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Briefs by the Editor

One of the editorials in this issue rightly scores the misuse of statistics. Statisticians can uncover interesting facts, or appalling ones, as the case may be, but they cannot look into the heart. Except when statistics are recorded in the Holy Scripture, for these, after all, are recorded by the Spirit of God who is the Spirit of truth.

The Holy Spirit included a set of statistics in Acts 2 which are important for our own faith. We quote: "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized; and the same day (Pentecost) there were added unto them about 3,000 souls. And they continued steadfastly in the Apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread and in prayers." What happened that day assured the Apostles, and assures us, that the Word of God does not return void. Statistics when not misused or misinterpreted fill the heart of the believer with joy. Especially when he also reads that "the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number believed, and turned unto the Lord" (Acts 11:21).

One such group of statistics which I ran across recently will also fill your hearts with joy. All of our readers are aware of the work which is being done by our civilian chaplain and his wife in Europe. In a recent letter, Pastor E. Renz included "a summary of our 1974 activities in Europe." He wrote: "We had a total of 57 services for our overseas people. The average attendance of 18 included services in homes where we have only a small number of our people stationed. The records show 419 contact calls, 16 hospital calls, 497 communed, and 15 infants baptized. Instruction classes for children and adults were conducted throughout the year. Total offerings for the

Lord's work in 1974 were \$2,251.45. Our WELS Retreat, October 4-6, was a most blessed experience for all who were able to attend."

In January, Pastor Renz was also privileged to confirm three young people and one adult. The service was held in the Atterberry Chapel in Frankfurt, Germany. The class included Corinne Johnson (home congregation, Citrus Heights, California), Donald O'Neill (home congregation, San Antonio, Texas), Julie Stieg (home congregation, Loretto, Minnesota), and Mrs. Sandra Lee Luedeke (Oshkosh, Wisconsin). Mentioning the home congregations of these newly confirmed almost reminds us of that first Pentecost with its long list of places from which the audience had originally come. It should also convince us of the need of having a chaplain stationed in Europe, perhaps even of increasing the staff.

Other statistics will be made during these months as our pastors record a sizeable number of names in the church records as having been confirmed. The number back in 1973 was 7,824 young people and 2,826 adults. Though we cannot look into their hearts, we know that each one of these confirmands received instruction in God's Word. Teaching it is our task; applying it, the work of the Holy Ghost. Even as He accomplished His blessed purpose through Peter's sermon, so He is accomplishing the same purpose now, whether in Europe or in America or on any of the far-flung mission fields supported by our Synod.

When God permits us to see such results, He does so to assure us that even in this age of widespread apostasy His Word, inspired and written so long ago, is still the power of God unto salvation.

*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

On Sunday, December 1, 1974, St. Paul's Congregation at Prescott, Wisconsin, dedicated its new facility. It contains a spacious worship area, an educational wing, and a fellowship hall. Pastor of the congregation is the Rev. David Seager. Last year the Prescott congregation observed its centennial, having been organized in 1874.

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Editorials

Predicting The Unpredictable

Some psychologists now give a "Senility Test" to old people. The purpose is to gauge how neurotic, negative, dissatisfied, unrealistic and out-of-step socially the aged are. Out of curiosity one Professor of Psychology gave the test to the University students in his class.

You guessed it. The class tested out more "senile" than their elders. You get the same feeling about some of these statistical surveys, psychological studies, and in-depth analyses that are so popular in church circles today.

Toting up population figures for the church looks very impressive, along with an analysis of racial-social-economic-geographical behavior patterns. But you can spare yourself some trouble and just take Jesus' word for it: "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few."

Researchers breathlessly report that there is a drastic falling away from the faith when young people leave their parents' influence. Shucks, the old parable of the Sower and the Seed tells us that faith is frequently throttled in human hearts and why.

But the thing is, Jesus told that parable when "great multitudes were gathered unto Him," precisely then when statisticians would be gleefully rubbing their hands together and religious strategists would be congratulating themselves on having a winner on their hands.

"The wind bloweth where it listeth," Jesus told a man who thought religion could be reduced to predictable, measurable externals, "so is every one that is born of the Spirit."

John Parcher

Brainwashing? One of the prime objectives of the educational programs of our churches is intensive indoctrination. Ideally, the indoctrination of a child is undertaken at an early age at home by the parents by means of Bible stories, Bible reading, family devotions, and special table and bedtime prayers. This indoctrination is continued and intensified in Sunday-school classes, Christian day schools, confirmation instructions, and regular church services. Parents and congregations are encouraged to do everything in their power to indoctrinate the children, the youth, and the adults as well. It is a continuing and unending process.

From the viewpoint of the nonbeliever this emphasis may be tantamount to brainwashing, a term which connotes a continuing barrage of propaganda directed

against helpless subjects by political, social, or religious fanatics for the purpose of breaking down the resistance of the unwilling victim.

Your attitude toward the process of intensive indoctrination may depend, at least to a degree, upon what you call it. Some may call it brainwashing. We do not call it that, nor do we believe that it is unfair.

Actually, the individual is subjected every day of his life to a process of brainwashing, if you want to call it that. His thoughts and attitudes are constantly being shaped by what he sees, hears, and experiences, whether he is aware of it or not. And it is a fact that almost every influence in his life has the effect of driving him away from the faith, life, and hope set before him in the Word of God.

This is what Christians are competing with in their efforts to build, strengthen, and sustain faith. The eroding influences never let up. Neither should we.

Immanuel Frey

Dear University Student:

Because your letter was anonymous, I am using this medium to answer your questions about the November 3 editorial on *Evolutionist Folly*, which pointed out that the ancient trilobite (an extinct deep sea creature) had remarkably complex eyes that could not be explained as the product of evolution.

In your letter you state that I have left out of consideration, in my remarks about evolution, "a most important process called natural selection, which is a most important factor in affecting the direction of chance development. Natural selection provides for the survival of the fittest. In other words, those things endowed with optimum defenses against the adversities of a sinful world have the optimum chances of surviving and reproducing." You point out that such natural selection "goes on in front of our eyes daily." Then you supply an example: "Species of insects can be controlled by insecticides until by CHANCE DEVELOPMENT [caps yours] they produce a strain which is resistant to the insecticide and can survive and reproduce in numbers in spite of it. Chance development PLUS [caps yours] natural selection could feasibly explain the development of the complex eye lens in question." You conclude your criticism by stating, "You have misrepresented the theory of evolution by not mentioning the process of natural selection."

Perhaps no one at the University of Wisconsin has pointed out to you the vital difference between variability and evolution. Plants and animals have a certain potential for variation and mutations (a mutation being a sudden variation, the offspring differing from its parents in some well-marked character or characters — a sport or freak). Valuable roses can result from such mutations. But "a rose is a rose is a rose." It will not evolve into a lily or an orchid. Variation is not unlimited. Scientists have no evidence that it is unlimited and that evolution is therefore possible.

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Studies in God's Word



The Christian and Partiality

My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with respect of persons. For if there come unto your assembly a man with a gold ring, in goodly apparel, and there come in also a poor man in vile raiment; and ye have respect to him that weareth the gay clothing and say unto him, Sit thou here in a good place; and say to the poor, Stand thou there or sit here under my footstool: are ye not then partial

in yourselves and are become judges of evil thoughts? Harken, my beloved brethren, hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which He hath promised to them that love Him? But ye have despised the poor. Do not rich men oppress you and draw you before the judgment seats? Do not they blaspheme that worthy name by the which ye are called? (James 2:1-7)

People are partial. Some like butter brickle, others chocolate chip ice cream. Some prefer classical, others country music. Some choose a medical, others a mechanical career. Some play in the sun, others in the snow. It's a good thing such partiality exists. What a dull, insipid world it would be without it.

With the souls of men, however, there dare be no partiality. All souls are equal in God's eyes and need to be in our eyes, too. This James would point out as in his *Course on Concrete Christianity* he speaks to us about the "Christian and Partiality."

