

# *The Northwestern Lutheran*

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## *The Grace 125 Convention*



## Briefs by the Editor

The greater part of this issue is devoted to a report on the GRACE 125 Convention of our Synod, which met in Watertown, Wisconsin, from August 6-13.

More things happen at a convention than can ever be reflected by a report limited to a few pages. More lives are touched by its actions than anyone but God can know. Above all, we must not forget Him.

For the spiritual unity with which He blessed us, for the mission zeal He implanted in our hearts, for the Word and Sacrament with which He nourished us, for the open doors He placed before us, for the young men and women He moved to be our future messengers and teachers — for all this, and vastly more, we owe heartfelt thanks to the God of all GRACE. Very few sets of resolutions — 148 sets by actual count — failed to express a word of gratitude to God and to ask for our prayers.

An item often taken for granted was the moderate weather the Lord provided. We have lived through other conventions where the heat, in a real physical sense, was almost unbearable. The good weather was an added kindness we do well to appreciate.

Not specifically touched on in this issue is the proficiency with which the Northwestern faculty and staff took care of the convention's house-keeping. Our thanks to them!

Wall flags displayed in the convention hall were on loan from the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society. They represented all areas in which our Synod is actively engaged in mission work. All present also enjoyed the booths and displays erected by the various boards and committees.

One of the highlights of the convention was Laity Day, Saturday, August 9. In the morning the visitors — more

than 800 in the course of the day — observed the convention in action. They heard Prof. Armin Schuetze deliver an essay on "By GRACE: Confessional in Practice." This was followed by the acceptance of the former FAL mission on Antigua in the West Indies. West Cameroon, Africa, was adopted as a new world mission field, without a dissenting vote. This was also the memorable morning when we as a Synod officially declared fellowship with the Lutheran Confessional Church in Sweden. The subsequent Doxology came from the heart. Just before the noon closing, Committee No. 3 on Membership recommended 34 congregations and 108 pastors, teachers, professors, and graduate tutors for voting membership in the Synod.

In the afternoon the Divisions of Worker-Training, Administration and Services, Home Missions, and World Missions presented overviews of their activities.

Inspiring was the service with which the day closed. In this service Pastor Gary Schroeder and Teachers Paul and Janine Swain were presented to the church for work in Hong Kong. To be remembered are the words Pastor Kurt Koplien addressed to these new mission workers: "We promise not to forget you."

My personal thanks to Pastor Paul Kante of Theresa, Wisconsin, who took the pictures in this issue and also developed them. They place us in the midst of the action.

The article in the series "My Times Are in Thy Hands" reminds us that we are still living in a world whose laws are not necessarily in agreement with God's will. All the more reason to busy ourselves with our God-given tasks so that many more may come to Him who said, "I am come to seek and to save that which was lost."

*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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### The Cover

Second Vice-President George W. Boldt is shown presiding over the Synod session during the Friday morning discussion of the resolutions on "Equal Pay for Equal Work." Chairman of Floor Committee No. 4 was Prof. Victor J. Weyland of Northwestern Lutheran Academy, Mobridge, South Dakota. The secretary is Prof. Heinrich J. Vogel of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, Wisconsin.

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## Editorials

**Who's Who?** The mother of a famous American was asked what she thought now of her famous son. "Which one do you mean?" she replied, "I have three sons."

A man's role in life, his area of responsibility, may seem world's apart from another person's humbler calling. But a mother's love would never make that distinction, dividing her children up into "stars" and "bit players."

Neither does God's love. And that is a comforting reminder in these days of so much squabbling over "equal rights," status, rank, and position.

The poor widow with her two mites would not have made honorable mention in any financial report, but Jesus appraised her gift as "more than they all." Only twice in the Gospels did Jesus praise somebody for great faith, a Syrian woman and a Roman soldier, and we do not even know their names.

The same goes for the remarkable woman of Shunem and the little maid of Israel who saved her nation from war by telling her captors of One who could cleanse the Syrian captain of leprosy.

The Lord bypassed the seven sons of Jesse and chose instead the shepherd boy whom they had not even invited to the family gathering as the one "after Mine own heart." No mighty warrior but an orphan girl by name of Hadassah did God raise up to save His people in Persia.

The Bible is one long story of how the Lord delights in lifting up the lowly, the little ones, the small in their own sight. Inferior standing, by the world's standards, is to us no cause for complaint, merely the opportunity for a great faith.

John Parcher

**It Was Frank But Not Christian** When the First Lady underwent surgery for cancer last year, the nation admired her determination and courage. Americans with wholesome attitudes toward marriage and family have also approved of her devotion to her husband and to her children. Unlike many American women, she has not, in many respects, shirked her responsibilities as a wife and a mother.

The dismay of many Americans was all the greater, therefore, when the First Lady, last month, lent the prestige of her office to the furtherance of immorality. In a television interview she reiterated her position on abortion, stating that the Supreme Court ruling on abortion was "the best thing in the world." Her casual comments on smoking marijuana revealed a disregard for the law that prohibits its use. She also came down on the side of unchastity. If her daughter had a premarital affair, Mrs. Ford said her concern would be "whether it was a worthwhile encounter." That her daughter would be committing fornication did not seem to disturb her greatly.

Many who approved of Mrs. Ford's attitudes applauded her frankness. Women's groups generally agreed with her. One spokesman expressed a typical reaction: "It is certainly a relief to have a first lady who is courageous enough to speak out on her own opinions." But since when is frankness that promotes immorality a virtue?

Mrs. Ford claims to be a church member and a Christian, but her pronouncements on moral issues reveal, at best, a shallowness and a lack of understanding that are dismaying. Shouldn't a mature Christian know that premarital sex is wrong and that the murder of a child in the womb is wrong, and shouldn't she say so, even if her own daughter might be involved one day?

Morality is deteriorating all around the world. Sexual promiscuity and disregard for law and for unborn life are already so rampant in our country that it ill behooves a woman in a prestigious position to espouse immorality and thereby give further impetus to it. The son or daughter will say, "See, Ma, you're so uptight about it, why don't you be like Mrs. Ford?"

We expected something better from the First Lady, both as a thoughtful citizen and as a professed Christian.

Carleton Toppe

**An Eye On The Product** The larger and more productive a manufacturing company becomes, the more machinery it needs and the more complex its operation grows. Unfortunately, the quality of the product does not necessarily increase in proportion.

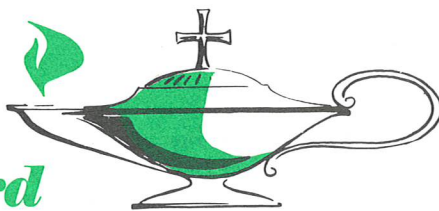
In this respect a growing church body is no different. It cannot return to the simple years of its infancy. As it grows, so must the machinery through which it operates. As recently as 25 years ago, for example, a single Synodical mission board in our Synod — known as the General Mission Board — supervised all mission work of the Synod at home and abroad. Overseas mission work of the Synod was represented on this Board by only one man. Of necessity, the supervisory structure of our Synodical mission endeavors today is vastly more complex, and the amount of machinery required to carry on these endeavors has greatly increased.

As the machinery grows in size and complexity, so does the attention which must be given to it. Along with this comes the temptation to concentrate on the operation of the machinery and to think that it is accomplishing its purpose as long as it whirs smoothly, regardless of what it produces.

We are united in a synod for the purpose of serving lost and condemned creatures with the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ. We need the machinery, and the machinery needs to be oiled. But most of all we need to keep an eye on the product.

Immanuel Frey

## Studies in God's Word



### Let Peace Be Your Umpire

**"Let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful . . . And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him" (Colossians 3:15-17).**

One of the blessings that God bestowed on His Church through the Reformation is that He once more made preaching and expounding of His Word the central feature of our church services. So consistently have we benefited from this Reformation gift that we have almost come to take for granted that in the Sunday service our pastor will read a text from Scripture, explain its doctrinal content, and then show us how this truth applies to us in our everyday life.

Though there is a marked connection between our present Lutheran practice and the Reformation, yet we should note that Luther with his emphasis on the Word did not invent something new. He simply restored the Word to the position that it originally held, a position that Paul, for example, demonstrates in his Epistles. He regularly opens his letters by setting forth the grand message of Christ's suffering and death in the sinner's stead. This he then follows with what has come to be called the "practical section" of the letter in which he applies that saving truth to the life of the reader.

In our second series of *Studies* on St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians we

intend to examine in some detail the "practical" implications of the doctrine which Paul has thus far presented. Recall that Paul's emphasis in the opening chapters of this letter has been on the glory and the greatness of Christ. He is "the Image of the invisible God," the Creator of "all things that are in heaven and that are in earth, visible and invisible." And as such He is also "the Head of the body, the Church."

What does having such an exalted Lord and Savior mean for the individual child of God? Or to put it more directly: With Christ as our head, how are we, His members, to act? Paul answers, "Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus." *Everything* we say or do is to be "in the name of the Lord Jesus." Our relationship to Christ is to control our relationship over against everyone and everything else. Knowing Christ as our Savior affects how we act toward our fellow believer in the Church; how we act toward the unbeliever in the world; how we feel about our employer or our employees. In the home, knowing Christ controls the relationship of husband and wife, of parents and their children.

#### The Heart at Peace

All of these are specific areas about which Paul will be speaking. But is there perhaps a basic guide or a rule of thumb that will be helpful in dealing with all of them? St. Paul offers one when he says, "Let the peace of

God rule in your hearts." In the original, Paul uses a striking verb for what is translated as "rule" in our Bibles. He says, "Let peace *be the umpire* in your heart." We can all imagine what confusion would arise at an athletic contest if there were no umpire or referee to control the game. So too the child of God may find many divergent claims being made on him by his family, his work, his church. A conflict of interests might well result if there were no arbiter. Hence Paul counsels, "Let peace be the decider of those issues." But not just any kind of peace will do! It is to be the "peace of God," that peace which has come to the believer because he is a child of God. It is a peace that is his because he is sure of the forgiveness of sin. It is a peace that rests on the confidence that his Creator and Savior-God has not only brought him into being but is still preserving him and controlling all things for his benefit. Such a believing heart can let peace be the "umpire" in his every dealing with his fellow men.

