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BRIEFS by the Editor

Do you agree that *The Northwestern Lutheran* ought to be read in every home of our Synodical family? Not only does this periodical bring you news concerning the Lord's work being done in your name — and with your offerings — but it also offers you thought-provoking editorials, devotional articles and such that lead you deeper into the Scriptures, and reactions to the happenings on the religious scene.

In order to make it possible for all of our Synod's members to become acquainted with their family periodical, the Editorial Board has decided to send free copies to every congregation of the Synod for distribution to its members — at the rate of one copy for each four communicants. This general distribution will be divided among four issues.

The issue of October 8, 1972, will be sent to all congregations in the Minnesota and Michigan Districts. The Western Wisconsin, Dakota-Montana, and Pacific Northwest Districts will receive the issue of October 22. The Nebraska and Southeastern Wisconsin Districts are scheduled to receive the November 5 issue. The issue of November 19 will be sent to the Northern Wisconsin and the Ari-

zona-California District congregations.

We are asking the pastors to call attention to *The Northwestern Lutheran* either in their sermons or by special announcements. Interested laymen should also help promote the cause of *The Northwestern Lutheran* in their midst.

At the same time we ask you to promote our other Synodical periodicals: *Wisconsin Lutheran Quarterly*, *The Junior Northwestern*, *Meditations*, and *The Lutheran Educator*. Information on each of these publications will be given in the next issues.

What is the cost of *The Northwestern Lutheran*? The Conference of Presidents recently approved an increase in the subscription price as of January 1. Those subscribing before January 1 will still receive the periodical at its current price of \$2.50 for 26 issues. As of January 1 the price will be \$3.00 for one year, \$8.00 for three years, and \$12.50 for five years. A 20% discount is allowed on the one-year rate if 25 or more unaddressed copies are sent in a bundle to one address.

Even with this increase in price *The Northwestern Lutheran* must still be subsidized by the Synod.

Those who are responsible for the Synodical budget have gone along with this because they are convinced that *The Northwestern Lutheran* belongs in every home of the Synod.

Just a note to remind interested parties of the Creationist Convention being sponsored by the Bible-Science Association, Inc., at the Holiday Inn Central in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, October 10-13, 1972. Detailed information is available from the Association whose address is: Box 1016, Caldwell, Idaho 83605.

Do you know what the special duties of a District Missionary are and how they differ from the work done by the pastor of a mission congregation?

The District Missionary is called by the District Mission Board as its staff worker in charge of survey and exploratory work. He assists new mission congregations in their initial stages, helping them to organize, incorporate, select land, etc. Except as determined by the District Mission Board, he served such fledgling congregations for no more than one year. He then moves on to a new field. Needless to say, his ministry is difficult and specialized and needs the wholehearted cooperation of the members of his family.

To see a District Missionary at work, read the account of Pastor Warren Widmann on mission work in Oregon. There's no better way of learning what a man does than to listen to him speak about his own particular work.

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

All Laid Out

"Teen-Age Sex" is the subject of the cover story in the August 21, 1972, issue of TIME magazine. The article cites convincing evidence that sex acts between unmarried youths are on the increase and that attitudes toward these practices are undergoing a radical transformation in a large segment of modern society.

The opinions of an impressive array of experts, as they attempt to analyze the situation, are quoted. Listed among these experts are psychiatrists, psychoanalysts, sociologists, gynecologists, and others identified as behavioral experts. Some of them see good in the trend; some see bad; some see both. Most are tentative. As for the reader, he is left in a state of confusion.

This is the typical condition of the non-believer. To employ standard cliches, he is a man without a country, a ship without an anchor, a building without a foundation. One anguished young woman, sensing this, lamented, "Sometimes I wish I were a Victorian lady with everything laid out clearly for me."

Fortunately, it is laid out clearly. It is only a question of whether one accepts it or not. The Bible is very explicit on the subject: "Thou shalt not commit adultery." And it is replete with passages which define and describe and illustrate what is meant by this.

Prefacing the Ten Commandments in Exodus 20 are some key words: "I am the Lord thy God." These words give authority to what follows. And they constitute less of a threat than a promise: "... which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage."

There is a God. On Him our welfare depends. Those who are seeking the blessed life need not bounce like a ping pong ball between the uncertain opinions of human experts. It's all laid out in the First Psalm: "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord."

Immanuel Frey

On Camera Conversion Tell your pastor about the beautiful service you watched in living color from some crowded coliseum. Some say his reaction is just "sour grapes" because he lacks the golden locks himself, the pleasing pulpit manner, and multiplied millions in his own audience.

Your pastor cannot cleverly arrange for the collection "off camera," nor majestically disappear after the sermon to the strains of massed choirs. He cannot treat Scripture "smorgasbord-style," avoiding "offensive" topics like infant Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

He has no public relations staff and two years time to "psych" people up for one week on camera to impress the masses. He works for the very opposite of segregating beautiful young people apart from their aged grandparents, their little brothers and sisters, and the homely routine of hardworking parents.

No jet plane waits to whisk him away to dine with presidents, while an office staff claims "thousands of conversions" for the press and answers mail in his name. His phone and door bells can, and often do, ring at any hour, summoning him not to the footlights, but to the glare of emergency rooms and precinct stations, the stale air of sick rooms and hours with emotionally ill.

To print a report in the Sunday bulletin of even "one sinner that repenteth" would smack of vulgar self-praise and embarrass the penitent besides.

No corps of image-makers could make him look good amid the hysteria of wedding rehearsals, the splintering of marriages on the rocks, the hot-and-cold-water-shock-treatment church meetings can afford, and frequent scaldings from the "brotherly love" boys of the local lodge and ecumenical clergy.

"Be found faithful" is the only standard a true shepherd knows, and he somehow hopes his people know it too.

John Parcher

Plain Talk From God The "gay" people, the homosexuals, together with their defenders, have become a very self-assured lot. The Rev. Troy Perry has asserted, "The Lord is my shepherd, and He knows I'm gay." A defender of homosexuality has written, "I happen to be a Christian, also believe in the Bible, and am not a homosexual. However, I also happen to believe that homosexuality is not a matter of 'right' or 'wrong.'" A young man preparing for the ministry states without reservation: "I am a Christian, a homosexual, and a Baptist, and I do not find anything grotesque, unnatural, and sinful about loving a man and having sexual relations with him."

That's plain language. All three declare that homosexuality and Christianity do not exclude each other; one can be a Christian and a practicing homosexual at the same time.

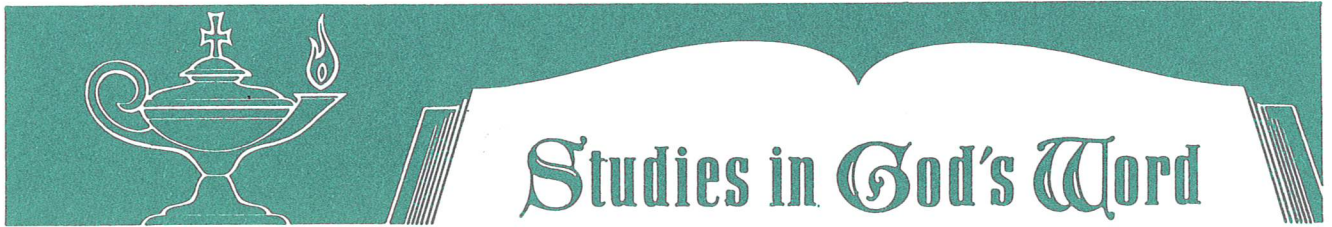
Their position is clear; so is God's. Homosexuality is a vice against which "the wrath of God is revealed from heaven." Those who "commit such things are worthy of death." Twice God declares it in I Corinthians 6: Those who are guilty of homosexual perversion "shall not inherit the kingdom of God."

The only escape from this judgment is through repentance that deplores the sin, loathes it, and turns away from it, because it defiles the temple of God.

A Christian cannot be a practicing homosexual; a practicing homosexual is not a Christian. God makes that unmistakably clear. Those who do not respond to His plain language here will hear it repeated awesomely one final time, on Judgment Day.

Then there will be no personal opinions to venture, no "I happen to believe," no back talk. There will be only an eternal remorse for not having realized that God's plain talk will not be set aside by sinful man's vain and perverse notions. God's plain talk matters — forever.

Carleton Toppe.



How Utterly Cut Off Is Edom!

If thieves came to thee, if robbers by night — how art thou cut off! — would they not have stolen till they had enough? If the grape-gatherers came to thee, would they not leave some grapes?

How are the things of Esau searched out! How are his hidden things sought up!

All of the men of thy confederacy have brought thee even to the border; the men that were at peace with thee have deceived thee, and prevailed against thee; they that eat thy bread have laid a wound under thee. There is none understanding in him.

Shall I not in that day, saith the Lord, even destroy the wise men out of Edom, and understanding out of the mount of Esau?

And thy mighty men, O Teman, shall be dismayed to the end that everyone of the mount of Esau may be cut off by slaughter (Obadiah 5-9).

Which comes first, pride or self-deception? It is hard to tell. In the case of Edom the two are mentioned together: "The pride of thine heart hath deceived thee" (v.3). In the section of Obadiah before us it is intimated that Edom's temple of pride is held up by four props, namely, its stores, its statecraft, its sagacity, and its supposed strength. The Lord warns Edom of the folly of abiding in such a straw house.

No Gleanings Left

A terrible disaster hits Edom. Edom is devastated, and its own allies turn against it. The completeness of Edom's ruin is appalling. The desolation is worse than a night raid on a vineyard. Edom must recognize the hand of the Lord in its destruction. Edom has but one answer to the

question: "Shall there be evil in a city, and the Lord hath not done it?" (Amos 3:6.)

Edom believes its treasures are safely stowed away in the caves of Mount Seir and in the rock-hewn caches of Sela. The nations that heed the summons of the Lord (v.1), however, are not like nightmantled marauders, who steal what is handy. More than vines stripped in the harvest, Edom is thoroughly ransacked by a systematic search and despoil operation. "How . . . cut off!"

Yet, Edom's experience is but a hint of the all-searching operation of the Lord. Let every Edomite know that "there is nothing covered that shall not be revealed, and hid that shall not be known" (Matt. 10:26). Every earthbound Esau learns to his dismay in "the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ" (Rom. 2:16) that "the Lord . . . will bring to light the hidden things of darkness and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts" (I Cor. 4:5).

