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Briefs by the Editor



About 16,310 extra copies of this issue are being sent to the congregations of the Northern Wisconsin and the Arizona-California Districts for distribution to their members. The Editorial Board hopes that as a result of this contact with *The Northwestern Lutheran* many more of our WELS members will subscribe to their family periodical.

Subscription envelopes have been included in all of the extra copies. Should someone receive an envelope mentioning the *Gemeinde-Blatt*, we ask them to disregard that particular line. The *Gemeinde-Blatt* was the German counterpart of *The Northwestern Lutheran*. It ceased publication in December, 1969, after having been published by our Synod for 104 years and having appeared in 2,539 issues.

Our thanks to Pastor Robert Hochmuth for telling us about mission work in the State of California. Pastor Hochmuth has spent his entire ministry in the Arizona-California District, doing the spade work for Good Shepherd Congregation of Tucson, Arizona, back in 1948. In 1959 he accepted the call to gather the first WELS group in the San Francisco Bay area, establishing Peace Congregation of Santa Clara in 1960. He has participated in the founding of seven other mission stations in northern California. In 1969 he became chairman of the California Home Mission Board.

From a clipping submitted by Pastor Hochmuth we learn that we could have been active in California as far back as 1876. In that year Pastor Conrad Dreves (or: Drewes) was commissioned by our Wisconsin Synod to investigate mission work among the Indians in the West and, on the side, to serve the scattered Germans

in the western states. He soon dropped the idea of mission work among the Indians — they were at war with the U.S. government at the time — and began working as circuit rider in California. A Reformation Day pamphlet of 1877 states that Dreves preached the Gospel “from Virginia City to Half Moon Bay and from Anaheim to Victoria.” But our Wisconsin Synod was not ready to support that venture. It did not feel called on to do mission work among the Germans in California as long as many of the Germans in Wisconsin were only being taken care of partially. In 1877 Pastor Dreves received his support from a Missouri Synod congregation in San Francisco, and in 1879 he returned to Germany. It’s clear the Lord’s hour had not yet come for us to be in California.

Exciting are the accounts of the four new WELS Christian day schools that opened their doors in September of this year. Pictures of the school at Tempe do not show the teacher, Miss Kathleen Barfknecht, because she had to undergo emergency surgery just at that time. We hope she has fully recovered by now.

Perhaps you are wondering what the situation of these schools is a year or more after opening. Here’s part of a note concerning one of the schools a year later: “The school is doing terrifically. What wonderful servants the Lord has provided for us! ’Tis a joy I never believed possible. Enrollment is 89 students — 13 more than anticipated. Potential is fantastic. If our Father will grant us the spirit of determination to follow, He shall surely show the way. Just thought you might like to hear the joy of it all.” We do. We rejoice with Pastor R. Sawall and Bethany Congregation of Manitowoc, Wisconsin.

*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

“A Little Groundbreaking for Learning” — Pastor Daniel Pautz and Emmanuel Congregation at Tempe, Arizona. Jan Young Photo from *Tempe News* of September 8, 1972.

THE NORTHWESTERN LUTHERAN

Editorials

"Faithful Unto Death" A monument still marks the place where the Spartans met the Persian army at the mountain pass of Thermopylae. Hopelessly outnumbered, Leonidas and his 300 Spartans held the narrow roadway against wave after wave of Persia's famed ten-thousand "Immortals." Out-manuevered finally, the Spartan band fell fighting to the last man.

Leonidas and his men are remembered, not because they were successful, but because they were faithful. When the going got rough, when the battle went against them, when their cause was lost, they held their ground to the end.

They fought for an earthly crown. We who battle for an eternal crown are urged: "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

Our business is not to keep score but to play the game, to be faithful, and to leave the outcome in the Lord's hands. A woman need not be elegant, intellectual, or beautiful, but just be there, be good, be faithful. Children do not fault their fathers for failing to be President of the United States or Paul Getty-type millionaires, but for quitting, for walking out, for faithlessness.

There's something in us that always wants to figure the odds, play the percentages, and calculate the outcome first. The danger is that we become clever diplomats instead of faithful disciples, sweaty little strategists instead of good soldiers of Christ Jesus.

It is the hardest thing of all to be "faithful unto death," but it is the only thing that counts.

John Parcher

The Blessing

To the careless churchgoer the blessing pronounced at the close of the service is a kind of "sign off," marking the end of the worship hour. In a few minutes he will be on his way home to his Sunday paper and Sunday dinner.

The familiar words of Numbers 6 are deserving of better consideration than that. The Lord's care, His grace, and His peace are in that blessing. All that He means to us, all that He has done and will do for us, the minister bespeaks for us when he lifts his hands in benediction.

"The Lord bless thee and keep thee" — these are words to live by. "The Lord make His face shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee" — these are promises to accompany us in all our comings and goings. "The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace" — these thoughts should enter our hearts and find lodging there.

In this blessing there are words to carry around all through the week, from one worship service to the next.

In the quiet moments before the church service starts, think about these words of blessing. Take count of all the times God kept you from harm and evil during the week, and how many good things He provided daily. Call to mind how He time and again did not deal with you as you deserved but was patient and forgiving while you were careless and self-willed. Contemplate the peace you have in your heart because you know you are a pardoned child of God.

Let each Sunday morning be a Thanksgiving Day. For the seven days just past have demonstrated richly what God promised to Moses: "And they shall put My name upon the children of Israel; and I *will bless* them."

Carleton Toppe

Behavioral Absolutes

Absolutes have fallen into disrepute — but only in selected areas, chiefly in the area of religion in general and of morality in particular.

A feature writer accurately summarizes the emerging viewpoint when he states: "The new ethic considers what is personally healthy and socially feasible, and denies there are absolute rules for behavior." This new ethic is reflected in the viewpoint of a liberal minister, who asserts: "Morality is existential. You never know from one moment to the next whether an act is going to be moral or immoral. No one can give you an absolute code of behavior." (Incidentally, this assertion — "No one can . . ." — is in itself an absolute, and one wonders how it can be stated so absolutely and on what absolutes it is based.)

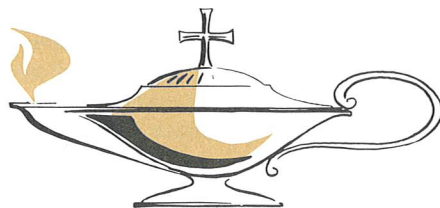
This aversion to absolutes is at best selective, if not downright arbitrary. It definitely does not prevail in the fields of science and mathematics. Most of modern man's most heralded accomplishments are based on absolutes. Man's success in exploring space, for example, has been based on the knowledge of absolutes and upon the application of these absolutes. The same is true of breakthroughs in the field of medicine. Here absolutes are ascertained and applied.

It is difficult to comprehend, therefore, why absolutes in the area of human behavior are discarded with such disdain. After all, the same God who created the universe and established absolutes in its operation also created man and placed him here as the crown of His creation.

St. Paul laid his finger on the reasons for modern man's resistance to absolutes in human behavior when he wrote to Timothy: "In the last days . . . men shall be lovers of their own selves . . . boasters, proud . . . ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth."