#### The Grateful Heart

And then Paul adds yet another factor conducive to peace. It might at first glance seem to be only an afterthought on Paul's part, if it were not for the fact that five times in this short epistle Paul speaks of gratitude. Here he adds, "And be ye thankful." Nothing makes us quite so patient of our fellow men as to realize how patient God has been with us. Though we have time and again spurned His love, yet daily His grace comes to us in Word and Sacrament. Bountifully He showers upon us food and drink, health, talents to use for His glory, family and friends, material goods in abundance. Gratitude for these blessings cannot but affect our relationship to those around us. The heart that is truly grateful to God will not be grasping in its dealings with others. Well might we all make our own the attitude displayed by George Herbert, the seventeenth-century English poet and divine to whom is attributed the prayer: "Lord, Thou hast given so much to me, give one thing more — a grateful heart."

Armin J. Panning



The Convention was hosted by Northwestern College. The dormitory in the foreground is the new Wittenberg Hall.

## *A Celebration of God's Grace*

### The Forty-third Biennial Convention

The 390,000 members of the 1,037 congregations belonging to the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod — by the close of the convention grown to 1,049 congregations — were represented at the 43rd Biennial Convention by 271 voting and 130 advisory delegates, a total of 401. The convention met on the campus of Northwestern College and Northwestern Preparatory School, Watertown, Wisconsin, from Wednesday to Wednesday, August 6-13, 1975.

The convention quite naturally spent a great deal of time contemplating the past — our 125 years of history were a recurrent theme in sermons, essays, and resolutions — but an even larger amount of time preparing for the future, both the immediate and the more distant. In a secular world, where people for the

most part are concerned only about getting the most out of the present, the actions of this convention might indeed seem to be an exercise in futility. Not so. GRACE, the key word of the convention, made this impossible. People concerned with the GRACE of God, with His unmerited love and mercy to mankind, can learn from the past and properly prepare for the future. Without that GRACE we of the Wisconsin Synod would have had no past to appreciate. Without that GRACE we would have no future to challenge us. God's GRACE made us what we are; it alone can motivate us to carry out His good and gracious will in the days ahead.

GRACE was the theme of the opening service conducted at St. Mark's Ev. Lutheran Church at 10:00

A.M. Wednesday, August 6. It also set the tone for the closing service at Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church on the following Tuesday evening. Speaker for the opening service was Prof. Irvin J. Habeck, Professor of New Testament and Homiletics at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, Wisconsin. Pastor Karl F. Krauss of Emanuel Ev. Lutheran Church, Lansing, Michigan, preached for the closing service. Both men formerly served the Synod as vice-presidents.

Professor Habeck used Paul's word in II Corinthians 12:9 as his sermon text, pointing out that God's GRACE is sufficient for us since His strength is made perfect in our weakness. He proceeded to show how in the 125 years of our Synod's history in spite of our weakness God's GRACE made ours a confessional church body, pre-

served it in times of stress, developed in it a functional and efficient worker-training system, an ever expanding mission program, both at home and abroad, and has supplied growth to our Synod at a time when other churches have ceased to grow. Just as God's GRACE has been the story of our Synod in the past, Professor Haebeck stated, so it is also our comfort for the future.

Pastor Krauss' text was Psalm 119:41-48. "We have existed as a Synod for 125 years, and during that time we have enjoyed untold blessings of God's GRACE. Shall these continue?" he asked. "It certainly must be the desire of every one of us that our Wisconsin Synod endure and flourish," he continued. "It will do so, if we cling to the three divine gifts which our gracious Lord has placed into our hands. These are: the Shield of Grace, the Sword of the



NWC Chapel

Spirit, and the Staff of Obedience."

All sessions of the Synod were conducted within the framework of worship. Matins were conducted in the college chapel every morning, and all other meetings were opened with a devotion and closed with prayer. Pastors who served the convention as chaplains, all of them extolling God's GRACE, were Larry C. Cross, Robert W. Schlicht, Iver C. Johnson, Joel W. Prange, Roland F. Zimmermann, and David E. Kock. Presiding at the organ were Dr. Arnold Lehmann, Teachers Allen Krause, John Jenswold, and Jerome Kieselhorst, and Professors Arlyn Boll, William Birsching, and Franklin Zabell.

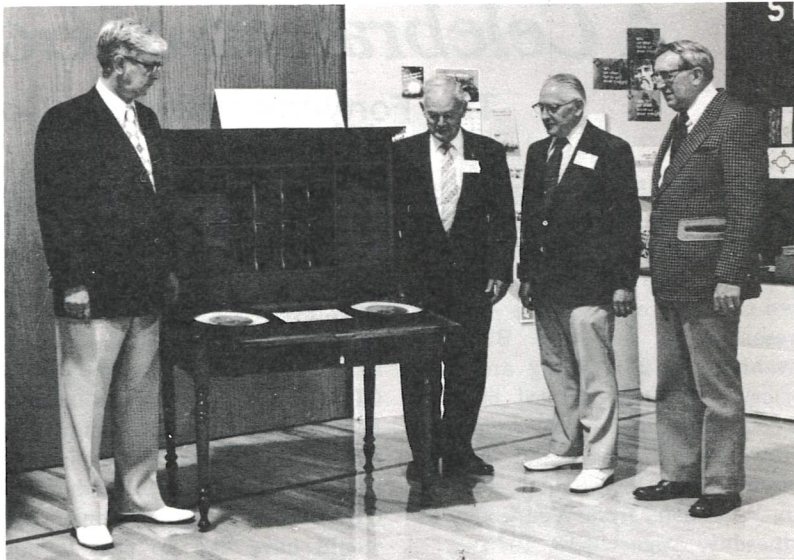
Concern for the truth of God's Word and concern for sharing the GRACE of God with others was the dominant spirit of the convention. We celebrated with joy and gratitude.

## The Past Was Present

President Oscar J. Naumann opened the sessions on a historic note. Taking his gavel, he rapped for attention on a walnut desk once belonging to the first president of the Wisconsin Synod, Pastor John Muehlhaeuser.

The desk was recently presented to the Synod by the late Pastor Carl Goette and his wife Marie. Pastor Goette was a grandson of Pastor Muehlhaeuser. Together with a pair of delicate, lace clerical bands (*Beffchen*) and pictures of Pastor and Mrs. Muehlhaeuser, the desk will be placed on permanent display in the library of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary.

Present among the voting delegates was Mr. Alvin Goelzer, representing St. John's Congregation, Oakwood Road, Oak Creek, Wisconsin. He is the great grandson of Mr. Daniel Goelzer, who built the log cabin in which the first services of St. John's Church were conducted. St. John's is one of the founding congregations of the Wisconsin Synod.



Vice-President Mischke, Secretary Vogel, President Naumann, and Vice-President Boldt examining the Johannes Muehlhaeuser desk.

Mr. Ehrenfried Seebach, a member of St. John's who was instrumental in persuading the German mission societies to send our Synod its very first pastors more than 125 years ago, was

likewise represented at this anniversary convention by a great grandson. He is Pastor Norman Berg, executive secretary of the Synod's General Board for Home Missions.

## The Grace Bestowed on Us

President Naumann in his report to the convention extolled the GRACE of God. He stated: "Looking back over 125 years today, we are again made aware of two great facts: one is the reality of our own weaknesses, shortcomings, transgressions, and opportunities for service lost; the other is the amazing GRACE and merciful kindness of the Lord, our Triune God, whose chief concern it is, and always has been, that all men should be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth.

"The history of our founding fathers and their early congregations," President Naumann continued, "gives evidence of a lack of confessional unity. Protestants they were, but not a closely united body of con-

fessional Lutherans. But despite this fact, the God of GRACE and mercy brought our fathers and us to the knowledge of His truth. Whereas demands for the toleration of two theologies were consistently made in the beginning years, . . . our gracious God led these congregations into His Word, into a more careful study of His holy Scriptures . . . .

"The awareness of this truth led our Synod's 125th Jubilee Committee to choose one word for the theme of our anniversary observance and our 1975 Synod convention. That word is GRACE."

Looking to the future, he added, "Our prayer for the future must then be: 'O Lord, our loving and gracious God, Thou hast made us and hast

called us to be Thine own. Thou hast taught us to know Thy truth and hast kept us in the confession of that truth. . . . Keep us ever humbly aware of Thy GRACE and mercy and of the glorious ministry to which Thou hast called us. Lead us to tell not only our children, but all whom we can reach on this earth, what great things Thou hast done for us. . . . Lead us to speak Thy Word gladly, Thy Word concerning sin and guilt, and Thy Word of forgiveness and pardon. In Jesus' name we ask it. Amen.'"

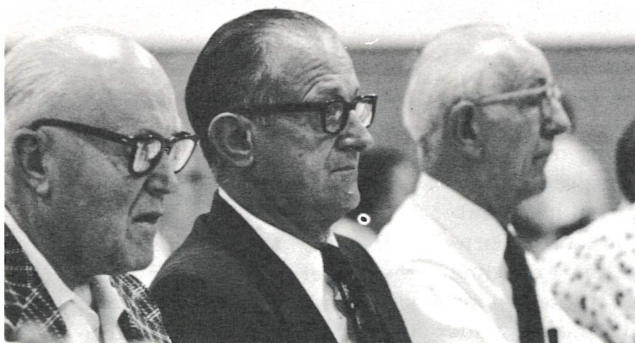
The other items touched on in Pastor Naumann's report generated a great deal of the business of the convention.