Becoming Fools and Cowards

Edom's political alliances fall apart. Idumean ambassadors are escorted to Edom's borders and the country is abandoned to its fate. The allies who have broken bread with Esau leave him at the table to pick up the tab. He cannot understand how his diplomacy could have gone awry. Lulled to sleep by false friendliness, Edom is overpowered by intrigue. Futile and dangerous is statesmanship apart from God. It is disastrous.

Edom's calamity carries with it the loss of its cool calculators. Edom's wise men, proverbial for their discernment, are at a loss to explain the predicament. The Idumean dilemma

baffles them because the Lord has crushed their wisdom. Professing to be wise, they become fools.

The Temanites, celebrated for both courage and wisdom, lose heart. (Teman, the eldest son of Eliphaz, Esau's son, gave his name to the southern part of Idumea, in which his tribe settled and which held Sela.) The brave warriors of Teman, lacking ordered advice, fall into despair. Stripped of its strength, the populace succumbs to slaughter.

Corrupting Things

What called down the wrath of God upon Edom? The immediate reason is explained in the following section. The underlying cause, however, is revealed by the words: "How are the things of Esau searched out!" As Esau set his heart on *things*, so his descendants wrapped their concern around things.

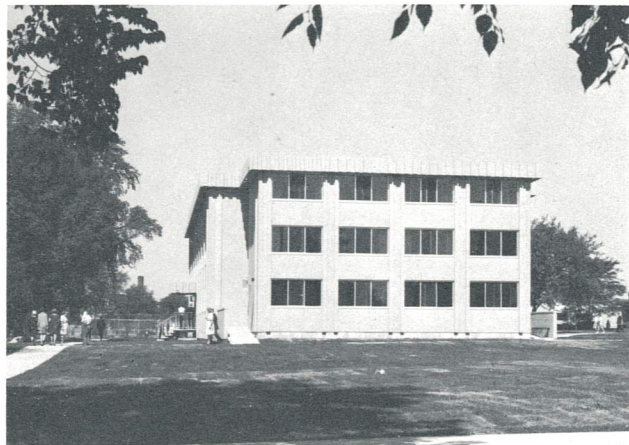
Esau despised his birthright (Gen. 25), preferring the pottage of the here and now to the possessions of the hereafter. This "cunning hunter, a man of the field," grieved his parents by marrying Canaanite women. Then he tried to gain their favor again by marrying a cousin. But his attitude did not change. Spurning the blessings "concerning things to come" (Heb. 11:20), he laid up treasure on earth, things of pleasure for palate and pocket.

Let today's Esaus take warning, "for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matt. 6:21). We too need to be reminded that we have been "begotten . . . again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ . . . to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven" for us (I Pet. 1:3,4). He is not cut off who has been cut out for life eternal!

Paul E. Nitz



Chapel-Classroom Building



Wartburg Hall

NORTHWESTERN COLLEGE

Watertown, Wisconsin

"Lee surrenders to Grant at Appomattox!" "Peace comes at last after four years of civil war!" "President Lincoln is assassinated!"

Headlines like those were still news when Northwestern College first opened its doors in the summer of 1865. Since then Northwestern has been in session through five more of our country's wars. When it comes to significant episodes in the history of the Church, the college has outlived the whole career of the late Lutheran Synodical Conference. Northwestern has been around for a while. Yet, by the grace of God, it still goes on.

Perhaps one of the proudest days in the 107 years of its history was June 1, 1972. On that day, 70 young men were graduated from the stage of the new gymnasium, the largest class the school has ever produced. All but four or five will enroll in September at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. As they begin their theological studies there, they will constitute the largest class ever to enroll at that institution. We indeed have cause to express our joy and gratitude to the Lord, who has blessed us with so many men who in three or four years will become pastors in our congregations and missionaries at home and abroad.

You can't help wonder how the founding fathers of the Synod and of the school would have felt could they have lived to see this day. Things were a lot different a century ago. We can hardly imagine the desperate struggle those men had to put up just to keep Northwestern alive. That the school exists at all is a wonder. That it has flourished and grown to its present size is another case of the mustard seed becoming a great tree.

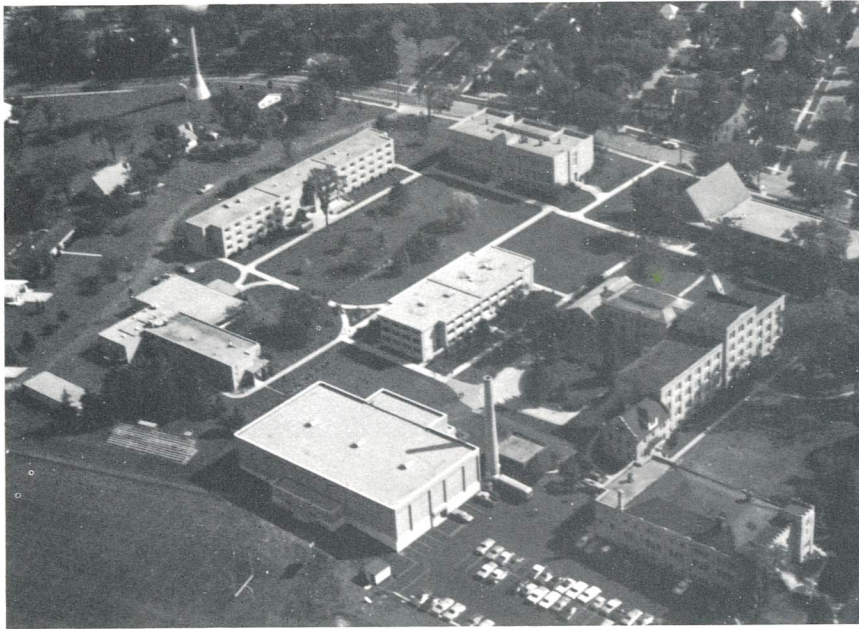
In one way, however, times are not so different now. Despite the size of the graduating classes in recent years, we still face a shortage of pastors in our Synod. The same was true a hundred years ago. Northwestern College was born in response to a crying need — the need for men to shepherd the scattered flocks of German-speaking Lutheran immigrants, struggling to make a living in their newly adopted country. In its infancy the Wisconsin Synod had to depend on mission houses in Germany to supply its pastors. But these pastors were often more Reformed in their theology than Lutheran. The fledgling Synod soon realized that if it was to survive and maintain its identity as a truly Lutheran body, it had to provide for the training of pastors itself. Therefore it decided to

open its own preministerial college and seminary in Watertown, Wisconsin, in the early 1860's.

After a few years of groping and foundering, NWC launched out on a steady course under the leadership of Dr. August F. Ernst, who became president in 1871. Dr. Ernst shaped Northwestern's basic ministerial curriculum and won the confidence of the congregations in Northwestern as their source of supply for pastors in the future. When Dr. Ernst retired in 1919, he was succeeded by Prof. Erwin E. Kowalke. Under his sure hand and capable guidance Northwestern continued to thrive and fulfill its role as it trained the vast majority of the pastors active in our Synod today. Upon Professor Kowalke's retirement from the presidency in 1959, Prof. Carleton Toppe was called to that office and has been ably serving as president since. Remarkably, only these three men have occupied the president's chair at Northwestern in the last 101 years.

Campus

Despite the passage of years Northwestern retains a youthful appearance. Most of the buildings on the attractive campus are less than two decades old. The first of the newer buildings, completed in 1951, was the



Aerial View of NWC Campus

library-science building. It houses over 31,000 volumes, besides offices, classrooms, and science labs. A few years later the Synod authorized the construction of a refectory, a dormitory (East Hall), and another classroom building. To the last was added the chapel, made possible by a large private donation. With increasing enrollment, the erection of another dormitory, Wartburg Hall, became necessary in 1967. Finally, last year saw the completion of the new gymnasium, whose first public use was hosting the Synod convention in August, 1971.

The two old buildings on campus are the old dormitory (West Hall) and the former gymnasium, now called the music-auditorium. The latter is scheduled for a face-lifting soon. Its stage will continue to function as the place for most of the dramatic and musical productions the school puts on and whatever cultural and educational events it sponsors. But, in addition, its remodeled basement will accommodate rehearsal rooms, piano and organ studios, and practice rooms. The dormitory, on the other hand, has deteriorated to such an extent as to be almost unfit for use. Part of it has, in fact, been condemned and no longer houses students. It ought to be remodeled — the sooner, the better.

Curriculum

What kind of course does NWC offer? Only one — the ministerial

course. Basically it consists of liberal arts, stressing history and languages, although philosophy and psychology, music, and one year each of mathematics and science are required. Besides the prescribed courses, Juniors and Seniors have a variety of electives to choose from. Language and literature occupy a preeminent place in the curriculum. In addition to English, the students study Hebrew and Greek for the self-evident reason that these were the original languages in which the Holy Spirit caused the Scriptures to be written. Latin gets its due because, among other things, it is one of the languages of the Lutheran Confessions and of Luther and the later Lutheran theologians in most of their doctrinal writings. Though German preaching and pastoral work in our congregations have largely gone the way of the passenger pigeon, the German language is still considered a useful tool for the study of theology. Naturally, religion is taught all four years, and all other courses center, finally, in the Gospel. Students attend devotions in the beautiful and churchly chapel both in the morning and in the evening.

Normally, a student should have four years of high-school Latin and two years of German before coming to NWC as a Freshman. But for those who for one reason or another do not have these prerequisites, a special course, called the Remedial Course, is offered. Depending on the student's

specific academic background, the remedial course will take either four or five years to complete. Last year an especially large number of students — 28, to be exact — enrolled as remedials. Usually such students turn out to be highly motivated and hard-working. The remedial program has proved its worth in enabling more men to prepare for the ministry.

Extracurricular Activities

Northwestern also offers a wide variety of extracurricular activities for the interested student. Intercollegiate sports now include not only football, basketball, and baseball, but also wrestling, track, tennis, and golf. Since the new gymnasium has come into use, physical education classes, intramural programs, and free-time physical recreation are possible for all. In addition, weights, trampolines, and gymnastic equipment are available for student use.

In the field of music, Northwestern boasts a fine band and male chorus. Besides a Glee Club, there are other singing and instrumental groups that spring up spontaneously among the musically inclined. For a small fee the school provides piano and organ instruction.

Students interested in drama have the opportunity to develop their acting abilities through the Forum. The society sponsored the delightful off-Broadway production, *Charlie Brown*, in the month of May. Over a thousand parochial-school children saw the production in special performances. In addition, three evening performances were given for the general public. It was both a popular and artistic success.

