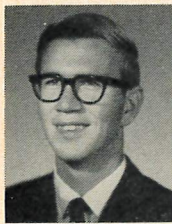
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**Marilyn Orth**  
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**Diane Page**  
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To: Bethlehem,  
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To: Trinity,  
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**Myrna Schauble**  
Caledonia,  
Minn.  
To: St. John's,  
Peshtigo, Wis.



**Jerome Scheitel**  
New Ulm, Minn.  
To: Apostles,  
Billings, Mont.



**Ronald Schmidt**  
De Pere, Wis.  
To: Trinity,  
Hoskins, Nebr.



**Jean Schroeder**  
Watertown, Wis.  
To: St. Paul's,  
St. James, Minn.



**Joyce Schroeder**  
Watertown, Wis.  
To: Trinity,  
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Matthew's,  
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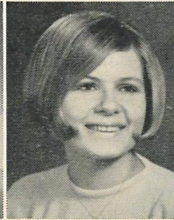
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**S. Stephenson**  
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**Janice Stone**  
Costa Mesa,  
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To: St. Paul's,  
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**Rue Stone**  
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**Carolyn Sturm**  
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**John Taylor**  
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To: St. Philip's,  
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**Joan Trapp**  
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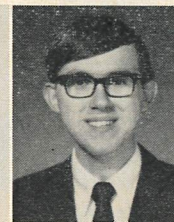
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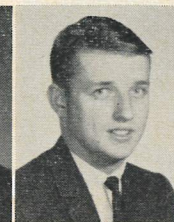
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To: St. Paul's,  
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To: St. Paul's,  
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**Paulette Zahrt**  
Schofield, Wis.  
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Brown Deer, Wis.  
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**Irmgard Zielke**  
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**L. Zimmermann**  
Stevensville,  
Mich.  
To: Zion,  
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**Vona Genz**  
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**Carol Piske**  
Yakima, Wash.



**Charles Schwartz**  
Brillion, Wis.



**Ruth Nolte**  
New Ulm, Minn.

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Academy,  
New Ulm, Minn.

**Doris Hagedorn**  
Wauwatosa, Wis.  
To: St. John's,  
Manitowoc, Wis.

**G. Hannemann**  
Oshkosh, Wis.  
To: Immanuel,  
La Crosse, Wis.

**Eric Lange**  
Rhineland,  
Wis.  
To: St. John's,  
Sparta, Wis.

**Jeanne Peterson**  
Weyauwega,  
Wis.

**To: Mt. Olive,  
Delano, Minn.**

**Larry Raether**  
Lake Mills, Wis.  
To: Mt. Olive,  
Bay City, Mich.

**Ralph Retzlaff**  
Slinger, Wis.  
To: Winnebago  
Lutheran  
Academy,  
Fond du Lac,  
Wis.

**K. Richmond**  
Freeland, Mich.  
To: Good  
Shepherd,  
West Bend, Wis.

**James Schacht-  
schneider**  
Milwaukee, Wis.  
To: Redemption,  
Milwaukee, Wis.

**Monte Schmiege**  
Chesaning,  
Mich.  
To: St.  
Matthew's,  
Iron Ridge, Wis.

**Doris Stehr**  
Mequon, Wis.  
To: Mt. Calvary,  
Kimberly, Wis.

**Dorothy Warskow**  
Tucson, Ariz.  
To: Indian  
Mission,  
Bylas, Ariz.

**Suzanne Zirbel**  
Manitowoc, Wis.  
To: Zum  
Kripplein Christi,  
Iron Ridge, Wis.

#### (1967 Graduates)

**Leonard Collyard**  
White Bear  
Lake, Minn.  
To: St. Lucas,  
Milwaukee, Wis.

**Carl Lemke**  
Greenleaf, Wis.  
To: Mt. Olive,  
Mankato, Minn.

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**John Gronholz**  
New Ulm, Minn.  
To: St. Paul's,  
Lake Mills, Wis.

