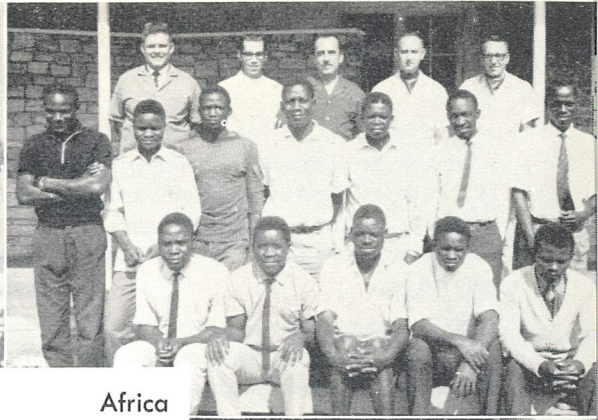


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BRIEFS by the Editor

One of the pleasures of being editor of *The Northwestern Lutheran* is the privilege of sharing with our readers heartening news from the Lord's mission fields.

With graduation at our Mequon Seminary scheduled for June 2, Pastor Edgar Hoenecke's report on the work of the seminaries established on our World Mission fields is most timely. The article demonstrates how earnestly our Board for World Missions is concerned about transmitting the Word of our God in its truth and purity to the new churches which the Holy Spirit is calling into existence through our humble efforts. At the same time, the article proves that our World Board is very practical-minded. The signs of the time indicate that American expatriate missionaries may, after a few years, no longer be welcome in many parts of the globe. It is therefore necessary that the Word be committed to nationals who will be able to bring the Good News to their fellow citizens. This will also make it possible for the World Board to channel its

energies into other directions. Do you know that less than one billion of the estimated 3½ billion people on earth know anything at all about our Savior Jesus Christ? But you and I do. The Lord who died and rose again for us expects us to be His hands and His mouth, His feet and His purse.

We would like to identify the groups pictured on our cover. On the upper left we have four students of the Hong Kong Seminary using the library facilities. They are Anak Agung Dipa Pandji Tisna of Bali, Vicar Stephen Chu, Student Daniel Lee (head teacher at Immanuel English Middle School), and Student Jonathan Chueng. Missing are Student Kwoo Wing Chi of Taiwan and Vicar Matthew Cheung.

Pictured at the upper right are faculty and student body of the Bible Institute and Seminary at Chelston, near Lusaka, Zambia. Members of the faculty are Missionaries R. W. Mueller, E. H. Wendland, O. E. Wraalstad, and D. F. Fastenau. In addition to their teaching duties, these

men also supervise the work in the congregations of the Lutheran Church in Central Africa. Nine of the students pictured attend the Bible Institute, and three the seminary classes.

The Mito Seminary has the best faculty-student ratio at present. The picture shows Students Suzuki and Oshino. Instructors, left to right, are Missionary Norbert Meier, Mr. Ryuchi Igarashi, Pastor Tatsushiro Yamada, and Superintendent Richard A. Poetter. Mr. Igarashi is the mission's Japanese literary expert. He speaks Japanese, Russian, German, and English.

Pictured at the lower right is Dr. David Orea Luna, president of the Spanish Lutheran Seminary in Mexico City, instructing two members of the Aztec Indian tribe who had come to Mexico City to learn the Lutheran doctrine. Observing, and gaining practical experience, are three seminary students: Daniell Perez, Perez Rodriguez, and Vincente Guillen. The beginnings in Mexico are very small but, as someone observed, the Wisconsin Synod started with only three pastors. It is not human strength, but God's Word and blessing which causes the Church to grow.

Take these seminaries, their students and faculties, to the Lord in prayer. And include in that prayer your own sons at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, Wisconsin. On June 2, the Seminary will graduate a class of 45.

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

The Lord's Counselors "Who hath known the mind of the Lord, or who hath been His counselor?" This inspired rhetorical question of St. Paul is one of the most obvious, yet most profound, questions ever posed. Everyone knows the answer. And everyone agrees with it. In theory, that is. In practice it is quite different.

The Lord may be short of followers, but He never lacks for advisers. They are as plentiful as Monday-morning quarterbacks. Second-guessing the Lord is practiced even by the faithful in moments of weakness; and it characterizes much of modern theology, which seems to consist to a large extent of modifying the Word of the Lord, or even rebutting it, instead of proclaiming it.

Thus, the Lord's plan of salvation is opened up for criticism by His self-appointed counselors. His Commandments are removed from the realm of the absolute and viewed in the light of the situation existing at the moment. The divine pronouncements on marriage and divorce are liberalized to suit the convenience of those who do not wish to be restricted by them. The purpose of the Church is revised. His goodness and wisdom in governing the world is questioned by individuals, especially as His governance affects their own lives. The Lord becomes a figurehead, and man becomes the power behind the throne.

This may be clever. It may be popular. And it may be convenient. But it is also presumptuous. The Lord is not looking for counsel. Nor is anyone competent to give it. What He does say is, "Be still, and know that I am God."

When God speaks, it behooves us to listen rather than to advise.

IMMANUEL FREY

No Wisconsin Synod Draft Haven To take advantage of divinity schools to avoid the draft is a copout—to use youth's expressive term. Enrolling as a divinity student for the sake of the 4-D classification is cheating on one's obligations to the government.

If the pastor of a Congregational church in Fox Point is right in his newspaper essay, many young men have been misappropriating the 4-D classification. He reports that the seminaries of one Lutheran synod will be graduating twice as many men, in June, as there are openings available. He holds that "our seminaries are full of men who 'hate the war.' If you have a bachelor's degree, and the wherewithal, you can go to seminary." Many of these men, he predicts, will drop out of the ministry when they are no longer subject to the draft.

If his charges can be substantiated, they would apply almost exclusively to church bodies that have no pre-seminary training program. When a college senior in a public university sees the Selective Service Board waiting in the

wings on his day of graduation, and he decides on the spur of the moment that he will become a minister, most seminaries in the land will accept him.

This draft dodge is hardly an option in the Wisconsin Synod. For all practical purposes our Synod has a mandatory pre-seminary program, whether at Northwestern College or in its special program at Bethany Lutheran College. Actually, most applicants for admission to Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary have already been in a divinity school program for eight years, since the majority of them entered it as ninth-graders in a Synodical academy. Fourteen-year-olds are scarcely draft dodgers. Nor is it likely that 18-year-olds with 31 credit hours of Greek, 20 credit hours of German, and 12 credit hours of Hebrew ahead of them before they reach the Seminary, are such.

The Wisconsin Synod did not need to be embarrassed when the Armed Services Committee called for an end of the divinity student exemption. We have not abused that privilege; our Seminary is not a haven for draft dodgers.

CARLETON TOPPE

"Call Her Blessed" Fifty-seven years ago Congress passed a resolution to honor American motherhood with special recognition. Mother's Day now appears to be a bit of an embarrassment. Today hundreds of millions of dollars are being pumped into programs to prevent women from becoming mothers.

"Lo, children are a heritage of the Lord," says the Scripture, "and the fruit of the womb is His reward." Right?

Not so, answer admiring coeds at the feet of instructors who pride themselves on having a vasectomy, and obstetricians who insist that "thousands of lives are being saved" by abortion.

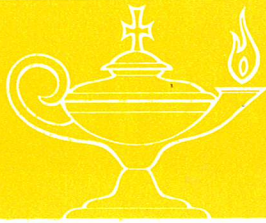
The "heritage of the Lord" is called a curse by gals seeking to liberate themselves from motherhood with the Pill, and by mates demanding the privilege of the marriage bed without the responsibility.

Let the mod-minded, career-conscious, self-centered lovers of self get a good laugh out of it. Let an entire generation curl a sneering lip at the "virtuous woman" of Proverbs 31. God is not running a popularity contest anyhow. Nor is He anxiously awaiting America to side up with Him.

"Blessed" is still Almighty God's appraisal of that remarkable woman whose worth is "far above rubies." Not female parents only, but every virtuous woman who loves and labors for others with a mother's concern and care is included in the words "Call her blessed."

Congressional resolutions will pass away. Corsages and man-made tributes to mother will wither and die. Long after Mother's Days have ceased to be, shall the Word still stand: "Favor is deceitful, and beauty is vain; but a woman that feareth the Lord shall be praised."

JOHN PARCHER



Studies in God's Word

Faith Relies on God's Mercy

By faith the walls of Jericho fell down, after they were compassed about seven days. By faith the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace (Hebrews 11:30, 31).

In promising Abraham the land of Canaan, God on one occasion gave him the remarkable prophecy that his descendants would first go into bondage in a strange country for 400 years. After that they would return to occupy the Promised Land. The Lord immediately gave a reason for His actions, stating: "For the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full" (Gen. 15:16). While the Canaanites were becoming more and more degenerate, Israel, though in bondage, was graciously being spared from such corrupting influence.

