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BRIEFS by the Editor

We are living in an age when everything that the Christian Church has stood for is being turned upside down. Much of the blame must be laid at the door of those who presume to speak for the Church, but do not speak "the things which become sound doctrine" (Titus 2:10). Thus there are pastors who have become abortion counselors, advocating the murder of the unborn as the answer to an unwanted pregnancy. In the last year or two, laws against abortion have been liberalized to such an extent that abortions have increased by leaps and bounds, even in hospitals which had previously denied most such requests.

It is time for us Christians to speak out against this violation of God's commandment, "Thou shalt not kill," and to proclaim loudly that which sets the human being apart from all other creatures, namely, that man originally was created in the image of God.

It is part of the fall into sin that man sets aside God's Word and looks upon himself as no more than an

animal (though indeed the highest form) and upon the unborn child, the fetus in the womb, as no more than a tumor or a growth, which may be removed at will if the mother is not willing to bear it.

In this connection I would call attention to two portions of Scripture which ought to open our eyes lest we too be misled by specious arguments.

After the Deluge, God again made a covenant with man and all other living creatures. We read about it in Genesis 9. However, God made a distinction. Of the animal He said to man: "Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things." But of man God said: "And surely your blood of your lives will I require; at the hand of every beast will I require it, and at the hand of every man; at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man. Who sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed, for in the image of God made He man." How strange that society today looks upon capital punish-

ment as the relic of a barbarous age, but opens the floodgates to the murder of the unborn, practically upon request! And then we make much ado about upholding the dignity of man!

A passage that speaks directly about the fetus in the womb as being a human person is Job 10:8-12, a passage perhaps previously neglected because it speaks very explicitly about human functions, something that doesn't phase us at all now, so that modesty too has almost become a forgotten virtue. Job in his agony writes: "Thy hands have made me and fashioned me together round about; yet Thou didst destroy me. Remember, I beseech Thee, that Thou hast made me as the clay; and wilt Thou bring me into dust again? Hast Thou not poured me out as milk, and curdled me like cheese? Thou hast clothed me with skin and flesh, and hast fenced me with bones and sinews. Thou hast granted me life and favor, and Thy visitation hath preserved my spirit." That impregnated ovum, that fetus in the womb—that was —Job— or you—or I—or my child! That is how God teaches us to look upon that which is conceived in the womb.

May we who are Christians alert society to its chief folly—its failure to look on things as God would have us look upon them! The Psalmist wrote: "Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being imperfect." Read Psalm 139:13-16.

The Lord our God be with us, as he was with our fathers: let him not leave us, nor forsake us. 1 Kings 8:57

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Editorials

THANK GOD FOR INHIBITIONS AND GUILT FEELINGS

Critical analysis has exposed many a superstition and exploded many a myth. It has also in recent times contributed inadvertently to the rise of a significant number of self-anointed "experts" who deride traditional morality and accepted human behavior. These critics usually hoist the banner of science to lend dignity to their propositions.

Typical of them is a contempt for orthodox Christianity, a glib use of pseudoscientific jargon, and a superior attitude toward those whom they judge to be unenlightened. Unfortunately, many people are deeply impressed.

Among the prime objects of their misguided wrath are "inhibitions" and "guilt feelings." In their view, these are vestiges of prehistoric ignorance and obstacles in the path of human progress.

It is true that inhibitions can be misdirected and that guilt feelings can become morbid and destructive, just as piety can be twisted into fanaticism and morality into legalism. But it does not follow that they should therefore be discarded. God sent Nathan for the very purpose of awakening feelings of guilt in King David over a relationship which had resulted in adultery and murder. And it is obvious that Joseph, when he was tempted by Potiphar's wife, was restrained by valid inhibitions.

Feelings of guilt serve a necessary purpose. Without feelings of guilt there is no repentance, and without repentance there is no forgiveness. Inhibitions likewise serve a godly purpose. Without them there is no restraint on man's sinful instincts and no deterrent to unbridled lust. God instilled in man a natural knowledge of His Law and a conscience to bear witness to it. It is this that gives rise to inhibitions and feelings of guilt.

Inhibitions and feelings of guilt may be destructive factors in the eyes of those who visualize man as a god unto himself and who think that absolute freedom is the salvation of the human race. But those who recognize God as their Lord and Savior look at them in a different light.

IMMANUEL G. FREY

THE BIG STEP TO TROAS

The man who comes calling at your house with a commitment card to discuss the mission work of the Church may point you to places like . . . Taiwan. (Do you even know where Taiwan is?) He may apologize that you were not first consulted about the program. But don't bother about that. Neither were our mission strategists.

The man may try to explain this expensive explosion of mission activity. Is it because we are outgrowing an inferiority complex after years of creeping into a corner every time someone said: "You Wisconsin Synod people think you're the only ones going to heaven"? Is it our

splendid initiative, our soaring spiritual perspective, our sweet, sweet personality?

No!

Luke tells the story. The Apostles wanted to turn left into the teeming cities of Asia, but "were forbidden of the Holy Ghost." Then they planned to turn right, into Bithynian territory untouched by the Gospel, "but the Spirit suffered them not."

Forbidden what they wanted, following where they would not, they took the only course open to them: a straight line to the seacoast city of Troas. (Did they even know where Troas was?) There, "a vision appeared to Paul in the night! There stood a man of Macedonia, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us." They did. The Gospel entered Europe, all unintended and unplanned.

That transcontinental story keeps repeating itself. In the '30s it was J. N. Eka writing from Africa: "Come over to our Macedonia, and help us, else we die." In 1969 it was Martinus Adam writing from Indonesia: "We run towards Wisconsin to hear our Macedonian call."

The man who comes calling at your home may apologize that you were not consulted first about the program. Perhaps it will require more than the modest amount you had planned, and run contrary to your conservative approach. But as "the wind bloweth where it listeth," the Spirit did not first consult our Mission Board either.

Which is really quite a comfort. The Spirit still plans our program. And welcome to Taiwan!

JOHN PARCHER

EDUCATION AT TOO HIGH A COST

Many of our Christian young people at public colleges and universities do not come under the influence of "radical" professors, but a number of those who pursue courses in such departments as English, philosophy, and social and political sciences do.

What they hear from "radical" teachers may approximate the pronouncements of a "radical" teacher of English at one of Wisconsin's state universities. In this teacher's opinion, to accept the underlying order of society is wrong. He claims that an attitude of acceptance "is not only counterrevolutionary but essentially irresponsible and highly questionable as a behavioral model not only for young Americans but for all mankind."

To him "law and order" are odious notions. "No doubt, there are some laws that ought to be promulgated and obeyed in order to assure a healthy society," he states, "but precisely what those laws are, if there are such, is problematical, and to base a whole culture on the assumption that an abstract 'law and order' somehow functions or ought to in the world is at least naive and at worst fascist in intent."

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Studies in God's Word

The Day of the Lord—Who Can Endure It?—Joel 2:1-11

Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in My holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the Lord cometh, for it is nigh at hand,

A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness! As the morning spread upon the mountains (so there comes) a great people and a strong. There hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it even to the years of many generations.

A fire devoureth before them, and behind them a flame burneth. The land is as the garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness, yea, and nothing shall escape them.

The appearance of them is as the appearance of horses, and as horsemen, so shall they run.

Like the noise of chariots, on the tops of mountains shall they leap, like the noise of a flame of fire that devoureth the stubble, as a strong people set in battle array.

Before their face the people shall be much pained, all faces shall gather blackness (or, turn pale).

They shall run like mighty men, they shall climb the wall like men of war. And they shall march every one on his ways, and they shall not break their ranks.

Neither shall one thrust another, they shall walk every one in his path; and when they fall upon the sword, they shall not be wounded.

They shall run to and fro in the city, they shall run upon the wall; they shall climb up upon the houses, they shall enter in at the windows like a thief.

The earth shall quake before them, the heavens shall tremble. The sun and the moon shall be dark, and the stars shall withdraw their shining.

And the Lord shall utter His voice before His army, for His camp is very great; for He is strong that executeth His word. For the day of the Lord is very great and very terrible; and who can abide it?

A MIGHTY MILITARY MACHINE

"A great people and a strong . . . as horsemen . . . like the noise of chariots . . . like the noise of a flame . . . as a strong people set in battle array . . . like mighty men . . . like men of war . . ." Was Joel exaggerating in amplifying his description of the locusts which he had begun in the first chapter? Consider the testimony of another man who knew:

"Vast bodies of migrating locusts, called by the orientals the armies of God, lay waste the country. They observe a regular order, when they march, as an army. At evening they descend from their flight, and form,

as it were, their camps. In the morning, when the sun had risen considerably, they ascend again, if they do not find food, and fly in the direction of the wind.

"They go in immense numbers, and occupy a space of ten or twelve miles in length, and four or five in breadth, and are so deep that the sun cannot penetrate through them; so that they convert the day into night, and bring temporary darkness on the land. The sound of their wings is terrible. When they descend upon the earth, they cover a vast tract a foot and a half high; if the air is cold and moist, or if they be wet with the dew, they remain . . . till they are dried and warmed by the sun.

