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The year 1974 marks the 450th anniversary of the first publication of four hymnals in Germany containing many of Martin Luther's hymns. One of them, "May God bestow on us His grace" (LH:500), is a mission hymn. It shows that Martin Luther was concerned not only about the Germans but about all people. Quoting from the hymn, we hear Martin Luther say: "May God bestow on us His grace . . . that we His saving health may know, His gracious will and pleasure, and also the heathen show Christ's riches without measure and unto God convert them."

The Lutheran Church has followed in his footsteps. Whenever it has remained true to the word and spirit of Luther, it has exerted itself to do mission work both at home and in foreign lands. An issue like this issue of *The Northwestern Lutheran* would therefore have brought joy to Luther's heart. He would have been delighted to read about the first confirmand in Colombia, South America. He would have been pleased that a missionary has accepted the assignment to go to Japan to preach the Gospel. Being also a school man, Luther would have approved of sending a Christian day school teacher to Antiqua. Though Luther in a technical sense never was a missionary, yet in the Scriptural sense he certainly was. He made the saving Gospel available to all men.

Particularly would Luther have had an understanding for the situation in Sweden, as reported in this issue. Civilian Chaplain E. C. Renz and his wife attended the organizational meeting of the Confessional Lutheran Church in Sweden in September, and their report is fascinating. It would bring both sorrow and joy to Luther — sorrow that a Lutheran Church harking back to his

own Reformation had fallen from the truth, joy that a group of concerned men and women took an official and formal step so that the Reformation might be reborn in this country north of the home of the Reformation.

Thus, although this issue does not bring Reformation articles and discussions, as did the last, yet in every way it breathes the spirit of Luther's Reformation.

Since the youth is the future of the church, there are a number of items in this issue that should be of special interest. On page 353 there is an item entitled "Trained to Help You." It reminds pastors and congregations of some resource personnel they might otherwise overlook in the Christian upbringing of the boys and girls of the congregation.

With many of our WELS youth attending secular colleges, the information beginning on page 349, entitled "L C is . . .," is on the order of a plea. It reminds us that we have an organization affiliated with our church which offers college-age men and women an opportunity to nourish their faith and share it.

If it is at all possible for you, accept the invitation, on page 347, to be present for Dr. Martin Luther College's celebration of the 90th anniversary of its founding. It is being observed on the anniversary of Luther's birth, Sunday, November 10.

The importance of Dr. Martin Luther College in our Synodical life can hardly be overestimated. Its existence is definitely one of the signs of God's grace toward us. This will become even more evident in the next issue of *The Northwestern Lutheran* which will be devoted to the 11 new Christian day schools and the one new Lutheran high school which opened their doors this fall. Don't miss it.

*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

There is a certain nostalgia about the old-style church, as though it were saying to us, "This is home." In addition, the cross on the steeple pointing to the Ascended who was crucified and rose again is a constant reminder of the heavenly home. This, too, is the message heard from the pulpit of Emmanuel Ev. Lutheran Church, Grover, South Dakota, a congregation now 90 years old (page 353).

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Editorials

Genuine Evangelism The Ecumenical Movement, it seems, never really got down to the grassroots level. Regardless of what high-ranking bureaucrats said, honest folk far down the line always knew that it is Bible or pope, infant Baptism or rejection of it, but it can never be both.

But the Ecumenical Movement seems to be enjoying great success when it comes in the name of World Evangelism. Suddenly people of widely differing faiths rally together, politely laying aside Bible doctrines as unimportant, to join hands in the more important business, they say, of evangelism.

In the display window they appear as all good men of religious faith marching shoulder to shoulder to evangelize the unbelieving world. And, of course, there is such a thing as evangelism. It's a good Bible word and activity.

But the danger, as Scripture describes it, is not so much nonreligion. The danger is wrong religion. Jesus places His people on guard not against the nonprophet but against the "false prophets which come to you in sheep's clothing."

Satan is quite willing to let people have their Bible and Jesus of Nazareth, as long as they are not bound by them. It was not the Atheist Party of the Sinai Peninsula and Palestine that troubled the Prophets Moses and John, but wrong religion. It was the superpious Pharisee who dogged Jesus' steps and the false Christians who plagued the congregations of St. Paul.

Making disciples of all nations does not begin with flaming zeal and joint evangelism efforts, but with loyalty to God's Word first: "If ye continue in My Word, then are ye My disciples indeed."

John Parcher

Evolutionist Folly The trilobite is an extinct ancient deep-sea creature. Some of these trilobites had remarkable eyes. A scientist would recognize their uniqueness from Professor Setti's discovery that they solved "Fermat's principle, Abbe's sine law, Snell's law of refraction and the optics of a birefringent crystal."

If this description sounds complicated, be assured that it needs to be, because the eyes of certain trilobites were amazingly complex. Put more simply, "Very thick lenses are required in water in order to have enough convergence to focus. Large spherical aberrations found in simple thick lenses are corrected in the Phacopid trilobite by the presence of doublet lens structure. Also, the large thick lenses collected a lot of light — necessary especially in muddy water." This creature had the "most sophisticated eye lenses ever produced by nature," according to a science writer, as reported in *Bible-Science Newsletter*.

Commenting further on these incredible eye lenses, Professor Setti remarks: "It didn't happen by accident. It proved that evolution can produce this kind of thing. . . . The lenses look like they were designed by a physicist."

Now what do we have here? Evolution rules "a physicist" out. There was no "physicist" there to fashion the trilobite's eyes. And the evolutionist would rather die

than admit that The Physicist was there, the great Creator Himself. If neither "a physicist" nor The Physicist had anything to do with constructing the most unique eyes found in nature, then evolution must have produced them.

But evolution is only a blind, inanimate process. It is simply chance development of living things from the first germs of life. According to evolutionary theories, no one planned the trilobite's eyes; they just came about because they were needed. They developed themselves.

Evolutionist scientists and professors are often highly intelligent people. And yet they contend that the scientifically impossible produced the scientific miracle. Ruling God out, they are left with only chance and accident to explain how the trilobite's eyes were formed, and yet Professor Setti says, "It didn't happen by accident." When a man closes his mind and hardens his heart against God and Scripture, he does a complete job of making a fool of himself, and the more intelligent he is, the better his performance.

Carleton Toppe

Where Your Treasure Is There is a mission of our Synod, founded a few years ago, in a less populated region of the West, far from any of our sister churches. Although it is located in a large city, most of the people who comprised the original nucleus of the congregation lived in smaller towns some distance from the city. Some of them drove 150 miles or more to attend the services of the church, and they did it regularly.

In another large city there is an established church. One of its members maintained an office within a few blocks of the church. Each working day he drove six miles from his house to his office near the church. He continued to drive the six miles to the office five days a week; but he stopped coming to church because, in his words, "It's too far."

He was not lying. To him it was too far, although he was in good health and drove a late model car. At the same time it was not too far for the people of the other congregation who drove more than ten times that distance for the same purpose.

There is a logical explanation for this. It is recorded in the Bible in the words of our Lord: "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

It requires little ingenuity to devise an excuse for not going to church. To list them all would require at least a supplement, if not a special issue, of *The Northwestern Lutheran*. One pastor said, "If you can't think of an excuse, I'll give you one."

But whether you need an excuse or not depends upon where your treasure is. A downpour of cloudburst proportions one hour before a recent football game delayed the arrival of most of the fans; but they arrived through storm and strife, over 50,000 strong, to fill the stadium to capacity when the game got under way.

There are people in almost every congregation who for reasons such as infirmity cannot gather with their fellow Christians in God's house to hear the Word of their Lord and to worship Him. Their number is small. As for the rest, it's a question of where their treasure is.

Immanuel Frey

Studies in God's Word



The Christian and Temptation

Let no man say when he is tempted, "I am tempted of God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth He any man. But every man is tempted when he is drawn away of his own lust and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin, and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death (James 1:13-15).

So, you're being tempted! Sin taps gently on the door of life and it swings open. Or sins rap rudely and repeatedly till the lock breaks and the hinges bend. Is that how it goes with you? Isn't that how it goes with many of us much of the time?

Last time James spoke about trials; this time about temptations. Though he used the same Greek word for both, yet their meaning is far different as the context shows. A trial is some outward test which God would use to detach us from the world and attach us to His Word. With trials He would strengthen our faith. A temptation is an inducement to sin, an enticement to evil. Temptations come to weaken and even wipe out our faith. They come from the world around us, the devil beside us, and appeal to the evil heart within us.

