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## Briefs by the Editor



One of the privileges we have as citizens is the right to vote. The Christian citizen will be concerned about using this right. He has the good of his country at heart. He knows that what the Book of Proverbs says about the city is true of the nation: "By the blessing of the upright the city is exalted, but it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked" (Prov. 11:11). The Christian who avoids exercising his privileges may well wake up minus his freedoms, among them the freedom to worship God according to the Scripture.

*In this issue we are reprinting the October 2 letter sent by Prsident O. J. Naumann to all the pastors of our Synod. It brings the happy news that the mission in South America, approved at the last Synod convention, can now be initiated. And that because our Lord moved a family of our Synod to underwrite the South American mission budget for its first four years. May their example be fruitful in our own lives! There is no other way (NOW) in which we ourselves can do the Lord's work than by sharing what He has given us. God bless both the donors and the gift they have given!*

In the next issue you will be treated to an article by Pastor Wilmer Valleskey of Detroit, Michigan, who for many years has been spearheading the work of evangelism in our Synod. He has recently written a training course, entitled TALK ABOUT THE SAVIOR, which is proving immensely helpful in training our Christians how to witness to others about Jesus Christ. Recently he conducted a training seminar in Milwaukee. Toward the end of Octo-

ber he conducted a similar seminar in his home church, Hope Lutheran of Detroit, and will be repeating it again in November. Members of our Synod in many areas will be invited to such training sessions. In the meantime, read more about it in the next issue.

*Our thanks to Pastor Glen Schaumberg of Mentor, Ohio, for information on our Synod's mission work in the State of Ohio. A graduate of our Seminary in 1968, Pastor Schaumberg has shepherded King of Kings Congregation of Willoughby ever since. "Spare time" was devoted to assisting in the birth of the mission in Pittsburgh, the organizing of Faith Lutheran in Fellsburg, and serving as vacancy pastor of Hope Lutheran in Cuyahoga Falls for nine months. Now in his fifth year in the ministry, he expects to be deeply involved with mission number 5 shortly. His own congregation numbers 100 members, but another 100 have "passed through" the congregation. Our Wisconsin Synod Lutherans, too, are constantly on the move.*

An extra 16,310 copies of this issue of *The Northwestern Lutheran* are being sent to the congregations of the Nebraska and Southeastern Wisconsin Districts. On page 379 you will find thumbnail sketches of these Districts.

*Our thanks to the Executive Secretary of the World Board for his article on the use of the radio in World Missions. Of interest to the editor was a note that the Voice of Salvation (broadcast from Taiwan) often bases its message on our devotional booklet, Meditations. These Gospel messages have a potential listening audience of 5 to 6 million in the Far East. That's really something!*

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

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### OUR COVER

Twelve of the 13 members of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Waukegan, Illinois, who are preparing for the teaching or preaching ministry at our Synodical Schools. Shown together with Pastor Oscar A. Lemke. Represented are our schools at Saginaw, Watertown, and New Ulm. Photo by Dretske's of Waukegan.



# Editorials

**Set the Goal** One of the most famous plays in football occurred in a Rose Bowl game of the 1930's. With legs pumping, heart pounding, tacklers pursuing and crowd roaring, the ball carrier made a sensational run . . . in the wrong direction!

He meant well, of course. He was sincere. He wanted to win. He made an extraordinary effort to do so. But he went the wrong way.

Sincerity and flaming zeal are always impressive, especially in a day of so much lukewarm laxity and numbing noninvolvement. But what good are they if the goal is wrong? For thorns grow as sincerely as grapes do, and tares as earnestly as wheat.

Jesus warns us against false prophets, not because they lack sincerity, but because they are false. John does not fault the Antichrist for lack of zeal, but for being Antichrist. Paul speaks of the demonic energy of the adversaries, but he never urges his people to imitate it.

Jesus first points His people to the goal: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness." The Apostles, too, set the priorities in order: "Run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the Author and Finisher of our faith."

If the believer's heart is fixed upon the "prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus," sincerity and zeal will follow as normally and naturally as fruit from the true Vine. God-pleasing zeal and sincerity come not from lectures on zeal and sincerity, but from "looking unto Jesus the Author and Finisher of our faith."

John Parcher

**Pretenders to the Throne** Radical revisions of fundamental viewpoints have taken place in modern society. This raises bright hopes in many quarters concerning the future of mankind. High on the list, and giving rise to considerable optimism, are "enlightened" views of sex, marriage, divorce, and abortion; liberalized religious doctrine; new (and supposedly improved) morality; and general emancipation from the restrictive standards of our forebears. These are all hailed as evidence of human progress and signs of a better world.

However, there is reason to doubt — even apart from God's Word — that such "enlightened" views are harbingers of human salvation as billed. Some of us see them as signs of a general breakdown of the fiber of society. In this era of purported enlightenment a syndicated news article reports that New York City's \$2-1/2 billion-a-year construction industry must pay about five per cent, or

\$125 million a year, in bribes to city building inspectors, agents of the U.S. government, policemen, state safety inspectors, and others, in order to avoid costly delays and work stoppages. Home building contractors in a large western city complain of the rising cost of home construction resulting from burgeoning theft from construction sites by ordinary citizens. One contractor observed, "The problem is the whole public attitude toward stealing. This kind of thing is more accepted than it was before." Such widespread and increasing corruption is not isolated, and it would hardly be viewed by anyone as a sign of human progress.

The fact is that the rejection or revision of traditional standards and values has not been accompanied by general uplift but rather by degeneration. One would anticipate different conditions in an age of genuine enlightenment.

The emergence of human standards as replacements for those established by God reminds us of the inspired words written long ago: "Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools." These words still apply to pretenders to the throne of the Almighty.

Immanuel Frey

**A Family for Strangers** The average American moves 14 times in his lifetime; about 40 million Americans change their home address at least once a year. According to Vance Packard, author of "A Nation of Strangers," this mobility of our people has unhappy consequences.

People on the move do not *belong* anywhere. They do not stay anywhere long enough to make real contributions to their communities.

Their rootlessness also encourages moral lapses. Like sailors in port for just a few days, they do not particularly care how they act. Rootless people, feeling no responsibility to their families and neighbors, incline to be more lax sexually; they are more careless about paying their bills; crime rates rise among transient populations.

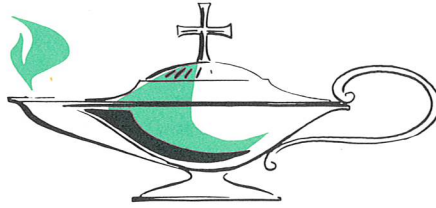
Our members too are on the move, and they are exposed to the same temptations their transient countrymen are exposed to. They also need a sense of belonging, to restrain the tendency toward misconduct.

Active membership in a Christian congregation can provide some of that belonging and can help to reduce the dangers of rootlessness. Fellow Christians become our family and our neighborhood and exert their wholesome influence on our conduct. To be sure, we do not join a congregation and become active in it to have insurance against delinquency; there is a more spiritual reason for associating with a church. But God has also provided us with a great blessing in the fellowship we have with brothers and sisters in Christ and in the influence they have on the way we conduct ourselves.

When we move to a new community, let us seek out our spiritual family there. God has provided them for our protection.

Carleton Toppe





## Studies in God's Word

### Israel Possesses Its Possessions

And they of the south shall possess the Mount of Esau, and they of the plain (the land of) the Philistines; and they shall possess the fields of Ephraim and the fields of Samaria, and Benjamin shall possess Gilead.

And the captivity of this host of the children of Israel shall possess that of the Canaanites even unto Zarephath, and the captivity of Jerusalem which is in Sepharad shall possess the cities of the south.

And saviors shall come up on Mount Zion to judge the Mount of Esau, and the kingdom shall be the Lord's (Obadiah 19-21).

What a prospect! The Lord spoke to Joshua about Israel, "Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses. From the wilderness and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun shall be your coast (territory). . . . Be strong and of a good courage; for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land which I swore unto their fathers to give them" (Josh. 1:3-6).