"Nothing stops them. They fill the ditches which are dug to stop them with their bodies, and extinguish by their numbers the fires which are kindled. They pass over walls and enter the doors and windows of houses" (Jahn).

DOOMSDAY

The commander-in-chief of that army was identified by Joel as the Lord. By divine command the locusts laid waste the land. What an army of men would have found difficult to do an insect, easily squashed under foot, performed with apparent ease. God's strength is often accomplished through weakness.

Again the destruction was called the Day of the Lord. The divinely inspired Prophet was saying that the visitation was but a foretaste of the coming Day of the Lord, of which he would shortly speak more clearly.

BUILT-IN PROMISE

In the very expression "Day of the Lord" lay implied promise and a directive for a response by Judah. To be forewarned is to be loved. To be alerted to danger is to be cherished. To be corrected is to be counted a prized possession.

Joel's message called for reflection and repentance. The repeated designation "Lord," the reference to "Zion," "My holy mountain," "Eden," and the reminder that His Word cannot but be executed were surely intended to direct the children of promise to His covenant, to which He had irrevocably bound Himself.

It is His Word to which the Lord our God has bound Himself. And "He is strong that executeth His Word." His baptismal covenant stands. "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." He it is who shall survive in the Day of the Lord.

PAUL E. NITZ

"Thy King Is Coming"

Convention of the Minnesota District, July 27-31, 1970

The 27th Biennial Convention of the Minnesota District met at Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota, on July 27-31, 1970.

The opening service which included the celebration of the Lord's Supper began at 10:00 A.M., July 27. District Vice-President Horn addressed the delegates on the basis of Hebrews 10:23, 24. The theme of his sermon was the question, "When will God be pleased with our Convention?" Pastor Horn answered that our heavenly Father is pleased only when we cling to the confession of our faith and

when we urge one another to works of love and faith.

CONVENTION THEME

After a devotion, President M. J. Lenz opened the Convention at 2:00 P.M. Each session was begun with a devotion conducted by a pastor of the District. President Lenz reported to the Convention using "Thy King Is Coming" as the theme of his report. He reminded the assembly that the King is certain to come, that scoffers attack the fact of this coming, that the time of the coming is uncertain, but that the fact of His coming places an urgency upon us to be about His work. As evidence that the Lord's Work is indeed going forward in our District, it was reported that 30 pastors, 2 professors, and 17 male teachers were installed in the District during the past biennium. Five new congregations applied for membership in the District, and were later accepted by the Convention. During the past two years, 22 pastors, 12 professors, and 6 male teachers transferred to other Districts, 3 pastors and 3 male teachers resigned or retired, and 6 workers entered into the glory of eternal life.

ESSAYS

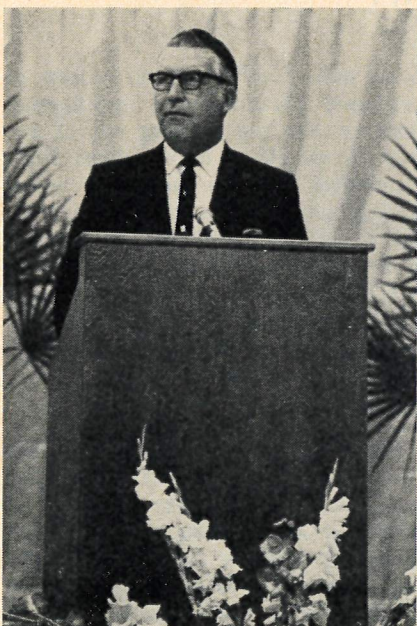
Two essays were read to the Convention during its sessions. Professor Wilbert Gawrisch of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary presented an essay, entitled "The Twentieth-Century Crucifixion of Christ." Sounding a

note of caution as it pointed out the dangers in some of the modern theological attitudes, the essay seconded the words of President Lenz: "We need to continue in Christ's Word, to take the shield of faith and wield the sword of the Spirit in these last days before our Savior's return in glory." "Our Daughter District's Golden Jubilee" was the title of the essay read by Pastor Emeritus E. Gamm, who related many personal experiences and recollections from the 50-year history of the Dakota-Montana District. The essay was received with great enthusiasm.

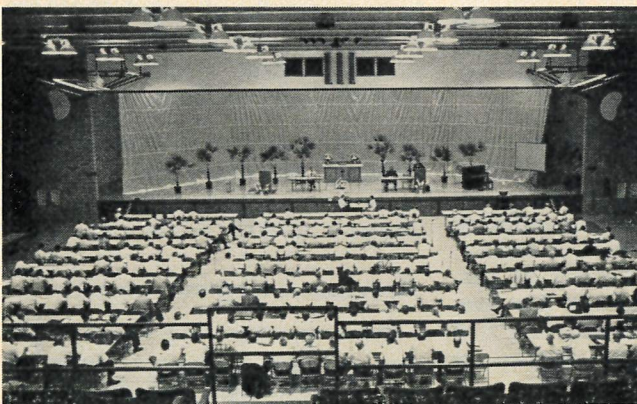
DECISIONS OF CONVENTION

The Convention elected the following District officials for the next biennium: M. J. Lenz, president; G. Horn, 1st vice-president; P. Kurth, 2nd vice-president; and G. Birkholz, secretary.

With the assistance of many floor committees, the Convention considered and decided upon many aspects of the Lord's work in our District and in the Synod. To "enable our Synodical boards, commissions and officials to devote and concentrate their time and efforts in matters beyond the scope of the Districts and of more direct concern to our Synod at large (e.g., world missions, home missions in areas where our Districts are still small or not represented at all, worker-training institutions)" the District voted to memorialize the



District Mission Board Chairman Emil F. Peterson addressing the delegates



Convention in session in the Luther Memorial Auditorium-Gymnasium as Prof. W. Gawrisch read his essay. President Lenz and Secretary Birkholz share the podium



President Lenz and Fiscal Executive Paul Unke

1971 Synod Convention to "initiate a study concerning the advisability of granting greater responsibility and autonomy to the respective Districts."

MISSIONS

The delegates took note of the increased mission activities of our Synod. With one accord they besought the Lord for His continued blessing on this vital work. The Convention was privileged to have in its midst the Executive Secretary for the Board of

World Missions, Pastor Edgar Hoe-necke. He presented an inspiring message concerning our mission work in the Far East.

To continue the conservation of our own membership, the delegates voted to urge all of our congregations to enlist the help of the WELS Soul Conservation Commission. A note of warning was sounded concerning the hazards of accepting Federal Aid for our schools.

Throughout the study of the various programs of our Synod and its agencies, the delegates were constantly reminded of the need to continue the crucial work of proclaiming the Lord Jesus Christ in the world. In confident assurance that the Lord would preserve us in His Word and grace, the Convention closed with the singing of the first stanza of "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God."

D. BEGALKA

Looking at the Religious World

INFORMATION AND INSIGHT

125 = 211

Gala celebrations this year marked the 125th anniversary of the founding of St. Lorenz Church in Frankenmuth, Michigan, a charter member of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. One of the historical incidents recalled in the festivities was the calling of the original pastor, F. A. Craemer, in 1850 to the practical seminary of the Missouri Synod, then located in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

When Pastor Craemer moved from Frankenmuth to Fort Wayne, he took with him five members of the parish willing to enroll as students preparing for full-time church work. A tradition was established that would eventually result in a set of statistics that spell out the most noteworthy chapter in St. Lorenz's anniversary story.

Counting today's 13 students, this one congregation has supplied its church body with 73 pastor workers and 138 teachers. This total of 211 full-time workers from one congregation is an outstanding achievement, perhaps a record for Lutheranism in America. None of our Synod's congregations can come close to equaling it, although one thinks in this connection of our Synod's First German Church of Manitowoc that has over the years supplied a steady stream of workers.

What is needed if congregations like St. Lorenz and First German are to be emulated is a tradition

zealously founded and then faithfully fostered. The time to found such a tradition, if it is still nonexistent in your midst, is now. A good way to found or foster such a tradition in these days of rising educational costs is to supply individual or congregational scholarship funds.

BAPTIST COMMENTARY

One of the most commendable occurrences at this summer's round of church conventions was a Southern Baptist vote of 5394 to 2170 to recall the first volume of a 12-volume Bible commentary that the denomination is in the process of publishing. The book under fire contained introductory articles to the series and material on Genesis and Exodus.

Southern Baptists resolved to withdraw the publication, 20,000 copies of which had already been printed and 10,000 of which had already been sold, and asked that it be rewritten "with due consideration of the conservative viewpoint."

Many objected to each of the introductory articles which stated that "the Pentateuch known to us is neither a unity nor, when considered as a whole, a composition of Moses." The explanation of Genesis 22 contained the suggestion that Abraham was mistaken in believing that God had commanded him to sacrifice his son Isaac.

Since the June convention the action of the Southern Baptists has

been widely criticized as a blow at academic freedom and intellectual honesty. We see nothing out of the way in an effort of a church body to control what is published under its auspices and to keep such writing in harmony with its confessional stance. When such efforts stem from a commitment to verbal and plenary inspiration, then they are commendable indeed.