The fact is that the God who established the precise principles obtaining in His creation did not abandon man to his own resources in determining the principles of his behavior for which he is answerable to his Creator. In this area, thank God, there are also absolutes.

Immanuel Frey



Studies in God's Word

Obadiah's Message for Today

The pride of thy heart hath deceived thee (Obadiah 3a).

The doom of Edom. How does Obadiah's prophecy singling out Edom merit a place in the Bible? What does it have to say to us today? It is a dark and distant book — and decidedly abrupt at that. Why then add Obadiah's denunciation of Edom to the words written in Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Lamentations, Psalms, Malachi, and even Romans?

Perhaps that is the very point. Whereas other writers of the inspired record include references to the sentence passed on Esau, this is the sole subject of Obadiah. Esau is put under the light and under sharp focus so that nobody can fail to see where he went wrong. It may be that we need to have the memory of Esau burned into our minds.

Pride a Root Sin

Edom was guilty of pride, the sin of sins, Edom's sin showed itself in its vicious hatred against Israel, God's chosen. Self-deception, pride's companion, led Edom to believe that the people of God could be suppressed with impunity. Who could possibly retaliate when the Edomites secured themselves within their eagle's nest at Mount Seir? Was it not pride that deceived them into failing to see that they were opposing the Lord God of Israel when they were oppressing the house of Jacob?

What is pride, really? Who invented it? Well, Lucifer had it. "How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thy heart, 'I will ascend into

heaven. I will exalt my throne above the stars of God. I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation in the sides of the north. I will ascend above the heights of the clouds. I will be like the most High' " (Isa. 14:12-14). The murderer from the beginning, the father of liars (John 8:44), is also the sire of the proud. That ought to tell us something about pride. (Note how pride and deception are linked with murder.)

Pride Blooms

Pride attempts to rob God of credit, praise, and honor. Modern self-sufficiency wants to go it alone without help from the Almighty. Today's pseudo-scientist rules God out of the creation and preservation of the species. Progressive educators let Him play hooky from school. Politicians dismiss Him from their assemblies after they have used His name to open their sessions. It is a modern Esau who has uttered the profound statement, "We are the masters of our fate."

Even the average man on the street has little use for the Lord. He wants to do his own thing without interference from above. The world is filled with men and women who are completely indifferent, if not hostile, to the God who gave His only-begotten Son for them. Call it "secularism," "materialism," or "liberationism"; in God's Book it is called pride.

Congential Esau

Rubbing elbows with Esau, we Christians get used to him. In fact we find that we have a natural affinity to this fellow. He may be the manly outdoorsman, the sportsman, who seems to have no spiritual hang-ups.

Or, the man who has a zest for life. At any rate, we find him terribly attractive. Secretly we yearn for his uninhibited manner.

The trouble is that he rubs off on us all too often. We find it increasingly harder to criticize him. It becomes more and more difficult to recognize his reflection in our own lives. We catch ourselves saying of a fellow Christian, "He is a good fellow, but a little proud." As if pride is less than murder! Could it be that we need Obadiah's message more than we may think?

Oh, we may be careful not to let our tendencies show too much. But it is hard to keep the "old Edom" under wraps.

Why do we tend to be indifferent to the Word of God?

Why are we inclined to be negligent in the use of God's ordinances?

Why do we often fail to reach the goals we set for ourselves?

Why are we prone to arrange our categories so that we can be said to be "the first . . .," "the most . . .," "the only . . .," or "the highest . . .?"

Why do we have to hasten to add "under God" to our statistics?

Why do we at times make much of our humility?

The Death of Pride

For all of its solemn warning Obadiah's message gives rays of hope. Yes, there is hope even for those who fall into pride. "Upon Mount Zion shall be deliverance."

Because the Son of God humbled Himself and became obedient to the death of the cross, there is hope for all. On Mount Zion the Savior "was wounded for our transgressions; He was bruised for our iniquities" (Isa. 53:5). What does that mean but that He took upon Himself the full penalty for human pride?

Our pride is plowed under when we realize that our corrupt nature with its sin was nailed to the cross. The more we grasp the meaning of the deliverance on Mount Zion, the more pride is put down in us. And "the kingdom is the Lord's" also in our hearts. To God alone be glory!

Paul E. Nitz

Thank You!

How often do you say *Thank You*? And when you do, do you mean it? Or is it just a polite phrase?

Above all, how often do you thank God who is the Giver of all gifts? What He gives you is something no one else can give. His gifts are unique, and you and I know it!

Unfortunately, twentieth-century man has ruled God out — out of his life, out of his origin, and out of his future. Yet, there are still believers living in this twentieth century. That which sets them apart from other men should be both their way of life and their attitude. Prominent should be the spirit of thanksgiving. Nor will this be reserved for an official, national day of thanksgiving. In the life of the child of God, every day should be Thanksgiving Day.

In thus expressing their thanks, Christians walk in the footsteps of

their Lord. Remarkable is the number of times Scripture records that Christ gave thanks to the Father in heaven.

In those depressing hours when He knew that the people of Capernaum and other places to whom He had preached the Gospel had rejected it, He thanked the Father that He had revealed it to babes — to the lowly! — and that these had come to faith.

When He fed 5,000 with five barley loaves and two small fish, He publicly thanked God and thus proclaimed God as the One from whom the gift came. John stressed this when he later spoke of that place as the place where Jesus gave thanks. Nor did Jesus omit to thank God when he later fed the 4,000.

When the 70 disciples returned from their preaching mission with glowing reports, the Lord again gave

thanks — again because the Father had revealed the truth to babes and sucklings.

Coming to the grave of His friend Lazarus, and knowing in advance that He was going to raise him from the dead with His own word of power, Jesus nevertheless paused to say, "Father, I thank Thee, that Thou hadst heard Me." This He said that the hearers might believe that the Father had sent Him.

And then there is that solemn scene in the Upper Room! Speaking a prayer of thanksgiving over the bread and the cup, He gave to the Twelve His body and His blood for the forgiveness of their sins. What His prayer amounted to was a word of thanks that by His suffering He would redeem us.

Our Lord felt compelled to thank the Father under any and all circumstances. We, His redeemed, have every reason to be grateful always. Let us remember to be thankful!

Profiles of the Districts

NORTHERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT

The oldest of the 147 congregations belonging to the Northern Wisconsin District is St. John's in Town Newton, Manitowoc County, which was founded in 1851. The District itself was organized in 1917, and includes the northeastern section of Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of the State of Michigan.

Serving the 77,164 baptized members of the District are 119 pastors. The communicant membership count, as of 1971, was 56,581. The District is divided into five conferences: Fox River Valley, Lake Superior, Manitowoc, Rhinelander, and Winnebago.

Christian education plays an important role in the work of the Northern Wisconsin District. There are 47 Christian day schools, whose 5,529 pupils are taught by 217 teachers. There are also three area Lutheran high schools: Winnebago Lutheran Academy at Fond du Lac, with an enrollment of 238 and a staff of 14; Fox Valley Lutheran High School,

Appleton, with an enrollment of 519 and 25 teachers; and Manitowoc Lutheran High School, Manitowoc, with 316 students and 13 teachers.

