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Briefs by the Editor



Though Easter Sunday is past, the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ still remains the basis of our Christian hope, our assurance that the Christian faith is the saving faith. Without the resurrection the ethical and moral pronouncements of Christ would still compare favorably with those of the founders of other religions, but they would be no more than that. Omit Easter and we have no right to believe that He who died on Good Friday actually accomplished anything at all. A martyr is not necessarily a savior. That's why Easter is the climax of all Christian festivals. It is God the Father's stamp of approval on the work His Son came to do.

This was brought home to me in no uncertain way on a Wednesday evening in Lent when after I attended the Lenten service in my own congregation, curiosity led me to be an observer at another service in a neighboring Protestant church where the rabbi of a Jewish synagogue gave the message. What was astounding was that the rabbi mentioned Christ more frequently than the Christians present — whether pastor, choir, or members. Not even the hymns contained the name of Christ. The message turned out to be a plea for mutual understanding and respect based on the fact that both Judaism and Christianity preach a monotheistic faith. Both were pictured as facing up to the misery of man with the assurance that God cares and saves. They were treated as equals, as brothers, both leading to acceptance by God.

During the service I couldn't help but think of another Jew whose message was profoundly different. He once told an assembly of rulers, elders, scribes, and high priests, "Be it known unto you all, and to all the

people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by Him doth this man stand here before you whole. This is the Stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the Head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other Name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

Because of the resurrection, we take our stand with Peter, not with the guest rabbi preaching a "Lenten" message in a Protestant church.

The saving Gospel of Jesus Christ is the message we Christian parents must inculcate in our children and in our youth. Tolerance and respect have their place, but there is only one Savior, the risen Christ.

This has for years been of deep concern to an older member of one of our Michigan congregations. To express his concern he has written a tract, called "Our Children," that emphasizes home devotions and parental responsibility. It is a fine tract to give to young parents, engaged couples, and others. You may order this tract at \$1.75 per hundred postpaid. Send your orders to Mr. Edward H. Genuit, Wauseon, Ohio 43567.

The author of the article on the missions in Michigan is Pastor Daniel M. Gieschen of St. Stephen's Ev. Lutheran Church, Adrian, Michigan, chairman of the District Mission Board. The Michigan District has the distinction of having more home mission congregations than any other District, and the State of Michigan has more WELS home missions than any other state in the Union.

*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

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Editorials

"Yea, Hath God Said?" If Satan were a man, he could make a mint as a shyster lawyer. He could engineer the acquittal of the most patently guilty lawbreaker, find obscurities in the most clearly worded laws, detect loopholes in the most airtight legislation.

Unfortunately, he operates on a much grander scale. He visualizes the whole world as his clientele, and his efforts have met with staggering success over the years.

His method of operation is basically very simple. The key is one seemingly innocent question: "Yea, hath God said?" And now having sown seeds of doubt, he is only one step away from the assertion that God could not possibly have said anything so ridiculous.

This insidious question, raised first in the Garden of Eden, is a highly effective tool for cultivating nonacceptance of what the Bible clearly sets forth. It takes several forms, and they read something like this:

"If the Bible were the Word of God, how could it contain so many absurdities (opening of the waters of the Red Sea, Jesus changing water into wine, etc.)?"

"The Bible may seem to say that, but it doesn't mean what you think it means. You have to probe behind the apparent meaning to find the real meaning."

"God did say that in the Bible (Thou shalt not commit adultery, etc.). But this applies to other living in earlier times under vastly different conditions."

These are veiled versions of Satan's age-old question, "Yea, hath God said?" Converted into a statement, this question remains what it was on the day it was first uttered: an unerring signpost to the wrong side of the judgment seat.

Immanuel Frey

"Fulfillment" The call is for "fulfillment." Women are being encouraged to seek "fulfillment" for themselves after dark and oppressive centuries, during which their talents have been neglected, and their interests suppressed; their skills left undeveloped, and their creative energies atrophied.

A chorus of voices is urging them to seek "fulfillment" outside their domestic prisons. Out in the world, they are told, they can use their talents to the full; there they can engage in soul-satisfying service. It is only out in society that a woman can really "fulfill" herself.

What about the mother who is not a professional educator, but who can teach a preschooler more in 20 minutes than a nursery school can in three hours, and who can teach her children a thousand needful things no teacher could ever impart to them in the classroom?

What about the mother who is not a writer or a speaker, but who can fill the hearts and minds of her sons and

daughters with aspirations and ideals that they will pursue to the enrichment of their own lives and those of their fellow men?

What about the wife who is not in an office contributing to the success of her employer's business but is at home devoting herself to the success of the husband she loves?

What about the woman who is not serving her community or her country in politics, but who conscientiously rears the honest, God-fearing children that are a nation's real strength and assurance?

And what of the woman who is not busy with public causes but who employs the hours she can spare from her career as a wife and mother to do volunteer work for her church?

Many wives and mothers hold jobs for pay outside their homes and find satisfaction in using their talents and skills there. But they can have no greater satisfaction than a Christian wife and mother has in her home, where God has given her woman's greatest task, and to whom He has given abundant assurance that He will bless her and that her household will call her blessed.

Carleton Toppe

Bean Prevention? The fathers had a saying: "Never tell children, 'Never put beans in your nose.'" They figured that kids probably wouldn't think of it till you told them not to.

There's an element of this also in some of the programs given schoolchildren in the name of drug and sex "education." The lecturer displays the whole range of techniques and gadgets, replete with case histories, and then it almost comes down to a case of "Now that we've shown you how to, don't!"

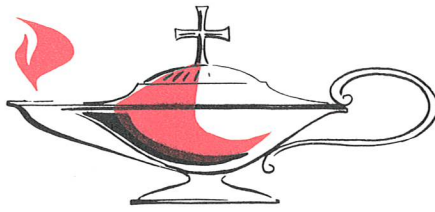
If you don't sponsor such a program in your own church or school, you are made to feel that you don't care about the welfare of your youth. If you don't immediately mount up a posse and go riding off in the direction where the Evil One last struck, you're charged with having no "positive approach."

We need to remember that the Commandments of God can still guide people on the right path. When Potiphar's wife tempted Joseph, he did not suggest marriage counseling to her. Nor did he say: "It's bad hygiene . . . an unwanted pregnancy could occur . . . society frowns upon the concept of open marriage."

Joseph did say: "How then can I do this great wickedness and sin against God!" Parents, teachers and pastors who diligently teach the "Law of the Lord" are safeguarding their youth.

Faithful Bible teaching is still the best, most positive protection and direction any child can have. It makes him "wise unto salvation," and profits him "for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

John Parcher



Studies in God's Word

The Living Christ A Doormat?

For if we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,

But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation which shall devour the adversaries.

He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses.

Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy who hath trodden underfoot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?

For we know Him that hath said, "Vengeance belongeth unto Me, I will recompense, saith the Lord." And again, "The Lord shall judge His people."

It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God (Hebrews 10:26-31).

Families are made for sticking together. Togetherness also befits the family of God's people. Therefore the writer to the Hebrews has counseled concerted, persistent steadfastness in approaching the throne of grace ("Let us together continually draw near" — 10:22), in flaunting faith's banner ("Let us together continually hold fast the profession of our faith" — 10:23), and in promoting a common concern for productive living ("Let us together continually consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works" — 10:24). In this connection he also added: "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together" (10:25).

Near the surface of the writer's exhortation is the implication that the Christian who does not pull together with his brethren will pull apart from them. That would be tragic in view of the approaching Day, when the elect will be gathered from the four winds for the everlasting assembly.

Watch Out!