What a challenge! On the basis of God's promise Joshua commanded the leaders of Israel, "Pass through the host and command the people, saying, 'Prepare you victuals (provisions); for within three days ye shall pass over this Jordan, to go in to possess the land which the Lord your God giveth you to possess it'" (Josh. 1:11).

#### Israel's Failure

What a disappointment after a good beginning! Israel drove most of the Canaanites out of the land, but not all. Having grown weary of fighting, Israel contented itself with *sharing* the land with the native heathen after Joshua died. They never did fully possess the land promised to them.

Obadiah's announcement that "the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions" must have pained the faithful in Judah as much as it delighted the beleaguered nation. Israel's failure to grasp the full significance of the Lord's promises to Abraham had robbed them not only of material advantages but of spiritual blessings as well. Would history repeat itself?

The true sons of Abraham realized that there was more than land involved in God's promises. The possession of possessions had to do with Abraham's Seed in whom all the nations of the earth would be blessed. The One Thing Needful gave meaning and substance to the possession of the Land of Promise.

#### Divine Reapportionment

Taking the cue from Obadiah's reference to the great Day of the Lord (v. 15) and from the climactic declaration, "The kingdom shall be the Lord's," we see a description of the Gospel-Israel, the kingdom of the Messiah. Under the figure of a restored and enlarged kingdom is presented the prospect of a worldwide dominion. Southern Judah extends eastward to Mount Seir, the lowlands westward to Philistia on the Mediterranean, the highlands north-

ward from Samaria (Ephraim) to Phoenicia (Zarephath); and the Negeb ("the cities of the south") is held. Benjamin possesses Transjordan (Gilead).

In other words, Judah-Benjamin, the kingdom of God in Obadiah's time, extends its territory to the four quarters of the globe. This is in accord with the Lord's word to Abraham: "Thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed" (Gen. 28:14).

There are linguistic problems in this section (for instance, Sepharad cannot be identified). But the general meaning is clear. The widely scattered captives of Israel and Judah are restored and gathered into a kingdom that includes the Gentiles of the new territory. Yes, Gentiles are also "possessions" of Israel, captured by the power of the Gospel.

#### Thy Kingdom Come

Obadiah's prophecy reaches a pinnacle in the last verse. The strong messianic character can hardly be denied. No doubt Obadiah saw *the* Savior and *the* Judge of the world enthroned on Mount Zion, the seat of the Lamb and His redeemed (Rev. 14:1). But who are the "saviors"? Like the judges of old they are the Lord's agents. As His witnesses they represent Him, and the Word that they speak for Him carries weight: "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark 16:16). The Esaus of the world are laid low by that Word. By the same Word the Israel of God possesses its possessions — the joys of the Lord in eternity.

"And the kingdom shall be the Lord's!" The Redeemer of the world shows Himself as King, and is acknowledged as such. Through His mighty saving act He has established His kingdom over all the earth. "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever!" (Rev. 11:15.)

Paul E. Nitz



W I S C O N S I N E V. L U T H E R A N S Y N O D

Office of the President  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

September 29, 1972

Dear Brother:

An extraordinary blessing of God has fallen upon us and I must hasten to share with you the blessing. It cannot wait for my next Newsletter.

On Monday, September 25, the Synod was presented with a check for \$144,000 in order to pay for the full operation of our South American mission for the first three years. That amount with the interest it will earn together with about \$7,500 already in a South American mission fund will underwrite the South American mission budget for its first four years.

The donor, a corporation owned by a family of the Synod, wishes to remain anonymous. Our gratitude is not only to the people involved, but also to God who so moves the hearts of His people to such generous sharing of their blessings. Of this gift "in secret" may it also be said that "thy Father which seeth in secret Himself shall reward thee openly." I have expressed the deep gratitude of the Synod to the people involved, speaking not only for you and other members of the Synod, but also for the thousands -- pray God -- who will be led to the Savior's precious name in South America through our ministry.

At first it was our decision to keep this gift confidential until the Coordinating Council, the Board of Trustees, and the Board for World Missions could formally accept the gift, i. e., about the end of October. Later reflection led me to conclude that with so many already aware of the gift, fairness demanded that you also share as soon as possible in our joy.

Just in passing, it might interest you to know that this is the largest individual gift the Synod has ever received for a specific project.

Centuries ago, St. Paul wrote to the Corinthian Christians: Your zeal hath provoked very many. I am confident that such zeal, evident in the twentieth century, can still share that characteristic. Perhaps, as you share this good news with your members, the Lord might be able to say to these generous Christians: Your zeal hath provoked very many!

This gift again shames our "littleness of faith." Just as the goal of beginning mission work in South America appeared to be fading from the immediate future, God's abundant grace, working in the hearts of our Christians, came to our rescue. May our thankfulness be equal to His grace.

Perhaps a needless thought. When you share this good news with your congregation, we hope that it will reflect the spirit of the words which accompanied this gift: "It is our sincere intention and hope that our gift, which we present with happy and willing hearts, may redound to the glory of God and to the eternal salvation of souls that are precious in our Savior's sight." What more can be said!

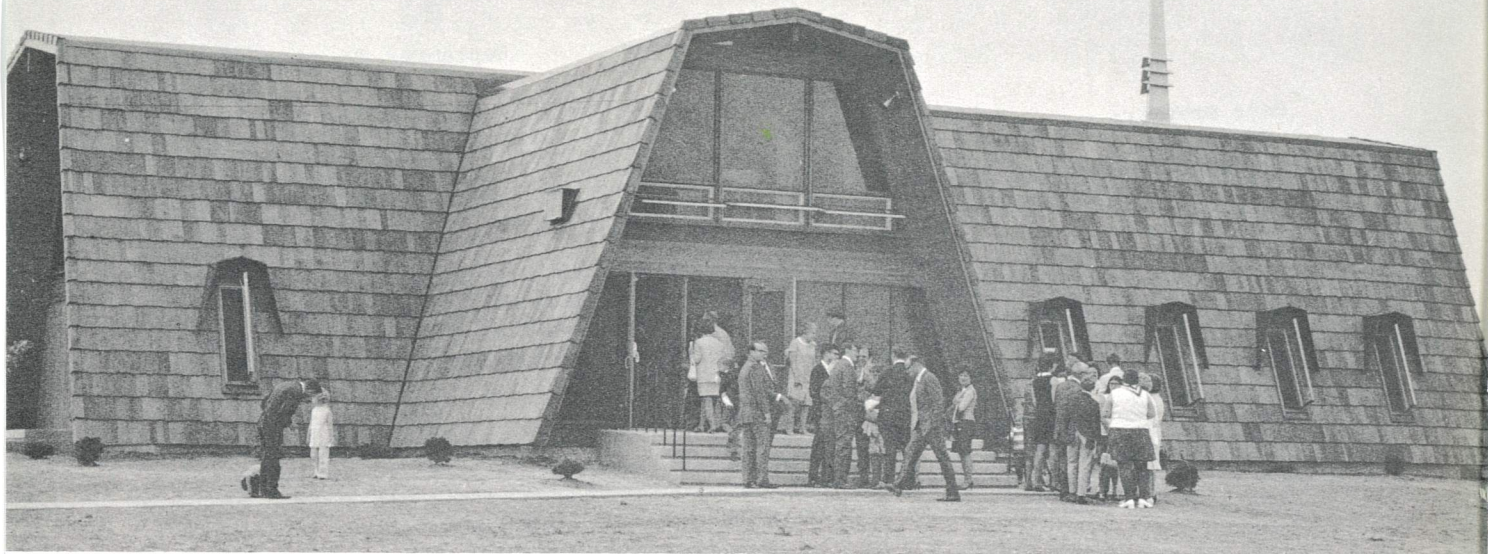
One more matter. You may wonder what this does to the \$885,000 needed in additional subscriptions for 1973. In that \$885,000 South America represented \$20,000. So this hardly relieves our great need in 1973.

Cordially in His Service,



Oscar J. Naumann





Peace Lutheran, New Carlisle

## *Let's Visit Ohio!*

Ohio as a state ranks sixth in population. Of the 60 largest cities in the United States, six are in Ohio. Yet prior to the 1960's, the Wisconsin Synod had congregations in only one of these metropolitan areas. In the last 10 years a mission surge has taken place to fill those gaps.