It can happen that trials produce temptations. They can stir up the evil inside of us and lead to sin. When this happens, the fault lies not with the trial, but with our response. James knew this, so in his Course on Concrete Christianity he moved quite naturally from the Christian and Trials to the CHRISTIAN AND TEMPTATION. When temptations come, James would remind us to:

Put the Blame Where It Belongs

Man has always tried shifting the blame for temptation. The comic's "the devil made me do it" is such an evasion, whether realized or not. Of course, Satan has much to do with sin, but he is not the only or the closest one to blame.

Others have tried shifting the blame to God. Perhaps they don't use James' exact words, "I am tempted of God," but that is where their excuses finally point. Like Pilate, reaching with dripping hands for a clean towel, they point to others. Adam tried that also in the Garden of Eden when he blamed Eve for his sin. All these say, "Don't blame me. Blame God who made me and the world the way we are. Blame Him for the people and the things around me."

Yet James tells us, "God cannot be tempted with evil neither tempteth He any man." God can never be the source of anything morally base. Because He is absolute holiness, He cannot have contact or contract with evil. Instead, He keeps us from temptation to evil or gives the power to repel what the devil, world, and flesh bring.

The blame for temptation lies with man's own "lusts." It's on the desk in man's sinful heart that the "buck" stops. Man's evil nature, inherited from sinful parents, can take innocent objects and turn them into painted temptresses and pointed temptations. Sin has no mother but our heart, and the devil only puts the match to the charcoal already within us. Temptations cannot come from God. He wants to give the crown of life, not the death of hell. Death comes to those who in unbelief allow

their sinful hearts to run wild.

Move over Adam and Pilate. We, too, would rather shift than shoulder the blame for temptation. The fact that such a maneuver has never worked doesn't seem to stop us from trying. Like the photographer, we use the eraser of excuse and the pencil of "pass-the-buck" to try for a flattering portrait; but that doesn't change the real me. It never is as simple as the comedian's "the devil made me do it" and never, ever, is it "I am tempted of the Lord." Always it is "I am tempted of my own lusts."

As Christians we should not think that we have the Old Adam tightly enough in check. Like a Houdini he can slip out of the tightest knots and pick the securest locks. "Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall," Paul warned in I Corinthians 10:12. James would repeat that warning to us and then would remind us that when temptations come, we need to:

Put Our Trust Where It Belongs

To blame God for temptation is not to know God. His very being and essence are not evil, but absolute and abounding goodness. Of that goodness James and we are certain for we have seen the Savior, and whoever has seen Him has seen the Father. In this Savior, God's goodness offers what we need when temptation comes.

When fallen into temptation, we need to remember that though we could not shift our sins to others God can and did. He laid on His Son our iniquity and with His stripes healed us. Through Word and Sacraments He enables us to walk the path of the prodigal back to the Father's house. When facing temptations, we need to remember that though we cannot by ourselves go and sin no more, with Christ we can try. With His power as provided in Word and Sacraments we can start standing upright in our falling-down world.

When fallen under or facing up to temptations, we pray to that Savior, "Reach me out Thy gracious hand while I of Thy Strength receive. (LH 345:3).

Richard E. Lauersdorf

Fruits of the Spirit...

Meekness

The Apostle Paul, in Galatians 5:23, is not the only one of the inspired authors of the Scriptures to speak of meekness as a Christian virtue. Matthew, in recording for us the Savior's Sermon on the Mount, quotes Jesus as saying: "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth" (Matt. 5:5). Here the Lord is harking all the way back to the time of the Psalmist David, who said, "The meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace" (Ps. 37:11).

Jesus urges us to let meekness be another of the fruits of the spirit — another evidence of our Christianity — that will help to identify us as people who truly love Him because He first loved us. And what better example do we have to follow also in this aspect of faith-living than Christ Himself. His purpose in setting us an example was that we "should follow His steps." In perfect meekness — in flawless gentleness — our Lord "did

no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth: who, when He was reviled, reviled not again; when He suffered, He threatened not; but committed Himself to Him that judgeth righteously" (I Pet. 2:22,23).

To say that it's not easy to follow such a perfect example of true meekness is to be reminded of our sins and our failure to bear true fruits of faith. But with the Spirit's guidance we shall surely want to try to exhibit that which the Lord is speaking of when He holds before us the concept of "meekness."

Just what is "meekness" in the life of a Christian? Sometimes, in trying to understand a term or an idea, it helps to consider the direct opposite. The opposite of being "meek" is to be arrogant, proud, haughty, vehement, bitter, wild, violent. It is the wicked and the evildoers of the world whom these adjectives describe. They shall surely not "inherit the earth." "Evildoers shall be cut off, but those that

wait upon the Lord, they shall inherit the earth. For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be" (Ps. 37, 9ff). The entire 37th Psalm beautifully expresses the reward of grace which the "meek" shall enjoy already in this world, and eternally in the next. In contrast, the curse upon unbelievers is stated so clearly that there can be no misunderstanding.

So let us practice "meekness" in all of our dealings with people. Again, however, let no one gain the impression that meekness is a saving virtue within us. The only saving virtue in us is Christ's righteousness. Embracing that gift of grace in faith enables us to be "meek" — to avoid taking revenge when we are wronged or showing resentment when we are abused. Plotting to "get even" is only too easy for our Old Adam whenever our bodies or property or honor have been injured. *Not* thinking in terms of revenge in such cases really requires courage — Christ-like courage. To be meek is to be strong. God, give us such strength, for we are Your ambassadors!

Philip R. Janke

The 1974-75 school year at Dr. Martin Luther College officially began with an opening service on Sunday, September 8, at 7:30 p.m. The sermon, based on Psalm 121, was delivered by Pastor John Bradtke of Arlington, Minnesota. Liturgist for the opening service was the Rev. Conrad Frey, president of Dr. Martin Luther College.

During the service the new faculty members were inducted into their office by Pastor Otto Engel of Danube, Minnesota, chairman of the DMLC Board of Control. They are: Miss Beverlee Haar, Dean of Women; Miss Barbara Leopold, instructor in women's phy ed; and Miss Linda Walling, instructor in music.

Registration of students was held on Friday, September 6, for freshmen, on Saturday, September 7, for sophomores and juniors, and on Sunday, September 8, for seniors. Total registrations showed 667 students, a slight increase over the previous year. A welcome luncheon was held for all

School Opening at DMLC



Miss Linda Walling (music), Miss Beverlee Haar (Dean of Women), Miss Barbara Leopold (women's phy. ed.)

new students, their families, and the faculty members of the college on Friday evening. Words of welcome were spoken by President Frey, Pro-

fessor L. Huebner, Dean of Students, Professor D. Brick, Recruitment Director, and Mr. Ron Wels, President of the Student Body.

Confessional Lutheran Church in Sweden

Pictures by Tomas Peterson

It was through the pages of *The Northwestern Lutheran* that we together with you in the States and other parts of the world first became acquainted with the faithful group of pastors and lay people in Sweden who have taken a firm stand on the Scriptures and have left the Lutheran State Church of Sweden. Not willing to sacrifice the doctrines and truths of God's Word, they took their formal

confessional stand at Uppsala on September 6-8, 1974.

It was a spiritual privilege for me, your Civilian Chaplain in Europe, together with my wife to bring official greetings from our Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod and to be present for the formal founding services of the Confessional Lutheran Church in Sweden. It seemed quite appropriate that the building in which the meet-

ings were held was located within the very shadows of the State Lutheran Cathedral in Uppsala, for it was the State Church's departure from Lutheran doctrine that evoked the confessional movement.

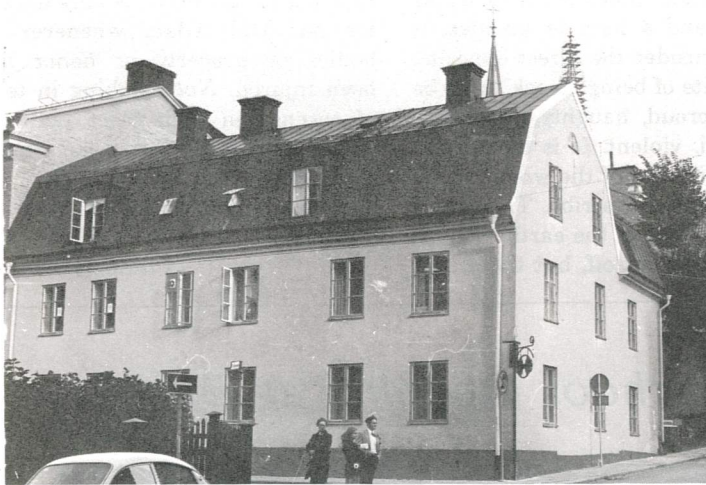
We received a warm welcome from the pastors and lay people who had assembled for that momentous meeting. During the services and meetings we were most impressed by the devotion and sincerity of those in attendance, young and old. Full attention was given to the sermons and to the various papers. One could sense a feeling of deep joy and confidence as the assembly solemnly discussed and voted on the various portions of the *Grunddokument*, founding document. It was a historic moment in the life of the Lutheran Church in Sweden when 46 persons attached their names to this document, subscribing to it because it was in full agreement with the Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions.