The Student

What's the Northwestern student like? What kind of home produced him? What influenced him to come to NWC and study for the ministry when so many other choices are open to him?

Certainly the parents of the typical NWC student are sincere Christians, faithful churchgoers, and vitally interested in the welfare of their congregation and Synod. They provided a Christian atmosphere in their home. They sent their sons to Sunday school and took them to church. When possible, they also enrolled

their sons in a parochial school. Seventy to 80 per cent of Northwestern's 300 students are in fact products of parochial schools.

Perhaps some students can point to a specific incident or influence that made them decide to study for the ministry — something that hit them like a bolt out of the blue. In most cases, however, the combined influence of home, parochial- or Sunday-school training, and encouragement by pastors and teachers caused the gradual conviction to form within their hearts that they wanted to serve the Lord and His Church as pastors or missionaries.

A number of them had strong inducements to choose other schools. In this year's graduating class, for instance, there were some superlative athletes. One of them, when he graduated from high school, was pursued and interviewed by recruiters from various colleges and universities, who offered attractive athletic scholarships to enroll at the schools they represented. Tempting offers like those are not easy for an 18-year-old youth to resist. Nevertheless, this young man chose Northwestern College, the school that offered him little but hard study — and the chance to prepare for the ministry.

With respect to intelligence and academic ability, the typical Northwestern student is well above average. At the same time, the average student can succeed if he applies himself diligently to his studies. Not all pastors need to be brilliant scholars, of course, in order to serve their congregations well. However, we have our share of them and are thankful for them.

Whether he has an exceptionally keen mind or is more moderately endowed, the NWC student does have a variety of interests. Among this year's graduates was a young man who was the mainstay of the conference championship track team and one of the finest basketball players ever to wear a Northwestern uniform. But he is also a fine scholar, whose particular interest is literature and poetry. He won the Dr. J. Henry Ott Award for Superior Scholastic Achievement a year ago. Another member of the class kicked a 57-yard field goal in a football game in 1970, a record or near-record for college football up to

that time. This spring, in the course of one week, he pitched a shutout against the Junior Varsity baseball team of the University of Wisconsin and had a leading part, which involved singing as well as acting, in the production of *Charlie Brown*. Another graduate is highly gifted in dramatics and is also a superb organist. These examples typify the range of interests, talents, and abilities that you're likely to find among NWC students.

And their interests go beyond studies and school-related activities, too. A number have spent summers working and taking walking tours in Europe. Some have been very active in the innercity mission work conducted each summer in Milwaukee, Detroit, and elsewhere. They respond eagerly to requests by our mission boards for canvassers in areas where the mission boards would like to open new missions. They donate blood almost *en masse* to help Watertown exceed its quota regularly. They give of their time to serve as "big brothers" to the retarded children at Bethesda Lutheran Home. On their own initiative they have even taken up a collection among themselves to help one of their professors in financial need because of illness in the family.

Surely they have their faults, because they are sinful human beings like the rest of us. But they have also experienced the love of their Savior through the forgiveness of sins He has won for them. And they are conscious of the fact that this love not only binds them together as Christian brothers, but also unites them in their vocational commitment to become special messengers of His love. We as a Synod have every reason to thank the Lord of the Church, particularly in times like these, that He has seen fit to give us the kind and the number of young men willing to aspire to the office of the ministry.

But we need more like them. Where will they come from? They don't drop down ready-made from heaven. They aren't born with an inbred desire to become pastors. They come from homes like yours — or they don't come at all. The sons in your own home and the boys and young men in your own congregations are the raw material for the ministry of the Church. There is no other

source of supply. It is they whom we must reach. We must encourage them to consider the ministry for their life's work as urgently as we can.

Above all else, let us pray — pray the Lord of the harvest that He would send forth laborers into His harvest. This 101st graduating class of NWC with its record-breaking 70 members indicates that the Lord is fulfilling His promise. He has heard and is answering our prayers in a manner which a few years ago we would have thought improbable if not impossible. Let this wonderful fact encourage us to pray, work, and sacrifice as never before for the advancement of His kingdom.

And to that end, make room in your prayers, in your thoughts, and in your heart for Northwestern College and its role in the kingdom. Then, God willing, the second century of graduates will prove to be an even greater blessing to the Church and the world than the first.

Prof. James A. Fricke

REQUESTS FOR COLLOQUY

Rev. Russel G. Fry, Jr., formerly a bishop in the Free Protestant Episcopal Church, has, by the rite of confirmation, together with his family become a member of Peace Ev. Lutheran Church, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, and has requested a colloquy with a view to being recommended for admission to the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary and ultimately entering the preaching ministry of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod. Correspondence relative to the above may be addressed to President W. J. Zarlino of the Michigan District.

Mr. Erwin H. Klemp, Chicago, Illinois, has requested a colloquy preparatory to membership in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Mr. Klemp is teaching at St. Andrew's Ev. Lutheran Church, Chicago, Illinois. St. Andrew's Ev. Lutheran Church is an independent congregation. Correspondence regarding the applicant may be directed to President George W. Boldt of the Southeastern Wisconsin District.

Rev. William D. Tabor, formerly of the LCR but now an independent pastor serving an independent congregation, is requesting a colloquy with the view of entering the preaching ministry in the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod. Any correspondence pertaining to this request may be directed to President G. A. Horn of the Minnesota District.

ORDINATIONS

(Authorized by the District Presidents)

Ordained and Installed:

Koelpin, Philip A., as pastor of Mount Calvary, Flagstaff, Arizona, on August 6, 1972, by I. G. Frey (Ariz.-Calif.).

Liesener, Thomas A., as pastor of Peace, Mishawaka (South Bend) Indiana, on July 16, 1972, by M. Liesener (S.E. Wis.).

Meier, Dennis W., as pastor of the Lutheran Apache Mission, Peridot, Arizona, on July 30, 1972, by L. Sonntag (Ariz.-Calif.).

Stevens, Richard P., as pastor of St. Paul's, Cannon Falls, Minnesota, on July 16, 1972, by G. Boldt (Minn.).

SERVING OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN OVERSEAS

From Vietnam to Europe

From Saigon to Stuttgart, Germany — from Bien Hoa to Bracknell, England — from the land of rice fields to the land of vineyards. That was my experience as your overseas civilian chaplain when I left Vietnam at the end of April to spend three months bringing the Gospel to WELS members serving in the Armed Forces in Europe.

Leaving Vietnam

The story of the Gospel ministry to the military begun in southeast Asia in 1966 is an exciting one. For example, a most memorable occurrence in the lives of the 3rd Field Hospital congregation in Saigon, and one that I will long remember, took place on Palm Sunday, March 26, 1972. On that day it was my privilege to welcome two adults, three children, and an infant into God's kingdom by the washing of water and the Word. The two Vietnamese women were able to speak some English, but used their own Vietnamese Bible translation to study the story of salvation in preparation for baptism. The children — 10, 7, and 6 — were able to read and understand both languages well and eagerly read old Sunday-school materials sent me by interested Christians. The baby was brought to baptism by his parents, one of the Vietnamese women and an American veteran. This young couple had also adopted the other three children whose parents had died in the 1968 Tet offensive. Members of the congregation, almost all military, served as ushers, sponsors, and witnesses. Most of the 45 persons in attendance remarked that they had never witnessed something like this before. Neither had I. It was a service of joy and thanksgiving.

On Good Friday, the day the new offensive began, my wife joined me in Saigon. We spent the next weeks

winding up the work in Vietnam and preparing to leave for Europe on April 20.

A previous article in *The Northwestern Lutheran* has included words of praise for the missionaries of the



Rear: Bobbie Ngo, Chaplain Karl J. Otto, Tricia (Mrs. Richard Iverson) holding son Andrew. Front: Lisa (7), Maria (9), and Randy (10) — children adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Iverson.

Christian and Missionary Alliance for their many kindnesses over the years. They were present along with other friends from the World Relief Commission to say goodbye at Tan Son Nhut airport. How great the opportunities for Gospel preaching in southeast Asia! How wonderful the assistance given by so many!

The first leg of our journey took us to Thailand, where we spent a few days visiting some of our members.

Then on to Europe. Through the kindness of a Catholic chaplain we already had an address in Europe, something extremely important in this kind of chaplaincy. Chaplain John Smith offered us every assistance possible. My wife remained in Europe long enough to help me locate our WELS members in the military, and then returned to Wauwatosa in May.

Europe

Using the Benjamin Franklin Village chapel in Mannheim as a base of operations, I began crisscrossing Western Germany. The military flying privilege was not available to me in Europe, so I became well acquainted with the efficient European train system. My primary assignment was to study the feasibility of chaplaincy work among our WELS members in Europe. Shortly before my arrival in Europe, the Military Services Committee office had sent an introductory letter to our members scattered from Turkey to England. The response was amazing. Within a few days I had more than 30 requests for personal visits. These requests, plus the lists furnished by the home office, shaped the work for the next

two and one-half months.

Working in Europe, I thought that I would be far removed from anything warlike. The explosions at the military installations at Frankfurt and Heidelberg in May quickly dispelled that notion. After a few weeks the guilty parties were jailed, but the security precautions became just as tight as in Vietnam.

Names of bases like Mainz, Stuttgart, Kaiserslauten, Bitburg, and Wasserkuppe soon became as familiar as Da Nang, Hue, Quang Tri, Pahn Rang, and Cam Ranh. The language — German — of course was much more familiar. But the people



On board the U.S.S. *Tatland*, Athens.



Chapel at Karamursel, Turkey.

were the same and their needs were the same and their warm welcome was surely the same. So often I was thanked for coming, but it was really you, the members of our Synod, who should have heard the words of thanks. You sent me and supported this ministry.

England

On June 1, I left Mannheim for London. On June 4, I conducted the first WELS worship service with Holy Communion in England, on the grounds of the Royal Air Force Staff College in suburban Bracknell. One of the 12 persons in attendance arrived just in time for the 11:00 A.M. service, after a trip of 110 miles over winding English roads. In the days that followed I was able to make a large number of contacts. During this time I was a guest of LCDR Vincent Huth and his family. Then back to Germany!

