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BRIEFS by the Editor

THE 40TH BIENNIAL CONVENTION of our Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod is now history. In the eyes of many observers, one issue dominated this convention, the future of Wisconsin Lutheran College. This issue was the subject of intensive study by Floor Committee No. 5, the committee which dealt with worker-training matters. All sides of the question were fully aired in the debate on the convention floor. The debate continued in many a private conversation in the corridors, the cafeteria, and the delegates' quarters. There were frank and honest differences of opinion.

Finally, late on Tuesday afternoon, August 12, the vote was taken by written ballot. A half hour later, just before the close of the session at five o'clock, the results were announced: 150 votes were cast in favor of the resolution to merge WLC with Dr. Martin Luther College, 65 were opposed. The decision had been made. It was noted that the proposal to consolidate the Synod's teacher-training activities on the New Ulm campus

had been adopted by more than a two-thirds majority.

Throughout the discussion one fact was emphasized again and again: the question was not a doctrinal issue. It was a practical matter. It was a question of how the Savior's commission to make disciples of all nations, "baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you," might best be carried out. This was a question to be decided by the exercise of sanctified Christian judgment. In matters of this kind Christian brethren may properly and rightfully differ in their convictions.

Nevertheless, all expressed a readiness to abide by the decision of the majority. Thus, despite the sharp differences of opinion on this issue, there was a basic unity, a God-given doctrinal unanimity, a fundamental agreement that bound the delegates together in Christian faith and love. The aim of all was to press forward in the Church's business of lengthening the cords and strengthening the stakes of Zion's tent. A genuine con-

cern and earnest zeal for the Church's parallel tasks of Christian missions and Christian education were evident throughout the debate. Observers noted the Christian love and moderation that characterized the discussion.

The Christian spirit of those whose counsel did not prevail and their willingness to accept the Convention's decision were given eloquent expression by Pastor Waldemar Pless, acting as the spokesman for Wisconsin Lutheran College in his capacity as chairman of the Board of Control (see page 329).

In our congregations it frequently happens that the decision to open a Christian day school, to build a new church or parsonage, or to blacktop the parking lot is not made by a unanimous vote. Yet, once the decision to undertake such a project has been made, the minority in Christian love will accept the decision and cheerfully join in carrying it out.

So also the members of our Synod will now joyfully work together in serving the Lord Jesus Christ in a spirit of unity and harmony. As Christian brethren they will count it a privilege that they have been "called to serve." In a united effort they will seek to carry out the stated purpose of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod "to serve all people in
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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. | Kings 8:57

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COVER — The official seal of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod formed the backdrop as President Oscar J. Naumann conducted the business sessions of the 40th biennial convention of the Synod in the new Luther Memorial Union of Dr. Martin Luther College at New Ulm, Minnesota.

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Editorials

No Tower of Babel Most conventions of our Synod are forced to make at least one very critical decision. The 1969 convention was not an exception. This time the critical decision was in the area of teacher-training facilities.

But with attention focused on a specific crucial report at a given convention, the significance of other reports which are not in the limelight at the time can escape the preoccupied observer.

One such report at our most recent convention was the report of Committee No. 3 on Membership. This committee makes recommendations regarding membership applications of congregations, pastors, and male teachers. Standard eligibility requirements for membership have been established, and the report of this committee can be almost boringly routine.

It was noted at this convention, however, that membership applications came from a much wider area than usual—from 13 different states and one province of Canada in addition to one from a congregation in Mexico City which was referred to the Board for World Missions. Applications in one District came from five different states. Applications in another District represented three states. Among the states from which applications for membership originated were several in which our Synod had not previously been represented. They ranged from the East coast to the West coast and from the Canadian border to the Mexican border.

Another interesting fact was brought out in connection with the report of the Board for World Missions when it was stated that with the expansion of our world mission program the sun literally never sets on missions supported by our Synod.

It was pointed out that these factors are significant in indicating the present scope of our work. Our work is no longer confined to a limited geographical area. It is becoming nationwide and worldwide. It is true that in many areas our churches and missions are few and far between, but it is also true that we are now preaching the Gospel in numerous places not previously served by us.

This is not mentioned to try to prove to anyone for our own glory that we are now emerging from the status of country cousins to that of world travelers. Nor do we want to give the impression that we are now conducting a Wisconsin Synod Operation Bootstrap. Our own vision and initiative have had little to do with our numerical and geographical expansion. In almost every instance we have been *compelled* to go where we have gone, like Jonah of old.

As we respond to the calls to serve coming to us from all states of our own country and from many remote parts of the world, as indicated in the reports of our mission boards and in the report of Floor Committee No. 3, a spirit of humble service rather than one of braggadocio is called for.

A credit to the Synod in the eyes of men can be a Tower of Babel in the eyes of God. We don't want to build another one.

IMMANUEL G. FREY

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'Twas a Famous Victory The English poet Robert Southey wrote some verses about the battle of Blenheim, in which the English and Austrians defeated the French in 1704. In the poem Wilhelmine and Peterkin ask Old Kaspar, their grandfather, what the battle was all about. Old Kaspar can tell the children little about what the battle accomplished except to recall that many thousands of soldiers died and many civilians endured terrible suffering; yet he keeps insisting that it was a famous victory.

"But what good came of it at last?"

Quoth little Peterkin.

"Why that I cannot tell," said he,

"But 'twas a famous victory."

Old Kaspar's refrain comes to mind when one reads that The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod conservatives won a victory at Denver in July because a number of "conservative" men were elected to office and because the Missouri Synod did not join the Lutheran World Federation.

The Peterkins and Wilhelmines in the church today have some questions about that battle at Denver. What kind of victory was it when the Denver convention, conservatives and all, thanked God for the great "blessings" of the unionistic Lutheran organization LCUSA? Whose victory was it when the convention reversed I Corinthians 14 and authorized the voting franchise for women in congregational and synodical assemblies? Where was the victory when young people at the convention helped to push their synod deeper into temporal concerns that compromise a spiritual ministry? What victory for Bible-centered theology when this-worldly theology of the Mission Affirmation (adopted at Detroit in 1965) was repeatedly recognized and reaffirmed? What kind of victory could be salvaged from the decision to approve pulpit and altar fellowship with the confessionally decadent ALC? Yet Peterkin and Wilhelmine are being reassured that there was a victory at Denver.

And all the while Peterkin and Wilhelmine are concerned that there is no filtering of the stream of spiritually contaminated seminary graduates flowing into the pool of Missouri Synod clergy. There is no real control of publications that with the knowledge of the officers of the Synod undermine a historic theology of the Word. And daily there is a strengthening of the delusion that the church may conform to the world and yet, somehow, keep itself unspotted from that world. This retreat from orthodoxy continues; it was not arrested at Denver.

But the inquiring Peterkins and Wilhelmines are still being told that at Denver "'twas a famous victory."

CARLETON TOPPE

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Studies in God's Word

SO YOU'RE YOUNG! II Peter 3:11-15a

Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, looking for and hastening unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless. And account that the long-suffering of our Lord is salvation.

It's a little disconcerting in a day that emphasizes youth to find that Peter doesn't even use the word in his Second Letter. You will say, "That figures! After all, he was part of the establishment!" Do you really want to know what the establishment said about the early Christians like Peter and Paul? After Paul had spent three weeks in Thessalonica preaching Christ, the members of the local synagogue put the whole city into an uproar, assaulted the house of Jason, where they expected to find the apostles, and not finding them hauled Jason and a few others to the magistrates. The accusation? "These that have turned the whole world upside down are come hither also; whom Jason hath received: and these all do contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, one Jesus" (Acts 17:6, 7).

Unfortunately, many Christians today — it being the ecumenical age that it is — would be embarrassed to death to be guilty of turning the world upside down. I suggest, there may be two quite different reasons for this

embarrassment. The one, that Christians over the years have succeeded in remaking the world, and that this world is the best possible. The other, that Christians have radically changed their purpose and their message.

Before opting for one or the other, let's look at some people who would really like to remake the world today. There are the hippies and the provos. Youth on and off campus. Or dropouts from society who accuse the establishment — and by that they mean parents, teachers, employers, authorities, and anyone over the magic age of 30 — of being hypocritical. They also include the Church in that designation. None of these are supposed to practice what they preach!

A Sick World

I hope these young people don't think that they are the first to recognize that the individual and society are sick. We read concerning the men of Noah's day — you'll admit that was long ago! — "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually" (Gen. 6:5). God reacted with the Deluge. By the time of the tower of Babel man was back in the same rut! "Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth" (Gen. 11:4). Periodically God had to step in with His judgment. Even the Church at times had lost a sense of its purpose. We recall the need for a reformation at the time of Luther.

Times are like that again. Youth is more right than it realizes. Unfortunately, it has no blueprint for a better world. Communism, once hailed as the answer, by this time has become establishment with a vengeance, as Soviet author-writer Anatoly Kuznetsov is telling us. The institutional

church in many cases has lost its God-given identity and mission. Activist priests and politicking ministers are not really following God's blueprint for His Church. Of course, church members do well to recognize that many outward forms are dispensable. A covered head and an exposed knee need be neither godly nor necessarily ungodly. And no one was better at exposing hypocrisy than Christ Himself.

Does that mean that God and Jesus and Peter are on the side of those who protest against the crimes of corporate society today? They are always against that which is wrong — wherever it is found. Also against the young drunk; against those claiming the privileges of marriage without its responsibilities; against those seeking a new world through drugs. Actions like that are not a blueprint for a fresh new world. They only lead down the same old drain.

The Only Solution

Is there a way out? A solution? Let a man answer you who in his day turned the world upside down. He agrees fully that the world — including the establishment — is corrupt. In this letter he even speaks of churchmen who are not worthy of trust. His solution? Kick the traces? Not at all! Here's what he says!

First of all, he tells you that God feels much as you do. He sizes up our modern world — not only society, but EACH individual — as utterly corrupt. But God has a plan. There is a new world and a new heaven to take the place of the present ones. In them will dwell only righteousness. Not only corporate righteousness, but individual righteousness! There won't be any war; but also no adultery! Nor is this just a dream. God Himself made it possible. His own Son paid the price; they who put their trust in Him (Jesus Christ) will have a part in this new world. Their names

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INSPIRATION FROM THE WORD

Called to Serve . . .

These words, well known by this time to the members of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, sounded the theme of the Fortieth Biennial Convention held August 6 to 13, 1969, at Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota. A total of 362 delegates had gathered there to give and to hear reports, to counsel one another, and to make decisions which will chart the course of the Synod's work for the next two years and influence its direction for the years following.

More than a Slogan

The delegates, 230 of them voting and 132 present in an advisory capacity, were deeply conscious that the theme of the convention was more than a simple slogan. Their faithfulness in attending the sessions, the careful attention given to the business at hand, and the unusually large number of delegates remaining to the closing hour of the convention all told of their conviction that they were indeed called to serve.

