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BRIEFS by the Editor

Sooner or later everyone writes something about ecology and pollution. So here goes.

One of the saddest accounts I've read tells about what is happening to the beautiful sea where Christ walked upon the waters and said to fearful disciples, "It is I; be not afraid." Human storms have riled that lake by far worse than the winds ever could. Read it and weep!

"Tourists and picnickers flock to the lake. Picnic debris is left behind on the shore. Motor boats spill oil into the water, vehicles driving along the shores spew lead exhaust, and crop dusting planes spraying nearby fields often drop poison into the water. Dirty irrigation water, fish pond drainage, industrial waste and sewage flow freely into the lake, either down its banks or via the Jordan waters entering from the north."

Israel's antipollution board is deeply concerned. It's hardly the kind of a lake where Jesus would still be tempted to tell disciples: "Let down your net for a catch."

And yet — in a world where all hearts are polluted far worse than the waters of the Sea of Galilee, the Son of Man tells us: "I will make you fishers of men." And since it's not as though Jesus doesn't know, you and I

do not need to be depressed. Let's just get busy and do so — all of us! That's the only way to clean up the real pollution that's in this world — the pollution of sin.



Recent issues of *The Northwestern Lutheran* have touched on Explo 72 and Campus Crusade for Christ. In this issue we shall hear about Key 73.

Pastor R. Westendorf points out that though we cannot for conscience' sake participate in Key 73, yet we dare not ignore the Great Commission to proclaim, witness, the Gospel to every creature. It is just because we want to proclaim the full Gospel that we cannot participate, lest we compromise the message. At the same time we will rejoice whenever men and women are confronted with Jesus Christ — whoever it is that does it!

In the next issue, *Looking at the Religious World* will point out that our Wisconsin Synod is not the only church body which cannot go along with Key 73. Some Baptists, too, have taken the same stand we have, and for the same reasons.

When there are doctrinal differences, Scripture prevents us from

making common cause with many who confess that they are Christians — and whose confession we have no reason to doubt. Perhaps it may be startling, however, to notice how effective and compelling their witness is, even though they do not have the full truth. At least that should cause us to ask some questions.

Let's begin by asking about the quality of our Christianity. What is it that those see who observe us at close range — our family, the members of our congregation, our neighbors, our friends, and especially, the young? Has our Christianity made a difference? Are we different from those who are without Christ? Or has our Christianity become simply a Sunday routine instead of a day-by-day relationship and adventure with Christ? Are our lives really directed and controlled by Christ, or do we use our liberty in Christ as a license to do all sorts of questionable things? Is it perhaps because the fruits of the Spirit in our lives are conspicuous by their absence, that we are turning others off — from Christ?

Or are we so loving, so dedicated, so compassionate, so honest, so pure, that those who come in contact with us are not tempted to look elsewhere? Do others look at us and want what we have found? If not, we might remember what our Savior says about hiding the light under a bushel. And what Paul once wrote to the Thessalonians: "From you sounded out the word of the Lord (and) in every place your faith to God is spread abroad." Well, what about us? Are we missionaries or mission fields? It's either one or the other.

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

Pumpkins or Oak Trees

One step, another shaky one, and down the toddler goes kerplop! But the teacher is not alarmed. The mother is not unduly discouraged. She knows what every mother knows: the child does not learn to walk well all at once.

Children learn a small bit at a time, over and over again — teaching, testing, relearning — till one day the little fellow is trotting about the house on his own.

Little folk learn by patient training and teaching. No one expects small fry to tie shoe strings or eat with a spoon with just one well-worded lesson a week. The child would be a long time in diapers with such sparse and seldom training.

Why do we often feel some other way will work with the “one thing needful”? What superstition takes sudden hold on us to think one force-fed session of religion a week will work better than daily training, precept by precept, patiently repeated? By that line of logic every school in the country could hold classes one day a week.

The Scriptural principle applies about sowing and reaping. It depends on what you want: pumpkins or oak trees. Spiritual pumpkins can be raised quickly in one short season. It takes time to rear a child to stand —

“... like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.”

John Parcher

The Price of Federal Funds The officials of Union Theological Seminary, a well-known liberal finishing school for divinity students of all denominations, recently voted to require that blacks and representatives of other minority groups make up one third and that women comprise one-half of all students, faculty, staff, and directors.

Two considerations prompted them to take this action. It was designed to “rectify” past discrimination, and it was also regarded as sound educational policy.

Even if Union Theological Seminary does not receive Government funds, it is applying a current educational directive of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare that “institutions of higher education that receive Government funds shall move at once toward bringing about a statistically adequate representation on their faculties” of women and minorities. Institutions of higher education that do receive federal funds *must* do what Union Theological Seminary chose to do in the case of its faculty.

Thoughtful people will rightly be concerned about this impetuous pursuit of equality, no matter what happens to

quality; and this insistence on representation (pluralism), no matter what happens to purpose. Thirty years from now our country will have reason to regret such irrational educational policies. As Christians concerned with education we should already see the conflict between such policies and those we have established on the basis of Scripture and rational considerations.

Five years ago, in their reports to the Synod, the Commission on Higher Education and the Board for Parish Education warned against involvement with Federal funding. It is becoming increasingly apparent that if we do accept Federal funding, and come under H.E.W. directives, we may not be able to call our educational souls our own.

Carleton Toppe

Servants By Choice

A professional athlete was considering leaving his team and quitting the sport. When questioned about his moral obligation to fulfill his contract, he is reported to have answered, “I have a moral responsibility only to myself.”

This remark may have been made in a fit of pique and may not represent the true philosophy of the one who made it, but it does reflect a viewpoint which a growing number of people seem to be espousing. It is employed as a defense for just about any form of evil which you can name. The moral delinquent takes refuge in it: “It’s my life, and I’ll live it the way I want to.” The user of illicit drugs fends off admonition with it: “I can do what I want with my own body.” The murderer of unborn children is justified by it: “It is a woman’s right to determine whether she will bear children or not.”

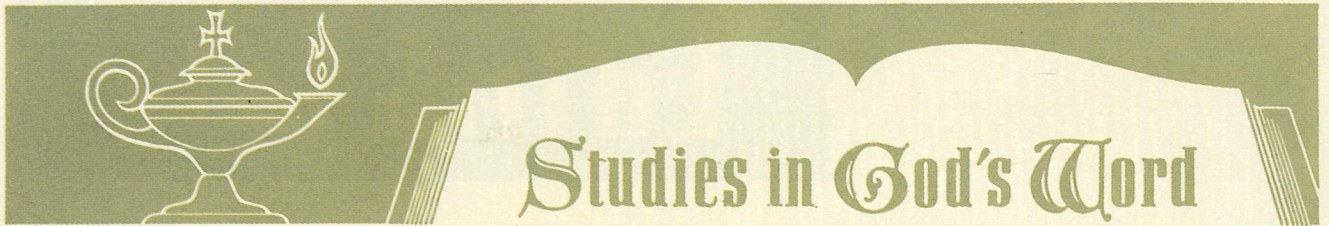
This arrogant viewpoint can be traced back to Eden, where Satan asserted, “Ye shall be as gods.” It was taken by Pharaoh when he defied the Lord’s command in the famous words, “Who is the Lord that I should obey His voice?” It is reflected in what appears to be the first commandment of the hippies: “Do your own thing.”

Man is free to adopt this philosophy, but it is a dead end. St. Paul’s Epistle to the Philippians succinctly describes its adherents and designates their final fate in the words, “Whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame.”

To be responsible only to one’s self means to be “without God and without hope in the world.” In declaring his independence from God, man is pronouncing his doom.

Those who know the God of grace and love find it easy to pass up this brand of freedom and to side with Joshua in his unforgettable commitment: “As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”

Immanuel Frey



The Son of Man — The Ladder to Heaven

Jesus answered and saith unto [Nathanael], "Because I said unto thee, 'I saw thee under the fig tree,' believest thou? Thou shalt see greater things than these." And He saith unto him, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man" (John 1:50,51).

Sooner or later there comes a time in the life of every child of God when he longs to see the convincing power of a miracle. "If only I could see some display of God's almighty power," he thinks, "how much easier it would be to believe His promises." In our *Study* today we hear of a man who did see one of Christ's miracles, but surprisingly, Jesus tells him that miracles aren't really the greatest proof; he will see something even greater.

