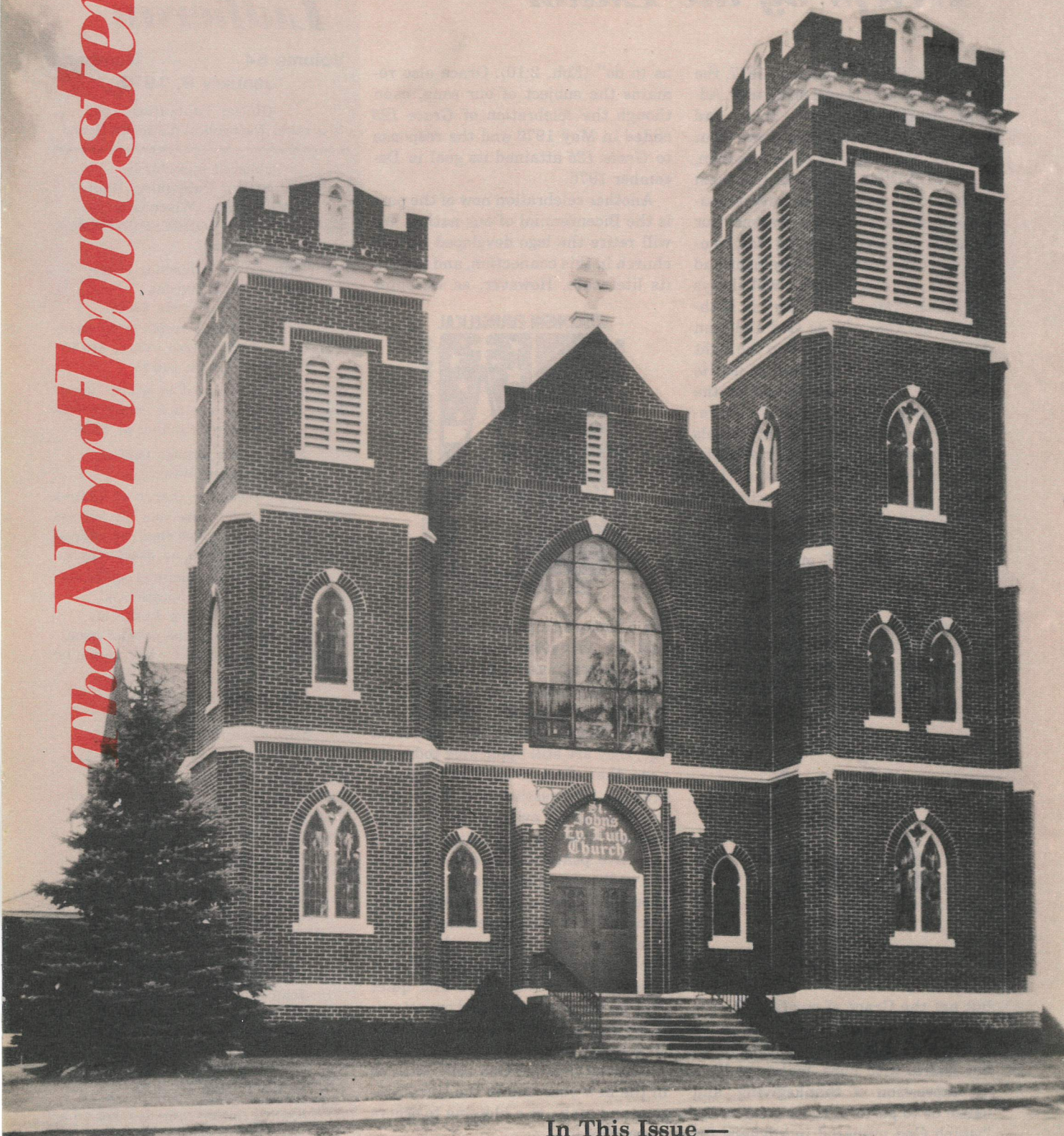


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## Briefs by the Editor

On this ninth of January, 1977, the new church year is well on its way. Advent, Christmas, New Year, and Epiphany have come and gone. That does not mean that they are forgotten, for the Christian always carries them around with himself. They have dimensions that transcend the seasons. Our Savior is always the Coming One, coming to us in Word and Sacrament and about to come in glory. He will always remain the One born of Mary in Bethlehem, the One who as God and man dwelt among us. Ascended to the right hand of God, He is still one of us. He continues to abide with us whether the year is designated 1976 or 1977. He remains the Epiphany Lord who reveals Himself as the mighty Savior and who is David's son and David's Lord. He is always the One who was crucified for our sins and who rose again for our justification. His purpose does not change with the passing of months and of years.