When God at last freed Israel from bondage in Egypt, the Amorites' cup of iniquity was full. Hence the conquest of Canaan, the fulfillment of promise to God's children, was at the same time God's judgment on the unbelieving Canaanites. Understanding that fact will do much to explain the apparent harsh treatment of the Canaanites, as illustrated, for example, by the annihilation of Jericho.

Total Destruction of Jericho

God showed clearly that the destruction of the city was *His judgment* on Jericho, not a personal victory for Israel, for victory was accomplished by a most unlikely method. On six successive days Israel marched around the city once each day. On the seventh day they encircled the city seven times, and when Joshua commanded the Israelites to shout, the walls of Jericho fell flat.

Not by military might, but "by faith the walls of Jericho fell down, after they were compassed about seven days."

After 40 years of wandering in the wilderness, Israel was finally willing to put its trust in Jehovah's leading. Their obedience is in marked contrast to the wickedness of the Canaanites. Though they had heard of God's wonders in leading Israel through the Red Sea and again over the Jordan River, yet the Canaanites refused to acknowledge Jehovah as God. Hence the Lord's command utterly to destroy them!

One Exception

Amid the total destruction there was, however, one notable exception, and a surprising one at that—the harlot Rahab. God's miracles had stirred in her heart a reaction far different from that in the hearts of her townsmen. When the spies came to her house, she protected them, saying: "I know that the Lord hath given you the land . . . for we have heard how the Lord dried up the Red Sea for you . . . the Lord your God, He is God in heaven above, and in earth beneath" (Josh. 2:9-11). Therefore she hid the spies from the authorities and sent them away in peace.

But can we conclude that her words imply saving faith? Did she really know and trust God's promises? Here we need not speculate. Scripture gives us the answer. James, in describing faith as something living and active, says of Abraham's faith: "Surely you can see that faith was at work in his actions, and that by these actions, the integrity of his faith was fully proved" (Jas. 2:22 NEB), and he then continues (v. 25): "The same is true of the prostitute Rahab also." Think of it! *By faith* Abraham and Rahab stood on the same level before God.

Surely, before God it is a matter of *mercy* and not merit. But even more. This woman was not only accepted as a believer, she was even chosen to be a bearer of the Promise!

An Ancestress of Christ

Joshua tells us at the time he wrote his book: "She (Rahab) dwelleth in Israel even unto this day" (Josh. 6:25). Repenting of her past life of sin, she married Salmon of the tribe of Judah. Through their descendants (Boaz, Obed, Jesse) she became the great-great-grandmother of King David and thus an ancestress of Christ (Matt. 1:5).

When Satan hints that our sins are too great to be forgiven, we do well to think of Jericho and Rahab. To be sure, sin that is not repented of must be punished. God's justice could not let Jericho continue in its wickedness. Unrepented sin will be punished. But by the same token, Scripture assures us that a broken and contrite heart God will not despise. To those who turn to His mercy, God promises: "The blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin." Rahab's faith relied on God's mercy and thus received the promised cleansing. To this cleansing the hymnwriter directs us also when he says:

*Today Thy mercy calls us
To wash away our sin.
However great our trespass,
Whatever we have been,
However long from mercy
Our hearts have turned away,*

*Thy precious blood can cleanse us
And make us white today. (LH 279)*
These are not just words to sing on Sunday morning. They are words to cherish and live by, for they direct us to Him who in Christ is "merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy" (Ps. 103:8).

ARMIN PANNING

WORLD MISSION SEMINARIES

"ABLE TO TEACH OTHERS ALSO" — II Timothy 2:2

Writing to Timothy, his "dearly beloved son" in the Lord, St. Paul exhorted him first to "be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus." Then he continued, "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also."

This is the purpose of the four seminaries already in operation in our World Mission fields, in Zambia, Japan, Hong Kong, and Mexico, and the two which are planned to open soon in Indonesia and El Paso, Texas.

These theological seminaries and their preparatory Bible institutes are the very heart of our program to found truly indigenous churches in our World Mission fields. Here the parish pastors as well as the future church leaders of the national churches are being trained in God's Word and Scriptural doctrine and practice. Not until such national leaders have been thoroughly trained in keeping with the same standards which we have set for our own pastors and leaders, will we gradually be able to withdraw our expatriate staff and give the work into the hands of "faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also."

To bring this about one of the important goals of our World Mission program is to be able to transmit faithfully the Truth of God's holy Word in the language of the people to whom we bring the Gospel. One of our veteran missionaries recently wrote: "How am I to be sure that what I and the pastoral helpers whom I am to guide present to the people is God's holy Truth, unless I

understand the language of our hearers?" The missionaries who go out into foreign-language fields are required, ideally, to spend no less than one full year in acquiring mastery of the language of their people. We are just as deeply concerned about transmitting the Word in its truth and purity to our young national churches as we are to retain it for our children and our churches in our own country. The same standards apply.

Out of this concern was born a recent, new development in our World Mission worker-training program. Privately financed by one of our members in Minnesota, an international Seminary Leaders' Conference is to be held this summer at Hong Kong. It will bring together for mutual exchange of ideas on our foreign-language seminary programs representatives from each of our World Mission seminaries, from the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary at Mequon, and from the Board for World Missions. Papers will be assigned on various phases of the program and discussions will be held on plans to achieve ever higher standards and methods as uniform as possible for our diverse, far-flung mission fields. The new translation and publishing programs, developed in several of our fields, will also be discussed with the intention of mutually sharing one another's productions.

On these pages the pictures from our various seminary programs will hopefully stimulate interest and prayerful concern for the all-important World Mission worker-training programs.

EDGAR HOENECKE
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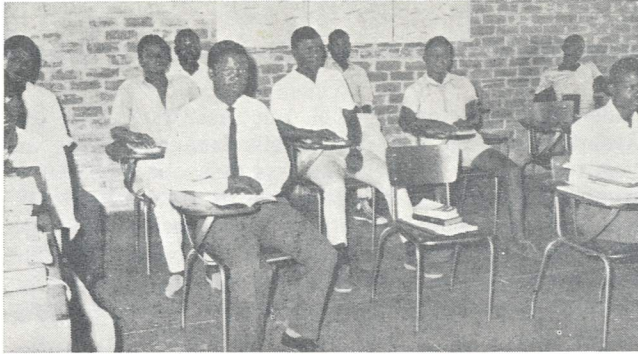
Mr. Quincy Wylie of Apacheland with Prof. I. Habeck

STUDENTS FROM WORLD FIELD NOW AT WISCONSIN LUTHERAN SEMINARY AT MEQUON

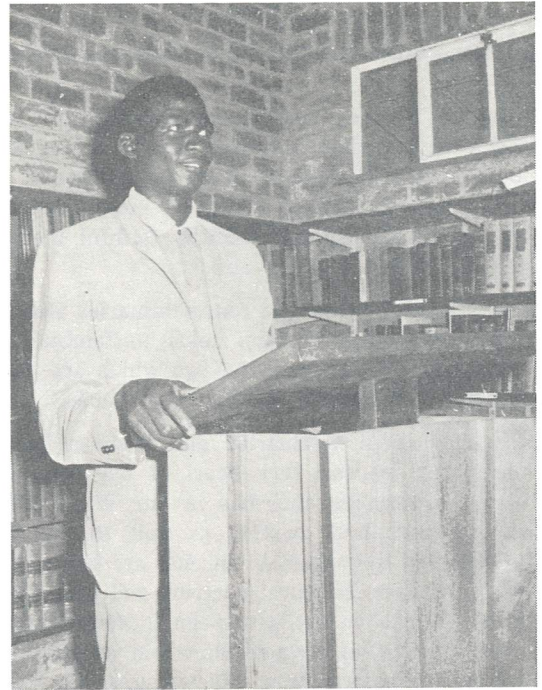


Evangelist and Mrs. T. Paul Mitra of Madras, India. Mrs. Mitra is a registered physician-surgeon in Madras

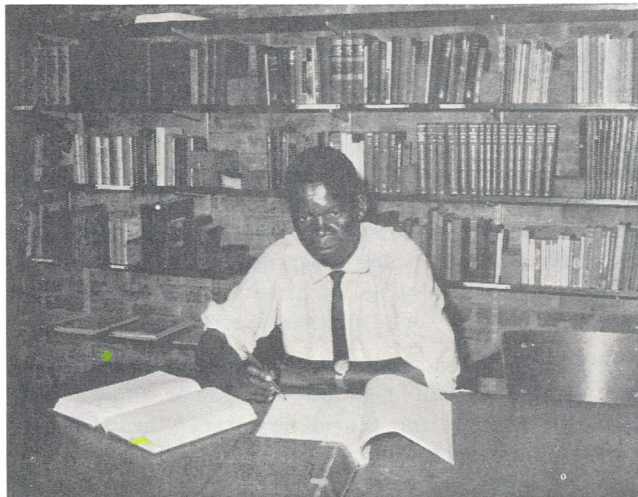
CHELSTON SEMINARY ZAMBIA, AFRICA



Students at chapel service in one of the Bible Institute classrooms. Evening chapel is conducted by the students in the vernacular and attended by their families. The Bible Institute is located at Chelston, near Lusaka, Zambia.