The elected officers of the District are: Pastor Karl Gurgel, president; Pastor Martin Janke, first vice-president; Pastor Carl Voss, second vice-president; and Pastor David Worgull, secretary.

ARIZONA-CALIFORNIA DISTRICT

The Arizona-California District is the home of two of the Synod's World Mission ventures, the mission among the Apache Indians and the mission to the Spanish of the Southwest. In fact, the mission to the Apache Indians predates the District itself, which was granted District status in 1953 and organized in 1954. Congregations with the greatest seniority in the District are Zion of Phoenix and Grace of Tucson, both organized in 1911. The first WELS congregation to be organized in California was Gethsemane of Los Angeles, in 1950.

By latest count there are now 87 congregations in the District, served by 67 pastors.

The 14,286 members of the District — 8,549 of them confirmed — live in six states: Hawaii, California, Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas.

The District has 20 Christian day schools, three of which opened this fall. There are some 1,395 pupils, taught by 64 teachers. The District has neither an area Lutheran high school nor a Synodical school, except that the mission school on the Apache Indian Reservation at East Fork does offer the four high-school years to the pupils attending it.

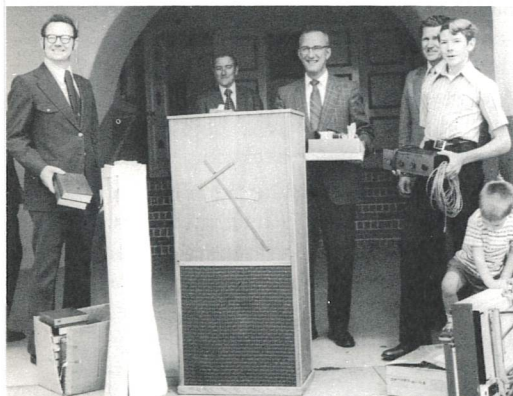
Guiding and directing the affairs of the District are the following officers: Pastor I. G. Frey, president; Pastor M. Nitz, first vice-president; Pastor R. Hochmuth, second vice-president; and Pastor A. Keibel, secretary. There are six conferences in the District: Apache, Black Canyon, California-North, California-South, Gadsden, and Texas-New Mexico.



Girls examine mobile made by them at Vacation Bible School at Prince of Peace, Thousand Oaks, California.



Kim Russian holds the door open for neighbors recruited for Bible School at Bethany Lutheran Mission Church in Concord, California. 41 of the 66 enrolled were non-members.



Members of Martin Luther Church, Santa Barbara, moving from 112 W. Cabrillo Blvd. to YMCA at 36 Hitchcock.

Pastor R. Hochmuth Tells About the

WELS Congregations in California



Martin Luther Congregation at Santa Barbara

"Dave, I'd like you to come up to my office after lunch." The subject of the conference: The Midwestern company's plans for David's future in the firm's West Coast operations. Before long, David and Lil are weighing the factors involved in moving the family to California.

If they are also concerned about their future with God, and about serving Him now, they want to know about the congregations with which they can worship and work when they transplant their lives to new environs.

Twenty years ago the first congregations of our Synod were founded in the Los Angeles area by Pastors Armin Keibel and Fred Knoll. In the years to follow, under the leadership of veteran home missionary Paul Heyn, work was begun in Pomona, the San Francisco Bay Area, San Diego, Sacramento, and Redding. Many of the charter members of these stations were also transplants to the West who desired above all to have a church faithful to the Lord and to His Word.

Today, David and Lil will find 32 places in the state where WELS groups are conducting services. Some are well established, self-supporting congregations; the rest are home mission stations in various stages of growth. Newcomers to most major areas can locate one within a driving radius of no more than 30 minutes. There are also Christians from remote job and military sites who drive more than 100 miles a week to fellowship with one of our congregations.

Choosing the Field

Several factors play a part in the founding of a home mission station. One is the presence of WELS newcomers or of Lutherans from other synods who have indicated both a commitment to what our Synod stands for and a commitment to sharing the saving Word. In some instances, established congregations have changed affiliation to become part of the WELS in California.

A factor most carefully considered before committing home mission

funds and manpower to a given area is its mission potential, assessed in terms of the number of unchurched families that can be reached, in terms of the already existing churches, and in terms of the readiness of the nucleus to reach and win outsiders. Our concern is not merely to found churches for the convenience of transplanted Lutherans, but to bring many others also to repentance and faith by initiating work where the Seed of the Word can be brought to multitudes. We need to be encouraged repeatedly that it is God's will that pagan, proud, pleasure-loving Californians be brought back to His family through Jesus.

The leaders in the congregations are aware of the opportunity and of their responsibility to share pardon and life through Jesus with their fellowmen. David and Lil will face not merely the question of *having* a church, but of *being* Church — of facing the assignment of those called to be disciples, stewards, and witnesses of Jesus in a decaying world. They will be called upon at an early date to participate in reaching out through systematic neighborhood evangelism efforts. They can then share in the joy as 75 per cent or more of the enrollment in VBS turns out to be from nonmember homes. The attendance, of course, reflects the cosmopolitan makeup of the neighborhoods; those with German surnames will be a minority group.

Life in a Mission Church

The mission character colors all of church life. For instance, Sunday-school teachers, even in the upper grades, always need to be ready to help newcomers who have never before read a verse from the Bible and who harbor the natural and destructive notion that the way to life with God is by trying to be good.

Similarly, experienced Lutheran ears will detect that Sunday sermons necessarily are aimed to benefit the unchurched and unconverted inquirers; they may be noticeably more basic presentations of the way of salvation than the ones they are used to back home.

Under these circumstances leaders in the congregations agonize over the

question of what version of the Bible to use to bring the milk of the Word to babes in Christ. There is no wholly suitable substitute for the King James, but archaic language is not best suited for planting God's message of repentance and life in today's ears. Bible study for all ages is as much a part of Sunday morning as the service.

Because secular education in the Golden State is tending to convert all pupils to the religion that regards the human as the highest being, parents in our congregations find themselves extending every effort to provide a God-centered view of life and career for their offspring. So far, 10 congregations have taken steps to make Christian day schools available to their families, with some parents transporting children 30 miles for the sake of wisdom riveted to reverence for the Creator. New Lutherans are among those most enthusiastic for this exercise of our heritage.

For the most part the facilities in which our congregations meet and work are strategically located, though by Midwestern standards they seem small. Only one congregation in the state is over 400 communicants in size; many of the newer missions are still below 100. Eight of them still meet in rented halls of various types while attempts are made

to secure a desirable site and then begin the exciting steps of erecting a first unit — all within a cost range dictated by the limitations of our Church Extension Fund financing.

Facilities Important

Facilities are important in carrying on the Lord's work. The most recent station to dedicate its first unit reports that in the two months following dedication, the number of newcomers at Sunday services was three times that during the three years the congregation was meeting in the local Women's Club hall.

To David and Lil and all others interested in confessional Lutheranism in California it will be obvious that some things about the church are different. Unfortunately, none of the mission churches can promise them that they will hear a pipe organ; not all of them can promise that they will hear a choir; but every one pledges that they will hear the voices of the Savior calling sinners to life with God through the pardon won on Calvary.