BAPTIST ZEAL

Many church conventions were forced to slash national or, in our parlance, mission budgets because of a drop in contributions for such purposes. A notable exception is the 200,000-member General Association of Regular Baptist Churches.

Rejoicing in the addition of 49 new congregations, this group, half as large as our Synod, voted \$7,100,000 to fund the work of 1400 active missionaries. About 25 per cent of all GARBC contributions go to missions.

At their convention these Baptists seriously considered the possibility of increasing the number of their missionaries to 2000 in the 1970's.

PAROCHAID AND TUITION VOUCHERS

Synod members may soon have to cope with two more new approaches to the controversial question of government aid to financially pressed private and religious schools. The

terms in the title refer to these new approaches.

Michigan has voted \$22 million to pay for half the salary of lay teachers of secular subjects in nonpublic schools. If no constitutional barriers arise, the plan goes into effect September 1, and some 900 schools are expected to qualify for the aid. The Michigan District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod has reacted “positively” to the legislation and has taken steps necessary to qualify.

The Office of Economic Opportunity will soon be funding pilot projects to test the Jencks tuition voucher plan, developed by Harvard Prof. C. Jencks and his Center for the Study of Public Policy. The Jencks plan, which may be given a Milwaukee tryout, proposes giving parents of school children vouchers equal in value to the per-pupil education expenditure of the local public schools. These vouchers could then be used at any school of the parents' choice.

PLURAL CONCEPT OF FELLOWSHIP

At a section meeting of the recent Lutheran World Federation's Fifth Assembly Dr. Robert Marshall, president of the Lutheran Church in America, spoke on fellowship in a way that serves to illustrate by sharp

contrast what we mean by a “unit concept” of fellowship.

Dr. Marshall divided fellowship into that of baptism, of Lord's Supper, and of pulpit, with the latter seemingly subdivided into selective and full types. By confounding a recognition of sacramental validity with a joining in celebrating the sacraments, he urges: “If we respect the baptism of a person, even when the understanding of the minister and the individual at the time of baptism differed from ours, why could we not receive the sacrament of the Lord's Supper with those who agree the Lord is present and giving himself to us, even though we disagree on other doctrines about the sacrament?”

Additional lines of division are laid down when it is stated: “Pulpit fellowship must probably remain more difficult. In the proclamation of the Gospel, a church should not be expected to qualify its confession of faith. Selective fellowship should be possible, however, so preachers from other churches might speak on doctrines where the churches are in agreement.”

We say fellowship is one and the same thing in essence and in requirement, whether it be of the prayer or

sacramental or pulpit variety. Full unity in doctrine is the Bible's basic prerequisite for fellowship.

CHURCH CONSTRUCTION

Building statistics show that there has been a sharp decline in church construction during the past five years. Churches built in 1965 were valued in terms of stone and steel at \$1,200 million. In 1969 the figure dropped to \$951 million. This year it is expected to stand at about \$900 million.

When a 30 per cent rise in building costs during those years is taken into account, it becomes obvious that new church construction has almost been halved since 1965.

Various economic factors have played a part in effecting this decline. They need not concern us here. What may be of greater significance for the religious scene is an anti-building complex that has developed in many denominations and congregations. Many argue that money needed for human needs should not be used for brick and mortar. Carried to extreme, that argument could be as harmful to religious endeavors as overexpenditures for buildings.

EDWARD C. FREDRICH

Dedication at Zion, Alma, Wisconsin

On June 14, 1970, members and friends of Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Alma (Cream), Wisconsin, joined in dedicating a new church building.

In the morning service, Prof. Wayne Borgwardt, Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota, a son of the congregation, stressed the blessings which the Triune God continues to bestow on His people in His house of worship. In the afternoon service which emphasized missions, the Rev. Frederic Nitz, New Ulm, Minnesota, who formerly served the congregation, urged the members to “Look On the Fields” ripe unto the harvest. The congregation was pleased to have President Oscar Naumann as a guest at both services.

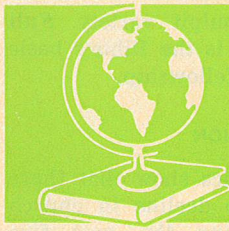
In the fall of 1968 Zion Congregation purchased a two-room school building from the Alma School District. Assisting the contractors with considerable donated labor, the members of the congregation remodeled the building for use as a church. The gymnasium was rebuilt to be used as a worship area. The stage, provided with a railing, serves for overflow seating and as a Sunday-school room. Two classrooms were remodeled for use as

Sunday-school rooms and a kitchen-dining room area. The building is 100 feet long and 50 feet wide. The bell from the old church building was hung in a bell-tower specially constructed for that purpose. The building and property were purchased for \$15,000, and improvements cost about \$10,000.

G. H. KUSKE, Pastor



Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Alma, Wisconsin



Speaking Out on Education

EVOLUTION IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The controversy between concerned Christians and those who promote the teaching of evolution as fact in many public schools across our country is becoming increasingly more pronounced. The recent decision of the California State Board of Education, that the Biblical account of Creation be presented along with the evolutionary theory in the science courses of its public schools, is receiving nationwide publicity and comment.

We who believe in a literal interpretation of the Genesis account of a special Creation by God must awaken to the fact that the teaching of evolution as fact rather than theory has become commonplace in the public schools of this country. This type of teaching attacks the faith of Christian students who are forced to study science under such conditions.

THE BSCS MATERIAL

By far the greatest influence on the present teaching of science, and especially biology, is exerted by the materials produced by the Biological Science Curriculum Study (BSCS). The BSCS was created in 1958 and, operating on grants from the National Science Foundation, set about the task of reorganizing the teaching of biology. By 1963, three texts became available which have evolution as their basis or foundation. One, the Blue Version called *Biological Science; Molecules to Man*, has been called a textbook in evolution. Although the first materials produced by the BSCS were for use by classes on the secondary-school level, the influence of BSCS material is now evident in many science books used in elementary schools.

The BSCS materials were produced to promote the free teaching of the evolutionary philosophy in public schools and have played an important role in that effort. The teacher's manual for a BSCS text states in regard

to the idea of evolution: "Once the student realizes that this is a fundamental assumption, many of his preconceived reservations about evolution will disappear." It is obvious that the authors of this text expect the student to give up his own beliefs about origins and accept evolution. This includes the hope that any belief in a special Creation and Creator will be rejected because this, according to the teachers' manual for the Blue Version BSCS text, "will serve as a barrier to the proper understanding of evolution."

In the past, biology texts usually have confined their presentation of the subject of evolution to several chapters at the end of the book. Since the widespread acceptance of BSCS materials, many new biology textbooks present evolution as factual with no alternatives. In chapter 13 of *Modern Biology*, published by Holt, Rinehart and Winston, the following statement is clear evidence of that fact: "The evolutionary process *has resulted* in the great diversity of life on earth today." Without a doubt the majority of publishers publishing textbooks are dominated by evolutionary thought.

FACT OR THEORY?

This flood of evolution-oriented materials coupled with the fact that most public-school teachers are trained in evolutionary principles has produced the situation that evolution is being taught as fact and not as the theory which it really is. Most students trained in such courses come away with the belief that evolution is an established fact. This is understandable when we realize that all the evidence presented is on the side of the evolutionist, and that evidence against evolution is not included. The teaching of evolution mingles facts with theories so that the student soon does not recognize the difference between facts and theories.

Without alternatives presented to him, the student has difficulty avoiding being swept along with evolutionary thinking.

CREATIONISTS

The teaching of evolution under the guise of scientific fact to the exclusion of special Creation as an alternative has resulted in just criticism by creationists that evolution is actually being presented as a religion. It is clear that evolution is not a matter of science but is accepted as "a matter of faith," and as such deliberately ignores every bit of factual evidence which contradicts its theories. The *truth* is that the modern evolutionist has built his entire theory on wishful thinking and knows it cannot withstand the critical analysis of the truly scientific method.

The objection is raised that Creation, too, is not verifiable. Creation, it is true, is a doctrine of faith. We believe in Creation because our Lord has revealed it in the Scripture. At the same time, however, the doctrine of Creation does not disagree with the assured findings of science. This has caused a growing number of scientists to speak out against the teaching of evolution as scientific fact. They contend that since the facts of science support Creation, Creationism is a fair contender for scientific recognition. The Creation Research Society which has been in existence for six years, has attracted many scientifically trained and competent members who support the teaching of special Creation as a necessary alternative to the evolutionary theory in public-school science courses.

Christian parents concerned with the education of their children must acquaint themselves with what is being taught in the schools their children attend. This becomes easy if they enroll their children in a Christian day school, or Christian high

school in their area. In our Christian schools, Genesis is taught as actual history and the creation of the earth as a recent event, completed by God in six ordinary 24-hour days. The theory of evolution is also studied by the children in our Christian schools so they can see for themselves how "unscientific" it really is. True science does not conflict with Scripture. When the facts of science are examined, no contradiction with the Biblical account of Creation can be found—not one. This cannot be said for the theory of evolution which cannot stand when compared with facts as we know them today.