**Christine Mahler**  
West Allis, Wis.  
To: St. Paul's,  
Plymouth, Nebr.

**J. Rupprecht**  
Milwaukee, Wis.  
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Saginaw, Mich.

**M. Sprengeler**  
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Seminary,  
Saginaw, Mich.

**W. Zimmermann**  
Lodi, Calif.  
To: Trinity,  
Caledonia, Wis.

#### (Special Candidate)

**David Halldin**  
Sturtevant, Wis.  
To: Epiphany  
Racine, Wis.



## Decisions Facing the August Convention

In this second of two articles on issues facing the 230 voting delegates to the 40th biennial convention of the Synod, August 6-13, we will turn to the area of missions.

The first article dealt with the major educational issue: a recommendation from the Coordinating Council to phase out Wisconsin Lutheran College.

### Home Missions

During the past two years a record 33 mission churches were opened. In the process six new states and an additional province of Canada were entered by the Synod.

Pastor Norman W. Berg, executive secretary of the home mission board, is reporting to the convention that the "mobility of our own people coupled with the deep concern of other Lutherans has called our attention to many excellent mission fields in widespread metropolitan areas of our land."

"The pleas of other Lutherans concerned about the loss of confessionalism in their own church bodies," he reports, "gives us a nucleus of mission workers in areas totally new to our Synod."

To take advantage of these opportunities the Home Mission Board is proposing to the convention a goal of 96 new missions in the next six years, an average of 16 new missions a year.

### Church Extension Fund

One of the serious problems in the home mission program, cited by Pastor Berg, is the length of time a mission must wait for its first worship unit—in some cases, five years. This delay, he says, "results in a waste of pastoral manpower, and in debilitating frustration and a dampening of mission zeal locally and synodically in mission congregations."

The Home Mission Board is requesting the convention to appropriate \$5.1 million from the budget over the next six years for the Church Extension Fund.

"Such a program of appropriations," says Pastor Berg, "would permit the opening of 14 to 18 new missions per year and enable us to reach a 42-month building schedule in gradual stages by 1975."

### The Issue

As the delegates review this expanding mission program, at issue is the allocation of the limited funds available for the Synod's total ministry. This can be illustrated quite simply.

Take, for example, a \$50,000 block of money. It does not seem very much in a \$5.3 million budget. In fact, less than one per cent. But it is a sum which represents the initial operating cost of six new missions, that is, the cost of placing a pastor in a mission area. If this \$50,000 is allocated to some other program by the convention, it is not available to start the six new missions.

The same is true of capital funds. If \$1 million is allocated to some other program, it is not available to supply ten new missions with land and their first worship unit.

The issue, then, is *where* those \$50,000 blocks of money and those millions in capital funds will be allocated. This will be, without doubt, a most difficult and distressing decision. But a decision will have to be made.

### World Missions

A major goal of the World Mission Board is to make its mission fields self-supporting, self-propagating, and self-governing as rapidly as possible. This is not only desirable, it is imperative as nationalism arises in the countries where our mission fields are located.

To bring the fields closer to this goal, the initiation and expansion of seminary programs for nationals are significant "expansion" items in the budget.

Furthermore, Pastor Edgar Hoenecke, executive secretary of the World Mission Board, will present to the convention a firsthand report of his survey of Indonesia. A national pastor there is urging the Synod to enter that country to represent confessional Lutheranism in this vast area of the Far East.

If the convention decides that Indonesia is an "open door" set before it by God, money must be found to fund the operation of the new field. Money allocated to some other program in the budget cannot be used to fund expansion of seminary programs and penetration into new mission fields.