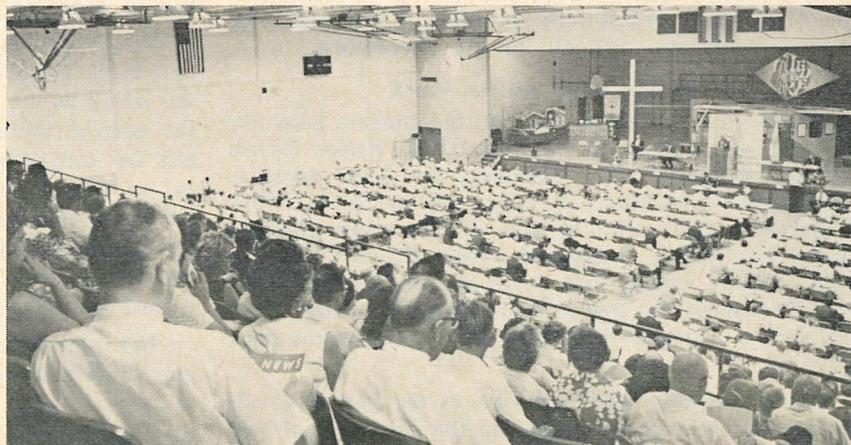
The thought that those who have been called to be Christ's own are at the same time called to serve Him was prominent in the reports heard by the delegates, in the discussions on the floor of the convention, and in the resolutions which were adopted.

The inspiration for such service comes from the Word of God. As one would expect then, a substantial portion of time at the convention was used in hearing that Word and from it drawing both direction and strength for the work which needed to be done.

The Word Preached

The convention opened on Wednesday afternoon with a Communion service in the college auditorium in which the Rev. Norman Berg, Executive Secretary of the Board for Home Missions, on the basis of Matthew 9:35-38 spoke of "The Church Which Cares." Each session was begun with a devotional service which directed the attention of the delegates to some aspect of the work of Christian Education. A closing service on Tuesday evening highlighted the Call to Serve in a manner which those present will not soon forget when Candidate Gerald Lange was ordained and commissioned to serve as Assistant to the Friendly Counselor to the Chinese Ev.

The convention at work. The 230 voting delegates and 132 advisory delegates met for eight days from August 6-13. Several hundred visitors and guests were also present at various sessions.



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Lutheran Church in Hong Kong. Taking part in the service were missionaries from each of our established world mission fields, and it was an unforgettable experience to hear the Word spoken in the vernacular of the lands in which these men serve. The Rev. Karl Krauss, Chairman of the Executive Committee for the Mission in Germany, used the words of I Corinthians 16:13 to urge the delegates and every member of the Synod to "Caution, Constancy, Courage."

A few thoughts from these sermons will illustrate the encouragement given to the delegates. After asking, "Dare we risk the consequences of being known as a church which is not concerned, which does not care," Pastor Berg pointed to the compassion of Christ for a spiritually aimless people who were as sheep without a shepherd. "The question," he stated, "is, 'Do you care as deeply as our Lord?' We will care," he concluded, "if we remember how Christ cared for us; if we forget self and look in compassion at needs throughout the world; if we truly believe that mankind is doomed without Christ; if we truly believe that Christ died for all. . . ."

Such caring involves careful, firm, and courageous use of the Word. This was the thought which was impressed on the delegates in the closing service. "It is of no profit," Pastor Krauss stated, "for us to claim the truth, if we are not ready to guard and defend it, promote and propagate, and speed and spread that truth to the ends of the earth. . . . If we are to edify the body of Christ," he went on to say, "it will not be done by being timid and fearful, but by courageously coming out with a com-

plete and positive confession that breathes conviction and confidence."

Keynote from the Word

The keynote for the convention was sounded by President Oscar J. Naumann in his biennial report to the Synod. Using Romans 8:31-34 as the basis for the devotional and inspirational portion of his report, he pointed out how "this passage clearly sets forth the glorious position which we occupy in this world as God's elect, as His chosen ones, as those whom He has declared just through the vicarious atonement and the glorious resurrection of His Son, our Savior and Redeemer. . . . By the grace of God we are His redeemed children and heirs . . . at peace with our God."

"God's Word," he went on to say, "also speaks to us regarding our glorious service in His kingdom. . . . It is plain that God has not only called us to be His children and heirs, but He has also called us to serve as His messengers of forgiveness, peace and life to a sin-cursed world."

"How we ought to rejoice in this service," President Naumann encouraged the delegates. "There is no nobler service that we as the redeemed children of God can render to Him in gratitude and love, or to our fellow man in love and compassion. . . . If we but speak His Word faithfully, and give it to men as He has graciously given



Convention essayists were Pastor Darvin Raddatz of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin (left), whose essay was entitled "Our Call to Serve," and Pastor Joel Gerlach of Garden Grove, California, who spoke on "Our Stewardship Call."

and preserved it unto us, we can be confident that our service will bear fruit unto life eternal."

"Let us, therefore," he concluded, "confidently speak His Word, speak it faithfully, proclaim it loud and clear to men everywhere, and wait for His benediction."

Essays Based on the Word

The convention theme was also the starting point for the two essays read to the convention. Pastor Darvin Raddatz of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, had been asked to address the convention on "Our Call to Serve." "Our Stewardship Call" was the title of the essay prepared by the Rev. Joel C. Gerlach of Garden Grove, California. Both of these essays, well worth studying by our members throughout the Synod, drew deeply from the Word and were a source of inspiration for the convention delegates.

Pastor Raddatz called attention to the nature of our mission as a church as defined in the statement of pur-

pose which was formulated by the Administration Survey Commission and formally adopted by the convention, "The continuing purpose of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, as a gathering of Christians, is to serve all people in God's world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ on the basis of the Holy Scriptures." After pointing to the fact that to save the world is the mission of God, the essayist said, "Our God is very earnest about sending His Gospel into the world. He elects and calls men, the Church, and sends them out into the world with His Gospel. Thus those who have experienced God's mission and have been won to faith become the special agents of God's continuing mission to the world."

The essayist then traced the manner in which God carried out that mission in the Church both of the Old and New Testaments, pointing out that while the mission of Israel was to attract to herself the scattered heathen, that of the Church in the New Testament is to send the Gospel and its witnesses out into the heathen world. He warned against the temptation to keep God's Word and His grace comfortably at home and urged the delegates to remember that the all-engrossing task of the Church in the service of the world is the preaching of the Word to the conversion of the Gentiles, wherever these may be found. This is the work which is to occupy the Church's attention and consume her energies. He concluded by saying, "In all the Church's planning the continuing purpose of the Church to serve all the world with the Gospel must occupy center stage. That is our 'Call to Serve.'"

In the companion essay Pastor Gerlach drew attention to our Synodical objectives to share the Gospel with all people, to uphold the truth, to provide a teaching and preaching ministry, to assist Christians to become more active in service to the Lord and in deeds of love to their fellow men, and to foster confessional unity. Our stewardship call, he pointed out, is for the members of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod "to commit themselves to employ their total, combined resources in the most God-pleasing and effective manner."

"Stewardship," he said, "is a matter of gladly placing myself at God's disposal and letting Him use me for His gracious purpose. . . . It means to let Jesus continue to serve the needs of humanity through our words and actions." Stewardship involves much more than mere service to a church. Rather, the essayist stated, "When God calls us to faith and to responsible Christian stewardship, He is calling us to the obedience of faith in every human endeavor."

Such total use of our gifts as the expression of Christian faith, always important, is critically so today. "We are living in the eleventh hour of the seventieth week," the essayist reminded the delegates. "There is no time left for dillydallying. . . . There is a voice calling to us, an urgent voice, a familiar one we have come to know and love so well. 'Behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it. . . .' That is our stewardship call. May we all, by the grace of God, hear it loud and clear, and be moved to action!"

The voice was indeed loud and clear from the beginning of the convention to its very close. We *are* called to serve.

THEODORE A. SAUER

OUR WORKER-TRAINING SCHOOLS

Two days before the convention began the members of Committee No. 5 (Worker-Training) assembled to begin digesting reports and memorials concerning our worker-training schools. Nearly 40 hours were spent in committee contemplating what many considered to be the most crucial question before the assembled delegates of the 40th Biennial Convention, namely, the future of Wisconsin Lutheran College, Milwaukee, a junior college for teacher training opened in 1960. The college has a current enrollment of 228. While it was the assignment of this committee to consider the needs at all the educational institutions of the Synod and to make recommendations, everything hinged upon this one institution.

The question concerning Wisconsin Lutheran College arose as a result of the recommendations of the Coordinating Council when it proposed that Wisconsin Lutheran College, which has been renting classroom space from Wisconsin Lutheran High School, be phased out after the 1969-70 school year. The Coordinating Council represents all areas of the Synod's work and has the responsibility of presenting to the Synod in convention a balanced program of work based upon needs. In order to present responsibly far-reaching resolutions to the Synod in convention, the Floor Committee on Worker-Training consulted many representatives of various boards, departments, and committees.

To the Floor

In the evening of the third day of the Convention the report of the committee was presented. The introduction to the report reads in part: "Your committee is in complete agreement with the statement of our President: 'The training of qualified workers is an essential part of the mission of the Church. . . . Our Synod is not asked to decide whether to train pastors and teachers or not. This is decided for us by Holy Scripture. . . . The question is: Where shall our teachers be trained? And this decision the Lord leaves to the members of His Church to decide on the basis of human judgment.'"

The recommendations to follow were based upon several pertinent factors, above all the need, as expressed in the whereas clauses of the first and most crucial resolution:

- 1) The projected need for 200 and more teacher graduates has not materialized. . . .
- 2) An analysis of the decline in the birth rate, the number of baptisms, and the dropout rate of teachers,

Committee No. 5 spent many long hours wrestling with the problems of the Synod's worker-training program before presenting its recommendations to the convention. Pastor Hoge W. Bergholz of Appleton, Wisconsin (left), was the chairman.



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together with an analysis of the near-static elementary school enrollment, indicates that approximately 175 teachers per year are needed for some years to come. . . .

- 3) Dr. Martin Luther College is confident that it can recruit and accommodate the students necessary to graduate at least 175 teachers annually. . . .
- 4) An increase in the quality of education is possible by concentrating staff and facilities for such departments as library, music, physical education, and science on one campus. . . .
- 5) Such concentration of staff and facilities eliminates duplications of capital investment and operational expense. . . .
- 6) Present-day opportunities call for an ever increasing emphasis on mission expansion both at home and abroad and also demand an ever increasing expenditure of funds. . . .

The Resolutions

After five hours of discussion and debate in Christian love and out of concern for the work of the Church, the following resolves were brought to vote on the second last day of the convention and were adopted by a ballot vote of 150 to 65:

- a) That Wisconsin Lutheran College be merged with Dr. Martin Luther College on the campus at New Ulm, Minnesota, by September of 1970. . . .
- b) That all previous resolutions pertaining to the establishment, operation, and maintenance of Wisconsin Lutheran College be rescinded. . . .
- c) That the Synod continue to salary the faculty of Wisconsin Lutheran College after the merger until they have accepted other calls. . . .