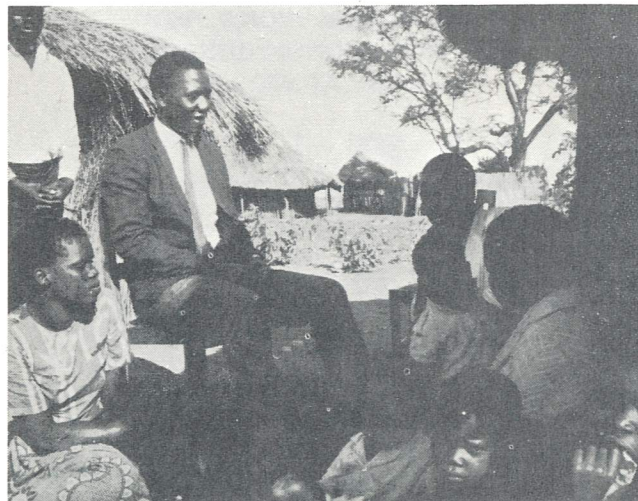


Seminary Student Salimo Hachibamba, 25, preaches on Sundays at the Lutheran Bible Institute. Students serve congregations on weekends as part of their seminary training, without pay.



Seminary Student Benford Kawiliza preparing for class. He is a graduate of the Bible Institute, served as an evangelist for two years, and is now in his second year in the seminary. Seminary courses were begun in 1970.

MEXICO CITY SEMINARY

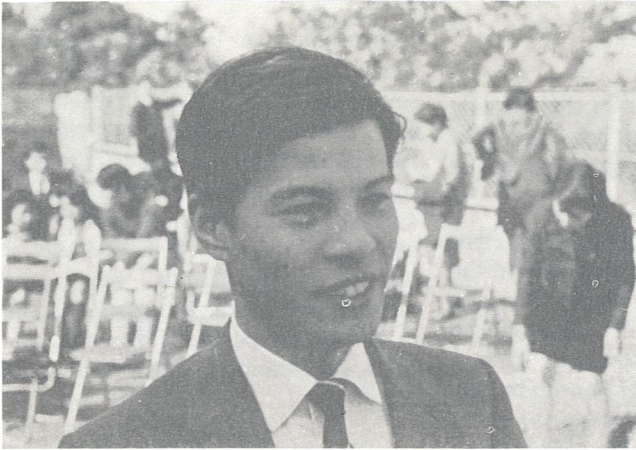


Seminary Student Lot Lubaba, 36, is one of three students in the second-year class. He is shown here instructing people at Chainda. Mr. Lubaba was essayist at the 1970 convention of the Lutheran Church in Central Africa.

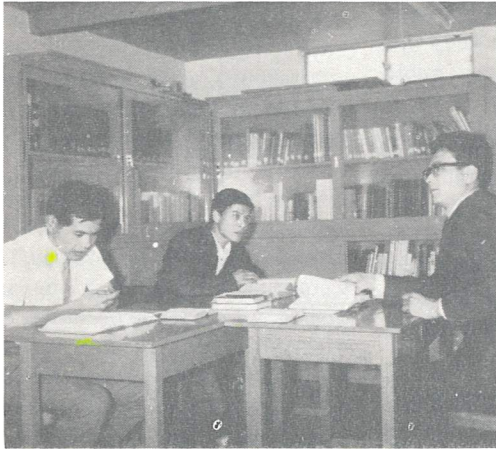


Pictured are the students and professors at the Lutheran Seminary in Mexico City. Left to right, they are: Student Perez, Pastor Carlos Avendano Castro (assistant professor), Dr. David Orea Luna (president of the seminary), Student Olivero, and Student Guillen. The picture was taken in front of Cristo Resuscitado Lutheran Church in Mexico City, where the seminary classes are conducted. Dr. Orea Luna is pastor of this congregation in addition to his duties at the seminary.

MITO SEMINARY JAPAN



Student Fukuichi Oshino, 30, is a third-year student at the Mito Seminary. He was formerly a factory section chief, and was baptized in 1960. He is married and has an infant son. After graduation he will serve in Ashikaga City.

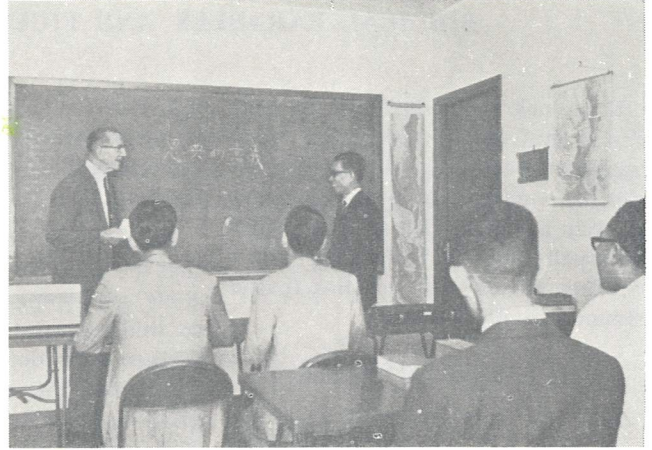


Pastor T. Yamada teaching students the "Introduction to the Major Prophets." The seminary is housed in the basement room of Grace Lutheran Church. Library in the background.



Third-year seminary student Yasuo Suzuki, 28, preaching at Grace Lutheran Church, Mito. This is part of the students' practical training. Student Suzuki is single and formerly worked at the City Hall. He was baptized in 1966.

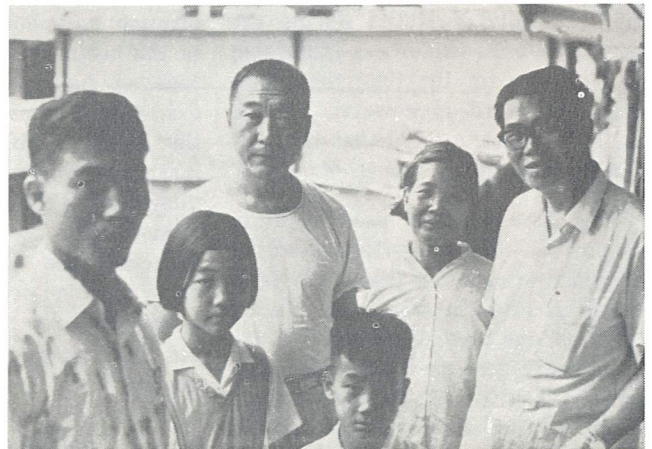
HONG KONG SEMINARY



The Hong Kong Seminary began in 1964 and graduated its first student in 1967. Pictured is Prof. Paul Behn instructing the present seminary class. In addition to teaching at the seminary, Pastor Behn supervises the vicarage program.



Anak Agung Dipa Pandji Tisna, 41, of Singaradja, Bali, second-year student at the seminary, is the eldest son of the ex-king of North Bali. His summer evangelistic work led to the organization of the Ev. Lutheran Church of Bali.



Student Jonathan Chueng, 36, commutes about 10 miles every day to attend the seminary. He is pictured on the right making a home visitation under the supervision of Prof. Behn. His year of vicarage will take him to Taiwan in June.

Treasure in Earthen Vessels

BIBLICAL PARABLES AND FIGURES

If we look at the Greek of the New Testament, we find that the word translated *parable* in our English Bibles has a number of meanings. Some of them are quite distinct from what we usually understand by a "parable." Yet they have a basic meaning that is common to all of them.

What is meant by "Parable"?

In Luke 4:23 we read that our Lord said: "Ye will surely say unto Me this proverb, 'Physician, heal thyself.'" We note that the word here translated 'proverb' is the word *parable*.

In Matthew 15:14,15 Jesus said: "And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch." Peter answered: "Declare unto us this parable." Here both our translation and the original Greek have "parable," even though it is obvious that our Lord has not told the kind of story that we expect to read in a parable as we know it. By using the term, Peter characterizes what Jesus has said as a word of keen insight into human nature and experience. We speak of it as a maxim, an epigram, an aphorism.

The writer to the Hebrews (9:9) speaks of the entry of the high priest into the Holy of Holies during the time of Israel's wilderness wandering as a "figure for the time then present." His word is however *parable* in the original, a word that here obviously has the meaning of "type."

The same word is used again in chapter 11 when the writer speaks of Abraham offering up Isaac: "By faith Abraham when he was tried, offered up Isaac; and he that had received the promises offered up his only-begotten son of whom it was said, that in Isaac shall thy seed be called — accounting that God was able to raise him up even from the dead; from whence he received him in a figure." The origi-

nal word for "figure" in this passage is again *parable*. But here it means something like "in a figurative way of speaking."