The very first set of resolutions — after the passage of the convention housekeeping resolutions — set the tone of appreciation for the GRACE of God and a determination to share it with others as long as the Lord opens the doors. We quote: "Be it resolved, that it be our prayer that God would keep us ever humbly aware of His GRACE and mercy; and be it further resolved, that we by God's GRACE continue to support our training schools; and be it finally resolved, that God would fill us with gratitude and zeal to share His Word of GRACE with our fellow men throughout the world." That says it all.

### Three Essays on The Grace of God

Three informative and heartening essays magnifying the GRACE of God were heard by the convention. Pastor Victor H. Prange of Peace Lutheran Church, Janesville, Wisconsin, addressed the assembly on "By GRACE: God's People." Prof. Edward C. Fredrich of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Mequon, Wisconsin, developed the theme: "By GRACE: Confessional in Doctrine." A related topic, "By GRACE: Confessional in Practice," was presented by Prof. Armin W. Schuetze, also of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary.

These essays, printed in booklet form, will be available to our members. One copy will also be distributed with each copy of the *Proceedings*.



Center:  
Mr. Alvin Goelzer,  
great-grandson  
of pioneer  
Daniel Goelzer.

Pastor Norman Berg, Executive Secretary of Home Missions, great-grandson of Mr. Ehrenfried Seebach.



Thus, 125 years later, the love for the Gospel exhibited by these early pioneer members of our Synod lives

on in the lives of people among us. Certainly another indication of God's abiding GRACE!

## Elections

Elections began on Wednesday afternoon, beginning with a nominating ballot for the office of president, and concluded on the following Monday evening with a run-off ballot for the pastor member of the Board for Parish Education. In all, 47 positions needed to be filled. In most cases the incumbents were reelected to their positions of trust and responsibility.

The four top officers of the Synod, the president, two vice-presidents, and the secretary, were returned to office. Pastor Oscar J. Naumann was elected to his twelfth two-year term as president. Pastor Naumann, who this year observed the 40th anniversary of his ordination, has been president of the Synod since 1953. Reelected as vice-presidents were Pastor Carl H. Mischke of Juneau, Wiscon-



Presiding at one of the twelve sessions.

sin, and Pastor George W. Boldt of Morton Grove, Illinois. Both of these offices are part-time. The office of president has been full-time since 1959. Reelected as secretary was Prof. Heinrich J. Vogel, Professor of Old Testament and Systematic The-

ology at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary.

President Naumann, Vice-Presidents Mischke and Boldt, and Secretary Vogel were inducted into office in the Synod's closing service on Tuesday evening.

## Grace for Friends and Neighbors

Included in the Division of Home Missions is the General Board for Home Missions, which coordinates the work of the District Mission Boards; the Special Ministries Board, which has many subdivisions; and the Commission on Evangelism.

### General Board for Home Missions

Through its District boards, the General Board for Home Missions at present supervises some 244 mission congregations. During the past biennium, 25 mission congregations reached "fiscal self-support," 41 new missions were opened. Thirty exploratory fields are presently being tested and requests have come from some 40 other areas.

In his written report, Pastor Daniel M. Gieschen, chairman of the board, stated: "God be praised and thanked that for 125 years He has used our Synod to show the exceeding riches of His GRACE also through our home mission program. He is still allowing our Synod to be active in serving peo-

ple in new areas of our land with the Gospel of Jesus Christ in a time in which an ever increasing number of church bodies are neglecting this great commission. . . . God has granted us missionaries who have a burning passion to show the exceeding riches of His GRACE. In the last six years 140 candidates (Seminary graduates) have been assigned to work in home mission congregations." It is not surprising to note that our Synod today is represented in 45 states, three provinces of Canada, and Antigua.

### Church Extension Fund

Speaking of the great importance of the Church Extension Fund, he pointed out: "The following needs are indicated for the next four years: 77 church sites, 90 parsonages, and 88 chapels." By midyear 1975, church extension investments amounted to \$24,500,000, of which \$10,500,000 was in borrowed money, 70% of which was borrowed from WELS members. It is clear that many of our

members put their savings where their heart is.

### Colonial Mission District

Heeding the recommendation of the General Board for Home Missions and responding to a memorial from the Colonial Conference of the Michigan District, the convention authorized the Colonial Conference to organize as a Mission District, thus joining the three other Mission Districts in the Synod: the California Mission District, the Colorado Mission District, and the Texas Mission District. Basic reasons for approving the action were the distance separating the Michigan Board from the Colonial Conference and the advantage accruing to the missionaries and the program of mission expansion in having the mission board within the conference itself. The Colonial Conference presently has 17 mission fields together with five self-supporting congregations and one preaching station.



## St. John's, Antigua

With the decision of the Federation for Authentic Lutheranism to merge with the Wisconsin Synod, Home Missions was given an additional assignment: the full administrative responsibility for St. John's Ev. Lutheran Mission and Christian Day School, Antigua, West Indies. Responsibility for Antigua was given to the Home Board rather than to the World Board because St. John's Mission, although outside the United States, is "definitely Western in culture and uses the English language exclusively." The interests and needs of the staff are also more closely related to those of the Synod's stateside personnel. Immediate supervision of the mission was assigned to the South Atlantic District.

### The Special Ministries Board



Another department in the Division of Home Mission is the Special Ministries Board. This board supervises a growing area of our Synod's work, and you can expect to hear a great deal more concerning its activities in future conventions. At present, it is functioning in six different areas: military services, special education, student services, service to the visually handicapped, the aging, and the institutional ministries. Its office also has charge of the Synod's "Soul Conservation" program.

The Synod by resolution concurred in the aims and objectives recently adopted by the Special Ministries Board. We quote: "The continuing purpose of this board is to assist WELS and/or its churches or agencies by meeting the spiritual needs of those who are not served by the normal programs of our existing churches and schools.

"Its continuing objectives are to provide a program of service which is designed to meet the spiritual needs of those who are away from home, to develop programs of service to those who have special spiritual needs as a result of being handicapped, to devel-



Pastor Don E. Burch  
St. John's, Antigua,  
West Indies

op programs of service to meet the needs of those who are living in institutions, and to continue to study the needs for an expanded specialized ministry."

In order to make it possible for the Board to meet its responsibilities, the Synod enlarged its membership from seven to nine. A resolution was also passed that each of the Ten Districts of the Synod, if it saw fit, establish a District Special Ministries Board.

### Chaplain E. Renz

Of great interest to the delegates and to the more than 800 guests on Laity Day was the presence of Civilian Chaplain and Mrs. E. Renz. Chaplain Renz, in addressing the convention, noted that he had been active in Europe for the last 2 1/2 years. His parish stretches from Turkey to the British Isles and from

Sweden to northern Africa, centering in Germany. It has been his privilege to commune almost 1,100 WELS members in Europe, to baptize 22, and to confirm six. He also conducts church services on a regular basis at a number of stations in Germany. Since Pastor Renz is our only chaplain in Europe, we can well understand his tribute to the support given him by his wife and his plea that the number of civilian chaplains be increased.

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### Evangelism — "Good News"

One of the more recent commissions in the Synod's structure, the Commission on Evangelism, is deeply concerned about the training of WELS lay people in the art of sharing the good news of Jesus Christ and His GRACE with their neighbors and acquaintances. During the past two years the Commission has conducted a number of workshop-seminars for pastors, recognizing that the pastors are the key men in training their parishioners in the use of the TAS method for witnessing. It has also acquainted the Seminary seniors with all that is involved. Its plea for a full-time evangelism coordinator, however, was turned down.

## GREETINGS

During the course of the convention, greetings were received from the following:

- The Lutheran Church of Central Africa
- The Evangelical Lutheran Synod
- The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of France and Belgium
- Christ the King Lutheran Church, Bell Gardens, California
- The Chinese Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hong Kong
- The Confessional Lutheran Church in Sweden
- The Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Church in Mexico

## Grace for the Ends of the World

For the German mission societies of 125 years ago, we in the United States represented World Missions. Today we are the home base, and it is our privilege to carry the Gospel of the GRACE of God to areas on five continents. To a very great extent, the Lord has opened these doors for us during the last 25 years of our history.

The Board for World Missions is organized in a way different from that of the Home Mission Board. This is understandable, since the problems encountered in each of the world fields are unique. That's why each of the world fields is supervised by an Executive Committee. The parent board, however, coordinates the work, decides on principles and policies, and investigates new fields.

One of the policies advocated by the World Mission Board and carried out by its Executive Committees is the matter of thorough indoctrination to prepare the nationals to take over the work of bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to their own people. The World Board is deeply concerned about building indigenous churches and providing them with a solid Lutheran foundation, that is, building them upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone. This explains the establishment of Bible Institutes and Seminaries on almost all of the world fields.

### Central Africa

This policy has been eminently successful in Central Africa, in our missions in Malawi and Zambia. Graduates of the Seminary at Lusaka and trained evangelists, assisted and supervised by our expatriate missionaries, take care of 88 congregations and preaching places. The Lutheran Church in Central Africa lists 4,142 baptized members, of whom 1,961 are communicants. In all, it has 5,000 souls under its care. Some 270 are presently in baptism classes and 210 in confirmation classes. During the

past biennium, 166 adults and 400 children were baptized and 255 adults and 49 children confirmed. Both the Bible Institute and Seminary are in flourishing condition.

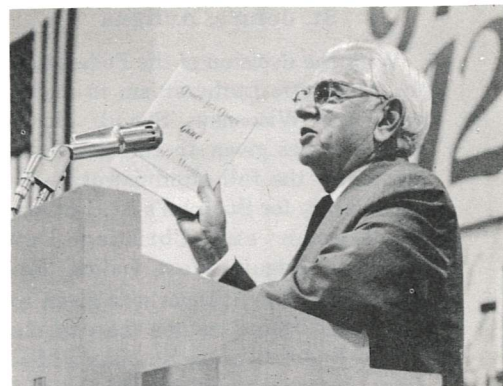
Representing the Church of Central Africa at the convention were Missionaries Don Fastenau and Charles Found. Also present, but now representing two congregations in Colorado, was the former director of the Lutheran Press in Africa, Mr. Elmer Schneider.