Participating in the debate on the future of Wisconsin Lutheran College were (left to right, upper) President I. G. Frey of the Arizona-California District, Pastor Waldemar Pless, chairman of the Board of Control of Wisconsin Lutheran College (lower), the Rev. Robert J. Voss, president of the college, and Pastor Hoge W. Bergholz, chairman of the Floor Committee that presented the resolution to merge Wisconsin Lutheran College with Dr. Martin Luther College on the New Ulm campus.

- d) That the Board of Trustees be instructed to dispose of the present dormitory property. . . .
- e) That the Synod retain the Brookfield property for possible future use. . . .
- f) That the Synod direct the administration of Dr. Martin Luther College to begin an intensive student recruitment program and to urge all members of the Synod to cooperate.

To the Lord's Work at Hand

The phasing out of a college which served the Synod well in the past does not indicate in any way a de-emphasis on worker-training or Christian education. The Convention voiced its conviction that Christian education is still the inner strength and fibre of our Synod. It voiced its confidence that the Lord is placing before us daily open doors for the proclamation of the Gospel.

It raised its voice that every pastor, teacher, and layman dedicate himself to the expansion of Christian education on all levels and to the expansion of home and world missions. This voice was heard loudly and clearly through the authorizations which followed.

Capital Expenditures

At Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary we look forward to the remodeling of the kitchen and dining room facilities and a new dormitory unit to accommodate a rapidly increasing student body. Northwestern College will receive its long-awaited new gymnasium and has also been granted permission to refurbish the 1905 dormitory. Three projects will appear on the campus of Dr. Martin Luther College; the much needed new library, a residence hall to accommodate approximately 200 students, and the renovation of Summit Hall (the boys' dormitory). In addition to these capital investments estimated at about \$2.7 million and to be expended in the next four years, the Synod recognized that both a boys' and girls' dormitory should be erected at Michigan Lutheran Seminary when possible.

Professorships

Seventeen new professorships were authorized, 14 of which were allowed by the previous Synod Convention but not filled because of a lack of funds. Allowed are three at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, two at Northwestern College, nine at Dr. Martin Luther College, one at Michigan Lutheran Seminary, and two at Dr. Martin Luther Academy. The positions of dean of women at Dr. Martin Luther College and at Michigan Lutheran Seminary, also allowed by the 1967 Convention, were again authorized.

Dr. Martin Luther College

Further evidence that the 1969 Synod Convention was a Christian education-minded convention is found in the resolutions which direct Dr. Martin Luther College to pursue the accreditation study already begun, continue in consultation with area high-school principals to determine possible future needs for secondary education, give their correspondence study program more publicity, and place a greater emphasis on training competent organists.

Academies

While the role of the academies was not in the fore at this convention, it was not forgotten. Since Dr. Martin Luther Academy is a vital feeder school to Dr. Martin Luther College and Northwestern College, it was decided that a numerical enrollment limitation not be set at this time and that future capital investments be determined by the Synod on the basis of future needs and resources. Northwestern Lutheran Academy was instructed to give priority to students preparing for full-time work in the church. At the request of the Board of Control of the proposed Nebraska Lutheran Academy the Convention authorized the Board of Trustees to sell the property (a building site) of the Nebraska Lutheran Academy. At the same time the Convention retained the 1953 resolution "that the Synod establish an academy in the Nebraska District as soon as the Synod declares that monies for it are available." The Advisory Committee on Education was advised to study the role of the academies within the worker-training program of the Synod and report to the 1971 Convention.

Conclusion

It is the opinion of this reporter that the 1969 Synod Convention was a thoroughly responsible convention in all areas of the Synod's work, also in the area of worker-training. The closing of a school, a school which has helped to alleviate in a very short time a severe teacher shortage, was not an easy matter. No one found joy in it. There is joy to be found, however, in the fact that the Lord is giving us an increasing number of workers each year. The Lord be praised that we find it necessary and possible to expand our worker-training schools. May the Lord find us individually responsible to the opportunities which He continues to set before us!

L. A. DOBBERSTEIN



Two college presidents, Robert J. Voss of Wisconsin Lutheran College, Milwaukee (left), and Conrad Frey of Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, who are close personal friends, exchange pleasantries at the convention which resolved to merge the two schools in order to consolidate the Synod's teacher-training facilities.

A STATEMENT TO THE CONVENTION

After the convention had decided by a vote of 150 to 65 to merge Wisconsin Lutheran College in Milwaukee with Dr. Martin Luther College in New Ulm on the New Ulm campus, Pastor Waldemar Pless, chairman of the Board of Control of Wisconsin Lutheran College read the following statement to the convention on behalf of the college:

"I should like to say to all of you, very frankly, that my judgment of the role of Wisconsin Lutheran College in the Synod's program of Christian education differs from the judgment of the 150 voting delegates who at this convention ended the life of the college and also of those advisory delegates who proposed and encouraged the termination of its short but fruitful existence.

"But as chairman of the College Board, I also want to say this to you: The convention has spoken and I submit to its verdict — with regret and disappointment, of course, but by God's grace not with bitterness or animosity. And it is my sincere hope and prayer that all who were so vitally interested in the continuation of the life of Wisconsin Lutheran College, particularly the people in the Milwaukee area, will accept the decision of this convention in that same spirit and that unitedly all of us now make every effort to further and generously to continue to support the Lord's work in all of the programs adopted at this convention.

"Only then, unitedly, shall we faithfully carry out the numerous tasks and the many privileged responsibilities that the Lord has placed before us. And there is much assurance that we are able to work together with such unity. For though we were divided in judgment on a specific phase of worker-training, our entire discussion showed a heartening unanimity in the conviction that our Synod wishes to match its emphasis on missions with a parallel emphasis on Christian education, also on the elementary level. Our Synod appears to be united in this that both missions and Christian education constitute the glorious task of the Church. This is certainly heartening."

ADMINISTRATION AND BENEVOLENCES

Our Synod's work program has been divided into five divisions for administrative purposes, the divisions of Worker-Training, Home Missions, World Missions, Administration and Services, and Benevolences. The scope of this report on our Synod's convention business is centered on the work of five floor committees in the areas of Administration and Benevolences.

The President's Report

"The 1967-69 biennium has again been a period of countless blessings showered upon us by our loving God and Savior." So President Oscar Naumann began his report to the assembled convention. "Chief among His

blessings," he continued, "is the fact that He has led us to continue in His Word and to confess its verbal inspiration, its inerrancy in all that it records and reveals, and its absolute authority for all matters of doctrine, faith, and life." This confessional position, which we hold before the world, carries with it tremendous opportunities as well as correspondingly great responsibilities. In response to this report of the president, the delegates prayed that God would in mercy preserve us in faithfulness to Him and that we may be able to share this blessing with all who in the spirit of confessionalism seek a closer bond of fellowship with us. A special opportunity to proclaim our confessional position will be possible in the 400th Jubilee of the Formula of Concord, one of our historic Lutheran Confessions, and there-

fore it was resolved that a committee be appointed to plan an appropriate observance of this jubilee.

A matter of special concern to the president and the convention was the student-teacher ratio at our Synodical schools, and especially at our Seminary. There some classes of more than 50 had to be taught at one time on this important graduate level. At present additional professorships at our Synodical schools can be established only by the Synod in convention. Therefore, because these conditions can affect the health and well-being of our professors, as well as adversely affect the quality of education in the classrooms of our Synodical worker-training schools, the convention instructed the Commission on Higher Education (formerly called the Advisory Committee on Education) to establish a fair and workable student-teacher ratio at every level of worker-training and report its findings to the next Synod convention. In this manner the calling of essential teaching help would be approved automatically when the enrollment increase warrants it.

Membership

"I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies, and of all the truth, which thou hast showed unto thy servant; for with my staff I am passed over this Jordan; and now I am become two bands" (Gen. 32:10). This is the way the patriarch Jacob once spoke of God's blessings. In a similar manner the delegates of this convention expressed joy and gratitude to Almighty God for His blessings as 18 congregations from 13 states and one province of Canada were received into the membership of our Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. It was especially interesting to note that in the Michigan District alone, five congregations representing five different states were received. In addition, 82 colaborers, 43 pastors, and 39 male teachers were received into membership as workers in the Lord's vineyard. It is obvious that in these days of doctrinal uncertainty the Lord is calling upon our Synod to bring confessional Lutheranism to many more people in many more places in our land.

Publications

A difficult decision faced the convention concerning the *Gemeindeblatt*, a publication which has served the German speaking people in our Synod for over 100 years. Nevertheless, because of a continuing decline in subscriptions and a rising cost of subsidy to publish this periodical, it was resolved to discontinue the printing of the *Gemeindeblatt* at the close of the present year of publication. And so another vestige of our Synod's early history, when German was the primary language spoken in the congregation and in the classroom, passed from the scene. But this does not mean that our Synod is now reaching out to people only through the medium of the English language, for under the supervision of the Board for World Missions publications are being printed in Spanish, Japanese, Chinese, and in a number of African dialects.

The question of paid advertisements for *The Northwestern Lutheran* was raised once again. The chief purpose of *The Northwestern Lutheran* is to disseminate the Gospel via the printed word, and because the commercial aspects of advertisements would detract from the spiritual content of our official church periodical, it was decided to continue the past policy of our Synod in not accepting paid advertising.

The convention also expressed its thanks to Pastor Werner Franzmann, who had served faithfully for 11 years as associate literary editor of the Northwestern Publishing House, and as managing editor of *The Northwestern Lutheran*. Pastor Harold Wicke of Watertown, Wisconsin, has recently assumed the duties of editor-in-chief.

Because we are in an age of rampant doctrinal confusion the Synod was urged to press forward in providing a continual flow of sound Christian literature. Our members everywhere were urged to subscribe for *The Northwestern Lutheran* for themselves and for *The Junior Northwestern* for their children. In addition, our teachers and lay people who desire a deeper understanding of the Scriptures were encouraged to subscribe for the *Wisconsin Lutheran Quarterly*, our Synod's professional journal of theology.

Also underscored by the Committee on Publications was the work of our Commission on Liturgy, Hymnody, and Worship, which has provided printed aids for worship and has been arranging Synod-wide workshops to create a deeper understanding and appreciation of our Lutheran musical heritage. The Lutheran Church has been known as the singing church. This is a heritage we should preserve and pass on to our young people.

Constitutional Matters

A church body with a \$5,000,000 plus budget and a capital investment of over \$20,000,000 needs effective and efficient administrative policies and procedures. The Administration Survey Commission was charged in the 1965 convention to suggest policies and procedures which would streamline our Synod's administration that its work program might be carried out more effectively and efficiently. This Commission's first report was made to the 1967 convention, and it was directed to continue its work. This was done. An administration seminar was held at Madison, Wisconsin, November 12-17, 1967. The seminar was attended by about 50 men who have major line or staff responsibility in the Synod. The services of Tec-Search, a management consulting firm from Wilmette, Illinois, were obtained to provide research and consultation, a service made possible by a generous grant from the Aid Association for Lutherans.