The Christian who wants to go it alone is walking the plank to his own destruction. Not only is he abandoning the ship; he is kissing the Captain good-bye. To prevent such a disaster the writer issues a stern warning.

This warning is sounded for believers, who have received divine grace. Divine truth has been bestowed on them. They have experienced the truth. They have full knowledge of the truth.

Besides, receivers of the truth have been sanctified. They have been cleansed and set apart for God, who has consecrated them for His service and has dedicated them to eternal life. They are His redeemed saints.

Persistent, premeditated sinning against better knowledge is mutiny against the Captain of salvation. Being fully aware of wrongdoing and deliberately setting a course in sin, without caring, is rebellion against the Lord of life. It is trampling the Redeemer underfoot in complete disdain.

Following such a course of persistent, willful sinning is nothing less than counting as a common thing the precious blood of Christ, as if it were of no more value than other men's blood. It is repudiating the covenant of grace by which the sinner has been cleansed and sanctified.

Last and worst of all, he who deliberately continues to practice his sinful habit, knowing better, insults the Spirit of grace. Thus to heap contempt on the Spirit, who pours out free pardon and countless gifts of grace, is to renounce all part in things spiritual. It is spiritual suicide.

No Hope

There is no recourse for such a renegade. He has repudiated the only sacrifice for sin. There is no other atonement for his rejection. What else can he expect but the righteous judgment of God, the full fury of fire that consumes those who set themselves against God!

If those who set aside the Mosaic ordinances were worthy of merciless death, how can the rebel against grace expect mercy when both the Son and the Spirit take the witness stand? What is left but vengeance when grace has been spurned? What good will it do to say, "I was one of Yours," when God sorts out His people? God cannot be caught napping. He is alive and alert. Who can mock Him with impunity?

Harsh words? For whom? For the Hebrews or for us? They had not pursued such a course to that time — yet. Nor have we — yet. But whoever has the Old Adam around needs to know the danger of taking the first steps that lead down the path to stomping on the Savior.

We who have experienced the truth and know what it is to be cleansed and sanctified by the blood of Christ dare not become complacent. The same tendencies to become indifferent to the Means of Grace and to grow aloof in our fellowship reside in our Old Adam, who "is to be drowned by daily contrition and repentance." Also our new man "should daily come forth and arise who shall live before God in righteousness and purity forever," for "we are buried with Christ by Baptism into death, that like as He was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life" (Rom. 6:4).

How blessed it is to put ourselves daily into the hands of the living God!

Paul E. Nitz

A Parish Pastor's Perspective

"Cold and Unfriendly"

Mr. and Mrs. Andrews were having a quiet cup of coffee at a little restaurant after church one Sunday. They were members of a Protestant church a few blocks from their home. They had belonged there all their married life. It had been their church home. But in recent years they had begun to notice a change in their church. At first it was just changes in outward things, but then they noticed that the new pastor did not preach the Word of God as they had been used to hearing it. Now it had come to the point that they were shopping around for a new church.

After a while Mr. Andrews asked, "Well, hon, what did you think of the service today?" They had just visited one of our Wisconsin Synod churches. His wife paused, and said, "Well, it was a real treat to hear preaching from the Bible again, but something was wrong. Oh, John, I wish our church would get back to the Bible."

"I do, too, Sue," was John's soft reply, "but you know how hard we tried, and it was no use." He sipped some coffee. "You know, I agree that something wasn't quite right at that Lutheran church today. What was it?"

Sue said thoughtfully, "The people seemed . . . cold and unfriendly. I hate to say it, but that's what I felt. Oh, I don't expect a lot of backslapping and phony smiles when I go to a new church, but I think I should be made to feel welcome. Shouldn't somebody besides the pastor greet us and make us feel at home?"

"Now that you mention it," said John quickly, "you're right. What bothered me even more was not knowing where to go when we arrived. I hate to look like a fool."

Sue added, "I would have appreciated it if someone who knows the order of service had helped us along in the book. We spent most of the time during the liturgy trying to fig-

ure out what was happening. And that time we stayed standing when everybody else was sitting . . . I was so embarrassed!"

John and Sue smiled over that as they finished their coffee and paid the check. In the car John said, "In all fairness, I felt a certain strength in the Lutheran order of service. I think it could grow on you. One thing is sure, those people are blessed to have Scripture at the center of their worship and solid Biblical preaching to listen to. I would give that church another try, but I am turned off by their cold and unfriendly ways."

Cold and unfriendly? Pastors and laymen who call on people who visit our churches know that this is not a rare criticism. What makes the criticism hard to swallow is that in most cases it is not true. For the most part our people are very friendly. They are warm and concerned human beings. They are happy when visitors come to their churches and they are glad to share their pew with them. The trouble is, very often, that the visitor does not know this and is not made aware of it. It is sad when someone leaves our church thinking we were not glad he was there, when that is not the case at all.

Visitors at our worship services see us as we listen to the hard, unpleasant truth about our sinfulness. They cannot mistake the warm, pleasant tones of the Gospel forgiveness which we soak up. They hear us as we sing the praises of the God of love. They have a right to find some of that warmth and love reflected in us, according to Romans 12:10: "Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; cleave to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor."

How can we show our concern and friendliness to the visitor? If you meet him before the service, greet

him with a warm "good morning." Find out if he is familiar with the Lutheran way of worship. If not, offer to sit with him and show him the place in the hymnal. If he is a Lutheran, guide him to the best entrance and tell him how happy you are that he came to worship with you. Keep before-the-service conversations short.

If you meet the visitor after the service, introduce yourself by name. Tell him how happy you are to see him and you hope he will come back soon. Introduce him to a few others. Ask a few questions about his background, his family, his work, and what brought him to your church. Find out if he has signed the guest book.

No doubt your pastor will have even more ideas about how to make new people feel at home among us. Ask him. To be sure, our friendliness should not be the main reason why people come to our churches, but seeming unfriendliness should not be the reason why they stay away, either. Because of differences in personal taste, some people may never get used to our reserved ways. They may go on thinking we are cold and unfriendly in spite of our best efforts, but the best effort should be made. Those few moments before and after the service are too important to neglect.

Thomas B. Franzmann

THE SYNODICAL COUNCIL

God willing, the Synodical Council will meet on May 9 and 10, 1973, in the Synod Administration Building, 3512 W. North Avenue, Milwaukee, Wis. 53208. The first session is to begin at 9 a.m. CDT.

All reports that are to be included in the Book of Reports and Memorials for our 1973 Convention should be ready for distribution to all members of the Council at this May meeting. Our Constitution stipulates that any memorials that may be addressed to the Convention "shall be presented in writing to the President not later than the May meeting of the Synodical Council," if they are to appear in the Book of Reports and Memorials.

The preliminary meetings of various boards, committees, and commissions should be called by their respective officers.

Oscar J. Naumann, President

THE ASSIGNMENT COMMITTEE

God willing, the Assignment Committee will meet in Milwaukee and Mequon on May 21, 22, and 23, 1973. The first session begins at 7:00 p.m. on Monday. The Committee will travel to New Ulm after the Northwestern College graduation service on May 24 and will conclude the assignment of teacher candidates at New Ulm on May 25.

Oscar J. Naumann, President

Civilian Chaplain for Europe



Chaplain and Mrs. E. Renz leaving from Mitchell Field, Milwaukee

On the last day of March the Rev. and Mrs. Edward C. Renz, after a flight from Washington, D.C., landed at Frankfurt, Germany. There Pastor Renz is now laying the groundwork for what will be, God willing, a permanent Wisconsin Synod civilian chaplain ministry in Europe.