### The Apache Mission

The fruits of patient and faithful mission work in Apacheland are becoming ever more evident, as the Apache people are taking more and more of an active role in the affairs of their congregations and schools. The mission today has 12 congregations, four Christian day schools, and one Lutheran high school. The membership numbers 2,996, of whom 1,138 are communicants. The convention also commended the work of the East Fork Nursery, which is not supported from the Synod's treasury. It urged our members to continue their support of this work of Christian charity.

### Japan

The story of our mission in Japan is one of slow, but steady growth. Incorporated as a religious organization in 1963, the Lutheran Evangelical Christian Church in Japan dates back to 1959. Today it preaches the Word on nine locations, of which three are organized congregations. Attending the convention was Missionary Richard Poetter, who has been active in Japan for 25 years, and Prof. Harold Johnne of the Seminary, who reminded us that 100 years from now the Japanese mission would be as old as the Wisconsin Synod is now. Speaking of the relationship of the Wisconsin Synod to the Lutheran Evangelical Christian Church, both missionaries assured us: You have been a good mother to us! We on our part do well always to remember that the Gospel is ours to share; it is not private property.



Pastor Edgar Hoenecke  
Executive Secretary for World Missions



Pastor and Mrs. Julius Wille,  
Clatonia, Nebraska, will soon  
leave for Central Africa.

### The Latin American Missions

Work among the Spanish speaking in the States, in Mexico, in Puerto Rico, and in Colombia has been blessed beyond our fondest dreams. The work in Colombia has outdistanced all former projections by some three years. It was therefore not difficult to understand that a fourth man was authorized for Colombia in addition to a third man for Puerto Rico, and an additional missionary for Mexico. Missionary Sprain of Colombia addressed both the convention and those attending Laity Day.

### Southeast Asian Missions

Work in India, Indonesia (two stations), and Taiwan (three congregations) is progressing slowly, particularly because of the lack of manpower. These areas are supervised out of Hong Kong by our Friendly Coun-

selor, Missionary John Chworowsky.

The Chinese Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hong Kong had its special day during the convention on Laity Day afternoon, when Pastor Gary Schroeder was commissioned as missionary to Hong Kong and Teachers Paul and Janine Swain were consecrated for work in Immanuel English Middle School. Our mission in Hong Kong has three congregations: Grace, Immanuel, and St. Paul. National pastors and vicars serve each of these congregations.

Preaching for the service of installation was Pastor Kurt Koeplin of the Executive Committee for Southeast Asian Missions. The rites of installation were read by Pastor Leonard J. Koeninger, chairman of the committee. Assisting at the installation was Mr. J. L. Lynch, president of St. Philip Congregation, Milwaukee, the congregation of which Pastor Schroeder was the shepherd before accepting the call to Hong Kong.

Highlight of the service was the singing of the St. Philip Junior Choir.

### Two Appeals — Nigeria and Cameroon

Acting on the appeal addressed to our Synod by Christ the King Lutheran Church of Nigeria under the leadership of Pastor E. U. Eshiett, the convention asked the Board for World Missions to arrange for a visitation of the Nigerian field and to report back to the 1977 convention. A previous attempt to visit the field could not be carried out because of uncertain conditions in Nigeria. Support for Christ the King Lutheran Church in the meantime will come from special funds administered by the Synod president.

In replying to the appeal of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the United Republic of Cameroon, an appeal first voiced in 1970, the convention was convinced that failure to act now could jeopardize the existence of

the Lutheran witness there. To supply this church with guidance and thorough doctrinal training, two pastors are to be called as resident missionaries and the Conference of Presidents, the Coordinating Council, and the Board of Trustees were instructed to seek the necessary funding.

The convention's reaction to both of these special appeals was on the order of an expression of gratitude to God for 125 years of GRACE bestowed on us.

Convention actions on Sweden and Germany will be reported elsewhere.

**"Ye shall be witnesses  
unto Me  
both in Jerusalem, and  
in all Judea,  
and in Samaria, and  
unto the uttermost  
part of the earth."  
Acts 1:8**

### Some WELS Missionaries Present from World Fields



Don W. Fastenau  
Lusaka, Zambia, Africa



Lyle F. Sonntag  
Bylas, Arizona, Apacheland



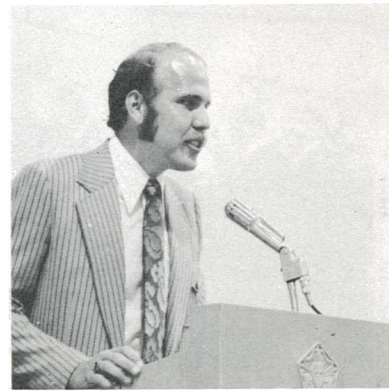
Harold R. Johne  
Tsuchiura City, Japan



Richard A. Poetter  
Mito City, Japan



Roger J. Sprain  
Medellin, Colombia



Howard Festerling  
Hong Kong and Mequon

## ON THE WAY TO HONG KONG

### Pastor Gary Schroeder

Pastor Gary V. Schroeder was born in Caledonia, Minnesota, on July 19, 1940. He is a 1962 graduate of Northwestern College. In 1966 he graduated from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary.

His first assignment was that of graduate tutor at Northwestern. On July 28, 1968, he was ordained and installed as pastor of St. Philip Congregation, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he served until answering the call to foreign service.

On July 6, 1968, he was married to Carol L. Martens of Egg Harbor, Wisconsin. They have four children: Brian, Jodie, Joshua, and Kari.

God bless you in your new field of labor in Hong Kong!



### Paul and Janine Swain

Paul R. Swain was born in Phoenix, Arizona, on July 30, 1947. He is a graduate of Northwestern Prep and of DMLC, and has his "Masters" from Michigan State Uni-

versity, East Lansing, Michigan.

The former Janine Vasold was born in Saginaw, Michigan, on August 22, 1949. She attended Michigan Lutheran Seminary and graduated from DMLC. She earned her

"Masters" at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse.

Janine and Paul were married on July 14, 1973, and have both taught at Mobridge.

The Lord attend you!



Commissioning of Missionary Schroeder.



St. Philip Junior Choir

## Training Messengers of Grace

### Teaching the Generation to Come

In Romans 10 the Apostle Paul wrote: "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent?" To this we add: And how shall they preach and teach unless they are taught?

The answer in Paul's day was simpler than in ours. He and the other Apostles simply gathered disciples around themselves and instructed them. Our answer is our system of worker-training schools: Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Northwestern College, Dr. Martin Luther College, Northwestern Preparatory School, Martin Luther Academy, Michigan Lutheran Seminary, and Northwestern Lutheran Academy. These schools are flourishing, and they are familiar to most of our readers. What we must not forget, however, is that it still is the home — your home and mine — that must provide the young people for the teaching and preaching ministries.

The convention heard reports on all of these worker-training institutions and passed a number of significant resolutions, some of which were hotly debated. The debate was good, for it demonstrated that the members of our Synod are deeply concerned that our worker-training schools may never embark on paths that could lead them away from the truth as it is in Christ and from the Scripture.

#### Graduate Degrees

Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary was authorized to grant the degrees of Master of Sacred Theology and Master of Arts in Religion. These will be given for graduate work done during the summer quarters. Wisconsin Lu-

theran Seminary is not presently accredited with any accrediting association, nor does it intend to seek accreditation. The degrees simply testify to the work accomplished and inform the outsider that our Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary is not a Bible college, but a seminary in every sense of the word.

#### Accreditation — NWC

Hotly debated was the request by *Northwestern College* to explore accreditation. It was reported by the college that the University of Wisconsin System is requiring all unaccredited colleges in Wisconsin to become candidates for accreditation with the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools by September 1976 if credit transfer is to continue to be valid on the undergraduate level. Furthermore, until accreditation has been explored with North Central, any alternate route to acceptance of Northwestern's undergraduate credits by the University system will also remain closed. After lengthy discussion, resolutions were finally passed to the effect "that the faculty and the board of control of Northwestern College and the Commission on Higher Education actively explore with North Central what is necessary regarding accreditation, and report such findings to the District conventions and the Synod convention." A second resolution asked "that such exploration cease if the college finds any conflict with the Synod's scriptural principles or philosophy of education, or if the college finds any conflict with its purpose and program."

#### Synodical Academies

*Northwestern Preparatory School*, which shares the same campus with Northwestern College at Watertown, Wisconsin, was urged by the conven-

tion to make a fuller utilization of its original dual-purpose program. It will therefore become a training school for both pastor students and teacher students. Undoubtedly the number of young women on campus will increase over the next years.

It was decided to retain the extra acreage the Synod owns at *Dr. Martin Luther College* in New Ulm, Minnesota, so that it might be available if and when a second campus would be erected to accommodate *Martin Luther Academy*. MLA presently shares the DMLC campus.

*Northwestern Lutheran Academy* at Moberg reported that it had finished its Master Plan calling for a new athletic facility and an addition to and remodeling of the academic and administration building at a cost of \$1,350,000 and for the building of two 50-unit dormitories at a cost of \$650,000. The Commission on Higher Education was urged to give special consideration to carrying out this program according to schedule. The first phase is scheduled for 1977-78 and the second for 1979-80.

It is hoped that the new dormitory complex at *Michigan Lutheran Seminary*, Saginaw, will be ready for occupancy at the beginning of the second semester of the 1975-76 school year.

#### The Board for Parish Education

Christian day schools, Sunday schools, and part-time educational facilities are the responsibility of the Synod's Board for Parish Education. In reporting on its activities, it stated that this fall 16 new Christian day schools are opening their doors as well as one new area Lutheran high school.

In order to meet the demand for more Christ-oriented courses, books, and teaching materials for use by all educational agencies in our congregations, the convention authorized the Board to call a secretary of publications to plan, edit, write, and promote such educational materials. He will be added to the present staff of three.