Greece and Turkey

Toward the end of June I flew from Frankfurt to Athens, Greece, since I had received prior notice that a portion of the 6th Fleet would be in the Aegean near Athens at that time. In Greece the Navy again proved itself to be a most cordial host. On Sunday morning, June 25, I conducted a devotional service on a destroyer and was then invited to visit a large aircraft carrier. Names supplied by the North Avenue office enabled me to make many additional contacts. A visit with a sailor to the Acropolis and Mars Hill is a memory I shall cherish.

Turkey was my next stop. Here our government has a number of bases,

and here there are also a number of WELS members. Communion services were held in Karamursel, Ankara, and Adana. I couldn't help but wonder if the Lord would someday make it possible for our Synod to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus' love where once the Apostle Paul labored so faithfully.

From Istanbul and Turkey to Rome and Italy, where an Italian air strike placed me back on the trains, Italian style. Visits at the Vincenza army base and some nearby air force "look-outs" ended my three-country tour. After a visit to Venice with some WELS members living near there, I was soon back on my way to Frankfurt, Germany, and then on to Stuttgart for a Communion service on Sunday, July 2. My survey report book has the interesting entry: "Services at Stuttgart . . . attendance 55 . . . baptism at 5 P.M. . . confer about a correspondence course in adult instructions."

During my last two weeks in Germany I rented a car to visit some military installations, not easily accessible in any other way. Traveling on the famed autobahn is a challenge, especially for those learning new signs. The speed of European drivers is amazing, to say the least! The cost of this mode of transportation, however, is expensive — another note filed with the survey for possible future work in Europe.

July 16 brought me back home to Wauwatosa. The sight of America, of one's family, and one's home, is something impossible to express in surveys and reports. God be thanked

for His gracious guidance and protection during a chaplaincy that spanned the world!

For almost six years our Synod has been involved in an overseas chaplaincy to serve the military far from home. The varied experiences of our chaplains fill many pages of reports and are also filed in the hearts of many hearers and many preachers. The problems faced by men and chaplains alike are many and real. But, in retrospect, all of us who have served as chaplains have counted it a true privilege to be the Lord's ambassadors.

As these lines are being written the count of American troops in Vietnam is down drastically. Join me in the prayer that this land in Asia may soon know peace. There are not many WELS members left in Vietnam.

By contrast, our members in Europe number several hundred. It is good to report that, in addition to the regular mailing program of our Synod, many congregations also regularly keep in contact with their members far from home. Transcriptions of worship services on tape or cassette are very welcome.

The Synod's Military Services Committee is now giving the overseas civilian chaplaincy an in-depth study. Personal contact from home in the form of a pastor bringing the Word of Life is a recommendation your appointed committee has before it. We pray that the Lord will bless them in their deliberations, as He has so bountifully blessed these ministries in the past years!

Karl J. Otto

God's Growing Church in Oregon

Mt. Hood, Crater Lake, Cannon Beach, and Portland, the City of Roses, are names which mean scenic beauty and splendor to the tourist. For us Wisconsin Synod Christians there are other names in Oregon which are even more meaningful. These names are Beautiful Savior, Bethesda, Immanuel, and Trinity. These are the names of our Wisconsin Synod missions in Oregon, and they remind us that God's Church in Oregon is growing.

At the end of the 1950's, there was one self-supporting congregation and two struggling missions fighting for survival in the whole state. The self-supporting congregation and one mission were in Portland, and the other mission was in Eugene some 100 miles to the south. Since 1960, however, this situation has changed greatly as mission work in Oregon has moved forward with firm, steady strides. •

In the 1960's and early 1970's, the two struggling missions have become well established and are moving steadily toward self-support; two missions were opened in Tigard and Bend and are already self-supporting congregations; and two other new missions have been opened and are in various stages of development. In addition, preliminary surveys have been made in other parts of Oregon with the hope of opening missions in one or more of those areas in the future.

Well-Established Missions

We have two missions in Oregon — Bethesda of Portland and Trinity of Eugene — which fit this description.

Bethesda had its beginnings in the mid 1950's but grew slowly during its early years. Growth was hampered by its location in an area which had become mostly commercial. Later it suffered the pains of a lengthy relocation program. Since the relocation in the early 1960's Bethesda has grown much more rapidly and by the end of

1971 numbered 111 communicants and 176 souls. The main question of finances which comes up in Bethesda congregational meetings these days is, "When can we assume the responsibility of self-support?" The answer "Now," will likely come within the next year or two.

Trinity of Eugene has a history similar to that of Bethesda. It also was begun in the mid 1950's and experienced slow growth for the first few years because of a number of problems which often plague new missions. In recent years Trinity has stabilized and has grown steadily. The congregation recently celebrated the tenth anniversary of the dedication of its church building, and is looking forward to the day when it too can become a self-supporting congregation, an event which the congregation hopes will become a reality in 1974.

New Missions

July 30, 1972, was a date which for Immanuel of Salem brought to fulfillment a dream which began in 1966. In June of that year, the Pacific

Northwest District Mission Board sent its newly called District missionary to begin work in Salem, the capitol city of Oregon, located halfway between Portland and Eugene.

The District missionary began his work in Salem with a nucleus of Wisconsin Synod people. Twenty-six were present at the first service. The first year of work in Salem produced good results as a number of other Lutherans who were unhappy with the liberal trends in their church joined our growing nucleus.

Less than a year after the first service was held the congregation organized, purchased land, received permission to call its own pastor, and saw the District missionary move to a new field because his work in Salem was finished. A series of setbacks then beset the young congregation. There was a lengthy vacancy before its first permanent pastor was ordained and installed, and growth was also hindered by location and building problems.

All of these factors are now past history. On July 30, 1972, a new house of worship was dedicated to



Trinity of Eugene, Oregon



Bethesda of Portland, Oregon

the work of the Lord. The congregation is now looking at new goals, namely, to win souls for Christ in the area in which its beautiful new house of worship is located, and to bring this new mission to the goal of all new missions — self-support.

The newest addition to God's growing Church in Oregon is Beautiful Savior of Corvallis, which is located about halfway between Salem and Eugene. The beginnings of this mission are tied to that of Immanuel of Salem, since one family from Corvallis drove the 35 miles to Salem almost every Sunday and played a vital role in the founding of that mission.

As time passed, several other Corvallis families began attending services in Salem, and soon a movement was underway to establish a Wisconsin Synod mission in Corvallis. The District Board was contacted in 1967. A survey was then undertaken, canvassing was done, follow-up calls were made, and plans to start exploratory services were laid, but were on an "on again off again" basis for some time.

Finally, in December of 1970, Pastor Wm. Bernhardt of Salem began conducting exploratory services every Sunday evening. About the same time a group of people from another Lutheran church in Corvallis felt constrained to leave because it persistently leaned away from the teachings of God's Word. This group began attending our exploratory services

and soon the average Sunday evening attendance was building a strong case for a more permanent arrangement. About the same time the Bend congregation which was being served by the District missionary went self-supporting, and freed the District missionary to serve a new field.

In August of 1971, the District missionary began his work in the Corvallis field. Steady growth has marked this mission throughout the past year. The worship facilities are a school auditorium, the altar is a table, the lectern and the pulpit are homemade. The message which Beautiful Savior offers, however, is neither homemade nor temporary. The message which Beautiful Savior proclaims is the pure Word of God which abideth forever, and this is what so many in Corvallis are seeking.

The results of preaching this message have been very good. At present the congregation numbers 43 communicants — 60 souls. The congregation has been granted mission status by the General Board for Home Missions, and is presently in the process of organizing and purchasing land.

The Future

We have not yet reached the end of the line as far as mission activity in Oregon is concerned. Each of our present mission congregations is faced with ample mission opportuni-

ties for many years to come. Each field still has much reaping to do before that great day of the Lord. In addition, it is evident that the Lord has other places for us in which to open missions in Oregon. God's growing Church in Oregon still has room to grow.

In southern Oregon there are the cities of Medford and Klamath Falls, both of which are experiencing good growth because California continues to overflow into Oregon. A number of Wisconsin Synod families live in each of these cities and are eagerly awaiting the day when a Wisconsin Synod mission can be opened in one or both of these cities.

In extreme eastern Oregon and moving into Idaho, we have another potential area. Sixty-six souls living in this Oregon-Idaho area have expressed interest in having a Wisconsin Synod mission serve them, and because of the unrest in other Lutheran bodies, there is indication of even more interest in this area. Boise, Idaho, long on our District Board's list of potential fields, is presently the most rapidly growing metropolitan area in western United States.

Presently we are serving these people in southern and eastern Oregon and western Idaho with cassette tapes of services through the office of the District missionary. Every Sunday the services of the District missionary are taped, duplicated in the number needed, and sent out to these scattered groups of Christians. Every two months, those eligible for Lord's Supper are served either through a visit of the District missionary to them or through a visit by them to one of our churches. In either case this means a journey of 200 to 300 miles. We pray for the day when these tapes can be retired and the travel distance cut to two or three miles.

God's Church in Oregon is growing. Our existing missions are moving steadily forward, and new fields are white unto the harvest. Fellow members of the Wisconsin Synod, help us with your prayers and gifts, so that God's growing church in Oregon will continue to grow!

Pastor Warren Widmann
Pacific Northwest District

A Centennial on the Nebraska Prairie

In the 1860's the prairies of Nebraska beckoned to many Germans living in southeastern Wisconsin. Among them were four Lutheran families that had found it difficult to wrest sufficient tillable ground from the heavily wooded soil of Dodge, Jefferson, and Washington Counties. In 1865 these families took the covered-wagon trail for Nebraska and camped during the first winter with relatives in Cuming County at the Rock Creek Settlement. In spring, they proceeded to Stanton County to establish permanent homes there.

From the start these families faced immense housing and transportation problems. But even more sorely did they feel the lack of all spiritual care. Unlike the Lutherans who came from Ixonia, Wisconsin, and settled in Norfolk, these early settlers in Stanton County had not brought a pastor with them. The first one to seek them out was a Missouri Synod pastor in Rock Creek, who conducted a worship service in the home of one of these settlers on August 24, 1869. Such were the small beginnings of St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church of Stanton, Nebraska.

The founding of the congregation has always been dated from the installation of the first resident pastor on July 28, 1872, and the erection of the first church building in the same year — at a cost (believe it or not) of \$366.47. In 1885, the congregation built a Christian day school and since that time has provided in this way for the Christian education of its children. The fourth of its church buildings was dedicated in October, 1968. The other edifices had fallen victim to storm, fire, and old age. At present the congregation numbers 375 baptized persons, of whom 310 are communicants. During the centennial year, 34 children are enrolled in the Christian day school taught by two teachers.