Chaplain Renz will be centering his ministry on members of our Synod in the U.S. Armed Forces, and their families. But he will also be available to students, businessmen, tourists, and any other people from back home.

Since major U.S. military installations are located not only in Germany but in England, Spain, Greece and even Turkey as well, Chaplain and Mrs. Renz will be trying to cover a field truly Pauline in extent. However, modern communication and transportation will make coverage of the territory immeasurably faster and easier than it was for the Apostle.

Chaplain Renz was installed by President Oscar J. Naumann in the Seminary Chapel at Mequon, Wisconsin, on March 18, 1973. In the installation sermon, former temporary

civilian chaplain Clayton Krug recalled some advice for preachers given in a lecture at the Seminary some 30 years ago: know the Bible, love the people, and use Christian tact in the ministry. This the preacher tied in with II Timothy 4:2, "Preach the Word, be instant in season, out of season, etc." Everyone present was especially gratified that the Seminary Male Chorus volunteered to be present to cheer the Renzes on their way with a fitting anthem.

A native of Scio, Michigan, Chaplain Renz has served parishes in Scottville-Custer, Michigan; Toledo, Ohio; and Tampa, Florida. He was camp pastor at MacDill Air Force Base near Tampa for 12 years. Mrs. Renz was born in Mequon.

The new chaplain and his wife were seen off from Mitchell Field in Milwaukee by members of the Special Ministries Board and the Military Services Committee and other friends on March 27. They stopped in Washington to pay courtesy calls on members of the U.S. Armed Forces Chaplains Board and Congressman Harold V. Froelich, a member of our Synod from Appleton, Wisconsin,

escorted by Pastors Walter Beckmann and John Mittelstaedt of the area.

A permanent address for Chaplain Renz will be published as soon as possible. Meanwhile, mail for him, and addresses of all persons who may benefit from his ministry, may be sent to the Special Ministries Board Office, 3512 W. North Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53208.

Remember Chaplain and Mrs. Renz when you say your prayers for the pastors and missionaries of the Word!

Clayton E. Krug

Additional Note

From 1965 to 1972, with the approval of the Department of Defense, the Wisconsin Synod maintained a civilian chaplain in Vietnam on an annually rotating basis. The last chaplain left Saigon in April, 1972, and spent several months serving Wisconsin Synod military personnel in Europe and Turkey. After this brief experimental ministry, the chaplain recommended that a full-time chaplain be appointed exclusively for that area.

In a decision predating World War II days, the 381,000-member Wisconsin Synod has not participated in the military chaplaincy program of the Government. The Synod contends that such cooperation with the Government in a religious ministry would compromise the Synod's doctrine and practice.

The relationship of the civilian chaplain to the Government is similar to that of newspaper correspondents. Without military rank, he is appointed by the Synod, with salary and living expenses as well as transportation costs — wherever possible — also paid by the Synod.

"We are convinced," said the Rev. Ernst F. Lehninger, chairman of the Synod's Special Ministries Board, "that our civilian chaplaincy program is by far the best in the military religious system today, and we intend to strengthen and promote it."

There are about 500 Wisconsin Synod men and women in the Armed Forces stationed in Europe and Turkey. It is estimated that half of them are on bases in Germany.

Another Nurse for Central Africa

Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Cambria, Wisconsin, was the scene of the consecration service of Miss Gail M. Nischke on February 11, 1973. Pastor E. C. Schoemann, Friesland, Wisconsin, preached the sermon on Exodus 3:11-15. After asking the question, "Who am I, that I should go?" he assured Miss Nischke of God's promise, "I will be with thee." He reminded the audience of the responsibility resting on the members of our Synod to support the workers on the field with their prayers and with their gifts. Miss Nischke's pastor, the Rev. E. P. Pankow, served as liturgist; the Rev. A. L. Mennicke, chairman of the Executive Committee for Central Africa, read the consecration rite.

After arriving in Africa, Miss Nischke spent two weeks at the Mwembezi Dispensary and then six weeks at the Lusaka hospital, where she studied the treatment of African diseases. She will work at the Mwem-



Dr. Norman Schulz, Miss Nischke, Mrs. Herbert Speckin.

bezhi Dispensary with Miss Linda Phelps and Mrs. Theodore Sauer.

Miss Nischke is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin F. Nischke who reside in rural Cambria. She received her bachelor degree in nursing at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. After graduation she was adjudged by the State Board of Nursing as duly qualified and became a registered nurse. For a year she worked at the University Hospital in Madison and then was employed in several

other hospitals in various areas of nursing care.

Following the consecration service, Zion Ladies Aid hosted a fellowship hour at which well wishes were expressed to Miss Nischke by the president of the congregation, the Ladies Aid, and her home pastor. Speaking for the Medical Missions Committee were Dr. Norman Schulz, Medical Director, and Mrs. Herbert Speckin.

A. L. Mennicke

A PLEA

Even though United States troops have been pulled out of Vietnam, the need for keeping the members of our Synod in touch with our chaplain and our pastors is just as great as before. The old, evil foe, Satan, has not changed. He still seeks to mislead the Christian, and finds it much easier when such a Christian is far from his family and his home congregation. Therefore it is extremely important that family and congregation, parents and pastors, continue to submit the names of WELS men and women in the Armed Forces to the Military Services Committee, 3512 W. North Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53208.

The same is true of WELS students at secular colleges. Their names are to be submitted to the Student Services Committee, also at the above address.

The Military Services Committee and the Student Services Committee were formerly known as the Spiritual Welfare Commission.

A more direct way of bringing your son or daughter into contact with one of our pastors is to write directly to our Military Contact Pastors or to the Campus Pastors. They are listed in the YEARBOOK 1973 on pages 40 to 47.

One of our Military Contact Pastors recently wrote: "Several times in the past two years I have learned of Wisconsin Synod members in my area of responsibility much too late. One was nearly swept up by the Jesus People movement. In that man's area

we happen to hold weekly worship services and monthly Communion in the very town where he was stationed. He would have been served on a regular basis if his name had been sent directly to me or had been submitted to the Armed Services Committee."

The fault does not necessarily lie with our pastors. Often parents and family neglect this vital matter of furnishing the pastors with the names and addresses of those away from home, either in the Armed Forces or at school, and neglect to submit all changes of address. Parents can do nothing better for their young people than to keep them in touch with our pastors and the services of our congregations. The end of hostilities does not lessen the need for spiritual food on the part of our members away from home.

Michigan Missions You "Auto" Know

When anyone thinks of Michigan, he is most likely to think of the "auto" industry; so, as we travel from state to state in these articles, becoming acquainted with the missions in each state, we thought you "auto" know the missions in Michigan. We would like you to come with us in spirit on an "auto" trip through our state viewing our 26 missions.

Detroit and West

We will begin our trip at the heartland of the auto industry, Detroit. Here we have a new mission in the southeast suburb of Detroit, known as *Taylor Township*. The call being signed by the Mission Board chairman and secretary is the one sent to this mission's first resident pastor. We also have a mission on the north side of Metro-Detroit at *Sterling Heights*. This mission is right on the threshold of self-support. Detroit has a large black population; we have just made a beginning in reaching this population through our black mission, *Zoar*. Serving this mission as pastor is the only black pastor in our Synod, Pastor Henry Grigsby.

From Detroit we will "auto" up the expressway towards the capital city, Lansing. Halfway between Detroit and Lansing, we come to *Howell*. Something that will attract our attention at Howell is the recently acquired church site — a river running alongside of it, and a very attractive new chapel which was just dedicated. A home that was on the site is being used as the parsonage.