Christ Redeemed All

"My brethren," James begins, "have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with respect of persons." Our faith, of which the Lord Jesus Christ is the center, cannot be connected with respect of persons. Notice how quickly James focuses his topic. He cannot talk about living the Christian life without pointing to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Notice also how he speaks of faith. He does not downgrade faith, as some claim. It is not behavior before belief with him. Instead, he presents faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as the essential in-

redient in Christian character and conduct. He knows Christian conduct cannot come till Christ conquers the heart.

This Christ who fills our heart and floods our life is the "Lord of glory." His was the "glory as of the only-begotten of the Father," yet He put aside that glory. A borrowed manger became His cradle, a borrowed boat His pulpit, a borrowed colt His beast of burden, a borrowed tomb His resting place, that all might share with Him that glory. With Him there is no partiality. For all He came, since "all had sinned and come short of the glory of God." For all He died, paying the same price for rich and poor alike. For all He reaches, for the blind Bartimaeuses and rich Nicodemuses, the penitent malefactors and ruling Pilates of His day and ours. In His view all are the same regardless of position, power, or possessions.

What a thought for us! We can hardly worship the Lord of glory, who has redeemed all, and still show partiality to men. In our dealings with the souls of men, social differences and distinctions are out of place. We who prize Christ will prize all His relatives.

Christians Respect All

James follows with a concrete example. Into the worship service walk two men. The one has a gold ring on his finger and the latest fashion on his back. The other is a beggar in shabby clothing. Both need to be welcomed; both need that Savior Jesus Christ. Yet the rich man is paraded to "the good seat" and the poor man is pointed to "under the footstool." Such partiality revealed the evil thoughts in the hearts of those Christians. Their concept of treasure and their concern for men's souls were still confused.

Who are the truly rich? Are they not, for the most part, the poor in this world? James is not telling us that God chose only, or all, the earthly poor to become heirs of His kingdom. Nor does he bar the wealthy from that kingdom. It is true that many who are poor have been brought to faith. It is true that "not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble are called" (I Cor. 1:26). But it does not say, "Not any wise men," nor does it say, "All poor men." The gracious Lord must make both "poor in the spirit," causing them to despair of their own goodness, deplore their own inadequacy, and despise their own wisdom. God must make both nothing before He makes them something in His kingdom.

Gold still gets men today. Rings on the hand and dollars in the wallet measure men's value in the eyes of many. Surely, though, not in ours. We know the true riches of God's goodness, grace, and glory as He gives them in the Savior. The better we know these riches, the farther away our congregations will be from a catering-to-the-rich, snubbing-the-poor, better-than-thou church club. Or to be more current, the better we know the riches of God, the more those of another color or from another side of the tracks will be invited to share those riches with us.

Christ's redemption cost the same for all and covers all. Only when we realize this, will we respect all and reach for all.

Richard E. Lauersdorf

YOUR 125TH ANNIVERSARY GIFTS
DOING WHAT YOU SENT THEM TO DO AT

Michigan Lutheran Seminary

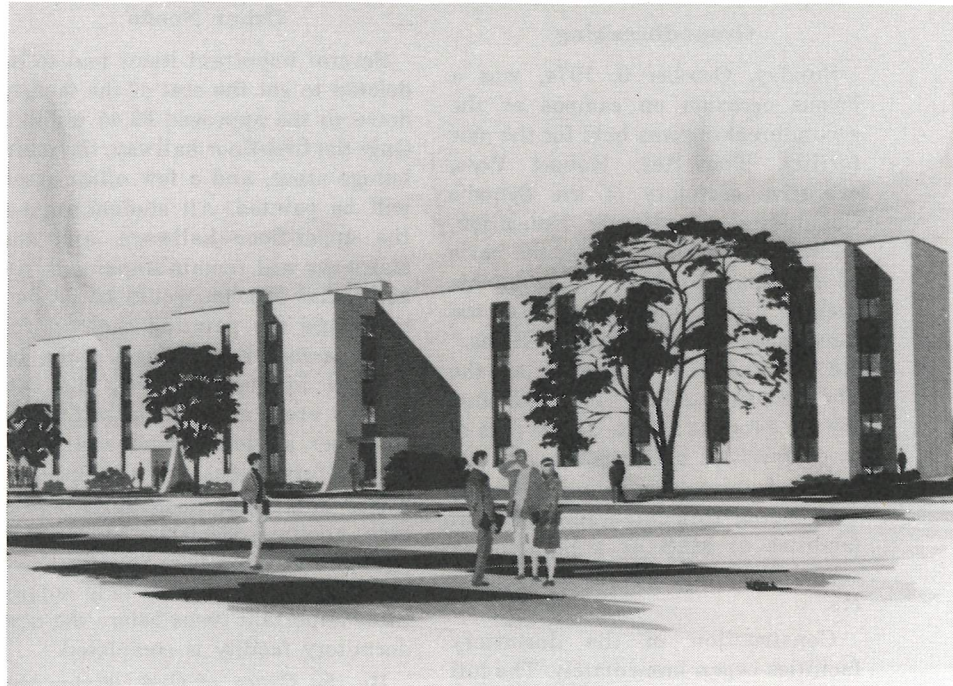
The 1974-1975 academic year at Michigan Lutheran Seminary is witnessing many changes on our campus in Saginaw, Michigan.

At the school opening service, the Rev. T. Pfothenauer of St. Paul's, Ottawa, Canada, addressed a record enrollment of 350 students. Two professors were also installed during that service. Warren Hartman, who had served as an emergency instructor at MLS for the past four years, will continue to teach history. Matthew Zehms, who is attending Michigan State University this year, will begin his full-time teaching duties in the music and German departments in the fall of 1975.

Because of vacancies on the faculty and the record enrollment, we have four emergency instructors: Keith Lauber, Kurt Troge, Mrs. Paul Swain, and Mrs. Gerald Cudworth. The three tutors who assist the dean in dormitory supervision and teach some classes are Fred Nell, Marcus Bode, and Richard Baumgart. Miss Ruth Kitzerow interrupted her course at DMLC to assist in the piano instruction and supervision of the more than 180 piano students. During this school year, Gary Johnson accepted our call to teach physics, and David Toepel to teach mathematics. Both will begin their teaching duties with the 1975-76 school year.

Emergency Measures

The dormitory building program made it necessary for us to provide emergency housing by converting six classroom areas on the second floor of the administration building, and the lower-level game room of the student union area. These areas now



house the 110 men students, with eight to 20 quartered in each of the various rooms. Over 50 girls are being housed in private homes, and 100 girls are housed in three large homes converted to dormitories. Several car pools have been formed to transport students commuting from the Bay City area.

Five relocatable classrooms were purchased to replace space being used to house students. For the first two months of the school year, classes were held on the stage, in the gymnasium, library, and student union. By November the relocatable units were in use.

Demolition of half of the old refectory (in more recent years, Girls' Dorm I) was done in July. A cement-

The architect's concept of the dormitory facility now under construction at Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Saginaw, Michigan. The new dormitory will house 346 students. Completion is expected in the spring of 1976.

block wall closed up the remaining portion which is now being used as a kitchen-stock area. All the utility lines had to be rerun for the kitchen-dining hall. A more permanent solution will soon have to be found to solve the problems of crowded conditions and antiquated equipment in our kitchen-dining room.

In September a special meeting of the Synod's Coordinating Council was called to consider what course of action to take when the bids for the new dormitory facility were much higher than expected. The Synod's Board of Trustees authorized that bids be accepted up to the sum of \$2,450,000. This meant that \$120,000 had to be cut from the low bids. Actual demolition of the maintenance building, Hoenecke Hall, and the attached dean's residence began immediately after the final bids were approved.