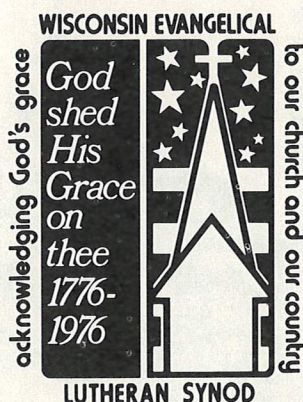
This remains true even though we, His followers, in the course of history, close the books on past efforts, successes, and failures. Facing the future, we may indeed safely retire slogans, but never the Gospel. *Grace 125* is dated,



but not the Grace of our God. It continues to meet our needs, forgive our sins, grant us a clean conscience, fill our hearts with hope, make our lives an expression of thanksgiving, and cause us to perform those good works "which God prepared in advance for

us to do" (Eph. 2:10). Grace also remains the subject of our song, even though the celebration of *Grace 125* ended in May 1976 and the response to *Grace 125* attained its goal in December 1976.

Another celebration now of the past is the Bicentennial of our nation. We will retire the logo developed for our church in this connection, and used in its literature. However, as we enter



our country's third century, we know that we as nation and as a church need the continued Grace of our Lord. Therefore we do well to translate into action the words of St. Paul in I Timothy 2. Though written for a different age, they are still applicable today. "I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone — for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth" (NIV). Such prayer is anything but self-centered. We pray for peace and quiet that we may have time and opportunity to share God's Gospel and God's Grace with others.

May the Grace of God abide with us in the new year and in the third century and make us a blessing to others everywhere!

*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

St. John's of Newtonburg, rural Manitowoc, Wisconsin, which recently observed its 125th anniversary, has the distinction of having been organized and served by one of the very early missionary pastors of the Wisconsin Synod. It has long had a Christian day school and today has 100% of its eligible children enrolled. For an account of its history, please turn to page 10.



# Editorials

**The Lord Reigneth** The fun and frivolity of New Year's Eve is quickly succeeded by the bright light of day when hyped-up revelers must again face reality, with only a brief additional respite provided by such temporary pleasantries as the New Year's Day bowl games.

As people look to the future, many of them find their hopes obscured, if not destroyed, by fears and worries. One of the fears shared by a large segment of the populace at this point in history is the fear of overpopulation. As many see it, the burgeoning world population is a threat to the well-being, if not the very survival, of the human race. One woman, reacting to a bit of pseudoscientific literature on this subject, wrote to her newspaper, as follows: "God's foreknowledge enabled Him to prepare every needful thing for those of His children who now sojourn on the earth. The Father, knowing precisely how many spirits would be tabernacled in the flesh, prepared an earth adequate to their needs. We cannot overpopulate the earth."

Other bugaboos common among mankind include the fear that the earth will eventually become too hot or too cold for human habitation.

The answer to such fears, or to any others for that matter, is the answer implied by the lady referred to above: Trust in God. God presides over His creation, and throughout history He has proved Himself perfectly competent to do that. It is when man aspires to succeed God on His throne that his worries and fears begin to multiply. God is not minded to abdicate, nor is He in any way dependent upon finite creatures for advice and assistance.

"Who hath known the mind of the Lord, or who hath been His counselor?" If we have enough humility and faith to sit at the foot of the throne and listen instead of trying to climb the steps to unseat the Lord Almighty, our worries and cares will diminish.