100 Years of God's Grace

"1872-1972: 100 Years of God's Grace" — these words have been before the eyes and in the minds of St. John's members through their centennial year. To thank the Lord for His blessings, St. John's designated all offerings of the six 1972 Lenten services as a centennial gift for the Church Extension Fund. From May 28 to July 9 four special centennial services were scheduled. The first service, on May 28, was a Centennial Communion Service to re-

mind the members of the blessed fellowship they have with each other and with Christ, who gave His body and shed His blood for them. Pastor Lester Groth, at St. John's from 1948 to 1962, asked the members to "Remember the Bountiful Benefits of the Lord."

June 11 was designated as Centennial Mission Festival Sunday. On the basis of Hebrew 13:8, Pastor Norman Berg, executive secretary of the Board for Home Missions, noted that though there have been many changes over the past 100 years, the Word of God and the mission of the Church are still the same. In the afternoon President Gerald Free of the Nebraska District summarized the centennial thoughts and prayers of the congregation in a sermon based on Psalm 100. Prof. Otto Schenk, a former teacher at St. John's, played the organ for both services.

Christian education was emphasized in an evening service held on June 25. Pastor Edward Lindemann (1962-1968) spoke on the theme, "Sturdy Sons and Beautiful Daughters." He reminded the congregation that even though there are various ways in which parents can give their children a Christian upbringing, nothing has ever been found to equal the Christian day school. A former teacher, Mr. Robert Sonntag, was guest organist.

The centennial observance closed with a service on July 9, in which Pastor Herbert Hackbarth (1937-48) preached the sermon. His theme was: "Times Have Changed, But the Church's Message Remains the Same." In the afternoon, Pastor Hackbarth conducted a service completely in the German language, attracting people from miles around. At the opening bell, the church was filled with 300 people. Mrs. Oscar Zander, another former teacher, presided at the organ.

Hardships and setbacks have been numerous during the 100-year history of St. John's Congregation, no doubt the saddest when 97 communicants left in 1961 to form a Missouri Synod congregation across town. Yet each page of St. John's history makes it clear that "where sin abounds, grace does much more abound." This centennial on the Nebraska prairies reminds all of us that we have no cause to boast of ourselves, but every cause to thank the Triune God for His grace. We now ask for His continued blessings as we begin our second century.

Pastor James Humann

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NORTHERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT

Showing Forth the Praises of Our God

The Northern Wisconsin District opened its 28th biennial convention with a Communion service at St. Paul's Church in Appleton on August 7, 1972. Pastor Arthur Gentz of Marinette preached on the theme: "Zeal for the Lord in History's Crucial and Final Hour." Sessions were held at Fox Valley Lutheran High School, closing at 9:00 P.M. on August 9.

Turnover of Called Servants

The President's Report pointed out that during the biennium 13 pastors were received from, while nine were released to, other Districts. Five teachers entered and six were released. Ten pastors were ordained and installed. Twenty-one pastors and 34 teachers were installed. Eleven losses were sustained because of retirement or death. At the convention, four pastors and eight teachers were taken into membership.

New Congregations

Bethlehem Church of Oshkosh, having severed its ties with The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod for reasons of doctrine, was received into membership. Faith Church of Marquette, Michigan, a new mission congregation, was recognized as a member.

Dedications and Anniversaries

Four churches, five schools (or additions) and education buildings, six parsonages, and three organs were dedicated during the past biennium. Of 12 congregations observing anniversaries, one — St. Peter's of Larsen — was privileged to celebrate its 110th and two — Bethlehem of Hortonville and St. Peter of Weyauwega — enjoyed centennial celebrations. Eight pastors reached anniversaries ranging from 25 to 50 years.

Elections

The four members of the praesidium were returned to office, Pastor Karl Gurgel of Fond du Lac as president, Martin Janke of Fond du Lac as 1st vice-president, Carl Voss of Green Bay as 2nd vice-president, and David Worgull of Menasha as secretary.

Essay

Prof. Joel Gerlach of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon addressed the convention on "The Holy Spirit



District Convention was held at Fox Valley Lutheran.



District Officers: Pastor David Worgull, secretary; Pastor Karl Gurgel, president; Pastor Carl Voss, second vice-president; Pastor Martin Janke, first vice-president.

and the Charismatic Renewal." His essay dealt with the present neo-Pentecostal movement which involves some 10,000,000 people from all Christian denominations. Sensing a lack of vitality in most established churches, the charismatics stress a transformation of the individual caused by the Holy Spirit and expressing itself especially by so-called "speaking in tongues" and "miracle healings."

Prof. Gerlach attributed the rapid expansion of this movement to a reaction against the downgrading of the authority of the Bible and Bible doctrines in many denominations. He pointed out that this movement, however, fails to counteract these errors properly because it insists that the effective power for a believer comes only to those who actively seek it from the Holy Spirit. This in effect creates a two-level Christianity, namely, those who are saved and those able to save others.

Prof. Gerlach concluded: "Certainly we ought not to blind ourselves to the significance of the charismatic movement. We contend that the Holy Spirit is not its moving force, but that He is nonetheless using it for His own purposes." Still, we as Wisconsin Synod Lutherans can learn from the joy, warmth, and friendliness with which these charismatics involve themselves in their work.

Convention Spirit

From the opening service on, all delegates seemed to sense the importance of our work as a Synod and to see the need of dedication and organized effort in carrying

out the work. Three of the resolutions proposed by the committee on the President's report express this attitude: "Resolved, That we, with God's help, put forth greater efforts to prepare sons and daughters for the divine work which is still so necessary today," and "That we encourage ourselves and fellow Christians to contribute an even greater portion of our gifts to the support of mission work, especially since the Lord has so richly blessed our Northern Wisconsin District with an abundance of earthly gifts," and "That we pray the Lord for strength to remain a true salt and a true light so that with His help we may *Show Forth the Praises of Our Wondrous God and Savior!*" This spirit was evident especially in response to the report of the General Board for Home Missions and to that of the General Board for World Missions. All were glad over the work that has been done and eager to see still more done.

Visiting Missionaries

Personal appearances were made by three world missionaries to bring reports on their fields — Richard Poetter, a 20-year veteran from Japan, Richard Mueller from Central Africa, and Gerald Lange from Hong Kong. It was an interesting point in the sessions to have direct contact with these men who represent us in foreign stations.

All in all it was an encouraging convention. Delegates were able to go to their homes with an increased understanding of the problems and opportunities that confront our Synod and with a renewed willingness to meet their responsibilities in showing forth the praises of our God at home and abroad.

Pastor H. W. Bergholz



Contradictions ?

SUPERFICIAL!

The Bible spans a vast era of over 4,000 years. What it relates is a part of history.

However, the Bible was not intended by God to be a textbook of ancient history. When the various writers of Scripture refer to events of other nations — Egypt, Assyria, Babylonia, Greece, or Rome—it is always in connection with God's Chosen People and their important role on the world scene. That's why the references oftentimes are not given in detail. Yet no error has ever been proved against the Bible. Critics have made countless attempts to do so, and the Scripture's foes and lukewarm friends are still busy at it today. But they have not succeeded. We can confidently affirm that Scripture is always true.

Superficial Objections

Some critics claim that the account of creation given in Genesis 2:4ff. contradicts the creation narrative of Genesis 1. The second chapter, they charge, reverses the order of chapter 1, which places the creation of plant and animal life *before* the creation of man. Obviously, they say, this is a plain contradiction. And, they add, if the Bible starts out by contradicting itself, what can you expect of the rest of the Book?

Another of their claims is that there are differing accounts of the number of animals Noah took into the ark. One account (Gen. 7:2,3), they argue, states that seven pairs of the clean animals should be saved, whereas in the other account (Gen. 7:8,9), we are told, the clean animals were to be in pairs. An obvious contradiction, according to the critics.

Clarification

A casual reader may sense a contradiction in both of these cases. A closer study, however, will reveal no dis-

crepancies whatsoever — rather just additional information.

Take the double creation story. The book of Genesis reads like a newspaper. First it presents the outline facts, then it goes into the details. So here Genesis 2:4ff. is not a second creation story at all. Rather, Moses is here especially concerned with the details of man's creation, which is only briefly mentioned in chapter 1. In Genesis 2 Moses is therefore not giving an account of the origin of all plant life, but merely introduces this matter because God is about to plant a garden (park) in which man is to live. Likewise Moses refers to the creation of animals in Genesis 2:19 simply to add another important detail not given before, the naming of all the newly created animals by Adam. The chapters are not contradictory, but complementary.

But what about the number of beasts that entered the ark, according to Genesis 7? Did the clean beasts come in sevens or in pairs? Only the superficial reader will find a problem here. The unbeliever who is looking for errors may insist that the account contradicts itself. But in that case he is ignoring what the text actually states. At times — and this writer is only too willing to admit it — there are difficult passages which our finite minds may not be able to resolve immediately, but these aren't among them.

Here's the clarification. Verses 2 and 3 of Genesis 7 are specific, whereas verses 8 and 9 merely assert in a general way that Noah was obediently doing as God had commanded him. So, all the animals came in pairs. They had to, if they were to reproduce after the Flood. Verses 8 and 9, however, do not state how many pairs of each kind came. This is stated in verses 2 and 3.

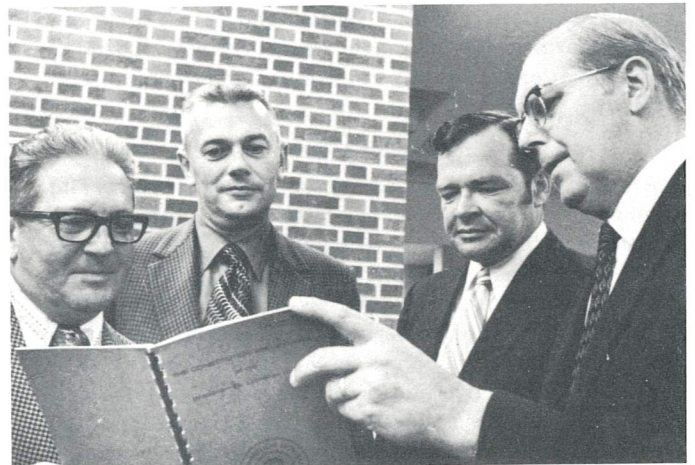
Kenneth W. Vertz



Retiring President M. J. Lenz



Opening Communion service at DMLC



Elected Officers: Pastor Paul Hanke, second vice-president; Pastor Gerhard Birkholz, first vice-president; Pastor Warren Henrich, secretary; and Pastor Gerhard Horn, president.