Groundbreaking

Sunday, October 6, 1974, was a joyous occasion on campus as the groundbreaking was held for the new facility. The Rev. Robert Voss, executive secretary of the Synod's Commission on Higher Education, addressed the assembly on the basis of II Kings 4: 8-10, using as his theme, "Beds and Desks for the Successors of the Prophet Elisha." He pointed out that even as the Shunammite woman had provided for the Prophet Elisha, so the gifts of love of WELS members through the 125th Anniversary Grace Offering were being translated into physical facilities at MLS as a preparatory school for future pastors and teachers.

Construction of the dormitory facilities began immediately. The full basement will provide for laundry, exercise, multi-purpose and storage rooms in each of the two separated portions of the building. It is hoped that the basement space may also be used in the near future to alleviate several other crowded conditions on our campus. This is feasible since two basement walls have large window areas that overlook an extension of our present sunken-garden area.

Four-Story Dormitory

The design of the four-story structure is similar to a cross with an offset crossbar. The front of the building faces Hardin Street. One section provides 60 rooms to house 151 boys. The other has 78 rooms, providing housing for 195 girls. The two portions of the facility and the main lounge of each section are

totally separated. An office for the Dean of Students will have a separate outside entrance in the wing nearest our present classroom building.

Unusually mild winter weather has enabled the construction to proceed with only a few delays. The decking covering the entire basement was in place by the end of December. The laying of the exterior tan-brick facing and the interior cement-block is progressing well. The target date is the spring of 1976.

Other Needs

Several important items had to be deleted to get the cost of the facility down to the approved \$2.45 million. Only the first-floor hallway, the main lounge areas, and a few office areas will be painted. All student rooms, the upper-floor hallways, and the stairways will remain unpainted. An additional \$25,000 would be needed to restore the painting contract for these areas. Furnishings could be ordered for only 290 of the 346 student areas at a cost of just under \$500 per student. Some additional lounge furnishings are also needed. These additional furnishings would cost another \$50,000. All special gifts and memorials to the Seminary are being designated to help supply these important items before the new dormitory facility is completed.

By the Grace of God, during the past few years, Michigan Lutheran Seminary has been supplying more freshmen to our Synod's colleges than any other preparatory or high school. Through the 125th Anniversary Grace Offering WELS members are showing their thanksgiving for the blessings God showered upon our Synod during the past 125 years. A large part of the Grace Offering is being used to cover the cost of the new dormitory facility on the campus of Michigan Lutheran Seminary. Thus, through the members of the Synod, God is answering our prayers and providing for these much-needed facilities. Thanks be unto God! We pray that this new facility will better enable us to serve the Lord in preparing workers to proclaim His Gospel message in all its truth and purity.

Prof. J. Birkholz

Grace Notes

Looking back over 125 years of undeserved love from the hands of God, we cannot ignore the blessing which the Lord has heaped upon our church in the persons of concerned laymen and laywomen.

Paul discovered such when he came to Berea preaching Christ. They were people who turned to their Old Testament to test the Apostle's message, to see whether it agreed with God's revelation or not. They were men and women concerned about God's truth.

It was a farmer in St. John's on Oakwood Road (rural Milwaukee) who demonstrated the same kind of concern. Having been a church member in Germany, he sought to gather a congregation in his new homeland. He soon realized that many who called themselves preachers were not preaching the Word. That moved him to take the step which eventually led to the organization of our Wisconsin Synod. Writing to one of the German mission societies, he asked them to supply a pastor who would preach the Gospel in its saving purity. They sent John Weinmann, who later became the first secretary of the Synod.

Ehrenfried Seebach and his wife Maria were the first in a long line of concerned laymen and laywomen who have been a blessing to our church. All of us who are in the public ministry can point to people who are the right hands of their pastors and teachers, and who, when the occasion warrants, have not failed to set straight their pastors and fellow church members. In our missions they have often become the working nucleus supporting the preaching and teaching of the Word.

For all of them we continue to thank God. They are God's blessing to our church.



Three Recent Church Dedications

St. Paul's, Prescott

Sunday, December 1, 1974, will be a day long remembered by the many families of St. Paul's Congregation, Prescott, Wisconsin. On that day they were privileged to enter into a new house of worship, their fourth during their 100 years of existence. It was a "day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it."

The need for a new church had long been undeniable. For years those attending Sunday school and vacation Bible school were crowded together in a small basement. Teachers often felt their message defeated by the unavoidable noise in such a confined area. When the church itself became overcrowded, the need for a new house of God became critical. Planning for the new building began five years ago.

In the spring of 1974, St. Paul's centennial year, all the prayers and planning came to a head. Under the direction of the centennial theme, "Growing in Grace," the congregation decided to go forward and to build a new church which would not only solve their space problems but also serve to glorify the name of the Lord. The decision to build was fittingly made after the evening service on Maundy Thursday.

As the months passed, it was gratifying to watch the footings being poured, the walls erected, the beams placed into position, and brick fitted on brick, to form this beautiful edifice. But far more beautiful is the faith of the members of St. Paul's which prompted them to build and moved them to support what they had begun.

Dedication was observed on December 1, 1974, the first Sunday in the new church year. Pastor F. Mutterer of St. John's Lutheran, Fox

Lake, Wisconsin, was guest speaker. His message highlighted the theme, "Consider the Architecture of the Living Temple of God," based on Ephesians 2:19-22. In the afternoon in a special service of thanksgiving and praise, the president of the Synod, Pastor O. J. Naumann, preached on "By God's Grace We Are God's People," based on I Kings 8:57.

The new building, which contains 9,200 square feet, is divided into three separate areas. The nave seats 220, with 30 more able to be accommodated in the balcony. The fellowship area is separated from the nave by glass panels and can also be used for overflow. The educational wing has 12 individual classrooms for the teaching of Sunday-school children. There is also a church office, a pastor's study, and a large kitchen area.

With thankful and prayerful hearts we consecrated St. Paul's Lutheran to God and, at the same time, rededicated our hearts and lives to Him and His service. May St. Paul's Congregation, now blessed with this fine facility, ever intensify its efforts to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with all whom it is able to reach!

Pastor David Seager

Beautiful Savior, Cincinnati

When darkness became complete, Jacob selected a stone for a pillow and lay down on a rocky ledge to sleep. Weary and alone, he must have realized his folly in obtaining the birthright of his older brother Esau by deceit. Because he had taken matters into his own hand instead of waiting for the Lord's helping hand, he was now a fugitive in the wilderness. Yet as he slept God came to him in a dream and assured him that the pathway to heaven's mercy was still open and that the messianic promise was secure. When the astonished Jacob awoke, he learned that even the most lonely and desolate place on earth can become a holy place to the heart that turns with longing and hope to the living God. To him that barren place was the most sacred spot on earth, and he dedicated both it and his life to the Lord.

Almost a year ago (June 16, 1974) Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church of



Beautiful Savior at Cincinnati, Ohio.

Cincinnati, Ohio, dedicated a place of worship far different from the crude stone altar dedicated by Jacob at Bethel so long ago. A contemporary structure with a seating capacity for 185 in the nave certainly offers more room and comfort than the patriarch might have dreamed as he lay among the rocks. The modern and functional education wing is visible evidence that convenience and shelter have become a way of life and worship which stands in stark contrast to the age when men worshiped God under open skies. Even the dedication services attended by 342 persons might be considered elaborate compared to Jacob's simple and lonely ceremony.

Yet for all differences of time, place, and style of worship, there remains an important bond between the two dedications. As the members of Beautiful Savior look back, they can see more clearly that the most important dedication was to dedicate, like Jacob of old, themselves! A larger and self-owned facility called for more commitment, more outreach of the Gospel than we had previously experienced in temporary quarters. With a new community and mission field, it soon became apparent that dedication is not just a one-time event; it must continue. We may have established our Bethel, but our church is not built yet. The real house of God is made up of living stones quarried by His grace from the world of living men and brought into vital touch with the great Cornerstone, Jesus Christ. To this end our building program has really just begun.