### **Jenera and Toledo**

Mission activity prior to the 1960's was limited to "daughter-congregation" expansion. In 1939 the members and pastor of Trinity, Jenera, helped organize a congregation in Findlay. In 1952 a mission sprang up in Kenton. It was a "daughter" of our Milwaukee congregations since five Wisconsin Synod families from Milwaukee were transferred there by a firm. This story is featured in our Sunday School course in the third quarter of the Series I lessons.

In the Toledo area the existing WELS congregations became the rea-

son and force for expansion. In 1955 St. Timothy Congregation was started in Maumee, a suburb on the south side. A unique feature of this church is that it has two pipe organs which are used alternately. One is the congregation's; the other belongs to a member. St. Andrew's was begun on the north side in 1959. At the end of the 1950's there were but eight WELS congregations in Ohio, and these were all located in the northwest corner of the state.

### **History Changes**

When the Wisconsin Synod took the historic action of withdrawing from the Synodical Conference in 1961, the history of our mission thrust in Ohio took an entirely new direction. Requests for WELS missions came from several new areas of Ohio from people who were concerned about having a church where God's Word was still held supreme.

These were requests for new missions, not daughter congregations.

### **Dayton**

Expansion into the Dayton area was to follow the familiar stepping-stone approach. Pastor Keith Haag, while serving the mission in Kenton, took the first step southward in 1962 when the young people of his congregation helped conduct an area canvass. Early in 1964 Peace Lutheran Church was organized in New Carlisle, a suburb of Dayton. Under the leadership of Pastor Oliver Lindholm this congregation has grown chiefly through adult confirmations. A first unit chapel was dedicated in May, 1971.

### **Cleveland - Akron**

Cleveland calls itself "The Best Location In the Nation." It also was to be a prime location for our Synod. A team of canvassers from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary did the spade work in the summer of 1964. One of those students, Keith Kruck, became the first resident pastor of the Cleveland area mission. The first services were held in a home in Stow (Akron), then in a school in Twinsburg, and finally in the Cleveland suburb of Willoughby. In the spring of 1966, a





Bible Class at Beautiful Savior, Cincinnati



1972 VBS in Session  
King of Kings, Willoughby

“friendly split” occurred when several families broke off to begin a second mission back in Stow again. This congregation is now Hope Lutheran of Cuyahoga Falls. By purchasing a used church building, they were able to dedicate a chapel in June, 1969, while the sister mission in Willoughby was not able to dedicate a new chapel until January, 1972.

#### • Columbus

The first step into Columbus came in an unexpected way. In 1964 Pastor John Lang and his large ALC congregation withdrew from their church body. Pastor Lang joined the Wisconsin Synod in 1965, while the congregation has remained independent. The next year another group of concerned Lutherans approached our Synod and later organized as Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Grove City, under Pastor Keith Roehl. This congregation, now self-supporting, is remarkable in that only about five per cent of its members have a WELS background.

More recently, on the north side, another mission was formed at the request of yet another independent group of Christians. Pastor Curtis Franzmann became the first resident pastor of Lamb of God in 1971. In a few year's time there are now three pastors and congregations in the Columbus area loyal to Christ's Word and affiliated with the Wisconsin Synod.

#### Cincinnati

The last major population center to be entered was the “Queen City,” Cincinnati. Exploratory work began in the fall of 1970. Candidate Daniel Koelpin was assigned as the pastor of Beautiful Savior in 1971. This mission along with Lamb of God of Columbus are the only two Ohio missions that are still going through the “Agony and the Ecstasy” of a building program.

#### Ohio Conference

With the rapid expansion in Ohio, it became feasible to consider forming a new conference. In 1971 an Ohio Conference was formed by the 15 Ohio congregations and the missions in Pittsburgh and West Newton, Pennsylvania. Eight of the 17 congregations are less than 10 years old. Even with an Ohio Conference, congregations are still as far apart as the distance between Milwaukee and St. Paul!

#### An Hour One Way

For most WELS members it would be unbelievable to think of driving an hour one way to attend church services. But if you can imagine Milwaukee, Detroit, or Minneapolis being served by one WELS mission, you can understand what it means for people living on the “other side” of Cleveland or Cincinnati. In almost every mission there are people who travel an hour or better to attend ser-

vices, meetings, and classes. In Willoughby one family has been doing this faithfully for seven years!

#### Separated, But United

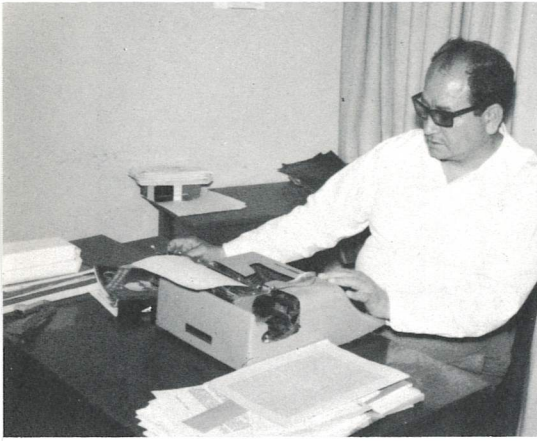
In spite of the widespread location of our WELS congregations, efforts are made to work and worship together. The Lutheran Women's Missionary Societies in Ohio have regularly participated in group gatherings even though it meant driving several hours. For the past two years, teenagers from all over the state attended Youth Rallies. In some cases church picnics are held jointly. Other congregations join together for mission festivals, Reformation rallies, and radio broadcasts. However, the greatest bond of unity will always be our common faith in Christ and His Word.

#### The Future

The future for the Wisconsin Synod in Ohio is filled with question marks. The question is not whether there is any place to go since there are still millions of people living more than 30 miles from a WELS congregation. Nor is there a question about whether we need to go. The question is “Where next?” Will it be Youngstown, Mansfield, West Cleveland, Springfield, Sandusky, or West Toledo? Or will it be in an unexpected town? God knows where we will go next; we only know that we must go!

Glen Schaumberg





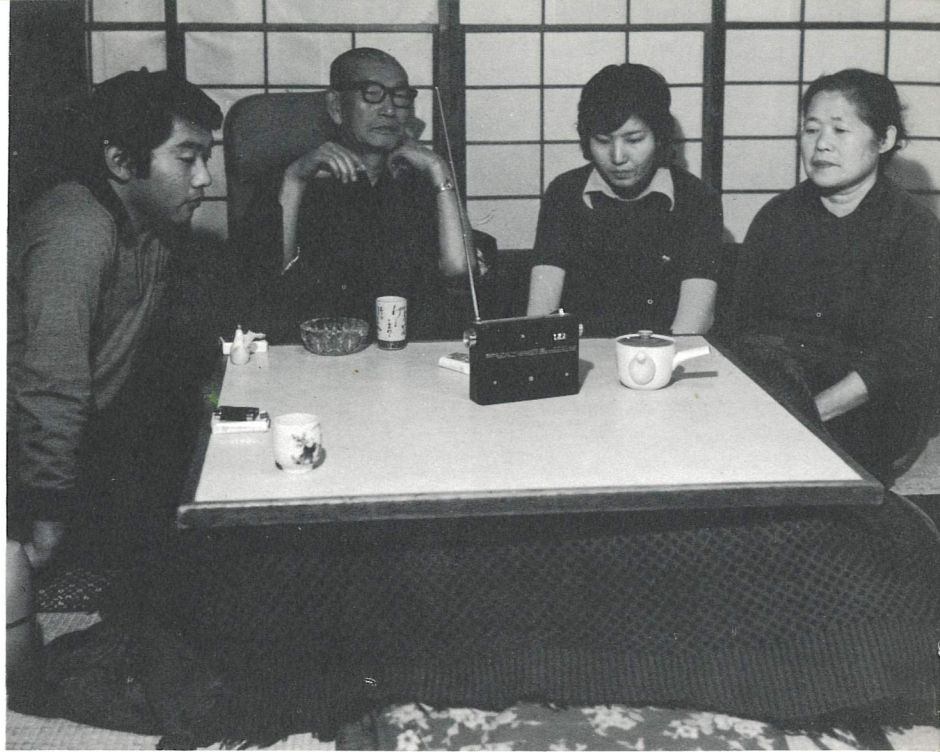
Pastor Carlos Avedano (Mexico) preparing script for MENSAGE DE SALVACION



Mr. Martin Lim, Taiwan, listening to VOICE OF SALVATION



A Puerto Rican listening to ASI DICE LA BIBLIA



Japanese family listening to A MOMENT WITH JESUS

## Radio In Our World Missions

*"Lo, He doth send out His voice, and that a mighty voice!" — Psalm 68:33*

The Psalmist David had no knowledge of AM or FM radio when he spoke of the Lord sending out His mighty voice with the Gospel. Still, radio was included in God's design and work of creation as another natural means for proclaiming His Plan of Salvation.