A HEALTHY CHURCH IN ACTION

Minnesota District Convention

A period of history came to an end at the 28th biennial convention of the Minnesota District meeting, July 25-27, 1972, at Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota. For 30 years the Minnesota District had as one of its officers Pastor Manfred J. Lenz of Delano, Minnesota. He served for 12 years as District secretary and for the past 18 years has guided the District as its president. Closing his ninth term as District president, Pastor Lenz requested that he not be reelected. The convention delegates acceded to his request and elected Pastor Gerhard Horn of Red Wing, Minnesota, as the new Minnesota District president. Other officers elected were Pastor Gerhard Birkholz of Litchfield, first vice-president; Pastor Paul Hanke of St. Peter, second vice-president; and Pastor Warren Henrich of Goodhue, secretary. Retiring from office with Pastor Lenz was Pastor P. R. Kurth of Stillwater who formerly served as second vice-president of the District.

Convention Theme

Pastor Frederick Fallen of St. Paul, Minnesota, sounded the keynote on the convention theme, A HEALTHY CHURCH IN ACTION, in his sermon at the opening session held in the auditorium located on the college campus. Basing his exhortation on Ephesians 4:11-12, Pastor Fallen stated: "Christ's plan for building His church can be carried out in one way and in one way only, by bring-

ing, speaking, and applying to unchurched men, women, and children the Word of God."

In the afternoon of opening day, President Lenz reviewed the past two years of District activity. He introduced his report by stating: "All the true Church undertakes in the name of God is made possible by the great redemption and is prompted by her love for Him who purchased her with His own blood. She wants to be a HEALTHY CHURCH IN ACTION, that is, one who works systematically for its extension, one who uses her resources for the achievement of this purpose, and finally, one who meets every emergency with optimism." In reporting a record number of installations in the District in the past biennium, President Lenz stated: "We have reason to thank God all the more that He dealt with us not according to our merits but altogether according to His marvelous grace." He reported that 34 pastors, 26 professors, and 22 teachers were installed in the past two years within the District. Transfers to other Districts were issued to 18 pastors, three professors, and six teachers.

Reports

Following the president's report, Missionary Harold Johnne of Japan gave a slide lecture on the work in the Japanese Mission. He gave insights into the difficulties

foreign missionaries encounter as they preach the message of salvation in a foreign land to people of a different culture who speak a strange language. Reports were also given by Pastor Arnold Mennicke, chairman of the Executive Committee for the Lutheran Church of Central Africa; Mr. Walter Bunge, manager of Northwestern Publishing House; and by Pastor Norman Berg, executive secretary of the Board for Home Missions.

Essay on NASB

An interesting, thorough, and timely essay was presented to the convention on the second day of its sessions. Professor Armin Panning of Northwestern College, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, presented an essay entitled: "The New American Standard Bible — Is this the Answer?" He noted that the New American Standard Bible is a very faithful translation of the Hebrew and Greek texts but needs improvement in certain areas. He also indicated that the editors of the new translation were open to suggestions.

The District's Response

Among the work of the convention were the reports and resolutions of many floor committees. A unified theme ran through them all — to be about the Father's business with ever greater urgency. The convention gave a courageous response to the proposals of the Coordinating Council of the Synod to begin work in South America, to restore manpower openings in home missions to 18 a year, and to call two additional professors to the Seminary. The delegates resolved that all congregations of the District be exhorted to give top priority to their prebudget

subscriptions so that these three programs can be initiated and that, to this end, all congregations make diligent use of the Synod's stewardship materials such as "Love Cares" and the "Now" brochure. The District heartily urged that the worker-training institutions of our Synod go forward with their various programs with utmost urgency.

Considerable discussion followed the reading of a resolution to turn over the land and building of the Northwestern Publishing House to the Publishing House Board to facilitate the obtaining of loans for needed expansion. The resolution was opposed by many speaking from the floor, and it was defeated.

Highlights in the report of the Committee on Doctrinal Matters were: the establishment of sound guidelines for continuing discussions with the Working Fellowship of the Free Ev. Luth. Churches in Germany; the decision to decline further discussions with The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod at this time; the strengthening of fellowship with the Ev. Lutheran Synod through the recent meeting of the Confessional Forum; and the scripturally sound confessional stand upheld by the Ev. Lutheran Church — Synod of France and Belgium.

The convention closed on a note of firm confidence and trust in the Lord of the Church that He would prosper the Church in its work of bringing the saving Gospel to many people now lying in the darkness of sin and unbelief. It was with a prayer for the Lord's abiding blessings that the 28th biennial convention of the Minnesota District came to a close.

Pastor D. Begalka

Looking at the Religious World

INFORMATION AND INSIGHT

Holy Spirit Conference

Last month some 8,000 gathered at Minneapolis for the first International Lutheran Conference on the Holy Spirit, without benefit of any official endorsement of church bodies or leaders. Joining the Lutherans at the five-day meeting were other Protestants and some Roman priests and nuns.

The conference is an outgrowth of the charismatic movement which in recent years has been moving from Pentecostal bodies into other denominations, also Lutheranism. At Minneapolis great stress was put on the charismatic gifts of healing and speaking in tongues. When one speaker requested for a show of

hands of those who had received the Spirit baptism and the gifts, almost half the assembly is said to have responded.

A full discussion of the conference and the movement is obviously impossible in this limited space. Let a reference to the conference's closing service suffice to point a warning against certain tendencies in the movement. Communion was celebrated. The Lord's table was open "to all born again believers." An Episcopal priest joined the Lutheran pastors in distributing the elements. All this was supposed to have been done to the glory of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit who, however, not only granted the Apostles charismatic gifts, but also

inspired them to supply us instructions that call for a different kind of observance of the Lord's Supper.

Rome Without Priests?

Hans Küng, a Roman theologian of Tuebingen University, whose *Infallible? An Inquiry* is still making waves, will start another storm of controversy when his newest book, *Why Priests?*, gets into the hands of readers and the columns of reviewers. Vatican officials will press harder for a formal scrutiny of Küng's views and Rahner will insist that his old follower and friend has put himself even farther beyond the pale of Rome than previously.

In *Why Priests?* Küng argues against the very term "priest" and suggests "presider" or "leader" as a possible substitute. He insists that it is wrong to include holy orders in the list of sacraments and to assume that it supplies an "indelible character." He is even willing to admit women to ordination.

It is obvious that *Why Priests?* is not going to win Küng any points with the Roman establishment, but it is equally obvious that Küng, even with some error, is more correct in his views on the priesthood than that establishment.

Statistical Ups and Downs

Statistics for 1971 compiled by the *Lutheran Council in the USA* reveal that Lutheran membership in North America both gained and declined. Baptized membership decreased by 56,494 to 9,120,352 but adult membership rose by 16,470 to 6,402,662.

The decrease in baptized membership follows a trend begun in 1969. In the three-year period since 1968, when an alltime high of 9,239,274 was reached, there has been a drop of 118,922.

The adult membership gain was so slight that it measures only .25 per cent. In fact, this gain represents an average accession of one adult member per Lutheran congregation.

Among the eight church bodies supplying comparative statistics, four showed membership gains and four reported losses. The four with gains were The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, the Church of the Lutheran Confession, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, and the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

States with the most Lutherans are Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Pennsylvania, in that order. Those with the least are Vermont, Maine, and Hawaii.

Contributions for work at home and at large both increased, but only moderately, especially when the inflationary factor is considered.

Preus and the LCA

While holding its sixth biennial convention in Dallas in July, the Lutheran Church in America was addressed by Dr. J. A. O. Preus, president of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod. Much of what Dr. Preus

said on that occasion merits consideration as a "good confession" and bears repeating here. In the course of his address Dr. Preus made these statements:

The testimony of the Lutheran understanding of the gospel and its articles is evidence not of narrowness and provincialism but of genuine ecumenical concern.

We are not interested in organic union at the present time, feeling that such union can succeed and be a fruitful device for carrying out the Lord's work only when it is founded on consensus in the doctrine of the gospel and all its articles.

We are insistent that an external fellowship which is not truly grounded in a common understanding of the gospel and all its articles cannot be God-pleasing and must ultimately damage rather than aid the cause of Christ's church.

Even separation from other Christians and a refusal to extend to them the hand of fellowship must sometimes be done for the sake of the gospel, on behalf of the entire church, and indeed for all men.

It would be a great gain if the Lutheran Church in America, The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, and all Lutheran bodies would accept and act on these words.

Pub Pastorate

The Rev. Dale Lind's ministry is unique. His parish is Knickers Restaurant on Manhattan's East Side. His call is from the Metropolitan New York Synod of the Lutheran Church in America. His income is earned as manager and bartender at Knickers. His work, he says, is a "ministry of presence" and counseling in a place that obviously lacks altar and pulpit.

While the specific locale of the ministry is most unusual, the general concept behind it is not new. Pastor Lind's assignment is a form of the "tent-making ministries" in which a clergyman does not receive any support from a congregation, but earns his living by working at a secular post in close contact with those to whom he ministers. "Worker-priests" have been operating in European countries for some time, and the idea

is now beginning to gain some favor in Lutheran circles.

No one would want to condemn categorically a way of the ministry which Paul himself in most instances followed, though he made tents instead of mixing manhattans. However, we would only in exceptional cases and for cogent reasons want to depart from our customary arrangement of a salaried pastor serving people in church and home.

In a recent interview Pastor Lind suggested that the bar at Knickers Restaurant could be likened to the wells of Palestine where Jesus frequently met people during His ministry. Readers will have no difficulty in noting where the comparison limps.

A Good Example

The small Christian and Missionary Alliance with only 120,000 members is big when it comes to mission efforts. The annual conference of the body held in Oakland, California, last May heard reports that its totals in that area of endeavor had reached new highs.

A sum of \$7.6 million was gathered for worldwide mission work, almost all of it by free-will gifts. This work is being carried on in 40 countries by 191 missionary workers. Real zeal for the cause of missions is being demonstrated by this church body, just one-third as large as ours.