Immanuel Frey

**The Limit on "Rights"** When several installments of a popular comic strip were dropped by a metropolitan daily because they showed a fornication scene, there were both positive and negative reactions from the public. It was not necessary to read the letters to the editor to know that at least two issues were involved. There were those who insisted on the rights of adults to read what they please. To them, the most grievous of sins is censorship.

Those who supported the newspaper's action thought of the effect that exercising this freedom has on children. They felt that adult freedom must stop where harm to the child begins.

There may well be differences of opinion about just what constitutes harm to children in TV, books, or comic strips. One can understand that; but for one of the protesters the issue was clear: "What about . . . us adults who do read it? What about our tastes, or rights? I am sick of having worthwhile creative efforts . . . totally denied me under the guise of protecting our children." She demanded her "rights" as an adult. Who cares about the children!

She put it crassly, but her self-centered attitude is shared by many Americans. If they must make a choice between their enjoyment, and the moral and spiritual welfare of children, their pleasure comes first. They don't want to give up their raunchy movies and suggestive TV comedies, even if this moral sludge pollutes the sex attitudes of the young and impressionable. Even if their children are taking note, many parents will not sober down the free flow of liquor in their homes or chasten the smutty talk and the loose goings on that so often accompany drinking to excess. Their recreation may often take them away from their children, but their friends have first call on their companionship.

When the "rights" of adults are not limited by higher considerations than selfish indulgence, the next generation is being defrauded and corrupted, and their own flesh and blood will pay the price. For such offense there is God's millstone.

Carleton Toppe

**Ears That Hear** A former chief of the New York City fire department once said that he heard the first ring of the bell over his head, but the baby could cry all night without disturbing him.

His wife, on the other hand, scarcely ever heard the alarm bell, but the slightest whimper of the baby would awaken her at once.

We can understand that. Our ears are sensitive to that which is our love, our life, our heart's desire. This is the Lord's view of things, too, that we really hear and see with our heart.

The Pharisees and scribes of Jesus' day had sharp eyes and keen ears in religious matters. Yet Jesus judged them, saying, "Hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive."

Their trouble was not at all with their eyesight or sense of hearing. Jesus put His finger on the root problem when He said, "Their heart is far from Me."

Today there is much clamoring for change in forms of worship. The ancient formulas have become meaningless, we are told, and the newer forms will make for better understanding. Perhaps.

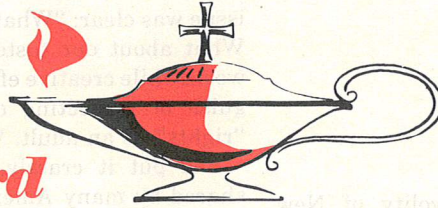
The Apostles were aware of this danger. They knew that ritual, old or new, could become mechanical. But they did not trifle over it. They preached "repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ."

The heart of the problem is still the heart. External forms, medieval or contemporary, won't do it. Penitent, believing hearts give God's people the eyes and ears to see and hear their salvation.

John Parcher



## Studies in God's Word



### Simon the Zealot

If in the Christmas season you had occasion to read or to hear the nativity story read from a modern translation, it may have struck you that at Luke 2:2 there is a variation from the familiar wording: "And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria." Almost without exception the newer translations will render that verse somewhat as follows: "This was the *first census* taken while Cyrenius was governor of Syria."

You have caught the translator's intention if that leaves you with the feeling that this census, or enrollment for tax purposes, was followed by another one later on under the administration of this same Cyrenius, also known as Quirinius. The historical records of this period are not as complete as one might like, but there does indeed seem to have been a second census taken, an unpopular move resulting directly in the formation of a Jewish resistance party called the *Zealots*, a party to which the Apostle Simon at one time seems to have belonged.

#### Impending Trouble

Actually, the basis of this is hinted at in Scripture's record of the incidents that surround our Savior's birth. You will recall that it was to avoid the murderous wrath of Herod the Great that Joseph and Mary took the Christ-Child and fled to Egypt. After Herod had died of a loathsome disease, an angel summoned them to return to the Holy Land where three of Herod's sons were now in charge, having with Roman approval divided their father's territory. It would seem that Joseph was intending to go back to Bethlehem in Judea, "but when he heard that Archelaus did reign in Judea in the room of his father Herod, he was afraid to go thither."