In the course of the meeting, we learned that one of the men, for confessional reasons, had not partaken of the Lord's Supper in the State Church for 30 years. Many years before, his father on his deathbed had already called his attention to the soul-destroying errors in that church. It was heavenly joy for him to be able to come to the Lord's Table with fellow Christians to be assured of forgiveness, to obtain strength for his Christian life, and to bear testimony to the unity of faith.

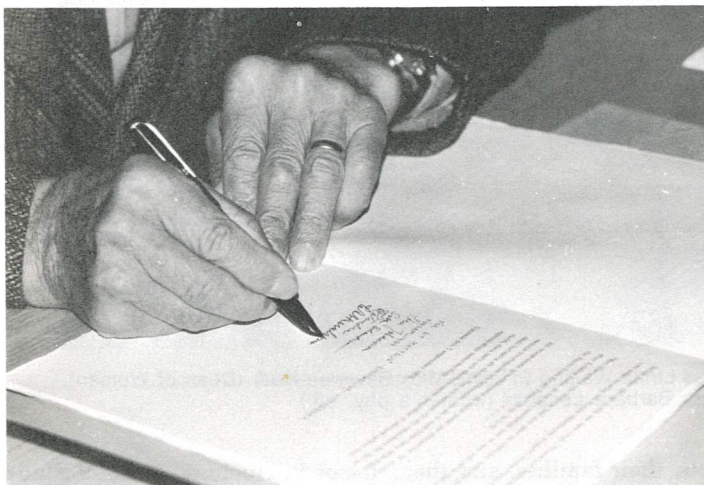
A Busy Schedule

The meetings began with a worship service at seven o'clock Friday evening, September 6. At this service, Pastors Per Jonsson and Sten Johansson preached the sermons.

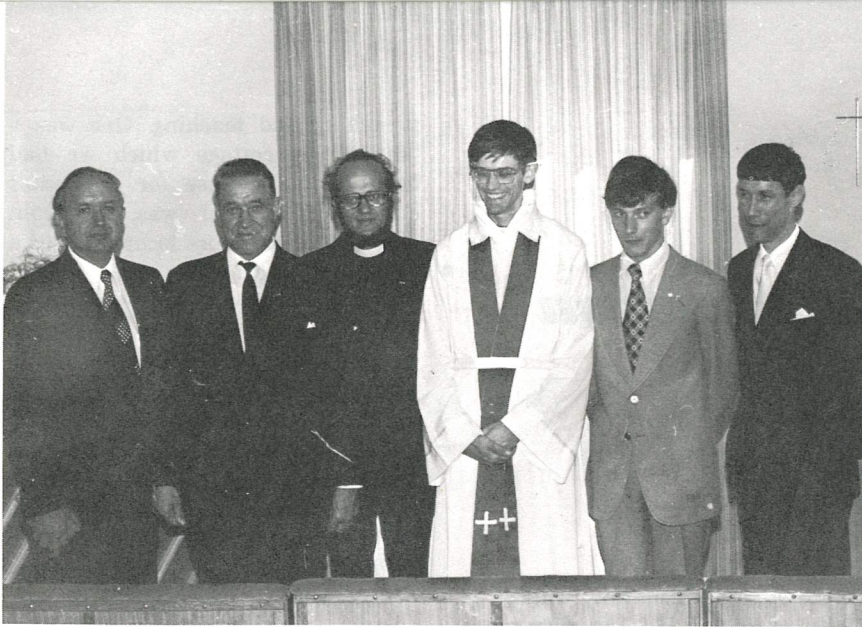
The Saturday sessions began at 9:30 A.M. with devotions. The forenoon was spent in hearing and discussing two papers written by Pastors Seth Erlandsson and Sten Johansson. Both men had chosen identical themes: "Why do we need a Lutheran Confessional Church?" Pastor Erlandsson stressed the importance of having the pure Word of God and doctrines in conformity with it. Pastor Johansson demonstrated the importance of following through with sound Biblical practice in all areas of



The meetings were held on the second floor of this rented building. Spires of State Church Cathedral in background.



Signing the "Founding Document" — God's benediction to an eighty-year-old Swedish gentleman.



Left to right: Chaplain Renz, Pastors Erland Pettersson, Seth Erlandsson, Sten Johansson, Alvar Svensson, and Arne Svensson.

church life. Stressed was also the need for conferences, where confessional Christians could gather to be strengthened in their Scriptural position.

The afternoon hours were spent in reviewing the *Grunddokument* (founding document, or constitution) thoroughly. Then one by one those present formally attached their signatures to the document. Following a brief coffee break, a Communion service was conducted at 5:00 P.M. During the meeting on Saturday Erland Pettersson was unanimously called as assistant pastor for the work in Norrkoeping.

On Sunday morning Pastor Johansson, pastor of St. Matthew's in Uppsala, delivered the sermon. In the afternoon service Assistant Pastors Alvar and Arne Svensson brought the Word of God. Following this service two men from the northern part of Sweden sang a duet, their way of expressing their joy as they began their long journey home. An 80-year-old Swedish gentleman responded with words of gratitude. A hymnal produced by Pastor Per Jonsson arrived in time for the services. A copy of it was presented to your chaplain in remembrance of this historic occasion.

Membership and Organization

At present there are six pastors and assistant pastors in the Confessional Lutheran Church in Sweden. Organized congregations are St. Matthew's of Uppsala, Our Savior's of

Landskrona, and St. John's of Yxenhult. Regular services are also held at Norrkoeping, Skelleftea, and Pitea. Every week taped sermons are sent to between 30 and 40 people scattered over the whole country. An interim board was appointed, which was given the assignment to coordinate mission activities in the country, to begin work on an agenda for the church, and to arrange for pastoral conferences and seminary training for the Confessional Church. The board is also to make application to His Royal Highness for the right of the pastors in the Confessional Church to perform marriages.

Postscript

On the Sunday following our visit to Sweden, Pastors Seth Erlandsson and Sten Johansson were guests at a service in our home in Gau-Bischofsheim, Germany. A note from these pastors in our guest book reads in part: "Really a most wonderful day for us! Blessed be our fellowship in Christ! We hope we will see you again soon. We need your company." Our response to this is: "Gleichfalls!" (Likewise!)

May the Lord of the Church grant these confessional Christians in Sweden all needed boldness and courage so that it may be said of them as it was once said of the Christians in Jerusalem: "And they continued steadfastly in the Apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers."

DMLC and MLA Anniversary

All members of the Synod are cordially invited to rejoice with Dr. Martin Luther College and Martin Luther Academy on the occasion of their ninetieth anniversary and, if possible, attend the

Ninetieth Anniversary Service

on Sunday, November 10, 1974, at 3:30 P.M. in the Luther Memorial Union auditorium, New Ulm, Minnesota.

Special speaker will be Pastor O. J. Naumann, president of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. The liturgist will be Pastor G. Horn, president of the Minnesota District, and organist will be Mr. Kermit Moldenhauer, teacher at St. Stephen's Lutheran School, Beaver Dam, Wisconsin. Special music will be provided by both College and Academy choirs. The thankoffering has been designated for the Synod's Scholarship Fund.

Concert

At 7:30 the same evening a concert will be given by the Concert Band Ensemble. A luncheon at nominal cost will be offered visitors between the afternoon service and the evening concert.

Displays and Tours

Of interest to all visitors will be special historical displays in the Luther Memorial Union and the Library. Tours of the campus and open house in all buildings except residence halls will be part of the day's program.

Mission Fair

Tuesday, November 19, 1974, is the date for the annual mission fair. This year's fair will be geared to the part Dr. Martin Luther College and Martin Luther Academy have in the mission thrust of the Synod. Speakers will be men from the mission fields who have been students at MLA or DMLC. You are also welcome to visit with us on that day.

A letter from Colombia
with the good news of

Our First Confirmation in Colombia

Carrera, 67 B No. 48 D 68
Medellin, Colombia

Dear Friends,

Our Missioners Council has asked me to send you another report from our mission in South America. We have some exciting things to relate to you.