The 1969 report of the Administration Survey Commission to the convention represented the fruits of this labor. As a result, a number of far-reaching proposals were laid before the Synod and a new term for the administrative structuring and organization of our Synod was frequently heard, the term "participatory democracy." By the participation of chosen representatives of each of the five divisions of the Synod and the Board of Trustees, who make up the Coordinating Council, the immediate and long-range work programs of the Synod are to be coordinated and presented to each Synod convention for consideration and action. To enable this Coordinating Council to carry on its function, the objectives, policies, and procedures prepared by the Council were adopted. In addition the Planning Program Budget System was adopted because it will provide for the Synod a long-range planning program which will span three biennia. In this way, for example, not only would the cost of a building project be known, but also such "hidden" costs as future maintenance.

In recent conventions executive secretaries for the Board of Trustees and for the Home and World Mission

Boards were authorized. The Worker-Training Division, however, had an increasing amount of work but no full-time executive. Therefore, the Advisory Committee on Education was changed into a Commission on Higher Education. It was charged with the responsibility of long-range planning and policy for our Synodical schools. This commission was also authorized to call an executive secretary to administer this work. In addition, the Board of Education-Wisconsin Synod, which is concerned with Christian Education on the parish level and thus is to be distinguished from the Commission on Higher Education which is responsible for education on the Synodical level, was renamed the Board for Parish Education.

In other action a number of standing committees were consolidated or their functions transferred to another committee. In 1953 there were 26 standing boards, committees, and commissions reporting to the convention. By 1967 the number had grown to 53. In all cases these could be defended on the grounds of necessity and expediency. But the Administration Survey Commission expressed the concern that this rate of growth could not continue without reducing the administration of the Synod's affairs to utter chaos. If the Synod should continue to establish new committees at this rate, the Synod will not only need coordinating councils, but coordinating councils to coordinate coordinating councils, the Survey Commission added with a touch, but just a touch, of humor. Thus, the function of the Committee on Circulation of Periodicals was transferred to the editorial boards of our Synod's periodicals, and the work of the Salary Review Committee was transferred to a committee of members of the Coordinating Council and the Board of Trustees. Also, a Department of Specialized Ministries was established to coordinate the work of the Lutheran Spiritual Welfare Commission, the Board for the Mentally Retarded, and other institutional and welfare ministries authorized by the Synod. This department, in particular, will further develop our service to the military and to our college students.

Beginning in January 1970, congregational offerings for our Synod's work program will be sent directly to the office of the Synod's treasurer. Presently these funds are remitted through District cashiers. With this new method, funds which are "in transit" will be put to work more quickly in the Lord's vineyard. Such haste is good stewardship in these last days, as the Lord is leading us to go forth as never before with our Savior's Gospel.

Another matter which will further expedite our world mission program was the granting of authority to the Board for World Missions to expand in an orderly manner within the limitations presented by the availability of manpower and funds. In the past, approval by the Synod in convention was necessary before a new mission field could be entered. It was pointed out that in the past 10 years only once did the Board for World Missions initiate the entrance into a new field. All the other new fields into which we have entered in the past decade have been "initiated" by the Lord Himself, as He has literally moved us into new fields of labor. This was evidenced during the past biennium in Mexico, Indonesia, and India.

In final action on constitutional matters, a statement on the "Purpose, Objectives, and Policies of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod," which had been previously presented and studied on the District level, was adopted. The stated purpose of the Wisconsin Synod reads: "The continuing purpose of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, as a gathering of Christians, is to serve all people in God's world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ on the basis of the Holy Scriptures."

Benevolences

The Division of Benevolences is charged with the care of the elderly, the needy, and the infirm. Under this division we find the work of the East Fork Lutheran Nursery in Arizona, the Lutheran Home for the Aged in Minnesota, the Pension Board, the Group Insurance Board, the Committee on Relief, and the General Board of Support. The Committee on Relief, incidentally, had an opportunity to serve during the convention as it took action to provide assistance in the wake of a rash of tornadoes which ravaged northern Minnesota. The convention expressed its gratitude for the efficient work of these various boards and committees and prayed for the Lord's continued blessing upon their labors. A significant recommendation that was acted upon in this area of our Synod's work was a recommendation that the Pension Board make a study of the possibility of gradually lowering the retirement age of the Synod's workers from age 70 to 65. In conclusion, the Synod was urged never to become weary in well-doing. It was reminded that "as we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith" (Gal. 6:10).

ROBERT C. HARTMAN

ELECTION RESULTS

Officers of the Synod

President: Pastor Oscar J. Naumann
 First Vice-President: Pastor Carl H. Mischke
 Second Vice-President: Pastor Manfred J. Lenz
 Secretary: Pastor Paul R. Hanke

Elected from the Nominations of the Nominating Committee

Chairman, General Board for Home Missions
 Pastor George Boldt
 Chairman, Board for World Missions
 Pastor John C. Jeske
 Executive Committee for the Apache Indian Mission
 Mr. Walter A. Koeller
 Executive Committee for the Mission in Germany
 Pastor Karl F. Krauss
 Executive Committee for the Japanese Mission
 Mr. Clarence H. Krause
 Executive Committee for the Latin American Missions
 Pastor Richard Lauersdorf
 Executive Committee for the Lutheran Church of Central Africa
 Pastor A. L. Mennicke
 Executive Committee for the Chinese Ev. Lutheran Church
 Pastor Marlyn A. Schroeder

The Board for Parish Education
 Mr. Robert E. Christman
 Chairman, The Board of Trustees
 Pastor Elton H. Huebner
 Administrative Board of Northwestern Publishing House
 Pastor Ernst F. Lehninger
 Teacher Richard C. Scharf
 Chairman, The Commission on Higher Education
 Pastor Donald Bitter

Elected from the Nominations by the Districts

Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Board of Control
 Pastor Paul E. Nitz
 Mr. Kurt Kneiske
 Dr. Martin Luther College Board of Control
 Mr. Henry J. Baumann
 Teacher Herbert Grams
 Northwestern College Board of Control
 Pastor Karl A. Gurgel
 Pastor W. A. Schumann
 Mr. Arnold Schweppe
 Wisconsin Lutheran College Board of Control
 Pastor Roland Ehlke
 Teacher H. O. Ihlenfeldt
 Martin Luther Academy Board of Control
 Pastor Edmund O. Schulz
 Teacher Paul Fritze

Northwestern Lutheran Academy Board of Control
Pastor Marvin Putz
Mr. Rudolph Heier
Michigan Lutheran Seminary Board of Control
Pastor Daniel Habeck
Mr. August Klement
Board for Parish Education
Teacher Kenneth E. Moeller
Teacher Harold Klatt
Pastor Philip Janke
Professor Martin Albrecht
Professor Kurt Eggert

The Board of Trustees
Mr. Orville Pilgrim
Mr. Ralph Jacobson
Mr. Arnold Moeller
Pastor Carl Leyrer
Pastor Winfred F. Vathauer
The Board of Support
Pastor Henry G. Meyer
Teacher David Adickes
The Lutheran Home for the Aged, Belle Plaine
Pastor Gordon A. Fuerstenau
Mr. Clarence Newmann

Briefs

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God's world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ on the basis of the Holy Scriptures."

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SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR THE NORTHWESTERN LUTHERAN for the public libraries in Davenport and Bettendorf, Iowa, are being provided by Gethsemane Ev. Lutheran Church of Davenport, whose pastor is the Rev. Ralph Scharf. This, too, is a way "to serve all people in God's world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ on the basis of the Holy Scriptures." Gethsemane Congregation has set an example in promoting the ministry of the printed Word that might well be followed by other congregations. Providing the local public library with The Northwestern Lutheran is a worthwhile mission project that might also be undertaken by a ladies' society, youth group, or Bible class within the congregation.

OUR BOARD FOR PARISH EDUCATION reports that two schools are being added this September to our Synod's roster of Christian day schools. Epiphany of Racine, Wisconsin, is reopening its school after a lapse of one year, and Apostles of Billings, Montana, is beginning its life as a merged congregation with a school. This brings the total number of Christian day schools in the Synod to 239. Nevertheless, still only about one third of the children of school age in our Synod enjoy the blessings of a Christian day school education.

Sunday schools and weekday schools serve a useful purpose, but they cannot compare with the full-time training in Christian faith and life offered by the Christian day school. Christian parents who have the opportunity to give their children the benefits and blessings of a Christian day school training will not be satisfied to give them "half a loaf." Congregations that are committed to

the cause of feeding Christ's lambs will not shrink from making the sacrifices and assuming the costs that are necessary to do this work in the most effective way.

A suggestion offered by the Board for Parish Education in its report to the Synod deserves to be highlighted: "Congregations with limited pupil potential should consider the possibility of affiliation with neighboring congregations in maintaining a Christian day school or in participating in an interparish school arrangement." We should also like to underscore the Board's reminder, "Efforts must continue to make Christian day school education and Lutheran high-school education available to more children throughout our Synod. Christian education will need to be a top priority for our Synod and for every congregation if our young people are to be thoroughly educated and trained according to the One Thing Needful."

Editorials

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Overdoing It The achievement of landing men on the surface of the moon, and getting them off again and safely back to earth makes everyone marvel at the ingenuity and skill of the hundreds of mathematicians, engineers, and scientists who made the expedition possible and so dramatically successful. People are agreed that the walk on the moon and the television record of it that brought it into our homes was the most thrilling and spectacular show that man has ever put on, and many think that the show was well worth the 25 billions of dollars that it has so far cost the taxpayers.

There is not such general agreement that the stream of billions should continue to flow into the project to explore the moon and to go on from there into real space toward planets that are ever so much farther away than the earth's moon satellite. Everybody can count off on his fingers projects that need to be pursued right here at home, beginning with such a homely project as cleaning up polluted lakes and streams and continuing with the problem of finding a way to move people without killing 50,000 a year on the highways. The business of travel in space can be overdone.

In one respect it has already been overdone. Two statements by very important people are examples of

how the achievement of the astronauts and the scientists has already been overdone. One statement was that the landing on the moon has given us the assurance of the immortality of the human race. The author of that statement was not speaking of the immortality of the soul. He meant that if the earth ever becomes uninhabitable or if men ever need more living space, men will be able to establish living quarters on the moon or on Venus, Mars, or any other planet. This is saying, in effect, that Christ's warning of the end of the world and a Day of Judgment need not be taken seriously.

The other statement was that the week of the travel to the moon was the "greatest week in the history of the world since creation." It would be charitable to assume that the speaker of those words spoke without thinking. Did he really mean that the week of the trip to the moon was more important for us and for the world than the week of the crucifixion and the resurrection of Christ? The men in Houston, in Huntsville, at Cape Kennedy, and in countless other workshops, and the three brave astronauts compel our admiration, but they are not Messiahs. The statements here referred to, jostle aside the greatest truths of the Gospel and put human ingenuity and achievement in their place. To say that is overdoing it is putting it mildly.