Questions have been raised in the church as to the propriety of using this medium of communication for the Gospel because of its limitations in carrying out the full stipulations of the Great Commission. But it is as right for the church to use radio waves as it is to employ ordinary sound waves in proclaiming the Good News. "All things are yours" includes all the materia and laws of nature which God has created.

Radio presents a unique and effective opportunity in World Missions for entrance and penetration with the Word of God into areas where the Gospel has not been preached, and especially to those areas to which access is denied by ordinary means of communication. The use of radio is universal. It leaps over barriers of political borders and ideologies; its potential listening audience is incalculable.

### Advantages

Radio witnessing is direct. Person-to-person first encounters may be stilted and influenced adversely by conflicting language and cultural patterns. Local custom may dictate polite listening to the foreigner, but it also erects barriers. Radio witnessing, on the other hand, carries the Gospel directly to the homes and hearts of people without the distraction of economic and cultural differences, especially when the transmission is in the local language.

The radio message comes to people who have voluntarily switched on their receiver, people who are at home, relaxed, and probably in a more receptive mood to listen than if they are encountered on the street or in a formal assembly. Having heard, the hearer decides whether to make himself known to the messenger of the Word. When the Holy Spirit moves him to take this step, he is ready to receive further instruction. The first great hurdle has been taken.

In many areas of the world, such as Japan, the people resent door-to-door canvassing. They frown on the invasion of their privacy. It is consid-



ered socially unacceptable to speak to someone without invitation about a matter as intimate as one's personal religious beliefs. To carry on personal evangelistic efforts is even forbidden by law in countries like India. Radio broadcasts overcome and avoid these obstacles.

### Not a Substitute

There are, of course, definite shortcomings in radio evangelism. Radio is by no means complete as a medium of communicating the Gospel. There is no opportunity for a prompt response to questions and objections. Because of the lack of time, there is only a limited opportunity to fortify and deepen the message from the Word. Also lacking is the fellowship of the believers, assembled for worship. Radio listening is usually a lonely matter, the witness is only an incorporeal voice, and the words of admonition and comfort are necessarily general and impersonal.

True, there are records of blessed family and village radio listening groups who gathered regularly to listen to our broadcasts and learned to function as a congregation of believers by using the liturgical services, the sermons, and the prayers mailed to them. Invariably, however, these groups, like the people served through the mailing program in Malawi, wrote to the missionaries, urging them to come in person to instruct them further in God's Word, to baptize them, and to prepare them for receiving the blessing of Holy Communion. After all, the Lord has ordained a shepherd and flock relationship for His Church, and all means like radio services and mailing programs are but preliminary to the resident ministry of the Word.

In a recent essay Professor Rupert Eggert of El Paso states, "Radio broadcasting is not a means in itself, nor should it serve as an independent agency apart from the rest of the work we are seeking to do with the Gospel."

### A Mission Arm

Despite shortcomings radio has a definite place in the World Mission program and it should be used to the full extent of its capability to advance the cause of Christ.

It should serve to introduce and identify our staff in a new field. In

world areas, where we have no churches and the very name Lutheran is unknown, it is important to use every means to present the unique program of our church. It is no longer advisable to assume that a general identification with Christian teaching is enough; our strict adherence to Scriptural doctrine must be emphasized. In this way the radio broadcast can prepare the way and extend a meaningful invitation to the hearers.

Going hand in hand with a thorough canvass (where this is acceptable), the radio message can break down the wall of opposition and suspicion which exists against things that are foreign. Our missionaries have found, for instance at Tucson and in Japan, that people who have heard our radio message and later are met in their homes are happy to meet the foreign missionary, saying, "We know you; we heard you over radio." Pastor V. H. Winter, our veteran Spanish missionary, has held radio services since 1949. He states that 75 per cent of his present membership was first brought into contact with our church through radio.

Radio also serves in our missions, as in our home communities, to bring the Lutheran service, the sermon, the hymns and prayers, into the homes of invalid and aged shut-ins. Its voice has returned the backslider to the fold and aroused the conscience of the evildoer. Pastor Arthur Guenther writes that his Whiteriver Apache Congregation gladly supports the radio broadcast because it keeps the Indian believers who live in scattered, distant camps with the church. Especially during the heavy winter snows on the Fort Apache Reservation.

Whenever possible our missionaries transmit the radio service through the voice of one who speaks the local language as his mother tongue. Pastor Kermit Habben of Tsuchiura, Japan, writes, "We would never have found Miss Okano back there in those hills, but Jesus did — through your radio program. Miss Okano had heard our broadcast and requested more information about our Christian faith. Into how many spiritually dark villages and homes like Miss Okano's our radio program brings the light in Christ, the Sun of Righteousness, will never be known until the Last Day; but the number is great."

In all of our Latin-American mission areas radio broadcasts are an important part of the program. Presently we are trying to establish an eight-station network in Mexico. Pastor Ernst Zimdars is in charge of this work as well as the radio broadcast from Juarez which has led to several promising preaching places. Our work on Puerto Rico would be greatly curtailed, were it not for the broadcasts from Guayama and Humacao, conducted by Pastor Roger Sprain.



Missionary Habben visiting with family gained by our Japanese program

A blind man from the far south of the Island of Taiwan, writes Mr. Howard Festerling of Hong Kong, would never have come in contact with us, were it not for the "Voice of Salvation" radio program. He had listened for years, making a monthly contribution of about \$1 (U.S.). Recently Pastor Timothy Lee met him on his hospital rounds.

### Funds Needed

If we had the funds, we could reach out much farther with the Lord's "mighty voice" and bring the Gospel call to the many who have not heard that Christ died for them. There are powerful stations which steadily beam the Gospel even into the Communist countries of the world to hundreds of millions of souls to whom we cannot go. Our restricted financial means, even with the faithful help of groups like the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society, thus far have not made possible such challenging undertakings, but we have begun.

Will you help? Please, consult your pastor who has the booklet, *Mission Projects 1972-1973*. It lists all the World Mission radio projects, and gives all the information needed for your contribution to reach our mission fields.

Pastor Edgar Hoenecke





East Hall Dormitory

# Northwestern Preparatory School

*Watertown, Wisconsin*

The name is relatively new, just a couple of years old. The school is not new. Its origin dates back over a hundred years to the founding of Northwestern College with its program of providing preministerial training for boys between grade school and the seminary. For years it was known simply as the Preparatory Department of the college, and its instructors were drawn from the college faculty. The recent adoption of an official name, however, is indicative of the gradual development at Northwestern Preparatory School of an identity of its own. The changeover has been going on for some time. It still is not complete, and in certain areas the joint operation between the two schools, prep and college, will continue. Despite the few intentional exceptions Northwestern Preparatory School has come most of the way toward becoming a separate school on the Northwestern campus, with its own name, its own faculty, its own dormitory, its own dean (to be called), its own organizations, its own student council, its own athletic program, its own nickname and school colors, its own school paper and yearbook, and its own graduation.