Our First Confirmation August 25, 1974

Just as grace is the key word that describes the manner in which the Lord showers blessings upon us, His unworthy servants, for Jesus' sake, permit me to write to you about several of the many proofs of His grace that He has bestowed on us here in Colombia.

By His grace we were permitted to receive into fellowship and membership in the *Iglesia Luterana* (Lutheran Church) our first Colombian convert, Senor Reinaldo Gomez, by the rite of confirmation in a service on August 25.

Others Being Instructed

The Lord willing, other Colombian adults who are at present receiving instruction will be ready for confirmation by November. It is our prayer that these, too, will join with us to help found our first congregation in Colombia.

Already there is talk among them concerning the purchase of land for a chapel. Although the Lord may not grant this to us for some time to come, we praise Him for the grace to generate such love and zeal in the hearts of our first inquirers and catechumens.

Radio Evangelism Begun

After several months of preparation we are finally on the air over radio. On that same memorable day

of the first confirmation, August 25, 1974, at 9:00 P.M. *The Message of Salvation* was broadcast for the first time over *Radio Claridad*. These radio services are prepared, taped, and sent to us by our brethren in the Spanish mission in the El Paso-Juarez area. May God grant that *The Message of Salvation* may reach the ears and hearts of many who are yet stumbling in spiritual darkness, and may they find comfort and hope in the precious Word of Life!

Worship Facilities

When we began our mission station in the Versalles (Manrique Oriental) district situated far up on one of the hillsides of Medellin, we had two dwellings available for our

preaching and teaching. One was a "casita" or cottage which we had been invited to use for our adult classes. The other was the front porch of a little store located about a half-block away.

About a month ago we were informed by the family in the cottage that we would have to look for another place for the class because the building was to be torn down to make room for a road. Besides this, the missionary and his wife who were working with the children on the porch of the store found their work difficult because of noise and other distractions.

Our gracious and provident Lord, however, soon solved these problems for us. One of the young Colombians in our Bible class told us that a casita next to his home was recently vacated and could be rented for 150 pesos a month. That amounts to \$6.00 U.S. We had added reason to be thankful when the same young man told us that he would keep an eye on the house when we weren't around.

Modest Beginnings

Although the house with its two rooms is rather small, we manage to accommodate from 10 to 20 adults and 50 to 100 children at our meetings in it.



Left to right: Missioner Zimdars, Senor Gomez, the first confirmand in Colombia, Missioner Warner, and Missioner Sprain.



Pastor Sprain administering the rite of confirmation to Senor Ronaldo Gomez.



At this outdoor worship service 55 were present.



A local senora, Mrs. Warner, Mrs. Zimdars, and Mrs. Sprain served the food for the picnic.

To give our people an opportunity to express their love for the Savior, we take an offering at each meeting. This helps to defray the cost of rent and utilities. We believe in training our people in self-help from the beginning, in keeping with our Synod's indigenous church policy.

Despite the difficulties and, I might add, also hazards due to vandalism in this area, we pray that the Lord would let us continue to expand His kingdom here. From our own observations and from what we have been told by the residents, there is no other Protestant church group working in this immediate vicinity.

Incorporation Effected

We are now an official Colombian corporation as of July 16, 1974. All the steps necessary for the incorporation of our church have been completed.

One of the people now receiving confirmation instruction is both an attorney and an official of the Colombian tax department. With his help we hope to obtain an import license which would enable us to import printed materials from abroad duty-free. Customs charges and printing costs are extremely high in Colombia, so this license could save us a great deal of money.

Christian Fellowship

To help promote a sense of fellowship and unity among the various groups with whom we are working by the Lord's grace here in the Valle de Aburra, we held a joint worship service on Sunday, August 4, at the home of one of the missionaries. This out-of-doors service was followed by a short meeting and our first social event, a picnic. Even though transportation is always a problem, we had people from all our groups among the 55 persons in attendance. Our Lord crowned the day with success, and a fine spirit of fellowship prevailed.

Indeed, our God has been gracious to us, as has been so evident throughout the nearly 125 years of our Synod's history, in not only preserving the purity of teaching to us but also blessing our efforts to share it with others. That grace does not stop at the borders and shorelines of the United States. Our South American mission is on its way by His grace!

God grant that we may ever be mindful of the source of the manifold blessings which He continues to bestow on us through the merits of His Son, our Savior Jesus Christ!

Missioner Frank Warner

Lutheran Collegians Is...

Lutheran Collegians (LC) is a national organization of young adults of college age, under the jurisdiction of the Special Ministries Board of the Wisconsin Synod.

Membership

LC serves as an arm of the campus ministry and is active on 26 college and university campuses throughout the Upper Midwest. Interest has also been expressed in two areas in Colorado.

Because of the name of the organization, many think that Lutheran Collegians is restricted to college and university students. It is not! Our membership includes many who are attending vocational schools and also a large number of working individuals. Membership is open to any young adult who is a member of the Wisconsin Synod or one of our sister synods. This includes military personnel, if interested.

Objectives

Lutheran Collegians was founded in 1964 by the Spiritual Welfare Commission of the WELS, now the Special Ministries Board, in conjunction with interested pastors and students. Its objectives, as stated in its constitution, are:

"Lutheran Collegians shall endeavor to strengthen, reclaim, gain and train students for Christ by:

(A) Encouraging attendance at regular worship services on campus or at local churches;

(B) Providing opportunities for Bible study and Christ-centered activities;

(C) Providing opportunities for Christian fellowship through various educational and social programs;

(D) Sponsoring Christ-centered service projects;

(E) And seeking out those people who do not know their Savior and telling them of Him."

We carry out these objectives in a variety of ways. Besides our principal work on the campus, there are the National Convention, seminar, retreats, vacation Bible school, Project GO, and Traveling-Canvass-Witness.

National Convention — An annual convention is held each spring, usually during the weekend after Easter. It sets national policies and elects national officers. The past convention was held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on April 19-21, 1974. Next year's convention will be held April 4-6 in Brookings, South Dakota.

Seminar — The seminar is a four-day meeting which offers our membership an intensive Bible-study program aimed at training them in evangelism. The program is held at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary during the Christmas break. The dates for this year's seminar are December 27-30. The program is coordinated by one of our Synod's pastors or professors, with others serving as guest lecturers.

Retreats — The retreat is a concept similar to that of the seminar, except that it is usually hosted by a local chapter and is held over a weekend. It offers a balanced program of Bible study and Christian fellowship.

Vacation Bible School — LC offers help with canvassing and teaching, also program planning. Invitations from congregations are accepted as the manpower permits. Thus far, LC has assisted with vacation Bible schools in Chicago, Milwaukee, Detroit, Flint, and Oak Creek (Wis.).

Project GO — GO stands for Gospel Overseas Program, Project GO provides assistance to trained missionaries in a foreign field. At present, we are sponsoring our fourth volunteer in Lima, Peru. These volunteers usually work for a period of two years and are paid only a subsistence wage.

Traveling-Canvass-Witness — TCW is a LC program carried out in conjunction with the General Board for Home Missions of the Wisconsin Synod. The GBHM sets up the schedules according to the number of volunteers available and takes care of the financing. We assist with trained manpower. This program has been particularly popular in home missions where the pastor needs help with canvassing.

God's grace has been with us ever since our constituting convention in

Whitewater, Wisconsin, on April 23-25, 1965. At that time we chartered nine chapters. Today we number 25 active chapters, with another to be added at the next convention. Their locations and the pastors in charge are as follows:

Locations:

Evanston, ILL
Ann Arbor, MI
East Lansing, MI
Flint, MI
Houghton, MI
Kalamazoo, MI
Mankato, MN
Marshall, MN
Minneapolis, MN
Moorhead, MN
Morris, MN
St. Cloud, MN
Winona, MN
Aberdeen, SD
Brookings, SD
Eau Claire, WI
Green Bay, WI
La Crosse, WI
Madison, WI
Menomonie, WI
Milwaukee, WI
Oshkosh, WI
Platteville, WI
River Falls, WI
Stevens Point, WI
Whitewater, WI

Pastors:

R. Pasbrig
G. Lenz
D. Buske
H. A. Birner
P. Kante
F. Toppe
M. C. Birkholz
Wm. Ziebell
Keith Schroeder
W. E. Schulz
M. L. Birkholz
P. Naumann
A. Mennicke
W. I. Schulz
Th. Zarling
H. Prahl

J. Parcher
W. Schmidt
L. Zessin
R. Ziesemer
D. Habeck
L. Martin
C. Ziemer
E. Kobleske
D. Luetke

Officers

President of Lutheran Collegians is Daniel M. Heins, P.O. Box 33, Frontenac, MN 55026; vice-president: Karen Motcheck, 952 Michigan, East Lansing, MI 48823; secretary: Janice Kurth, 452 West Main, Whitewater, WI 53190; treasurer: Curtis Zaske, 357 Brown S.D.S.U., Brookings, SD 57006; pastoral advisor: Pastor Wayne Schmidt, 5310 Knightsbridge Road, Madison, WI 53714; and faculty advisor: Prof. Robert H. Becker, 204 Viking Drive, Mankato, MN 56001.