A Miracle of Recognition

The man to whom Jesus made this striking promise was Nathanael. The time was at the start of His public ministry, when Jesus was calling His first disciples. You will recall that it was Philip who invited Nathanael to come to Jesus, but that Nathanael at first wasn't too optimistic that any Savior would be coming from *Nazareth*. Nathanael did come to Jesus, however, and there, without being introduced, Jesus not only recognized Nathanael but even told him what he had been doing. "Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee." Nathanael was impressed, but Jesus continued: "Because I said unto thee, 'I saw thee under the fig tree,' believest thou? Thou shalt see greater things than these."

Greater Things

What were these greater things? Jesus promised that through Him, the Son of Man, heaven itself would stand open! "Verily, verily, I say unto you, hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man." The language of Christ's promise recalls Jacob's dream (Gen. 28). As he slept outdoors, Jacob dreamed of a ladder reaching up to heaven, with angels ascending and descending, and from the open heaven God repeated the familiar promise: "In thy Seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed." Jesus implies to Nathanael that here before him stands the Fulfillment of that promise.

Fulfillment of Promise

But how did Jesus open the heavens for Nathanael? Not by a miracle or by a display of physical power. Rather Christ did it through His *Word* — by teaching him the truth about Himself as the Son of Man. Recall that when we began our series of *Studies* on the term, Son of Man, we pointed out that throughout His ministry this was a title used only by Jesus, and always to describe Himself as the Messiah. It was a term uncluttered with preconceived notions, and hence one He could fill with the proper meaning.

In looking back, we will remember that we have heard the Son of Man assure us that He is not just a man, but true God as well. As true God, come from heaven, He alone knows what is in the Father's heart. Hence He, the Son of Man, alone can serve as the Father's messenger. The amazing message that He brings is that the Son of Man must give His life by being lifted up on the cross as the sinner's Substitute. And the way for sinners to receive the benefit of His sacrifice is simply by trusting in Him, or

by "eating" of Him, as He says, for the Son of Man may truly be called the "Bread of Life." Receiving Him makes all the difference in the world, for this Son of Man is coming again as the Judge of all men.

The greatest, most incomprehensible thought on earth is that sinners, by nature dead in trespasses and at enmity with God, can by this Judge be declared fit to live with God in heaven. But that is just what the Son of Man will declare publicly on Judgment Day, namely, that there is no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus; heaven is open to them — and has been ever since they turned to Him in faith. In fact, daily His angels from heaven have been protecting them for just this homecoming. All this is possible because the Son of Man is truly the Ladder to heaven, the Link between the sinner and his God.

A Promise without Limitation

The promise of an open heaven was given when the Son of Man was on earth, and it was spoken in a specific situation, but the truth is not thereby limited. If it had been sealed by a miracle, the truth might seem to be limited to those who saw the miracle, but note, it was conveyed by Christ's *word*. Look closely at this word and you will see that He was including you also. Though our passage was spoken to Nathanael — "and He said unto *him*" — notice that Jesus immediately changed to the *plural*. "Verily, verily, I say unto you (plural), hereafter ye (plural) shall see heaven open." That promise is extended to all who look to the Son of Man as their hope of heaven. Accept Him as such and be assured of an open heaven, both now and eternally.

Armin Panning

"Key 73" was mentioned in the last issue of *The Northwestern Lutheran* in connection with a discussion of *Campus Crusade for Christ International*. What is it? It is a simultaneous, continent-wide evangelism thrust in which 130 denominations, church bodies, and ecclesiastical groups are participating — each working individually or in cooperation with other groups or congregations at the community level. The movement will be backed up with a mass media program developed by "Key 73" committees.

"Key 73" came into being five years ago, when a number of churchmen of several denominations responded favorably to an editorial in *Christianity Today* calling for a pooling of manpower and resources to carry out the Great Commission of our Lord. The first meeting was held in a motel near the Francis Scott Key Bridge in Washington, D. C., hence the name "Key 73."

Its purpose is to confront the people of North America (more fully and more forcefully) with the Gospel of Jesus Christ by proclamation and demonstration, witness and ministry, word and deed. "Key 73" hopes to unite Christians in the task common to all Christians — evangelism. Leaders insist that it is not designed to launch another ecumenical movement or to establish some new organic church union, and have sought to safeguard the autonomy of doctrine and practice of the participating church groups. Participating denominations and groups are asked to contribute to the support of "Key 73" according to their size. A campaign is currently underway to raise a minimum of \$2 million to finance the cost of network television, radio, and other mass media, as well as the cost of printing materials.

Represented among the 130 denominations and groups are: Baptists, Methodists, Lutherans, Presbyterians, Reformed, Roman Catholics, Pentecostals, Assemblies of God, Salvation Army, Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, Campus Crusade for Christ International, American Bible Society, and many others.

WHAT ABOUT



Not Participating Directly

What is our Wisconsin Synod doing about "Key 73"? We are not participating directly. Why not? The reason is clear. "Key 73" involves many contrary doctrines. If, for example, the Roman Catholic Church and The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod march under the same banner, there cannot help but be confusion of truth and error. Our Lord forbids such participation when He tells us to avoid those who teach doctrines contrary to the ones we have learned from His Prophets, Evangelists, and Apostles. Thus the fact that God wants us to make a distinction between truth and error prevents us from participating in any program that ignores the difference between truth and error.

But Involved

Saying that we cannot participate is not saying that we are not involved. Actually we are always involved in anything that goes on in the religious world. We are not living in a vacuum. Besides, the mass communication methods planned for "Key 73" will certainly reach the ears and eyes of our members and prospects. When they learn how other churches are working to call sinners to Christ, they will ask what we are doing. Though the unchurched who

are approached by "Key 73" participants may not wonder why we did not approach them, we ourselves must come to grips with this. Billy Graham was isolated in a tube. Bill Bright's Campus Crusade was isolated on the campus. But "Key 73" will bring witnessing Christians right into the living rooms of many of our homes and the homes of prospects.

We can explain our lack of participation on the basis of Romans 16:17; but considering Matthew 28:19, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost," we certainly cannot explain away any failure on our part to be out there witnessing. Like it or not, our Wisconsin Synod is confronted by "Key 73."

What is Our Answer?

The time is now to reaffirm our oft-repeated intention to preach the Gospel to every creature. We remember that the theme of our 1971 Synod Convention emphasized personal evangelism. Well, let's put our good intentions into practice. It would be a shame, if we had to be shamed into witnessing. Besides, it can hardly be said to be unionistic to make 1973 a year for a special evangelism thrust by our congregations in their communities. Surely we dare not fail to let our unbelieving friends and neighbors hear about Jesus from us. If Christians who promote error and unionism have put us on the spot, perhaps it's a good spot to be on. It's not too late to start planning and to proceed to doing.

Last year there were 275,500 confirmed members in Wisconsin Synod congregations. How many of these have personally shared their faith in Christ with a fellow sinner? Surely, we who have the whole truth ought to be willing to share it at least as actively as those who have only part of the truth. We suggest that pastors and lay people get in touch with the District and Conference Evangelism Committees and use their help and materials to guide our congregations to do their part in bringing Christ to others in '73.