ERWIN E. KOWALKE

Pastor Carl Frederick Goldammer—A Pioneer Pastor Called To Serve

(The fourth in a series of articles)

[Pastor Goldammer came to America from Germany in 1850. He began mission work at Town Herman, Dodge County, Wisconsin, and then served in Manitowoc County, 1851-1858, at Slades Corners, Kenosha County, 1858-1862 and in Jefferson County, 1863-1870. Then he moved to Green Bay. Pastor Engel takes up the story at this point.]

In 1862 the Rev. C. Gottlieb Reim was sent by Pastor E. Mohldehnke, the Wisconsin Synod traveling missionary working out of Watertown, to gather the Lutherans in Green Bay, the oldest city in Wisconsin, into a congregation. Christian Woelz assisted the minister in his work. The first service was held in the East Side Moravian Church, and after that in the town hall. Forty people were gathered, who founded a congregation and built a church. The corner of Van Buren and Cherry Streets was chosen for the site. The First Ev. Lutheran Church was dedicated on Reformation Day, October 30, 1863. Two years later the congregation formally joined the Wisconsin Synod, and in 1866 a schoolhouse was built on North Van Buren Street. The year following a parsonage was erected. After seven fruitful years of service Pastor Reim followed a call to La Crosse, Wisconsin, and Pastor Carl F. Goldammer became the second pastor of the Wisconsin Synod to serve in Green Bay.

The Field Expands

Pastor Goldammer knew the mission field of his day, for he was a pioneer of 20 years experience. He was a good-natured soul with his people, always ready to sacrifice himself for God's cause. With a small Indian pony and buggy he was seen traversing the surrounding area, developing in addition to his congregation three preaching stations, New Denmark, Duck Creek, and Suamico. The congregation at DePere was about to dedicate its new church. Pastor Goldammer came as guest to preach for the occasion and brought his choir from Green Bay along to help beautify the services. It was a joyful dedication, for the blessing of heavenly goodness was poured out abundantly on the preaching of God's Word.

Peshtigo

In early September Pastor Goldammer installed Pastor Carl C. Huebner as missionary in and around Peshtigo, Marinette County, who succeeded in gathering several congregations in a short time, preaching in the homes of Lutherans in Upper, Middle, and Lower Sugar Bush as well as in Peshtigo Village and Peshtigo Harbor. He organized these people into a congregation called the "German Lutheran Congregation of Peshtigo and Surrounding Territory." The constitution was signed on September 11, 1870. It was decided to erect a parsonage about two miles north of Grover, five miles west of Peshtigo on Highway 41. A number of Lutheran people living at Peshtigo Village and the Harbor, however, did

not care to walk the long distance out to Grover and prevailed on the pastor to hold services in the village and form a separate congregation.

On the fateful 8th of October, 1871, divine services with Holy Communion were held in the public school building located on the east side, and the Zion Ev. Lutheran Church of Peshtigo was organized. Hardly two hours had elapsed when a terrible fire broke out which devoured all Peshtigo and the surrounding territory. The loss of human lives was great, and the destruction of property total. The new parsonage in the bush country, still under construction, went up in smoke. Pastor Huebner, who barely escaped with his life by taking refuge in a swamp, soon made his way to Green Bay. On the second Sunday in Advent he was installed at Wrightstown by Pastor Goldammer.

Dedication in Manitowoc

By October 1872 Pastor Huebner was called from Wrightstown to Manitowoc, where they were in the process of building a new church. The dedication took place the 4th Sunday in Advent, December 21 of the following year. The completed structure now stood as a delightful landmark in the city and was a pleasing sight to the congregation. The church was built in authentic Gothic style, with a 152-foot tower, surmounted by a 10-foot gilded cross which could be seen for miles around. The act of dedication was performed by Pastor Goldammer, the founder of the congregation. The dedicatory sermon was preached on Psalm 24:7-10 by Pastor Philip Koehler, who for nine years had served the congregation with blessing. During the evening Pastor Goldammer preached on the text: "In all places where I record my name, I will come unto thee, and I will bless thee" (Exod. 20:24).

Pastor Goldammer's influence was felt from Manitowoc to Green Bay. During his five years in Green Bay he performed the following ministerial acts: 378 baptisms; 119 confirmations; 81 marriages; 100 burials; approximately 2,825 guests were communed at the Lord's Table. Under Pastors Reim and Goldammer the congregation and school flourished, so that the congregation came to number about 200 members, and the hope was cherished that it soon would be numbered among the largest congregations of the Wisconsin Synod.

ARMIN ENGEL

(To be continued)

What's Going on in PROTESTANTISM?

The Evangelicals: Who Are They?

Besides the denominational divisions within Protestantism, competing theological trends within these denominations vie for the allegiance of pastors and laity. Earlier articles in this series have examined liberalism, fundamentalism, ecumenism, and neo-orthodoxy. Attempting to steer their way through the maze of these competing religious approaches are those who call themselves Evangelicals.

The term "Evangelical" is familiar to every Lutheran. Most congregations incorporate "Evangelical" in their name. The church body sponsoring this publication is the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

A Biblical Label

Evangelical is a Biblical term. It comes from the word which Jesus used when He commissioned His disciples to go "into all the world and preach the *gospel* to every creature." The writers of the four Gospels are called Evangelists because they announced the Gospel of good news of Jesus Christ. The Evangelicals have chosen this name to identify themselves because they wish to stress the missionary imperative of Gospel preaching.

Stressing the Gospel Imperative

Although the roots of the Evangelical movement can be traced back to the circuit riders and revivalistic preachers of the nineteenth century, the modern Evangelicals came into their own in the 1940's. "Youth for Christ" was organized in 1942. In the same year the National Association of Evangelicals was founded. The widely read magazine *Christianity Today* reflects the Evangelical viewpoint. The Evangelicals claim that about 10 million Protestants consciously support their Gospel emphasis.

Between Fundamentalists and Liberals

A history of the National Association of Evangelicals bears the title, *Cooperation without Compromise*. This title reflects the Evangelicals' view of themselves. During the first quarter of this century, Protestantism was torn by the battle between liberals, who saw the world gradually improving according to evolutionary principles, and fundamentalists, who held fast to inspiration and the Genesis account of creation and man's Fall. With the disillusionment which came after the first World War, liberalism gave way to neo-orthodoxy, and ecumenicalism with its drive to unite all churches became the prime concern of many church leaders. Some fundamentalists reacted to the ecumenical movement by forming the International Council of Christian Churches, a rival organization to the ecumenical National Council of Churches.

Taking a position between these two groups are the Evangelicals. They condemn the fundamentalists for their separatist and negative stance. They accuse the funda-

mentalists of incorporating "secondary doctrines into creeds with an absoluteness that is incredible." As mediators, the Evangelicals denounce just as vigorously the ecumenical enthusiasts for concentrating on unity at any price, compromising primary doctrines of Scripture, and ignoring the evangelical imperative to preach the saving Gospel. Their willingness to cooperate with both fundamentalists and liberals is illustrated by the evangelistic crusades of Billy Graham, a leading Evangelical.

Teaching the Biblical Essentials

The following six points make up the common doctrinal foundation of the Evangelicals: (1) Man's sinful condition before a holy God; (2) Man's need for salvation; (3) Revelation of the grace of God in Jesus Christ; (4) Authority of the inspired Scripture; (5) Necessity for regeneration; and (6) Justification through faith, apart from works. This foundation for cooperative evangelism has much to commend it. In a day when verbal inspiration is being abandoned for existential relativism, the insistence that "God made His will known authoritatively in the Scriptures," and that the "primary task of the church is to bring men and women into a saving relationship to God through Jesus Christ" can be met only with a hearty "Amen." The Evangelical opposition to "Communism, Romanism, liberalism, paganism, atheism, and other enemies of the faith" puts many who bear the name Lutheran to shame.

Ignoring Denominational Divergencies

Yet the Evangelicals, for all their abhorrence of liberalism, exhibit some of the same characteristics. In spite of their pledge of allegiance to the Scriptures, they allow a wide diversity of teaching. While they emphasize what they call the "essentials of Christianity," they ignore the Biblical exhortation of faithfulness to God's entire Word. The Evangelicals largely avoid the problem of the theological divergencies between Protestant denominations by *ignoring* the differences. Even such doctrines as Baptism and the Lord's Supper are placed into the category of unessentials. In the words of one of the denominational members of the Evangelical movement, "Ours is a fellowship based on the essentials without permitting minor unessentials to separate us."

The Calvinist orientation of the Evangelical movement is apparent also in its treatment of social issues. Although the Evangelicals condemn the social gospel for its sole concern for this life, they promote social action. They have issued resolutions against the diplomatic recognition of Red China, for Bible reading in the public schools, against the manufacture and sale of alcoholic beverages, for racial integration, and against the election of a Roman Catholic president.

Adherents

The Evangelicals cannot be identified with a single denomination. The National Association of Evangelicals is composed of 34 denominations, the largest of which are the Assemblies of God, the National Association of Free Will Baptists, the Church of God (Cleveland, Tennessee), the Pentecostal Church of God, the International Church of the Four Square Gospel, and the Evangelical Free Church. In addition, many individuals, congregations, and associations from Protestant denominations which belong to the National Council of Churches are associated with the Evangelicals. They wish to work within their denominational structure to foster a more conservative Biblical theology and a greater missionary dedication.

In 1966, the Evangelical magazine *Christianity Today* sponsored a World Congress on Evangelism. As an out-

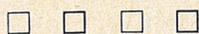
growth of this meeting, a United States Congress on Evangelism is scheduled to meet in Minneapolis this September under the honorary chairmanship of Billy Graham. Oswald Hoffmann, "Lutheran Hour" speaker, is serving as chairman of a 53-member national committee. One hundred denominations are expected to be represented.

Evaluation

In the final analysis, the Evangelicals in their Gospel ardor seek to observe the Lord's commission to make disciples of all nations. Unfortunately, they fail to heed His accompanying exhortation, "Teaching them to observe all things, whatsoever I have commanded you" (Matt. 28:20).

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Adiaphora?

FREEDOM IN LITURGICAL FORMS

Must we use the common cup in Communion? What kind of a gown should our ministers wear? Which order of service shall we follow? May we make the sign of the cross? Shall our choirs be vested? Shall we have processions and recessions? These are all adiaphora, things neither commanded nor forbidden. Yet they and many other related subjects have always been "big" issues in the church and the cause for much unwarranted carping and criticism one of another.

The Trend toward Ritualism

In all branches of Christendom there is a definite revival of interest in the matter of liturgies. Interfaith conferences are being held, with the result that certain liturgical forms of the Reformation period are being reinstated in many churches, including the Lutheran, such as colorful vestments, elaborate processions, the carrying of the cross by the crucifer, the use of incense, etc. Is this good or bad? Do such things edify or detract from the service? Here then is a definite difference of opinion.

In our discussion of this liturgical trend we dare not overlook the danger that with such an elaboration of the liturgical part of service there can easily be a slipping of a cog or two in such vital doctrines as the ministry, the ordination of a pastor, the Lord's Supper, and the relationship of this sacrament to the preaching of the Word. On the other hand, the danger of going wrong doctrinally dare not justify opposing the entire liturgical movement as such, nor the denouncing of all who show interest in it.