It is this loving Savior and living Lord whose name we seek to make known through the home mission efforts you are supporting in California.

Robert Hochmuth
California District Mission Board



Prince of Peace Church, Thousand Oaks, going up. The chapel will seat 150. The congregation was without its own church home for six years. Construction should be complete as you read this.

Four New Schools

*Two in Texas
One in Arizona
One in Wisconsin*



School opens with prayer.

Feeding His Lambs at Sheboygan, Wisconsin

Go Back Home

Last fall a member of Calvary Lutheran overheard a young local preacher of another "Lutheran" persuasion say, "I wonder why the Wisconsin Synod doesn't just give up in Sheboygan and go back home?" Even casual observation will supply the answer. From an original communicant membership of 10 in 1959, the God of our fathers chose to bless Calvary's growth until today it counts 207 confirmed members and 142 children.

As "old and conservative" as Sheboygan may appear, this city of 50,000 is experiencing a steady influx of young job seekers and older return-

ing residents. Sheboygan's industrial complex provides a likely target for a significant percentage of young couples from "up north" — many of them from our sister congregations. Most of them come with children in hand and babies in arm.

Although the passage holds a much wider application, we also cannot help thinking of Jesus' words, "Other sheep I have, which are not of this fold" (John 10:16), when we see the glowing faces of the children whose parents have just recently learned to know and to appreciate their wonderful Savior through adult instructions.

Furthermore, God continues to display the strength of His creative arm in Calvary's internal expansion. A



Teacher Michael Falk and pupils.

glance over our shoulders tells us that we have been sponsoring a baby-a-month club for more than a year.

To Whom Much Is Given

The more the children, the greater the blessing; the greater the blessing, the more the responsibility.

In His threefold "Feed My Sheep" sermon, Jesus put the lambs on the top of the list (John 21:15). Out of His love for both the lambs and the sheep, God has opened the eyes of Calvary Congregation to see the Savior's extended arms. He has opened their ears to hear the invitation: "Suffer little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not" (Luke 18:16).

This Gospel invitation is addressed chiefly to the parents, but the responsibility is not restricted to them. It rests on the shoulders of all the members of the Christian congregation. And we deem it a privileged blessing that the Chief Shepherd has provided us with wise elders and advisers who are eager to feed His lambs. One of the older men with no school-age candidates expressed himself thus: "These are all my charge; these are all my children." This attitude is not exceptional but representative of the mature Christian concern which the Holy Spirit has sown in our congregation and in our Synod.

New Identity

Late in 1971, in response to the Savior's commission, the voters of Calvary prayerfully decided to start a Christian day school the following fall.

The calling process began in January. After two men returned the plea to serve us, the Lord guided Mr. Michael Falk, a spring candidate of Dr. Martin Luther College, to accept. Mr. Falk was installed on July 2.

Two months later, on the morning of September 5, over 60 children and adults assembled for the opening service of Calvary Evangelical Lutheran School. The congregation heard the Word of God written in Proverbs 22:6: "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." The pastor's theme, "The Only Education That Counts," emphasized that only a Christian education is one that leads in the right direction and one that has truly lasting qualities. Classes then began for the 19 students enrolled in grades 1-3. At the same time the fellowship hall at the rear of the chapel began to earn its new identity as a classroom.

On The Agenda

What is on the agenda? If things progress as planned, Calvary will open its doors in the fall of 1973 to a potential of 60 pupils in kindergarten through fourth grade.

To do this it will be necessary to call a second instructor and to expand the facilities. The voting members have already given a unanimous decision to request funding for a four-classroom educational wing through our Synod's CEF program. We are thankful that this opportunity is open to us as a mission congregation.

Sheltered

People have complained that our Wisconsin Synod unduly shelters its youth from the world. I hope that this complaint continues until Christ returns in glory. Calvary's educational program is designed to shelter the lambs from the wolves — from "educators" who would seek to persuade our children to accept their personal philosophies in preference to the Lord's Word. We enlist your prayers, fellow Christians, that the Chief Shepherd might enable us to fulfill His work among these His lambs in Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

John A. Trapp



Miss Cynthia Crossfield and Michelle, Matthew, Anne, Martin, Daniel, and Alexander.



Mrs. Stephen Gregg and kindergarteners Christopher, Heidi, Jeff, Tanya, Leslie, and Kevin.

Lutherans at Dallas Appreciate Their School

Just ask Christopher Ring, Heidi Scherf, Jeff Geist, Tanya Lopez, Leslie Wagley, and Kevin Vaughn. Also ask Michelle Wagley, Matthew Hanke, Anne Gregg, Martin Buckmeier, Daniel Hunter, and Alexander Ring. Ask them what? Ask them whether they appreciate their new Christian day school. Their smiles as pictured above supply the answer.

Or ask the chairman of the Board of Education, Mr. Gus Stangeland. He will tell you, "We are very happy

and thankful for our school. The fruits of a Christian day school cannot be measured only by today, but will be evident in the years to come. Through a disciplined and happy Christian environment we know the children will in later years make decisions with the confidence one receives only when the truth of God's Word is taught along with all academic subjects."

Or ask the rest of the members of Calvary Lutheran Church in Dallas,

Texas. Their pastor, the Rev. Walter A. Diehl, put their thoughts into these words: "Thanksgiving and joy for the opportunity of receiving a Christian education is constantly expressed by parents and church members."

At the age of 8-1/2 years, Calvary Lutheran Church experienced the joy of opening its own Christian day school on August 28, 1972. Miss Cynthia Crossfield, a 1972 graduate of Dr. Martin Luther College, is teach-

ing grades one to four, with an enrollment of six. Mrs. Stephen Gregg is in charge of the kindergarten for 4- and 5-year-olds. She has seven enrolled.

With the assistance of money from the Church Extension Fund, Calvary Church built and dedicated a three-classroom building a year ago. Its movable walls enable it to be used for both school and church activities. As an additional grade is added each

year, the number of pupils enrolled will increase substantially.

The first services at Calvary in Dallas were conducted on February 2, 1964. In 1969 the congregation reached the status of being nonsubsidized. In 1971 Calvary numbered 145 communicants. To build its own school and supply and support a faculty within two years of self-support is a real act of faith. We welcome this new school to the 255 others in our Synod.

Tempe, Arizona, the Site of:

A Palm Tree and an Olive Tree — Plus



Pastor Daniel Pautz and Emmanuel's happy pupils.

Can your Christian day school boast of a palm tree and an olive tree in its playground area? Well, the one at Tempe, Arizona, can. Pupils attending Emmanuel Lutheran School constantly have before them tangible evidence of the truth of the Psalmist's words: "The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree" (Ps. 92:12). And a perpetual reminder of David's words in Psalm 52:8: "I am like a green olive tree in the house of God; I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever." What is being taught in Emmanuel School is the everlasting mercy of God. This is good, for in Proverbs 22:6 God urges us to give our children a Christian education

and at the same time promises His blessings. "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."

The palm tree and the olive tree have been there for some time, the words of the Psalmist for a few thousand years, Emmanuel Congregation since 1953, and now its school since September of this year. At present the school contains four grades with 20 students. Teaching them is Miss Kathleen Barfknecht. Present goal of the congregation is to add grades 5-8 and another teacher.