Continuing towards Lansing, we turn south to view the mission at *Eaton Rapids*. Here we have a nice stone church building, with a unique marble altar and reredos. The pastor drives beyond Lansing up to *Portland* to serve the other congregation of his dual parish. At present, the members of this mission worship in an unused school building.

From Portland we will have to backtrack a little to *Jackson* to view the portable chapel that was donated to this mission as a thank-offering by the members of *Lola Park Lutheran Church of Detroit* at the time they burned the mortgage to their own church building. You would be pleased by the worshipful atmosphere of this chapel. When the people of Jackson build a permanent chapel, this portable chapel will be moved to another new mission.

Next we travel west on one of Michigan's main highways and come to one of the larger cities in the western part of our state, Kalamazoo. In this area we have two missions: one in *Kalamazoo* with complete facilities, and one in *Portage*, south of Kalamazoo. At Portage land has been purchased, and we find the con-

gregation busy developing plans for their new chapel.

As we tour our state we pass through the fruit belt near Benton Harbor and St. Joseph, stopping to see the mission in *Hartford*. This mission has a chapel and a newly erected parsonage. Formerly part of a dual parish, it just recently became a mission parish with its own pastor.

We should really time our trip so as to arrive at *Holland*, Michigan, in time for its renowned Tulip Festival. In this city we are presently conducting exploratory services.

Another of the larger cities of the state is Grand Rapids, renowned for its furniture industry. Our mission in this area is located at *Wyoming*. This congregation has complete facilities, and is the only mission in our District that has a Christian day school.

Traveling east, we arrive at another "auto" city, Flint. Our newest mission in this area is located at *Grand Blanc*, south of Flint. Of special note in connection with this mission is that during the exploratory phase it was financed and served by a subcommittee of our mission board — the Flint Area Mission Committee. This committee is now making an ef-



fort to bring the Gospel to the black population in the city of Flint.

We Head North

Resuming our trip we come to the mission at *Montrose*. This mission was founded by the self-supporting congregations of the Flint Area Mission Committee. Here we see a fine chapel and parsonage built with many hours of labor donated by the members of the mission, many of whom are in the building trades.

From Montrose we will travel west to visit the mission in the city of *Alma*. This mission was once part of a dual parish, but just last year received permission to call its own pastor. The chapel was erected several years ago, and the congregation is now busy planning a parsonage for its new pastor.

Another city of interest is *Midland*, with its big Dow Chemical plant. The mission recently established here is at present calling its own pastor. All the preliminary work here was done by the Bay City Mission Committee. Together with the mission, they have born all the cost of establishing the mission to this point.

Just recently the joint parish of Clare and Hamilton, in the north-central part of Michigan, resolved to open a congregation in *Harrison*. How happy we are to report the success the Lord is giving this northern mission! At the first service in Harrison 99 were in attendance. The group has in fact reached such stability that it is clear that it can, with the Lord's help, establish this mission without the customary Synodical subsidy.

If you look at the map, you will notice the absence of missions in the northern half of Michigan. The reason is that, up to the present, most of this country was recreation area with but a small concentration of permanent residents. As we journey through this area we see that the picture is changing, and more and more people are establishing permanent residence in this north country.

We will travel to the Upper Peninsula by way of *Mio* and *Lincoln*, a dual mission parish. The chapel at Lincoln is often called the Lincoln Log Chapel, since the members of the mission cut their own logs, dried



ZOAR at Detroit

their own timber, made their own rafters, and finally erected their own chapel. They can be justifiably proud of it.

To serve our own people and the unchurched moving into this area, we are glad to have been called by a group of our own Wisconsin Synod people to begin a mission at *Indian River*, where the world's largest crucifix is located. The work of a summer vicar (pictured) helped us establish a fine mission at Indian River. To make good use of our manpower, we will begin exploratory work in *Petoskey* as soon as the Lord grants us a man to serve this dual parish.

Upper Peninsula

As we leave the Lower Peninsula and enter the Upper Peninsula, we cross the "Mighty Mac," the bridge that spans five miles of water between the two peninsulas.

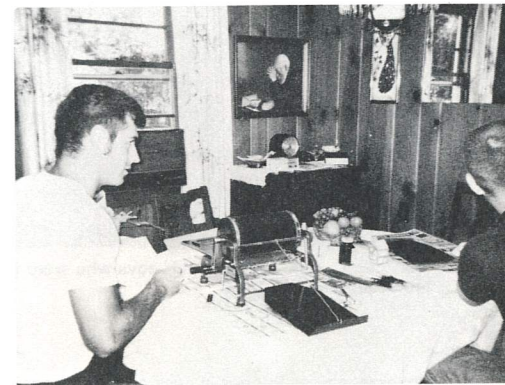
At *Cedarville* we have a mission that is served by the pastor from the American Sault Sainte Marie congregation.

In one of the larger cities in the Upper Peninsula, *Marquette*, a new mission will be calling a pastor through the Assignment Committee. Its members now worship in a rented church.

Traveling through the beautiful wilderness of the Upper Peninsula, we come to *Stambaugh* and *Beechwood*, two congregations which serve the permanent residents in this sparsely-populated, former mining area. There is also a nice church and



Pastors D. Gieschen and H. Kuske signing the call for Taylor Township.



Summer Vicar Kieth Kuschel preparing for Indian River canvass.

parsonage at *Bruce Crossing*, an old-time mission which has been served since 1912.

Crossing over into Wisconsin, we leave the "Auto State." We hope you have become better acquainted with your Michigan missions. You "auto" come and visit them some day. You can be sure that you would receive a hearty welcome.

Daniel M. Gieschen

Jesus' Little Ones in our World Mission Field

"I like your Jesus Christ," an African once told a missionary, "because He loves little children." This was apparent while Jesus walked among men. One of the most touching scenes reported by the Evangelists is that of Jesus, weary after much teaching and traveling, rebuking His disciples when they solicitously kept mothers with little ones from coming to Him. "He took them up in His arms, put His hands upon them, and blessed them," saying, "Suffer the little children to come unto Me and forbid

them not, for of such is the kingdom of God."

Jesus Urges Us to Care For His Little Ones

Gathering children around the Word in a strange, foreign setting is not merely an emotional matter for our missionaries; it is, rather, a concern which our Savior has laid upon our hearts, when He said, "Feed My lambs!"

Reminding His disciples that little children are also sinful and lost by

nature, He said, "It is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish."

He has promised a rich reward to those who, like Himself, bring children to Him, saying, "Whoso shall receive one such little child in My name receiveth Me."

A Little Child Shall Lead Them

Often it is only through the children that our missionaries are able to gain entrance and acceptance by the people in a new mission field.

This was the experience in Japan, where missionaries because of the rules of polite behavior experience difficulties gaining entrance into new homes. So they gathered children in Sunday schools and through them



Missionary John Janosek with boys who were baptized and confirmed at Ntope, Africa.



Sunday School class near Lusaka, Africa.

Children eating Sunday dinner of mealie-meal.



Christmas Carols in four languages at Hong Kong.



won the confidence of the parents, and a friendly welcome.

The work at Hong Kong was begun among the children also, when Peter Chang through the rooftop schools founded the Chinese Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Missionary V. H. Winter of Tucson writes about the early days of San Pablo Lutheran Mission: "For 16 consecutive Sundays your missionary had no one in church but himself and his daughter, the organist. After months of canvassing we gained a few children. In nine months we had a Sunday school. The handful of children who came agreed to stay for church, and from that time on we held regular services. It became clear to us that we would have to build our mission around children."

Edgar Hoenecke



Missionary E. Zimdars and children at El Paso, Texas.

Pastor V. Winters teaching Bible Class at San Pablo, Tucson, Arizona.