From these examples it is clear that the word *parable* was used in the Bible concerning something that was so well known that it did not need further definition. Obviously it is a word that refers to *figurative language in the widest sense of the word*. This method of teaching used so commonly by our Lord, and called a "parable," therefore includes many forms of teaching all of which were common when our Lord and His apostles lived, and all of which they customarily employed in their public preaching and teaching.

When Jesus and the writers of the books of the New Testament used various figures of speech and lumped them all together under the classification *parables*, they were not inventing a new word but were using the term in a sense that had wide currency in their time.

As the Septuagint, the Greek translation of the Old Testament, shows, the word translated "parable" is the Greek equivalent of a Hebrew word that has the same meanings as the New Testament word *parable*: a proverb, an aphorism, a parable-story in the ordinary sense of the word, a type, or figurative language in general. The Hebrew word, as used by the Jewish rabbis, had two further meanings for which there are no duplicates in the New Testament. The Jewish rabbi used this general term to denote the "figurative language" of an oracular pronouncement and of a satirical poem, that is, a bit of writing that heaps ridicule on an opponent.

Comparison, the Key

Both the Hebrew word and the Greek word used to translate it, re-

ferring as they do to figurative language in general, have the basic meaning of "comparison," the act of laying two things side by side to see the relation of the one to the other.

All figurative language implies a comparison of some kind. The figures employed in the Scriptures — parables, proverbs, aphorisms — are not essentially different from figures of speech used elsewhere. The kind of writing for instance to which the Jewish rabbis referred with one use of their word for *parable*, that of the satirical poem, heaped ridicule on the person by comparing him to someone or to something that was commonly despised.

By applying these insights to the words of the Apostles and Prophets we will guard against an altogether literalistic understanding of any figure of speech we find in the Bible. Paul's way of speaking in Galatians 2:20 should teach us this. Here the Apostle writes: "Christ lives in me." But he does not continue by saying: "I live in Christ," but rather: "I live by the faith of the Son of God." At times the New Testament uses figures of speech that if understood literally would flatly contradict one another. Such a way of interpretation tries to preserve all the incidental details of the picture, concentrates on these, and then carries them over into the interpretation. But this would be entirely outside the author's intention. In the Revelation of John, for example, we read that in the New Jerusalem there is no temple (21:22). Still, God's saints are to all eternity to sing His praises *in His temple* (7:15).

It is evident that not all the details used in any figure of speech, least of all the framework, are to be included in interpreting its basic meaning. Rather, we must attempt to discover that comparison on which the writer wants to fasten the attention of his reader. For all figures of speech, the "parable" included, are to serve but one purpose: to throw light on something by comparing it with something similar in another area of experience and reality.

Actual Events

It is not a question of whether the incident referred to actually happened as a matter of historical experience. In the case of the parables of Jesus, the story related by our Lord could of course very easily have happened, and no doubt often did. But in telling such a parable it is never our Lord's purpose to establish as fact that what He relates actually occurred. Neither does the sacred writer by omitting the words like: "Jesus spoke a parable," intend to tell us that Jesus is speaking of an actual event rather than of an imaginary situation.

One Point of Comparison

In the various parables or figures of speech we will always find details that are true to life. A grain of mustard seed will always grow as Jesus said it does. A field of good wheat seeded down with wild wheat will produce stalks of wild wheat mixed with the good. A draw-net cast into the waters of the Lake of Galilee will bring up coarse fish together with such as were commercially marketable. All this is simply a matter of everyone's knowledge and experience, a truth accepted without giving it a second thought. To insist that in these matters the writer's chief interest was to affirm or deny that the thing spoken of referred to a real historical situation is not an interpretation of that figure, but a caricature of it.

In interpreting anything called a *parable* our first care should always be to concentrate on that point or characteristic in which the writer obviously wants us to find something that is like a corresponding point in the matter he is talking about. This so-called "point of comparison" dare never be lost sight of. The entire figure must be understood in relation to it, with careful attention to the relation of part to part and of the separate parts to the whole.

It is accordingly at this point of comparison, and here alone, that the teller of the parable sees a similarity between the picture used in the figure of speech and the thought he is trying to illustrate. By using this comparison he hopes that his thought will become a little easier for us to grasp.

FREDERIC E. BLUME

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Summer Workshops and Institute

Dr. Martin Luther College has again planned a series of six summer workshops to provide our teachers and pastors a special opportunity for in-service training and professional growth. We believe that we are offering at least one workshop this summer in which you will be interested. If you can't get away for five weeks to attend a full summer session, we suggest that you plan to participate in a workshop, enjoy a stimulating experience, and receive new inspiration for your work.

THE WORKSHOP IN GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING will be conducted from June 14 to June 25. All experienced teachers and principals are invited to participate. Prof. Wm. Arras will coordinate the program. Resource personnel will also be available. Applications should be submitted by June 5.

THE WORKSHOP FOR KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS will be held from June 14 to June 25. This workshop is planned to provide opportunity for kindergarten teachers to share ideas and experiences. Miss Ann Raufmann of Grace Lutheran School, Oshkosh, Wisconsin, has consented to guide this workshop. Applications should reach us by June 5.

THE WORKSHOP IN NATURE STUDY FOR ELEMENTARY TEACHERS will be conducted from June 14 to June 25. This workshop will provide experiences with living things of the prairie, woodland, and water areas, with much time spent working in the field. Prof. Ralph Swantz has agreed to direct this workshop. Apply by June 5.

THE WORKSHOP FOR MULTI-GRADE CLASSROOM TEACHERS AND PRINCIPALS is scheduled to be held from June 28 to July 2. The purpose of this workshop is to make our small schools more effective agencies of Christian education. Prof. Howard Wessel, Director of Student

Teaching, will serve as workshop leader. Submit applications by June 15.

THE PASTORS' INSTITUTE AND WORKSHOP ON YOUTH WORK will be conducted from June 28 to July 2. Experienced teachers and youth leaders are also invited. The following courses are included in the Institute: *The Messianic Prophecies of the Old Testament* (Prof. Heinrich Vogel) and *Oriental Religions* (Prof. Erwin Scharf). Afternoons will be devoted to a workshop on youth work in the congregation and will be coordinated by Prof. Jerome Braun. The emphasis will be on making available materials and suggestions that can be used in your congregation. Applications should reach us by June 15.

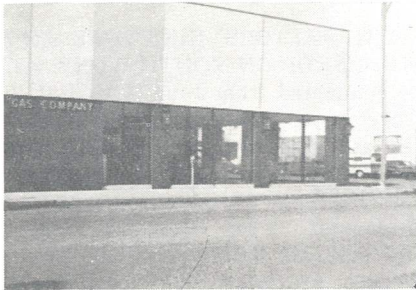
THE WORKSHOP FOR TEACHERS OF THE PRIMARY GRADES is scheduled from June 28 to July 9. This workshop, planned especially for teachers of grades one through three, will be sufficiently flexible to serve the experienced as well as the beginning teacher. Prof. Arthur Glende, one of the supervisors in our student-teaching program, is happy to share his experiences with the teachers who enroll. We hope your applications reach us by June 15.

We ask that you send a \$10 deposit with your application. This will be applied to your account, or will be refunded if there are insufficient enrollees to conduct the particular workshop. Application blanks and additional information may be secured by writing to: Director of Special Services, Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota 56073.

The Aid Association for Lutherans has approved a \$3000 grant to provide assistance to those pastors and teachers who must travel a great distance to participate in our Summer School offerings and our Workshops and Institute. If you are interested in such assistance, please write for information.

"Which Ye Built Not"

Pounding in tent stakes, pulling them out again, packing, moving, and then unpacking again, shaking the sand out of the blankets, trying to



No. 1: The Minnesota Gas Company



No. 2: The Salvation Army Chapel



No. 3: The Seventh Day Adventist Church

keep it out of the food, never knowing for sure just where "home" was going to be the next day — this is the kind of life the Children of Israel led during the 40 years they wandered in the wilderness. A difficult life, yes! But what a change once they reached the Promised Land! Then God said to them: "I have given you a land for which ye did not labor, and cities which ye built not, and ye dwell in them."

The life of a mission congregation in many ways parallels the history of God's people in Scripture. So it was with Christ Ev. Lutheran Church of Brainerd, Minnesota. We, too, have had our share of wandering from place to place, never knowing where our services would be held next. The Minnesota Natural Gas Company . . . The Salvation Army Chapel . . . The Seventh Day Adventist Church.

But here, suddenly, the wandering came to an abrupt halt. After only a year and a half, the Lord came to us and in effect said, "Behold, I have given you a church which ye built not!" And what a blessing He has given us! A beautiful chapel — seating around 200 — an excellent organ, several pianos, a mimeograph machine, a speaking system, 75 folding chairs, a large meeting room, several Sunday-school classrooms — and all of this for the sum of \$10,000. Now, after a short year and a half, our wandering from place to place is over. And this without our having lifted one hammer, pounded in one nail.