In keeping with its assigned purpose Northwestern Preparatory School offers a curriculum designed expressly for meeting the requirements for entrance into Northwestern College in preparation for the ministry. With minor adjustments it also enables those graduates who so

choose to enroll at Dr. Martin Luther College, eventually to become parochial-school teachers. Of necessity, such a curriculum consists predominantly of the basic high-school courses: History, English, mathematics, the sciences, foreign languages, and music. Add to these religion, both as a course of study and also as the pervading tone in all of the other courses, and you have the Prep curriculum. It's a demanding course, yet within the limits of the ability of the average student. It is no more demanding for them now than the pastoral ministry or parochial-school teaching will be for them later on.

Apart from classwork the chorus and glee club, the band and pep band, Rostra (forensics and dramatics), the Hornet (school paper) and the Sprinter (yearbook), Wissenschaft (Science Club), Athletics (football, basketball, wrestling, baseball, tennis, and intramurals) provide opportunity for the development of the wide variety of talent present in the student body. Spread all these activities, in class and out of class, over a 38-acre campus and into the Chapel-Arts Building, the Library-Science Building, East Hall (Prep dorm), the cafeteria, the new Northwestern gym, the Music-Auditorium (now being re-



Preps at Administration-Library-Science-Classroom Building



modeled), then add the regular walks to any of the three Wisconsin Synod churches in town, and the other normal diversions in a city of 15,000, and the result is a composite of the life of a Prep at Northwestern.

It is not enough, however, to describe Northwestern Preparatory School in these terms alone. Essential to Northwestern Preparatory School are the Preps themselves, the students. Who are they? What are they like? Right now there are about 200 of them, 160 boys and 40 girls. Most of the girls live at home, close enough to commute to school each day. Those from out of town live with Watertown families during the school year. Conversely, most of the boys are away from home, as far away as Florida and California, even Africa. Each year they come, each year they go, high-school students, normal boys and girls. Yes, they are normal, with their normal share of strengths and weaknesses, doubts and confidences, complaints and enthusiasms, flesh and spirit. But they also come with something special, something not normal to any human being: a conspicuous devotion to their Savior. Trace it back to the patient efforts of Christian parents and the conscientious instruction of faithful pastors and teachers. The Preps know and trust the Gospel of Jesus, and they recognize that it is around the Gospel of Jesus that Northwestern Preparatory School revolves. They accept the fact that the Savior's Word and will are the guide both for them and for the school. In their daily needs they depend upon them to be encouraged with His promises. In their weaknesses and failings they expect to be corrected and admonished by His Word. And they do listen, and they learn, and they grow. In spite of some disappointments — they are, after all, a group of very young men and women passing through some of the most confusing and difficult years of their lives — they grow physically, mentally, and in strength of faith to go on to become dedicated and devoted servants of Jesus Christ. It is a pleasure and an honor to work with them. May the grace of God continue to rest upon Northwestern Preparatory School!

William G. Zell

## *In the Hour of Trial*

### *Why Pain and Sorrow?*

Nowhere in all of Scripture does the Lord promise His people complete absence of pain, sorrow, suffering, or grief while they are living in this world of sin. In fact, the Bible has a great deal to say about suffering. Often, however, in so doing, it portrays suffering as a blessing rather than a curse, especially as it applies to Christians. The Lord frequently speaks to us about the trials of life in the context of encouragement and hope rather than that of gloom and despair. He even gives us examples in nature, His wonderful creation, to show us how apparent suffering can and does result in actual blessing. The bruised rose, for instance, gives off the sweetest fragrance. The most delicious juice is extracted from the crushed grape. The pains of childbirth are forgotten in the joys of motherhood (John 16:21). A grain of sand causes irritation in the body of an oyster, and because of that irritation a beautiful pearl is formed.

Yet a child of God may, in puzzled dismay, cry out, "Why am I being punished? What evil have I done to deserve this?" Jesus' disciples once asked Him about a blind man, "Who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?" (John 9:2). Why do Christians sometimes think that their suffering is punishment? God tells us that our suffering can actually mean that He is revealing His glory in us. Concerning His disciples' question above, Jesus said that the Lord was using the man's blindness "that the works of God should be made manifest to him." Our suffering may be the result of our being Christians who are not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ. Job was a man who served the Lord and shunned evil; the prophets of old were godly men; the early Christians walked in the footsteps of Jesus. Yet these all suffered as a result of their faith.

It's not at all a dark and mysterious puzzle, this matter of a Christian's suffering. From the first cry of the newborn babe to the last dying breath of the aged, pain and suffering are part of our lives. For the unbeliever this is something that he accepts with the greatest reluctance, but for the Christian it ought to be what the Lord means it to be: a source of strength for life here and a reason to anticipate with joy the life hereafter. When we consider the fact that, for our sins, God Himself, in the Person of Jesus Christ, experienced physical pain and emotional and mental anguish, then we can also look to Him in our moments of anguish, knowing that He is able to strengthen us. Then we, even as He, will be able to say, "Thy will be done."

It has been said that "suffering is the strange fire of which saints are fashioned and through which God's glory blazes." And the Apostle Peter says (I Pet. 4:12): "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you." Suffering can be corrective for some of God's children. Whatever may happen in our lives, God will cause all things to work together for our good and His glory. "Rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's suffering; that, when His glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy" (I Pet. 4:13).

Remember, therefore, these words of the inspired Apostle Paul (Rom. 8:18): "I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." "Whatever we may have to go through now is less than nothing compared with the magnificent future God has planned for us" (Phillips).

Philip R. Janke



## Opening at Northwestern

Northwestern College opened its 108th school year on August 29 with a service in the Music-Auditorium. The earlier opening will permit the completion of the first semester's work before Christmas vacation, thus eliminating the "lame-duck" portion of the semester in January. Two dormitory assistants, Paul Schweppe and Frederick Uttech, and an instructor, Robert Mitchell, were inducted into office at the service.

Music instruction and musical organizations in Northwestern Preparatory School are now under the direction of Professor Franklin Zabell, who was installed in his office at a service in the college chapel on September 24. The addition of Professor Zabell to the faculty has made possible the division of college and high-school music. Professor Lehmann, who was responsible for the entire music program heretofore, is now in charge of bands and of music in the college department.

Enrollment totals are approximately the same as last year: 196 in the Preparatory School and 279 in the college. Ninety college freshmen matriculated, thus offsetting the enrollment loss occasioned by the graduation of 70 seniors last spring.

We are now awaiting clearance to authorize bidding on the remodeling project in the basement of the Music-Auditorium. When the remodeling is completed, all of our dispersed and to a considerable extent ill-housed music facilities will be consolidated in an area that has been designed for functional operation. At the same time a building that has been upstaged by the new gymnasium will be given a new lease on life and will again contribute much to our educational purpose and to campus life.

C. Toppe



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### Pastor Walter G. Voigt 1900 - 1972

Pastor Walter G. Voigt, son of Mr. Timothy Voigt and his wife Maria, nee Gruneberg, was born November 17, 1900, in Town Jackson, Wisconsin. He was both baptized and confirmed at David Star Ev. Lutheran Church, Kirchhayn, Wisconsin.

To prepare for the holy ministry, the deceased attended Northwestern College at Watertown, graduating in June, 1922, and the Lutheran Seminary at Wauwatosa, from which he graduated in June, 1925. His ordination took place on August 30, 1925.

During his 44 years in the ministry he served our WELS congregations at Monticello, Minnesota, 1925-1928; Hutchinson, Minnesota, 1928-1949; Frontenac and West Florence Township, Minnesota, 1949-1955; and Merrill, Wisconsin, 1955-1969. In March of 1969 he retired from the ac-



Pastor W. G. Voigt

tive ministry because of health problems, and moved to Lake City, Minnesota, where he assisted the pastors of St. John's Lutheran Church of which he was a member.

On July 3, 1925, Pastor Voigt was united in marriage with Miss Alma

Graese. The Lord blessed their marriage with four sons.

After a few days of illness in the Lake City hospital, Pastor Voigt died on September 9, 1972, at the age of 71 years. He is survived by his wife; his sons: Adelbert, Beaver Dam, Wisconsin; Gerhardt, Markesan, Wisconsin; Walmar, Red Wing, Minnesota; and Donald, Lake City, Minnesota; 13 grandchildren, and one brother.