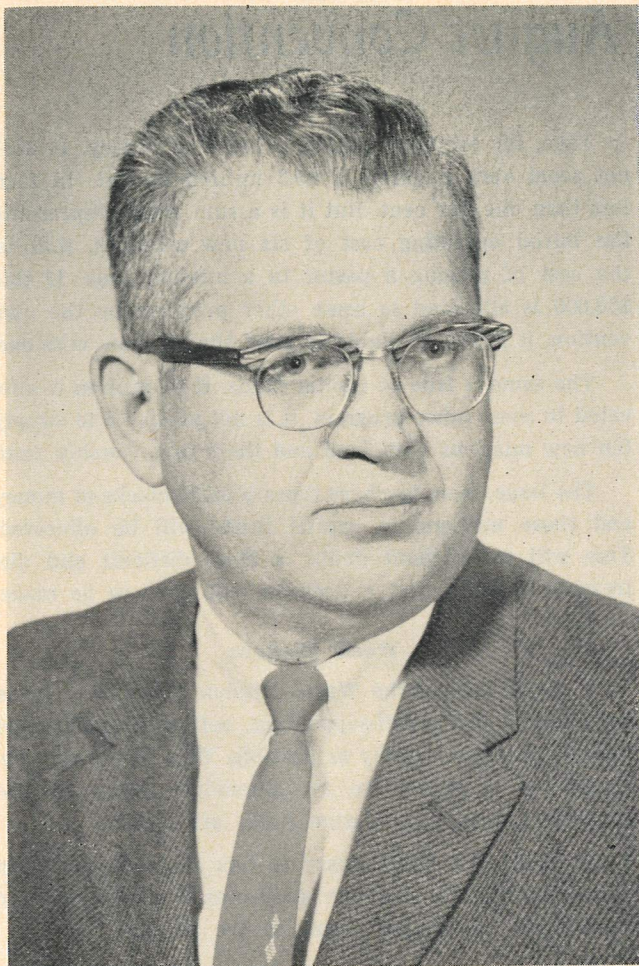
If a delegate feels that the convention will have only three problems—money, finances, and revenues—this is only partially right. The bigger issue, perhaps, is the work program: what, in the judgment of the convention, is the Lord calling it to do at this moment in the Synod's history.

And so together we pray that the Lord's Spirit will rest firmly upon the convention, the Spirit of wisdom to resolve these perplexing issues.

JAMES P. SCHAEFER



## Dr. Siegbert W. Becker Accepts Call to the Seminary Faculty



Dr. Siegbert W. Becker

Dr. Siegbert W. Becker, formerly the head of the Religion Department at Wisconsin Lutheran College in Milwaukee, will join the faculty of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary at Mequon as the tenth professor in September. Dr. Becker will teach in the fields of New Testament and church history.

Born on a farm near St. Paul, Minnesota, October 28, 1914, Dr. Becker attended Concordia College in St. Paul and Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, completing his studies for the ministry in 1938. He did graduate study at the University of Minnesota, where he received an M.A. degree after majoring in Greek, the University of Chicago, and the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary of Chicago, earning his Th.D. degree at the latter institution in 1957.

Dr. Becker served pastorates at Fort Dodge, Ireton, and Sac City, Iowa, from 1938 to 1947. From 1947 to 1963 he taught at Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Illinois. In 1963 he became a member of the Wisconsin Synod for confessional reasons and accepted a call to Wisconsin Lutheran College. He has served the Synod also as a member of the Board of Education.

Dr. Becker was married to the former Helen Bertram of Fort Dodge, Iowa, in 1939. They are the parents of five children, David, Rebecca, Mark, Michael, and James. The oldest son is a lawyer, Rebecca is a student in the Law School of the University of Wisconsin, Mark and Michael are in service, and James is a senior at Wisconsin Lutheran High School.

May the Lord of the Church richly bless the labors of His newly called servant in preparing men for the high office of the holy ministry at our Seminary!

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## Fifty Years of Sunday-School Teaching

St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Hurley, Wisconsin, had the unusual experience of celebrating the 50th anniversary of one of its Sunday-school teachers. For 50 consecutive years Mr. George Prosek has faithfully served on the Sunday-school staff of this church. For over 40 of those same years he was also the superintendent.