The Trend toward Catholicism

There is still another danger in this liturgical movement, which if it goes too far, could slowly but surely drag us back into the papal fold, from which Luther set us free. How often have not our pastors been forced to defend themselves against the false charge that we Lutherans are "just like the Catholics"! The crosses on our steeples and altars, our liturgical orders of service, the different saints' names borne by many of our churches, our robed clergy, and many other so-called "Catholic" things have caused the uninitiated to place us into the Catholic camp.

For that reason, no pastor concerned with preserving peace will aggravate the situation by introducing a whole new batch of ceremonies and rituals, unless there is agreement in his congregation that such things shall be used. Neither will a sensible pastor force a more elaborate form of worship on his flock if his congregation would be disturbed, or if this should even cause his congregation to be torn apart over such trivia.

On the other hand, if we are going to be true to the Scriptures and to our Lutheran Confessions, which uphold freedom in adiaphora, we are going to allow each pastor and congregation to settle such matters according to their own best judgment and not be offended when some of our brethren use their Christian liberty to practice more elaborate liturgical forms. Though the Formula of Concord distinctly warns against making changes "with thoughtlessness and offense" (Art. X, 9), our Lutheran principle guarantees liturgical freedom in all matters that do not involve a departure from sound doctrine.

KENNETH W. VERTZ

DEDICATION

St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Neillsville, Wisconsin

May 11, 1969, was a most memorable day in the history of St. John's Congregation of Neillsville, Wisconsin, and for its membership. This was the day the congregation was able to dedicate its new church building to the glory of the Triune God. The guest speaker for the morning dedication services was the Pastor Carl H. Mischke of Juneau, Wisconsin, president of the Western Wisconsin District and first vice-president of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod. The guest organist for the day was Prof. Otto Schenk of the music department of Dr. Martin Luther College of New Ulm, Minnesota.

The need for a new church has been realized by the members of St. John's

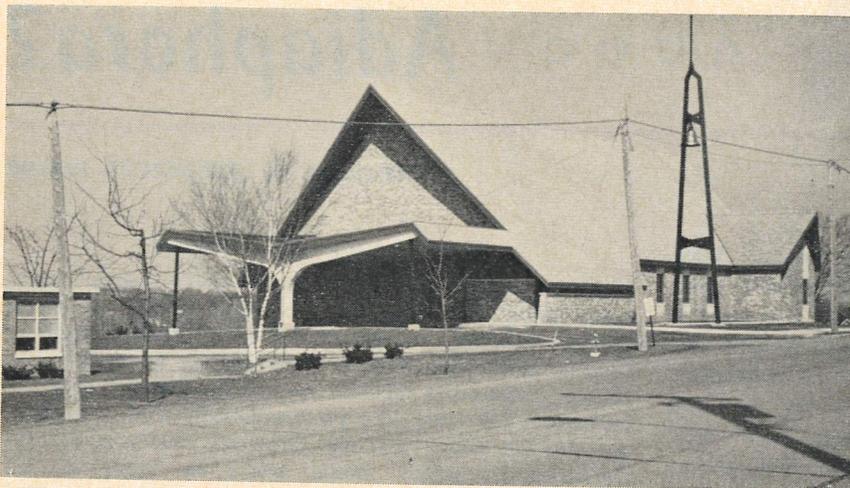
for a number of years. Since a new school was also a serious need, the school was built first. With the construction of the school building completed and paid for, the time was there to begin the planning and construction of the new church building. Groundbreaking ceremonies were held on March 24, 1968, and the cornerstone was laid on September 22, 1969.

The new church is located near the school on property that had been purchased some years ago in anticipation of the construction of a new church and parsonage. The church is of contemporary design with the exterior constructed of brick to blend with the school. The main entrance opens from a covered driveway on

the west end of the building into a spacious entry. The nave of the church seats 400 and together with the entry will easily provide seating for over 500 worshippers. Large laminated beams form an archway for the roof high overhead. At the east end is the chancel, which extends almost the full width of the church. A huge modernistic cross is mounted on the east wall of the chancel area, and the sun filters through thick colored glass to produce an unusual daytime lighting effect. All of the glass in the church is colored and of contemporary design. At the south end of the chancel is a private office and study for the pastor. Also on the main floor are lavatories, electrical controls, and a glassed-in mother's room. The church is completely carpeted, providing a quiet atmosphere for worship. There is a complete sound system to reach all areas of the church including the basement of the building. The basement remains unfinished until a later date when it may possibly be needed. All kitchen facilities and meeting rooms are at present in the school. A tripod-type bell tower was erected for the old church bell which was electrified and continues to be used with the new church. A 10-rank organ is yet to be installed and will be built into the balcony. At the present time a new parsonage is under construction next to the church to complete the building program.

To God alone be glory. "The Lord hath done great things for us: whereof we are glad" (Ps. 126:3).

NORMAN LINDLOFF



A view of the new St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Neillsville, Wisconsin.

Direct from the Districts

Arizona-California Self-Support

In recent months four congregations in Arizona and one in Texas joyfully became self-supporting. This means that they no longer receive a monthly operating subsidy from our Synod's Home Missions treasury. Even though they are not strong enough as yet to assume full financial responsibility for capital indebtedness, they are now able to meet all their operational costs. Without the

Church Extension Fund, and without your thankful response to it, full interest payments on capital indebtedness would have made self-support impossible at the present time for these congregations. But because of your gifts to the Church Extension Fund the following congregations were able to take a giant stride forward and become self-supporting:

Good Shepherd, Tucson — declared self-support on October 1, 1968. By forming a dual parish with *Trinity*,

San Manuel, it is now possible for the 205 communicants of Good Shepherd and the 54 communicants of *Trinity* to shoulder full responsibility for their Christian day school (enrollment about 90), their three teachers, and their pastor, the Rev. M. C. Nitz. Good Shepherd was organized in November 1949. *Trinity*, located in a small mining town about 50 miles northeast of Tucson, was organized in March 1957.

Calvary, Dallas — One month short of its fifth anniversary, this congregation, our "Mother Church" in the giant state of Texas, declared self-support, on January 1, 1969. Organized in February 1964, and served

initially by the Rev. R. E. Neumann, Calvary served effectively as home base and participated actively in the formation of several of our newer churches in Texas, including St. Mark, Duncanville; Mt. Zion, Hills-

boro; and Redeemer, Edna. Calvary Congregation numbers 108 souls and 62 communicants, and is served at present by the Rev. W. A. Diehl, chairman of the Arizona-California District Mission Board. Since 1964

we have opened at least one church per year in the densely populated centers of this state, and several others are already moving very rapidly toward self-support.

W. A. MEIER

Studies in God's Word

(Continued from page 324)

are already written in the book of life — the register of this new world's citizens. God hasn't given us the date He's going to usher in this new world; but He's given us preliminary examples of His judgment (the Deluge, the destruction of Jerusalem, the Reformation of the Church) and signs that tell us that the day is near. He and His Church are in the world for but one purpose — to enroll you as citizens.

Citizens of the New World

Do you begin to see the difference? God has a plan, and has put it into operation. You will say that your elders also heard of that plan — and look at them! But is that a good reason to toss out the only plan that will ever succeed? You don't pull a house down, because the former tenants left it dirty. It's time for you to be a light in the world, a leaven for righteousness, a model of godliness, a citizen of the new world in the midst of a perverse generation. High time in fact, for the Day is around the

corner, the Day of God, when all things we see shall be on fire and shall dissolve.

In this connection Peter has a pertinent question, one he lived by. "Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, looking for and hasting unto the coming of . . . new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness?" Here's the place all ethical questions must begin. Are you living as citizens of the new world and the new heaven, even though you're still in the old world? If so, you want to be found of Him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

All Need Christ

I take for granted that you want to show us that you know how to do this better than we did. We won't mind at all if you cleanse the temple in the spirit of Christ — and show us up! But there's a sticker in all of this. Don't think for a moment that you will succeed all the way, that

you will be perfect! Face it — the Lord had you in mind, too, when he said, "So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants; we have done that which was our duty to do" (Luke 17:10). So, you're no different than the rest of us. Both of us need saving. Both need Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world. Please remember that when you are inclined to judge us harshly.

Do you have a sneaking suspicion that at my age I have been waiting for the opportunity to say this? Forget it! It was Peter talking, who turned the world upside down. He would have you as Christians be the light of the world and the salt of the earth. Now, that's being really different! It's quite a task — let me assure you! If we have failed you, forgive us! With the power of the Lord give more of yourself than we did, so that when you are 31. . . . Well, I'm sure you know what Peter means!

HAROLD E. WICKE

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 COLLOQUY

The Rev. Eric W. Waldek — LCA, Virginia Synod — of Mechanicsville, Virginia, has requested a colloquy preparatory to entering the preaching ministry of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod. Correspondence regarding the applicant may be addressed to the undersigned.

Waldemar J. Zarling, President
Michigan District, WELS

REQUEST FOR COLLOQUY

Mr. Warren R. Ponca City, Oklahoma, having resigned his teaching position in a day school of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod for confessional reasons, has requested a colloquy preparatory to entering the teaching ministry of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod. Correspondence regarding the applicant may be directed to the undersigned.

Gerald E. Free, President
Nebraska District

RESIGNATION

Pastor Leo C. Scheelk, Newburg, Wis., has resigned from the public ministry.
Adolph C. Buenger, President
Southeastern Wisconsin District

BETHESDA LUTHERAN HOME

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For more information contact:
Personnel Manager
Bethesda Lutheran Home
700 Hoffman Drive
Watertown, Wisconsin 53094

EXPLORATORY SERVICES

Houston, Texas

Exploratory services under the direction of the Arizona-California Board for Home Missions will be held every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month beginning September 14 at 4 p.m. on Houston's north side. For the location at which the services will be held and other information please contact

Pastor Vilas R. Glaeske, 11303 Stroud Dr., Houston, Tex. Phone: (713) 498-4063.

EXPLORATORY SERVICES

Little Rock, Arkansas

The Nebraska District Mission Board is planning exploratory services in Little Rock, Ark. If you know of persons in Arkansas interested in these services, please send their names to Pastor L. Gruendeman, 2845 Starr Street, Lincoln, Nebr. 68503.

CLOSING DATES FOR DISTRICT CASHIERS

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

Sept. 23, 1969

Oct. 24, 1969

Norris Koopmann, Treasurer

OFFER

The following items are available from St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Pine Grove: 2 hymnboards, baptismal font, altar, pulpit, lectern, communion rail, pair five-branch candelabra, 16 pews, Gulbransen electronic organ, an individual cup communion set (one tray).