All of our programs, both on the local and national levels, are under pastoral guidance. In all of them we endeavor to strengthen our own members through the Word of God and encourage lay participation and leadership in our congregations. We ask you to help promote our organization and the campus ministry as a whole by promptly sending the names of all students to the Special Ministries Board. You will be helping young people during the most critical time in their lives.

Daniel M. Heins

ELS

When Pastor Roger Falk of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, Hillman, Michigan, accepted the call extended to him by the Board for World Missions of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod to serve as missionary in Japan, yet another tie was forged binding the two synods more closely together. Immediately the Commissioning Service of August 11, 1974, loomed up as an opportunity to give expression to this unity.

As the plans progressed, other ingredients were added to make it a truly memorable evening. St. Marcus Ev. Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, was chosen as the location for the commissioning service so that Pastor Richard Seeger might conduct the service and preach the sermon. Pastor Seeger formerly served as missionary to Japan. During his time of service, he had in-

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Now serving *The Federation for Authentic Lutheranism* in Antigua is former WELS teacher, Mr. Henry Meyer. Teacher Meyer previously served as principal in St. John's Lutheran School, Westland, Michigan.

The FAL formally began work in Antigua in January, 1973, with the sending of Pastor Don Burch and his family. From a small handful, served by a native Pastor O'Donahue who was advanced in years and unaffiliated with any Lutheran church body, the mission has grown to an average Sunday attendance of 150, with 100 children attending Sunday school.

Pastor Burch was convinced from the outset that a Christian day school was a must. Following the dedication of new worship and school facilities

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structed and baptized Kiyoko Uedan and then also united Roger and Kiyoko Falk in marriage. How inspiring that one of the Holy Spirit's conquests should now be returning to the land of her people as a missionary's wife!

Both President Oscar J. Naumann (WELS) and President George Orvick (ELS) were present to lay their hands on Missionary Falk in blessing. The Field Secretary of ELS World Missions, Pastor Norman Madson, was present as was also Mr. Clarence Krause, secretary of the Executive Committee for Japan (WELS) to assure Missionary Falk of their continued prayers in support of his ministry.

Mr. Harold Hosbach performed the difficult task of assembling the members of the Wisconsin, Lutheran High



Mr. C. Krause, Pastor K. Bast, the Falks, and the Seegers.

School Choir to add that special touch of beauty to the service. Mr. Steven Hahnke, teacher at St. Marcus Lutheran School, sang "The Lord's Prayer."

Thanks to the kindness of so many people, Missionary and Mrs. Roger



ELS President G. Orvick, Missionary Falk, WELS President O. J. Naumann.

Falk left for their difficult assignment in Japan with confidence, knowing that with their Lord's blessing and two synods interceding, their work cannot fail.

Karl G. Bast, chairman
Executive Committee for Japan

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FAL

on May 5 of this year, Pastor Burch returned to the States and appealed to FAL congregations for offerings over and above their regular commitments. After the undertaking was approved by the FAL Mission Board, Teacher Henry Meyer was called in June. He and Mrs. Meyer and their two children arrived in Antigua on August 15.

Antigua is one of Leeward Islands in the Caribbean. The natives are black and speak English. Since Antigua does not have a sharp mountain range as do some of the other islands, it is more arid than most. A strong European influence is evident in its customs, architecture, and laws. The Anglican Church is the "official" denomination, with many others also represented. Basically, however, the



Pastor R. Voss, Teacher and Mrs. Meyer, Mr. William Schwandt

people are without Christ, not to mention an orthodox faith and life.

Teacher Meyer was commissioned on August 11, 1974, at St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Libertyville, Illinois. The Rev. Robert James Voss,

pastor of St. John's and director of the FAL Mission Board, officiated at the commissioning. Also taking part was Mr. William Schwandt, FAL Mission Board member.

R. J. Voss

St. Paul's of Sioux Falls dedicates Synagogue to Triune God

Members of St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, the second WELS church in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, said many silent "amens" as the guest speaker in his dedication sermon on September 8, 1974, quoted the words of Jacob from Genesis 28:16,17, "Surely the Lord is in this place. . . This is none other but the house of God."

St. Paul's had come to know that God's grace meant getting something you don't deserve. The congregation was born when eight families on October 17, 1971, received a peaceful release from their now sister congregation in Sioux Falls, Good Shepherd Lutheran. "Relocate to reach the unchurched" was one of their prime motives. "Do it now" was their timetable — so similar to Jacob's thinking. The first motive was pure, but the congregation found out, even as Jacob found out, that God has His own timetable. Jacob became a fugitive because he stole his brother Esau's birthright. St. Paul's Congregation acted contrary to the advice given it by the District officials and began without Synod subsidy of any kind. For two years they felt almost like fugitives, worshiping in a strange church, a Seventh Day Adventist church. But God used this time to train the small group, to strengthen and steady them by His Word, and to test them through trials.

Finally, in September, 1973, they found a church building that was up for sale. It was a Jewish synagogue, a temple dedicated to the worship of a Christless god. It was not to remain that. St. Paul's members bought the building and completely refurbished it. Each family — each member — contributed, sacrificed. An altar was built. The unbroken rail around the chancel, representative of the Old Testament veil that kept the people

from the Holy of Holies, was removed and steps built in — open testimony that the priesthood of believers had direct access to the altar, to the mercy seat, to the Savior! A pulpit was obtained and redone. Here the Gospel of Jesus Christ was to be proclaimed. A baptismal font was acquired where children young and old would be received into God's family by water and the Word. Communion ware was donated from which the very purchase price of our forgiveness would be offered — Christ's body and blood. A cross was built and hung up front — an empty cross to remind us that Jesus was alive and well. New rugs, a new paint job and many other things were added. Now a "new" God dwelt in this building, the eternal Triune God, the only living God. The 114 worshipers at the special dedication service rejoiced to hear the words: "Truly this is none other but the house of God."

God's grace, this church building, a very nice parsonage purchased in March — all add up to the fact that St. Paul's has a birthright and is here to stay. God has a purpose for this congregation in a city that has 80,000 people — to help lead some of the Lord's elect to the Promised Land. We are small, 24 families with 67 souls and 39 communicants, but we trust in the Lord who kept His promise: "Fear thou not, for I am with thee; be not dismayed, for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee, yea, I will help thee" (Isa. 41:10).

Thank God with us. Worship Him with us. Visit us when you come to Sioux Falls. Our church, where we worship a "new" God, our eternal Triune God, is located at 610 South Dakota Ave. (or 14th St. and South Dakota Ave.). Services are at 9:15 A.M.

Pastor T. Schmidt



Refurbished Interior



Sunday-school children



On stuccoed spot Jesus' cross will replace the star of David formerly there.

Unfortunately, in *Direct from the Districts*, September 22, 1974, St. Paul's was spoken of as having just achieved self-support. As this account shows, St. Paul's has always been self-supporting. Undoubtedly the editor misunderstood the District reporter. Sorry. By the way, the parsonage spoken of above is situated at 607 S. First Ave., Sioux Falls, SD 57104. Pastor Schmidt can be reached by dialing either (605) 336-0339 or (605) 336-0308.

Trained to Help You

Thirty-four District Commanders and Assistant District Commanders gathered at Burlington, Wisconsin, on Saturday, September 14, 1974, for 24 hours of inspiration and training. These men have been chosen to work closely with local congregations and pastors. Chosen because of their dedication, talents, and willingness to serve, they want to assist you in every possible way as you labor to keep your young boys close to their Savior through the church. Coming from various areas of our church, these men are close to you and thus able to serve as troubleshooters, motivators, instigators, and planners. The program they represent is Lutheran Pioneers, Inc.

To help you in all these areas takes more than zeal, dedication to Christ, and talent. It takes training. It also

takes understanding wives. That's why their wives were present with them for these training sessions.

Many areas of activity were explained and reviewed during this weekend meeting. A new District Commander's Handbook was presented for study. "How to start a new train in a congregation" evoked much discussion. Hours were spent in questions and answers and in personal discussion with the men and their wives. All to prepare them better to serve you better!