Edward C. Fredrich

NOMINATIONS — DMLC

The following have been nominated for the professorship in the Education Department at Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota:

Robert Averbeck, Oconomowoc, Wis.; Gerhard C. Bauer, Bloomington, Minn.; Milton Bugbee, Bay City, Mich.; Larry Collyard, Benton Harbor, Mich.; Gary Greenfield, Milwaukee, Wis.; William Haberman, Tacoma, Wash.; James Hopman, Goodhue, Minn.; Chester Jaehning, Tucson, Ariz.; Rudolph Jeseritz, St. Paul, Minn.; Larry Joecks, Tacoma, Wash.; Wayne Keller, Bay City, Mich.; Arlen Koestler, Greenfield, Wis.; Kenneth Kolander, Appleton, Wis.; Robert Landvatter, Oshkosh, Wis.; Gerald Lanphear, Whitefish Bay, Wis.; Frederick Mahnke, St. Paul, Minn.; Gordon Pape, Fond du Lac, Wis.; Rupert Rosin, Bethany, Okla.; Robert Scherzer, Frankenmuth, Mich.; John Schibbelhut, Crete, Ill.; Richard Schlavensky, Brookfield, Wis.; Daniel Schmeling, St. Paul, Minn.; Jonathan Schoeneck, Bellevue, Wash.; Ferdinand Schultz, Juneau, Wis.; John Schultz, Lake Mills, Wis.; Roger Sievert, Phoenix, Ariz.; Martin Steffel, New Ulm, Minn.; Arden W. Wentzel, Janesville, Wis.; C. W. Wobeck, Kenosha, Wis.

The Board of Control of Dr. Martin Luther College will meet at the college on October 13, 1972, at 10:00 A.M. Correspondence regarding the candidates should be in the hands of the undersigned before the time of the meeting: Gerhard C. Bauer, Secretary, DMLC Board of Control, 8730 Nicolle, Bloomington, Minn. 55420.

Direct from the Districts

Michigan

25 Years for Pastor E. Renz

On July 9, 1972, Faith Lutheran Church of Tampa, Florida, observed the 25th anniversary of the ordination of Pastor Edward Renz. A classmate, Pastor G. Kionka of Maitland, Florida, preached the sermon.

Among the many letters of congratulations received by the jubilarian was also a letter from President Richard Nixon.

Upon graduating from the Seminary at Mequon in 1946, Pastor Renz served a year as tutor at Northwestern Lutheran Academy, Mobridge. On July 27, 1947, he was ordained and installed as pastor of Emanuel and Redeemer Congregations of Custer and Scottsville, Michigan, respectively. Later he served at Arlington Avenue Lutheran Church in Toledo. In 1959 he began his work in Florida.

During his ministry, Pastor Renz has performed some 60 marriages and more than 270 baptisms.

Mrs. John Reuschel Dies

Mrs. John Reuschel, nee Martha Winkel, attained the age of 87 years on April 1 of this year, having been born in 1885. The Lord took her to the heavenly home on August 20.

It was on September 9, 1903, that she was married to Pastor John Reuschel, who died in March, 1960. The marriage was blessed with four sons and four daughters, of whom seven survive together with two sisters and one brother. Surviving children are: Gerda, Mrs. Hugo Fritze of Ixonia, Wisconsin; Irma, Mrs. Harold Eckert of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Eleanor, Mrs. Armin Schultz of Saginaw, Michigan; Lorna, Mrs. Van Der Klok of Holland, Michigan; Gerhard of Wyoming, Michigan; Arnold of Wauertown, Wisconsin; and Theodore of Holland, Michigan. One son, Alfred, died in World War II.

Mrs. Reuschel lived in parsonages in North Fond du Lac, Wisconsin; South Haven, Michigan; Franksville, Gibson/Two Creeks, and Town of Woodville, Wisconsin.

Funeral services were conducted in South Haven, Michigan, by Pastor Schaeve on August 23. Our comfort is the hope of the resurrection to life eternal!

Minnesota

Area Fellowship

Some 175 young adults and lay leaders from 10 parishes of the central and western circuits of the Redwood Falls Conference and the Evangelical Lutheran Synod met on Sunday, August 6, at St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Renville, for the Sioux Trail Lutheran Youth Fellowship softball tournament. The ten-team summer league conducts this eight-hour fellowship and tournament annually. Trophy winners were St. John's of Redwood Falls, Bethany and St. Matthew's of Emmet-Flora, and Peace of Echo.

E. O. Schulz Anniversary

Members and friends of St. John's, Redwood Falls, assembled on Sunday, June 25, to thank the Lord for the 25 years of service given to the Church by Pastor Edmund O. Schulz. Pastor and Mrs. Schulz's 25th wedding anniversary was observed at the same time.

Pastor Schulz has served congregations at Ranier and Seattle, Washington; Hazelton, North Dakota; and during the past ten years at Redwood Falls. For some years he was chairman of the Dakota-Montana District Mission Board and presently chairs the Martin Luther Academy Board of Control.

Pastor's Widow Dies

Emma Lydia von Rohr Ernst was born on November 23, 1882, in Winoona, Minnesota, the tenth child of Pastor Philip von Rohr, then president of the Wisconsin Synod, and his wife, Emma, nee Schaal. She died at the age of 89 years on July 27, 1972, at St. Louis, Missouri.

On June 29, 1905, she was married to Pastor A. G. Ernst of Tacoma, Washington. With him she shared ministries in three parishes: St. Paul's, Tacoma, St. Paul's, Green Bay, Wisconsin, and Emanuel, St.

Paul, Minnesota, where she retained her membership after Pastor Ernst's death on January 6, 1955.

She is survived by her daughters: Agnes Ernst of Montclair, New Jersey, and Margaret Thiele and Catherine Landgrebe, both of St. Louis; two sisters, five grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

The service of Christian burial took place on July 31 at Emanuel Lutheran Church, St. Paul, and River-view Cemetery. May eternal light shine upon her!

Mrs. Vathauer Dies

Lorine Vathauer was born in Oakdale, Tennessee, on Dec. 19, 1918, and departed this life at Fairfax, Minnesota, on June 3, 1972, at an age of 53 years.

In 1936 she was married to Pastor W. F. Vathauer and was a true helpmeet to her husband in parishes in Clinton and East Moline, Illinois; Lafa and Gillete, Arkansas; and the last 21 years in Fairfax.

Death came after several months of illness. She is survived by her husband; three children: Miss Ruth Vathauer, nurse in our African mission in Salima, Malawi, Africa; and Winfred of Belle Plaine and Norman of Cottage Grove, Minnesota. Also six grandchildren, her father, two sisters, and two brothers.

May our Lord, who is the Resurrection and the Life, comfort the survivors with His grace and mercy!

Parsonage Dedicated

Trinity Lutheran Church in rural Buffalo, Minnesota, and St. Paul's of Montrose thanked the Lord publicly on July 30 for permitting them to erect a new parsonage. The dedication sermon was delivered by Pastor M. J. Lenz, who chose I Chronicles 17:27 as his text.

St. Paul's purchased a lot next to the church a year ago, and immediately razed the old home occupying it. Construction of the new split-level home began late last summer. The home contains a living room, kitchen-dining area, study, recreation room, utility room, and three bedrooms. The rooms are carpeted throughout, and all kitchen appliances were fur-

nished by the congregations. Cost of the lot and parsonage was \$40,000.

Pastor of the congregations is the Rev. Martin L. Schwartz.

Ordained in 1922

The 50th anniversary of the ordination of Pastor Louis Meyer, Sr., was observed on the evening of June 25, by Redeemer Lutheran Church of St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin, where Pastor and Mrs. Meyer are now members. Pastor of the congregation is the Rev. E. W. Penk. Pastor Edgar Knief, visiting elder of the St. Croix Conference, addressed the jubilarian on behalf of the conference.

When Pastor Meyer retired from the active ministry in 1970, it was actually his second retirement. The first time was in 1964, after having served Zion Lutheran of Farmington, Wisconsin, for 41 years. In 1965 he again agreed to serve Grace Church of Clear Lake, Wisconsin. To this was later added a rural congregation in Almena, Wisconsin.

Western Wisconsin

25 plus 25 = 25

A double anniversary was observed in St. John's Lutheran Church, Juneau, Wisconsin, on the evening of August 6. On that day members of the congregation, relatives, friends, marked both the 25th anniversary of Pastor Mischke's ordination and the 25th anniversary of Pastor and Mrs. Mischke's marriage. Prof. Wilbert Gawrisch, a classmate of the jubilarian, centered his sermon around Psalm 115:1. Vicar Herbert Prahls served as liturgist.

In addition to St. John's, of which he became pastor in 1954, the jubilarian has served congregations in La Crosse, Wisconsin, and in Goodhue and Minneola Township, Minnesota. He is presently president of the Western Wisconsin District and first vice-president of the Synod.

Correction

Some of the information given in the account of Mrs. Komisarek's retirement (see issue of August 13) was unfortunately incorrect. She graduated from Lutheran High in 1922, not 1918, and began teaching in October of the same year. Mrs. Komisarek holds a Ph.B. degree from Marquette University. Once again, our best wishes!

Treasurer's Report

1972 PREBUDGET SUBSCRIPTION PERFORMANCE

Six months ended June 30, 1972

	Subscription Amount for 1972	6/12 of Annual Subscription	Subscription and Pension Offerings	Per Cent of Subscription
Arizona-California	\$ 207,038	\$ 103,519	\$ 106,578	103.0
Dakota-Montana	179,886	89,943	81,498	90.6
Michigan	928,338	464,169	432,011	93.1
Minnesota	929,880	464,940	477,951	102.8
Nebraska	163,116	81,558	76,794	94.2
Northern Wisconsin	1,014,758	507,379	486,648	95.9
Pacific Northwest	62,805	31,403	26,933	85.8
Southeastern Wisconsin	1,267,565	633,783	586,452	92.5
Western Wisconsin	1,137,579	568,789	565,514	99.4
Total — 1972	\$5,890,965(A)	\$2,945,483	\$2,840,379	96.4
Total — 1971	\$5,537,588	\$2,768,794	\$2,677,501	96.7

Note (A) — The subscription amount for 1972 has been increased \$5,035.00 to include all revisions received by the Stewardship Department as of June 30, 1972.