For more information contact:

Mr. Elden Abraham

R. 6

Green Bay, Wis. 54301

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND THANKS

It is with gratitude to God that we acknowledge the gifts toward the Lord's Work by the Christians who through their wills made bequests to the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

The bequests received during the second quarter of 1969 are as follows:

Estate of Linda Bohnenstengel	
World Mission Building Fund	\$ 6,525.20
Estate of Laura Krueger	
Current Budgetary Fund	11,275.48
Estate of Herbert Woelffer	
Synod Administration Building Fund	1,980.19*
Synod Residence Fund	1,980.18*
Estate of Gustave A. Vandree	
Student Mission Building Fund	456.08*

Estate of Linda B. Buske A/K/A Linda Buske	
Student Mission Building Fund	500.00
Estate of Emma H. Seifert	
Church Extension Fund	1,500.00
Estate of John G. Nelson	
World Mission Building Fund	2,500.00
Church Extension Fund	500.00
Estate of Bertha Johl A/K/A Bertha Westphal	
World Mission Building Fund	3,360.18*
Estate of Charles Schindler	
Church Extension Fund	13,562.42*

*This is an addition to the amount previously reported.

Norris Koopmann, Treasurer & Controller
3512 West North Avenue
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53208

CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES

ARIZONA-CALIFORNIA

GADSDEN PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Tues. and Wed., Sept. 16 and 17, 1969.
Time: 9 a.m.
Place: Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Tucson;
Richard Paustian, host pastor.
Communion service: Tues., 7:30 p.m.; Venus
Winter, speaker.
Agenda: Christ in the Books of Moses,
C. Metz; Incarnation and Inspiration, E.
Sitz; What are Good Works and What Is
Their Value? R. Hartmann; Exegesis of
Heb. 2, V. Glaeske; Letter to the Congrega-
tion at Thyatira, M. Nitz; Tongues and
Faith-healing, S. Krueger; Hebrew Exegesis
of Ps. 51, V. Winter.
Silas Krueger, Secretary

DAKOTA-MONTANA

EASTERN DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: Sept. 17, 1969.
Place: St. Peter Lutheran Church, Goodwin,
S. Dak.
Time: 9 a.m.
Preacher: Walter Herrmann for Communion
service.
Program: Reports of the delegates to the
August convention of Synod.
E. Habermann, Visitor

**ALBERTA-MONTANA
PASTORAL CONFERENCE**

Date: Sept. 23 and 24, 1969.
Place: St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, We-
taskiwin, Alberta.
Time: 9 a.m., M.S.T.
Communion service: Sept. 23, 7:30 p.m.
Preacher: Dr. Paul Peters.
Essays: Exegetical-Homiletical Treatment of
Matt. 5:13-20, J. Frank; Alcoholism, K. Lenz;
Review of IN THE BEGINNING, L. Wurster;
alternate essay, H. Wood.
Report: Special report of the District Evangel-
ism Committee, M. Putz.
K. Lenz, Secretary
by R. Strobel

MICHIGAN

SOUTHWESTERN PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Sept. 16, 1969.
Time: Holy Communion at 9 a.m.
Place: Grace, Muskegon, Mich.
R. Shimek, Secretary

FLORIDA DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Place: Bay Pines Lutheran Church, Largo,
Fla.
Date: Tues. Sept. 16, 1969.
Time: 9 a.m.
Sermon by Pastor Raymond Wiechmann.
Agenda: 1) A report on the August Con-
vention of Synod; 2) An Up-to-date View of
the Scouting Movement, by Pastor Daniel
Gieschen; or 3) A Historical Introduction to
the Book of Concord, by Pastor Richard
Wiechmann.
Richard Wiechmann, Secretary

**MICHIGAN DISTRICT TEACHERS'
CONFERENCE**

Time: October 8-10, 1969.
Place: Zion Lutheran School, Monroe, Mich.
Agenda: Science in the Light of Scripture,

R. Adickes; Teaching Sanctification to the
Child, J. Fricke; Panel on Memory Work,
J. Spaude, chairman; Physical Education
for the Elementary School With or With-
out a Gymnasium, D. MacNeill; Teaching
of Science in the Primary Grades, K.
Vanisacker.
Milton Bugbee, Secretary

**NORTHERN PASTOR-DELEGATE
CONFERENCE**

Date: Sept. 22 and 23, 1969.
Place: St. Luke Lutheran Church, Saginaw,
Mich.
Time: 9 a.m. Communion service.
Sermon: O. Drevlow.
Agenda: Exegesis: Eph. 3, J. Kurth. Essays:
Communicating the Gospel in the 20th
Century, K. Vertz; Organizational History
of the Montrose Mission, R. MacKain;
Practical Distinction of Law and Gospel,
J. Rockoff.
Edwin Schmelzer, Secretary

SOUTHEASTERN PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Sept. 22 and 23, 1969.
Time: 10 a.m.
Place: Zoar, Detroit, Mich.
Agenda: Exegesis of Jude, L. Schroeder; Con-
vention Reports; Evaluation of Adult Class
Materials and Procedures, D. Schmelting;
Visits to the Bereaved After the Funeral.
Communion service: Monday at 7:30 p.m.
(E. Zell; D. Laude, alternate).
Keith Haag, Secretary

MINNESOTA

NEW ULM DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: Oct. 1, 1969.
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Place: St. John's, New Ulm.
Agenda: "Was Miraculous Power Given Only
To The Church Of The Apostles' Time?"
Prof. T. Hartwig.
Synod Convention Reports.
Ralph J. Polzin, Acting Secretary

**REDWOOD FALLS PASTOR-DELEGATE
CONFERENCE**

Date: Sept. 30, 1969.
Time: 2-9 p.m.
Place: St. Matthew's Flora Township, Ren-
ville Co., Minn.; Dale W. Arndt, host pastor.
Agenda: Reports on the Proceedings of the
Synod Convention.
Please send excuse to the host pastor.
Dale W. Arndt, Secretary

REDWOOD FALLS PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Oct. 7, 1969.
Time: 9 a.m. Communion service; Preacher,
J. Babler (alternate, L. Hohenstein).
Place: Immanuel, Gibbon, Minn.; L. Hohen-
stein, host pastor.
Agenda: Gen. 2:8-25, L. Hohenstein; This We
Believe, Part III, G. Maas; I Tim. 1:3-11,
E. Carmichael; Eighth Commandment in
Large Catechism, H. Hackbarth.
Please send excuse to host pastor.
Dale W. Arndt, Secretary

NEBRASKA

SOUTHERN DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: Sept. 22 and 23, 1969.
Place: Trinity, Grafton, Nebr., W. Goehring,
vacancy pastor.
Sermon: G. Haag (W. Gabb, alternate).

Papers: Augsburg Confession, Article I, "Of
God", W. Gabb; Sermon Study of Rom.
14:7-17, V. Tassler; What Can We As Lay-
men Do to Stir Up the Weaker Members
of Our Congregations to Become More
Faithful to God? Mr. MacNeil; The Luthera-
n Pioneers, P. Soukup; and various re-
ports.

Please announce to the host pastor in suf-
ficient time.

R. Tischer, Secretary

CENTRAL PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Sept. 23 and 24, 1969.
Place: Good Hope, Omaha.
Communion service: Tues., 7:30 p.m.; H.
Russow, preacher (M. Weishahn, alternate).
Agenda: Exegesis; Hosea ch. 2-3, L. Cross;
Formula of Concord, Art. VIII, H. Russow;
How Involved Can I as a Pastor Become
in Social and Community Action? G. Free;
Comparison of Large and Small Cate-
chisms, C. Flunker; Synod Convention Re-
port.
C. Flunker, Secretary

NORTHERN WISCONSIN

MANITOWOC PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Sept. 15, 1969.
Time: 9 a.m.
Place: Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Kiel,
Wis.
Preacher: K. Fuhlbrigge.
Agenda: Exegesis on that portion of I Cor.
11 pertinent to the Sacrament of the Altar
and the Rite of Confirmation, H. P. Bauer;
A historical-practical study of the Rite of
Confirmation, H. F. Koch; A study of the
LCUSA proposal on administering the Sacra-
ment of the Altar and the Rite of Con-
firmation to Lutheran young people, E.
Stelter.
Paul V. Borchardt, Secretary

FOX VALLEY PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Sept. 16, 1969.
Place: St. Mark's, Green Bay. Host pastor
C. Voss.
Time: 9 a.m. Communion service.
Preacher: I. Boettcher (alternate, F. Brandt).
Papers: Adiphoristic Controversy, R. Frey
(alternate); Synergistic Controversy, E.
Krueger; Gospel for 1st Sunday in Ad-
vent, L. Koenig (alternate); 2nd Sunday
in Advent, E. Greve; Heb. 13, R. Unke
(alternate); James I, A. Schwerin; Jonah,
J. Kingsbury (alternate); Micah, I. Boett-
cher.
Wallace Gaulke, Secretary

**LAKE SUPERIOR SUNDAY-SCHOOL
TEACHERS' CONVENTION**

The 40th annual Lake Superior Sunday-
School Teachers' Convention will be held at
Calvary Lutheran Church, Abrams, Wis.,
Sept. 21, 1969, at 2:30 p.m. The host pastor
is R. Steffenhagen.
Mrs. Raymond Thorsen, Secretary

**WINNEBAGO LUTHERAN
TEACHERS' CONFERENCE**

Place: Trinity Lutheran School, Neenah, Wis.
Date: Sept. 25 and 26, 1969.
Thursday: The Liturgy by Prof. Albrecht.
i.t.a. by Mrs. W. Kissinger, Mrs. V. Otto,
and Mrs. H. Pipkorn.
Friday: Science-factual approach by Mr. P.
Wellems. Science-experimental approach
by Mr. E. Krause. A Christian View of Sex
Education by Pastor Greve.
Elroy Schroeder, Chairman
Program Committee

RHINELANDER DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: Sept. 28, 1969.
 Place: Christ Ev. Luth. Church, Hiles, Wis.
 Time: 2 p.m.
 Order of Business: Synod Report.
 Supper will be served by the host congregation.
 N. Stellick, Secretary

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DISTRICT MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

Date: Sept. 29, 1969, 12 noon to Sept. 30, 1969, 12 noon.
 Place: St. Luke Ev. Lutheran Church, Little Chute, Wis., J. Diener, pastor.
 Speaker for the Monday evening Communion service: F. Bergfeld.
 Agenda: Exegetical—Practical Presentation of Acts 10:9-20, V. Voss; Practical Suggestions for People Separated From Their Home Church, panel discussion led by pastors of the Mission Board; Isa. 43:5-13, P. Borchardt; and various reports.
 Note: Those desiring overnight lodging, contact the host pastor as soon as possible.
 J. Diener, Secretary

PACIFIC NORTHWEST**PASTORAL CONFERENCE**

Date: Sept. 16-18. Opening devotions 1:30 p.m.
 Place: Good Hope, Ellensburg, Wash.; Errol Carlson, pastor.
 Preacher: L. Weindorf (alternate, P. Schlieser).
 Communion service: Tues., Sept. 16, 7:30 p.m.
 Agenda: Various reports; Essays: Are we reaching the youth of today in our confirmation classes or are there ways in which those classes can have more impact and meaning? H. Schewe; A Program for Evangelism, J. Mahnke; Formula of Concord, Article 5, T. R. Adaschek; Gal. 3:26ff, M. Teske; Homiletical study: Mark 4:21-25, M. Diersen; The Use of Modern Translations of Scripture in the Church, J. Mahnke.
 William F. Bernhardt, Secretary