NEW W.E.L.S. CHURCHES Names Requested

In recent months the Wisconsin Synod began work in the states and cities listed below. Please send all names of members who moved into the general area of these cities, as well as names of people, who may be interested in a Wisconsin Synod mission, to the Synod's Membership Conservation office. Names as well as pertinent information regarding members referred will be forwarded to the nearest pastor and/or mission board chairman. Pastors who want stations included in this list are to inform the respective District mission board chairman. Area names are dropped from this list after appearing in the Yearbook for one year.

Arizona	Litchfield Park* Paradise Valley*
California	Alameda County* Arcadia* Mission Viejo Novato (Marin County)* Colorado Springs*
Colorado	Wilmington*
Delaware	Gainesville*
Florida	West Palm Beach Winterhaven*
Idaho	Boise*
Illinois	Champaign-Urbana* Jacksonville Rockford Springfield* South Bend Dubuque* Alexandria* Grand Blanc Holland* Indian River Marquette Midland Taylor Twp. Bemidji*
Minnesota	Forest Lake Columbia*
Missouri	St. Joseph* Bozeman
Montana	Bergen County
New Jersey	Albany/Schenectady
New York	Cherry Point*
North Carolina	Raleigh*
Ohio	Youngstown*
Oregon	Bend
Rhode Island	Providence
South Carolina	Columbia
South Dakota	Huron*
Tennessee	Memphis*
Texas	Clear Lake City Corpus Christi* Weslaco*
Washington	Spokane Valley (East)* Wenatchee*
Wisconsin	Hubertus River Falls Suamico* Cheyenne*
Wyoming	

* Denotes exploratory services.

(New Missions in cities already having a WELS church are not listed.)

Note: All names and addresses of members who move, unless they can be transferred directly to a sister congregation, should be mailed to our

WELS MEMBERSHIP CONSERVATION
10729 Worden, Detroit, Mich. 48224

EXPLORATORY SERVICES

YOUNGSTOWN-WARREN, OHIO

Exploratory services are now being held in the Youngstown-Warren, Ohio, area. Worship services are held at 7:00 p.m. in the All Faiths Chapel in Eastwood Mall, Niles, Ohio. Sunday school and Bible classes are conducted at 6:00 p.m. Inquiries and correspondence should be addressed to: Pastor Glen Schaumberg, 2815 Lost Nation Rd., Willoughby, Ohio 44094.

LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

The Southeastern Wisconsin District is considering exploratory services in the Louisville,

Kentucky, area. Please send names of prospects to: Pastor John Raabe, 1080 Alfred Street, Brookfield, Wisconsin 53005; phone: (414) 782-5852.

METRO-PHOENIX AREA

The Arizona-California District Mission Board is planning to begin exploratory work in the metro-Phoenix area: in Paradise Valley and the Litchfield Park area. Please send names and addresses of any interested persons, or persons who should be contacted, to: Pastor Hugh Reaume, 6701 E. Osborn Road, Scottsdale, Ariz. 85251.

ALEXANDRIA, LOUISIANA AREA

King of Kings worship services are now being held in the Alexandria area at the Rappids Bank and Trust Company Community room, MacArthur and Jackson Streets at 10:00 a.m., with Bible class and Sunday school at 11:00 a.m. Please send names of WELS military personnel or families and prospects moving into the Alexandria or Shreveport areas to: Pastor A. L. Schmeling, 2203 Magnolia Lane, Alexandria, La. 71301, phone 448-1147.

TIME AND PLACE

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod worship services are presently being conducted at the Gateway Presbyterian Chapel, 731 Castle Rd., Colorado Springs, each Sunday at 8 a.m. For information contact Rev. Eugene F. Ahlswede, 22 W. Clover Circle, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80906. Phone 303-576-5814.

FOREST LAKE, MINNESOTA

Martin Luther Ev. Lutheran Church is the new WELS mission in Forest Lake, Minnesota. Services are conducted every Sunday morning at the new senior high school, Hwys. 61 & 97, at 9 a.m. with Sunday school following. Those knowing of interested parties or prospective members are to send the pertinent information to: Pastor Wm. H. Wiedenmeyer, 3000 W. 78th St., Minneapolis, Minnesota 55423.

CAPISTRANO — IRVINE — MISSION VIEJO CALIFORNIA

Services are being conducted in Mission Viejo High School. Sunday school 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service 11 a.m. Take Freeway 405 (San Diego Fwy.) to La Paz exit. Drive east 2 blocks to Chrisanta where the high school is located.

Names of referrals with pertinent information from friends or relatives should be directed to Pastor Curtis Lyon, 23427 Kentworthy Avenue, Harbor City, Calif. 90710.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

(Submitted through District President)

Pastor:

Hering, Karl F. em
657C W. Ray Rd.
Chandler, AZ 85224

Teachers:

Brodbeck, Michael
9791 Acacia No. 7
Garden Grove, CA 92641
Haakenson, Cary
5511 W. National Ave.
Milwaukee, WI 53214

INSTALLATIONS

(Authorized by District President)

Pastors:

Krueger, Robert H., installed on March 25, 1973, as pastor of Trinity, Flasher, North Dakota, by R. Pless, and as pastor of Redeemer, Mandan, by R. Kloehn (Dak.-Mont.).

Spiegelberg, Thomas C., as pastor of Salem Mission Chapel, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on March 25, 1973, by W. B. Nommensen (S.E. Wis.).

Help for God's Special Children

Your Special Ministries Board has been charged with the responsibility of providing for the spiritual needs of those of our Synod who are not normally served by our existing Christian churches and schools. In addition, the SMB also is charged with the responsibility of assisting particularly pastors and teachers as they attempt to minister to those who have special spiritual needs.

During the past several years many appeals for help have been received, especially in the area of the spiritual training of the mentally handicapped. Our first response to these appeals will occur this summer. Special training sessions will be conducted at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary and at Dr. Martin Luther College. We hope that many will avail themselves of these opportunities and, as they return to their respective Districts, will continue our efforts in forming nuclei of concerned Christians so that these Special Children of God are not neglected. Those who might need financial assistance to enable them to attend may apply to Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary or Dr. Martin Luther College for a grant-in-aid. We have received a grant from the AAL to assist us in funding these initial programs.

The two training programs are:

Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary — June 25 - July 13 P.T. 455 — Working with the Mentally Retarded. This course is especially developed for pastors and male teachers to assist them by providing techniques and materials suitable for the spiritual training of the retarded.

Dr. Martin Luther College — June 18-22 (1 week)
June 18-29 (2 weeks)

Workshop: Education for the Mentally Retarded. This workshop is intended to assist pastors, teachers, Sunday-school teachers, parents, and others who might have an interest in developing a greater understanding of the problems of teaching the Word of God to the mentally handicapped.

Both training programs will place heavy emphasis upon developing materials which will be made available throughout the Synod.

May the Lord richly bless our efforts as we begin our initial program in this much-needed area!

Special Ministries Board
A. Woldt, Secretary

Dr. Martin Luther College Summer School and Workshops

SUMMER SCHOOL CALENDAR 1973

June 17 Registration
June 18 Opening Service
July 2 Monday Holiday Break
July 7 Saturday ... Classes in Session
July 20 10:15 A.M. Graduation and Closing Service

Schedule of Workshops for Summer of 1973

June 18-29: Education of the Mentally Retarded — one or two weeks — 1.5 or 3 cr.

June 18-22: Instructional Materials in Mathematics for Primary Grades — one week — 1.5 cr.

June 25-29: Supervisors of Student Teachers — one week — 1.5 cr.

June 18-29: Library Planning and Development — two weeks — 3 cr.