Rolfe Westendorf

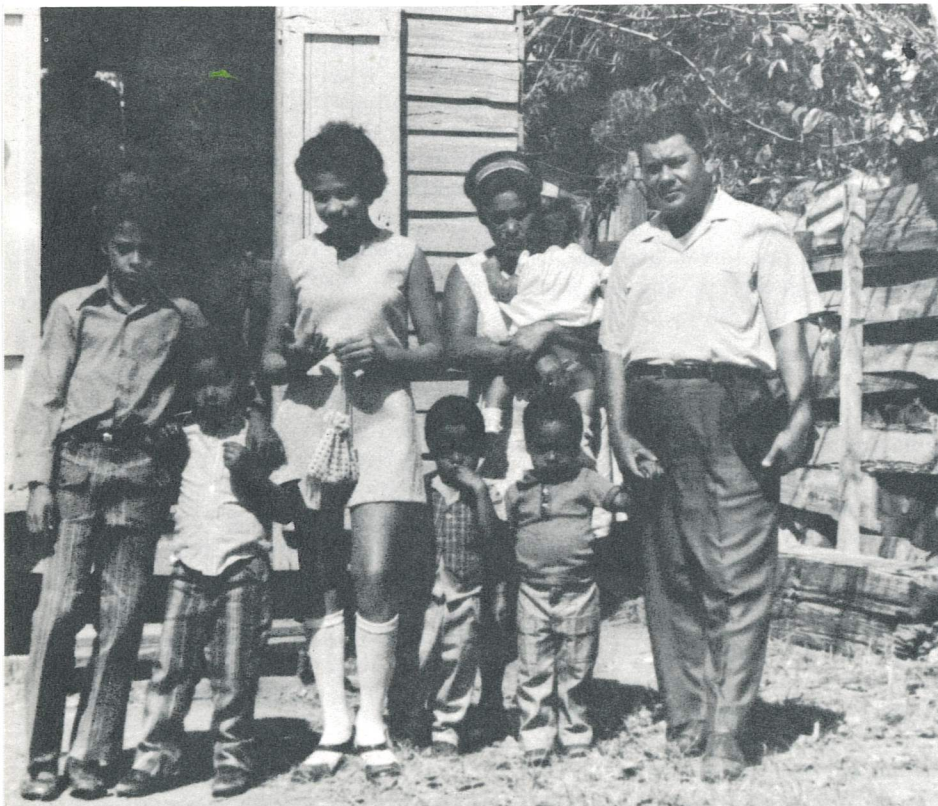


Pastor and Mrs. Ralph Martens
on the day of commissioning

Help on the Way for Our Missions in Puerto Rico

On June 11, 1972, Pastor Ralph Martens was commissioned as Christian Missioner to Puerto Rico. The service was held at Faith Lutheran Church, Sussex, Wisconsin. Pastor Martens had served Faith Congregation since his graduation from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, in 1969.

Pastor Wilbert Krueger, Lannon, Wisconsin, served as liturgist and Pastor Edgar Hoenecke, executive secretary for the Board for World Missions, preached the sermon on John 4:35,36 using as his theme, "Lift Up Your Eyes, The Fields Are White Unto Harvest." The undersigned conducted the commissioning



The Luis Pagan Family
at Gran Stan Bran Chapel
in Puerto Rico

rite, assisted by Pastor Richard Lauersdorf, who is also a member of the Executive Committee for Latin American Missions.

Of interest to the readers will be the fact that Pastor and Mrs. Martens were united in marriage at St. Philip Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on June 10, the day before his commissioning. Mrs. Martens is the former Miss Roxanne Redlin, who taught at St. Philip Christian Day School from 1969 to 1972.

Pastor Martens and his wife are presently attending the Spanish-language school in Saltillo, Mexico, and will, after a study period of six months, proceed to Puerto Rico for further training and orientation before entering their missionary activities. Pastor Martens will join Pastor Roger Sprain as a member of our Missioner Corps on the island of Puerto Rico, taking the place of Prof. Rupert Eggert who last year accepted the call as head of the Spanish Seminary at El Paso, Texas.

Our mission in Puerto Rico presently serves about 125 souls at six preaching places. A sizeable chapel is being constructed by our members in Barrancas. It is being financed by offerings they themselves have collected plus a loan from our Latin American Mission Church Extension Fund. Another smaller chapel, also bought and paid for by the Puerto Ricans, serves our members in Gran Stan Bran.

As one views the many souls sitting in spiritual darkness, also in Puerto Rico, we can truly say that the fields are white unto harvest.

May the Lord bless our newest missionary, his wife, and his efforts to prepare himself for this God-pleasing and God-blessed task of proclaiming the Gospel in the Spanish language!

Harold A. Essmann, Chairman
Executive Committee for
Latin American Missions

LWMS

"To Tell the Love of Jesus"

An unseasonably cool June 24, 1972, greeted delegates and visitors as they gathered at St. John's Church, Westland, Michigan, for the Ninth Annual Convention of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society. The opening hymn, "Awake My Soul and With the Sun," joyfully sung by some 425 people, each dedicated to the work of missions, brought the warmth of God's love into the sanctuary.

The Rev. Robert Mueller, Livonia, Michigan, speaker at the morning worship service, delivered an inspiring address on verses taken from chapters three and four of Exodus. He asked "Why" we had gathered here in such numbers on such a morning. The answer was to be found in the theme of the convention: "To Tell the Love of Jesus!" He used the story of how God prepared Moses to become His agent in saving the Children of Israel to remind us that ever since our birth and our rebirth in Holy Baptism, God has also been preparing us for His service.

Many ideas concerning how "God's Love" should be told were presented by members of the National Spiritual Growth Committee. The enthusiasm of the group discussion which followed, led by the Rev. Frederick Knueppel, was assurance that many would return to their homes resolved to witness for Christ whenever and wherever the opportunity arose.

Guests

The convention was honored with the presence of Synod President O. Naumann and Mrs. Naumann. President Naumann brought personal greetings from the churches behind the Iron Curtain. Having recently returned from meetings with our brethren at Dresden and Leipzig, he ex-



Left to right: The Misses Linda and Lois Festerling of Hong Kong, China; Mrs. Richard Poetter of Mito City, Japan; Mrs. Fred La Salle, delegate from Ottawa, Ontario, Canada; Mrs. Dean Myers, LWMS National President; Mrs. Frederic Daletsky, Convention Chairwoman.

horted us with the words of I Thessalonians 5:25: "Brethren, pray for us." The Christians behind the Iron Curtain are not suffering physically, but psychologically. They pleaded with President Naumann to lay it upon our hearts to pray for them.

Missionaries from Japan, Hong Kong, and Africa also were special guests of the convention. The presence of the Rev. and Mrs. Richard Poetter of Mito City, Japan; of the Misses Linda and Lois Festerling, sisters who are teaching in Hong Kong; and of the Rev. Don Fastenau of Zambia, Africa, added a note of excitement to the gathering. Missionary Fastenau presented slides picturing how the story of God's love is told in Zambia. It was gratifying to learn that the braille catechism, produced through the efforts of the Mission for the Blind, is also being used in Africa.

Many attractive displays effectively presented the story of God's love, of His marvelous plan for our salvation, and of how we can spread this story. The ladies of the Darlington and Northfield congregations, both of Ann Arbor, are to be commended for the thought and effort which went into their preparation.

Business Meeting

The business meeting was called to order and conducted by the national LWMS president, Mrs. Dean Myers. Delegates numbered 126, plus 68 alternates. There were 223 visitors from 12 states and four foreign coun-

tries. A highlight of the meeting was the acceptance of 52 new member congregations, raising the total membership to 500. We thank God for the blessings He has showered on us.

Mrs. Arthur Michow, Lake City, Minnesota, was reelected for another term as secretary; Mrs. Robert Meister, Denver, Colorado, was elected as vice-president; Mrs. Fred Mutterer, Fox Lake, Wisconsin, was elected to serve as Spiritual Growth Committee laywoman; the Rev. Marvin Radtke, Eagle River, Wisconsin, and the Rev. Richard Lauersdorf, Jefferson, Wisconsin, were elected as pastoral advisors for the society. The dedicated work of the retiring officers — the Rev. Karl Bast, the Rev. Frederic Knueppel, Mrs. Ralph Schmidt, and Mrs. Carl Leyrer — did not go unnoticed. May God continue to bless them!

It was with much joy that Mrs. Alvin Maas, national treasurer, presented checks of \$5,006.30 each to the Rev. Don Fastenau, Zambia, Africa, for the Seminary Student Aid Fund in Central Africa and to the Rev. Daniel Gieschen, chairman of the Michigan District Mission Board, for the Home Missions Canvas and Survey Fund. The society reached a milestone at this convention when the mission box collection surpassed \$10,000. Since 1965 the national LWMS has given a total of \$55,426.24 for nonbudgetary mission projects of our Synod. Chosen as mission projects for the coming year were the Latin American Radio Fund

and the Home Missions Radio and Taped Services Program.

Expressing their eagerness to help wherever assistance is needed, the delegates designated the day's offerings of \$560.87 to help the victims in the recent floods that have brought destruction to various parts of the country.