Efforts to establish a Christian day school in the Tempe-Phoenix area

were given serious consideration by the three congregations in that area, and for a while it seemed as though a joint school would be established for the 1971-72 school year. However, the plans did not materialize. But the Lord did bless the congregations with an increased interest in Christian education, so that two of them have by now established their own Christian schools.

It was in January, 1972, that the voters of Emmanuel Lutheran Church decided to establish a school of their own. In February Miss Barfknecht was called as teacher. An architect was also engaged to plan the school building and to draw a master plan for the congregation. The necessary books and school equipment were purchased during the summer, a great deal of it donated by members of the congregation and its various organizations. A building which will house two classrooms, a fellowship area, and a kitchen is presently under construction. Immanuel Congregation presently numbers 200 communicant members.

Pastor Daniel Pautz, who is minister of the congregation, writes: "Looking back upon the efforts made to establish the school, one readily sees that it was not a man or a congregation that established the school, but that it was God who through the congregation established the school. We look for Him to guide and bless His program of Christian education among us in the future."

He who causes palm trees and olive trees to grow, will also cause faith to grow through the teaching of His Word!

Houston Answers the Question:

"What Do You Need For A School?"



Miss Ruth Ann Klement and children at work . . .

While we at Christ The Lord Ev. Lutheran Church, Houston, Texas, were struggling with the thought of starting a Christian day school, we asked one of the veteran pastors of our area what would be necessary for us to start a school. His reply was that the first need was a pupil and the second a teacher. Beyond this, such things as a building, books, visual-aid materials, and the like are nonessentials and therefore could be considered luxuries.

According to this standard, Christ The Lord Congregation has been lavishly blessed. Having only one-half of what was needed — students — the congregation voted to begin a Christian day school offering kindergarten through third grade. Three students were promised from the membership if a school were to be started. As yet we had no teacher, and the classroom was minus anything that might even have given it the appearance of a school. But the congregation did have the desire to start a Christian day school.

Today we are still waiting for our chalkboards to be delivered, but for the most part we have what by anyone's standards can be called a well-equipped school. Many gifts of time and material on the part of the members have made Christ The Lord Lutheran School a reality.

It didn't always look this bright. Shortly before the opening of school in September, one of the families who had promised a kindergartener was transferred, leaving us with only two students. But by the time we had completed our first week of school the Lord had given us six.

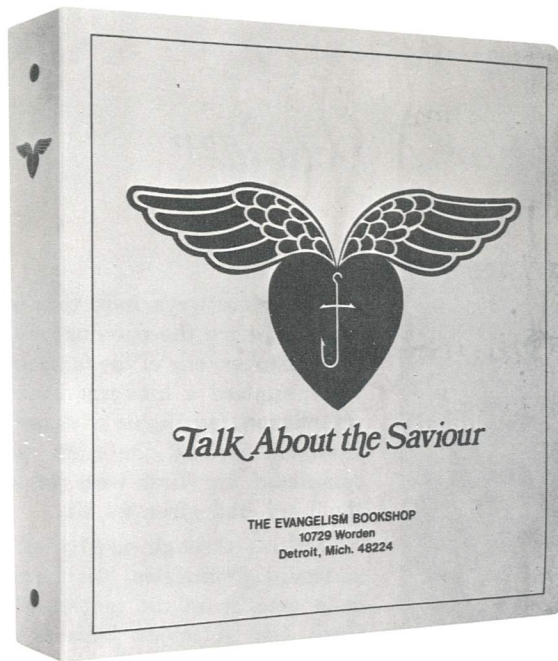
Working through our Synod's Assignment Committee, the Lord sent us a teacher in the person of Miss Ruth Ann Klement. This able servant of God represents the other 50 per cent of what was needed to begin and conduct a school.

The Lord has met our needs. The congregation, which numbers 75 communicants, is confident that as the Word of God is taught day by day in our classes and then put into practice in our lives, we will more fully experience the fulfillment of what Isaiah once said: "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint" (Isa. 40:31).

Vilas R. Glaeske, Pastor



. . . and at play.



Something New — For All

After many months of preparation — writing, rewriting, examination by pastors and laymen, “field testing,” and actual use — the Synod’s Commission on Evangelism adopted a new “program” of evangelism, entitled TALK ABOUT THE SAVIOUR.

The Commission meeting was held in Milwaukee on September 19-21, 1972, and was attended by the 10 Commission members, Pastor Reuel Schulz, chairman. Also in attendance were Executive Secretary Norman Berg, Stewardship Counselor James Schaefer, Professor Armin Schuetze, and seven area pastors.

Actually, TALK ABOUT THE SAVIOUR is not a program at all. It is a *method of witnessing*. It is a method which laymen can easily learn from their home pastors after they acquaint themselves with it. The TALK ABOUT THE SAVIOUR manual includes all instructions for training. Six simple steps are presented for those who would be “witnesses unto Me.” Each of these is explained in detail. The method is printed in easy-to-follow outline form. It answers such questions as: What should I say at the door of a stranger? How can I get acquainted with my host once I am invited into his home? May I ask questions regarding his religious beliefs? How can I, a layman, make a clear presentation of sin and grace? How

do I go about closing the visit? Actual conversations are printed in the manual. The manual stresses, however, that ideas and principles are to be memorized rather than words.

The TALK ABOUT THE SAVIOUR manual fills a great need. For years pastors have preached and told their members that they are to be good “witnesses” for Christ. Now, a witness is not a witness until he testifies, as in court. Christ’s witnesses give their testimony of the Gospel in the courtroom of the world. We may assume that every Christian *wants* to be a faithful witness. Laymen, however, hold back from witnessing for understandable reasons: “I’m afraid to go into a stranger’s home and talk about my faith. I don’t know just what to say. I’m afraid I might say something wrong. What do I say if my host tells me he doesn’t want everlasting life? What do I say if the people happen to be members of another church? How do I meet all the situations I don’t even know about yet? etc.” Our laymen, by and large, feel somewhat like a would-be pilot who has read a hundred books on aviation, even finished his ground training, but has had no actual flight experience, and then is told to take a plane up alone. The TALK ABOUT THE SAVIOUR manual fills this need for laymen by providing for study *and* on-the-job training.

Our Synod’s pastors and laymen who are already using the TALK ABOUT THE SAVIOUR method report that members of all ages can acquire witnessing “skills.” The testimony of a 14-year-old is as effective as that of a 20- or 60-year-old because the Holy Spirit works through the Word spoken by all alike. How to speak that Word is the heart of the TALK ABOUT THE SAVIOUR method.

How can laymen become acquainted with the TALK ABOUT THE SAVIOUR method? The procedure urged by the Synod’s Commission on Evangelism is orderly. Pastors will be invited to attend TALK ABOUT THE SAVIOUR seminars where they will spend perhaps a day and a half in study and receive at least one visitation experience. They are the professionals who will then train their own members “to become fishers of men,” as Christ says in Mark 1:17.

May TALK ABOUT THE SAVIOUR prove to be a real help to our laymen and a blessing to all who hear the message of sin and grace! May our Lord grant that everlasting life may become a sure hope for many who have not heard of their Saviour before!