July 3-13: Elementary School Administration — two weeks — 3 cr.

July 9-20: The Parish Music Program — one or two weeks — 1.5 or 3 cr.

For detailed information consult the April 8, 1973, issue of *The Northwestern Lutheran*. If interested in any of the above, write: Professor George H. Heckmann, Director of Special Services, Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota 56073.

CLOSING EXERCISES at WELS Schools

Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Mequon, Wisconsin

Closing Concert—May 29 at 7:30 P.M.
Graduation Service—May 30 at 10:00 A.M.

Northwestern College and Northwestern Preparatory School Watertown, Wisconsin

Alumni Meeting—May 23 at 3:00 P.M.
Alumni Luncheon—May 23 at 5:00 P.M.
Commencement Concert—May 23 at 7:30 P.M.
College Graduation—May 24 at 10:00 A.M.
Preparatory Graduation—May 24 at 1:30 P.M.

Dr. Martin Luther College New Ulm, Minnesota

June Concert—June 7 at 8:15 P.M.
Graduation—June 8 at 10:00 A.M.

Michigan Lutheran Seminary Saginaw, Michigan

Commencement Concert—May 25 at 7:30 P.M.
Graduation Exercises—May 26 at 10:30 A.M.

Northwestern Lutheran Academy Mobridge, South Dakota

Commencement Concert on May 23 at 8:00 P.M.
Commencement Exercises on May 24 at 10:30 A.M.

Martin Luther Academy New Ulm, Minnesota

Academy June Concert—June 6 at 8:00 P.M.
Academy Commencement—June 7 at 10:00 A.M.

Looking at the Religious World

Devaluation Evaluation

Twice in 15 months money managers have devaluated the dollar. By the simple stroke of a pen its value decreased by 10 per cent on each occasion. Most of us felt no immediate consequence of the devaluations unless we were planning to travel abroad, buy a Volkswagen or a Toyota. We read the announcement, shrugged a shrug of perplexity, and wondered where it would all end.

While we may have felt no immediate consequences, others in our family did. Our brothers and sisters who serve in our stead on the World Mission fields suddenly found their limited resources cut by 10 per cent twice in that 15-month period. In concern for their welfare, we certainly would not want that to happen.

However, the funds necessary to compensate for the dollar devaluations do not materialize out of nowhere. It is one thing to devalue currency, it is quite another to adjust to devaluation in World Missions where we are already operating on pared budgets. One man signing his name can devalue the dollar, but it takes many men signing their names to personal checks to compensate for the loss. And it takes a Gospel-motivated, sacrificial spirit to do more when our dollars are worth less.

Every \$100,000 we designate for World Missions was suddenly capable of purchasing only \$80,000 worth of mission work. And this in an era when our Lord is giving us marvelous new opportunities to share His Word with the world.

Like me, you may not understand much about the politics of economics, but you surely understand the solution to this problem. When Satan places another hindrance in our way, we find, with God's help, a way to overcome it. Love finds a way.

Ministry in the Kitchen

While the newspapers were reporting regularly the details of devaluation and of the inflationary spiral,

Women's Day magazine featured a series of articles on stretching the dollar and economizing on the home front. What a surprise to read in the January issue how author Jean Gaffin feeds her family of five on no more than \$125 per month. Of particular interest is not *how* she did it, but *why*.

"My meal planning," she wrote, "is very much a result of my religious philosophy. My husband and I are Bible-believing Christians; we believe in sin and salvation and in having a newly restored relationship with God in Christ, His Son. Our pattern of living is based upon Scriptural principles." In recognition of the fact that we "are stewards of the gifts He has given," she said, "we try to make each decision by asking, 'Is this the best way to spend God's money?'"

Developing one's God-given talent, according to Mrs. Gaffin, requires careful planning and budgeting on the part of the homemaker. She also saw fit to report, incidentally, that her children attend a Christian day school.

To find such good Christian common sense in a secular magazine comes as an unexpected — and pleasant — surprise. If we all fought inflation by economizing the Christian way, and then gave back to the Lord what we saved, we could also

counteract the effect of dollar devaluations at the same time. Perhaps that is a part of what someone has termed "the secret of enduring prosperity."

Stop Immorality on TV

A number of concerned citizens have formed a new organization to stop immorality on TV. The organization seeks ways to spur action to clean up the air waves, especially to induce the major networks to refrain from broadcasting shows which dwell on sexuality.

Members of the organization's advisory board include a number of notables: comedian Red Skelton, former Yankee baseball star Phil Rizzuto, Admiral Arthur Radford, a congressman, governor, university president, newspaper publisher, and others.

The organization urges concerned citizens to write letters of protest to the sponsors of offensive programs. *Stop Immorality on TV* publishes a newsletter available on request at 278 Broadview Avenue, Warrenton, Virginia 22186.

Will letter writing do any good? A recent campaign by a Catholic letter writers' group protesting episodes about abortion and vasectomy on "Maude" induced four of the show's sponsors to cancel their sponsorship. Sponsors are indeed sensitive to the opinions of the listener.

When TV fare offends your Christian sensibilities, you can do something more than pull the plug. You can complain where the complaining will do some good.

Joel C. Gerlach

Direct from the Districts

Minnesota

Pastor's Widow Called Home

Hertha Rickert Birkholz was born January 6, 1892, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She was called to her eternal rest at the age of 80 years on November 20, 1972, at Redwood Falls, Minnesota.

On June 30, 1914, she was united in marriage with Pastor Edward Birkholz. She served as his faithful helpmeet in three parishes over a pe-

riod of 48 years: St. John's Lutheran at Darfur, Christ Lutheran at Marshall, and St. John's Lutheran at Redwood Falls — all in Minnesota. The Lord called Pastor Birkholz to the Church Triumphant in 1964.

She is survived by five children: Dorothea, Mrs. Holger Juul; Naomi, Mrs. Henry Engelhardt; Gwendolyn, Mrs. Arnold Puestow; Thelma, Mrs. Milan Schaefer; and Pastor Gerhard Birkholz of Litchfield, Minnesota. One son, Professor Howard Birkholz, preceded her in death.

The funeral services were conducted in St. John's Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, and at St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery, New Ulm, by Pastor E. O. Schulz. We find our comfort in the Resurrection Gospel.

Dedication at Alexandria

"Now Thank We All Our God" were the words of the 21-voice children's choir which opened the dedication service at St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Alexandria. The service was held on March 4, 1973, with 202 people in attendance from the community and the surrounding congregations. The Rev. M. Petermann, chairman of the District Mission Board, addressed the congregation on Psalm 95:6,7: "O come, let us worship the Lord."

The new church seats 170. There is also an overflow area. St. Paul's is grateful to Trinity Congregation of Nicollet which donated the pews, altar, pulpit, lectern, and baptismal font. Mr. Duane Anderson, architectural consultant of the Board for Home Missions, designed the structure. The cost, including land, was under \$100,000.

The Lord has showered many blessings on this young congregation. Less than five years have passed since 32 persons gathered for worship in the Garden Center in Alexandria. Today the congregation numbers 116 baptized members, of whom 71 are communicants. A very special blessing on the day of dedication was the news that the Rev. Chester Zuleger

had accepted the call to serve St. Paul's together with its sister congregation at Glenwood. The Rev. Marcus Birkholz had served as vacancy pastor.

Members Help Build at Prior Lake

The church building for Faith Ev. Lutheran Church, our WELS mission at Prior Lake, is now nearing completion. Members are helping with many phases of the work. In December they donated more than 200 man-hours of labor to nail on the decking. One of the men even used part of his vacation time. They began nailing the decking on Saturday, December 16, with the temperature at zero, and finished on a cold, blustery Sunday afternoon, December 31, 1972. The members will be donating many more hours before the building program is completed. By hiring a building agent to supervise the construction and employing the skills of its own members, the congregation will save about one-fourth of the estimated cost.