"Behold, I have given you a church which ye built not!" — Mostly we are thankful to the Lord for the great spiritual blessings which He has given us in His Son, and for the Holy Scriptures. But we, the members of the Brainerd mission, also thank and praise Him for the physical blessing He has given us in our new church home — and the members of the WELS for loaning us the money to make this purchase possible.

LARRY COOPER, Pastor

Requests

The Editorial Committee of *The Northwestern Lutheran* is planning a new column which hopefully will begin with the first issue in September. This column is designed to answer questions of special interest to teen-agers and young adults, although it will not be restricted to those age groups. Answers will be supplied by a panel, the members of which are in constant contact with the young people in our churches. We are especially interested at this time in having our younger members send us their questions. You may send them directly to the editor, if you wish. At the same time we are open to suggestions for a name for this column. Let's hear from you.

A second request — this one directed to the pastors and teachers in our Synod whose congregations have a functioning church library. Please write the editor informing him about the size of your library, its location, how it functions, what types of books you offer your members, and your suggestions on improving your particular setup. After he has heard from a number of you, the editor is planning to share the results and suggestions with the readers of *The Northwestern Lutheran*. Hope to hear from many of you!

On Furlough

Rev. Norbert Meier (Japan)
home from July through August.
Contact:

Pastor K. Bast
2310 Independence Lane
Madison, Wis. 53704

Rev. Paul Behn (Hong Kong)
will be home during July and August. Please contact:

Pastor M. Schroeder
112 W. Franklin St.
Appleton, Wis. 54911

Rev. R. Eggert (Puerto Rico)
at home from June to July 15, and

Rev. R. Sprain (Puerto Rico)
at home from July 15 through August. Please contact:

Pastor H. Essmann
365 E. Madison St.
Waterloo, Wis. 53594

Dedication At Campbellsport, Wisconsin



Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church

King David could say at the close of his life that God had enlarged his steps and prospered his undertaking. Members of Immanuel at Campbellsport can repeat his words of thanksgiving.

Our beginnings in 1914 were small and humble. Services were first held in a home, then in the lobby of an opera house, and later in a Baptist church. Not until

1942 could the congregation build a modest structure of its own. When this proved inadequate, land was purchased and steps were taken to erect a new house of worship.

Ground was broken for the new structure on July 5, 1970, and the date-stone was put in place on October 11, 1970. On March 14, 1971, the building and its furnishings were set aside for God and His holy purposes. Four services marked the day. Pastor N. Mielke of Dundee was guest speaker in the morning services. Pastor K. Gurgel of Fond du Lac, president of the Northern Wisconsin District, spoke for the dedication in the afternoon. Pastor W. Strohschein of Princeton, a former pastor of Immanuel's, was the guest preacher for the organ dedication in the evening. Over 900 people attended the services. The congregation's children and choir helped sing the praises of God.

The walls of the church are constructed of brick and fieldstone; the roof is of asphalt shingles and cedar shakes. The 7,000 square feet of floor space provide a worship area, parish hall, overflow room, balcony, pastor's study, working sacristy, meeting room, and kitchen. The nave is designed to seat 172 people, while the balcony and overflow room seat another 60. The altar is made of Tennessee stone.

Members of Immanuel have prayed for this church for a long time. It is their hope that this building will also aid their evangelism efforts in their community. God be praised!

JOHN J. BAUMGART, PASTOR

... for Guidance in Praising the Lord— Psalm 95:1-7

The privilege of worshipping the one true God is a privilege not all men appreciate—not even all Christians. The problem of irregular or sporadic church attendance by church members is an ever-present one in all of our congregations. We all seem to need continued encouragement to gather regularly in church with our fellow Christians to hear God's Word. But Christian worship involves more than just hearing God's Word. There is another aspect of our worship services that should not be overlooked, and that is our response to God's Word—our reaction to what He tells us of ourselves and of Himself in the Scriptures. This is what the first seven verses of the 95th Psalm stress. "Come, let us sing unto the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation!" Just read the first seven verses and feel the joy that is being expressed! Join in that joy! Sing praises to God, "For

the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods!" Evidence of His greatness is all around us.

Did you notice how the Psalmist begins this hymn? He "comes on like some kind of a spiritual cheerleader. He does not begin with a recital of reasons for praising God. It is simply, 'Come on now, let's give praise to God!'"* The church has long recognized that this Psalm is an invitation to worship. It is used as part of our Matins liturgy (LH pp. 33, 34—"The Venite") which probably dates back to the time of Athanasius. It was, of course, also used in the ancient Jewish Church as a joyous call to worship.

Any group of worshipers can exhort itself in terms of this Psalm. We can enthusiastically urge one another to sing the praises of God. We need this kind of urging, for only too often the sacrificial elements of our worship

seem so lifeless and without feeling. "Make a joyful noise unto Him with Psalms!" "Come before His presence with thanksgiving!" Let's do this—and *mean* it when we do it! Our songs of thanksgiving are to express our joy and gratitude to "the Rock of our salvation." There should be no need to go to great lengths in order to elicit the gratitude of God's people, for "the Lord is a great God! . . . In His hand are the deep places . . . the strength of the hills . . . the sea . . . the dry land!"

Haven't you often felt the desire to express your exuberance by praising the Lord with a "joyful noise"? Then cast off your inhibitions! Sing! Sing unto the Lord! Sing, because "He is our God and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand!" Follow the Psalmist's exhortation to use songs and psalms to express your praise. Sing during the Easter season and at all times. You don't need trained voices or "perfect pitch." Just "sing unto the Lord" and "make a joyful noise" unto Him for He is our gracious Shepherd and our Savior-King!

PHILIP R. JANKE

*From an essay on Psalm 95 by Pastor Rolfe Westendorf.

Looking at the Religious World

INFORMATION AND INSIGHT

CONFLICTING PROPOSALS

Official boards of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod are making contradictory recommendations to the body's Milwaukee convention regarding proposed changes in confirmation practice. The changes, already favored by The American Lutheran Church and the Lutheran Church in America, involve a first communion in the fifth grade and a confirmation in the tenth.

Earlier the synod's Commission on Theology and Church Relations voted to recommend to the general convention that no changes be made. Later the Board of Parish Education brought a recommendation that the changes be introduced.

Previous articles in this publication have summarized the arguments on both sides and have stated the view that there is more reason to retain present practices than to change them. That two boards in another synod are in conflict with one another over the issue need not create doubts in our minds. We will regret that the troubled Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod is confronted by the prospect of one more convention conflict.

BAPTISM MORATORIUM

Insisting that no doctrinal issue was involved, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hanover (Germany) has relaxed its practice regarding infant baptism. The old order of advising parents that their children should be baptized within a year after birth has been reversed. Parents who do not choose to give their children an early baptism are no longer to be confronted with the possibility of the withdrawal of pastoral services.

We wonder whether such changes are actually matters of practice alone without any doctrinal connotation. There is an intimate connection between doctrine and practice. What we

believe and teach about a sacrament is the key factor in determining our sacramental administration and practice.

There have always been segments of Christianity that have rejected infant baptism. There has been growing opposition to infant baptism in our day and within the Lutheran Church. Under such conditions and at such times it would seem to be the height of recklessness to relax our practice regarding infant baptism and the height of naivité to assume that there will be no repercussions in the field of doctrine.

VOICE FROM CANTERBURY

In a controversy over the money grant by the World Council of Churches to liberation movements in southern Africa, one of the main "con" voices has been that of Dr. Ramsey, Archbishop of Canterbury. Archbishop Ramsey has been making three points we think are worth noting and repeating.

The first is the claim that grants to liberation movements should not be made until the WCC has become clear on "the serious questions about what a just war or a just rebellion would involve." What is being maintained, and correctly, is that clarity in teaching is the first concern of churches and that only after that concern has been met can a second follow, the carrying out of a practice consistent with that teaching.

Archbishop Ramsey has also raised the objection that the WCC grant program seems to "confine itself to white racism" instead of attacking the evil on all fronts. While admitting that while racism has played the original and the motivating role, one would have to agree that churches ought not get into a position of seeming to endorse the proposition that one evil can be made to justify another.

Finally, Dr. Ramsey insists that a clear distinction must be made "between the role of the churches in stating ethical principles . . . and the role of Christian citizens who, taught by the church's message, serve in the fields of practical action whether in peace or in war." This too is a point that must be maintained if churches are to be truly effective in combating ills and evils that arise here on this earth.

INFALLIBLE?

Last month's American publication of *Infallible? An Inquiry*, latest book of Roman theologian Father Hans Kueng, has attracted attention both inside and outside the Roman Catholic Church. The book attacks the error that an *ex cathedra* papal pronouncement on matters of faith or morals cannot be in error.