The convention owes a vote of thanks to the women of the host congregation, who, with the assistance of many women from other congregations of the Alpha Circuit, planned a marvelous day for the delegates. The table and wall decorations were ingenious and lovely, giving evidence of many hours of tedious work.

The Vesper service provided an inspirational and moving close for a most "special" day. Young ladies from St. John's Congregation ceremoniously carried flags to the altar — flags of the foreign countries in which WELS is "telling the love of Jesus" — the church flag, with its dramatic cross — the flag of Wisconsin, because there, in 1850, the Wisconsin Synod was founded — the flag of our nation, because under it we have freedom to worship our gracious Lord, a freedom many people no longer have. Pastoral Advisor Karl Bast and the Rev. Frederick Knueppel, Spiritual Growth Committee pastor, provided appropriate readings and prayers as each flag was presented.

Those of us who had the opportunity to attend this convention have much for which to thank God — old friendships renewed and new friendships made — the assurance that God's Word will not return void when we "tell the love of Jesus" — the resolve to rededicate ourselves to use the talents God has given us to tell that story.

We close with words taken from the prayer offered before St. John's beautiful altar as the convention began: "Make us eager and zealous to dare in faith what seems difficult and beyond our strength. Bless our humble efforts in Thy grace, and may all we devise and do glorify Thee before men, who shall praise Thee eternally."

Convention Reporter
Mrs. Alfred L. Renz
Ann Arbor, Michigan

In the Hour of Trial

Early this summer Hurricane Agnes caused unprecedented damage and destruction, floods and fires, all along the eastern coast of the United States. Before that there were scores of dead in the Black Hills of South Dakota as a result of flash flooding in the area. Millions of dollars worth of property has been destroyed in these and similar disasters throughout our land and in other countries of the world. Surely, also Christians have been affected by these tragedies.

On a smaller scale, mishaps and disasters strike individuals and families in one way or another — in some place or other — almost continually. Among those experiencing these "evils" are sincere, believing Christians. What's the explanation? How does this harmonize with God's promises to us? Do our "bad" experiences speak louder than the promises of God? Does your illness or disability contradict what God says about the blessings He will give you?

Listen to some of His promises. "I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord; thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end (the future hope which you look for)" (Jer. 29:11). "There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. For He shall give His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. They shall bear thee up in their

hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone" (Ps. 91:10,11). Is the Lord really keeping these promises of His — in view of all that actually does befall His people?

The answers to all the questions which are posed in the paragraphs you have just read become clear to us when we remember this: whatever God, in His divine wisdom, permits to happen or to come into our lives is *not* evil. For a Christian, disaster, grief, illness, even death, is *not* evil, even though at the moment it may seem so. Sometimes what we call "evil" actually turns out to be the highest possible "good" in our lives. Read again the Jeremiah passage quoted earlier. God's thoughts and intentions toward His people are always good — "thoughts of peace, not of evil." He has proved this dramatically by the fact that He "spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all" (Rom. 8:32). Having done this because of His boundless love for sinners, the Lord continues freely to give us all the things we need for our final and ultimate *good*. His will for us is that our faith be nurtured and strengthened, and that we finally, by His grace, reach our eternal heavenly home. He leads us to repentance, to faith, to a sanctified life, and to Paradise! This is definitely *not evil*. This is supremely *good*.

Philip R. Janke

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CHERISHING OUR FELLOWSHIP IN THE GOSPEL

Southeastern Wisconsin
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June 13-15, 1972



President George Boldt and
Past-President Adolph Buenger

Retiring Secretary
Prof. Heinrich Vogel

The twenty-eighth Biennial Convention of the Southeastern Wisconsin District met at Wisconsin Lutheran High School, Milwaukee, from June 13-15, 1972. When the convention adjourned it had become evident that the theme of the convention, "Cherishing Our Fellowship in the Gospel," had been the dominant concern in the reports of all standing and floor committees and that the convention had adopted forward-looking resolutions declaring its willingness to share with others the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ.

At the opening service in Woodlawn Ev. Lutheran Church, West Allis, Pastor Winfred Nommensen offered the delegates strength from the Gospel. On the basis of Luke 10:2, he pointed out that prayer and work are enjoined upon God's children if they are properly to cherish the fellowship in the Gospel. "Prayer," he said, "is not a substitute for work, but work with prayer has the promise of the Lord's blessing." Strengthened by Word and Sacrament each layman, teacher, and pastor was now ready to apply himself to the Lord's work, saying, "Let His love move me — use me."

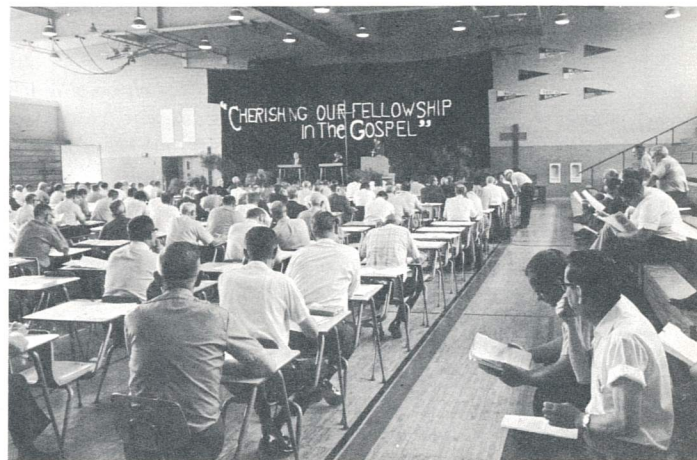
Exhortation to Cherish the Fellowship

In reviewing the past biennium President Adolph Buenger exhorted the delegates: "After we have received Jesus' assurance of forgiveness in the Holy Sacrament of the Altar, we usually pray, 'We beseech Thee that of Thy mercy Thou wouldst strengthen us through the same in faith towards Thee and in fervent love toward one another.' Through the strength of His love, we would not only cherish but also further our fellowship in His Gospel."

His words were followed by a ringing appeal for action as Pastor Edgar Hoenecke, executive secretary of the Board for World Missions, asked for a spirit of "aggressiveness for Christ and His work" to carry out the resolutions of the 1971 convention to begin work in South America, coupled with an enlargement of our Seminary faculty to make possible an exchange professor program with the seminaries in our world missions, and an expansion of our home mission ventures. Thus the main business of the convention was placed before it in its very first hours.

A Motivating and Edifying Essay

Essayist for the convention was Prof. Armin Schuetze of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. His essay was entitled: "Scriptural Principles with Respect to the Church's Mis-



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sion and Christian Welfare Work." He reminded the delegates that though "the church's specific (unique) mission is to preach the Gospel of forgiveness in Christ," yet "preaching Christ (also) includes preaching the fruits of faith in Christ, Christian sanctification, a significant part of which is Christian welfare work. . . . The Lord's call for works of love as the mark of the Christian must be taken seriously."

On Being Stewards of Our Fellowship

The convention adopted resolutions to "encourage our members to respond to the love of God in Christ Jesus with the full stewardship life of time, talents, and treasures." To assist congregations in facing up to their potential, the members of the District Stewardship Board expressed themselves willing to provide a "Stewardship Consultation Service." They are ready to meet with church councils or stewardship committees to help them establish practical stewardship programs aimed at "cherishing our fellowship in the Gospel."

Reacting to the special plea of the Board of Trustees, the District went on record stating, "that we, the congregational representatives of the Southeastern Wisconsin District, agree that the total authorized program of the Synod must be implemented, . . . that we endorse a 15 per cent increase over the 1972 subscription levels, . . . that we thoroughly inform our respective congregations of the urgent need to raise our subscription by 15 per cent over 1972 levels, . . . and that we pledge ourselves to make

every effort to bring about this 15 per cent increase in subscriptions."

Missions — Extending Our Fellowship

A special area of concern for the District Mission Board is the situation in the innercity congregations. In fact, President Buenger in his report called it the "New Frontiers." It is clear that innercity congregations may need some assistance, especially in the form of manpower, possibly vicars, so that more of those living in the innercity may be gained for the Lord. A seminar to discuss the situation in depth is being planned for this fall. The problem is an urgent one.