In an effort to show their thanks, the congregation, family, and friends of Mr. Prosek gathered for a special service in St. Paul's Church on Sunday afternoon, May 18, 1969. The undersigned, who is presently serving the congregation as vacancy pastor, served as the festival speaker. The assembly was urged to let Christ shine in their lives as Mr. Prosek

has done. As the many years of Mr. Prosek's service were rendered out of love for the Savior and to the glory of God, so, too, was this service held for His glory.

Following the worship service, a turkey dinner was served in the basement of the church by the ladies of the congregation. A program in which most of the pastors of the Rhinelander Conference spoke followed the dinner. Gifts from the congregation and Sunday school were presented to Mr. Prosek. A thought that was repeated several times during the day was that Mr. Prosek's faithfulness is an example to us all. May God grant us more faithful and dedicated workers like Mr. Prosek!

EUGENE KOCK



Mr. George Prosek



## We Turn to the Psalter . . .

### . . . For Our Evening Devotions

Psalm 8 could well be called "An Evening Psalm." The Psalmist, having observed the heavens at night, begins this hymn of praise by glorifying the Lord, whose name is "excellent in all the earth." God reveals His glory throughout the earth in His works of creation and redemption. The glory of the moon and the stars is apparent to all, including also children. Even the very young join in testifying to the strength and wisdom of the Lord. At Jesus' royal entry into Jerusalem the children sang, "Hosanna to the Son of David!"

As we meditate upon this Psalm, which is a Messianic prophecy as the New Testament clearly shows,

two questions arise. One is: "Who is God that He is so mindful of man and even visits him with His mercy?" The other: "What is man that he is so exalted by God?" We remember that man was created by the Lord in perfect holiness. Man chose to disobey God. He became a sinner. God could have destroyed him then and there, but He did not. Instead, He promised a Savior. He showered His grace and love upon sinful mankind.

And so we ask, "Who is God?" "What is man?" Why has God exalted man to such a degree that even in his sinfulness he has dominion over the fish of the sea, over the fowls of the air, over every

creeping thing, yes, over all the world? Why does the mighty Creator of the universe concern Himself about insignificant you and puny me?

The answer: "God is love." He "is not willing that any should perish." His glory is magnified by His works and by His astonishing love to man, a love which reaches its climax in the atoning sacrifice of the "Son of Man," God's own Son, on Calvary's cross and in the Savior's victorious resurrection.

What better way to retire for the night is there than with the assurance that our God does care about us? All creation was prepared for us. His Son died for us. We can rest securely in the knowledge that the Lord, who has set His glory above the heavens, who guides the heavenly bodies along their prescribed courses, will continue to have mercy upon us, His blood-bought children.

"O Lord our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!"

PHILIP R. JANKE

### Confirmation at Bethesda Lutheran Home

Sunday, June 1, 1969, confirmation services were held at Bethesda Lutheran Home of Watertown, Wisconsin, for seven mentally handicapped residents, of whom one was baptized and six were confirmed. This brought the total confirmed in the last 12 years to 123.

The service took place in the presence of relatives, friends, staff members, and residents of the Home. Rev. A. M. Harstad, chaplain of Bethesda, questioned the confirmands on Christian doctrine.

The seven, who represented six states, range in age from 15 to 21. All had participated in the chaplain's confirmation class for two years, attending 40 minutes a day, five days a week during the school year.

The chaplain preached on the basis of John 3:3, concerning the necessity of being born again in order that one may see the kingdom of God.



June 1 was a happy day for seven residents of Bethesda Lutheran Home. One of the confirmands, Raymond Fry, was also baptized. Confirmed were (left to right) 1st row: Louise Van Swearingen, Spencer, South Dakota; Jean Allison Raabe, Stanton, Nebraska; Pamela Ann Blue, Traverse City, Michigan; 2nd row: Robert Gene Davis, Cape Girardeau, Missouri; Larry Arthur Raddle, Algonquin, Illinois; Rev. A. M. Harstad, Chaplain at the Home; Raymond Earl Fry, Aurora, Illinois; Paul Herbert Freiberg, Commerce City, Colorado.