Consequently he returned to his original home, Nazareth in Galilee, or as Matthew reports: "Being warned of God in a dream he (Joseph) turned aside into the parts of Galilee" (2:22). Here Herod Antipas was ruler.

Obviously Joseph's fears about Archelaus were well-founded. So brutal and heavy-handed was his administration of Judea that the Jews themselves, after 10 years of suffering, petitioned the Romans to remove him. Instead of allowing them to retain a measure of self-government by giving them a more popular puppet king, however, Rome herself took over the administration of Judea. Judea now became a part of the province of Syria and hence was subject to Syria's governor who was none other than our Cyrenius or Quirinius.

#### An Unpopular Census

While his first census taken at the time of Christ's birth was calmly received, this second one caused wholesale uprisings. The Jewish historian Josephus tells us that the ringleader of this opposition was a certain Judas who with his sons stirred up the most violent reaction against the Romans and suffered death for his revolutionary efforts. It may well be of him that Gamaliel was speaking when he says there "rose up Judas of Galilee in the days of the taxing and drew away much people after him: he also perished; and all, even as many as obeyed him, were dispersed" (Acts 5:37)

The original troublemakers may have been dispersed, but the Zealot movement grew and became ever more violent, to the point of being a terrorist group known also as the "Assassins" because of their practice of turning with fire and sword even on fellow Jews who suggested a more

moderate policy toward Rome. As such the Zealots contributed directly to the Roman decision to solve the "Jewish problem" once and for all by destroying Jerusalem. It was in anticipation of this disaster that Jesus wept over the city and lamented, "If thou hadst but known the things which belong to thy peace!"

#### A New Way of Life

Of these superpatriots, bent on the salvation of their country by violence against Rome, there was however one of whom we know that he came to recognize "the things that make for peace." That was Simon, called the *Canaanite* (Matt. 10:4; Mark 3:18), or better the *Cananaean*, which is the Aramaic word for zealot. That is precisely what Luke calls him in Greek when he refers to him as *Zelotes* (Luke 6:15; Acts 1:13).

Whether Simon came to the Lord "with blood on his hands and smoke in his cloak" we have no way of knowing, but finding the Prince of Peace assuredly did change his whole outlook and attitude toward those around him. How else could there ever have been peace and harmony between Simon, the revolutionary *against* the Roman government, and Matthew, the collaborator who had collected taxes for Rome? Learning to know Christ as the only Savior from sin made them both "new creatures," and being sent out as Apostles to proclaim the Gospel of forgiveness lent plan and purpose to their lives that no political attachment could ever have yielded. It is significant that Simon retained his name of "Zealot." Being a zealot for Christ is high praise indeed. Would that it might describe each one of us!

Armin J. Panning

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#### PASTORS' INSTITUTE

A Pastors' Institute will be held at Luther High School, Onalaska, Wisconsin, June 13-17, 1977. Dr. S. Becker will present a series of lectures on "The Occult." Prof. H. J. Vogel will present an exegetical study of James 2: "Justification and Sanctification." A fee of \$15.00 is requested of each participant. The sessions will run from 9:00-11:45 a.m. daily. If you plan to attend please send your registration to: Pastors' Institute, Luther High School, 1501 Wilson St., Onalaska, WI 54650.

#### ADULT CORRESPONDENCE COURSES

Persons wishing information about the non-credit adult correspondence courses on cassette-tape available from Wisconsin Lutheran College should write the college at 407 North Glenview Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53213, to receive a course brochure.



## Christmas Came a Tad Early

It came — precisely — on December 7 at 4:40 P.M. The bearer of this gift to the Wisconsin Synod from the God of unending grace was William E. Arndt, accountant for congregational offerings in the Synod's fiscal office. And the gift was the news that the \$3.55 million goal of the 125th anniversary thankoffering had been reached and surpassed by about \$15,000.