It was with renewed enthusiasm that these men and their wives returned to their homes in Florida, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, the Dakotas, Arizona, and California. They want to help the 352 chartered trains across the country develop better programs for your

boys. They are also ready and willing to help organize trains at any of the other two-thirds of our congregations which do not have Lutheran Pioneers.

Perhaps you were unaware that there are men like these at your door, ready to help you. They will not force themselves or the program on anyone. But they will accept your invitation. Why not have the boys and men of your congregation join the 5,000 men and 1,500 leaders already active in this Christ-centered organization? A short note to Lutheran Pioneers, Inc., P.O. Box 66, Burlington, Wisconsin 53105, will bring a trained, helpful District Commander knocking at your door.

Pastor David Ponath

Those interested in organizing a similar program for the girls in the congregation are urged to write: Lutheran Girl Pioneers, 1419 S. 19th Street, La Crosse, Wisconsin 54601.

Direct from the Districts

Dakota-Montana

Grover Church Celebrates 90th

Emmanuel Ev. Lutheran Church of Grover, South Dakota, observed its 90th anniversary on August 18, 1974. It was a day of joy and happiness for the members as they joined with their friends and relatives from far and near in singing praises to the God of grace and mercy.

The Rev. C. H. Mischke, a son of the congregation and president of the Western Wisconsin District of the Synod, compared the grace which God has shown to Emmanuel Congregation to that which God has shown our Synod over the past 125 years. He based his words on Psalm 71:17,18.

In the same morning service, Prof. K. Sievert, professor emeritus of Northwestern Lutheran Academy and former pastor of Emmanuel, recalled the many trials and sorrows as well as the many joys and blessings the congregation had experienced in its history.

Two sons of the congregation were the festival speakers in the afternoon. The Rev. L. Hallauer used the words of Isaiah 25:1 to speak on "A Blessed

Reunion in the House of the Lord." The Rev. G. Fuerstenau preached on "The Grace of God in Christ, Our Cause of Thankful Jubilation," basing his exhortation on I Corinthians 1:4-9.

It was 90 years ago that Pastor Johan Johl met with 10 families on August 10, 1884, to organize Emmanuel Congregation and adopt its first constitution. Today the congregation numbers 101 baptized souls, 80 communicants. Their pastor, the Rev. E. Conradt, also serves St. Paul's Congregation of Henry, South Dakota.

Michigan

New Church at Monroe Replaces 1860 Structure

On June 9, 1974, St. Paul's Congregation, Monroe, Michigan, dedicated its new church facility to the glory of God. Preacher in the morning service was Pastor K. Vertz. He used the word of Isaiah 56:7 to enlarge on the theme, "My House is a House of Prayer for All People." Pastor L. Nolte, a former pastor of St. Paul's, served as liturgist.

In the afternoon Mr. J. Francis of the Great Lakes Piano Co., Toledo, demonstrated the new Baldwin electronic organ. The organ recital was followed by a thanksgiving service in which Pastor R. Mueller, first vice-president of the Michigan District, preached on Psalm 115:1, under the theme "Talk of the Town." Former vacancy pastor, the Rev. C. Miller, was liturgist.

St. Paul's Congregation is the oldest Lutheran Church in Monroe County and the third oldest in Michigan. Organized in 1838 under the name Zoar Lutheran Church, the congregation changed its name to St. Paul's in 1855.

The new church building replaces a brick church erected in 1860. It has a seating capacity of 250 and includes a cry room, choir loft, sacristy, and altar guild room. Also a secretarial workroom, pastor's study, and fellowship hall. Total cost was \$170,000.

The focal point on the exterior of the new building is a Lamb rose window set in the center of a blue-colored glass cross. The window was taken from the old church, and tradition has it that it was purchased for \$10 back in 1904. The interior upholstery carries out the blue and gold of the Lamb window.

The 170 souls of St. Paul's and their pastor, Ronald Winter, are grateful to the God of their fathers for giving them the will and ability to erect this fine church building to the furtherance of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Minnesota

Sunday-School Superintendent Retires After 33 Years

In a special service on September 8, 1974, St. John's of Hancock honored Mr. Martin Biesterfeld who was retiring after serving the Lord and the congregation as Sunday-school superintendent for 33 years. Using Luke 17:20,21, Pastor M. H. Bradtke addressed the assembly on "The Kingdom of God Is Within You." A certificate of appreciation and a

Pastor Martin H. Lemke 1910 - 1974



"By the grace of God I am what I am" (I Cor. 15:10) were the words Pastor C. Mischke used to comfort the family at the funeral of Pastor Martin H. Lemke at St. John's, Ridgeville, rural Tomah, Wisconsin, on September 17, 1974. Pastor O. Heier conducted the altar services.

Pastor Lemke died unexpectedly of a heart attack on September 14, at an age of 64 years, 6 months, and 22 days. He was born on February 24, 1910 at Morrison, Wisconsin, the son of Mr. Eduard Lemke and his wife Alvina, nee Ihlenfeldt.

To prepare for the holy ministry, Pastor Lemke attended Northwestern College, Watertown, Wisconsin, and in June, 1937, graduated from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary at Me-

plaque featuring Jesus the Good Shepherd were presented to Mr. Biesterfeld as an appropriate reminder that for 33 years he had performed a vital service in the work of feeding the lambs of the Good Shepherd at St. John's.

Teachergage Dedicated at Goodhue

On Sunday, August 11, 1974, St. John's of Goodhue, Minnesota, dedicated a new teachergage to the glory of God. The pastor, the Rev. A. F. Frenz, Jr., preached the sermon on Joshua 24:15.

Following the sermon, the congregation gathered at the new home for the dedication rite and the closing of the service. Members of the congregation, guests, and friends, were invited to tour the house after the service.

quon, Wisconsin. He was ordained in May of 1938 at his first charge, St. John's of Rauville, South Dakota. From 1945 to 1948 he served St. Matthew's of Butterfield and St. John's of Darfur, Minnesota. He then accepted a call to Zion Congregation, West Lynn, Hutchinson, Minnesota. In 1957 he became pastor of Emanuel, near Fairfax, Minnesota, and 10 years later entered upon what was to be his final pastorate, that at St. John's, Ridgeville, and St. Jacob's, Norwalk, Wisconsin.

On August 18, 1937, Pastor Lemke married Gertie Kressin Vogel. She survives him, as well as six children, 13 grandchildren, one great granddaughter, one sister, and two brothers. The children are: Sylvia Barnes and husband Glenn of New Ulm; Joyce Peek and husband Arthur of Butterfield, Minnesota; Werner and wife Judith of East Fork, Arizona; Eldon and wife Beth of Watertown; Miriam of Minneapolis; and Gena Doyscher and husband David of Forest Lake, Minnesota.

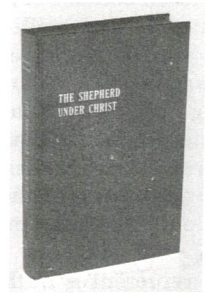
Interment took place on Wednesday, September 18, at Zion Lutheran Cemetery, Morrison, Wisconsin. Pastor W. Loescher of Zion Congregation read the committal and addressed the mourners on Job 19:25-27.

We praise God that our brother died believing as Job did: "I know that my Redeemer liveth . . . and in my flesh shall I see God."

HYMNS FOR THE 125th ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

The Commission on Worship has been asked to produce a suitable hymn (text and/or tune) and an anthem for the 125th Anniversary Service to be held in all of the WELS churches on Pentecost Sunday, May 18, 1975. We therefore ask our members who may be able to produce a hymn text and/or tune, or a suitable choir selection for this occasion, to submit such to the undersigned before December 1, 1974.

Prof. Martin Albrecht
11820 N Luther Lane 65W
Mequon, Wisconsin 53092



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NAMES REQUESTED

BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL, ILLINOIS

St. Mark Ev. Lutheran Church has changed its time of Sunday worship to 9:00 a.m. with Bible class and Sunday school following at 10:15 a.m. St. Mark is presently worshipping at "The Guest House," located at Emerson and Linden Streets. Please send names of any WELS members or prospects in the Twin-City area and/or of any WELS students attending Illinois State University or Wesleyan University to Pastor Steven Staude, 1011 Sheryl Lane, Normal, Illinois, 61761. Transportation to church is provided.

CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

Please send names of any WELS members or prospects in the Charlotte, N.C., area to Pastor John Guse, 6723 Formosa Drive, Columbia, S.C. 29206.