Pastor Ralph Goede delivered the funeral sermon at St. John's Lutheran Church in Lake City on the words of Psalm 31:5, "Into Thy hand I commit my spirit; Thou hast redeemed me, O Lord God of truth." Pastor David Gosdeck conducted the liturgy and the committal service at the church cemetery.

Pastor Voigt was a humble and faithful servant of his Savior. He has received the crown of life given to all believers who are faithful unto death.

R. A. Goede

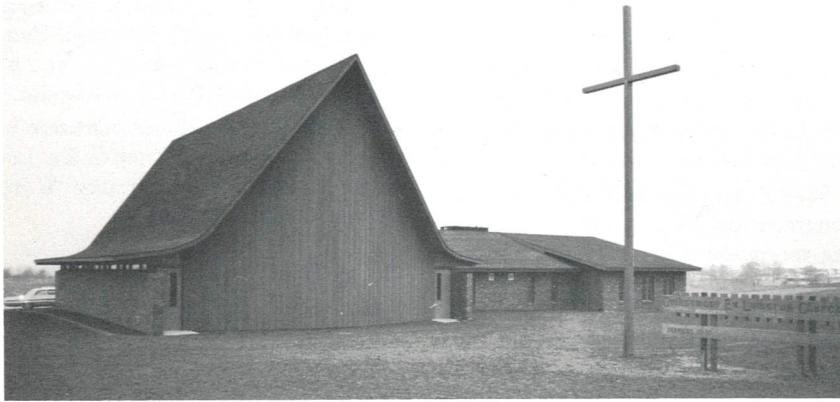


# Direct from the Districts

## Nebraska

### Two Twenty-fives

Two congregations of the Nebraska District date their beginnings 25 years ago this summer. Both observed the occasion in joyful worship.



Gethsemane, Omaha

First Ev. Lutheran Church of Aurora, Nebraska, had its festivities on July 9. Pastor Paul Manthey of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, a former pastor, spoke in the morning service. Pastor Milton F. Weishahn of Norfolk, who was the first resident pastor of the congregation, was guest speaker in the 3:00 P.M. service. The present pastor is the Rev. William Goehring.

The other congregation observing an anniversary was Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church of Council Bluffs, Iowa, on July 23. Pastor Hugo Fritze, a former pastor now at Ixonia, Wisconsin, was guest preacher in the morning. Pastor Verdell Tassler of Beatrice, Nebraska, addressed the congregation in the afternoon. Pastor Carl T. Otto serves this flock. "Praise ye the Lord. O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, and His mercy endureth forever."

### New District Reporter

Pastor Richard J. Kuckhahn is the new *Northwestern Lutheran* reporter for the Nebraska District, succeeding Pastor Henry G. Meyer, who retired in July of this year. For the information of the Nebraska District clergy, Pastor Kuckhahn's address is 1105 South Cornelia Street, Sioux City, Iowa 51106.

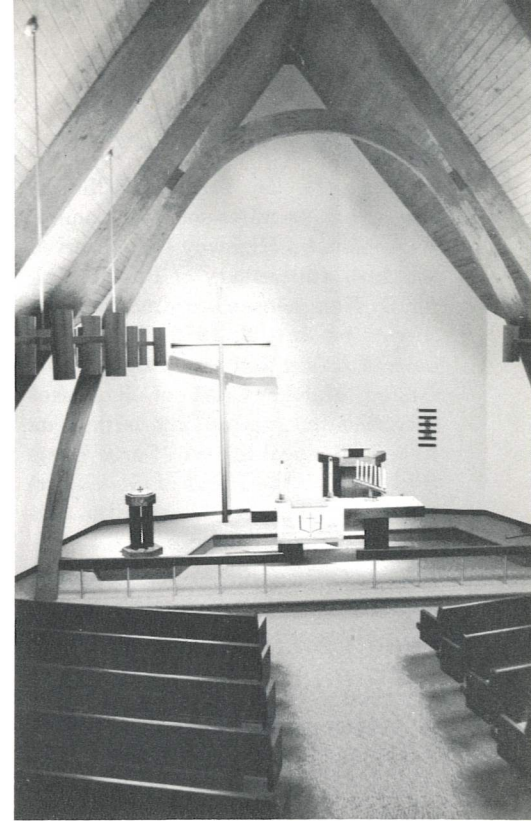
Pastor Kuckhahn is a June, 1964, graduate of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. Before coming to Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, Sioux City, in June, 1971, he was pastor of a dual parish in South Dakota, serving St. Paul's of Batesland and Our Re-

deemer of Martin. He is married to the former Marley Zahn. Their family numbers four children.

We welcome Pastor Kuckhahn as a contributor to this column and hope to hear from him regularly.

### New Church Plant Dedicated

Seldom is a congregation permitted by the Lord to dedicate an entire new church plant, including church, school, parsonage, and teacherage to His service in one summer. Such was the case at Gethsemane Ev. Lutheran Church of Omaha. Pastor Ronald Roth officiated at the dedication service for the church held on April 30, with Pastor Herbert Lichtenberg of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, a former pastor, as guest preacher. President Gerald Free of Omaha spoke in the afternoon service, in which the newly constructed parsonage and a recently purchased teacherage were dedicated. Vicar Loren Fritz, a member of Gethsemane, was liturgist in the morning service and Pastor Carl Otto of Council Bluffs, Iowa, served in that capacity in the afternoon. The new school, although a part of the church complex, was dedicated separately at the beginning of the 1972-73 school year in August. No special speakers or services attended it, but a host of special blessings do. May



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these new buildings serve the Church Militant to the glory of God and in the bringing of many blood-bought souls to the Savior.

## Southeastern Wisconsin

### Jordan Congregation Fetes Pastor F. Gilbert

On Sunday, September 17, 1972, Jordan Congregation of West Allis observed the 40th anniversary of Pastor Frederic Gilbert's ordination into the holy ministry, at two morning services. The anniversary sermon on I Corinthians 15:10, was preached by Pastor Marvin Volkmann of Grace Lutheran in Waukesha.

Members of Jordan Congregation and friends expressed their well-wishes at an anniversary dinner at the Wisconsin Lutheran High School. Speakers at the dinner included the Rev. Arthur Halboth, President Oscar Naumann, and a classmate of Pastor Gilbert, Prof. Frederic Blume of Mequon.

Ordained in 1932, Pastor Gilbert served congregations in Whitehall, Indian Creek and Hustler, Slinger and Cedar Lake, before coming to Jordan Church in West Allis, where he has served faithfully for the past 15 years. May the Lord in His grace continue to bless His servant!



**Two Anniversaries —  
Each 40 Years**

St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, situated three miles south of Lomira, Wisconsin, on Highway 157, observed the 40th anniversary of Pastor Walter O. Nommensen's ordination in a service on July 2, 1972. The actual date of ordination was July 3, 1932. Pastor Melvin Croll of Kekoskee preached the anniversary sermon on Acts 7:36, speaking on "Forty Years as a Tool in the Hand of God." Pastor Paul Huth of Brownsville conducted the altar service.

After first serving the congregation at Columbus, Wisconsin, on a temporary basis, Pastor Nommensen received his first permanent call to Wausau, Wisconsin. Four years later he became pastor of the dual parish, Rosellville and Green Valley, Wisconsin. In 1944 he was called to Alton, Wisconsin, and in 1954 to Vesta, Minnesota. His services to St. Paul's at Lomira began in April, 1965. May the Lord continue to strengthen him in his calling as minister of Jesus Christ!



Pastor W. Nommensen, standing  
Mrs. Rahjes, seated at right

In the same service special words of commendation and thanks were also addressed to Mrs. William Rahjes, a member of the congregation. She has had the distinction of serving her congregation as organist and choir director for a period of 40 years.



Groundbreaking at Onalaska

**Western Wisconsin**

**Progress at Onalaska**

May 7 and June 25, 1972, were important days in the life of St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Congregation, Onalaska, Wisconsin.