For those parents who have no Christian school available, finding out what is being taught to their children about origins becomes an important responsibility. A child's faith comes under severe attack when he is confronted by teachers and materials which promote evolution as the only answer to the question of origins—and that by using "scientific" untruths. A child has neither the scientific background nor experience to enable him to meet this attack on his faith. Thus, unchallenged teaching of evolution in public schools can

cause serious conflicts in the minds of young Christians, as they are forced to respond to teachings which oppose the fundamental Christian training received in the home and in the church.

EFFORTS TO COUNTERACT EVOLUTIONISM

For this reason, numbers of concerned Christians have joined together in several areas of the nation in an attempt to compel public education to present evolution as the theory which it really is, and to include Creationism as an alternative. An example of how concerned Christians can effectively change the direction of the teachings given in a public-school system is seen in California where through the efforts of a number of creationists the State Board of Education has adopted a *Science Framework* which requires that evolution be taught as a theory and that the Biblical account be presented as an alternative. In Texas, a group of concerned parents was able to influence the State Textbook Committee to reject books which did not present evolution as a theory with no alternatives.

Where Christian education is not available and concerned parents cannot influence public-school officials to present evolution as but a theory with alternatives, they must use every opportunity (e.g., church; home discussion) to help their children understand the truth in the Creation-evolution controversy.

The Bible-Science Newsletter, a monthly publication of the Bible-Science Association, Caldwell, Idaho, can help concerned Christians become better informed about what the evolutionists are promoting in public education. The publication also presents scientific articles and explanations which can be used when discussing the Creation-evolution controversy.

Our most powerful weapon in the battle with those who would deny God as Creator and the world as His creation, however, is God's Word. We must continue to thoroughly train our children in that Word by every means available.

ROBERT W. ADICKES
Science Instructor
Lakeside Lutheran High School
Lake Mills, Wisconsin

One of the most difficult tasks in the world is trying to convince an unbeliever that he is a sinner, and that there is no hope for him after death—if, indeed, he believes in some kind of an existence after death at all! Or, if such a person is ready to admit that he has sinned, it is still difficult to make him understand that there is nothing that he can do to rid himself of that sin or its guilt. But once a man agrees by the power of the Holy Spirit working in him, to accept the teachings of the Bible, it is a simple matter to show him from Scripture that he is justified by faith alone, without the deeds of the law. The Apostle Paul writes: "To him that worketh not, but beliveth on Him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness. Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works, saying, 'Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin'" (Rom. 4:4-8).

We Turn to the Psalter . . .

. . . As We Gratefully Acknowledge God's Gracious Forgiveness—Psalm 32

In this chapter from Romans Paul is quoting a portion of the 32nd Psalm—a Psalm in which we have one of the Old Testament revelations of the doctrine of Justification by Faith. Luther wrote about Psalm 32: "This is an exceptional teaching Psalm, teaching us what sin is, how one may get rid of it and become just in God's sight. For reason does not know what sin is, and thinks to atone for it by works. But here he (the inspired Psalmist) tells us that even all the saints are sinners and can in no way become holy and blessed except by recognizing and knowing that they are sinners, that without merit or work, by grace alone, they are adjudged righteous before God."

Psalm 32 was written by David after his deliverance from the anguish of soul which he experienced as a result of the sins of adultery and murder which he had committed. For a whole year after committing these sins David was like a man under sentence of death. But when he finally found peace of mind through repentance, a great load was lifted from him. This Psalm came from the heart of a man who had tasted all the bitterness of repentance and all the sweetness of forgiveness.

Read the entire Psalm for yourself. Notice that a portion of the 5th verse is used every Sunday as part of our Lutheran liturgy. It is a weekly reminder of the wonderful gift of for-

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Dedication of Addition at St. Michael's Ev. Lutheran Home for the Aged

One hundred seventy-five friends of St. Michael's Ev. Lutheran Home for the Aged, Fountain City, Wisconsin, gathered at the home for outdoor services on August 30, 1970. They were there to join in singing the Lord's praises at the dedication of a new 20-bed addition. The Rev. Otto Heier, Tomah, Wisconsin, was guest preacher, addressing the assembly on Hebrews 3:4: "For every house is builded by some man; but He that built all things is God." His message taught all to appreciate how the Lord uses men to build a house where His aged followers can be given both bodily and spiritual care until He chooses to receive them into His eternal mansions.

The first man whom the Lord chose to use in providing a rest home for aged Christians in the Fountain City area was Mr. Fred Roettiger, who in 1947 offered his large brick home for that purpose at a nominal cost. This offer was accepted, and St. Michael's Ev. Lutheran Home for the Aged was founded under the leadership of the Rev. H. Nommensen, then pastor of St. Michael's Ev. Lutheran Church. A sponsoring association of interested communicant members of St. Michael's Congregation incorporated on September 19, purchased the Fred Roettiger residence, and converted it into a comfortable home for aging Lutherans. During the first month four residents were admitted to the Home.

The original Home had a capacity of nine. In 1953 an addition was built, raising the capacity to 15. On December 19, 1965, a second addition was dedicated. That addition increased the capacity to 27 and provided a large new dining room, a new kitchen, and a nurses' station. An electrical nurses' call system and an automatic fire protection sprinkler were also installed.

On July 2, 1968, the association authorized the board to engage an architect to prepare preliminary drawings for yet another building addition. This building program was begun rather reluctantly. Medicare and Medicaid

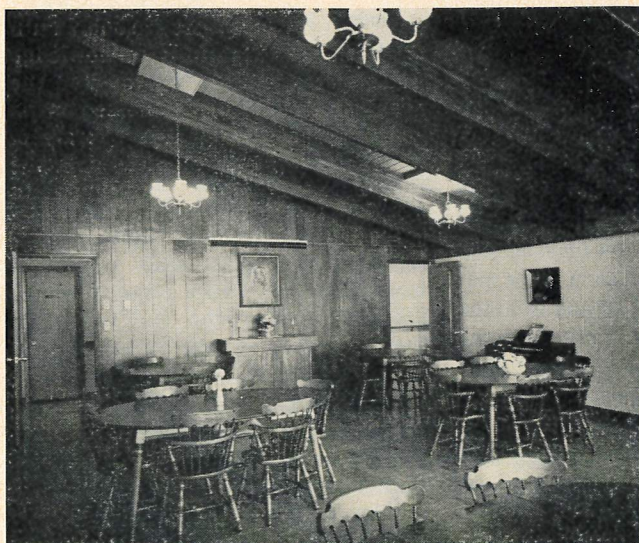
legislation began to influence the manner of providing care for the aged. Small skilled nursing homes were especially affected. Expansion became necessary if the home hoped to remain a skilled nursing home in the years ahead.

The actual building of the new 20-bed addition was authorized on April 17, 1969, and construction began shortly thereafter. Besides the extra rooms in the new addition, the building contract called for relocation of the nurses' station, medication room, and employees' lounge. The home was also furnished with new appliances. The total cost of addition and improvements, including the purchase of additional land and the building of a new garage, was \$153,884.56. The Klingler Asso., Inc., Eau Claire, Wisconsin, were the architects and the Olbert Construction Co., Mondovi, Wisconsin, the general contractor.

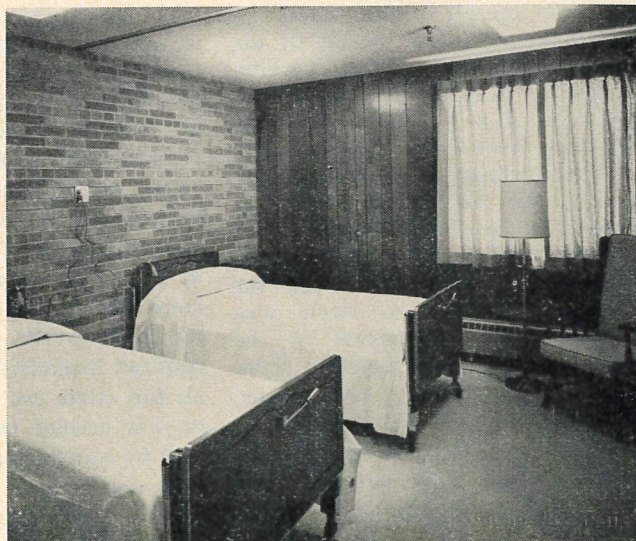
Construction was completed in less than a year, and guests began occupying the new addition on March 1, 1970. By the day of dedication, August 30, nearly all beds were occupied and a waiting list was already in existence.

A dedicated staff, members of St. Michael's Congregation, and numerous friends in the area continue to work together to make St. Michael's Home a truly Christian home. Vesper services for the residents are conducted at the Home on Wednesday evenings by the pastor of St. Michael's Lutheran Church. Holy Communion is celebrated on the third Wednesday of each month. Members of the congregation provide transportation to church on Sunday for all who are able to attend. The Home Auxiliary, ladies from St. Michael's Congregation, plans and provides entertainment and activities each Tuesday afternoon. An open house and outdoor service festival is held annually on the last Sunday of August.