EXPLORATORY SERVICES

MIDDLETON, WISCONSIN

Exploratory services are being held in Middleton, Wisconsin, on Sundays at 8:30 a.m. and Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. at the Affiliated Bank of Middleton, 6300 University Avenue, Middleton. For information contact: Pastor Loren Fritz, R. 1, Box 220B, Prairie du Sac, Wisconsin 53578, or Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schmidt, 1611 Dohse Ct., Middleton, Wisconsin 53562, phone 836-8770.

LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK

Exploratory services are being conducted in the Brooklyn-Queens-Long Island, New York area, on Sundays at 3:00 p.m. (Sunday school and Bible class at 4:00 p.m.) at the Pickwick Motor Inn, conference room C, Long Island Expressway, exit 48, Plainview, New York. Please send addresses of interested families to: Pastor David Pagel, 218 E. Crescent Avenue, Ramsey, NJ 07446; phone (201) 825-3816.

TIME AND PLACE

LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church, our mission in Louisville, Kentucky, conducts worship services at the Jefferson City Farm Bureau Ins. Building, located at 730 Locust Lane. The services begin at 10 a.m. (C.S.T.). For more information, or to submit the names of prospects, write: Pastor James Castillo, 7020 Leisure Ln., Apt. A-11, Louisville, Kentucky 40229.

SCOTTSBLUFF, NEBRASKA

Hope Ev. Lutheran Church, Scottsbluff, Nebraska, is now conducting its Sunday worship at 7:00 p.m., with Sunday school at 6:15 p.m. The place of worship is the Spanish 7th Day Adventist Church at 19th Street and 11th Avenue. For more information contact Pastor Louis Sievert, Box 606, Batesland, South Dakota 57716 (Phone 605-288-1999).

HOUGHTON, MICHIGAN

Worship services for students of Michigan Technological University and area residents are being held every Sunday at 7:00 p.m. with Sunday school and Bible class at 6:00 p.m. Services are held at the Christian Science Church, 209 W. Montezuma, Houghton, Michigan. Names of WELS families or of interested persons in Houghton, Hancock, Calumet, Laurium, and L'Anse should be sent to: Pastor Paul E. Kante, Box 607, Stambaugh, Michigan 49964.

BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA

St. Mark's Ev. Lutheran Church, a WELS mission, is now worshipping at a permanent facility, 824 America Ave. (the former 7th Day Adventist Church) in Bemidji, Minnesota. The time of service is 9:00 a.m., with Sunday school at 10:00 a.m. As of Nov. 1 and through March 31, the time of service will be 9:30 a.m., with Sunday school at 10:30 a.m. For more information contact: Pastor Lee Vaccarella, 1209 Bemidji Ave., Bemidji, Minnesota 56601 (Ph. 218-751-6334).

CHANGES DMLC SCHOOL CALENDAR

Thanksgiving: Recess begins on Wednesday, November 27, 1974, at 12 noon; classes resume on Monday, December 2, at the regular time.

Christmas: The Christmas concert is rescheduled for 8:00 p.m. Friday, December 20; the Christmas recess begins after the concert.

The above dates should be substituted for November 28 and December 19 on the official college calendar which is on pages 6 and 7 of the current catalog of Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota.

Delmar C. Brick

BEMIDJI STATE COLLEGE STUDENTS

Attention Bemidji State College students! You are cordially invited to worship with St. Mark's Congregation, Bemidji, Minnesota, at 824 America Ave. (the former 7th Day Adventist Church). The time of service is 9:00 a.m., with Sunday school at 10:00 a.m. As of Nov. 1 and through March 31 the time of service will be 9:30 a.m., with Sunday school at 10:30 a.m. If transportation is needed or more information desired, contact Pastor Lee Vaccarella, 1209 Bemidji Ave., Bemidji, Minnesota 56601 (Ph. 218-751-6334).

CAMPUS MINISTRY — RIVER FALLS

Students attending the University of Wisconsin — River Falls are invited to attend Faith Lutheran Church (113 1/2 E. Elm) worship services at 9:30 a.m. A special Collegian Vesper service is conducted every other Wednesday at the church at 7 p.m. Lutheran Collegians meets at 7 p.m. on the alternate Wednesdays. All correspondence is to be mailed to: Rev. Carl Ziemer, Route 4, Box 10 Apallo Road, River Falls, Wisconsin (Phone: 425-6598).

REQUEST FOR BOOKS

Luther High School, Onalaska, Wisconsin, is interested in developing its library in the area of religion and church history. We are anxious to acquire a sufficient number of theological and historical books in order to enable students to do research and class projects. We especially are interested in the following titles:

Qualben, HISTORY OF CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Schwiebert, LUTHER AND HIS TIMES
Mayer, RELIGIOUS BODIES OF AMERICA
Hoyer, THE STORY OF THE CHURCH
Moldenhauer, STORY OF OUR CHURCH
Spitz, OUR CHURCH AND OTHERS
Just, LIFE OF LUTHER
Roth, CHURCH THROUGH THE AGES
Tjernagel, REFORMATION ERA
THE LUTHERAN and/or THE CONCORDIA
ENCYCLOPEDIA

If you have some of these titles and would be willing to contribute them to our library please contact: The Religion Department, Luther High School, 1501 Wilson Street, Onalaska, Wisconsin 54650.

CALL ACCEPTED

Mr. James Engel has accepted the call to Dr. Martin Luther College as professor of organ and music.

C. Frey, President

INSTALLATIONS

(Authorized by the District Presidents)

Pastors:

Lemke, Oscar A., as pastor of St. Matthew's, Flora Township, Renville, on September 22, 1974, by G. Lemke, and as pastor of Bethany, Emmet Township, Renville, Minnesota, on September 22, 1974, by A. Lemke (Minn.).

Meier, Donald W., as pastor of Mt. Olive Lutheran, St. Paul, Minnesota, on September 29, 1974, by E. Knief (Minn.).

Nitz, Paul E., as professor at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, Wisconsin, on September 10, 1974, by W. Pless (SEW).

Tischer, Ronald N., as pastor at Zion Lutheran, Cambria, Wisconsin, on September 29, 1974, by W. Goers, Jr. (W.Wis.).

Wicke, Harold E., as editor of The Northwestern Lutheran at a meeting of the Conference of Presidents, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on September 25, 1974, by G. Boldt (SEW).

Teachers:

Barenz, John R., as teacher at Grace Lutheran, Geneva, Nebraska, on August 11, 1974, by N. Barenz (Nebr.).
Hartwig, Paul, as teacher of Immanuel, rural Appleton, Wisconsin, serving on the staff of Mt. Olive, Appleton, Wisconsin, on September 8, 1974, by R. Kaiser (N.Wis.).

Kruse, Jerome L., as professor at Northwestern Preparatory School, Watertown, Wisconsin, on September 22, 1974, by R. Siegler (W.Wis.).

Minch, Jack, as teacher at Good Shepherd, Tucson, Arizona, on September 8, 1974, by D. Rediin (Ariz.-Calif.).

Voss, Richard, as teacher at Reformation, San Diego, California, on September 8, 1974, by L. Smith (Ariz.-Calif.).

Zuleger, Wayne, as professor at Northwestern Preparatory School, Watertown, Wisconsin, on September 22, 1974, by R. Siegler (W.Wis.).

Third Annual

INNER-CITY MISSION SEMINAR

The General Board for Home Missions is sponsoring the third Inner-City Mission Seminar on November 7-9, 1974. The meetings will be held in the Synod Administration Building, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Invited are all WELS Inner-City pastors, teachers, and lay representatives.

Theme of the seminar is "Communicating the Gospel Across Cultural Lines." Its objective is to encourage Inner-City congregations and workers in their proclamation of the Gospel by sharing practical suggestions to overcome problems caused by cultural diversity in their community.

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CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES

ARIZONA-CALIFORNIA

ARIZONA-CALIFORNIA LUTHERAN TEACHERS' CONFERENCE First Ev. Lutheran Church Prescott, Arizona

Thursday, November 7, 1974

- 8:15 Registration
- 9:00 Opening Service
- 9:30 Preliminary Business
- 10:15 "The Teacher as a Student": S. Krueger
- 12:00 Noon Break
- 1:15 Devotion
- 1:30 "Modern Math: How to Approach It": M. Brodbeck and S. Heinz
- 2:45 District President's Report
District Board of Education Report
School Visitors Report
- 3:30 Displays

Friday, November 8, 1974

- 9:00 Devotion
- 9:15 Adoption of minutes
- 9:30 "How to Challenge the Gifted Child": G. Krug and faculty of Reformation
- 10:45 "The Working of the Holy Ghost": Dr. S. Becker
- 12:15 Noon Break
- 1:15 Devotion
- 1:30 "The Use of Law and Gospel in Motivation for Christian Living": Dr. S. Becker
- 3:00 Unfinished Business
- 3:30 Closing Service

Werner Lemke, Chairman

DAKOTA-MONTANA

EASTERN PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: November 5-6, 1974, beginning at 10 a.m.; Communion service at 7:30 p.m.