Pastor W. Valleskey
Chairman, Michigan District
Commission on Evangelism

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TEXAS RIO GRANDE VALLEY

WELS exploratory services are conducted by the Texas-New Mexico Mission District Mission Board in Weslaco, Texas, using the facilities of the First Presbyterian Church, 7th & Iowa, Bible class, 6:30, Worship, 7:30 p.m. Winter visitors in the Brownsville, Harlingen, Weslaco, Donna, Mission, and McAllen areas are encouraged to make this exploratory mission their church home away from home. Write or call: Rev. W. R. Gabb, 17125 Red Oak Dr., Houston, Tx., 77090, (713) 444-8965, or, in the Valley, Mr. Buddy Hovda, Box 123, Progreso, Tx., 78579, (512) 565-2851.

Direct from the Districts

Arizona

Bethlehem Lutheran Dedicates at Benson

When Bethlehem Ev. Lutheran Church of Benson dedicated its new chapel on March 12, 1972, more than 300 people from the Tucson and Benson area attended. This is a far cry from 15 years ago when Pastor R. Hochmuth began gathering the congregation, serving it on a monthly basis.

From 1959 to 1965 Pastor Marcus Nitz served the congregation. His successor was Pastor David Redlin (1965-1967), who also preached the sermon at the dedication service. Presently the congregation is being served by Pastor Richard Paustian who lives in Tucson, 40 miles distant.

The mission chapel, which cost \$6,800, was erected without a loan from the Church Extension Fund. Members of the congregation felt that there were areas of greater mission potential that should have first call on the Church Extension Fund. They therefore borrowed the needed funds from L.A.C.E., the Michigan-based Lutheran Association for Church Extension.

Pastor R. H. Zimmermann 25 Years at Glendale

On May 7, Grace Lutheran of Glendale observed the 25 years of service rendered to it by Pastor R. H. Zimmermann. The Rev. I. G. Frey, president of the Arizona-California District, preached the anniversary sermon. Using Hebrews 13:7,8 as his text, he enlarged on the "Reasons for Observing a Pastor's Anniversary." Attendance at the service and reception numbered 340.

Pastor Zimmermann began his ministry in 1931 in Tucson, assisting Pastor E. A. Sitz and teaching at Grace Church. Four years later he accepted a call to First Ev. Lutheran Church of Prescott which he served for 11 years. He became pastor of Grace Congregation in 1947.

During his ministry Pastor Zimmermann has held numerous Synodical offices. Currently he is chairman

of the Board for World Missions and field secretary for the Apache Lutheran Mission.

Mt. Calvary at Flagstaff 25 Years Old

A preliminary survey in the fall of 1939 led to the organization of Mt. Calvary Congregation in 1947 in this northern Arizona community. Its church building was dedicated the next year, and a Sunday-school unit was added in 1960. The congregation observed its 25th anniversary on September 10.

Members of Mt. Calvary of Flagstaff thank God for seven pastors who over the years have brought the Means of Grace to them. In their own words: "Only eternity will reveal the power of the Gospel and the Sacraments in their fullness." The congregation is currently being shepherded by the Rev. Philip Koelpin, a 1972 graduate of our Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary.

Recent Groundbreakings

Our Savior Ev. Lutheran Church, Arizona's newest mission, in Sun City, a retirement community northwest of Phoenix, has broken ground for a new chapel. Its pastor is the Rev. Victor Schultz. — Emmanuel Lutheran of Tempe is just completing a \$50,000 unit containing two classrooms and a parish hall. You may read about its new school on another page of this issue. — Pilgrim Lutheran of Mesa recently broke ground for a multipurpose unit as part of its relocation project. The single unit will serve as worship facility and school. Last year Pilgrim opened a Christian day school. This year it added grades five through eight. Pastor David Schultz is serving the congregation.

New Mission Starts

Congregations number 13 and 14 are in the process of being started in the Phoenix area. One will be located in the northeast area of the city (Paradise Valley) and the other on the far west end, near Litchfield Park, Good Year, Avondale, Tolleson, and Buckeye. Watch this publication for further notices.

Record Turnout

The Grand Canyon Circuit of LWMS held its fall rally at First Ev. Lutheran in Prescott on September 23. The ladies were privileged to hear the Rev. T. Kretzmann, our missionary in Salima, Africa, offer evidence of the fact that the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believes, also in Africa.

VBS Miracle at Redeemer, Phoenix

Vacation Bible school can prove a real "shot-in-the-arm" to a congregation as well as an avenue to follow the Lord's bidding to go out and preach the Gospel. This was the case at Redeemer, Phoenix, this last summer.

Preparing for its vacation Bible school, Redeemer Congregation expected the usual 30-plus children. The Lord, however, had different plans. When the doors of the church opened on registration day, the Lord sent some children, then some more, and then still more. At the close of registration 65 children were enrolled. By the end of the week 92 were enrolled, more than double any previous record. What an encouragement!

It was indeed an encouragement to those closely connected with the VBS who discovered that the Lord uses the people of the congregation in His work as well as the pastor. The children found that it was not so difficult at that to invite their friends to their church's VBS. Members found it not so difficult to speak with strangers about the advantages of a Lutheran VBS. Others assisted in typing the course that had been written by the pastor, the Rev. Kurt Mahnke, and the teachers. Others found joy in making signs and asking store managers to put them on display. Still others gathered the things needed for the projects. And both teachers and helpers were thrilled to see the joy of those hearing about their Redeemer.

"What was the reason for this success at Redeemer? Why were we able to reach the black, the Spanish, as well as the white children of the area — with over 3/4 of the enrollment from unchurched homes? It's no secret — the Lord led the little children to us." The Lord was the reason for Redeemer's vacation Bible school miracle. May the Lord be praised!

California

Teens Canvas

On Sunday, October 8, some 40 young people of the Golden Gate Conference, aided by 14 adults, canvassed 767 homes in Fremont, the southern terminal of the Bay Area Rapid Transit line. Directed by Vicar Brian S. Terrell, the canvass was arranged by the California Mission Board to determine the potential for starting a church in an area rapidly expanding because of the inauguration of BART service. A fair number of prospects were found.



Waiting for a few more!



Receiving last-minute instructions from Pastor R. Hochmuth, chairman of the District Mission Board.

The help of these California teenagers in conducting this canvass, conservatively estimated, saved the Mission Board at least two months of work.

School Upsurge

The enrollment in the seven California Christian day schools has increased 20 per cent. Seventy-four students were gained, to bring the previous total of 375 to a new high of 449.

Northern Wisconsin

50 Years at St. Paul's

The members of St. Paul's Congregation, Appleton, gave thanks to God and honored His servant, Pastor Frederick M. Brandt, on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of his ordination into the ministry. All 50 years were spent in ministering to the spiritual needs of this parish. At the special services, held on August 6, guest speakers were Pastor John P. Brandt, a son of the jubilarian, and Pastor Oscar J. Naumann, president of the Wisconsin Synod, and Pastor Immanuel Boettcher, an institutional missionary of the Synod, and Pastor Hoge Bergholz, associate pastor of St. Paul's, served as liturgists. The latter also was master of ceremonies at an anniversary program, followed by a reception and buffet in the school auditorium.