Dedication of the church is tentatively scheduled for June 10, 1973, which will be the anniversary of the congregation's first service. Sunday services are presently being conducted at the Prior Lake Village Hall at 10:30 A.M.

May the Lord continue to grant His blessings for the successful completion of the building at Prior Lake, so that His faithful believers may have a permanent church home in which to worship their Savior!

An Unusual Project

The women of the Dorcas Guild at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, have joined nine first-year Christian-day-school teachers from five different states in an unusual exchange project.

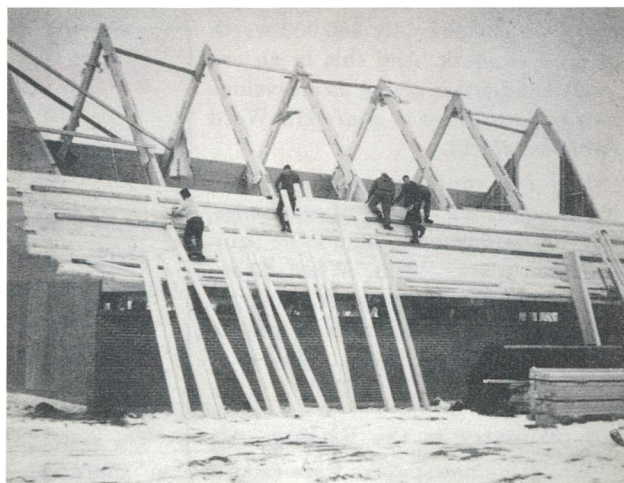
Packages of magazine pictures, craft ideas, and teaching hints are sent by the women to the busy first-year teachers to expand their picture and resource files. In return, the enthusiastic teachers send student-composed letters, art work, photographs, and tape-recorded messages which demonstrate the benefits of Christian day schools to the members of Good Shepherd.

The project was initiated by Mrs. Jane Hoelz, a member of Good Shepherd and a former teacher herself. Having personally experienced the frustrating demands of time upon a first-year teacher plus the great joy of daily sharing Christ with children, Mrs. Hoelz contacted Miss Diane Lecker, a 1972 DMLC graduate, for assistance. Miss Lecker, who had served Good Shepherd as a Lutheran Collegian summer witness volunteer, provided the names of her classmates who were interested in the exchange project.

It is the prayer of those involved that this simple project will provide the impetus for Good Shepherd Lutheran Church to begin working toward the day of opening a Christian day school in Cedar Rapids. Pastor of



St. Paul's at Alexandria



Faith Lutheran at Prior Lake

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is the Rev. Gary Kirschke.

School Addition at Goodhue

St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, rural Goodhue, was privileged to dedicate two additional classrooms and an expanded school office on December 10, 1972. Pastor D. Grummert, chairman of the District Board of Education, was the guest speaker.

The present school was erected in 1958. It was thought, at the time, to be large enough to accommodate any future enrollment. A consolidation with Grace Lutheran School, plus the fact that many members were remaining on their farms or in the immediate area, forced the schoolboard and congregation to make plans for expansion as the 1972-73 school year approached. Designed originally for 50 young scholars, the school had to be ready to house 84 on opening day. The needed room was provided by dividing the basement play area into two classrooms.

The members of St. John's faculty are: Principal James Hopman, Miss Marilyn Knospe, Miss Jeanne Braun, Mrs. James Hopman, and Mrs. John Augustine. Warren J. Henrich is the pastor.

New Narthex at Salem

In an evening service on August 27, 1972, Salem Ev. Lutheran Congregation, Loretto, dedicated its \$80,000 narthex to the praise and glory of the Triune God. The evening hour was chosen not only for its coolness, but especially so that the newly installed lights on the narthex and tower might be enjoyed to the full. Salem's 100-foot tower is now visible at night throughout the Greenfield Village area.

The Rev. Warren Henrich, secretary of the Minnesota District, addressed the congregation on the words of Matthew 17:4: "Lord, it is good for us to be here." He pointed out that "it is good for us to be in the house of God because here we hear and learn about Jesus Christ our Savior, and also because we do well to thank our God for His abundant blessings." He encouraged the members of Salem "to use the narthex,

that is, to enter the house of God with gladness, to open their doors to the community, and to send the Gospel out into all the world."

Construction of the new narthex, which is in every way complimentary to the beautiful 1904 church building, began on November 1, 1971, and was completed on August 15, 1972.

The narthex brings a number of welcome changes and improvements to Salem Congregation. It provides a beautiful and functional mothers' room and a 53x24 foyer where it is possible for members to visit and to greet visitors in complete comfort. A carport provides access during inclement weather. The outside lighting at least arouses a look-see curiosity in the minds of many moving into the area.

Pastor Henrich's sermon emphasizing Peter's observation on the Mount of Transfiguration has continued to echo in the hearts of all the members: "Lord, it is good for us to be here." Pastor of the congregation is the Rev. E. Lindemann.

Northern Wisconsin

Organ Dedication

After approximately 10 years of prayer and anticipation, the members of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Fond du Lac, were thrilled to dedicate a new organ to the glory and service of God. The organ, a Conn 3-Manual Electronic-Pipe Organ, was dedicated at afternoon and evening services on March 25. Pastor Waldemar Pless, Milwaukee, preached the sermon, and Mrs. Franklin Zabell, Watertown, Wisconsin, presented a half-hour organ concert. Redeemer's pastor is the Rev. Gerald L. Meyer.

Southeastern Wisconsin

25 Years in Teaching-Ministry

In 1947 Mr. Robert Kolander was graduated from Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota, and was assigned to Woodlawn Ev. Lutheran School, West Allis, Wisconsin. Some 25 years later, on April 1, 1973, Woodlawn Congregation assembled in special service to praise God for the faithful and devoted service its

principal had given to the youth of the congregation during that period of years.

Preaching for the festive occasion was a cousin of the jubilarian, Pastor Paul H. Kolander of Montello, Wisconsin. Choosing Galatians 6:14 as his text, he exhorted those present *To Glory Greatly in the Cross of Christ*, considering 1) the power of the Cross in the Christian life, and 2) the influence of the Cross in the Christian classroom.

Relatives (among them his aged mother and a brother), classmates, friends, and congregation members attended both the service as well as the dinner that preceded and the reception that followed.

When Mr. Kolander began teaching at Woodlawn, he taught in the classroom of a small chapel/school combination. At that time the primary grades were housed in an army barracks at the rear. In 1960 a new school was built, which also doubled as chapel until 1972, when a new church was dedicated.

Western Wisconsin

Anniversary and Dedication

On September 17, 1972, St. Paul's Congregation of Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin, dedicated a newly constructed teacherage and observed the 40th anniversary of the principal of its Christian day school.

Dedication of the teacherage took place between the forenoon services. Tours of the building followed.

In the evening the congregation thanked God for the blessings bestowed for the past 40 years on Teacher Richard H. Sievert. Of these 40 years, Mr. Sievert spent 24 at St. Paul's Lutheran School. Guest preacher for the anniversary service was Prof. em. Karl Sievert, a brother of the jubilarian. The service was followed by a fellowship gathering.

Present were Mr. Sievert's family, his three brothers and four sisters, fellow teachers, and pupils and members of the congregation.

Judgment Day alone will reveal the total number of those who have benefited spiritually through Mr. Sievert's ministry.

CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES

DAKOTA-MONTANA

EASTERN DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: June 12, 1973; 9 a.m. Communion service.
Place: Our Savior Ev. Lutheran, Brookings, S.Dak.
Agenda: Book of Reports and Memorials.
M. W. Schulz, Secretary

MICHIGAN

SOUTHWESTERN PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: May 8, 1973; 9:00 a.m. Communion service.
Place: Trinity, Bangor, Michigan (E. Schaewe, host pastor).
Preacher: E. Schaewe (R. Shimek, alternate).
Agenda: Exegesis of Ephesians 5:1ff; F. Toppe; Progress Report on Key '73: R. Semro; "How Can God Judge or Condemn Those Who Have Never Personally Heard the Gospel?" H. Peter; Directed Casuistry, Discussion of the New Introids and Propers; reports and other matters of casuistry.
R. Semro, Secretary

NORTHERN WISCONSIN

RHINELANDER PASTORAL CONFERENCE (Correction)

Date: May 7, 1973; 9:00 a.m. Communion service.
Place: St. John, Phelps, WI (F. Bergfeld, host pastor).
Preacher: C. Siegler (F. Bergfeld, alternate).
Agenda: Exegesis of Ephesians 6:1ff, M. Radtke; "Who Can Be Accorded a Christian Burial According to Scripture?" M. Koepsell.
C. J. Siegler, Secretary

FOX RIVER VALLEY PASTOR-TEACHER CONFERENCE

Date: May 7, 1973.
Place: Opening Communion service at 9:00 a.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran, Appleton, Wisconsin; sessions at Fox Valley Lutheran High School.
Preacher: R. Unke.
Agenda: "The Doctrine of Sanctification," F. Zarling; "The Doctrine of Sanctification as it Applies to the Teacher's Sphere of Activity in the School," W. Luehring; "The Doctrine of Sanctification as it Applies to the Pastor's Sphere of Activity in the Congregation," J. Mattek.
Note: All excuses are to be sent to the secretary.
R. Muetzel, Secretary
FRV Pastoral Conference

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN

METRO SOUTH PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: May 21, 1973; 9:00 a.m. Communion service.
Place: St. Paul's, 3775 East Cudahy Ave., Cudahy (R. Brassow, host pastor; telephone 744-9988).
Preacher: R. Cox (R. Drews, alternate).
Agenda: The Scriptural Principles Regarding Divorce, Part II: F. Gilbert; A Short Review of Article II of the Augsburg Confession: M. Volkman; Exegesis of Mark 3: 31ff: J. Martin; alternate paper: A Review of What Scripture Says About Repentance — Both the Old and New Testaments: L. Albrecht; conference business; questions of casuistry.
Note: Excuses are to be made to the host pastor.
R. Winters, Secretary

WESTERN WISCONSIN

SOUTHWESTERN PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: May 15, 1973; 9 a.m.
Place: St. Matthew's, Warrens, Wis.
Preacher: D. Kuske (T. Kuske, alternate).
Agenda: Galatians 6: K. Gast; Sermon Study on Galatians 5:13: L. Wendland; When and How to Vary the Liturgy: O. Heier; Catechism Commandments 4-10.
T. Kuske, Secretary

WISCONSIN-CHIPPEWA RIVER VALLEY JOINT CONFERENCE

Date: May 15, 1973; 9 a.m. Communion service.
Place: Trinity, Marshfield, Wisconsin.
Preacher: G. Lambrecht (W. Lange, alternate).
Agenda: Exegesis of II Tim. 2:14ff: R. A. Schultz; Review of Prof. J. P. Koehler's Essay "Legalism in an Evangelical Church": E. E. Prenzlow; The Pastor's Stewardship of Time: B. E. Stensburg.
G. Lambrecht, Secretary

CENTRAL PASTOR-TEACHER CONFERENCE

Date: May 21, 1973; 9 a.m.
Place: St. Stephen, Beaver Dam, Wis.
Preacher: E. Schoemann (C. Tessmer, alternate).
Agenda: Holy Baptism: R. Lauersdorf; "A Study of Generations": P. Strohm; "Future Shock": K. Bast.
R. Ehlert, Secretary

COLLEGIAN RETREAT

The seventh annual Lutheran Collegians Spring Retreat will be held May 11-13, 1973, at Squaw Point-Hillman, Minn. The retreat will deal with the topic: FAMILY LIFE UNDER CHRIST. For more information, posters, and reservation blanks write: Collegian Retreat, 204 Gibbs St., Box 37, Prescott, Wis. 54021.

ONALASKA PASTORS' INSTITUTE

A Pastors' Institute will be held at Luther High School, Onalaska, Wisconsin, June 18-22, 1973. Two essays will be presented: The Pastor Administers His Office (Pastor C. Mischke) and Messianic Prophecies of the O.T. (Prof. H. Vogel). The sessions will run from 9:00 to 11:45 A.M. daily. A fee of \$10 will be requested of each participant. Dinner will be served promptly at 11:45 at a cost of \$1.25. If you plan to attend, we would appreciate your registration now for the sake of planning. Send your registration to: Pastors' Institute, Luther High School, Onalaska, Wisconsin 54650.

NOTICE

Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Auxiliary

Interested women from congregations of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod are invited to a meeting in the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary chapel on Sunday, May 6, 1973, at 2:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to adopt a proposed constitution for a Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Auxiliary. The constitution was drawn up by a committee of women chosen at a meeting on January 14. Any woman who is a member of a Wisconsin Synod congregation will have the right to vote at this meeting. The first annual meeting of this organization is planned for Saturday, October 6, 1973, at which time the elections called for by the proposed constitution will be held.

CAMPING

The Milwaukee Federation of Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod Churches, Inc. is sponsoring three weeks of Christ-centered camping for boys and girls, ages 8 to 14. The camp fee is \$30.00 per week per child. The dates for 1973 are July 15-21; July 22-28; and July 29 to Aug. 4. We will be camping at Willerup on Lake Ripley near Cambridge, Wis. For further information please contact M. Wernicke, 5744 N. 69th St., Milwaukee, Wis. 53218. Adults interested in serving on the staff please contact the above.

HOUSEMOTHER NEEDED — MLA New Ulm, Minn.

The position of housemother in Centennial Hall will be vacant following the close of the current school year. With the aid of three Senior College resident assistants, the housemother has supervision of 100 to 125 girls of high-school age preparing for the teaching ministry. Please direct applications or inquiries regarding this responsible position to the undersigned: Milton W. Burk, Dean of Students, Martin Luther Academy, New Ulm, Minn. 56073.

MATRON — NORTHWESTERN LUTHERAN ACADEMY

Since Northwestern Lutheran Academy will be in need of a matron for the girls' dormitory, the Board of Control is seeking someone to occupy this position beginning with the 1973-1974 school year. If you are interested, or if you know of anyone who might be interested in this position, please contact the undersigned as soon as possible.

NLA Board of Control
Pastor David Krenke, Chn.
620 West Ninth Street
Mobridge, S. D. 57601

BETHESDA LUTHERAN HOME

Ward Parents — Nurses' Aides — Night Attendants — Maintenance Men and Janitors are needed to serve the mentally retarded and physically handicapped residents at Bethesda Lutheran Home, Watertown, Wisconsin 53094. For more information, phone 414-261-3050, extension 310.

ANTEPENDIA

St. Peter's Lutheran Church of Kekoskee, Wis., has four sets of antependia (colors: white, red, green, and purple) which it is willing to donate to any mission congregation. The altar frontlets are 75 inches long, the pulpit falls 16 inches wide. In usable condition. Also a large lectern Bible. Please contact: Pastor Melvin W. Croll, Route 2, Mayville, Wis. 53050.