Kueng may be influencing people, but he is not winning any friends in Rome. Rahner, who has often stood shoulder to shoulder with Kueng in other efforts to reform their church, has declared in this matter that anyone holding Kueng's position cannot be in the Roman Church. Kueng maintains that papal infallibility is an error that must be repudiated. Actually, both Rahner and Kueng are right.

Right as Kueng's final conclusions on papal infallibility are, they are unfortunately developed out of premises that we emphatically reject. Kueng opposes both papal and Biblical infallibility and his main argument is that absolute truth cannot be claimed for any proposition of faith.

At best Kueng will admit to an "indefectibility" in doctrine—some sort of abiding truth amid error. His Jesuit attackers argue with right that there can be "indefectibility" only if there is also infallibility. They contend erroneously for an infallibility in papal words. We will contend correctly and continuously for the infallibility of God's Word.

SET THE DATE NOW

A coalition of religious agencies operating under the name, "Set the Date Now," is seeking to persuade government authorities to designate December 31, 1971, as the terminal date for all U. S. military involvement in the Indochina hostilities. At the time of this writing, 24 groups have joined in the endeavor. Included are such well-known denominations as the American Baptist Convention and the United Methodist Church and such little known agencies as the American Ethical Union and Church Women United. The Lutheran Church in America is also a participant.

It is understandable that a conclusion to our involvement in that tragic conflict is earnestly desired. It is likewise to be understood that churches and religious agencies have better and more compatible means to seek peace than to presume to "set dates." It is also possible to understand how church bodies with the traditions of the Reformed or the Friends could become involved with "Set the Date Now," but not how a Lutheran church finds a place there.

UNPREJUDICED PIETY

When a Campbell-Fukuyama study of 8000 United Church of Christ members seemed to yield the finding that there was less social prejudice among those who made daily devotions a part of their life than those who didn't, the two sociologists conducting the survey admitted they were surprised by the results.

Reason for their surprise may be the well-known Glock and Stark survey of a few years ago that claimed to find that churchgoers were more prejudiced than nonchurchgoers. Such findings would not seem to jibe with the Campbell-Fukuyama results.

Be that as it may, one cannot help but emphasize that there is no real reason to be surprised that the piety which is nourished by daily devotions is unprejudiced. That piety is guided by the Law, the fulfillment of which is love, and by the Gospel of God's love that motivates love for Him and for the fellow man.

EDWARD C. FREDRICH

MAY 9, 1971

Direct from the Districts

Dakota-Montana

Addition at Rapid City

St. Paul's of Rapid City, South Dakota, is improving its school facilities by adding an 11' x 16' basement entrance and cloakroom. St. Paul's Christian Day School, which opened last fall, is housed on the church's lower level. LeRoy Dobberstein is pastor, and Miss Beverly Heine is teacher.

Northern Wisconsin

Pastor Retires

For reasons of health Pastor Alfons Engel retired from the active ministry at the end of 1970 while serving as the pastor of Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church, Waupaca, Wisconsin. His 43 years in the ministry were spent entirely in Wisconsin, serving congregations in the Town of Lebanon near Watertown, in Pardeeville, in Medford, and in Waupaca since 1962. He and Mrs. Engel now reside in their newly acquired home at 803 Royalton Street in Waupaca.

Pastor's Widow Succumbs

Mrs. Rosa Reier, widow of the late Pastor Frank A. Reier, was received into her eternal rest after suffering two coronary attacks on February 25. Born in Milwaukee on June 16, 1892, Mrs. Reier was baptized and confirmed at Bethesda Ev. Lutheran Church. She was married to Pastor Reier on June 16, 1915. After his death in 1957, Mrs. Reier continued to reside in Waupaca. Her last pastor, the Rev. Alfons Engel, was able to officiate at her funeral service.

Survivors include three children, Gerald of Mukwonago, Wisconsin, Mrs. Corintha Kramer of Waupaca, and Mrs. Delores Ceasrine of Brewster, New York.

Anniversary and Farewell

February 28 was a day of mixed emotions for the members of Christ Ev. Lutheran Church at Menominee, Michigan. As they thankfully observed the 25th anniversary of the ordination of their pastor, the Rev.

Gerhardt Kionka, they also had to bid him farewell, since he had accepted a call to King of Kings Lutheran Church in Maitland, Florida. At an informal gathering, Pastor Waldemar Zink, visiting elder of the Lake Superior Conference, briefly addressed the jubilarian on the basis of I Timothy 1:12. The congregation expressed its gratitude by presenting Pastor Kionka with an appropriate gift.

Since his ordination in 1945, Pastor Kionka has served congregations in western Wisconsin, in Newburg, Wisconsin, and for the past five years in Menominee, Michigan. May the Lord bless his ministry in his new charge!

Southeastern Wisconsin

35th Anniversary

Gloria Dei—Bethesda Congregation, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, marked the 35 years of service in the holy ministry of its pastor, the Rev. Norman Engel, in a special service on January 10, 1971. Pastor Wilmer Valleskey addressed the jubilarian on II Corinthians 4:7, using the theme, "The Pastor As a Vessel of Clay." Pastors J. De Galley and J. Mahnke served as liturgists. A presentation was made by Mr. G. Kriz, president of the congregation.

Buried on 88th Birthday

Mrs. Ella Schultz, widow of the late Pastor Arnold Schultz, was born in Watertown, Wisconsin, on February 9, 1883, and buried on February 9, 1971, at Graceland Cemetery in Milwaukee. She married Pastor Schultz on October 18, 1906, and lived in the parsonage of North Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, from 1908-1951, when her husband died. Her pastor, M. F. Liesener, officiated at the funeral service, comforting the mourners with the words of Psalm 121.

Among her survivors are two sons in the service of our Synod, the Rev. Hans Schultz of Chesaning, Michigan, and Prof. Armin Schultz of Michigan Lutheran Seminary at Saginaw.

We Need Your Help!

Would you believe that a 9-year-old child in one of our country's larger cities could be ignorant of Jesus? We might expect this to happen in Zambia or Hong Kong, but certainly not in our backyard. Yet it does happen. Thousands, maybe even millions of children, together with adults, do not know the real Jesus, the Christ of the Bible, and for that reason we must zero in on them in doing mission work.

Milwaukee is only one city of many in which such cases are to be found. But this summer it is a city where we will again reach out with the Gospel to such who do not know the Savior. We are suggesting that you volunteer for this Inner-City Pilot Project. This is a time for love and we need your help to tell the children



Some of the 300 children who waited to be registered at Siloah Lutheran Church last year.

and adults of our inner-city neighborhoods that love is spelled

Jesus Christ

In this summer's Pilot Project our inner-city congregations can use any number of volunteers to continue their outreach into their immediate neighborhoods. All volunteers will be trained, equipped, and guided as they share God's love in Jesus Christ. Anyone who has graduated from high school is eligible to serve. Interested volunteers should contact the recruitment chairman:

Pastor Wilmer Hoffmann
Siloah Lutheran Church
212 West Nash Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53206

Pilot Project will last three weeks, from June 14 to July 2. Seven to 10 of our inner-city congregations will be involved, and volunteers will be assigned to one of these for all three weeks. Workers will be housed and fed at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, and provided transportation. We hope your interest will be whetted by studying the following schedule.

FIRST WEEK

Morning — Training sessions at the Seminary
Learning to know Jesus better
How to canvass, how to witness
How to teach and discipline children in VBS
How to make followup evangelism calls
How to create witnessing opportunities
(Guest speakers, films, mock-up practices, seminar discussion, illustrations)
Afternoon — Canvassing and Witnessing at the churches
Locating unchurched families
Finding VBS prospects and preregistration
Talking about Jesus to families
Evening — Comparing notes and sharing experiences
Rap sessions — sharing failures and successes
Answering tough questions
Deepening our understanding of our faith
Preparing lessons and projects for VBS class

SECOND AND THIRD WEEKS

Morning — Teaching VBS
Afternoon — Visiting parents of pupils
Explaining what their child is learning
Sharing the Gospel with parents
Evening — Sharing experiences and Special Topics
Preparing for unstructured situations
Meeting special difficulties
"Sharing Him with others where I live"

PASTOR W. HOFFMANN

CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES

ARIZONA-CALIFORNIA

TEXAS-NEW MEXICO PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Place: Good Shepherd Ev. Lutheran Church, Albuquerque, N. Mex.

Time: May 11-12, 1971, opening Communion service at 10:30 a.m.

Agenda: The Image of God, by F. Grunewald; Glossalalia (I Cor. 12), by M. Wagenknecht; An Effective Witness to a Jehovah's Witness, by W. Vogt; The Divine Call into the Ministry (emphasis on calls extended by various boards), by W. Krueger; Faith Healing (Part II), by Wm. Gabb; Sermon Study, by V. Glaeske.

Wayne Vogt, Secretary

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE AND CHICAGO CONFERENCE

Date: May 11, 1971.

Place: Friedens Lutheran Church, Kenosha, Wis.

Host Pastors: A. Buenger and E. Schewe

(Please excuse to the Host Pastor).