**THE FORTIETH BIENNIAL CONVENTION  
OF THE WISCONSIN EVANGELICAL  
LUTHERAN SYNOD**

The Fortieth Biennial Convention of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod will meet, God willing, August 6 to 13, 1969, at Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minn.

The opening service with Holy Communion will be held Wednesday, August 6, 10 a.m., in the chapel-auditorium of the Academic Center on the DMLC campus. Pastor Norman W. Berg, Executive Secretary of the Board for Home Missions, will preach the sermon. The closing service will be held Tuesday, August 12, at 7:30 p.m. Pastor Karl F. Krauss, Lansing, Mich., will deliver the sermon.

The opening session will be held Wednesday, August 6, at 2 p.m. in the gymnasium-auditorium of the Luther Memorial Union building. Delegates are asked to arrive early enough so that they will have time to register before the beginning of the opening session. Registrations will be made at the Luther Memorial Union.

Two essays will be presented during the course of the convention. Pastor Darvin Raddatz, Beaver Dam, Wis., will present an essay entitled "Our Call To Serve." The second essay, entitled "Our Stewardship Call," will be delivered by Pastor Joel C. Gerlach, Garden Grove, Calif.

Housing for the delegates will be provided in Hillview Hall, Centennial Hall, and West Hall on the DMLC campus. Detailed instructions pertaining to housing will be mailed to each delegate together with reservation cards. All voting and advisory delegates must make reservations for housing. Reservations should be made by July 15, 1969. Kindly address all communications to The Convention Housing Committee, Dr. Martin Luther College—Box 417, New Ulm, Minn. 56073.

Meals will be served all bona fide delegates in the College cafeteria. Meal tickets will be available to visitors.

Mail sent to delegates during the convention should be addressed in care of Dr. Martin Luther College—Box 417, New Ulm, Minn. 56073. Delegates may be reached by telephone by calling (507) 354-8221.

Paul R. Hanke, Secretary

**FLOOR COMMITTEES**

**Fortieth Convention of the  
Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod  
August 6 to 13, 1969  
Dr. Martin Luther College  
New Ulm, Minnesota**

(Note: the Constitution requires the publication of the names of all voting delegates to the convention. It also requires the publication of all floor committees appointed by the Praesidium. In the interest of conserving space in our NORTHWESTERN LUTHERAN, the list of floor committees is being published here. It contains the names of all voting delegates in addition to a few advisory delegates. No list of voting delegates arranged according to Districts will be published.—O.J.N.)

**No. 1 Elections**

Prof. Howard Birkholz, Chairman  
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Pastor Russel Kobs  
Pastor Allen D. Capek  
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Teacher Winfred Vathauer  
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Mr. Charles Voge, St. John, Newburg, Wis.  
Mr. Merlyn Ruff, Grace, Nelson, Wis.

**No. 2 Doctrinal Matters**

Prof. Armin Panning, Chairman  
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Mr. Henry Schnabel, Zion, Colome, S. Dak.  
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Prof. Herbert Jaster, Chairman  
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Pastor Paul Manthey  
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Teacher Allen R. Treichel  
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 Pastor Darvin Raddatz, Essayist

**NOMINATIONS BY THE DISTRICTS**

For Offices to be Filled by Election at the 1969 Convention  
 (The order is determined by the Districts  
 and at times expresses preference)

**BOARDS OF CONTROL**

**WISCONSIN LUTHERAN SEMINARY  
 SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT**

1 Pastor:  
 Marcus Liesener  
 Paul A. Manthey  
 Paul E. Nitz

1 Layman:  
 Cletus A. Bartelt  
 Kurt Kneiske  
 Arthur Schroeder

**DR. MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE  
 MINNESOTA DISTRICT**

1 Layman:  
 Henry J. Baumann  
 Alvin Mueller  
 Robert Everts

**WESTERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT**

1 Teacher:  
 Herbert Grams  
 Lester Raabe  
 Adalbert Voigt

**NORTHWESTERN COLLEGE  
 NORTHERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT**

1 Pastor:  
 Karl A. Gurgel  
 Norval Kock  
 Joel Ph. Sauer

**WESTERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT**

1 Pastor:  
 Donald Bitter  
 W. A. Schumann  
 Marvin Zank

1 Layman:  
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 Arnold Schweppe  
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**WISCONSIN LUTHERAN COLLEGE  
 SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT**