The convention also went on record approving the preliminary plans of the Synod's Board for Home Missions to divide the four mission regions. This would bring the decision-making process closer to the fields involved.

Convention resolutions responded favorably to the needs of each of the separate fields in the Synod's World Missions program. An especially significant resolution read: "That we urge the Synod to carry out (the) resolution of 1971 and to enter South America *now*."

Evangelism — A Task for All

The evangelism report scored the thought "that pastors are the only ones who can talk about the Savior." All saints are to be equipped for this work of service. To meet that obligation, it was suggested that all congregations follow the example of some that have begun on-the-job training classes for their laymen. To be remembered is that there is a distinct difference between inviting people

to visit our churches and presenting them with the reason why, that is, witnessing to Christ.

Membership and Leadership

Received into membership was Peace Ev. Lutheran Church of South Bend, Indiana. Also added during the biennium were Crown of Life Lutheran Church of Humbertus and the Lutheran Church of the Abiding Word, Somers. Welcomed were 24 pastors and 38 male teachers; released to other Districts were 13 pastors and 12 male teachers.

In the closing moments of the convention, a rising vote of thanks was extended to Pastor Adolph Buenger for his 10 years of service as District president, and to Prof. H. Vogel for 22 years of service as secretary.

The District's new president is Pastor George W. Boldt of Morton Grove, Illinois. Pastor Winfred B. Nommensen of Milwaukee was elected first vice-president and Pastor D. H. Kuehl of Hartford as second vice-president. The new secretary is Pastor Mentor Kujath of Wauwatosa.

In the closing address delegates were reminded that "we return to our home congregations to share with them the vision and the hope we have tasted here, as brother spoke with brother, as Christ spoke to us in His Word, as love touched our souls, as faith invisible became evident in word and deed. We return to take up the work at the very point where this convention dropped it — dropped it in our hands, in our hearts, and in our congregations." It is there that we will demonstrate in a very personal way that we "cherish our fellowship in the Gospel."

Dedication

JEHOVAH EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

Altura, Minnesota



Visiting after the dedication service at Jehovah Lutheran Church of Altura, Minnesota

Jehovah Ev. Lutheran Church, Altura, Minnesota, was dedicated to the glory of the Triune God in the 10:00 A.M. service on June 4, 1972. This was one year after the last service in Jehovah's old church building. Pastor of the congregation, the Rev. Harold W. Sturm, addressed the congregation on the basis of I Corinthians 3:9-11, "We Are His Building and His Builders."

A festive service was held at 2:30 P.M., at which a former pastor, the Rev. Robert Kant, Sanborn, Minnesota, addressed the congregation on Psalm 90:17, "Let Thy Beauty, Lord, Be Upon Us." An 8:00 P.M. service was also held, with a former pastor, Prof. Jerome Braun of New Ulm, Minnesota, speaking on I Kings 9:1-9, "Jehovah Hallows His House." The Rev. Frederic Kosanke of Elkorn, Wisconsin, also a former pastor of Jehovah Congregation, conducted the altar service.

Many hours of donated labor on the part of the members of the congregation kept the cost of this building down to \$96,000. The church has a seating capacity of 250. It has a balcony, full basement, including a kitchen, and air-conditioning. The pews are padded, and the windows are of faceted glass. The exterior of the church is built of Winona stone. Chancel furniture was made by a member. The contractor was Altura Builders and the architect, Wayne Smith of Winona.

As this beautiful building welcomes Jehovah's worshippers Sunday after Sunday, they have reason to say, "O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endureth forever."

H. Sturm

"And He Gave Some Teachers"

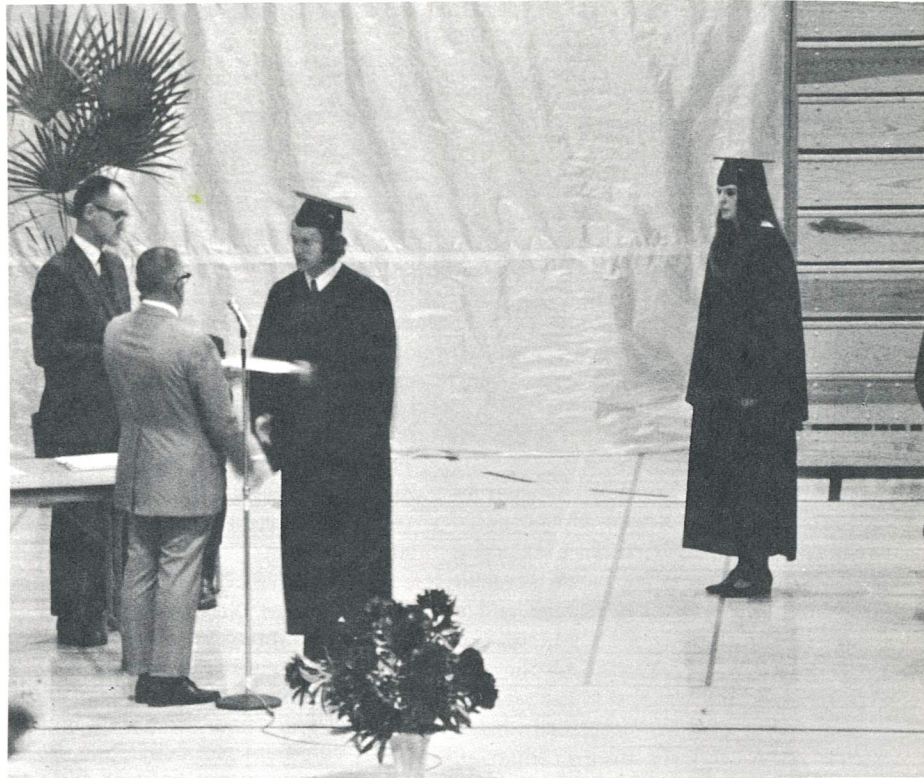
Dr. Martin Luther College Graduates 128 Seniors

June 2, 1972

"And He gave some teachers." Another year has passed, and the membership of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod has again experienced the truth of these words. Our ascended Lord Jesus has again given to His Church a group of young men and women as teachers for our Synod's Christian day schools. The graduation services for the senior class of Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota, was held on June 2, 1972.

As Prof. Bruce Backer played the processional, J. S. Bach's *Prelude in E minor*, the class of 128 Seniors plus the faculty and board of control of DMLC entered the auditorium of Luther Memorial Union. The congregation of 1,700 persons joined the graduates in singing the opening hymn, "All Glory Be to God Alone." As is the custom, members from the graduating class accompanied the hymn singing during the commencement service. Prof. Lloyd O. Huebner, Vice-President for Student Affairs, conducted the liturgical portions of the service.

The commencement sermon was delivered by Pastor Harold E. Wicke, editor of *The Northwestern Lutheran*. He based his remarks on the motto chosen by the class, Phil. 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." He asked the class, "Have You Read the Fine Print?" Assuring them that if they had read the fine print in their motto



Mr. Curtis Mantey of Norfolk, Nebraska, receiving his degree from President C. Frey and Prof. A. Schulz; Miss Kathleen Mantey, also of Norfolk, awaiting her turn.

and would reread it over the years they would all be better servants of God, Pastor Wicke pointed out to the graduates that with the word "I" they had placed themselves right into the motto; that the words "all things" included all that God's children might require of them; and that to serve God and His people faithfully they, above all, could not afford to ignore the words "through Christ which strengtheneth me." He concluded by saying, "If, as you now leave for your assignments, you remain deeply conscious of the fine print in your motto, then Dr. Martin Luther College will not have failed of its purpose, and Christ will be accomplishing His good and gracious will in you."