Time: 9 a.m., beginning with Communion.

Preacher: D. Schmeling (F. Schulz, alternate).

Papers: I Pet. 1:10ff, J. Schewe (alternate I Pet. 2, T. Spiegelberg); Hill's King James Version Defended, T. Kraus (alternate, Early Communion, Later Confirmation, H. Wiedmann and A. Siggelkow); Committee Reports and Missionaries' Reports.

David M. Ponath, Secretary

METRO SOUTH PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: May 17, 1971.

Place: St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Muskego, Wis.

Time: 9 a.m. Communion service.

Host Pastor: Robert Zink.

Preacher: H. Wicke (J. Wille, alternate).

Agenda: Exegesis on Mark 2, C. Krug; An Evaluation Of Early Communion and Late Confirmation, M. Westerhaus; Reports and Conference business.

Vaughn H. Vogel, Secretary

METRO-NORTH

MILWAUKEE PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: May 24, 1971.

Time: 9 a.m. Communion Service.

Place: Jerusalem Ev. Lutheran Church,

Milwaukee, Wis.; E. Toepel, Pastor.

Preacher: Prof. F. Blume (M. Braun, alternate).

Agenda: Exegesis Matt. 19:7-9; I Cor. 7:10-15,

W. Krueger; "The State's View of Divorce,"

Att. Victor Manian; Counseling Divorce-

Seekers, K. Koeplin; Reports.

Ralph W. Martens, Secretary

WESTERN WISCONSIN

SOUTHWESTERN PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: May 11, 1971.

Time: 9 a.m.

Place: St. John's, Barre Mills, Wis.

Host: Pastor Frederick Werner.

Preacher: Emil Toepel (F. Werner, alternate).

Exegesis: II Cor. 13, Carl Nommensen.

Isagogics: Zephaniah, James Schneider.

Doctrinal: Round Table Discussion On

Select Questions In The Catechism Under

The Third Article, J. Mumm.

Notes: Please bring your Catechism.

Wives are invited to the Spring Conference.

James Mumm, Secretary

THE NORTHWESTERN LUTHERAN

CENTRAL PASTOR-TEACHER CONFERENCE

Date: May 10, 1971.
Place: St. John, Jefferson, Wis.
Time: 9 a.m.
Preacher: F. Bartling (E. Ahlswede, alternate).
Agenda: The Sacrifices of the Old Testament, Prof. G. Franzmann; Our Ministry to our Young People, Pastor K. Gast.
Ronald Ehlert, Secretary

THE ASSIGNMENT COMMITTEE

God willing, the Assignment Committee will meet on May 25 and 26 for the assignment of calls to our 1971 ministerial and teacher candidates. The preliminary session of the Committee will begin at 7 p.m. Monday, May 24, in the Synod Administration Building. The Tuesday sessions will be held at the Seminary in Mequon, the Wednesday sessions in the Synod Building in Milwaukee.

Oscar J. Naumann, President

DR. MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE Summer School Calendar for 1971

June 13 — 3-5 p.m.; 7-9 p.m.
Registration
June 14 — 8 a.m.
Opening Service
July 16 — 10:15 a.m.
Closing Service and Graduation

SCHEDULE OF WORKSHOPS FOR SUMMER OF 1971

June 14 — June 25
Guidance and Counseling
June 14 — June 25
Workshop for Kindergarten Teachers
June 14 — June 25
Nature Study for Elementary Teachers
June 28 — July 2
Pastors' Institute and Youth Workshop
June 28 — July 2
Workshop for Multigrade Classroom Teachers and Principals
June 28 — July 9
Workshop for Primary Teachers
Registration for each workshop will be held on the Sunday evening before each workshop, from 8-9, in OLD MAIN.

Applications for the workshops must be submitted early with deposit. For further information write:

Director of Special Services
Dr. Martin Luther College
Box 417
New Ulm, Minn. 56073

REQUEST FOR COLLOQUY

Pastor Hector Harzott Pacheco of St. Stephen's Evangelical Lutheran Congregation, LC-MS, Milwaukee, Wis., has requested a colloquy preparatory to entering the ministerium of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Correspondence may be directed to the undersigned.

Adolph C. Buenger, President
Southeastern Wisconsin District

REQUEST FOR COLLOQUY

Mr. Larry Parker, Bruncton, Missouri, a teacher in the LC-MS, has requested a colloquy preparatory to entering the teaching ministry of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod.

M. J. Lenz, President
Minnesota District

INSTALLATIONS

Pastor

Nitz, Marcus C., as pastor of King of Kings Ev. Lutheran Church, Garden Grove, Calif., on March 14, 1971, by W. Godfrey, authorized by I. G. Frey (Ariz.-Calif.).

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Pastors

Engel, Alfons J., em
803 Royalton St.
Waupaca, Wis. 54981

Koepsell, Markus
403 W. Lincoln St.
Crandon, Wis. 54520

Stern, Steven G.
Catherine St.
Markesan, Wis. 53946

Teacher

Schulz, Victor J., em
5923 Joshua St.
Lansing, Mich. 48910

GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

WELS services will be conducted in Glacier National Park this summer under the direction of the Dakota-Montana District Mission Board. Pastors who will be vacationing in the area and are willing to offer their services in conducting worship services should contact in advance Rev. John Sullivan, 808 Sacajawea Dr., Great Falls, Mont. 59401.

FORTY-FIRST BIENNIAL CONVENTION

The 41st Biennial Convention of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod will be held at Northwestern College, Watertown, Wis., August 4-11, 1971, inclusive.

All delegate certification forms should be completed and returned to the office of their respective District Secretaries no later than March 1, 1971. All changes thereafter should be addressed to the office of the Synod Secretary. It is essential that the certification of all delegates and their alternates be completed promptly. Ample time must be allowed for the assignment of floor committees and for their subsequent publication in The Northwestern Lutheran, as required by the Constitution and Bylaws of the Synod (Section 1.05a).

We also call attention to the fact that all matters to come before the convention shall be presented in writing to the President of the Synod not later than the spring 1971 meeting of the Synodical Council (Constitution and Bylaws, Section 2.01e).

Paul R. Hanke, Secretary

DEADLINES FOR THE NORTHWESTERN LUTHERAN

All articles to be published in The Northwestern Lutheran must be submitted by the following dates. Announcements may be submitted up to a week later. The first date is the date of issue, the second the deadline date:

June 6, 1971 — May 3, 1971
June 20, 1971 — May 17, 1971
July 4, 1971 — May 31, 1971
July 18, 1971 — June 14, 1971
Aug. 1, 1971 — June 28, 1971
Aug. 15, 1971 — July 12, 1971
Aug. 29, 1971 — July 26, 1971
Sept. 12, 1971 — Aug. 9, 1971
Sept. 26, 1971 — Aug. 23, 1971
Oct. 10, 1971 — Sept. 6, 1971
Oct. 24, 1971 — Sept. 20, 1971
Nov. 7, 1971 — Oct. 4, 1971
Nov. 21, 1971 — Oct. 18, 1971
Dec. 5, 1971 — Nov. 1, 1971
Dec. 19, 1971 — Nov. 15, 1971
Jan. 2, 1972 — Nov. 29, 1971
Jan. 16, 1972 — Dec. 13, 1971
Jan. 30, 1972 — Dec. 27, 1971

ROCHESTER, MINNESOTA, HOSPITALS

Pastors who have patients entering the Methodist, St. Mary's, or Rochester State Hospital, are asked to notify our Synod's full-time chaplain, Pastor Waldemar Hoyer. His address is 415 14th St. N.W., Rochester, Minn. 55901. Home telephone: (507) 288-7857. Office phone: (507) 282-8280.

MADISON, WISCONSIN, HOSPITALS

Since Pastor Roy Reede, pastor of St. James Lutheran Church at Prairie du Sac, also is called to assist in the Hospital Ministry at Madison, names of patients at Veterans Hospital and Mendota State Hospital may be sent directly to him at Route 1, Prairie du Sac, Wis. 53578. The phone number is: (608) 643-6043.

Names of patients at any of the Madison hospitals may also be sent to Pastor R. C. Horlamus, 2302 Stuart Ct., Madison, Wis. 53704. The phone number is: (608) 249-0578.

ATTENTION CAMERA BUGS!