CURRENT BUDGETARY FUND

Statement of Income and Expenditures

Twelve months ended June 30, 1972 with comparative figures for 1971

	Twelve months ended June 30		Increase or Decrease*	
	1972	1971	Amount	Per Cent
Income				
Prebudget Subscription Offerings	\$5,664,819	\$5,374,100	\$290,719	5.4
Gifts and Memorials	53,297	56,340	3,043*	5.4*
Pension Plan Contributions	100,325	94,837	5,488	5.8
Distribution of Trust Fund Income	—	33,158	33,158*	
Income from NWP	6,562	6,562	—	
Other Income	204	479	275*	57.4*
Total Income	\$5,825,207	\$5,565,476	\$259,731	4.7
Expenditures				
Worker-Training — Expenses	\$3,275,258	\$3,052,560	\$222,698	7.3
Worker-Training — Income	1,418,416	1,371,860	46,556	
Worker-Training — Net	1,856,842	1,680,700	176,142	10.5
Home Missions	1,155,990	1,186,407	30,417*	2.6*
World Missions	887,690	866,930	20,760	2.4
Benevolences	769,387	777,701	8,314*	1.1*
Administration and Services	417,145	356,151	60,994	17.1
Total Operations	\$5,087,054	\$4,867,889	\$219,165	4.5
Appropriations	803,000	903,000	100,000*	11.1*
Total Expenditures	\$5,890,054	\$5,770,889	\$119,165	2.1
Operating Deficit**	\$ 64,847**	\$ 205,413**		

Norris Koopmann, Treasurer & Controller
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CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES

DAKOTA-MONTANA

ALBERTA-MONTANA PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Sept. 26-27, 1972.

Place: Mountain View Ev. Lutheran Church, Great Falls, Montana.

Preacher: J. Frank.

Agenda: Continuation of the study of the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 6:16-34), D. Neumann; Continuation of the Ante-Nicene Fathers, D. Deutschlander; A Restudy of Antinomianism With Application to Modern Lutheranism, H. Wood; The Difference In The Teachings of Thomas Aquinas and Luther As Re-

gards Justification by Faith, J. Sullivan; The Study of Speaking in Tongues, Interpretation of Tongues, and Faith Healing, J. Frank; The Pope as the Antichrist, P. Stuebs.
P. Stuebs, Secretary

WESTERN PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Oct. 3-4, 1972; 10 a.m. MDT.

Place: Immanuel, Elgin, North Dakota; C. Lindemann, host pastor.

Service: Communion at 7:30 p.m., October 3; D. Malchow, preacher (D. Hayes, alternate).

Agenda: Exegesis of I Tim. 3:8ff., C. Lindemann; Exegesis of I Cor. 11:1-15, W. Schulz; Isagogical Study of Amos, D. Shook; Formula of Concord, Article II, T. Schmidt; Dealing with Drugs, especially among the Youth, P. Wilde.

D. A. Hayes, Secretary

MICHIGAN

GULF-ATLANTIC DELEGATE AND PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Sept. 26-27, 1972; 9 a.m.
Place: Peace Ev. Lutheran Church, Holiday, Florida; M. Goeglein, host pastor.
Agenda for Delegate Conference: Report on the District Convention; Study of Bazaar-type Stewardship, W. Bartelt.
Communion service at 7 p.m.; K. Peterson, preacher (E. Renz, alternate).
Agenda for the Pastoral Conference: Exegesis of I Tim. 5:9-16, R. Waack; Doctrinal Position of the United Methodist Church, Joh. P. Meyer.

G. Kionka, Secretary

DISTRICT TEACHERS' CONFERENCE

Date: October 4-6, 1972.
Place: St. Peter's Lutheran School, Plymouth, Michigan.
Agenda: Reports: chairman, vice-chairman, treasurer, DMLC, District Board for Parish Education, Certification, MLS, MLHS, Michigan District Stewardship Board, Synod Board for Parish Education, District president.
Papers: Why Grade? (Sectionals: K-2;3-4;5-6;7-8); The Practice and Privilege of Prayer, Prof. J. Gerlach; The Changing Attitude of the Child, E. Dobberstein; Competitive Sports in Our Elementary Schools (Panel: M. Prange, H. Kuehl, H. Johannsen, M. Bugbee; Divided Groups: 1) Techniques for the Elementary Basketball Coach, J. Kruse; 2) Easy to Make Science Equipment, M. Rohler and N. Tech; 3) Room Decorations, Lois Press. J. Hardman, Secretary

OHIO CONFERENCE

Date: October 16-17, 1972.
Place: King of Kings, Willoughby, Ohio.
Participants: Pastors, lay delegates.
Preacher: W. Voss.
Agenda: Exegesis of Romans 7, D. Koelplin; The Jesus Movement, J. Ibsich; Recognizing Miracles and Parable, O. Lindholm. A. Wolfgram, Secretary

MINNESOTA

REDWOOD FALLS PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: October 3, 1972; 9 a.m. Communion service.
Place: St. Paul, Seaforth, Minnesota (R. O. Stuebs, host pastor).
Preacher: N. Gieschen (H. Hackbarth, alternate).
Agenda: Questions of casuistry; Exegesis of I Tim. 1:12-20, L. Hohenstein; Exegesis of Genesis 4:1-8, E. Carmichael; The Third Use of the Law, E. Schulz; and Conference business.
Note: Please send excuses to the host pastor. Pastors are reminded to pay their annual subscriptions to the *Wisconsin Lutheran Quarterly* and the *Lutheran Educator* to the secretary.

A. Jannusch, Secretary

NEBRASKA

CENTRAL PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: September 26-27, 1972.
Place: Redeemer Lutheran, Council Bluff, Iowa; C. Otto, pastor.
Preacher: A. Domson (J. Humann, alternate).
Agenda: Exegesis of Romans 2:17-29, P. Zaring; Isagogical Study of Hosea, chapter 5, R. Roth; Formula of Concord, Article XI ("Of God's Foreknowledge and Election"), G. Free; The Lutheran Marriage Service, R. Kuckhahn; How the Canonicity of the Bible was Established, J. Humann. All papers are to be duplicated for distribution at the conference.
Note: Those desiring lodging should announce as soon as possible to the host pastor. J. Humann, Secretary

ROSEBUD PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: October 10, 1972; 10 a.m. Communion service.
Place: St. John's, Brewster, Nebraska; R. Tischer, host pastor, 642 S. 9th Avenue, Broken Bow, Nebraska.
Preacher: L. Strackbein (R. Vomhof, alternate).
Agenda: Ideas for Giving Catechism Instruction New Life and Meaningfulness, R. Vomhof; Study of the Third Use of the Law, R. Tischer.
Note: All requesting overnight lodging, please notify the host pastor well in advance. D. Meyer, Secretary

NORTHERN WISCONSIN

WINNEBAGO TEACHERS' CONFERENCE

Date: September 28-29, 1972.
Place: Mount Olive Ev. Lutheran School, Appleton, Wisconsin.
Agenda: Thursday, September 28
9:00 Opening Devotion
10:00 Announcements — Elections — District President's Report
10:45 "Achieving Reading Comprehension," Mr. James Raabe
1:30 Devotion
1:45 Business
2:30 "Remedial Reading," Mrs. LeRoy Leverson
4:00 Closing
Friday, September 29
9:00 Devotion
9:15 Board of Education Report
10:00 "Teaching and Using Prayer," Pastor Gerald Meyer
11:15 Sectionals: Mr. Kurt Peterman, Miss Grace Cox, and Mr. Earl Roloff
1:30 Devotion
1:45 "Obtaining Uniformity in Grading Within a School System," Mr. Earl Papenfuss
3:00 Business — Closing
T. Nommensen, Program Chairman

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

JOINT TEACHERS' CONFERENCE WISCONSIN AND EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNODS

Date: Oct. 12-13, 1972; 8:30 a.m.
Place: Calvary Lutheran School, Bellevue, Washington.
Agenda: The Christian View of Psychology, Prof. A. Quist (guest speaker from Bethany Lutheran College); The Newspaper in the Classroom, J. Schoeneck; Modern Math is Fun, T. Marten; Teaching the Life of Luther, Pastor H. Handberg. K. Rusch, Secretary

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN

METRO-NORTH PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Sept. 25, 1972; 9 a.m. Communion service.
Place: St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church, 3059 N. 73rd St., Milwaukee, Wisconsin; J. De Galley, host pastor.
Preacher: Prof. E. Fredrich (Prof. W. Gawrisch, alternate).
Agenda: Exegesis on I Peter 1, K. Lenz; Report on Spiritual Welfare activities, C. Krug and K. Otto; "Evangelism or Proselytizing," R. Seeger; Reports. R. Wendland, Secretary

WESTERN WISCONSIN

SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

Date: Sept. 26, 1972.
Place: St. Paul Ev. Lutheran, North Freedom, Wisconsin; H. M. Schwartz, host pastor.
Preacher: O. Heier (M. Herrmann, alternate).
Agenda: Galatians 5, E. Breiling; Apocrypha, F. Werner; Working With Young People, P. Geiger; Catechism Questions 1-22. T. Kuske, Secretary

NOMINATIONS — MLS

The following men have been nominated for the professorship at Michigan Lutheran Seminary to teach mathematics and physical education, and to do some coaching:
Stanley Cole — West Allis, Wis.
Leonard Collyard — Milwaukee, Wis.
Gary Dallmann — New Ulm, Minn.
Johnathan Earl — Baraboo, Wis.
Delbert Ehke — Milwaukee, Wis.
Steven Gauger — New Ulm, Minn.
Ronald George — Moberidge, S. D.
Jerry Gronholz — La Crosse, Wis.
John Gronholz — Lake Mills, Wis.
Robert Gruetzmacher — Stevensville, Mich.
Warren Hartman — Saginaw, Mich.
Roger Hinz — La Crosse, Wis.
Carl Lemke — Mankato, Minn.
Eldon Lemke — Watertown, Wis.
Keith Moore — Vassar, Mich.
Thomas Niedfeldt — Onalaska, Wis.
Theodore Pelzl — Moberidge, S. D.
Lauris Plath — New Ulm, Minn.
Daryl Raabe — Milwaukee, Wis.
Robert Schroer — Kenosha, Wis.
Alan Siggelkow — Fort Wayne, Ind.
Dale Walz — Waterloo, Wis.
The Board of Control of Michigan Lutheran Seminary will meet at MLS at 3:00 p.m. on October 11, 1972, to call a man from this list. Correspondence concerning the nominees should be in the hands of the secretary no later than Monday, October 9, 1972.
Milton Bugbee, Secretary
MLS Board of Control
206 S. Alp
Bay City, Michigan 48706

LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY

All persons interested in the possibility of WELS services in the Lexington area are asked to contact the following:
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129 Lana Lane
Winchester, Ky. 40391