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Dining Hall



A typical guest room

† Mr. Emil Trettin †

August 31, 1970



Mr. Emil Trettin

On his evening walk on Monday, August 31, Mr. Trettin was struck and killed instantly by a car that went out of control. Funeral services were conducted on September 3 at Jerusalem Ev. Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, by Pastor E. A. Toepel. Prof. C. Lawrenz comforted the mourners with the words of Psalm 116:15: "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." Burial took place on Grace-land Cemetery, Milwaukee.

Mr. Emil Trettin was one of God's special gifts to our Synod, serving as the Executive Secretary of our Synod's Board for Parish Education from 1949-1969. Mr. Trettin worked untiringly for the promotion and improvement of Christian education in the Synod. Before accepting the call as Executive Secretary, he taught at St. John's Lutheran School, Stanton, Nebraska, from 1916-1926, and the following 23 years he served Jerusalem Congregation as teacher, organist, and choir director.

Mr. Trettin was born in Kaukauna, Wisconsin, on August 25, 1896. He received his education at Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota, graduating in 1916. He also attended Wayne State Teachers College, Wayne, Nebraska. In 1929 he was married to Esther Dommer, who survives him. For many years Mrs. Trettin also worked in the office of the Board for Parish Education. Mr. Trettin's service to his Lord and his Church spanned 52 years. Now he is with his Lord.

† Pastor M. Schwenzen †

September 4, 1970

We mourn the sudden death of Pastor M. Schwenzen and find our comfort in the words of Romans 8 read to him shortly before his death and used as the text for his funeral: "In all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us."

Pastor Melvin C. Schwenzen was born in Batavia, Wisconsin, on March 20, 1911, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Waldemar Schwenzen. He received his high-school and college training



Pastor Melvin Schwenzen

at Northwestern College, Watertown, Wisconsin, graduating in 1933. In 1936 he graduated from the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon.

The first six years of his ministry were spent in the classrooms of Garden Homes Christian Day School, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Frieden's Lutheran Junior High, Kenosha, Wisconsin. On January 3, 1943, he was ordained and installed as the pastor of Good Shepherd's Ev. Lutheran Church, West Allis, Wisconsin, where he served until his death. Pastor Schwenzen was deeply interested in Christian education, and was a member of the Wisconsin Lutheran High School Board of Control for some years. Since 1950 he had also been a member of the Northwestern Publishing House Board of Directors, serving as its chairman from 1961 to the day of his death.

On July 3, 1940, Pastor Schwenzen was united in marriage with Alma S'evert. They have one daughter, Susan (Mrs. Kenneth Ottenbacher). He is also survived by one sister, Mrs. Harry Greenwaldt.

Pastor Schwenzen died unexpectedly on September 4. Funeral services were conducted in Good Shepherd's Ev. Lutheran Church on September 8 with Dr. Siegbert Becker officiating and Pastor H. Wicke preaching the sermon. Committal was in the Lutheran Cemetery at Watertown, Wisconsin. "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord!"

WE TURN TO THE PSALTER

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givenness which is ours through faith in the Savior. Gratefully acknowledge God's mercy and love as you join the Psalmist in exulting: "Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered! Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity!" "Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye righteous, and shout for joy!"

PHILIP R. JANKE

St. Michael's Home is supervised by a five man Board of Directors with the pastor of St. Michael's serving as permanent board chairman. The pastor also served as administrator up until July of this year. At that time the board secured the full-time services of Mr. Thomas Haney, a native of Thief River Falls, Minnesota, and a graduate of the University of Minnesota.

The spirit and support shown by the many friends of St. Michael's Home during its 23 years of existence has been most wonderful and is deeply appreciated by everyone at the Home. We pray that the Lord may continue to bless the Home with interested and generous supporters.

C. H. WEIGAND, Pastor

Zion, Sanborn, Minnesota, Celebrates Its Centennial

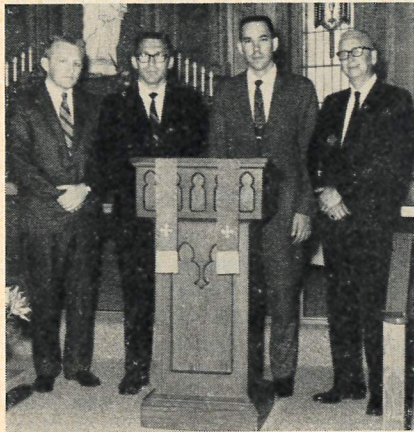
"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing. Know ye that the Lord He is God: it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves" (Ps. 100:1-3). This is what Zion Lutheran, Sanborn, Minnesota, confessed as the members gathered to give thanks to God on their centennial, June 14, 1970. "It was a wonderful spiritual day," commented several visitors. May such celebrations ever be that!

The congregation rejoiced to hear the Word of God as preached by a former pastor and by three sons of the congregation who have entered the Gospel ministry. Pastor William Lange of Wisconsin Rapids spoke on Jeremiah 6:16, and concluded with the exhortation "that you would listen to the Lord your God, 'Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls.'" The Rev. James Mumm of Loganville, Wisconsin, led the congregation in worship and in a prayer of thanksgiving. In the afternoon the Rev. William Goehring of Aurora, Nebraska, preached on Isaiah 55:10, 11, "My word . . . shall not return unto Me void." He exhorted the worshipers to praise God because He had fulfilled His promise and to trust God for the future. The Rev. Steven Stern, LeSueur, Minnesota, led the worshipers in prayer. It was indeed a wonderful spiritual day!

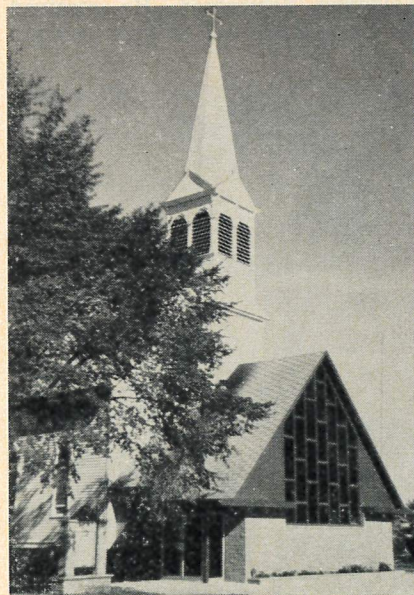
Zion Ev. Lutheran Congregation was founded on July 12, 1870, when four of our forefathers "desired not only a home here in this world, but looked into the future for the eternal safety of their souls and the souls of their children. . . . They had come here, poor in earthly goods, but rich in heavenly treasures, firmly planted in their hearts by the Word of God and the Sacraments." These founders were Mr. Wilhelm Goehring, Mr. John Yaeger, Mr. George Wagner,

and Mr. John Wagner. Zion Ev. Lutheran Congregation is God's answer to their prayers and labors, and is God's answer to the prayers and labors of other Lutheran families who joined them in the following years.

The early days were days of toil and hardship. In five successive years grasshoppers destroyed every-



Participants in the centennial services: Pastor Wm. Goehring, Aurora, Nebraska; Pastor James Mumm, Loganville, Wisconsin; Pastor Steven Stern, Le Sueur, Minnesota; Pastor Wm. Lange, Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin



Zion Ev. Lutheran Church,
Sanborn, Minnesota

thing, and both the pastor and his members would have starved if it had not been for the generosity of the Minnesota Synod. Oxcart brought supplies and building material from Waseca, the nearest railroad station, 85 miles away.

Zion Congregation lived through the strain of the Predestination Controversy in 1882-1884, but finally voted to retain its membership in the Minnesota Synod. From that time on the congregation had its own pastor. By 1902 the congregation was able to begin its Christian day school. A school was purchased from the village, and served until 1954 when the congregation erected the present brick building. The congregation now has two called teachers.

The controversy in the Synodical Conference relative to church fellowship came into sharp focus in 1960. A split occurred in the congregation, and a large segment left the Wisconsin Synod to join the CLC. The remaining 330 communicants regrouped and at a special meeting overwhelmingly voted in favor of continuing their affiliation with the Wisconsin Synod.

Zion Congregation at the completion of 100 years of God's grace numbers 522 souls. It looks back upon God's manifold mercy evident in a record of 1,728 baptisms, 1,228 confirmations, 421 marriages, and 463 burials.

"Lord, we thank Thee —
— for 100 years of sins forgiven
— for receiving so many souls into heaven
— for so many holy marriages You have blessed
— for Christ's body and blood received, possessed
— for Water's Washing and the Word
— for so many who Thy name have heard.
Lord, we thank Thee. Hear our prayer. Amen."

R. A. KANT, pastor

Editorials

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"In summary, I would say that the role of literature, literary criticism, and the teaching of literature are the same, to make the revolution."

If their college-going children are exposed to such subversion of personal and civic morality, should parents

be astounded if their children reject them and their standards—even sound religious and moral standards?

Has the time come when Christian parents must seriously consider large number of public colleges and universities off limits for their children? A subverted soul is too high a price to pay for a college education.