May 7 was the date on which the congregation held a mortgage-burning ceremony. This offered the members of St. Paul's an opportunity to thank God for granting them faith and ability to build and pay for both a church and a parsonage. The church was dedicated in 1957 and the parsonage in 1965. In the meantime, the congregation has also voted to build an educational unit, with a completion target of November, 1972. Ground was broken for the \$125,000 unit on June 25. The new structure will have four classrooms, an office, and a full basement with kitchen. The building, which will measure 60 feet by 84 feet, is designed to meet the state code and will be attached to the church.

Those pictured at the groundbreaking are Mr. Lester Pralle, chairman of the congregation; Mr. Larry Lenox, chairman of the finance committee; Mr. Sidney Kopp, chairman of the building committee; and Mr. Edgar Radichel, chairman of the stewardship committee. Pastor James Mumm is shown doing the honors. Photo is by courtesy of the La Crosse Tribune.

**20th Anniversary at Viroqua**

On September 10, 1972, English Ev. Lutheran Church of Viroqua, Wisconsin, observed the 20th anniversary of the dedication of its house of worship. Preacher for the occasion was the Reverend E. A. Mahnke of Milwaukee, one of the early pastors of the Viroqua congregation. The membership of the congregation on the occasion of its anniversary stands at 239 baptized souls, of whom 180

are communicants and 46 are voters. The pastor of the congregation is E. A. Breiling.

English Ev. Lutheran Church of Viroqua was organized on August 24, 1949. Worship services, however, had been conducted since 1942. The church building was erected in 1952. Pastors who have served the congregation in the past are Fred Schroeder, Otto Pagels, Richard Stiemke, Elmer Mahnke, O. Medenwald, Paul H. Prueter, Lyle Albrecht, O. E. Wralstad, and John P. Schroeder.

May the gracious Lord continue to bless the members of English Ev. Lutheran Church with the true Word and pure Sacraments!

**Three Teachers Honored**

September 24, 1972, will long be remembered by Teachers Ada Sievert, Ervin Humann, and Quentin Albrecht as the day on which St. Mark's Congregation of Watertown, Wisconsin, observed their anniversary. Services rendered by these teachers to the Lord's little ones total 115 years.

Miss Ada Sievert, who comes from a family of distinguished teachers, has dedicated 50 years to the ministry of teaching and continues to be active on St. Mark's faculty. With the exception of three years spent at St. James, Minnesota, one year at Dr. Martin Luther College, and four years at Holy Cross of Madison, Wisconsin, she has devoted her entire career to the children of St. Mark's School.

Mr. Ervin J. Humann has taught at St. Mark's since 1971. Before that he taught at Stoddard, Wisconsin (six years); Helenville, Wisconsin (eight years); Stevensville, Michigan (18 years); Wausau, Wisconsin (six years); and Hustisford, Wisconsin (one year). In all he has devoted 40 years to Christian day-school teaching. Mr. Humann's wife and his son-in-law, Mr. Elden Lemke, are also members of St. Mark's faculty.

Mr. Quentin Albrecht has served 25 years in the teaching ministry. He came to St. Mark's as principal in 1966, heading a faculty of 14 teachers and a school whose enrollment numbers 425 pupils. Before coming to St. Mark's Mr. Albrecht taught at Snoqualmie Valley Lutheran Church in



Washington and at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Pastor Myron Kell preached the anniversary sermon on II Timothy 4:14-17, using the theme "The Christian Teacher's Task — Building God's Men with God's Word." The altar service was conducted by Pastor Henry Paustian.

May our Lord richly bless these three teachers and all their colleagues in this important phase of the Lord's work!

#### St. Jacob's Reaches Its 90th

The 90th anniversary of St. Jacob's Ev. Lutheran Congregation, Norwalk, Wisconsin, was observed in two festival services on May 21. Two former pastors of St. Jacob's, J. R. Petrie and R. C. Hillemann, preached for the occasion. The festival offerings were designated for Synodical purposes, especially the Church Extension Fund. The Rev. Martin Lemke is pastor of St. Jacob's which he serves together with St. John's of Ridgeville Township.

### CHANGES OF ADDRESS

(Submitted by the District Presidents)

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**Holzhueter, Donald**

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### RESULT OF COLLOQUY

Following a colloquy held on September 27, 1972, Candidate Garrett B. Frank, a graduate of an ALC Seminary, is recommended to Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary for additional study, while at the same time serving a part-time vicerage in our Synod.

First Vice-President Carl H. Mischke  
District President Gerhard A. Horn  
Professor Wilbert R. Gawrisch

## Profiles of the Districts

### NEBRASKA DISTRICT

The history of the Nebraska District goes back to 1866 when an entire congregation from the Lebanon-Ixonia (Wisconsin) area journeyed to Nebraska in 53 prairie schooners drawn by oxen. The congregations that gradually gathered at first remained independent of synodical ties. Later their pastors joined the Wisconsin Synod. In 1904 the congregations organized as a separate Synod, the District Synod of Nebraska, affiliated with the Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Michigan Synods. In 1917 they became the Nebraska District.

Today the District has 71 congregations, served by 46 pastors. It numbers 11,121 baptized persons, of whom 7,844 are communicants. There are 17 Christian day schools in the District, taught by 35 teachers. The enrollment in 1971 was 710 pupils.

The District is divided into four conferences: Central, Colorado, Rosebud, and Southern. Serving as officers in the District are: Pastor Gerald Free, president, Pastor Charles Flunker, first vice-president, Pastor Leo Gruendeman, second vice-president, and Pastor William Goehring, secretary.

### SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT

The Southeastern Wisconsin District is the birthplace of the Wisconsin Synod, organized in 1850 in Mil-

waukee. In 1917 the District was given its present dimensions.

The District is comprised of 130 congregations, served by 131 pastors. It numbers 78,812 baptized persons, of whom 56,721 are communicants. Numberwise it is the largest of the Districts constituting our Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

There are 67 Christian day schools in the Southeastern Wisconsin District. The 7,520 pupils are taught by 317 teachers. Congregations of the District also support two area high schools; Wisconsin Lutheran High School in Wauwatosa with an enrollment of 1,160 and the new Shoreland Lutheran High School, Kenosha, Wisconsin, with an enrollment of 46 in three classes.

Situated in the District, at Mequon, Wisconsin, is the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, where the pastors of our Synod receive their final years of instructions.

Officers of the District are: Pastor George Boldt, president, Pastor Winfred Nommensen, first vice-president, Pastor D. H. Kuehl, second vice-president, and Pastor Mentor Kujath, secretary. The District is divided into five conferences: Chicago, Dodge-Washington, Metropolitan North, Metropolitan South, and Southern.

Of special concern to the District is the work in the innercity and the newly begun Spanish mission work.

### REQUEST — STATUE

Any congregation wishing to dispose of a statue of Christ no taller than 4 feet 8 inches please contact Trinity Lutheran Church, Box 563, Omak, Washington 98841.

### DMLC MUSICAL

Dr. Martin Luther College is presenting the musical *Camelot* this fall. The dates and times of performances are:

December 1 at 8:00 p.m.

December 2 at 8:00 p.m.

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### REQUEST — ALTAR WARE

The new mission in Holland, Michigan, is in need of altar ware. Any congregation wishing to donate an altar cross, lectern, communion set, or other useful items to this new mission effort, please contact the Rev. Ronald A. Semro, 4201 Burlingame S.W. Wyoming, Michigan 49509.

### APPOINTMENTS

The Rev. Daniel Pautz as Chairman of the Arizona-California District Board of Student Aid.

The Rev. Thomas Franzmann as Chairman of the Arizona-California District Stewardship Board.

The Rev. William Godfrey as Visiting Elder of the Southern Circuit of the California Conference of the Arizona-California District.