Every Sunday as our worshipers reflect on our handsome church of wood and brick, we could not be more thankful to the Lord and the members of our Synod for this house of God. Yet as the newness of our building starts to fade, we are reminded of the important truth that the church in reality is souls and that buildings are not made holy by mere religious rites and ceremonies, but rather by Christ and Christlike lives. Without the dedication of hearts the dedication of buildings is meaningless. The members of Beautiful Savior have grown to love this place of worship and see it as their house of

God and their gate to heaven. Most blessed and glorious, however, is the lot of every man, woman, and child who can find Bethel every day in the journey of life, a house of God in every home, a gate to heaven in every hour of need. When one is dedicated in faith to the Lord, all the world becomes a sanctuary.

Pastor Daniel Koelpin

St. Matthew, Marathon

St. Matthew Congregation of Marathon, Wisconsin, dedicated its new house of worship on Sunday, January 12, 1975. Though it was a very cold day, the hearts of the members and pastor were warm with joy and gratitude.

Preceding the dedication a brief farewell service was held in the old church. The pastor and guest preacher together with the builder and the elders then led the congregation across the street to the new church for the formal dedication. In this service Pastor William Lange of Wisconsin Rapids, visiting elder of the Wisconsin River Valley Conference, addressed the congregation on Psalm 84:1-4. In the afternoon Pastor Bur-

ton Stensberg of Schofield, Wisconsin, was the guest speaker. His text was Genesis 28:17. Overflow crowds attended both services.

The church, of modern, practical design, adjoins the parsonage on a parcel of ground the congregation has owned since 1923. The building is square, 80 feet x 80 feet, and has no basement. Its walls are of a buff-colored brick and cement block. The nave has a seating capacity of 240. The interior walls are of wood paneling throughout except for the rear of the chancel. This is of brick and features three large crosses symbolizing the crucifixion scene on Calvary. The pulpit, lectern, and baptismal font are of oak to match the walls and pews. The altar is of Marathon County cherry-red granite. The educational wing can readily be opened to accommodate overflow crowds. The parish hall wing is adequate for St. Matthew's educational purposes and for all other congregational functions.

We, the members and pastor of St. Matthew Congregation, thank God that He in His grace has permitted us to erect this new house of worship to His glory. May He continue to dwell here with His Gospel and may they who worship here be called, gathered, enlightened, and sanctified by His Holy Spirit unto life everlasting!

R. P. Otto, Pastor



St. Matthew, Marathon, Wisconsin.

A Parish Pastor's Perspective

"Handicapped?"

Melanie is deaf. She was born deaf. A Christian couple adopted her as a baby, fully aware of her handicap. Melanie quickly found a home with them and their four children.

At the age when most children are learning to make their first sounds by repeating what they hear over and over Melanie was living in a silent world. She went through long series of tests, to see if there was any hearing at all. There seemed to be a little, so it was decided to fit her with a hearing aid. But the device with its straps and wires was too cumbersome for the little tot; besides, it didn't really help.

Further testing showed that Melanie would have extreme difficulty in developing enough of a vocabulary to become proficient at lip reading. Many deaf people develop lip reading easily because they were able to hear during infancy and early childhood. But Melanie didn't have that advantage.

However, there was one important ingredient that Melanie did not lack — love. The love of her family showed as they bore patiently her frustrated attempts at letting them know what she needed. The love of her family showed as they all worked hard and long to learn sign language and become familiar with the ways of the deaf. The love of the family showed as without complaint they changed their life style in order to provide her with every opportunity to live a normal life.

Above all, the love of her family showed as they overcame obstacle after obstacle in order to teach Melanie of the love of Jesus. She learned to fold her hands, to "say" her prayers, to recognize Christian symbols and pictures. On Sunday mornings there was always movement in her family's pew, as one member of the family signed the entire worship service, including the sermon, for her. Someone from the family always accompanied

her to Sunday school to interpret the lesson for her.

Then it came time for Melanie to go to school. But to which school should she go? Her brothers and sisters had always gone to Christian day school, wherever possible. But the Christian day school in Melanie's congregation seemed unequipped to handle a deaf child! The local public-school system offered a special program for the deaf which seemed ideal. There were only six or seven children per teacher! Off to the special school went Melanie.

But the family soon found themselves embroiled in a nationwide controversy. Should deaf children be taught oral communication which hinges upon their ability to learn to lip-read and to speak? Should deaf children be taught manual communication which includes sign language and finger spelling? Melanie's special school was an "oral" school, so committed to oral communication that the children there were punished if they took the "easy way out" by using signs. Sometimes it appeared that the school's dedication to a principle was greater than its dedication to the deaf children.

The worst part was that Christ was missing from the classroom. So Mel's parents had a conference with the staff of another special school, their Christian day school. They agreed to give it a try. Now Melanie is in the third grade of a school where Jesus is with her in the classroom. She learns about Him in the Word of God lessons, she has His love brought home to her throughout the day, and she sees children being disciplined in firm Christian love.

How is this possible? For the first semester her mother was with her almost every minute to interpret for her and give her individual help. But that is slowly tapering off. Her mother is able to be absent from the classroom more and more, because many

of Melanie's classmates have learned to "talk" to her in sign language. Her teachers are getting better and better at communicating with her, too.

Melanie is a well-adjusted little girl. One day a little boy brought a pet gopher snake to school. Along with most of the children in the room, Mel took a turn at letting the snake coil around her hand. That evening she was telling a friend of the family about the experience. She showed how the snake was coiled around her hand, and she told the friend that the snake said, "Hello, little deaf girl." "He did?" asked the friend, "How could you hear him?" "I didn't hear him," answered Melanie, "I lip-read him."

Melanie has been a blessing to her congregation and school. In the Christmas Eve service the congregation witnessed the beauty of seeing two dozen children signing several of the songs. Her presence has brought many joyful light moments — members of the congregation love to tease her mother about repeating third grade.

The children have accepted Melanie as though deafness were just another individual trait. They invite her over to their houses. She gets to stay overnight with them. She sees and knows the warmth of other Christian families.

It makes you wonder about handicaps. Surely, living without hearing is a handicap for Melanie. But is her handicap as great as those children whose families do not bring them to Christ? Melanie's family can certainly serve as an encouragement to all Christians to do all they can to provide opportunities for deaf children to learn about Christ.

Thomas B. Franzmann

ONALASKA PASTORS' INSTITUTE

A Pastor's Institute will be held at Luther High School, Onalaska, Wisconsin, June 16-20, 1975. Prof. Gerald Hoenecke will present "An Exegetical Study of Selected Portions of 1 Peter." Prof. Carl Lawrenz will present a series of lectures on "Modern Interpretation of Genesis 3." The sessions will run from 9:00 A.M. to 11:45 daily.

A fee of \$12.00 will be charged each participant. Dinner will be available at additional cost.

Those planning to attend should send their registration to: Pastors' Institute, Luther High School, Onalaska, Wisconsin 54650.

Direct from the Districts

Minnesota

Reformation Day at Redwood Falls

What happened on Reformation Day, October 31, 1974, at Redwood Falls? Well, no one nailed any 95 theses to the church door nor was the city much aware of the events taking place at St. John's. But the hearts of 254 women of the Minnesota Valley Circuit of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society were deeply stirred by both the messages in the forenoon and the slide lecture in the afternoon.



Pastor E. Carmichael, Mrs. Anderson, Pastor R. Lauersdorf, Pastor E. Schulz

The host pastor, the Rev. E. O. Schulz, opened the day with an inspiring address, "Go Forward!" based on Exodus 14:15, "And the Lord said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto Me? Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward." The afternoon slide lecture, "Step by Step into South America," the theme for the day's activities, was presented by Pastor Richard Lauersdorf of Jefferson, Wisconsin, a member of the executive committee for Latin American Missions. It was pointed out again and again that there are still millions in Latin America who have not heard about their Savior. We may find that hard to believe since many of them live within sight of impressive church

steeple bearing the symbol of the cross. Yet many, many live in spiritual darkness about what that cross means for their salvation.