1 Pastor:  
 Roland Ehke  
 Donald Kolander  
 Richard Ziesemer

1 Teacher:  
 H. O. Ihlenfeldt  
 Richard Scharf  
 Frederick Wulff

**MARTIN LUTHER ACADEMY  
 MINNESOTA DISTRICT**

1 Pastor:  
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 Herbert Hackbarth  
 Roy Reede

1 Teacher:  
 Paul Fritze  
 Werner Lemke  
 Merlyn Kruse

**NORTHWESTERN LUTHERAN ACADEMY  
 DAKOTA-MONTANA DISTRICT**

1 Pastor:  
 Marvin Putz  
 Wayne Schulz  
 Edward Werner

1 Layman:  
 Rudolph Heier  
 Robert Weiser  
 Arnold Mischke

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 NEBRASKA DISTRICT**

1 Pastor:  
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 Hermann K. John  
 Milton F. Weishahn

1 Teacher:  
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 John Isch

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 MICHIGAN DISTRICT**

1 Pastor:  
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 John Westendorf

1 Layman:  
 August Klement  
 Bernard Dittmar  
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1 Teacher:  
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1 Teacher:  
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 Bernhardt Boese  
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1 Pastor:  
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1 Professor:  
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1 Pastor:  
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**DAKOTA-MONTANA DISTRICT (to 1971)**

1 Layman:  
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1 Pastor:  
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## NOMINATIONS MADE BY THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Nominations proposed by the Nominating Committee of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod for the Fortieth Convention, August 6-13, 1969.

### Chairman of General Board for Home Missions

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Pastor Walter Diehl, Dallas, Texas  
Pastor Daniel Gieschen, Adrian, Michigan

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### Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary

The Seminary Board of Control invites the members of the Synod to nominate candidates for the eleventh professorship, which has been assigned to the fields of Old Testament and Homiletics.

Submit nominations no later than July 25, 1969, to:

Pastor Emil G. Toepel, Secretary  
614 East St.  
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## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

### Wisconsin Lutheran College

Since Dr. Siegbert W. Becker has accepted the call to the tenth professorship of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, the Board of Control of Wisconsin Lutheran College requests the members of the Synod to submit names in nomination for the vacated professorship.

Nominees should be theologically trained, qualified to teach religion, particularly Old and New Testament Introduction as well as Christian Doctrine.

Nominations should be submitted to the undersigned by July 28, 1969.

Mr. H. O. Ihlenfeldt, Secretary  
Wisconsin Lutheran College  
Board of Control  
330 North Glenview Ave.  
Milwaukee, Wis. 53213

## ORDINATIONS AND INSTALLATIONS

### Ordained and Installed

#### Pastors

**Hoepfner, Harold E.**, as pastor of Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Merrill, Wis., by R. E. Vomhof, assisted by W. Frank, W. Lange, G. Schmeling, B. Stensberg; June 22, 1969.

**Wille, Julius G.**, as pastor of Star of Bethlehem Ev. Lutheran Church, New Berlin, Wis., by J. Raabe, assisted by H. Wicke, V. Thierfelder, C. Weigel; June 22, 1969.

#### Installed

**Wood, Harold A.**, as pastor of Apostles Ev. Lutheran Church, Billings, Mont., by K. Lenz; May 25, 1969.

**Wagner, Werner**, as pastor of Christus Ev. Lutheran Church, Whitewater (Richmond), Wis., as an additional charge, by P. Kuehl; June 1, 1969.