#### "Equal Pay for Equal Work"

Related to the work of Christian education was a resolution which received more publicity in the press than any other single action of the

convention. This was the resolution on "equal pay for equal work."

In a convention news release Pastor James P. Schaefer, Director of Public Relations, stated: "The convention adopted the resolution only after being assured by the committee proposing the salary schedule that 'it did not concede that the U.S. Department of Labor had jurisdiction in determining or regulating the salaries paid by religious bodies to their called ministry.'

"In February of 1974 the Department of Labor had written to the Rev. Oscar J. Naumann, president of the Synod, that an 'investigation report involving certain Wisconsin Synod schools discloses apparent violations of the Fair Labor Standards Acts.'

"Specifically, the Synod was charged with apparent discrimination against its female teachers in its

### Equal Pay for Equal Work

WHEREAS, An equitable salary schedule is being proposed for synodically supported schools, and in schools in synodically supported congregations; and

WHEREAS, The Equal Pay Committee has assured the Synod that it did not concede that the U.S. Department of Labor had jurisdiction in determining or regulating the salaries paid by religious bodies to their called ministry (cf. BoRaM, p. 140; and letter of Equal Pay Committee, dated May 13, 1975, to all pastors and principals, page 2); and

WHEREAS, There is nothing in Holy Scripture that militates against the principle of equal pay for equal work; therefore be it

Resolved, That we concur in the application of the principle of equal pay for equal work in the proposed salary schedule for synodically supported schools, and for schools in synodically supported congregations.

Adopted on August 11, 1975.

Christian day schools by not giving them 'equal pay for equal work.'

"The alleged violations occurred most frequently in the area of hous-

ing allowance. The new salary schedule provides that housing is to be provided for all teachers 'according to family needs without regard to sex.'"

## The Hand of Fellowship

Undoubtedly the highlight of the 125th anniversary convention was the resolution to declare full fellowship with the *Lutheran Confessional Church in Sweden*.

### Sweden

Representing his church body at the convention was Dr. Seth Erlandsson of Uppsala, Sweden. When the resolution was passed that "the WELS declare itself to be in fellowship with the LCCS," Pastor Naumann extended the hand of fellowship to Dr. Erlandsson as a symbolic expression of the spiritual unity existing between our two church bodies. It was a highly emotional moment when assembled delegates and guests rose to sing the Doxology. Dr. Erlandsson in responding stated, "It is a joy to be in complete agreement in doctrine and practice with you. Your help has meant much to us in our struggle for the truth in a state-church country." He was asked to convey the convention's greetings to their church body which was



President Oscar J. Naumann giving Dr. Seth Erlandsson of the Lutheran Confessional Church in Sweden the hand of fellowship and love.

scheduled to meet immediately after our own convention. Our Wisconsin

Synod was represented in Sweden by Dr. S. Becker.

### Federation for Authentic Lutheranism

Also received into fellowship with our Synod were five congregations of the *Federation for Authentic Lutheranism* (FAL) and six of its pastors. Two other FAL congregations have joined the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, and four are remaining independent for the time being.

Though the history of FAL was a brief one — 1971-1975 — yet it was an honorable one. During these years it gave staunch confessional testimony, brought together those of like mind, and established a mission in Antigua. As previously reported, this mission will be under the guidance of the South Atlantic District.

### Evangelical Lutheran Synod

Our sister synod, the *Evangelical Lutheran Synod*, was represented at the convention by quite a number of its pastors. Bringing greetings to the convention, President George Orvick of Madison, Wisconsin, referred to the convention motto and said: "GRACE says it all. GRACE gives all glory to God for our election, justification, conversion, and sanctification. The Evangelical Lutheran Synod together with the brethren of



Pastor Eugene P. Kauffeld  
of St. John's, Watertown,  
Wisconsin, formerly FAL.

the Wisconsin Synod has nothing to glory in except GRACE unmerited. We stand together with you on the same platform, confessing the same Scripture. As you celebrate the 125th anniversary of your history we say with you, 'Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy name give glory, for Thy mercy, and for Thy truth's sake.' "

Since the breakup of the Synodical Conference our two synods have consulted regularly with one another through the tool of the Evangelical Lutheran Forum. The convention, however, also requested the Commission on Inter-Church Relations to meet with the Doctrinal Commission of the ELS, as soon as feasible, to study the matter of *status confessionis*, which became a matter of discussion in the FAL during the last year of its existence as a separate church body.

Reports on The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, the Lutheran Churches of the Reformation, the Church of the Evangelical Lutheran Confession in Germany, and the Independent Ev. Lutheran Church (SELK) struck a less than happy note.

### LCR

The convention recognized that no satisfactory basis for renewing doctrinal discussions had as yet been established with the *Lutheran Churches of the Reformation*. It urged the Commission on Inter-Church Relations to pursue such a discussion if a satisfactory basis were to develop.

### Germany

The Commission on Inter-Church Relations reported that despite the agreement which had been arrived at in Mequon in July, 1973, between the members of the Commission and the representatives of the *Independent Evangelical Lutheran Church (SELK) in Germany*, subsequent actions by SELK revealed that its formal endorsement of the Mequon agreement did not really uphold the Scriptural premise that full consensus in doctrine and practice is necessary for the exercise of church fellowship. For this reason the Synod refused to declare itself in fellowship with the SELK and instead encouraged the Commission to continue to give clear testimony on our Biblical position, with the prayer that the Holy Spirit would bless this testimony.

Most deeply regretted by all was the action taken by *The Church of the Evangelical Lutheran Confession in Germany*, which our Synod had nurtured financially and spiritually from its very beginnings in Poland back in 1924. Its action in unilaterally and prematurely declaring fellowship and organic union with the SELK, with which we are not in fellowship, has now disrupted the fellowship between mother and daughter. The convention decided that it would nevertheless be in accord with Christian love to continue financial assistance to the CELC until December 31, 1975, to subsidize the part of the church living in the German Democratic Republic (East Germany) until the situation is clarified, and to give support to retired pastors and widows of pastors until December 31, 1980, when the SELK indicated it would be prepared to take over this obligation.

### LC-MS

A supplementary report dealing with the Anaheim convention of *The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod* noted that though the Missouri Synod had not retreated from its stand in New Orleans, it had sought to deal with the so-called "Moderates" in its midst not on the basis of Scripture, but on the basis of the Synod's constitution and bylaws. This of course made it impossible for



ELS President George Orvick and  
WELS President Oscar J. Naumann.

Missouri to come to any clearcut solution to the doctrinal disagreements troubling it. Since the convention also did not cancel the unscriptural fellowship with the ALC and the LCUSA, it is clear that that

which divided us back in 1961 still remains as a barrier. Since the doctrine of the Word and the doctrine of church fellowship are interlocking issues, a Scriptural position on both issues must be maintained if a church

body is to uphold a true confessional position. It is our hope and prayer that Missouri may still win its confessional battle. Until such a time we cannot extend the hand of fellowship to it.

## Concern for the Truth

### Catechism Translation

A deep concern for retaining the truth of God's Word in all its aspects was evident in very many of the resolutions adopted by the Synod. Thus, the new translation of the text of *Luther's Small Catechism*, submitted by the Catechism Revision Committee and printed in the *Book of Reports and Memorials*, evoked a great deal of discussion pro and con. The convention thought it best to refer the revision back to the Districts, conferences, and congregations for further study. To be sure, all of us want to be as certain as possible that any new translation of the Catechism will teach our children God's Word in its truth and purity.

### Bible Translation

Equal concern was called forth by resolutions concerning the *New International Version* of the Bible. Among the reasons why the Synod re-

frained from giving official endorsement to the NIV at this time was the fact that the Old Testament is not as yet available. However, the convention did permit studies necessary for the planning of liturgical, catechetical, and educational materials using the NIV translation, should it be found acceptable.

The results of a survey undertaken by the Commission on Christian Literature and distributed at the convention showed that most of the readers involved preferred the NIV over the King James Version when asked to answer questions such as these: "Which version was the easiest to understand? Which made you want to read more? Which would you prefer in a church service? Which would you prefer for memorization?" The NIV may well be the one which will serve the church as a reliable new English translation. We eagerly await the publication of the NIV Old Testament.

### Privileged Communications

Concern about the truth from a different aspect is evident in the resolution adopted by the convention on the matter of *privileged communications*. It was realized that, living in times such as they are, our pastors might well find themselves in difficulty unless our long-held position were documented. It was resolved that the following statements be added to the proper section of the Synod's Bylaws: "(a) Pastors of the Synod in their professional capacity are expected to hear privileged communication. (b) Members of their congregations are invited to communicate with their pastors in a confidential manner to make confession, to seek spiritual counsel or comfort, or to enlist help in connection with family problems. (c) Enjoined by the Holy Scriptures and supported by competent legal opinion, the pastors of the Synod are expected to keep such privileged communications in complete confidence." This should go far toward preserving the confidentiality in the clergyman-counselee relationship inviolate.

## Budgeting God's Grace

Without a dissenting vote the convention adopted the budget proposed by the Coordinating Council. Financing the work of the Lord through our Wisconsin Synod will require \$7,699,026 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1976, and offerings of \$8,269,778 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1977.

Added to this must be funds sufficient to support the new mission fields authorized by the convention, the mission on Antigua, West Indies, and the mission in West Cameroon, Africa.

With its vote the convention directed the Coordinating Council and the Board of Trustees to imple-

ment the adopted work program. They in turn look to you, the children of God in the Wisconsin Synod. Surely, our gratitude for 125 years of God's GRACE will motivate us to support the work the Lord has called upon us to do.