On hand were 15 flags representing the countries where our Synod is presently doing mission work. In addition, there were picture displays showing the fruits of the Gospel in these countries.

What else happened at St. John's on Reformation Day? St. Paul's of New Ulm and St. John's of Wood Lake were welcomed into membership with the Minnesota Valley Circuit. Since its beginning two years ago, this circuit has grown to include 13 member congregations.

This recently formed circuit was also asked to host the National Convention on June 28, 1975. It was a big thrill for the circuit to accept this invitation. The convention will be held at Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota.

Reformation Day 1974 at Redwood Falls came to an end with a very fitting reminder to "Go Forward" into all the world with the everlasting Gospel, constantly mindful of our Reformation heritage. When a lady present asked the slide lecturer, "What can we do?" his answer reminded those present that prayers are needed for the support of our missionaries and gifts to enlarge the Church Extension Fund for Latin American Missions. May we never lose sight of the Gospel and our mission to preach it!

Parsonage Dedicated in Acoma Township

Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church of rural Hutchinson, Minnesota, was privileged to dedicate a new parsonage on Sunday, November 17, 1974, in an afternoon service.

The sermon for the occasion was delivered by a former pastor, the Rev. Otto Engel of Danube, Minnesota. He encouraged the congregation in its work on the basis of Revelation 3:7-12. The rite of dedication was

read at the new home by the pastor of the congregation, the Rev. Reuben Reimers. Following the service, members and friends were invited to view the parsonage. The open house was followed by a meal served in the church basement.

50th at Clear Lake, Wisconsin

On Sunday, September 29, 1974, exactly 50 years to the day since the founding of the congregation, members and friends of Grace Lutheran Church joined in praising God from whom all blessings flow. An anniversary service was followed by a bountiful dinner and a program de-



Grace Church at Clear Lake

voted to the congregation's history. The Rev. J. R. Petrie of Winnebago Lutheran Academy, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, delivered the anniversary message based on Acts 2:42.

Grace Congregation began in 1924 with five families as charter members. Until 1941 the small congregation worshiped in rented facilities. From 1941 to 1963 it used a church building that was moved to Clear Lake from its former site some 15 miles to the northwest. By God's Grace the congregation today numbers 240 communicants and sings the Lord's praises in a modern facility dedicated in 1964.

Pastors who have served in Christ's ministry at Grace are: O. P. Medenwald (1924-53), Kenneth Seim (1953-55), J. R. Petrie (1956-57), Louis Pingel (1958-65), Louis Meyer, Sr. (1965-70), and L. N. Holz, since 1970.

Double Anniversary at St. John's, Centuria, Wisconsin

The history of St. John's goes back to 1889, when a group of German Lutherans settled in the Centuria area. Unable to find a church home of their own, since the other Lutheran churches conducted services in languages foreign to them, they prevailed upon Pastor Christian Koehler of East Farmington to conduct services as often as possible in their homes. Sometime later, services were conducted in the old McDonald log schoolhouse in the Town of Eureka. The congregation was officially organized with the adoption of a constitution in 1894.

When the McDonald School became too small for the growing congregation, the members decided to erect their own building in the village of Centuria. The present church, dedicated in 1914, was enlarged in 1921, remodeled in 1935, and its basement again redone in 1959.

The double anniversary, celebrating the 80th year of the congregation and the 60th of the church building, was observed on October 13, 1974. Pastor R. Woller of East Farmington conducted the services. Using the words of John 15:26-16:4, Pastor Woller reminded the congregation of its call to bear witness unto Jesus Christ in response to the 80 years of Grace that God had shown to them. The Rev. LeRoy L. Kaminski is vacancy pastor of St. John's.

The potluck dinner following the service offered the members of St. John's an opportunity for Christian fellowship and for reflecting on God's Grace to them.

NOTICE THE SYNODICAL COUNCIL

God willing, the Synodical Council will meet on April 30 and May 1, 1975, 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 1975 Convention should be ready for distribution to all members of the Council at this meeting. Those preparing reports are asked to make 100 copies.

Our constitution stipulates that any memorials that are addressed to the Synod's 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

Looking at the Religious World

information and insight

Error's Pathway

There is an old church-history maxim that religious error begins by pleading for the right of existence and toleration, advances to a demand for equality with truth, and persists until it can intolerantly banish truth from the field. The old maxim is proving itself true once again in the matter of women being ordained and serving as pastors.

Most of us can recall when many a denomination was being urged to take a cautious first step along this line in fairness or as a matter of privilege or in special circumstances. Recently even major Lutheran bodies, such as the Lutheran Church in America and the American Lutheran Church, gave up debate on the issue and brought their practice in line with most major denominations. A convention of 300 Methodist women pastors could be gathered with another 200 not in attendance.

Now the third and final stage is being reached. The United Presbyterian Church has refused ordination to a young man who says he could not ordain a woman as a ruling elder. The denomination's Permanent Judicial Commission so ruled against Walter Kenyon of Pittsburgh. To become a United Presbyterian one must now repudiate truth and advocate error. The full course has been run.

Major Dropout Cause

A major problem for today's churches is the growing number of dropouts, those formerly in membership who suddenly decide to "go away." A recent study of Disciples of Christ, Lutheran, Methodist, and Presbyterian churches in southern California sought to find out what causes such dropouts.

The reason most frequently given

was the impersonal and unfriendly treatment received from the institution and the congregation. The church's theological position was, by contrast, seldom listed as a cause for leaving.

This is a matter for all to ponder and act on, not just pastors. What more appropriate place for friendliness and human concern to flourish than there where the followers of the King of Love gather. It is to be hoped that the climate in all of our churches is warmer than in the above southern-California churches.

What Romans Believe and Do

A broad survey of Roman Catholics in this country reveals some marked gaps between what Paul VI teaches and wants and what his people believe and do. Of 100 Roman Catholics, the survey results show:

- 50 attend mass regularly;
- 17 attend confession once a month;
- 60 pray every day;
- 83 approve the use of contraceptives;
- 70 favor abortion-on-demand for married women;
- 73 approve of remarriage for divorced persons;
- 42 believe Jesus empowered popes to rule the church;
- 32 believe in papal infallibility;
- 60 think the bishops are doing a good job.

As Schaeffer Sees It

To an assembly of Southern Baptist evangelism directors Francis Schaeffer, the widely known and read conservative theologian, offered thoughts and predictions worth noting and quoting.

He predicts that a major discussion topic in theological circles in the next

years will be Bible authenticity. This he says also holds true for conservative circles who are moving toward a debate on the "historical nature of the first half of the book of Genesis. This time the debate will be among those claiming the evangelical name. Before it was primarily between evangelicals and those not of the evangelical stance."

Asked to define liberalism, Schaeffer explained, "The real issue is if one believes the Bible gives us factual truth from God, or whether the Bible grew up as a cultural expression of the writer's day. . . . Does the Bible give truth downward from God — or is it the feeling of man upward during his own time and culture."

The evangelism directors were urged to lead in standing for "the clarity of the Word of God without error everywhere it speaks." The caution was supplied that "if you are interested in evangelism you must be interested in what the seminaries teach the pastors."

Warning for Küng

Late in February the religious and world press carried the report that the Vatican and the bishops of Germany had issued in the case of Tuebingen theologian, Hans Küng, a *monitum*, or warning, against serious error. This is less of a rebuke than a total publishing ban or an outright removal from a teaching post, but it is such a grave action that Rome has not employed it since the 1962 posthumous condemnation of Pierre Teilhard de Chardin's writings.

Küng, whose most recent book, *Christ Sein* is a current bestseller in Germany, has been under fire for a long time. An earlier book, *Infallibility? An Inquiry*, which questioned papal infallibility, especially aroused the Vatican. Küng repeatedly refused "invitations" to Rome for discussions of his writings and views because he was not guaranteed the kind of open hearing he demanded. The *monitum* was the Vatican's reply to the final refusal.