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

#### Pastors

**Found, Charles E.**  
2151 Dunn Court  
Thousand Oaks, Calif. 91360  
Phone: (805) 497-1542

**Wicke, Harold E.**  
2746 Cleveland Park Drive  
West Allis, Wis. 53219

## NOTE!

Mailing Address of our Pastor in Vietnam (first class only):  
Rev. Melvin Schwark  
% Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod  
Box 56 APO SF 96243  
Street address in Saigon (for servicemen in Vietnam):  
329 VO TAHN Telephone: PTT 22429

## REQUEST FOR A HOUSEMOTHER

Dr. Martin Luther College is in need of a housemother for Centennial Hall beginning with the 1969-70 school term. Centennial houses 130 academy girls and 25 college freshmen women. Qualifications desired are a mature Christian woman, member of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod, ability to deal with personal and everyday problems of youth living in a dormitory away from home, and a knowledge and sincere interest in working with young women preparing for the teaching ministry. For particulars contact:

Prof. Lloyd Huebner  
Dean of Students  
Dr. Martin Luther College  
New Ulm, Minn. 56073  
Phone number 517-354-8221

## CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES

### MINNESOTA

#### MANKATO PASTOR-DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: July 23, 1969.  
Time: 7:30-9:30 p.m.  
Place: St. Peter's, St. Peter, Minn.  
Agenda: Discussion of Reports and Memorials for the Fortieth Biennial Convention.  
D. Begalka, Secretary

### WESTERN WISCONSIN

#### CENTRAL DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: July 22, 1969.  
Place: St. Stephen's, Beaver Dam, Wis.  
Time: 9 a.m.  
Agenda: President Oscar J. Naumann speaking on the Missouri Synod Convention as well as giving a preview of the forthcoming Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod Convention.

Werner E. Wagner, Secretary

#### CLOSING DATES FOR DISTRICT CASHIERS

The schedule of closing dates for remittances of offerings by congregations to their District Cashiers is as follows:

July 24, 1969  
Aug. 24, 1969  
Norris Koopmann, Treasurer



**WISCONSIN EV. LUTHERAN SYNOD  
BUDGETARY FUND OFFERINGS FOR 1969**

Five months ended May 31, 1969

	Prebudget Subscription	Pension	Gifts and Memorials	Total
Arizona-California .....	\$ 57,553	\$ 2,038	\$ 3,594	\$ 63,185
Dakota-Montana .....	62,695	300	121	63,116
Michigan .....	316,846	1,309	5,270	323,425
Minnesota .....	349,825	7,148	2,737	359,710
Nebraska .....	64,345	680	60	65,085
Northern Wisconsin .....	400,436	9,100	912	410,448
Pacific Northwest .....	18,543	951	—	19,494
Southeastern Wisconsin .....	465,723	15,339	3,051	484,113
Western Wisconsin .....	408,748	14,825	26,712	450,283
Sent Direct to Treasurer.....	—	—	9,596	9,596
<b>Total — 1969 .....</b>	<b>\$2,144,712</b>	<b>\$51,690</b>	<b>\$52,053</b>	<b>\$2,248,455</b>
<b>Total — 1968 .....</b>	<b>\$1,584,361</b>	<b>\$49,108</b>	<b>\$53,040</b>	<b>\$1,686,509</b>

**1969 PREBUDGET SUBSCRIPTION PERFORMANCE**

Five months ended May 31, 1969

	Subscription Amount for 1969	5/12 of Annual Subscription	Subscription and Pension Offerings	Per Cent of Subscription
Arizona-California .....	\$ 134,270	\$ 55,946	\$ 59,591	106.5
Dakota-Montana .....	162,677	67,782	62,995	92.9
Michigan .....	768,949	320,396	318,155	99.3
Minnesota .....	819,684	341,535	356,973	104.5
Nebraska .....	154,130	64,221	65,025	99.7
Northern Wisconsin .....	974,553	406,064	409,536	100.9
Pacific Northwest .....	47,519	19,800	19,494	98.5
Southeastern Wisconsin .....	1,202,422	501,010	481,062	96.0
Western Wisconsin .....	1,006,606	419,419	423,571	101.0
<b>Total — 1969 .....</b>	<b>\$5,270,810</b>	<b>\$2,196,173</b>	<b>\$2,196,402</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Total — 1968 .....</b>	<b>\$3,683,523</b>	<b>\$1,534,802</b>	<b>\$1,633,469(A)</b>	<b>106.4(A)</b>

Note (A) — The information for 1968 has been adjusted to include Pension Offerings for comparison purposes.