Let your camera work for the Church. AVAC (Wisconsin Synod's Audio-Visual Aids Committee) is trying to establish sources for 35mm slides and a list of willing photographers within our congregations to assist in filmstrip production. Film and processing will be paid for. If you are willing to donate your time and skill to take slides on request in your own community, please call or write:

AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS
3512 W. North Ave.
Milwaukee, Wis. 53208
Phone: 445-4030

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

EAST WENATCHEE, WASHINGTON

Exploratory services will be held each Sunday at 11 a.m. in the Grant Public School at First and June. For directions please call 884-7731 or 884-4891. Names of such interested in WELS services should be sent to:

Pastor Paul Schliesser
Withrow, Wash. 98863

MARQUETTE, MICHIGAN

Exploratory services are being held in Marquette, Mich., each Sunday evening at 7:30 in the educational building of the First Methodist Church, 111 East Ridge St., Marquette, Mich. Sunday School follows the service. Interested parties should be directed to:

Pastor Carl Klein
1025 Minnesota Ave.
Gladstone, Mich. 49837
Phone: (906) 428-9517

MIDLAND/SANFORD, MICHIGAN

Exploratory services are being held in the Midland/Sanford, Michigan, area each Sunday morning at 8:45 at the Adams Elementary School, 1005 Adams Dr. at Washington St. in Midland. Names of prospects may be sent to:

Pastor John H. Kurth
309 Green Ave.
Bay City, Mich. 48706

ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS

Exploratory services are being conducted for the Rockford, Loves Park, and North Park area at the Loves Park Boys' 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

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

Services are being conducted at 10 a.m. on Sundays in the Nashville, Tenn., area at the Philipps-Robinson Funeral Home, 257 W. Main (Gallatin Rd.), Hendersonville, Tenn. Please contact:

Mr. L. Jordan
136 Chiroc Rd.
Hendersonville, Tenn.
Tel.: (615) 824-7195

or:
Mr. J. Jeske
R. 4 Vanderbilt Rd.
Mt. Juliet, Tenn.
Tel.: (615) 758-7833

CORVALLIS, OREGON

Exploratory services are now being held in Corvallis each Sunday evening at 7:30. Services are conducted in the all-purpose room of Garfield School, NW 12th and Garfield. You may drive into the school parking lot.

If you know of anyone in the Corvallis area that might be interested in a WELS church, please send the names to:

Pastor William F. Bernhardt
1605 Summer S.E.
Salem Ore. 97302

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 undersigned.

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

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND THANKS

It is with gratitude to God that we acknowledge the gifts toward the Lord's work by Christians who through their wills made bequests to the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. The following was received from October 1969 through December 1970.

Estate of Emma Christ	
Church Extension Fund	\$11,213.00
World Mission Fund	11,213.00
Estate of Minna J. Schempf	
Church Extension Fund	10,000.00
World Mission Building Fund	11,208.27
Estate of Laura C. Boelte	
Board of Support	6,893.56
Estate of Clara Vincenz	
Synod Administration Building Fund	2,646.45
Estate of Ernst F. Schroeder	
Synod Administration Building Fund	2,631.27
Estate of Tena Hermanson	
World Mission Building Fund	3,588.60
Estate of Herman Weltzien	
Synod Administration Building Fund	500.00
Estate of Grover F. Croll	
Synod Administration Building Fund	100.00
Estate of Herbert Woelffer	
Synod Administration Building Fund	34.05*
Synod Residence Fund	34.04*
Estate of Wm. J. Ertzner	
World Mission Building Fund	30,100.01
Estate of Henrietta Schneider	
World Mission Building Fund	1,800.00
Estate of George Benstein	
World Mission Building Fund	500.00
Estate of Otto Stolz	
Church Extension Fund	12,832.71
World Mission Building Fund	6,416.35
Synod Aid Fund	1,000.00
Student Mission Building Fund	2,708.17
Parsonage — Teacherage Building Fund	2,708.18
Estate of Elsa Gerke	
Church Extension Fund	1,145.85
Estate of Arthur A. Harder	
Church Extension Fund	8,286.53
Estate of Mrs. E. A. Gartha	
Student Mission Building Fund	1,000.00

*This is in addition to the amount previously reported.

Norris Koopmann
Treasurer and Controller
3512 W. North Ave.
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MANKATO STEWARDSHIP WORKSHOP

The Mankato Conference will hold a Stewardship Workshop on Sunday, May 23, 1971, from 2 to 5 p.m., at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in North Mankato, Minn. All pastors of the conference are expected to attend. The stewardship committee or some laymen from each congregation are also urged to attend. The Synod's Program for 1971 and 1972 will be presented by Mr. Roland Neils and the visiting elder. Materials for a stewardship program in the congregations will be distributed. It is urgent that all members of the conference attend.

R. A. Haase, Visiting Elder

COMMENCEMENT — DMLC

New Uim, Minnesota

- June 3 — Alumni and Friends' Social Hour at 4:30 p.m., Buffet Supper at 5:15 p.m.
- June 3 — Commencement Concert at 8:15 p.m.
- June 4 — Commencement Service at 10 a.m.
Speaker: Rev. Elton H. Huebner.

GRADUATION EXERCISES

Northwestern College

Graduation exercises for the college department will be held on Thursday, June 3, at 10 a.m.

Graduation exercises for the preparatory department will be held on Thursday, June 3, at 2 p.m.

Final arrangements for the dedication of the new gymnasium will be announced in the May 23 issue of THE NORTHWESTERN LUTHERAN.

Carleton Toppe, President

GRADUATION SERVICE and CONCERT

Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary

The current school year at our theological seminary, Mequon Wisconsin, will close with a special graduation service on Wednesday, June 2, 1971, at 10 a.m. The Seminary Chorus will present the annual closing concert on the evening before, June 1, at 7:30 p.m.

All friends of our Seminary are cordially invited.

Carl Lawrenz, President

NWLA COMMENCEMENT

Northwestern Lutheran Academy will close its school year with a graduation service on Wednesday, June 2, at 10:30 a.m. This is two days earlier than previously announced. Prof. K. G. Sievert, who will be concluding 43 years of consecutive service at the Academy, will deliver the closing address. The graduation concert will be presented at 8 o'clock the previous evening, Tuesday, June 1. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Daniel Malchow, President

COLLEGIAN RETREAT

The fifth annual Lutheran Collegian Spring Retreat will be held May 14-16 at Squaw Point — Hillman, Minn. The retreat will deal with the topic of WORLD RELIGIONS. For more information, posters and reservation blanks write: Collegian Retreat, 400 5th Ave. South, St. Cloud, Minn. 56301.

Vicar Tom Liesener

CAMP

The Milwaukee Federation of Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod Churches, Inc., is sponsoring three weeks of Christ-centered camping for boys and girls, ages 8 to 14. The camp fee is \$30.00 per week per child. The dates are July 11-17, July 18-24, and July 25-31. We will be camping at Willerup on Lake Ripley, near Cambridge, Wis. For further information please contact Mr. Marvin Wernicke, 5744 N. 69th St., Milwaukee, Wis. 53218. Adults interested in participating in this camping program please contact the above.

OFFER

Our congregation has a used set of Communion ware available. It includes a chalice, paten, ciborium, and 2-quart flagon in silver-plate. Any mission congregation interested in receiving this as a gift, please write:

St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church
2745 West Genesee Avenue
Saginaw, Mich. 48602

OFFER

Fourteen 10 ft. church pews, medium weight, to any congregation for the cost of transportation.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
1106 Georgia Ave.
Norfolk, Nebr. 68701

OFFER

St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church of Cudahy, Wis., has an altar and pulpit which it would be pleased to donate to some mission congregation. If interested, please contact:

Pastor Roy Brassow
3775 E. Cudahy Ave.
Cudahy, Wis. 53110

OFFER — COMMUNION SET

A Communion set is available for the cost of transportation to any WELS mission congregation in need of one. Please contact:

Edwin Berg, Secretary
St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church
509 Grand Ave.
Mukwonago, Wis. 53149

CANDELABRA

St. John's Lutheran Church of Hatchville is offering a set of candelabra to any congregation for the cost of transportation.

St. John's Dorcas Society
Mrs. Elmer Hannack
R. 2
Spring Valley, Wis. 54767

REQUEST

A Communion set is needed by Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, the Wisconsin Synod Mission in Danbury, Conn. If any congregation should have one available, please contact: Pastor Karl R. Gurgel, 296 Buckland Road, South Windsor, Conn. 06074.

REQUEST

CHOIR MUSIC WANTED

WELS mission in Moorhead, Minn., is in need of choral music for small choirs. Any unused music will be appreciated. Please send the same to:

Ascension Lutheran Church
2820 12th Ave. So.
Moorhead, Minn. 56560
Martin W. Schulz, Pastor

REQUEST

The WELS mission at East Wenatchee, Wash., is in need of a Communion set. It would be very happy to pay the transportation charges. If a congregation is able to donate a used set to this mission, please contact:

Wenatchee WELS Mission
c/o Mr. Herbert T. Teas
1134 S.E. 2nd
East Wenatchee, Wash. 98801

REQUEST

Used, serviceable LUTHERAN HYMNALS are needed for the mission in the Wenatchee, Wash., area. We shall pay postage. Contact:

Mr. Herbert Teas
East Wenatchee, Wash. 98801
1134 SE 4th

NOTICE!

Pastor Roland Ehlike

Civilian Chaplain in Southeast Asia
Saigon, Vietnam

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

Mailing address:

WELS Box 56, APO SF 96243