Küng seems to be deriving some satisfaction from the rebuke, seeing in the limited chastisement a token victory. He has declared, "I will not tolerate being prevented from pur-

suing my theological services to my fellow man."

While we may be on Küng's side when he attacks infallibility, as it relates specifically to the pope in Roman dogma, we do not share his views on infallibility in general. Küng in his writings makes it plain

that he is as much against an infallible Bible as an infallible pope. His unwillingness to accept the Bible as inerrant makes him much less than a modern Luther and remains his own Achilles heel in all his battles with the pope.

Edward C. Fredrich

Congress Invents the Two-Way Gift

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If such a statement were dropped into the conversation of a group of enlightened adults, the reactions would range from puzzlement to doubts about the speaker's sanity. *Everyone* knows that you don't produce income by giving away assets!!!

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Lutheran Pioneer

National Convention

The Lutheran Pioneers, Inc. will hold its convention at St. John's Church in St. Paul, Minnesota, on April 26, 1975. The day will begin with a worship service at which the National Chaplain, Pastor Sylvester Johnson of Appleton, Wisconsin, will deliver the message.

This convention gives an opportunity to every chartered, active Train to participate in the policy and decision making of the organization. During the morning hours, the business meeting will be conducted. The convention will also give the participants an opportunity to grow in the areas of leadership, understanding youth, and inspiration. Seminars and workshops are planned for the afternoon to accomplish these ends. Pastor Iver Johnson, pastor of St. James Lutheran Church in West St. Paul, Minnesota, will lead the convention in a discussion of Theology of Ecology. Mr. Roger Jenni, a music instructor at St. Croix Lutheran High School, will assist the leaders in their understanding of the role of music in the Lutheran Pioneer program. Mr. David Knefelkamp, a juvenile officer and also a member of Salem Luther-

an Church in Stillwater, Minnesota, will present a seminar on the subject of delinquency. New training aids, new materials available to the Trains, and new programs which have been developed and are ready for use will also be presented to the conventioners by members of the national organization. An interesting day of tours, shopping, and fellowship has been planned for the wives of the leaders.

Several musical organizations from St. Croix Lutheran High School will be presented during the evening banquet. For those who are able to remain into the evening hours a fellowship gathering has been planned.

Registration forms for the convention will be sent to all active Lutheran Pioneer Trains. Anyone else who would like to visit the convention, to gain information and to join the fellowship, may receive further information and registration forms by requesting such from Lutheran Pioneers, Inc., P. O. Box 66, Burlington, Wisconsin, 53105.

Pastor David Ponath
Director of Public Relations
Lutheran Pioneers, Inc.

CAMPUS MINISTRY — PROVIDENCE

Students attending Brown University, Providence University, or the University of Rhode Island are invited to attend worship services at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in East Providence, R.I., at 50 Ferris Ave. All correspondence is to be mailed to: Rev. David Scherbarth, 49 Vista Drive, Rumford, R.I. 02916 (phone: 401-434-4078). Services are held each Sunday morning at 11 o'clock with Bible Class at 10:00.

REQUEST FOR NAMES

Do you know of any college-age persons living in or near Seattle, Washington? If so, Lutheran Collegians would appreciate hearing about them. Lutheran Collegians meets every week and is seeking to contact all interested students or young working persons who wish to worship the Lord with us and to share in our varied activities. Please send the names to: Mr. Richard Schwartz, President of Lutheran Collegians, 4734 15th Avenue N.E., Seattle, Washington 98105; or to: Pastor Luther Weindorf, Chaplain of Lutheran Collegians, 11051 Phinney Avenue N., Seattle, Washington 98133.

REQUEST

Any church which has a set of used communion ware available please contact: The Rev. Wm. W. Besler, Route 3, Crivitz, Wisconsin 54114.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

(Submitted through the District Presidents)

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571 Hall Ave.
St. Paul, MN 55107
Phone: (612) 222-2132

INSTALLATIONS

(Authorized by the District Presidents)

Pastors:

Mueller, Richard W., as pastor of Lord and Savior Congregation in Crystal Lake, Illinois, on February 23, 1975, by N. Paul (SEW).
Sordahl, Myron F., as assistant pastor at St. Stephen's Church, Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, on March 2, 1975, by E. Huebner (W.Wis.).

NEW WELS 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.

Alabama	Mobile
Alaska	Fairbanks*
Arizona	Northwest Tucson*
	Paradise Valley*
California	Fremont
	Modesto*
	Sacramento
	Sierra Madre
	Stockton*
Colorado	Arvada/Westminster
	Greeley*
Florida	Beverly Hills
	Engelwood*
Illinois	Bloomington/Normal
	Crystal Lake
	Schaumburg*
	Springfield*
	West Chicago
Iowa	Dubuque
	Shenandoah*
Michigan	Gaylord*
	Grand Ledge*
	North Pontiac
	Romeo
	Taylor Twp.
Minnesota	Eagan Twp.*
	Owatonna
Missouri	Columbia
	North Kansas City*
	N. St. Louis County
	St. Charles County*
	Scottsbluff*
Nebraska	Reno*
Nevada	Sante Fe*
New Mexico	Long Island
New York	Syracuse*
	Western N. Y. State*
Ohio	Mansfield*
Pennsylvania	Altoona*
	Lehigh Valley*
South Dakota	Mitchell
Texas	Beaumont*
	Lubbock*
	Temple
Washington	Spokane Valley*
	Vancouver
Wisconsin	Ashwabenon*
	Middleton*
	Prairie du Chien*
	Edmonton*
Alberta	Pembroke*
Ontario	

*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
3512 W. North Ave., Milwaukee, Wis. 53208

EXPLORATORY SERVICES

NORTH KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

Exploratory services are being conducted in North Kansas City, Missouri, at the Englewood Elementary School, Englewood and N. Oak Trafficway. Services begin at 7:00 p.m., with Sunday school at 8:00 p.m. For more information, or to submit the names of prospects, please contact: Pastor Paul S. Soukup, 9530 Perry Lane, Overland Park, Kansas 66212; phone: (913) 888-6293.

RENO, NEVADA

Exploratory services at Reno, Nevada, are being conducted at the Holiday Inn South in the Tahoe Room 5 at 11:00 a.m. The address is 5851 South Virginia, Reno. The group is being served by the District mission developer, the Rev. Hugo M. Warnke, 1220 Berrum, Apt. F. Reno, Nevada 89502; phone (702) 825-3292.

SANTE FE, NEW MEXICO

Exploratory services in Sante Fe, Mexico, are being held at the Santa Fe Schools Administration Building, 610 Alta Vista. The services are being conducted every Sunday, with Bible class at 6:30 p.m. and worship services at 7:30 p.m. Send information to, or request information from, Pastor Wayne Vogt, 3905 General Bradley NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87111. His telephone is (505) 296-7008. A special invitation is extended to all traveling through New Mexico to visit the services either at Albuquerque or Santa Fe.

SYRACUSE, NEW YORK

Exploratory services are being conducted in Syracuse, New York, at the Holiday Inn on Buckley Road at exit 36 on the New York State Thruway and Interstate Route 81. Services are bi-weekly at 3:00 p.m. followed by adult Bible class. For more information call Mr. Kenneth Becker of Baldwinsville at (315) 635-3688 or Pastor Erich W. Waldek of Schenectady, New York, at (518) 399-3046.

NAMES WANTED

CAMBRIDGE, MINNESOTA

Please send names of any WELS members or prospects in the Cambridge, Minnesota, area to: Mr. and Mrs. John Luedtke, 423 NW 4th Ave., Cambridge, Minnesota 55008, phone (612) 689-4478; or to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Mead, 854 So. Birch St., Cambridge, Minnesota 55008, phone (612) 689-4350.