CARLETON TOPPE

Northwestern Lutheran Academy Mobridge, South Dakota School Opening, September 1, 1970

The Lord's bounteous hand was greatly in evidence as Northwestern Lutheran Academy began its 43rd school year. Evidence of His blessings were the new workers added to the staff since the close of the past school year. In the opening service, Prof. Paul H. Wilde was installed into his office as Dean of Students. This important office was thus filled without the vacancy of a single day during the regular school year. Two assistant instructors, Messrs. Robert Bock and Daniel Luetke, were inducted into their positions. During the summer the Academy was also fortunate in securing the services of Mrs. Mary Majoros as housemother at the

girls' dormitory and Mr. Robert Wright who will conduct the business affairs of the school.

On hand for the school opening was a near-record enrollment of 115 students, only two short of the enrollment in 1956. At present but three openings remain in the girls' dormitory. Applicants for the boys' dormitory could only be accommodated by moving several boys to the attic area which had previously been renovated. Both dormitories already utilize basement rooms. A small senior class of 18 indicates that the housing problems will be more acute next year.

The problems we face are typical for work in the church. They result from blessings so bountiful that we find it difficult to appropriate them. Our earnest endeavor is to make this school a blessing to the souls of the youth the Lord has entrusted to our keeping.

DANIEL MALCHOW, President

Direct from the Districts

Minnesota

RETIRED TWICE

On the 48th anniversary of his ordination, July 5, 1970, Pastor Louis W. Meyer retired from the holy ministry. On that Sunday he preached his farewell sermon at Grace Lutheran Church, Clear Lake, Wisconsin, and Zion Lutheran Church, rural Almena.

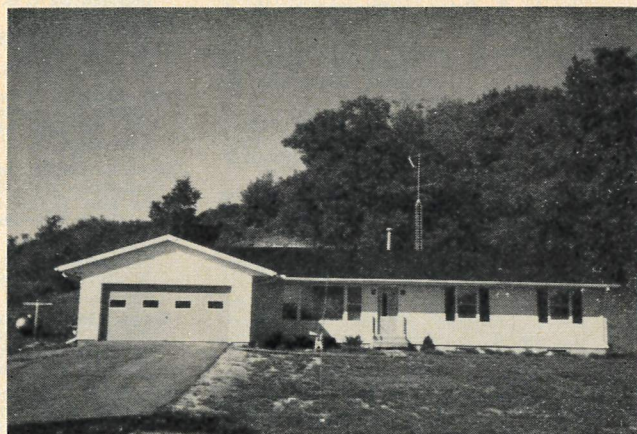
Pastor Meyer graduated from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, then at Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, in June of 1922, and was ordained and installed at Emanuel Lutheran Church, Star Prairie, Wisconsin, the same year. He served Zion Lutheran Church, East Farmington, Wisconsin, from 1923 to 1964, when he retired for the first time. Following a year of retirement, he was called to serve Grace Lutheran Church, Clear Lake, as interim pastor and a month later received a permanent call from the parish. Since 1967, Pastor Meyer had also served Zion Lutheran Church of Almena. Pastor LaVern Holz presently serves the congregations left vacant when Pastor Meyer retired for the second time.

We thank our heavenly Father for the many years He granted to Pastor Meyer to serve in His kingdom.

Western Wisconsin

PARSONAGE DEDICATION AT HILLPOINT

On Sunday, May 31, 1970, St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church of Hillpoint, Wisconsin, dedicated a new parsonage to the glory of the Triune God. The new parsonage is a four-bedroom, ranch-style house with a study and a two-car garage. The cost of the new home was \$31,000. Pastor Herman Winkel, Sparta, Wisconsin, the visiting elder of the Southwestern Conference, preached at the morning thanksgiving service, and Pastor Ervine Vomhof, Rock Springs, chairman of the Conference, gave the sermonette at the afternoon dedication service.



St. John's Parsonage, Hillpoint, Wisconsin

The new parsonage is located next to the church which was erected in Hillpoint in 1958. St. John's Congregation has 135 communicant members and is presently served as part of a tri-parish together with Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church of Lime Ridge and Faith Ev. Lutheran Church of Reedsburg. Both Trinity Congregation and Faith Congregation each pay \$25 a month to St. John's Congregation as parsonage rent.

The members of St. John's are thankful that the Lord gave them the faith and ability to erect this new parsonage. It is the congregation's prayer that the new parsonage will be a true blessing to them and to the pastors who lead them to the pure waters of God's Word and Sacraments. May the efforts of this small group of Christians be an incentive and an encouragement to others!

PASTOR JAMES MUMM

INSTALLATIONS

Pastors

- Fricke, James**, as professor at Northwestern College, Watertown, Wis., on Sept. 13, by R. A. Siegler, authorized by C. H. Mischke (W. Wis.).
- Oswald, Robert**, as pastor of St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Rt. 2, Peshtigo, Wis., on Aug. 30, by W. F. Zink, authorized by K. Gurgel (N. Wis.).
- Sturm, Harold W.**, as pastor of Jehovah Ev. Lutheran Church, Altura, Minn., and Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Rollingstone, Minn., on Sept. 6 by L. Zessin, authorized by C. H. Mischke (W. Wis.).
- Wilde, Paul H.**, as Dean and Professor of English at Northwestern Lutheran Academy, Moberge, S. Dak., on Sept. 1, by D. Krenke, authorized by A. P. C. Kell (Dak.-Mont.).

Teachers

- Asch, Richard**, as instructor in the Science Department at Manitowoc Lutheran High School, Manitowoc, Wis., on Sept. 8, by N. W. Kock, authorized by K. A. Gurgel (N. Wis.).
- Behm, Duane**, as teacher at Grace Ev. Lutheran School, Geneva, Nebr., on Aug. 23, by C. Westhoff, authorized by G. E. Free (Nebr.).
- Blauert, Karl**, as principal of St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran School, Tomah, Wis., on Aug. 23, by O. W. Heier, authorized by C. H. Mischke (W. Wis.).
- Brown, David**, as teacher at St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran School, Weyauwega, Wis., on Aug. 30, by J. C. Dahlke, authorized by K. Gurgel (N. Wis.).
- Colyard, Larry**, as teacher at St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran School, Sodus, Mich., on Sept. 6 by H. T. Peter, authorized by W. J. Zarling (Mich.).
- Dast, Dennis**, as teacher at St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran School, Helenville, Wis., on Aug. 30, by G. Fischer, authorized by C. H. Mischke (W. Wis.).
- Gronholz, Gene**, as teacher at St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran School, Weyauwega, Wis., on Aug. 30, by J. C. Dahlke, authorized by K. Gurgel (N. Wis.).
- Heiderich, Frederic**, as instructor in the English Department and the Department of Athletics at Manitowoc Lutheran High School, Manitowoc, Wis., on Sept. 8, by N. W. Kock, authorized by K. A. Gurgel (N. Wis.).
- Hildebrandt, Gerald**, as teacher at St. Peter's Lutheran School, Weyauwega, Wis., by J. C. Dahlke, authorized by K. Gurgel (N. Wis.).
- Kirk, Daniel**, as instructor at Lakeside Lutheran High School, Lake Mills, Wis., on Aug. 31, by H. C. Krause, authorized by C. H. Mischke (W. Wis.).
- Krug, Warren**, as teacher at St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran School, Columbus, Ohio, on Sept. 13, by O. J. Lang, authorized by W. J. Zarling (Mich.).
- Kuehn, Robert**, as instructor at Lakeside Lutheran High School, Lake Mills, Wis., on Aug. 31, by H. C. Krause, authorized by C. H. Mischke (W. Wis.).
- Lanphear, Gerald**, as teacher and principal of Jerusalem Ev. Lutheran School, Milwaukee, Wis., on Aug. 30, by E. A. Toepel, authorized by A. C. Buenger (S.E. Wis.).
- Lemke, Dennis**, as teacher at St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran School, Tomah, Wis., on Aug. 23, by O. W. Heier, authorized by C. H. Mischke (W. Wis.).
- Lemke, Werner**, as teacher at the East Fork Lutheran High School, East Fork, Ariz., on Aug. 30 by H. E. Hartzell, authorized by I. G. Frey (Ariz.-Calif.).
- Mahon, Terry**, as teacher at Bethel Ev. Lutheran School, Menasha, Wis., on Aug. 30, by D. Worgull, authorized by Th. Sauer (N. Wis.).
- Marohl, Kenneth**, as teacher at St. John's Ev. Lutheran School, Rt. 1, Mishicot, Wis., on Aug. 9, by P. J. Damrow, authorized by Th. Sauer (N. Wis.) [Correction].
- Marten, John**, as principal of Trinity Ev. Lutheran School, Town Liberty, Mani-