Following the singing of Fritz Reuter's *Psalm 118* by the College Choir under the direction of Prof. M. Zahn, the Bachelor of Science in Education degree was conferred upon the Seniors by the college president, Pastor Conrad Frey. Assisting him was Prof. Arthur J. Schulz, Vice-President of

Academic Affairs. Then the class sang its class hymn. The text for this hymn was written by a member of the class, Kathleen Mantey of Norfolk, Nebraska, and the music by another senior, Murray Davis of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The class hymn reads:

*Oh, Lord, to Thee we pray today
Please help us in Thy path to stay,
And thro' life's tasks lead Thou us on
Until our heav'nly goal is won.*

*Our years of study are begun,
Our task for Thee we carry on.
Help us to serve Thee with our best
And use the talents Thou hast blest.*

*Lord God, please guard us as we go
To do Thy work on earth below,
And bless the children that we teach;
Please, Lord, speak with us when
we preach.*

*As now we go our sep'rate ways,
Be with us in our future days.
Our lives we give to Thee alone,
Who did for all our sins atone.*

The recessional, D. Buxtehude's *A Mighty Fortress*, accompanied the

seniors as they left the auditorium. According to custom, they assembled immediately in the large room beneath the stage. From their class advisers the Seniors then received the divine calls which had been extended to them by congregations to which they had been assigned by the Synod's Assignment Committee.

The hymns and message of the service reminded all that it is our ascended Lord Jesus who gives these gifts, our Christian day-school teachers, to the Church.

D. Brick

Appendix

At the end of the first semester in the 1971-72 school year a class of 14 seniors was graduated. In that group was a man from Nigeria, Mr. Joseph Oyeniyi. He had spent a year and a half on the campus of Dr. Martin Luther College. He addressed the following letter to the class whose graduation we have described above. The letter arrived after graduation and we share it with you.

Box 87 Omu-Aran
Kwara State
Nigeria, W. Africa
May 22, 1972

The 1972 Graduates
of Dr. Martin Luther College,
New Ulm

This is to congratulate you and rejoice with you greatly in the Lord for your successful completion of the degree of Bachelor of Science in Education. My wife and sons join me to congratulate you. We wish you happy time in the teaching profession. It is a noble profession in which our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, is interested. As commissioned officers of the Lord, I hope you will live up to His expectations, and let Christ be seen in you day after day. May the Spirit of the Father live in you and help you to lead the children (lambs) in your care to Jesus Christ so as not to be a false teacher.

Pray for me. I will always pray for you. Bye and cheerio, dear friends in Christ.

Yours in His love,
Joseph Oyeniyi

Direct from the Districts

MICHIGAN

"What Govern Meant"

Are you intrigued by the title? It was the theme of the '72 Ohio Conference Youth Rally and focused on the young Christian's relationship to his government.

On June 23, 1972, a Friday afternoon, 91 teens from 11 congregations of the Ohio Conference of the Michigan District registered at the Arlington Ave. Lutheran Church in Toledo for their Conference Youth Rally. The rally was cosponsored by the Zion, Toledo, St. Timothy, Maumee, and the Arlington Ave., Toledo, youth groups.

Study periods during the 2-1/2-day rally centered on various aspects of the responsibilities of the Christian citizen. Presentations varied from a police demonstration on drug abuse to panel and group discussion on dissent, conscientious objection, and witnessing to your Christian faith in the public school, to a duo of thought-provoking movies.



Volleyball, anyone?

Various activities were conducted throughout the weekend. Highlights included swimming in Toledo's largest indoor pool, the roasting of four suckling pigs for Saturday's supper, a pair of young Christian folk singers presenting an evening's entertainment, and the volleyball championship game on Sunday afternoon.

Regular devotions were held every morning and evening. A special rally worship service was held at Zion Church on Sunday. In that service 38 of the teens attending the rally served as the choir.

Although the weather was unseasonably cool, the young people spent the two nights in tents. The girls camped in the pastor's backyard at

Arlington in Toledo, and the boys set their tents up on St. Timothy's property in Maumee.



The Girls' Campground

We are sincerely thankful to the Lord that there are young Christians concerned enough to get together and participate in an edifying and enjoyable experience such as the '72 Ohio Conference Youth Rally.

WESTERN WISCONSIN

NWC Lay Bible Institute

The third annual Lay Bible Institute will be held at Northwestern College, Watertown, Wisconsin, beginning on September 27. It is sponsored by the Central Conference of the Western Wisconsin District. Two courses will be offered on eight consecutive Wednesday evenings at 7:15 and 8:30 P. M. The courses chosen for this year's institute are: "Eastern Religions" and "A Layman's Guide to Profitable Bible Reading." The instructors for these courses are members of the Northwestern faculty and some of the area pastors and teachers.

The enrollment at last year's institute totalled 95, the larger majority of whom were enrolled in both courses. It was necessary, therefore, that each lecture be presented twice. The enrollees ranged from Junior-high-school age to the elderly and included, in addition to a number of pastors and teachers, a large number of lay people — farmers, businessmen, professional women, and housewives. All living in the Watertown area are invited to enroll. The institute fee is \$5.00 for either or both courses. To enroll, come to the first lecture on September 27.

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN

"Mrs. Lutheran High School" Retires

On April 18, 1972, Mrs. Irma Boettcher Komisarek was honored at a luncheon and program at Wisconsin Lutheran High School, Wauwatosa. The members of the Wisconsin Lutheran High School Ladies Guild, many of whom had been her former students, made this an occasion for personal tribute to a teacher whom they each respected most highly.



Mrs. A. Komisarek

Mrs. Komisarek had taught commercial subjects at the former Milwaukee Lutheran High School and later at Wisconsin Lutheran High School for 50 years. Graduating from the Lutheran high school in 1918, she started working in the school office in 1921, a year before she began teaching. She must be given the credit for developing the business department of the high school and gaining a wide and favorable reputation for it in the Milwaukee business community. Contacts with some 2000 business firms made it possible for her to find placement for most of her students at all times.

Mrs. Komisarek lives with her husband, Alex, at 3940 N. 75th St., Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53216. She is a member of St. James' Ev. Lutheran Church.

NORTHERN WISCONSIN

Good Shepherd of Fond du Lac 25 Years Old

April 30, 1972, marked the twenty-fifth anniversary of Good Shepherd Ev. Lutheran Church of Fond du Lac. Guest preachers for the occasion were

Pastor Waldemar Pless, second pastor of Good Shepherd, and Pastor Donald Bitter, the third pastor. Candidate Dennis Meier, a son of the congregation, and Pastor G. J. Ehler, the present pastor, served as liturgists. Good Shepherd's first pastor, the Rev. John Raabe, was the dinner speaker.

The first service, held on January 19, 1947, was attended by 87 persons. The congregation was organized in February of the same year. From 1949 to October of 1964 the congregation worshiped in a basement church. In 1964 a church was erected at a new location. Today the membership totals 284 souls, of whom 201 are communicants.

The members of Good Shepherd are thankful to the Lord for these 25 years of grace.

Graduation at Area Lutheran High Schools

The three area Lutheran high schools within the District graduated a total of 226 students — 60 at Winnebago Lutheran Academy in Fond du Lac, 67 at Manitowoc Lutheran High School, and 99 at Fox Valley Lutheran High School in Appleton. About 10 per cent of these graduates are planning to prepare themselves for the preaching or teaching ministry.

Our Savior, Two Rivers

On June 11, 1972, Our Savior Lutheran Church, Two Rivers, in burning its mortgage concluded an obligation which it had assumed 19 years before. The special thanksgiving services were conducted by our Savior's pastor, the Rev. A. L. Schmeling. The church building, dedicated in 1954, was erected during the ministry of its first pastor, the Rev. Carl Thurow. The Rev. Edwin Breiling became the second pastor, serving from 1956 to 1960.

Since November 21, 1971, a half-hour radio service, called "The Airwaves Proclaim Christ," broadcast over WQTC, 1590, Two Rivers, Wisconsin, has originated from the church. The service presents a portion of the regular Sunday morning worship service. It is being sponsored by the Reuben Schneider family, who are members of Our Savior.

Pastor Jackson Petrie 25 Years in the Ministry

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the Rev. Jackson Petrie's ordination was marked by the Winnebago Conference on March 12. The observance was held in connection with the Banquet and Variety Program of the Winnebago Lutheran Academy, Fond du Lac, where Pastor Petrie has been an instructor since 1957. He served as a parish pastor in the following congregations, all located in Wisconsin: Richwood-Hubbleton, Norwalk-Wilton, Kingston-Salemville, and Amery-Clear Lake.

SYNODICAL SCHOOL OPENINGS

Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Mequon, Wisconsin

Tuesday, September 12: Opening service at 10:00 a. m.