DAYTONA BEACH — HOLLY HILL, ORMUND BEACH — PORT ORANGE, FLORIDA

The South Atlantic District Mission Board requests the names of WELS families and others who might be interested in WELS services in the above named areas. Send such information to Pastor John F. Vogt, 2140 St. John's Bluff Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32216.

SARASOTA — SOUTHGATE, FLORIDA

The South Atlantic District Mission Board requests the names of WELS families and others who might be interested in WELS services in the above named areas. Send such information to Pastor James Vogt, 3012 18th Ave. W., Bradenton, Florida 33505.

TIME AND PLACE

NORTON, KANSAS

Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church, Norton, Kansas, is worshipping every Sunday at 111 Norton Street. Bible class and Sunday school meet at 6:30 and worship service at 7:30 p.m. Pastor of the congregation is the Rev. Edwin C. Fredrich, Jr., 1499 Railroad Ave., Phillipsburg, Kansas 67661; phone (913) 543-2008.

MARIN COUNTY — SAN RAFAEL — NOVATO, CALIFORNIA

Living Word Ev. Lutheran Congregation is presently being served by Pastor Gerald Geiger of Belmont. Plans are under consideration for a change of time and meeting place. Local people are asked to contact: Major Irvin Swett, phone 883-6707, or Mr. Bruce Marggraf, phone 456-8379.

ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS

Peace Lutheran Church of Rockford, Illinois, has moved from Harlem Boy's Club on Elm and Evans (Yearbook, page 59) to its own facilities at 5183 Pebble Creek Trail (one mile east of Alpine on Riverside). Time of service remains at 10 a.m. Pastor is the Rev. Thomas Hilliard, 3634 Rural St., Apt. 1, Rockford, Illinois 61108, Phone: (815) 226-9805.

WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA

Redemption Ev. Lutheran Church, West Palm Beach, Florida, is now worshipping at 970 Pike Road. Pastor of the congregation is the Rev. David A. Krueger. He may be contacted at the same address or by calling (305) 684-0691.

MOBILE, ALABAMA

The WELS mission congregation in Mobile, Alabama, is Living Word Ev. Lutheran. It is presently worshipping in the Belmany Funeral Home chapel, 100 S. Beltline Highway, Mobile. Worship service is 10:00 a.m. each Sunday. Please forward all names and requests for information to Vicar Steven Lawrenz, 216 Berwyn Dr. W, Apt. 66, Mobile, Alabama 33608.

REQUEST FOR COLLOQUY

Dr. Walter Drost, a member of Nain Ev. Lutheran Church, West Allis, Wisconsin, has requested a colloquy with a view to entering the teaching ministry of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Correspondence relative to the colloquy may be addressed to the undersigned.

George W. Boldt, President
Southeastern Wisconsin District

APPOINTMENT

Pastor William R. Gabb, Houston, Texas, has been appointed Visiting Elder of the Texas Conference and member of the Board of Support of the Arizona-California District. Vacancies in these offices were created by the death of Pastor William Krueger.

I. G. Frey, President
California-Arizona District

OFFER

A pulpit and altar of solid oak are being offered by St. Matthew Ev. Lutheran Church, Marathon, Wisconsin, to any congregation willing to transport them. Inquiries may be addressed to Pastor R. P. Otto, Marathon, Wisconsin 54448.

NOMINATIONS

Northwestern Lutheran Academy

The following have been nominated to teach in the field of science and assist in athletics at Northwestern Lutheran Academy, Mobridge, South Dakota.

Mr. Richard Ash	Manitowoc, WI
Prof. Myron Duin	New Ulm, MN
Mr. Richard Everts	Grand Island, NE
Rev. Thomas E. Frey	Monticello, MN
Mr. David Halldin	Kenosha, WI
Mr. Paul Hartwig	Appleton, WI
Mr. Lawrence Hollenbeck	Ithaca, MI
Rev. Theodore Horneber	Stinger, WI
Mr. Steven Jaeger	Mankato, MN
Mr. Alan Jeffers	Saginaw, MI
Mr. Donald Kom	Yankton, SD
Prof. Gerald Mallmann	Kenosha, WI
Mr. Joel P. Mischke	Owosso, MI
Mr. Lester Mull	Wauwatosa, WI
Mr. Theodor Nommensen	Rhineland, WI
Mr. Ralph Rabenberg	Norfolk, NE
Rev. George Rothe	Brown Deer, WI
Mr. Lyle Schneider	Neeah, WI
Mr. LaVerne Schultz	Halsey, NE
Mr. Roger Sievert	Phoenix, AZ
Prof. Eugene Strusz	Appleton, WI
Mr. Arlyn Wollenburg	Lake Mills, WI

Pertinent information concerning the qualifications of these nominees must be in the hands of the undersigned no later than April 21, 1975.

Pastor Dennis A. Hayes, Secretary
1729 S. Sherman Avenue
Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57105

CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES

CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA

CALIFORNIA DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: Saturday, April 12, 1975; 9 a.m. Communion service.

Place: Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Belmont, California.
Agenda: Holy Scriptural Principles for Giving Relate to Money-making Projects: Mr. Erling Ylvisaker; elections and reports.

H. John, Chairman

MICHIGAN

NORTHERN PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: April 7, 1975.

Place: Prince of Peace, Howell, Michigan.

Preacher: K. Plocher (N. Pommeranz, alternate).

Agenda: A Study of the Augsburg Confession and Apology, Articles on Church and Ministry: R. Carter; Exegesis of Hebrews 12: P. Press.

E. C. Schmelzer, Secretary

OHIO CONFERENCE

Place: Zion Lutheran Church, Toledo, Ohio.

Dates: April 7-8, 1975.

Preacher: J. Ibsch.

Agenda: Exegesis of Romans 13:1-14: P. Lehmann; Signs of the End — How Shall We Read Them? T. Bartz; How Long Should a Delinquent Remain a Delinquent? N. Maas.

K. Grunewald, Secretary

SOUTHEASTERN PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: April 7-8, 1975; 7:30 p.m. Communion service.

Place: Zoar Lutheran Church, Detroit, Michigan (H. Grigsby, host pastor).

Preacher: H. Hempel (K. Vertz, alternate).

Agenda: The Baptism of the Holy Spirit and Related Scriptural Expressions: J. Naumann; Exegesis of James 4:6-17: E. Schultz; A Review of H. Grady Davis' *Design for Preaching*: A. Bloom; A Discussion of the Role of Women in Church and Society: moderator, E. Fredrich; Conference Reports.

E. Fredrich, Secretary

SOUTHWESTERN PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: April 15, 1975; 9:00 a.m. Communion service.

Place: St. Matthew's, Benton Harbor, Michigan (K. Biedenbender, host pastor).

Preacher: W. Balza (F. Berger, alternate).

Agenda: Exegesis of Ephesians 6:14ff: R. Shimek; Old Testament Giving Standards and their Applicability Today: R. Rose; The Slave/Master Pericopes in their Applicability to the Contemporary Employee/Employer Relationship: H. Peter; President's Report; other reports; casuality; and conference business.

Note: Please bring suggestions of chapters of *The Shepherd Under Christ* that you would like to have discussed at future conferences.

R. Semro, Secretary

MINNESOTA

DISTRICT PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Place: Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Rockford, MN; W. E. Neumann, host pastor.

Date: April 8-9, 1975; opening session on Tuesday at 10 a.m. and evening Communion service at 7:30.

Preacher: D. Begalka (W. Niermeier, alternate).

Agenda: The Proper Consecration of The Elements in The Lord's Supper: Prof. S. Becker; Alcoholism: Sin or Sickness? F. Kogler; Exegesis of I Timothy 1:1-20: Prof. L. Hahnke; Church Discipline Within the Congregation: E. Knief; various committee reports and routine business.

Registration: There will be a \$1.50 registration fee. Request cards for meals and lodging will be mailed. Visiting elders will serve as the Excuse Committee. Please send excuses to host pastor.