I. G. Frey, President

Pastor Eugene Kock has been appointed to complete the unexpired term of Pastor Russell L. Schmidt as Visiting Elder of the Rhinelander Conference. Pastor Schmidt has accepted a call into another District of our Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

Karl A. Gurgel, President  
Northern Wisconsin District



## NOMINATIONS — NWC

The following names have been placed in nomination for the professorship in the English Department of Northwestern Preparatory School:

Mr. Wayne Baxmann, Wauwatosa, Wis.  
Mr. Arlyn Boll, Milwaukee, Wis.  
Rev. John Graf, Sturgis, Mich.  
Rev. Iver Johnson, West St. Paul, Minn.  
Mr. Arlen Koestler, Greenfield, Wis.  
Rev. Reinhard Kom, Grant Park, Ill.  
Mr. Jerald Lanphear, Whitefish Bay, Wis.  
Rev. William Leerssen, Winner, S.D.  
Rev. William Meier, Phoenix, Ariz.  
Mr. Gale Peterson, La Crescent, Minn.  
Rev. Lynn Schroeder, Saginaw, Mich.  
Mr. Neal Schroeder, Mequon, Wis.  
Mr. Norman Tech, Kawkawlin, Mich.  
Mr. Rollin Westendorf, Wales, Wis.  
Dr. David Williams, Ann Arbor, Mich.

Correspondence concerning these nominees should be in the hands of the secretary of the Board of Control no later than November 15, 1972.

W. A. Schumann, Secretary  
613 South Fifth Street  
Watertown, Wisconsin 53094

## CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES ARIZONA-CALIFORNIA

### LUTHERAN TEACHERS' CONFERENCE

**Date:** November 9-10, 1972; 9 a.m. opening service.

**Place:** Good Shepherd, 3040 N. 7th Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona.

L. Johannpeter, Acting Secretary

### DAKOTA-MONTANA

#### EASTERN PASTORAL CONFERENCE

**Date:** November 7-8, 1972.

**Place:** Trinity, Clear Lake, South Dakota; R. Roth, host pastor.

**Time:** 10:00 a.m.; Communion service at 7:30 p.m.

**Preacher:** A. P. C. Kell (E. Habermann, alternate).

**Agenda:** How Can a Pastor Help His Church Council? Render Effective Spiritual Assistance?, R. Roth; Exegesis of I Timothy 5, D. Neyhart; A Study of the Sixth Commandment in Luther's Large Catechism, K. Haberkorn; Divorce: Two Valid Scriptural Premises (Adultery and Desertion) or One?, R. Heins; Homiletical Study of Psalm 2, E. Werner; Counseling Donors and Recipients of Transplants, M. Schulz; The Present View of Mixed Marriages in Roman Catholicism, G. Bunde. M. Schulz, Secretary

### MICHIGAN DISTRICT

#### SOUTHWESTERN PASTORAL CONFERENCE

**Date:** November 14, 1972; 9 a.m. Communion service.

**Place:** Grace, Muskegon, Michigan (D. Sievert, host pastor).

**Preacher:** E. Zehms (H. Peter, alternate).

#### Agenda:

10:15 Exegesis, Ephesians 4:17 ff, W. Zaring

11:45 President's Report

1:15 Roll Call and Minutes

1:30 The Old Testament Understanding of God, D. Dolan

2:30 Reports

3:00 Preliminary Report on Key 73, R. Semro

3:30 Directed Casuistry

4:00 Reports and Casuistry

4:30 Adjournment

R. A. Semro, Secretary

### MINNESOTA

#### ST. CROIX PASTORAL CONFERENCE

**Date:** November 14, 1972; 9 a.m. Communion service.

**Place:** St. Matthew's, Stillwater, Minnesota; E. Zacharias, host pastor.

**Preacher:** D. Seager (K. Schroeder, alternate).

**Agenda:** Exegetical Study of I John 1-2:2, L. Holz.

D. Buch, Secretary

## NEBRASKA

### NEBRASKA-COLORADO MISSIONARIES CONFERENCE

**Date:** November 14-15, 1972.

**Place:** Christ, Grand Island, Nebraska; G. Haag, host pastor.

**Agenda:** **November 14:** Nebraska District Pastors Seminar for all pastors of the District: C. Mischke, Juneau, Wisconsin, president of the Western Wisconsin District, will conduct sessions on "The Pastor's Call"; **November 15:** for missionaries: "Mission Thoughts on Acts 10," D. Bode; elections, reports.

**Communion Service:** November 14, 8:30 a.m.; M. Scheele, preacher.

**Note:** Because all pastors are invited, it is important to announce your intentions for meals and lodging to the host pastor.

C. Flunker, Secretary

## NORTHERN WISCONSIN

### MANITOWOC PASTORAL CONFERENCE

**Date:** November 13, 1972; 9 a.m. Communion service.

**Place:** Zion, Morrison, Wisconsin.

**Preacher:** J. Trapp (G. Unke, alternate).

**Agenda:** Exegesis of Hebrews 7, A. Stuebs; Sermon Study, H. Kuschel; The Pastor As An Example for the Congregation, A. Stuebs; Buying and Selling in the Church, W. Loescher. P. J. Damrow, Secretary

### WINNEBAGO CONFERENCE

**Date:** November 13, 1972; 9 a.m. Communion service.

**Place:** St. Peter's, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

**Preacher:** G. Meyer (N. Mielke, alternate).

**Agenda:** Philippians 4, J. Baumgart; "The Visiting Elder — A Key to the Church's Mission" (an essay by V. Prange).

P. Kolander, Secretary

### FOX RIVER VALLEY PASTORAL CONFERENCE

**Date:** November 14, 1972; 9 a.m. Communion service.

**Place:** Divine Savior, Shawano, Wisconsin; R. Muetzel, host pastor.

**Preacher:** A. Schabow (W. Borgwardt, alternate).

**Agenda:** James 5, H. Pussehl (I Peter 1, H. Bergholz); Preaching on the Gospel for Advent II, F. Brandt (Christmas Day, A. Dobberstein); Malachi, O. Henning (Psalm 1, A. Martens); Historical Introductions, Chapter 23, H. Warnke (Topic No. 1, R. Werner); casuistry. R. Muetzel, Secretary

## SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

**Date:** November 2, 1972; 2:00 p.m.

**Place:** St. Paul's, Tess Corners, Wisconsin.

**Agenda:** "The Recruitment and Training of Sunday School Teachers."

**Note:** Fellowship dinner following institute. Tickets \$1.00. Congregations not belonging to the institute are also urged to attend the meeting. Notify secretary in advance if you intend to stay for the fellowship supper.

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### CHICAGO PASTORAL CONFERENCE

**Date:** November 14, 1972; 9 a.m. CST.

**Place:** Beautiful Savior, 11228 Coldwater Road, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46825.

**Preacher:** T. Deters (A. T. Kretzmann, alternate).

**Agenda:** Exegesis of Hebrews 10:26-27, W. Popp; Purposeful and Edifying Communion Registration, R. Shekner.

T. Spiegelberg, Secretary

## EXPLORATORY SERVICES

### HOLLAND, MICHIGAN

Mission exploratory services are now being held in Holland, Michigan. The place of worship is in the Waukazoo Elementary School, 1294 Lakewood Boulevard, on the north side of Holland. Services begin each Sunday evening at 5:00. We urgently request that you send names of any who might be interested to the Rev. Ronald A. Semro, 4201 Burlingame S.W., Wyoming, Michigan 49509.

### GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA

Exploratory Services are now being held in Gainesville, Florida, at 1204 NW 10th Avenue (the Seventh-Day Adventist Church). A Worship service is held each Sunday evening at 7:00. Sunday school and Adult Bible Class meet at 6:00 p.m. Anyone knowing of prospective members, interested persons, or university students in the Gainesville area is asked to send their names and addresses to: Pastor John F. Vogt, 1707 El Prado Road, No. 5, Jacksonville, Florida 32216.

### WINTER HAVEN, FLORIDA

If you intend to move into the Winter Haven area or if you know of prospective members already living in the area, please inform the undersigned. This area includes Lakeland, Lake Wales, Nalcrest, Lake Alfred, Haines City, and Eloise. Kindly send all pertinent information to:

Pastor E. C. Renz  
2828 W. Kirby Street  
Tampa, Florida 33614

### HURON, SOUTH DAKOTA

WELS exploratory services are being conducted in the Seventh Day Adventist Church, 244 6th Street SW, Huron, South Dakota. Services are held every Sunday evening at 8:00 p.m. Please send names of prospective members to: Pastor Gilbert Bunde, Box 425, Willow Lake, SD 57278.