Northwestern College and Northwestern Preparatory School Watertown, Wisconsin

Monday, August 28: Orientation of new students in the Preparatory School at 9:30 a. m. — Orientation of new college students at 1 p. m.

Tuesday, August 29: Opening exercises at 2 p. m. in the college gymnasium.

Dr. Martin Luther College New Ulm, Minnesota

Saturday, September 9: Freshman registration, 1-4:30 p. m. — Welcome luncheon for freshmen, other new students, and parents of both groups, 6 p. m.

Sunday, September 10: Sophomore registration, 2-4 p. m.

Monday, September 11: Junior registration, 9:30-11:30 a. m. — Senior registration, 2-4 p. m. — Opening service at 7:30 p. m.

Michigan Lutheran Seminary Saginaw, Michigan

Sunday, August 27: Registration of new students, 1-5 p. m. — Testing of new students, 7-9 p. m. — Registration of returning students, 7-9 p. m.

Monday, August 28: Registration of returning students, 8-11:30 a. m. and 7-8:30 p. m. — 1:30 Opening service.

Tuesday, August 29: Registration of returning students, 9-11 a. m.

Northwestern Lutheran Academy Mobridge, South Dakota

Sunday, August 20: Registration from 1-4 and 7-9 p. m.

Monday, August 21: Registration from 9-12 a. m. and 3-5 p. m. — Opening service at 1:30 p. m.

Martin Luther Academy New Ulm, Minnesota

Tuesday, September 5: Registration of all students, 8-11:30 a. m. and 1:30-4 p. m.

Wednesday, September 6: Opening service at 8:30 a. m.

Additional Assignments

The Conference of Presidents met on July 13, 1972, to assign the following DMLC graduates:

1. Douglas Agenten to Trinity, Kaukauna, Wisconsin
2. Steven Brich to St. Bartholomew, Kawkawlin, Michigan
3. Thomas Faust to Zion, Monroe, Michigan
4. Richard Priebe to Immanuel, Waukegan, Illinois
5. Marilyn Franke to David's Star, Jackson, Wisconsin

At the time of this assignment twelve congregations were still calling men teachers, chiefly principals, and eight were still calling women teachers from the field. Two men remain unassigned. The District presidents are empowered to assign them upon requests from congregations.

Vicar Mark C. Krueger, who had been assigned to Friedens, Kenosha, Wisconsin, was reassigned to Jerusalem Congregation, Morton Grove, Illinois.

Oscar J. Naumann,
President

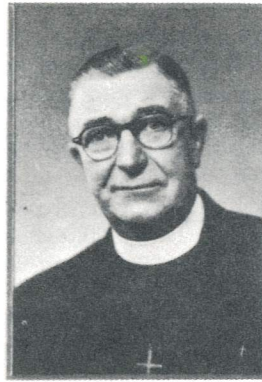
Pastor Louis F. Karrer 1895-1972

Pastor Louis F. Karrer whose 50th anniversary in the holy ministry was observed on July 18, 1971, died very suddenly and unexpectedly at the Wisconsin Lutheran Child and Family Service, Inc., Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on June 9, 1972.

Seventy-seven years old at the time of his death, Pastor Karrer had been born at Waukesha, Wisconsin, on February 16, 1895, and baptized there at Trinity Lutheran Church. He was a son of Pastor and Mrs. John Karrer.

A 1921 graduate of Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Illinois, he served Mt. Olive Lutheran Church at Mukwonago, Wisconsin, until 1924.

From then until his retirement in 1961, he faithfully served as pastor of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Milwaukee. He then became a member of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, and assisted the Rev. Arthur Halboth until 1965.



Pastor L. Karrer

Pastor Karrer is survived by his son, John, a navy commander, stationed at Great Lakes, Illinois. Also by two sisters, Mrs. Lydia Luedtke and Mrs. Adelia Vogel. His wife, the former Alma Tretow, preceded him in death in 1970.

Funeral services were conducted at St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church on June 12. Pastor Paul A. Manthey officiated. Committal took place on Union Cemetery, where our brother's body awaits the resurrection to life eternal.

"Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord!"

Pastor Walter A. Reinemann 1888-1972

The Rev. Walter A. Reinemann died early Sunday morning, June 11, 1972, in Oconomowoc Memorial Hospital at the age of 83 years. He had been a resident of Shorehaven Nursing Home in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, since 1970.

Pastor Reinemann, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Reinemann, was born in Cleveland, Wisconsin, on August 19, 1888. He attended high school and college at Northwestern, Watertown, and graduated from the Seminary in Wauwatosa on June 11, 1914.

Installed as pastor on September 20, 1914, Pastor Reinemann served three churches in the Denmark, Wis-

consin, area until 1918, when he accepted a call to the church in Norwalk. From Norwalk Pastor Reinemann was called to serve First Lutheran at Elkhorn. He served here from November 7, 1920, until September 18, 1934, when he was installed as pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Huilsburg, Wisconsin. Pastor Reinemann faithfully served Trinity until his retirement in January, 1964.

In 1914 Pastor Reinemann married Adina Zimmermann of Watertown, Wisconsin. She preceded him in death on April 11, 1965. The Lord gave them six children, all of whom are living. They are Arlene (Mrs. Paul) Lisko, Ruth (Mrs. Thomas) Kissel, Dr. Martin Reinemann, Carl and Wallace Reinemann, and the Rev. Louis Reinemann. He is also mourned by 21 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. In his memory some \$400 was contributed to his former congregation, Trinity, Huilsburg.



Pastor W. Reinemann

At his funeral service the undersigned preached on the text: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing" (II Tim. 4:7,8). Pastor D. Kuehl of Hartford addressed the mourners and the congregation after the service on behalf of the South-eastern Wisconsin District. Interment followed in the church cemetery, in the hope of the resurrection to eternal glory.

Harold W. Schertfeger

**Pastor Gilbert B. Seager
1908-1972**

The earthly ministry of Pastor Gilbert Benjamin Seager closed on Monday, July 3, 1972, when he was called to his eternal home. Pastor Seager spent his final months of retirement in Norfolk, Arkansas, fighting a lingering illness. The last years of his active ministry were spent as missionary-at-large for the California Mission District.



Pastor G. Seager

Pastor Seager was born on May 5, 1908, at Evansville, Indiana. He graduated from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri, in 1931. He served congregations of the Missouri Synod in Missouri, Wisconsin, and Texas until 1954. For reasons of doctrine he then joined the Wisconsin Synod and served congregations in Arizona and California.

In 1932 Pastor Seager was married to Miss Ethel Hanser of St. Louis. This union was blessed with six children. He is survived by his wife; one son, Pastor David Seager, Prescott, Wisconsin; four daughters, Mrs. Jean Sechrist, Mrs. Carol Worischek, Mrs. Barbara Klockziem, and Mrs. Margaret Schuenemann; two sisters, and eleven grandchildren.

The sermon text selected by Pastor Seager for his funeral was his ordination text, II Timothy 4:1-5, and II Timothy 4:6-8 in view of his lifelong doctrinal struggles. The service was conducted by the undersigned at Martin Luther Ev. Lutheran Church, St. Louis County, Missouri, on July 7, with committal in Our Redeemer Cemetery, to await the glorious day of resurrection.

Roger R. Zehms

**ORDINATIONS AND
INSTALLATIONS**

(Authorized by the District President.)

Ordained and Installed

- Gosdeck, Ronald H.**, as assistant pastor at Friedens, Kenosha, Wisconsin, on July 2, 1972, by A. C. Buenger (SE. Wis.).
- Klumb, Elwin R.**, as pastor of Grace, Dakota, Minnesota, on June 18, 1972, by M. Smith; and of St. Luke's, La Moille, Minnesota, on June 18, 1972, by G. Sommer (W. Wis.).
- Koester, Larry N.**, as pastor of St. John's, Route 3, Bloomer, Wisconsin, on June 25, 1972, by E. Prenzlou, Sr. (W. Wis.).
- Moldenhauer, Glenn L.**, as pastor of Trinity, Lime Ridge, Wisconsin; Faith, Reedsburg, Wisconsin; and St. John's, Hillpoint, Wisconsin, on June 18, 1972, by T. Kuske (W. Wis.).
- Schapekahn, Gerhard F.**, as pastor of Mt. Olive, Tulsa, Oklahoma, on June 25, 1972, by P. Knickelbein (Nebr.).
- Schneider, Glenn R.**, as pastor of Trinity, McCook, Nebraska, and St. Paul, North Platte, Nebraska, on July 2, 1972, by W. Schneider (Nebr.).
- Tiarks, David A.**, as pastor of Zion, Morgan, Minnesota, on July 2, 1972, by W. Nommensen (Minn.).