Place: Ascension Lutheran, Moorhead, Minnesota; W. Schulz, host pastor.

Preacher: G. Bunde (T. Zarlring, alternate).

Agenda: Homiletical Study of Psalm 8: R. Roth; Isagogical Study of the Book of Revelation: D. Schmidt; The Doctrine of Eschatology in the Lutheran Confessions: P. Stuebs; What Constitutes Malicious Desertion? D. Hayes; Exegesis of I Timothy 6: D. Shook; The 8th Commandment in Luther's Large Catechism: G. Bunde; A Scrutiny and Evaluation of the New Lutheran Lectionary.

G. C. Bunde, Secretary

MICHIGAN

SOUTHWESTERN PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: November 12, 1974.

Place: St. James, Portage, Michigan (F. Toppe, host pastor).

Preacher: D. Zwiig (M. Ahlborn, alternate).

Agenda: Exegesis of Ephesians 6:4ff: R. Shimek; Directed Casuistry Questions; Encouraging Growth in Faith Among Our Members, with Special Reference to the Home Bible Study Movement: R. Freier; reports and conference business.

R. Semro, Secretary

MINNESOTA

NEW ULM PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: November 6, 1974; 9:30 a.m.

Place: St. Paul's, New Ulm, Minnesota.

Preacher: B. Backer (L. Wurster, alternate).

Agenda: I Corinthians 5: R. Buss; Article IX of Formula of Concord: L. Wurster; Survey of the New Lectionary: D. Tiarks.

L. Meyer, Secretary

SOUTHERN PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: November 12, 1974; 9:00 a.m. Communion service.

Place: Good Shepherd, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; G. Kirschke, host pastor.

Preacher: P. Berg (D. Hochmuth, alternate).

Agenda: "Duties of the Visiting Elder," R. Zehms; Exegetical-homiletical round table discussion on the first Sunday in Advent Gospel; Conference business and organization; Questions of casuistry.

L. H. Lothert, Secretary

ST. CROIX PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: November 12, 1974; Communion service at 9:00 a.m.

Place: St. John's, Centuria, Wisconsin (L. Kaminski, host pastor).

Preacher: F. Kogler (L. Kaminski, alternate).

Agenda: When and How Long Is a Christian in a Government Office Bound to Carry Out a Law Against His Conscience?: D. Seager; The Material Resurrection in the Old Testament (Exegetical Study of Job 19:25-27): R. Luebchow.

D. Buch, Secretary

NORTHERN WISCONSIN

WINNEBAGO PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: November 18, 1974; Communion service at 9:00 a.m.

Place: Good Shepherd, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

Preacher: G. Schaefer (E. Semenske, alternate).

Agenda: Isaiah 9: A. Aichele; Catechism Questions 37-48: W. Weissgerber.

K. Gawrisch, Secretary

FOX RIVER VALLEY PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: November 19, 1974; 9:00 a.m. Communion service.

Place: Immanuel, Appleton (Town Greenville), Wisconsin (R. Kaiser, host pastor).

Preacher: F. Brandt (D. Nimmer, alternate).

Agenda: James 5: N. Engel (I Peter 2: F. Brandt, alternate); Psalm 6: A. Hertler (Psalm 7: J. Mattek, alternate); Preaching on the Gospel for the Sunday after New Year: Im. Boettcher (Gospel for Epiphany: J. Behling, alternate); Consideration of the Terms *Worthy* and *Damnation* in I Corinthians 11:20-34: K. Kuschel (Pastoral Practices Regarding Members Unable to Attend Services: A. Schabow, alternate); dues and casuistry.

R. Muetzel, Secretary

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN

EV. LUTHERAN SUNDAY-SCHOOL TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

Date: Sunday, November 10, 1974; 2:00 p.m.

Place: Jordan Ev. Lutheran Church, 1642 South 77th Street, West Allis, Wisconsin.

Agenda: "Science and the Bible, vs. Evolution": Pastor Luther Spaude, science teacher at Wisconsin Lutheran High School.

Note: The Executive Board of the Institute would like to invite nonmembers congregations to attend.

M. L. Jodat, Secretary

SOUTHERN PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: November 12, 1974; 9:00 Communion service.

Place: St. John's, Hwy. 41 and Oakwood Rd., Oak Creek, Wisconsin (K. Molkentin, host pastor).

Preacher: R. Michel (K. Molkentin, alternate).

Agenda: Exegesis of Romans 3: R. Pope; (Exegesis of Romans 4: K. Schroeder, alternative); Christian Liberty as Exercised by the Individual Christian: R. Gosdeck (discussion); (Investment for Retirement: Investment Counsellor, alternate); (Isagogical Treatment of Christ's High-Priestly Prayer: F. Schulz, 2nd alternate).

K. E. Schroeder, Secretary

CHICAGO PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: November 12, 1974, at 9:00 a.m.

Place: Our Savior Lutheran, 23rd and Ezekiel, Zion, Illinois (J. Braun, host pastor).

Preacher: L. Luchterhand, O.T. text (W. Mueller, N.T. text, alternate).

Agenda: Exegesis of Hebrews 10:26,27: T. Deters (Psalm 118:14-28: L. Luchterhand, alternate); The Relation of the Mosaic Law to the Christian: J. Schewe (The Role of Women in the Church: A. Siggelkow, alternate).

Note: Please excuse to the host pastor.

A. Siggelkow, Secretary

JOINT METHO-NORTH AND SOUTH PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: November 18, 1974, at 9:00 a.m.

Place: St. Philip Ev. Lutheran, 2976 N. 1st Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53212; G. Schroeder, host pastor.

Preacher: R. Kleist (K. Koeplin, alternate).

Agenda: The Clarity of Scripture as It Affects the Mission of the Church (with Application to the Creation Account): C. Lawrenz; reports and conference business.

Note: Excuses are to be sent to the host pastor.

J. Sullivan, Secretary
Metro-North

WISCONSIN STATE TEACHERS' CONFERENCE WISCONSIN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Thursday, November 7, 1974

9:00 Opening Service: H. Wicke

10:15 Announcements and Elections

10:30 Practical Applications of the Teacher's Call: J. Gerlach

- 11:45 Noon Hour and Displays
- 1:30 Devotion
- 1:40 Board for Parish Education Report
- 2:10 Reports for DMLC and NWC
- 2:30 Move to Sectionals
- 2:45 Sectionals

Friday, November 8, 1974

- 9:00 Devotion
 - 9:15 Business Meeting
 - 10:00 Move to Sectionals
 - 10:15 Sectionals
 - 11:30 Noon
 - 1:00 Sectionals
 - 2:15 Return to Auditorium
 - 2:30 Unfinished Business and Closing Service
- K. Blauert, Secretary
Program Committee

Nominations — NWC

The following nominations have been submitted for the German professorship to be vacated by the intended retirement of Prof. D. Rhoda at the end of the current school year at Northwestern College, Watertown, Wisconsin:

- Rev. Kermit Biedenbender, Benton Harbor, MI
- Rev. Donald Bitter, Fort Atkinson, WI
- Rev. Daniel Deutschlander, St. Albert, Alta., Canada

- Rev. Paul Eckert, Greenfield, WI
- Rev. Edgar Gieschen, Mayville, MI
- Rev. Ronald Gosdeck, Kenosha, WI
- Prof. Herbert Grams, Wauwatosa, WI
- Rev. Martin Janke, Fond du Lac, WI
- Prof. Harris Kaesmeyer, Saginaw, MI
- Prof. Robert Kirst, Ripon, WI
- Rev. Frederic Kosanke, Elkhorn, WI
- Rev. Roderick Luebchow, St. Paul, MN
- Prof. Daniel Malchow, Moberge, SD
- Rev. Martin Petermann, St. Paul, MN
- Rev. Philip Press, Pigeon, MI
- Rev. Keith Roehl, Grove City, OH
- Rev. Ronald Semro, Wyoming, MI
- Rev. William Staab, Oakdale, MN
- Rev. Kenneth Strack, Tecumseh, MI
- Rev. Richard Strobel, Rapid City, SD
- Rev. John Sullivan, Mequon, WI
- Rev. Melvin Teske, Yakima, WA
- Rev. Christoph Weigel, Jackson, WI
- Prof. William Zell, Watertown, WI

Correspondence concerning the nominees should be in the hands of the undersigned no later than November 13, 1974.

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