- towoc, Wis., on Aug. 30, by S. Kugler, authorized by Th. Sauer (N. Wis.).
- Mischke, Joel**, as teacher at Salem Ev. Lutheran School, Owosso, Mich., on Sept. 13, by K. Vertz, authorized by W. J. Zarling (Mich.).
- Oblinger, James**, as teacher at St. John's Ev. Lutheran School, Maribel, Wis., on Aug. 30, by Armin Engel, authorized by K. A. Gurgel (N. Wis.).
- Palmbach, Keith**, as principal and teacher at Bethlehem Lutheran School, Menomonee Falls, Wis., on Aug. 2, by P. R. Janke, authorized by A. C. Buenger (S.E. Wis.).
- Pantzlaff, Norman**, as teacher at St. John-St. James Ev. Lutheran School, Reedsville, Wis., on Aug. 30, by L. Schaller, authorized by Th. Sauer, (N. Wis.).
- Pape, James**, as teacher at Trinity Ev. Aug. 16, by G. S. Fuerstenau, authorized Lutheran School, Johnson, Minn., on by M. J. Lenz (Minn.).
- Radloff, George**, as teacher at Redemption Ev. Lutheran School, Milwaukee, Wis., on Sept. 1, by K. C. Kruck, authorized by A. C. Buenger (S.E. Wis.).
- Rauen, James**, as teacher at Martin Luther Ev. Lutheran School, Neenah, Wis., on Aug. 23, by G. Jerome Albrecht, authorized by Th. Sauer (N. Wis.).
- Rupprecht, Jonathan**, as music director of Grace Ev. Lutheran Congregation, Oshkosh, Wis., and teacher in its Christian day school, on Sept. 6, by C. Koepsell, authorized by K. Gurgel (N. Wis.).
- Sievert, Richard D.**, as teacher at St. Stephen's Ev. Lutheran School, Beaver Dam, Wis., on Sept. 13, by E. H. Huebner, authorized by C. H. Mischke (W. Wis.).
- Slattery, Richard**, as teacher at the East Fork Lutheran Mission school, East Fork, Ariz., on Aug. 30, by H. E. Hartzell, authorized by I. G. Frey (Ariz.-Calif.).
- Southard, Daniel**, as principal of Trinity Ev. Lutheran School, Marinette, Wis., on July 12, by A. A. Gentz, authorized by Th. Sauer (N. Wis.).
- Steinbrenner, Dennis**, as teacher at St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran School, Wonewoc, Wis., on Aug. 30, by M. J. Nommensen, authorized by C. H. Mischke (W. Wis.).
- Strohm, Philip**, as principal of Lakeside Lutheran High School, Lake Mills, Wis., on Aug. 31, by H. C. Krause, authorized by C. H. Mischke (W. Wis.).
- Tank, James**, as principal of Trinity Ev. Lutheran School, Brillion, Wis., on Aug. 30, by A. Stuebs, authorized by K. Gurgel (N. Wis.).
- Tiegs, Lloyd**, as teacher at Faith Ev. Lutheran School, Antioch, Ill., on Aug. 30, by D. M. Ponath, authorized by A. C. Buenger (S.E. Wis.).

- Tjernagel, John**, as teacher at Trinity Ev. Lutheran School, Marinette, Wis., on July 12, by A. A. Gentz, authorized by Th. Sauer (N. Wis.).
- Thompson, Lloyd**, as professor at Northwestern College, Watertown, Wis., on Sept. 13, by R. A. Siegler, authorized by C. H. Mischke (W. Wis.).
- Wiegman, Robert**, as teacher at Zion Ev. Lutheran School, Sanborn, Minn., on Aug. 23, by R. A. Kant, authorized by M. J. Lenz (Minn.).
- Wrobel, James**, as teacher at St. John's Ev. Lutheran School, Lake City, Minn., on Aug. 30, by R. A. Goede, authorized by M. J. Lenz (Minn.).
- Zoellner, Jerome**, as teacher in St. John-St. James Ev. Lutheran School, Reedsville, Wis., on Aug. 30, by L. Schaller, authorized by Th. Sauer (N. Wis.).
- Zubke, David**, as teacher at St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran School, Fort Atkinson, Wis., on Aug. 16, by D. F. Bitter, authorized by C. H. Mischke (W. Wis.).

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South Lyon, Mich. 48178

REQUEST

A Communion set is needed by Mt. Olive Church, the new Wisconsin Synod mission in Tulsa, Okla. Should any congregation have a used set available, please contact:
Mr. Ambrose Plucker
2720 E. 56th St.
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CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES

MINNESOTA

DISTRICT TEACHERS' CONFERENCE

Date: Oct. 22 and 23, 1970.
Place: Trinity Lutheran Church, Belle Plaine, Minn.
Time: 9 a.m.
Agenda: The Christian in the World but not of the World, Rev. Paul Otto; The Role of Sex Education in the Lutheran School Curriculum, Mr. Howard Dorn; The Physical Education Program, Prof. Lloyd Thompson; Guidelines for Curriculum Study and Evaluation in our Schools, Mr. L. Plath; Vari-ous Reports.
Ervin Walz, Program Chairman

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN

DODGE-WASHINGTON COUNTY SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

The 6th annual Dodge-Washington Sunday School Teachers' Institute will be held on Oct. 11, 1970, at 1 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, Huilsburg, Wis.
Mrs. Bonnie Krueger, Secretary

WESTERN WISCONSIN

CENTRAL PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Oct. 20, 1970.
Place: St. Paul, Ixonia, Wis. (4 miles east of Watertown on Hwy. 16; 1 mile north on SC).
Time: 9 a.m.
Preacher: Donald Bitter (Harold Essmann, alternate).
Agenda: Acts 12, Pastor Charles Tessmer; The non-Christian Religions of the Orient, Prof. Erwin Scharf.
Wernor E. Wagner, Secretary

WISCONSIN STATE TEACHERS' CONFERENCE

Wisconsin Lutheran High School
Milwaukee, Wis.
November 5 and 6, 1970

Thursday

9:00 - 9:50 — Opening Service (Pastor Donald Bitter), (Organist, Mr. John Jens-wold)
9:50 - 10:00 — Announcements
10:00 - 11:30 — The Use of Law and Gospel in Motivation for Christian Living (Dr. S. Becker)
11:30 - 1:30 — Noon Hour and Displays
1:30 - 1:40 — Devotion
1:40 - 3:00 — Panel Discussion — Christian Education in Modern Society
3:00 - 3:15 — Move to sectional meetings
3:15 - 4:30 — Sectional meetings to discuss questions with panel members
Kindergarten — Have You Tried This?

Friday

9:00 - 9:15 — Devotion
9:15 - 9:45 — The Board for Parish Educa-tion
9:45 - 10:00 — Visual Aids
10:00 - 11:30 — Business Meeting
11:30 - 1:00 — Noon Hour
1:00 - 1:15 — Devotion
1:15 - 2:45 — What Would a Practicing Psy-chiatrist Have to Say to a Christian Day School Teacher Today? (Dr. Basil Jackson)
2:45 - 3:00 — Closing Devotion
Bertha Kuether
Program Committee Secretary

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS DMLC — SOCIAL STUDIES

Since Prof. Edward Fredrich has accepted the call to Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, a vacancy has been created in the Religion-Social Studies Department of Dr. Martin Luther College. Hence the members of the Synod are requested to nominate qualified candidates to fill this vacancy. Nominees should have the background necessary to teaching in the field of American history primarily. The college will provide opportunity for graduate study in the specified area.

Please submit nominations together with all available data to the secretary of the Board of Control by October 30, 1970.
Gerhard C. Bauer, Secretary
DMLC Board of Control
8730 Nicollet Ave.
Bloomington, Minn. 55420

NOMINATIONS — MLA

The following men have been nominated for the professorship at Martin Luther Academy to teach geography and ninth-grade science.

Mr. Quentin Albrecht, Watertown, Wis.
Mr. Ronald Georg, Moberge, S. Dak.
Mr. Herbert Grams, Onalaska, Wis.
Mr. Roland Helmreich, Moline, Ill.
Mr. Fredrick Janke, Waterloo, Wis.
Rev. Iver Johnson, West St. Paul, Minn.
Mr. Roger Klockziem, Crete, Ill.
Mr. Edward Krause, New London, Wis.
Mr. Theodore Nommensen, Rhinelander, Wis.
Mr. Robert Otterstatter, Fort Atkinson, Wis.
Mr. John Oldfield, Jr., S. St. Paul, Minn.
Mr. Ronald Pape, S. St. Paul, Minn.
Mr. John Paulsen, Willmar, Minn.
Mr. David Pelzl, Appleton, Wis.
Mr. Werner Roekle, Kewaunee, Wis.
Mr. David Sauer, Claremont, Calif.
Mr. Heine Schnitker, Manitowoc, Wis.
Mr. John Schultz, Lake Mills, Wis.
Mr. Raymond Seibel, Mt. Calvary, Wis.
Mr. Mark Sprengeler, San Jose, Calif.
Mr. Gordon Vetter, Minneapolis, Minn.
Mr. Dale Walz, Waterloo, Wis.
Mr. Ervin Walz, Fairfax, Minn.
Mr. James Wandersee, Milwaukee, Wis.
Mr. Paul Willems, Kewaunee, Wis.
Mr. Robert Willhite, Algoma, Wis.