Installations

- Degner, Alwin T.**, as pastor of St. Peter's, Route 1, Juneau, Wisconsin, on July 2, 1972, by Prof. J. Plitzuweit (W. Wis.).
- Michel, Robert H.**, as pastor of St. John's, Burlington, Wisconsin, on June 18, 1972, by A. Hellmann (SE. Wis.).
- Soukop, Paul S.**, as pastor of Mt. Olive, Overland Park, Kansas, on July 2, 1972, by W. Niermeier (Nebr.).
- Welch, Roland W.**, as pastor of Mt. Olive, Bay City, Michigan, on Aug. 13, 1972, by H. Henke (Mich.).

COLLOQUY REQUESTED

Mr. William H. Winterstein, Blue Hill, Nebraska, having resigned his teaching position in a day school of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod for conscience and confessional reasons, has requested a colloquy preparatory to entering the teaching ministry of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Correspondence regarding the applicant may be directed to the undersigned.

Gerald E. Free, President
Nebraska District

RESULT OF COLLOQUY

In a colloquy held on July 3, 1972, Prof. James Engel, formerly affiliated with The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, was found to be in agreement with the doctrine and practice of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod. He is herewith declared eligible for a call into the teaching ministry of our Synod.

First Vice-President Carl H. Mischke
District President George W. Boldt
Professor Siegbert W. Becker

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS — DMLC

Because William F. McCullum has resigned his office as professor in the education division, Dr. Martin Luther College in accord with current Synodical policies petitions the members of the Synod to nominate candidates for the existing vacancy. Men nominated should be qualified to supervise in the off-campus, student-teaching program and to teach courses in professional education.

Nominations should include as much pertinent data as possible and should be in the hands of the undersigned by September 5, 1972.

Gerhard S. Bauer, Secretary
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(Submitted by District Presidents.)

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APPOINTMENT

Pastor Raymond E. Ziebell has been appointed a member of the Dakota-Montana District Board for Student Aid in place of Pastor R. H. Roth, who resigned from that position.
Arthur P. C. Kell, President
Dakota-Montana District

NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

Mount Olive Evangelical Lutheran Church of Colorado Springs, Colorado, was suspended from Synodical fellowship for cause on July 10, 1972. This action was taken by the undersigned in concurrence with the 1st Vice-President Charles Flunker and the 2nd Vice-President Leo C. Gruendeman.

Gerald E. Free, President
Nebraska District

U. OF WISCONSIN — LA CROSSE

Parents of students who will attend the University of Wisconsin — La Crosse are asked to send the names and addresses of their sons or daughters as soon as possible to: Wisconsin Lutheran Chapel and Student Center, 1530 Main St., La Crosse, WI 54601.

Mr. Neil Scriver
House Manager

OFFER

Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, Ridgeway, Wis. is offering the following items to any interested congregation for the cost of shipping: altar, pulpit, baptismal font, a dozen 110" pews. Pews are in servicable, but not excellent condition. Please contact: Pastor Elwin R. Klumb, R. 1, Box 102, Dakota, MN 55925

Treasurer's Report

1972 PREBUDGET SUBSCRIPTION PERFORMANCE

Five months ended May 31, 1972

	Subscription Amount for 1972	5/12 of Annual Subscription	Subscription and Pension Offerings	Per Cent of Subscription
Arizona-California	\$ 200,738	\$ 83,641	\$ 86,503	103.4
Dakota-Montana	179,886	74,953	68,320	91.2
Michigan	928,338	386,808	352,210	91.1
Minnesota	929,880	387,450	401,324	103.6
Nebraska	163,116	67,965	61,660	90.7
Northern Wisconsin	1,014,758	422,816	409,358	96.8
Pacific-Northwest	62,805	26,169	22,652	86.6
Southeastern Wisconsin	1,267,565	528,152	488,102	92.4
Western Wisconsin	1,137,579	473,992	475,481	100.3
Total — 1972	\$5,884,665(A)	\$2,451,946	\$2,365,610	96.5
Total — 1971	\$5,544,219	\$2,310,093	\$2,189,441	94.8

Note (A) — The subscription amount for 1972 has been decreased \$1,265.00 to include all revisions received by the Stewardship Department as of March 31, 1972.

CURRENT BUDGETARY FUND

Statement of Income and Expenditures

Twelve months ended May 31, 1972 with comparative figures for 1971

			Increase or Decrease*	
	1972	1971	Amount	Per Cent
Income				
Prebudget Subscription Offerings	\$5,680,338	\$5,285,167	\$395,171	7.5
Gifts and Memorials	49,800	57,104	7,304*	12.8*
Pension Plan Contributions	98,096	94,830	3,266	3.4
Distribution of Trust Fund Income	33,158	—	33,158	
Income from NWPH	—	6,562	6,562*	
Other Income	172	1,489	1,317*	88.4*
Total Income	\$5,861,564	\$5,445,152	\$416,412	7.6
Expenditures				
Worker Training — Expenses	\$3,298,519	\$2,983,229	\$315,290	10.6
Worker Training — Income	1,375,888	1,341,701	34,187	
Worker Training — Net	1,922,631	1,641,528	281,103	17.1
Home Missions	1,152,473	1,180,703	28,230*	2.4*
World Missions	902,018	828,602	73,416	8.9
Benevolences	761,103	777,900	16,797*	2.2*
Administration and Services	422,665	337,585	85,080	25.2
Total Operations	\$5,160,890	\$4,766,318	\$394,572	8.3
Appropriations	811,333	879,749	68,416*	7.8*
Total Expenditures	\$5,972,223	\$5,646,067	\$326,156	5.8
Operating Deficit**	\$ 110,659**	\$ 200,915**		

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

EXPLORATORY SERVICES Bemidji, Minnesota

Exploratory services are now being conducted every Sunday evening at 7:00, at the Carpenter Hall (Union Hall), 609 Second St. South, Bemidji, Minn. Please send names of prospects to the undersigned.

Pastor Roy H. Rose
813 Quince St.
Brainerd, Minn. 56401

HOLLAND, MICHIGAN

Exploratory services will soon begin in the city of Holland, MI. Time and place will be announced. Meanwhile, if you know of a family or friend that has moved into this area in recent years, and would be interested in a WELS church, please forward name and address to:

Rev. Ronald A. Semro
4201 Burlingame Ave., S. W.
Wyoming, MI 49509

LAKE SUPERIOR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS' CONVENTION

The 43rd annual Lake Superior Sunday School Teachers' Convention will be held at Christ Lutheran Church, Menominee, Mich., Sept. 17, 1972, at 2:30 p. m. EST. The host pastor is Pastor J. Edward Lindquist.
Mrs. Raymond Thorsen, Secretary

FALL PASTORS' INSTITUTE

The 1972 Pastors' Institute at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, Wisconsin, will be held on five Monday afternoons beginning October 2, 1972. Two lectures will be presented on each of the five Mondays from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the multipurpose room in the lower level of the library. The following are the topics and the lecturers:

"Dr. Martin Luther on Faith and Reason" — Dr. Siegbert Becker.
"An Exegetical-Isagogical Study of the Prophet Micah" — Prof. John Jeske.

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

Emil G. Toepel, Secretary
Seminary Board of Control

FROM THE BARGAIN CENTER MILWAUKEE, WIS. HELP! HELP!

Congregations and individuals who have heard about our Bargain Center have been sending us donated materials in ever increasing amounts. We have so much material on hand, and more is coming in daily, that we are in danger of having the Fire Department tell us to get rid of some so that proper fire prevention precautions can be observed. We appreciate very much all the materials that have been sent, but we just can't handle anymore for some time.

Please do not send any materials to us until next year (1973) in the month of March, so that we may catch up with the processing and selling of what we now have. Thank you for your cooperation.

The Operating Board of
The Bargain Center