Pastor Brandt, who was born in Milwaukee, the son of Pastor and Mrs. Herman J. Brandt, was a 1919 graduate of Northwestern College and a 1922 graduate of the Seminary, then in Wauwatosa. After his ordination he was installed as an assistant pastor at St. Paul's on August 6, 1922. In 1935 he was called as head pastor and the Rev. T. J. Sauer became the assistant. From 1941 to 1965 the Lord enabled Pastor Brandt to serve Him and the large congregation without assistance. When it became necessary to lighten the load, calls were extended to vicars and in January, 1965, to a full-time associate. The jubilarian has been blessed with good health and will be able to continue serving the Lord at St. Paul's.

Dedication of Classrooms and Gym at Neenah

Trinity Lutheran Church, Neenah, dedicated its new gymnasium and classroom addition in a special service on June 4. The new junior-high-size gym with a seating capacity of over 400 replaces an old building which was too small and in need of extensive repairs. One of the new classrooms is a combination science and music room with tiered levels. Another classroom and a new library room are located on the second-floor level. The cost of the addition, excluding architect's fees, amounted to \$266,000.

This project concludes a very extensive building program at Trinity. Six classrooms and a utility wing were completed in 1951. A new church, chapel, and parsonage were dedicated in 1962, and in 1963 two classrooms. In its program for feeding the "lambs" of Christ, Trinity is now blessed with 10 classrooms and nine teachers. The principal is Mr. Robert Moldenhauer. The Rev. Gerhard A. Schaefer shepherds the congregation.

Church Rededication at Markesan

On July 23, the members of St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Markesan, rededicated their church to the timeless task of preaching the Gospel. The services of rededication climaxed about two months of work on the church's interior. The interior was completely painted, two large murals were redone, and additional lighting and new carpeting were installed.

A son of the congregation, Pastor Melvin Schwark of Courtland, Minnesota, addressed the members on the basis of Genesis 28:16,17. He reminded them: "The Lord is in this place." St. John's pastor is the Rev. Steven G. Stern.

Upper Michigan Bible Camp

Seventy-six boys and girls, ranging in age from 14 to 20, spent the week of June 26 at Camp Yank-Canuck, 24 miles south of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. Thirty-six of the teen-agers were from St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church of Ottawa, Ontario; 14 trekked all the way from Lake Geneva, Wisconsin; and the rest came from areas of upper and lower Michigan.

The campsite, which covers 1,600 acres, has excellent facilities for Bible study, Christian fellowship, and recreation. The camp was sponsored by Immanuel Congregation of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, and was directed by its pastor, the Rev. Richard Frohmader. Councilors came from Ottawa, Lake Geneva, and from the Upper Peninsula. Because of excellent response and cooperation it is likely that the camp will be tried again.

25 Years of Service

For 25 years it has been the privilege of Pastor Richard R. Werner to serve the sheep and the lambs of

Christ. A special anniversary service was held on September 10 at St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Valmy, Wisconsin. Prof. Wilbert Gawrisch of the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary was the guest preacher. The liturgy was conducted by the Rev. Wallace Gaulke of Sturgeon Bay. Pastor Werner, who began his ministry in 1947 at Prescott, Arizona, also served congregations in West Allis and Milwaukee before coming to his present parish at Valmy in 1956.

Services Begin at Suamico

In the Packerland community of Suamico a first took place on September 10. This day marked the first WELS service to be held in this city. Twenty-three worshipers were in attendance. It is hoped that this number will swell as a faithful group of God's children continue to be active in the work of personal evangelism.

"Preaching the Gospel to the Law"

Pastor Philip W. Kuckhahn had the unusual opportunity of preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ to some 150 law officers attending the funeral of a fellow officer on Wednesday, September 13. The funeral was that of Mr. Gerald F. Wellin, an officer in the Department of Natural Resources. Officer Wellin was slain in the line of duty on September 10 while investigating complaints of illegal "shining" of black bear in the Hermansville area. Mr. Wellin was also a member of the church council of Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, Powers, Michigan. We express our sympathy to the family and the congregation.



Pastor Kuckhahn addressed the assembly on Mark 12:17: "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." Using the theme, "A Citizen's

Duty at the Casket of a Christian Conservation Officer," he stated that as Christians we pray for all those who are in authority, and especially that we thank God for His grace in bringing Gerald Wellin to faith in Christ his Savior.

Lake Superior Sunday School Teachers Meet

The 43rd annual Lake Superior Sunday School Teachers' Convention was held at Christ Lutheran Church, Menominee, Michigan, on Sunday afternoon, September 17, 1972.

The convention devotions were led by the host minister, Pastor J. Edward Lindquist. The convention essay, "Evangelism," was presented by Pastor J. Mahnke of Mt. Lebanon, Milwaukee. After a brief recess, Pastor A. Meyer of Grover, Wisconsin, presented materials on Christian education.

An invitation was accepted to hold the 1973 convention at St. John's, Grover, Wisconsin.

Secretary of the conference is Mrs. Raymond Thorsen.

The Airways Proclaim Christ

A half-hour radio service, called "The Airways Proclaim Christ," is broadcast every Sunday at 12:30 over WQTC, 1590, Two Rivers, Wisconsin. The program brings a portion of the

regular church service conducted at Our Savior's Church. Speaker is the Rev. A. Schmeling, pastor of the congregation.

It Can Happen if God Wills It!

On September 10, Mount Calvary Lutheran Church of Kimberly, Wisconsin, observed the 35th anniversary of its organization in order to give due thanks to the Lord for His grace and mercy through the years.

The two morning services were conducted by the Rev. John P. Schroeder, resident pastor, and the sermons were delivered by Synod President Oscar J. Naumann. Applying the truths of Psalm 117, he urged the hearers to praise the Lord for His abundant gifts in the past and to trust Him for the future because His mercy endures forever.

Thirty-five years ago Mount Calvary began as a mission congregation in a predominantly Catholic community. Although Catholicism still predominates today, the Lord has also made Mount Calvary Church and School a haven of refuge for those seeking the truth of God's Word. The congregation has grown to 600 souls, or about 400 communicants.

Many once said, "It just can't be done in Kimberly." But it is evident that the Lord heard the petition of those who prayed: "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

Teachers:

Bilitz, Steven, as teacher at St. John's, Westland, Michigan, on Aug. 27, 1972, by R. Baer (Mich.).

Fehlauer, David, installed as principal and teacher at Immanuel, Kewaunee, Wisconsin, on September 10, 1972, by A. Tiefel (N.Wis.).

Grams, Herbert, as instructor at Wisconsin Luth. High School, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on Sept. 24, 1972, by G. Snyder (S.E. Wis.).

Krug, Gary, as teacher and principal at Reformation, San Diego, California, on Sept. 10, 1972, by L. Smith (Ariz.-Calif.).

Meyer, Henry, as principal at St. John's, Westland, Michigan, on Aug. 27, 1972, by R. Baer (Mich.).

Montejo, E. Pierre, as teacher at Bethlehem, Menominee Falls, Wisconsin, on Aug. 20, 1972, by P. Janke (S.E. Wis.).