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN**SOUTHERN CONFERENCE**

Date: Tues., Sept. 16, 1969.
 Place: Trinity Lutheran Church, Caledonia, Wis.
 Host pastor: Wm. Hein.
 Time: 9 a.m. beginning with a Communion service.
 Preacher: D. Ponath, II Cor. 4 (alternate, R. Pope).
 Papers: An Isagogical Study of Ezek. 40-48, by R. Pope (alternate, Exegesis of I Cor. 11:1-15, by W. Hein); The Relation of Justification and Sanctification in Narrow Sense, R. Shekner (alternate, Principles of Sola Scriptura with special emphasis on Church and Ministry, F. Kusanke).
 Please excuse to the host Pastor.
 D. Ponath, Secretary

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METROPOLITAN NORTH PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Mon., Sept. 29, 1969.
 Time: 1:00 p.m.
 Place: Convenes at Seminary Library Lecture Room.
 Communion service at host congregation, Calvary Lutheran Church, Mequon, Wis.
 Preacher: C. Weigel (alternate, H. Winterstein).
 Agenda: Exegesis of I Pet. 2:11-25 by T. Olsen; The Pastor as Intercessor, by E. Toepel; Honest to God, Book Review by R. Pope; Abortion, Dr. S. Becker.
 G. Schroeder, Secretary

WESTERN WISCONSIN**SOUTHWESTERN PASTORAL CONFERENCE**

Date: Sept. 23, 1969.
 Time: 9 a.m.
 Place: St. Paul's, Tomah.
 Hosts: O. Heier and E. Kahrs
 Preacher: C. Nommenson (alternate, W. Paus-tian).
 Exegesis: II Cor. 9, J. Schroeder.
 Isagogics: Nahum, E. Lehmann.
 Doctrinal: The Universal Priesthood Of All Believers As Restored Through Martin Luther, O. Heier.

Doctrinal/Practical: Suffering And The Will Of God, R. Siegler.
 James M. Mumm, Secretary

CENTRAL WASHINGTON COLLEGE OF EDUCATION Ellensburg, Washington

Pastors and parents, please notify the undersigned of students who are attending Central Washington College of Education, Ellensburg, Wash.

Rev. Errol W. Carlson
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 Ellensburg, Wash. 98926
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CORRECTION

The names of Candidates Gerald Schroer and Walter Westphal mistakenly appeared under the rubric "Installed" in the issue of August 17, 1969. They should have been listed under the heading "Ordained and Installed."

Wilbert R. Gawrisch
 Acting Editor

ORDINATIONS AND INSTALLATIONS**Ordained and Installed****Pastors**

Haberkorn, Keith A., as pastor of Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Elkton, S. Dak., by R. K. Heins; also installed as pastor of Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church, Ward, S. Dak.; by D. Krenke, assisted by R. Heins, G. Geiger, G. Birkholz; Aug. 3, 1969.

Hallemeier, Mark, as pastor of St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church, Globe, Ariz., of Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, Safford, Ariz., and of Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Morenci, Ariz., by M. Schwanke, assisted by F. Loeper, L. Sonntag; Aug. 3, 1969.

Ordination and Commissioning

Lange, Gerald, as Assistant to the Friendly Counselor in the field of education in Hong Kong, in the closing service of the 40th biennial convention of the Synod at Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minn., by Marlyn A. Schroeder, assisted by L. Koeninger, P. Behn, R. Poetter, K. Wengenroth, R. Eggert, M. Wehausen, R. Mueller, T. Sauer, K. Krauss; Aug. 12, 1969.

Commissioned

Johne, Harold R., as missionary to Japan, at Emanuel Ev. Lutheran Church, St. Paul, Minn., by K. G. Bast, assisted by T. Hartwig, R. Poetter, T. Yamada, C. Krause; July 31, 1969.

Installed**Pastors**

Fischer, David, as pastor of St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Lewiston, Minn., by W. L. Beckendorf, assisted by L. Zessin, A. L. Mennicke, C. Weigand; Aug. 17, 1969.

Kahrs, H. A., as pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Wabeno, Wis., by E. J. Kahrs, assisted by D. Kock, R. Oswald, and J. Braun; Aug. 3, 1969.

Ninmer, Donald, as pastor of St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Stephenville, Wis., by F. W. Heidemann; Aug. 24, 1969.

Pinchoff, Edward, as pastor of St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Ann Arbor, Mich., by G. Tiefel, assisted by R. Mueller, R. Warnke, K. Strack, G. Cares, F. Jung-kuntz, M. Kell, L. Hallauer; July 27, 1969.

Roth, Reinhold H., as pastor of Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Clear Lake, S. Dak., by Ronald Roth, assisted by Gerhard Geiger, L. Schroeder, A. P. C. Kell; Aug. 17, 1969.

Warnke, Hugo, as pastor of Our Shepherd Ev. Lutheran Church, Lancaster, Calif., by G. Seager; Aug. 10, 1969.

Teachers

Cole, Wayne, as teacher in St. John's Ev. Lutheran School, Glencoe, Minn., by P. R. Kuske; Aug. 17, 1969.

Fehlauer, David, as principal of St. John's Ev. Lutheran School, Wood Lake, Minn., by N. A. Gieschen; July 20, 1969.

Hackmann, David, as teacher in St. John's Lutheran School, Sleepy Eye, Minn., by R. Reede; Aug. 24, 1969.

Haferman, James, as principal and teacher in Peace Ev. Lutheran School, Green Lake, Wis., by D. E. Hallemeier; Aug. 24, 1969.

Jaehnnig, Chester, as teacher in Redeemer Lutheran School, Tucson, Ariz., by S. Krueger; Aug. 3, 1969.

Juern, John, as teacher in St. Matthew's Lutheran School, Benton Harbor, Mich., by K. Biedenbender; Aug. 24, 1969.

Koestler, Arlen, as principal of St. Jacobi Ev. Lutheran School, Greenfield, Wis., by P. G. Eckert; Aug. 24, 1969.

Krause, Allen, as teacher in St. Mark's Ev. Lutheran School, Watertown, Wis., by W. A. Schumann; July 27, 1969.

Kremer, Kenneth, as teacher in Emanuel Ev. Lutheran School, Tawas City, Mich., by J. Rockhoff; Aug. 17, 1969.

Menk, Rolland, as teacher and minister of youth, in St. Martin's Ev. Lutheran Church, Watertown, S. Dak., by E. Habermann; July 20, 1969.

Nommensen, Arnold J., as principal of Calvary Ev. Lutheran School, Thiensville, Wis., by J. Lindloff; June 29, 1969.

Schmiege, Monte T., as principal of St. Matthew Lutheran School, Iron Ridge, Wis., by W. F. Schink; July 27, 1969.

Schultz, Dennis, as teacher in Good Shepherd Ev. Lutheran School, Flint, Mich., by H. Buch, assisted by H. Birner, F. Zimmermann, K. Vertz; July 20, 1969.

Waldschmidt, Richard, as teacher in Friedens Lutheran School, Kenosha, Wis., by A. Buenger; Aug. 24, 1969.

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

Seven months ended July 31, 1969

	Prebudget Subscription	Pension	Gifts and Memorials	Total
Arizona-California	\$ 78,977	\$ 2,437	\$ 4,292	\$ 85,706
Dakota-Montana	84,578	300	163	85,041
Michigan	426,506	1,511	6,473	434,490
Minnesota	470,600	8,655	6,227	485,482
Nebraska	87,287	850	281	88,418
Northern Wisconsin	548,556	10,861	1,910	561,327
Pacific Northwest	24,527	1,010	—	25,628
Southeastern Wisconsin	638,028	18,824	3,925	660,777
Western Wisconsin	571,660	17,896	35,343	624,899
Sent Direct to Treasurer	—	—	12,067	12,067
Total — 1969	\$2,930,719	\$62,435	\$70,681	\$3,063,835
Total — 1968	\$2,057,681	\$62,616	\$70,081	\$2,190,378

1969 PREBUDGET SUBSCRIPTION PERFORMANCE

Seven months ended July 31, 1969

	Subscription Amount for 1969	7/12 of Annual Subscription	Subscription and Pension Offerings	Subscription Per Cent of
Arizona-California	\$ 134,270	\$ 78,324	\$ 81,414	103.9
Dakota-Montana	162,677	94,895	84,878	89.4
Michigan	768,949	448,554	428,017	95.4
Minnesota	819,684	478,149	479,255	100.2
Nebraska	154,130	89,909	88,137	98.0
Northern Wisconsin	974,553	568,489	559,417	98.4
Pacific Northwest	47,519	27,719	25,628	92.5
Southeastern Wisconsin	1,202,422	701,413	656,852	93.6
Western Wisconsin	1,006,606	587,187	589,556	100.4
Total — 1969	\$5,270,810	\$3,074,639	\$2,993,154	97.3
Total — 1968	\$3,683,523	\$2,148,722	\$2,120,297(A)	98.7(A)

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

**CURRENT BUDGETARY FUND
Statement of Income and Expenditures**

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

	Twelve months ended July 31			
	1969	1968	Increase or Decrease*	Per cent
Income				
Prebudget Subscription Offerings	\$4,454,255	\$3,496,596	\$ 957,659	27.4
Gifts and Memorials	135,797	109,014	26,783	24.6
Pension Plan Contributions	99,581	98,225	1,356	1.4
Bequest	73,019	10,733	62,286	—
Income from NWPH	21,562	16,562	5,000	30.2
Other Income	4,010	2,910	1,100	37.8
Total Income	\$4,788,224	\$3,734,040	\$1,054,184	28.2
Expenditures				
Worker-Training	\$1,380,163	\$1,219,435	\$ 160,728	13.2
Home Missions	995,522	944,276	51,246	5.4
World Missions	653,514	576,487	77,027	13.4
Benevolences	710,517	676,550	33,967	5.0
Administration and Services	371,521	276,254	95,267	34.5
Appropriations	361,428	310,597	50,831	16.4
Total Expenditures	\$4,472,665	\$4,003,599	\$ 469,066	11.7
Operating Gain	\$ 315,559			
Operating Deficit**		\$ 269,599**		

Accumulated Deficit, July 1966 through July 1969, \$220,022

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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
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STUDENTS**

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Pastors and parents, please notify the undersigned of students who are attending either the University of Michigan or Eastern Michigan University.

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NOTICE!

Congregations that have members residing temporarily at the

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Waupun, Wis.

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Fox Lake, Wis.

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REQUEST FOR NAMES

Pastors, please send the names of your WELS members at Veterans' Hospital, Madison, Wisconsin, or at Mendota State Hospital. Also please send the names again if the patients have been discharged for a period and then return. The names of your members at other Madison hospitals are also appreciated. Send names to:

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