We conclude with the final prayer of the convention, spoken by Pastor David Kock of Rhinelander, Wisconsin:

Heavenly Father, once more we come before Thee with heartfelt praise and thanks for all the measures of GRACE bestowed upon us in the past 125 years of our Synod's history and through-

out the days of this anniversary convention. Go with us now with Thy abiding GRACE so that we may meet all our challenges and opportunities with readiness to serve Thee for the exaltation of Thy name everywhere. Continue to bless us with true faith in Thy Son, Jesus Christ; with lasting commitment to Thy truth; with assurance and comfort that our Lord is soon coming to take us unto Himself in His heavenly mansions. While we wait for that GRACE, guide and protect us. Keep us as Thy children, as faithful workers in Thy vineyard, and as faithful stewards of Thy GRACE. Keep our Synod, all its pastors, teachers, and members in Thy GRACE, now and forever. In Jesus' name. Amen.



# MY TIMES ARE IN THY HAND!

## Part II: Abortion-on-Demand — Legal, but not Moral

The dismal story of the liberalization of abortion laws in the United States is a recent one. Up to 1967, only four American jurisdictions permitted abortions on grounds other than to save the mother's life. Colorado, New Mexico, Alabama, and the District of Columbia, the four that had more liberal laws, allowed abortion only if the physical health of the mother was at stake.

After 1967, abortion laws began to change and each change liberalized the statutes more and more. The most sweeping change came in January, 1973, when the U.S. Supreme Court in a seven-to-two decision declared anti-abortion laws unconstitutional. The High Court in effect ruled that "every woman in the U.S. now has the same right to an abortion during the first six months of pregnancy as she has to any other minor surgery" (*Christianity Applied*, November 1974, p. 18). Six of his fellow Justices agreed with Justice Harry Blackmun that "a fetus is not a person under the constitution and thus has no legal rights" (*Christianity Applied*, November 1974, p. 18). The decision for an abortion is between a woman and her physician alone. For all practical purposes, "abortion-on-demand" is a law of the land.

Although this ruling supposedly settles the legal issue, the decree of no human authority can settle the moral issue for us. God alone can and does settle this issue for the Christian.

All of the rationalizing excuses for abortion aside for the moment, the real issue centers on the assertion of Justice Blackmun. Is the fetus a person? That which distinguished man as a person is that God created man a living soul (Gen. 2:7). When does man become a living soul? The Bible points to conception. In Luke 1:26-56 we read of Elizabeth during the sixth month of her pregnancy. The unborn baby in her womb, John, leaps for joy at the greeting of Mary. The unborn Jesus had just been conceived by the Holy Ghost, yet John responded to

the fact that Christ had become true man. Elizabeth addresses Mary as the "mother of my Lord," not of a "thing."

In Psalm 51:5 David confesses: "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me." He does not intend to blame his mother for any sinful act in his conception, but rather points to original sin. He is bewailing his own sinfulness, noting that from his conception sin was already with him. Since sin is that which God accounts of man (Rom. 5:12), it is clear that David, a sinner from conception, was a person, a living soul from conception.

Basic biology concurs. At conception a new being exists, totally different from either the mother or the father, having a different chromosomal makeup. At conception a human life begins (46 chromosomes). At conception the fetus is alive, capable of replacing its own dying cells, and needs only food and time to grow into an adult human.

Since life begins at conception and abortion ends that life, abortion is killing a life that God has given (Acts 17:24,25; Jer. 1:5). It clearly falls under God's unchanging law, "Thou shalt not kill." Only when God Himself, the Author and Authority of life, permits the rare situation that abortion becomes a medical necessity to spare the life of a mother, can there be an exception. It should be the position of every Bible-believing Christian that abortion, with this single exception, is a sin. It involves sin on the part of the parent or parents requesting and submitting to the abortion as well as on the part of the person performing it.

The many arguments of the pro-abortion sector can sound quite convincing, until they are given some scrutiny under the searching light of God's Word. To begin, we hear the question: "Doesn't a mother have a right over her own body?" The answer is the simple yet profound truth of procreation. The fetus is not her body! It is a new and separate life

that she carries. It may not be of the same sex nor have the same blood type. It is indeed dependent on her, but so is the newborn babe who must be fed, kept warm, and protected.

Furthermore, God's commandment gives none an absolute control over even their own body (Exod. 20:13). As we pointed out in the last issue, we are stewards and caretakers of our body and life, ultimately responsible to God.

"Isn't abortion just another means of birth control?" No, it is not! Birth control prevents the conception of new life. Abortion kills the new life that has been conceived. Not all reasons for birth control are God-pleasing either, but abortion does not even fit into the same category.

"What about unwanted pregnancies?" ("Too many children already . . ." "Out of Wedlock . . ." "Rape . . .") The answer to this question gets to the heart of the abortion problem. It takes us to the question of why a pregnant woman would seek an abortion in the first place. It may be simple selfishness in not wanting the responsibility or extra financial load of a child. Or it may be a desire to hide the irrefutable evidence of a sinful relationship. And surely there is a lack of faith and trust in God's gracious forgiveness, help, and guidance.

In each case, where there is trust in God's promise that all things work together for good to those who love Him (Rom. 8:28), solutions will be reached without psychological scar or undue suffering. God will provide for a larger family (Matt. 6:25-34). For the unwed mother who is humbly repentant and trusting, there will be a way. It may not be easy, but it can be resolved with God's guidance. The sin of abortion can only drag a person deeper into the depths of sin and frequently leads to unbearable guilt and despair.

Finally we must ask: Have American Christians taken seriously this matter of legalized abortion? Are we still the "salt of the earth," or has the salt "lost its savor" (Matt. 5:13)? The voices of Christian citizens must be heard by those who represent us in the law-making bodies of our states and nation. Silence and apathy will be the equivalent of sin in this matter.

Gerald C. Schroer

## ORDINATIONS AND INSTALLATIONS

(Authorized by the District Presidents)

### Ordained and Installed

#### Pastors:

**Jahnke, Gene E.**, ordained and installed as pastor of Hope Lutheran Church of Detroit, Detroit, Michigan, on July 27, 1975, by W. Valleskey (Mich.).  
**Kolterjahn, Darrick P.**, ordained and installed as pastor of Zion, Bonesteel, South Dakota, and installed as pastor of St. Paul's, Naper, Nebraska, on July 27, 1975, by Robert James Voss (Nebr.).

### Installed

#### Pastors:

**Lenz, Manfred J.**, as pastor of Shepherd of the Hills, La Mesa, California, on August 3, 1975, by A. Clement (Ariz.-Calif.).  
**Mahnke, Elmer A.**, as pastor of Hope, West Chicago, Illinois, on June 8, 1975, by T. Deters (SEW).  
**Martin, LeRoy A.**, as pastor of St. Paul's, Wonevot, Wisconsin, on August 17, 1975, by L. Wendland (W.Wis.).  
**Valleskey, Wilmer M.**, as assistant pastor of Hope Lutheran Church of Detroit, Detroit, Michigan, on July 27, 1975, by G. Jahnke (Mich.).  
**Weindorf, Luther T.**, as pastor of St. Paul's, Gladstone, Michigan, and of St. Martin's, Rapid River, Michigan, on August 3, 1975, by P. Kuckhahn (N.Wis.).

#### Teachers:

**Baumgart, Richard**, as teacher at Martin Luther, Neenah, Wisconsin, on August 17, 1975, by G. J. Albrecht (N.Wis.).  
**Bilitz, Daniel**, as teacher at Martin Luther, Neenah, Wisconsin, on June 15, 1975, by G. J. Albrecht (N.Wis.).  
**Buege, Joel**, as teacher at Zion, Crete, Illinois, on August 17, 1975, by R. Pasbrig (SEW).  
**Greening, Terrance**, as teacher at Trinity, St. Paul, Minnesota, on August 17, 1975, by E. Knief (Minn.).  
**Hanneman, Daryl B.**, as teacher at Trinity, Johnson, Minnesota, on August 17, 1975, by J. Moldenhauer (Minn.).  
**Hochmuth, Carl R.**, as teacher at Gethsemane, Omaha, Nebraska, on August 3, 1975, by R. Hochmuth (Nebr.).  
**Kiecker, Michael**, as teacher at St. John's, Fremont, Wisconsin, on August 3, 1975, by R. Maurice (N.Wis.).  
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### DMLC Auxiliary

The 16th annual meeting of the Dr. Martin Luther College Auxiliary will be held at Dr. Martin Luther College New Ulm, Minnesota, on Wednesday, October 8, 1975. Registration and coffee hour will take place in Luther Memorial Union from 9:30-10:30 a.m. The business meeting, beginning with an opening service, will be held in the Chapel Auditorium of the Academic Center from 10:30-12:15 and 1:30-3:30. A noon luncheon will be served in Luther Memorial Union. Freewill offerings will be taken for projects and for the noon luncheon.

Groups and individuals from any congregation of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod are invited to attend for an enjoyable day of Christian fellowship and participation in this phase of the work of our Lord's kingdom.

### FALL PASTORS' INSTITUTE

The 1975 Pastors' Institute at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary will be held, God willing, on five Monday afternoons beginning October 6. Two lectures will be presented on each of the Mondays, from 1:30 to 4:30, in the multipurpose room in the lower level of the Seminary library. The following are the topics and the lectures:

"The Wisconsin Synod's Relations with Other Church Bodies" — Prof. Edward Fredrich.

"Hermeneutical Problems" — Prof. David Kuske.

The registration fee is \$5.00. Registrations are to be sent to President Carl J. Lawrenz, 11831 N. Seminary Dr. 65W, Mequon, Wis. 53092.

Pastor Emil G. Toepel, Secretary  
 Seminary Board of Control.

# WLSA?

Q. *What does this abbreviation mean?*

A. Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Auxiliary.

Q. *Whose idea was it to organize an Auxiliary?*

A. The thought originated with the Seminary Faculty and was nurtured and approved by the Seminary Board.

Q. *What is its purpose?*

- A. 1. To provide an opportunity for the women of our congregations to become better acquainted with the Seminary;  
 2. To encourage them to undertake projects which will benefit the Seminary;  
 3. To afford an opportunity for Christian fellowship on a wider scale.