Pasbrig, James, as instructor at Wisconsin Luth. High School, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on Sept. 24, 1972, by G. Snyder (S.E. Wis.).

Riesop, Reginald, as teacher at the East Fork Mission, East Fork, Arizona, on Aug. 27, 1972, by H. Hartzell (Ariz.-Calif.).

Wendland, Paul, as instructor at Wisconsin Luth. High School, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on Sept. 24, 1972, by G. Snyder (S.E. Wis.).

Zabell, Franklin, as professor at Northwestern Preparatory School, Watertown, Wisconsin, on Sept. 24, 1972, by W. A. Schumann (W.Wis.).

Zuberbier, Theodore H., as principal at Mt. Lebanon, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on Sept. 10, 1972, by J. Mahnke (S.E. Wis.).

Installations

(Authorized by the District Presidents)

Pastors:

Babler, James H., as pastor of Salem, Lowell, Wisconsin, on Oct. 8, 1972, by G. F. Cares (W.Wis.).

Kaiser, Howard W., as pastor of Redeemer, Cedarburg, Wisconsin, on Oct. 8, 1972, by Prof. J. Gerlach (S.E. Wis.).

Mueller, Richard W., as instructor at Lakeside Luth. High School, Lake Mills, Wisconsin, on Aug. 28, 1972, by H. Krause (W.Wis.).

Sabrowsky, Daniel L., as instructor at Wisconsin Luth. High School, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on Sept. 24, 1972, by G. Snyder (S.E. Wis.).

Vatthauer, W. F., as assistant pastor of Trinity, Belle Plaine, Minnesota, on October 1, 1972, by R. W. Schlicht (Minn.).

Westerhaus, Martin O., as professor and librarian at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, Wisconsin, on Sept. 12, 1972, by W. Pless (S.E. Wis.).

Wille, Julius, as pastor of St. John, Firth, Nebraska (second parish), on Sept. 24, 1972, by V. Tassler (Nebr.).

Treasurer's Report

1972 PREBUDGET SUBSCRIPTION PERFORMANCE

Eight months ended August 31, 1972

	Subscription Amount for 1972	8/12 of Annual Subscription	Subscription and Pension Offerings	Per Cent of Subscription
Arizona-California	\$ 207,038	\$ 138,025	\$ 136,575	98.9
Dakota-Montana	179,886	119,924	105,952	88.3
Michigan	928,338	618,892	565,288	91.3
Minnesota	929,880	619,920	604,479	97.5
Nebraska	163,116	108,744	98,759	90.8
Northern Wisconsin	1,014,758	676,505	631,078	93.3
Pacific-Northwest	62,805	41,870	35,389	84.5
Southeastern Wisconsin	1,267,565	845,044	734,230	86.9
Western Wisconsin	1,137,579	758,386	718,192	94.7
Total — 1972	\$5,890,965(A)	\$3,927,310	\$3,629,942	92.4
Total — 1971	\$5,539,838	\$3,693,227	\$3,329,308	90.1

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 August 31, 1972 with comparative figures for 1971

	Twelve months ended August 31		Increase or Decrease*	
	1972	1971	Amount	Per Cent
Income				
Prebudget Subscription Offerings	\$5,800,439	\$5,335,542	\$464,897	8.7
Pension Plan Contributions	102,461	93,648	8,813	9.4
Gifts and Memorials	56,435	54,160	2,275	4.2
Distribution of Trust Fund Income	—	33,158	33,158*	
Income from NWPB	6,562	6,562	—	
Other Income	282	(357)	639	
Total Income	\$5,966,179	\$5,522,713	\$443,466	8.0
Expenditures				
Worker-Training — Expenses	\$3,291,391	\$3,098,601	\$192,790	6.2
Worker-Training — Income	1,417,097	1,390,233	26,864	
Worker-Training — Net	1,874,294	1,708,368	165,926	9.7
Home Missions	1,174,404	1,183,125	8,721*	.7*
World Missions	901,625	866,850	34,775	4.0
Benevolences	792,608	757,215	35,393	4.7
Administration and Services	399,667	382,781	16,886	4.4
Total Operations	\$5,142,598	\$4,898,339	\$244,259	5.0
Appropriations	797,990	887,830	89,840*	10.1*
Total Expenditures	\$5,940,588	\$5,786,169	\$154,419	2.7
Operating Gain	\$ 25,591	—		
Operating Deficit**	—	263,456**		

Norris Koopmann, Treasurer & Controller
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FORT CAMPBELL, KENTUCKY

Transportation is now available from Ft. Campbell, Kentucky, to our mission in Nashville, Tenn., for weekly services and the Lord's Supper. Please send names of WELS Lutherans in the area or requests for information to Pastor R. H. Stadler, 124 Elnora Dr., Hendersonville, Tenn. 37075.

BETHESDA, WATERTOWN, WISCONSIN

Wanted: MSW to direct department. Work involves contact with the mentally retarded — Bethesda Lutheran Home, Watertown, Wisconsin 53094. Phone (Area Code 414) 261-3050 (extension 310). Ward parents and nurses' aides are also needed.

MEETING CONTEMPORARY NEEDS IN CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

Anyone wishing to obtain a copy of the above-named set of essays which were presented at the Christian Worship Seminar in April, 1971, at Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, may place his order for a gratis copy no later than December 1 with the undersigned.

Prof. Martin Albrecht
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MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

Exploratory Services will be held weekly in Memphis, Tennessee, on Sundays at 6 p.m., at the home of Roger Prigge, 3354 Willow Wyck Dr., W. For a map, directions, or additional information, contact either Mr. Roger Prigge, 1-901-365-4596, or the undersigned at 124 Elnora Dr., Hendersonville, Tenn. 37075, phone: 1-615-824-3894.

Pastor R. H. Stadler

MINNESOTA

MANKATO PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: December 5, 1972; 9:30 a.m.
Place: Grace Lutheran, Le Sueur, Minnesota (D. R. Baumler, host pastor).
Preacher: R. W. Schlicht (W. F. Vatthauer, alternate).
Agenda: Exegesis of II Tim. 2:4ff., D. W. Lindloff; Isagogical study of Romans 10, M. C. Birkholz; conference business, questions of casuistry.

R. Luebchow, Secretary

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN

SOUTHERN PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Nov. 14, 1972.
Place: Faith, Antioch, Illinois.
Preacher: A. Hellmann (E. Jaster, alternate).
Agenda: Exegesis, Romans 2, L. Nolte (Romans 3, R. Pope, alternate); Practical Evangelism, F. Kosanke (Christian Liberty, R. Schumann, alternate); conference business.
Note: Excuses are to be sent to the host pastor.
K. E. Schroeder, Secretary

METRO NORTH-SOUTH JOINT PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: November 20, 1972; 9 a.m. Communion service.
Place: St. James, 2028 North 60th Street, Milwaukee, Wis. (W. Pless, host pastor, telephone 476-5725).
Preacher: Prof. W. R. Gawrisch (J. Gerlach, alternate).
Agenda: Reports; The New Morality, Prof. J. Gerlach.

R. G. Cox, Secretary