W. J. Henrich, Secretary

NEBRASKA

DISTRICT PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: April 8-10, 1975.

Place: St. John Lutheran Church, Rising City, Nebraska; P. Zarlign, host pastor.

Service: Holy Communion will be celebrated during the 7:30 p.m. service, Tuesday, April 8, 1975.

Preacher: W. Leerssen (L. Sievert, alternate).

Agenda: Isagogical Study of Joel: J. Plitzuweit; Pastoral Counseling Workshop in Behaviorism, dealing especially with alcoholism, mental problems, drugs,

delinquent children: Dr. Burnell Pohlman; The Necessity of Consistency in the Application of Scriptural Principles to Cases of Discipline: L. Gruendeman; Mission Outreach of the Congregation: R. Roth.

Note: Please announce to the host pastor for lodging and meals.

K. Bode, Secretary

NORTHERN WISCONSIN

MANITOWOC PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: April 7, 1975; 9:00 a.m. Communion service.
Place: Immanuel Lutheran Church, Manitowoc, Wisconsin; G. Unke, host pastor.

Preacher: W. Geiger (K. Haag, alternate).

Agenda: Sermon Study: K. Haberkorn (H. Krause, alternate); Conference Reaction to the ILCW Lectionary: H. Juroff, G. Unke, and H. Kuschel; The Separation of Church and State With Special Reference to Acceptance of Government Aid by Parochial Schools: N. Kock.

P. J. Damrow, Secretary

WINNEBAGO PASTOR-TEACHER CONFERENCE

Date: April 7, 1975; 9:00 a.m. Communion service.

Place: Bethlehem Lutheran, Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

Preacher: Sommer (A. Spauda, alternate).

Agenda: How Can We Make the Sunday Morning Worship Service More Meaningful to Our Children? Teacher James Raabe; How Did A Doctrinally Loose Synod Become Doctrinally Sound? Pastor Armin Engel.

K. H. Gawrisch, Secretary

FOX RIVER VALLEY PASTOR-TEACHER CONFERENCE

Date: April 14, 1975; 9:00 a.m.

Place: Opening Communion service, Bethany, Appleton, Wisconsin; conference sessions at Fox Valley Lutheran High School.

Preacher: A. Dobberstein (A. Wood, alternate).

Agenda: How To Develop Personal Bible Study Through the Religion and Instruction Classes: M. Koss; How Do the Mass Media, Especially TV, Affect Children In Regard To Values? Prof. T. Kuster.

R. Muetzel, Secretary

LAKE SUPERIOR PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: April 29-30, 1975; opening devotion at 10:30 a.m. (Eastern).

Place: Immanuel Lutheran, Sault Ste Marie, Michigan; R. Frohmader, host pastor.

Communion Service: April 29, 7:30 p.m. (Eastern).

Preacher: W. Steffenhagen.

Agenda: Exegesis of Genesis 47: K. Kuenzel; *Consensus facit Matrimonium*: D. Tills; *Deutsche Messe*: J. Hering; Exegesis of Galatians 1: J. E. Lindquist; Article V of the *Augsburg Confession*: "Of the Ministry": J. Wendland; Text Study for Pentecost: A. Meyer; Reports: Visiting Elder and Parish Education; Questions of Casuistry.

Note: Excuses and need for lodging should be sent to the host pastor.

K. Kuenzel, Secretary

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

SPRING PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: April 8-10, 1975.

Place: Christ Our Redeemer, Bend, Oregon.

Preacher: M. Teske (A. Valerio, alternate).

Agenda: Homiletic treatment of Luke 24:13-35: D. Bruemmer; Work Ethic: Exegesis of II Thessalonians 3: P. Siegler; Word Study of Shaol, Gehenna, Hades, and Hell: J. Henning; Are Lodges, Other than Masons and Scouts, Changing? L. Lambert; Ministering to the Sick and Dying: L. Weindorf.

M. Hannemann, Secretary

SOUTH ATLANTIC

FLORIDA PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: April 14-15, 1975; 10:00 a.m. Monday.

Place: Our Savior Lutheran Church (ELS), Airport Road near S 846, Naples, Florida.

Communion service: Monday evening.

Preacher: L. Zwieg (W. Bartelt, alternate).

Agenda: Exegesis of James 1:1-7: James Vogt (Reactors: J. Anderson, D. Lemke); Exegesis of Psalm 2: J. Lawrenz (Reactors: John Vogt, K. Molkenin); Communion Practices: R. Wiechmann; Proselytizing: W. Bartelt; Reports.

John Vogt, Secretary

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN

DODGE-WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

Date: April 8, 1975; 9:00 a.m. Communion service.
Place: St. Peter's Lutheran, Allenton, Wisconsin (E. Schewe, host pastor).

Preacher: H. Lemke (P. Pankow, alternate).

Agenda: Exegesis of I Timothy 3: L. Pautz; Continuation of Study of Lectionary: P. Pankow; reports and questions of casuistry.

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

P. E. Pankow, Secretary

WESTERN WISCONSIN

JOINT SOUTHWESTERN AND MISSISSIPPI RIVER VALLEY CONFERENCE

Date: April 8, 1975.

Place: First Ev. Lutheran, West Avenue and Cameron, La Crosse, Wisconsin; F. Miller and R. Sachs, host pastors.

Preacher: M. Schwartz (R. Siegler, alternate).

Agenda: The Biblical Canon and the Church History Surrounding Its Establishment: Prof. R. Balge; Study of the Words "Excommunication, Suspension, and Removal," with E. A. Breiling leading the discussion; Sermon Study on I Peter 2:11-20: G. Moldenhauer.

J. D. Liggett, Secretary

WISLLOWA PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: April 14-15, 1975 (noon to noon).

Place: Gethsemane Lutheran, Davenport, Iowa.

Communion service: Monday evening, April 14, at 7:00.

Preacher: R. Bittorf (L. Martin, alternate).

Agenda: The Role of the Visiting Elder: L. Martin; Exegesis of Luke 16:1-9: P. Zittlow; Mixed Marriages (a continuation): D. Rutschow; Report by Visiting Elder.

Lodging: Those desiring motel accommodations please notify Pastor R. Bitter, 163 19th Ave., Moline, Illinois 61265.

D. Rutschow, Secretary

WISCONSIN-CHIPPEWA RIVER VALLEY JOINT PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: April 22, 1975; 9:00 a.m. Communion service.

Place: Grace Lutheran Church, Ringle, Wisconsin; N. Hansen, host pastor.

Preacher: G. Schmeling (R. Schmidt, alternate).

Agenda: Exegesis of II Timothy 4: B. Stensberg; Examination of proposed revision of Luther's Catechism: R. Otto and G. Schmeling.

G. Lambrecht, Secretary

CENTRAL PASTOR-TEACHER CONFERENCE

Date: April 28, 1975; 9:00 a.m.

Place: Salem Lutheran, Lowell, Wisconsin.

Preacher: R. Hartman (alternate: R. Reede).

Agenda: How the Parish Can Best Provide for the Christian Education of the Special Child; Panel Discussion: Mr. A. Woldt, Mrs. R. Voss, Prof. P. Eickmann; The Separation of Church and State as it Relates to our Christian Education Program: Prof. W. Gawrisch.

G. Pieper, Secretary

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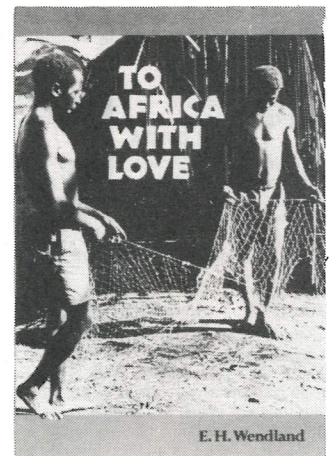
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Carl S. Leyrer, Secretary
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