The Board of Control of Martin Luther Academy will meet on the campus at 6:30 p.m. on October 23, to call a man from this list. Correspondence concerning these nomi-nees should be in the hands of the secre-tary no later than October 22, 1970.

Mr. Ervin Walz, Secretary
Board of Control
Martin Luther Academy
Fairfax, Minn. 55332

APPOINTMENTS

Pastor John M. Engel has been appointed Secretary of the Dakota-Montana District and Pastor Martin R. Hahn a member of the Board for Student Support, both to replace Pastor Arnold E. Lemke, who has accepted a call into another District.

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

Pastor Marvin Volkmann has been ap-pointed Visiting Elder of the Metropolitan-South Pastoral Conference, while Pastor Roland Ehke is serving as Civilian Chaplain in Southeast Asia.

Adolph C. Buenger, President
Southeastern Wisconsin District

The Rev. Robert A. Sievert, 1227 Main St., Onalaska, Wis. 54650, has been appointed as the Northwestern Lutheran Reporter for the Western Wisconsin District. He replaces Pastor Darwin Raddatz who accepted a call into the Minnesota District.

Carl H. Mischke
Western Wisconsin District President

WORLD MISSION PUBLICATIONS

A limited number of copies of two World Mission publications are still available from Prof. Martin Albrecht
11840 N. Luther Lane 65 W.
Mequon, Wis. 53092

Supt. E. Wendland's "Mission Essays" — 50c each, postpaid.

The recent brochure "Our Mission Is Global" — 30c each, postpaid.

OFFER OF CHURCH FURNITURE

First St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church of Milroy, Minn., is offering to any home mis-sion congregation the following items of church furniture for the cost of transporta-tion: pews, altar, pulpit, baptismal font, electric candelabra, collection plates, wood crucifix, altar cloths, a hymnboard, and a Communion set. Available after Nov. 1, 1970. Write to:

Pastor Alfred P. Jannusch
P.O. Box 95
Vesta, Minn. 56292

NOTICE

The Rev. John Janosek will be on fur-lough this fall and will be available for lectures during the last two weeks in No- vember. Requests are to be sent to the undersigned.

Rev. A. L. Mennicke, Chairman
710 West Wabasha
Winona, Minn. 55987

NAMES REQUESTED

KEARNEY, NEBRASKA

The Nebraska District Mission Board is considering the possibility of beginning serv-ices in Kearney, Nebr. It is requested that names of persons who desire to be served by the Wisconsin Synod, living in or near Kearney, Gibbon, or Minden, Nebr., be sent at once to:

Pastor G. E. Haag
1300 N. G. I. Ave.
Grand Island, Nebr. 68801

ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS

Exploratory services are being conducted for the Rockford, Loves Park, and North Park area at the Loves Park Boy's Club Building, Elm at Evans, Loves Park, Ill. Worship is at 9 a.m., and Sunday school at 10 a.m.

Names of persons interested should be sent to:

Pastor Kenneth A. Gast
1651 Cedardale Dr.
Belvidere, Ill. 61008

EXPLORATORY SERVICES

STEVENS POINT, WISCONSIN

WELS exploratory services are being held each Sunday at 10:45 a.m. in the Whiting Town Hall. For directions to the Hall please call 341-1365, in Stevens Point. Names of persons and of students at the University, interested in WELS services, should be sent to:

Pastor William Lange
231-14th Ave. S.
Wisconsin Rapids, Wis. 54494

PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

Exploratory services are now being held in the Pittsburgh area on Sunday evenings at 7 p.m. at the Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics at the corner of Lebanon Church Rd. and Camp Hollow Rd. in West Mifflin. Please send information concerning Pittsburgh area residents who would be in-terested in a WELS church to:

Pastor John M. Graf
2960 W. Bailey Rd.
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44221

WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA

Exploratory services are now being held in West Palm Beach each Sunday morning at 8:30. Services are conducted at the Baird-Case Chapel, 625 S. Olive. If you know of anyone in the West Palm Beach-Lake Worth-Riviera Beach area that might be interested in a WELS church, please contact the under-signed.

Pastor James Berger
Pompano Beach, Fla. 33060
117 S.E. 10th Ave.

CREVE COEUR, ILLINOIS

Beautiful Savior's Ev. Lutheran Church, Creve Coeur (Peoria), Illinois, is now meeting for worship at 10:30 a.m. Its new place of worship is at the corner of Grant and LaSalle in Marquette Heights (the former Grace Lutheran building).

David N. Rutschow, pastor

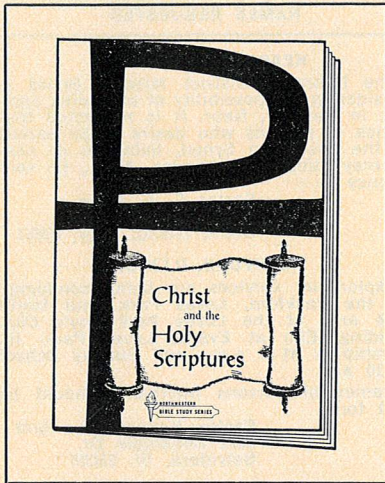
HOUSTON, TEXAS

Lord of Life Ev. Lutheran Church meeting in the community room of the Almeda Mall, located on the Gulf Freeway, IH 45, is the exploratory attempt of the Arizona-California District Board for Home Missions to serve southeast Houston and the surrounding towns of Clear Lake City, Nassau Bay, Sea-brook, League City, Alvin, Friendswood, and Pearland. Services are conducted at 7 p.m., with the Rev. Vilas R. Glaeske in charge. If you know of anyone interested, or of prospects, please contact him at 1-713-498-4063.

TIME and PLACE of WORSHIP

ELS MISSION — AMES, IOWA

Our sister synod, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, is conducting worship services at Bethany Lutheran Church, 3219 Diamond St., Ames, Iowa, at 10 a.m. each Sunday with Sunday school at 9 a.m. For information contact Pastor F. Theiste, phone 232-1544.



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This series will appear in three units based on the first 12 chapters of the Book of Acts. The aim of this study is to foster more faithful and effective witnessing for Christ, even in the face of adversities.

The above Study Guides will be available for October 1970. Each of the Study Guides has 24 pages, stiff paper cover, size 5½ x 8. Price: 35 cents each.

The following Study Guides will be available in Spring, 1971:

The Gospel Banners Forward Go

UNIT TWO —

The Gospel Continues Its March of Conquest

W. Franzmann

Stock No. 7 N 41

UNIT THREE —

The Gospel Invades the Gentile World

W. Franzmann

Stock No. 7 N 42

NOTICE!

Pastor Roland Ehke

Civilian Chaplain in Southeast Asia
Saigon, Vietnam

Servicemen may phone Saigon PTT
22429 or visit Chaplain Ehke at 329
Vo Tanh, Saigon.

Mailing address:

WELS Box 56, APO SF 96243

NOTICE

Since Mr. Herbert Schaefer, Manager of the Northwestern Publishing House, has informed the Northwestern Publishing House Board that he will retire in the near future, the Board herewith is requesting the members of the Synod to nominate qualified candidates for the position. The man should be a college graduate, or its equivalent, have majored in business administration, and be familiar with cost controls and marketing procedures, as well as retail and manufacturing practices. Nominations, or applications, setting forth the qualifications of the candidate, should be in the hands of the secretary of the Board no later than Friday, October 23, 1970.

Herman P. Gieschen, Secretary
2131 N. 72nd Street
Wauwatosa, Wis. 53213

"OUR CHURCH SERVICE IN SONG"

The Seminary Male Chorus, Mequon, has recorded the concert sung on its Easter tour to Florida, Michigan, and Illinois. Records are available from the undersigned for \$3.50, postpaid.

Prof. Martin Albrecht
11840 N. Luther Lane 65W
Mequon, Wis. 53092

NOTICE TO SERVICEMEN IN EUROPE AND THE FAR EAST

Below are listed the names of pastors in foreign countries who will be pleased to be of service to you. If you are stationed in the neighborhood of any of these pastors, feel free to call on them for services. All the pastors listed here speak English. The Missions in Hong Kong and Tokyo have several pastors available.

Western Germany

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6251 Steeden/Lahn
Hauptstrasse 47

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8000 Muenchen 60 (Obermenzing
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6370 Oberusel (Taunus)
Altkoenigstr. 50

Services at Nuernberg

For information call:
W. ROTHER
Huebnerplatz 7/111 Chapel at Aeussere
Bayreuther Str. 180 Nuernberg
Served by Pastor Karl Wengenroth of
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West Berlin

PASTOR PAUL BENTE

Ph: (0311) 4-61-74-93
1000 Berlin 65 (Weddig)
Usedomer Str. 11

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Kitatama Gun, Tokyo 188, Japan

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PASTOR K. E. MARQUART Ph: 5-2960
51 Fourth Ave. Toowoomba
4350 Queensland
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Taiwan

REV. TIMOTHY LEE
Ph: 367-438
146 Tsin Chiang St.
Taipei, Taiwan

For civilian chaplain in Vietnam see Notice (in box) elsewhere in these pages.