Q. *How have we gone about fulfilling our purpose?*

- A. 1. We have set aside the first Saturday in October at the Seminary as the annual meeting date.  
 2. Projects have been undertaken that are not in the Seminary budget, and assistance is given on Graduation and Call Day.  
 3. Christian fellowship has been promoted through the opportunity of attending the annual meetings which offer a most enjoyable program. All of this gives one the feeling of a day well spent with fellow Christians serving the Lord.

We would like to emphasize that we who are members of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod may also consider ourselves members of the WLSA. It is our privilege to support this work and to participate in it no matter where our home may be. WLSA Publicity Committee  
 Mrs. Irene Schroeder, Chairwoman

## TIME AND PLACE

### PETALUMA, CALIFORNIA

Living Word Congregation serving Marin and Sonoma Counties is meeting at the SDA church, 2695 Petaluma Blvd., North. Sunday school at 9:00 a.m., worship at 10:00 a.m. The new pastor is Paul Huebner; his residence address is: 1168 Baywood Dr. Apt. 9, Petaluma, California 94952; Phone: (707) 762-5386.

### BAYONET POINT, FLORIDA

Grace Ev. Lutheran Church is worshipping in Bayonet Point, Florida, at the Gateway Executive Center, 200 Highway 52 (Room 202A), a half block east of U.S. Highway 19. The time of service is 9:30 a.m. The pastor is Lloyd H. Lemke, 3011 Alpine Parkway, Port Richey, Florida, 33568, phone: (813) 863-3957.

### COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

Salem Ev. Lutheran Church is now using its new house of worship. The address is 4318 North Chestnut, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80907. The time of service is 10 a.m. Pastor of the congregation is Eugene F. Ahlswede, 22 W. Clover Circle; phone: (303) 576-5814.

### MITCHELL, SOUTH DAKOTA

Heading west on Interstate 90? Ascension Ev. Lutheran Church of Mitchell, South Dakota, a WELS mission, is worshipping within a mile of the interstate. Worship with us at 8:00 a.m. in the courtesy room of the Milliken Funeral Home at 805 W. Havens. For information, or if you have names of WELS members or prospects in the area, call (605) 996-9123, or write to Pastor Robert J. Gurgel, 1014 E. 7th, Mitchell, SD 57301.

### BOZEMAN, MONTANA

Shining Mountains Ev. Lutheran Church, Bozeman, Montana, is now holding its worship services and Sunday school at the Ramada Inn (N. 7th Avenue, south of the I-90 interchange) in Bozeman. Time of service is 9:00 a.m. Pastor David M. Neumann, 1116 W. Geyser, Livingston, Montana 59047; Phone: (406) 222-3372.

### NORTH ST. LOUIS COUNTY

Redeemer Lutheran Church of North St. Louis County, Missouri, is holding its worship services at Black Jack School, 11230 Old Halls Ferry Rd., North St. Louis County (1/4 mile north of I-270). Time of service is 9:00 a.m. Rev. Peter Berg, 1830 St. Catherine St., Florissant, Missouri 63033; phone: (314) 837-7489.

### WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church of Wilmington, Delaware, is now worshipping at May B. Leasure School, Hwy 7 at Hwy 40, near Newark, Delaware. Time of worship is 9 a.m. with Sunday school and Bible class at 10 a.m. For more information please contact: Pastor Robert O. Balza, 5 Rawlings Dr., Bear, Delaware 19701; Phone: (302) 834-5495.

### LONG ISLAND, N. Y.

#### Change in Worship Location

The WELS mission congregation on Long Island is now holding its worship services at the Kings Grant Motor Inn, Long Island Expressway, Exit 46. Sunday services begin at 9:30 a.m., followed by Bible study at 10:30 a.m. Please come and worship with us if you are in the New York City — Long Island area. Names of prospects should be sent to: Pastor Paul Schweppe, 519 Brooklyn Blvd., Brightwaters, N. Y. 11718. Phone: (516) 665-6659.

## EXPLORATORY SERVICES

### ALLENTOWN (LEHIGH VALLEY), PENNSYLVANIA

Exploratory services in the Lehigh Valley, Pennsylvania, are now conducted every Sunday morning at 8:30 in the chapel of Cedar Crest College, Allentown. Please send names of prospects, or requests for information, to: Pastor Richard MacKain, 352 Sweetbriar Road, King of Prussia, Pa. 19406.

### CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

Exploratory services are being conducted in Charlotte, North Carolina, at the Downtowner Motor Inn — Coliseum, 3024 Independence Blvd. (El Cid Room) at 4:00 p.m. Sundays. For more information contact: Mr. Fred Kuekes, 6935 Abbotswood Dr., Charlotte, N.C. 28211. Send names of prospective families living in the area to Pastor Paul Schmiede, 720 Currituck Dr., Raleigh, N.C. 27609 (Ph. 919-782-8327).

### NORTHWESTERN INDIANA

Exploratory services are being conducted in Merrillville, Indiana, at the Jonas Salk Elementary School, 77th and Marshall St. The time of service is 11:30 a.m. Sundays. For more information or to submit names of WELS members or prospects living in the northwestern area of Indiana, please contact Pastor Tom Liesener, 16791 Cleveland Rd., Granger, Indiana 46530; phone: (219) 272-5682.

### LAKEVILLE, MINNESOTA

Exploratory services are being conducted in Lakeville, Minnesota, at the Lakeville Elementary School District Office Building, 8670 210th St. West. Services are held at 9:00 a.m., with Sunday school following at 10:15 a.m. For more information, or to submit names of WELS members or prospects in the Lakeville-Farmington area, please contact: Pastor Oliver H. Lindholm, 921 E. Shakopee Ave., Shakopee, Minnesota 55379; phone: (612) 445-2885; or Pastor Mark J. Lenz, 3190 78th St. E., Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota 55075; phone: (612) 451-6672.

## NAMES WANTED

### WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA

Please send names of WELS members and prospects in the West Palm Beach, Florida, area to Pastor David Krueger, 970 Pike Rd., West Palm Beach, Fla. 33411, or phone: (305) 684-0691. Services at Redemption Ev. Lutheran Church are conducted at 10 a.m. Sundays. Visitors are welcome.

### NORTHWEST CHICAGOLAND

Crystal Lake, McHenry, Woodstock, Union, Huntley, Algonquin, Lake-in-the-Hills, Cary, and Fox River Grove. Those are the cities in Illinois served by Lord and Savior Ev. Lutheran Church of Crystal Lake.

The cities served by St. Andrew Ev. Lutheran Church of Elgin, Illinois, are Elgin, Dundee and Carpentersville.

If you know of anyone moving into any of these cities, please contact Pastor Richard W. Mueller, 794 Dover Court, Crystal Lake, Illinois 60014; phone (815) 455-2448. Help us serve Christ's precious blood-bought souls.

### VISITORS — BOSTON, MASS.

What formerly was Harvard Street Lutheran Church (ELS) in Cambridge is now relocated to the suburb of Burlington. The address is Pine-wood Lutheran Church, corner of Wilmington and Michael Rds., Burlington, Massachusetts. Sunday services are at 10:45 a.m. For further information please contact Pastor Paul Madson, 30 Richfield Rd., Arlington, Mass. 02174; phone: (617) 646-7584.

## STUDENTS

### STUDENTS AT FENNIMORE, WISCONSIN

Students attending the Southwestern Wisconsin Area Technical College in Fennimore, Wisconsin, are invited to attend worship services at Faith Lutheran Church, 132 South Tyler, Lancaster, Wisconsin. Services are held each Sunday morning at 9 o'clock. For further information please contact: Pastor Jeffrey Kutil, 522 South Adams, Lancaster, W. 53813 (Tel.: 608-723-2704).

### ATTENDING THE U.W. — RIVER FALLS?

You're invited to attend the Sunday worship services at Faith Ev. Lutheran Church. Faith Lutheran, located on Apallo Road, conducts its service at 9:30 a.m. A car will pick up any interested students without a ride in front of Grimm Hall and May Hall at 9:10 a.m. and 9:15 a.m. respectively. Pastor Carl Ziemer, the campus pastor, would like to serve you with the Word while you're away from home.

On Wednesday, September 17, a collegian vesper service will be conducted at church at 7 p.m. This devotional service is conducted every other Wednesday evening. On the intervening Wednesdays, Lutheran Collegians will meet in Room 203 of the Student Center.

### UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Bethlehem Ev. Lutheran Church is now serving the students attending the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana. The church is located at 312 W. Elm St. in Urbana. Service time is 10:30 a.m. Please send the names of all WELS students to Pastor Richard Raabe.

## STUDENTS INFORMATION

Parents and pastors are reminded to send names of their young people who attend secular or non-WELS affiliated colleges to the *Special Ministries Board*, 3512 West North Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53208. Please include all pertinent information: name, age, name of university, name and address of dormitory or apartment, phone number, grade in school.

You may also send this information directly to one of our campus pastors. The names of colleges and universities served are listed in *Yearbook 1975*, pages 45-48. Represented are 36 states and the District of Columbia.

### THIRD ANNUAL MEETING WISCONSIN LUTHERAN SEMINARY AUXILIARY

Women who are members of Wisconsin Synod congregations or of a congregation in fellowship with it are invited to the third annual Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Auxiliary meeting to be held on October 4, 1975, at the Seminary in Mequon, Wisconsin. The meeting will begin with a service at 10:00 a.m., with registration during the preceding coffee hour. A noon dinner will be served in the Seminary dining room.

On the agenda of the business meeting will be a report on the work accomplished the past year. The ladies will also vote on Auxiliary projects for the future. Tours of the building will be available and an informal presentation by the Seminary professors and students will complete the day's activities at about 4:00 p.m.