**MISSIO DEI CONTRIBUTIONS  
Total to May 31, 1969**

Arizona-California .....	\$ 163,515
Dakota-Montana .....	177,122
Michigan .....	680,928
Minnesota .....	758,015
Nebraska .....	169,036
Northern Wisconsin .....	1,108,530
Pacific-Northwest .....	51,051
Southeastern Wisconsin .....	1,352,388
Western Wisconsin .....	952,282
Gifts sent to Treasurer's Office .....	67,784
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$5,480,651</b>
Total Subscription .....	\$5,525,000
Per cent received .....	99.2

**CURRENT BUDGETARY FUND**

**Statement of Income and Expenditures**

Twelve months ended May 31, 1969 with comparative figures for 1968

	Twelve months ended May 31		Increase or Decrease*	
	1969	1968	Amount	Per cent
<b>Income</b>				
Prebudget Subscription Offerings .....	\$4,141,569	\$3,460,747	\$680,822	19.7
Gifts and Memorials .....	133,664	107,415	26,249	24.4
Pension Plan Contributions .....	102,343	93,830	8,513	9.1
Bequest .....	72,950	10,733	62,217	
Income from NWPH .....	21,562	16,562	5,000	30.2
Other Income .....	4,116	3,999	117	2.9
<b>Total Income .....</b>	<b>\$4,476,204</b>	<b>\$3,693,286</b>	<b>\$782,918</b>	<b>21.2</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Worker-Training .....	\$1,506,243	\$1,247,980	\$258,263	20.7
Home Missions .....	1,187,718	1,125,372	62,346	5.5
World Missions .....	683,782	602,479	81,303	13.5
Benevolences .....	706,449	671,462	34,987	5.2
Administration and Services .....	365,628	306,919	58,709	19.1
<b>Total Expenditures .....</b>	<b>\$4,449,820</b>	<b>\$3,954,212</b>	<b>\$495,608</b>	<b>12.5</b>
Operating Gain .....	\$ 26,384			
Operating Deficit** .....		\$ 260,926**		

Accumulated Deficit, July 1966 through May 1969, \$370,976

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**APPOINTMENTS**

Pastor Richard M. Seeger of Milwaukee has been appointed a member of the Executive Committee of the Commission On Evangelism. He will serve the remainder of the term of Pastor Herbert Kruschel, who resigned from this office.

Mr. George Reschke of Stevensville, Mich., has been appointed a member of the Board of Control of Michigan Lutheran Seminary to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Bert Schulz.

Pastor Fred P. Zimmermann of Lansing, Mich., has been appointed to the Board of Control of Michigan Lutheran Seminary to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement and resignation of Pastor Roland Scheele.

Pastor Edgar A. Knief of St. Paul, Minn., has been appointed to the Board of Control of Martin Luther College to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Pastor Harold Johne, who has accepted a call to our Japan Mission.

Oscar J. Naumann, President

**APPOINTMENTS**

Pastor Leroy Dobberstein has become first vice-president of the Dakota-Montana District, taking the place of Pastor H. A. Birner, who has accepted a call into another District.

Pastor Richard W. Strobel was appointed second vice-president to take the place of Pastor Dobberstein.

Pastor Arnold E. Lemke was appointed secretary of the District as of August 15, 1969, to take the place of Pastor Dobberstein, who has submitted his resignation.

Pastor Wayne Schulz has taken the place of Pastor Birner as a member of the District Mission Board.

Arthur P. C. Kell, President  
Dakota-Montana District

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