Reservations should be made by September 20, 1975. These, together with the \$3.25 fee for registration and the dinner, are to be sent to the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. William Fischer, 120 N. Eastmoor, Brookfield, Wisconsin 53005. Publicity Committee

### WANTED TO BUY

The two-volume work by Bente, giving the history of Lutheranism in America. Contact Pastor Arthur J. Clement, 10752 Valor Place, Lakeside, California 92040.

## CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES

### DAKOTA-MONTANA

#### ALBERTA-MONTANA PASTORAL CONFERENCE

**Date:** September 23-24, 1975.  
**Place:** St. Peter's Lutheran Church, St. Albert, Alberta, Canada; D. Deutschlandler, host pastor.  
**Preacher:** H. Nehmer.  
**Agenda:** Is the Doctrine of the Trinity Clearly Taught in the O.T.? H. Wood; Leading Thoughts for an Open Discussion of Our Mutual Work of Reaching Out into the Community with the Gospel: J. Engel; Exegesis of Sermon on the Mount: Matthew 7:15-29 (continued): M. Putz; Evangelism: D. Deutschlandler.  
H. Nehmer, Secretary

#### WESTERN PASTORAL CONFERENCE

**Date:** October 7-8, 1975; 10:00 a.m. (Central Time).  
**Place:** St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Bowdle, South Dakota; L. Schroeder, host pastor.  
**Preacher:** P. Wilde (C. Lindemann, alternate).  
**Agenda:** Exegesis of I Timothy 6: G. Richmond; Survey of Christology with Reference to Lutheran, Catholic, and Reformed Teaching: F. Brand; Advent Series: C. Lindemann; Legalistic Evidences of our Attitude in the Ministry (round table discussion): A. P. C. Kell, G. Geiger, R. Weimer and P. Wilde.  
R. Pless, Secretary

### MICHIGAN

#### SOUTHEASTERN PASTOR-DELEGATE CONFERENCE

**Date:** September 22-23, 1975; 10:00 a.m. (7:30 p.m. Communion service).  
**Place:** Zion Lutheran Church, Monroe, Michigan, Gerhard Cares, host pastor.  
**Preacher:** K. Vertz (J. DeRuiter, alternate).  
**Agenda:** Exegesis of James 5:1-11: J. Huebner; An Evaluation of the TAS Evangelism Program: L. Koeninger; Book Review of H. Grady Davis' *Design for Preaching*: A. Bloom; Church Discipline: Prof. I. Habeck; Optional: Discussion of *Gesetzlich Wesen Unter Uns*: K. Krauss; convention reports.  
E. Fredrich, Secretary

#### MICHIGAN TEACHERS' CONFERENCE

**Date:** October 8-10, 1975.  
**Place:** St. Paul's Lutheran School, Saginaw, Michigan.  
**Agenda:** Praising God for Our Adversities: Pastor F. Toppe; Practical Presentation on the Open Classroom Concept: Teacher J. R. Schultz; Rainy Day Activities: Owosso Women Teachers; Music in the Classroom: Teacher F. Biedenbender; Religious Curriculum Activities Other than Bible History and Catechism: Teacher D. Boehm; Ethics of the Christian Teacher Inside and Outside of School: Teacher D. Holzhueter; Home and School Cooperation: Teacher R. Adrian; Reports from DMLC, District Board for Parish Education, MLS, MLHS, Huron Valley LHS, District Stewardship Board, Synod Board for Parish Education, District President, Certification, Chairman, Vice-chairman, and Treasurer.  
J. Martens, Secretary

#### COLONIAL PASTOR-DELEGATE CONFERENCE

**Date:** October 20, 1975; 9:00 a.m. Communion service.  
**Place:** Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Dover, New Jersey (O. Zeeb, host pastor).  
**Preacher:** T. Pfotenhauer.  
**Agenda:** Augsburg Confession, Art. V: J. Mittelstaedt; Church and State: W. Beckmann; Reports from Delegates to Synod Convention.  
D. Pagel, Secretary

### MINNESOTA

#### New Ulm Pastor-Teacher-Delegate Conference

**Date:** September 21, 1975; 2:30 p.m.  
**Place:** Zion Lutheran Church, Island Lake Twp.  
**Agenda:** Report on the Synod Convention.  
L. Meyer, Secretary

#### MANKATO DELEGATE CONFERENCE

**Date:** Sunday, September 28, 1975; 2:30 p.m.  
**Place:** St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Jordan, Minnesota.  
**Agenda:** Synodical Reports and Elections.  
V. N. Voss, Secretary

#### MANKATO PASTORAL CONFERENCE

**Date:** October 7, 1975; 9:00 a.m. Communion Service.  
**Place:** St. Mark's Ev. Lutheran Church, Mankato, Minnesota.  
**Preacher:** A. Jannusch (D. Lindloff, alternate).  
**Agenda:** Exegesis of Romans 15:16: M. Birkholz (I Timothy 2: D. Lindloff); Doctrine of the Call: D. Baumier (Third Use of the Law: E. Peterson).  
V. N. Voss, Secretary

#### REDWOOD FALLS PASTORAL CONFERENCE

**Date:** October 7, 1975; 9:00 a.m.  
**Place:** Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Winthrop, Minnesota 55396; L. Strackbein, host pastor.  
**Preacher:** W. Ziebell (R. Hellmann, alternate).  
**Agenda:** Exegesis on I Timothy 5:1-16: L. Strackbein; Large Catechism, Third Article: P. Schlenner; How to Keep Our Young People Moral in the Age of New Morality: J. Stellick; God's Tolerance of Plural Marriages in the Old Testament: J. Miller; Conference business.  
L. Hohenstein, Secretary

#### MINNESOTA LUTHERAN TEACHERS' CONFERENCE

**Date:** October 16-17, 1975.  
**Place:** Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota.  
**Opening Service:** DMLC Auditorium, 9:30 a.m.  
**Agenda:** The Christian Day School Teacher's Understanding and Application of Prayer: A. Koelplin; Music and Art Day; Sectionals; Reports; Business meeting.  
D. Knutson, Secretary

#### RED WING CONFERENCE

**Date:** October 21, 1975; 9:00 a.m. Communion service.  
**Place:** Zion Lutheran, Hokah, Minnesota.  
**Preacher:** E. Leyrer (T. Kuske, alternate).  
**Agenda:** Exegesis of Zechariah 3: P. Otto; Review of *The Shepherd under Christ*: R. Goede; Ecclesiastes, Part II: M. Doelger.  
W. A. Meier, Secretary

### NEBRASKA

#### CENTRAL PASTORS' CONFERENCE

**Date:** September 23-24, 1975; 9 a.m. Communion service.  
**Place:** Redeemer, Council Bluffs, Iowa; J. Enderle, host pastor.  
**Preacher:** R. Schlieve (R. Roth, alternate).  
**Agenda:** Difficulties in Administering the Sacraments to Nonmembers: W. A. Wietzke; Isagogical Study of the Book of Joel: G. Free; The Meaning of the Word, "Sheol": R. Beckman; A Review of Our Synod's Position in Regard to Government Aid: R. Kuckhahn.  
**Note:** Please announce intentions concerning meals and lodging to the host pastor.  
Teacher R. Schmidt, Secretary

### NORTHERN WISCONSIN

#### LAKE SUPERIOR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS' CONVENTION

The 46th Annual Lake Superior Sunday School Teachers' Convention will be held at Grace Lutheran Church, Crivitz, Wisconsin, on September 21, 1975, at 2:30 (CDT). The host pastor is the Rev. William Besler.  
Mrs. Don Polzin, Secretary

### WESTERN WISCONSIN

#### SOUTHWESTERN PASTORAL CONFERENCE

**Date:** September 23, 1975; 9:00 a.m.  
**Place:** St. Paul's, Wonevot, Wisconsin.  
**Preacher:** E. Toepel (L. Wendland, alternate).  
**Agenda:** Philippians 1: M. Schwartz; Relating the Sermon to the Modern Hearer: E. Toepel; *Gesetzlich Wesen Unter Uns*: H. Winkel; Catechism, Article II (Q. 171-183): F. Werner.  
R. W. Kloehn, Secretary

### RESULT OF COLLOQUY

In a colloquy held on August 18, 1975, Dr. Walter Drost, a member of Nain Ev. Lutheran Church, West Allis, Wisconsin, was declared eligible for a call into the teaching ministry of our Synod on the secondary level.  
First Vice-President Carl H. Mischke  
District President George W. Boldt  
Professor Irwin J. Habeck

#### NOMINATIONS REQUESTED

Pastor Harold H. Eckert has announced his intention to retire from his position as Executive Secretary of the Board of Trustees effective with the installation of his successor. The Board of Trustees herewith invites the members of the Synod to submit names of candidates for this position. Names shall be submitted to the undersigned no later than October 15, 1975.  
Pastor Elton H. Huebner, Chairman  
817 May Street  
Beaver Dam, Wisconsin 53916

#### NWC RECORDINGS

The record album "GRACE . . . in hymns, anthems and spiritual songs," consisting of many of the selections sung by the Northwestern College Male Chorus on its 1975 spring tour, is available. The cost is \$3.50, plus .25 for mailing. Please order from: Dr. Arnold O. Lehmann, Route 4, Watertown, WI 53094.

### AUDIO VISUAL AIDS

#### "Convention — Grace 125" (FS-63-CGR) 1975 20 min. T.C.&M color

This filmstrip tells the story of the 125th anniversary convention of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod. It not only reports the main actions of the convention, but it also demonstrates how a convention works. It follows the delegate from Hartland, Wisconsin, from the time he is asked to serve to the time he returns to his home. It shows how the Cameroon resolution was prepared and approved. It features the commissioning of Pastor Gary Schroeder as missionary to Hong Kong. It presents the delegate's growing awareness of the Synod's mission and function. This filmstrip will be valuable for use long after the news items have lost their interest, for it will help the viewers understand what a Synod convention does, and how a delegate feels about it. Order from:

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