It all began back in the summer of '73. The convention, meeting that year, authorized a 125th anniversary thankoffering to commemorate the Synod's approaching anniversary in May 1975. The convention suggested a \$2.8 million goal for the offering. Of that amount it designated \$2 million toward the cost of dormitories at Northwestern College and Michigan Lutheran Seminary and \$800,000 for unspecified projects. Later the Anniversary Committee raised the goal to \$3 million with \$750,-

000 allocated to the Church Extension Fund and \$250,000 to the World Mission Building Fund where the additional capital was urgently needed.

The thankoffering was officially launched in February of 1974 with its revised goal of \$3 million. Six months later when all subscriptions had been received from the Synod's more than 1,000 congregations, the goal had been reached and surpassed. Commitments from congregations totaled \$3.55 million or 27% above the goal suggested by the convention.

So confident was the Synod's Board of Trustees that the families of the Synod would respond generously to 125 years of God's grace that immediately after the 1973 convention the Board authorized the schools to start planning for the dormitories. As the offering draws to a close, all three dormitories are fully operational, and the al-

locations for the Church Extension Fund and the World Mission Building Fund have been completed.

Since some congregations started late and a few others experienced an unfortunate lag in offerings, contributions to the 125th anniversary thankoffering will continue to come in. If the past is any standard, congregations will not wish to close the offering until their full commitment has been received. It is hoped that by June 30 all congregations — even the late starters — will have fulfilled their commitments.

What can we say about this fresh evidence of God's grace? There are no better words anywhere than the words of David. "The Lord has put a new song in my mouth," said David, "even praise unto our God. Many, O Lord my God, are Thy wonderful works which are to us-ward; they cannot be reckoned up in order unto Thee; if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered" (Psalm 40). Those are very good words for December 7 — or any other day for that matter.

James P. Schaefer  
Stewardship Counselor

## Adult Courses at WLC

Wisconsin Lutheran College, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, is a Christian school of higher education in the arts and sciences, founded to give young people a Christian education beyond high school in areas of study not already being served by other WELS schools.

In addition, the college serves the adult community of WELS by offering non-credit enrichment courses. Some of these courses have had enrollments as high as 200, but were only available to persons of the Milwaukee area within driving distance of the campus.

Since WLC conference congregations are located throughout the country and since WLC is the only educational institution in the Wisconsin Synod established primarily to meet the educational needs of laymen, the problem was: How can WLC offer adults living across the U.S.A. similar educational opportunities? The solution? . . . P.A.C.E. — Program of Adult Correspondence Education.

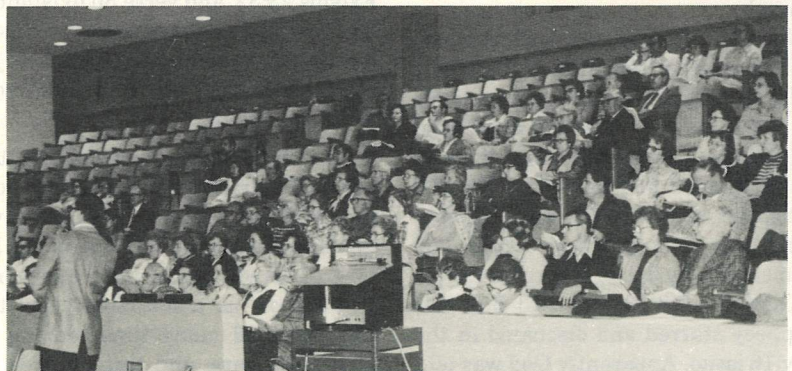
This program, funded by an AAL grant of \$4,000 for necessary equipment and materials, is designed to bring courses by some of the many gifted instructors in our midst into the homes of WELS members everywhere. The program uses cassette-tape lessons, course booklets, and quizzes. Director of the program is James Wandersee, an instructor at Wisconsin Lutheran High School and WLC.

The courses presently available are:

**LUTHER THE PREACHER**, by Dr. Elmer Kiessling, professor emeritus at Northwestern College and Luther scholar . . . inspiring insights into the place, manner, time, occasions, and content of Martin Luther's greatest sermons.

**LAW, GOSPEL, AND CHILDREN**, by the Rev. William Fischer, secretary of part-time education, taped from a course he gave at WLC . . . an excellent course on properly distinguishing be-

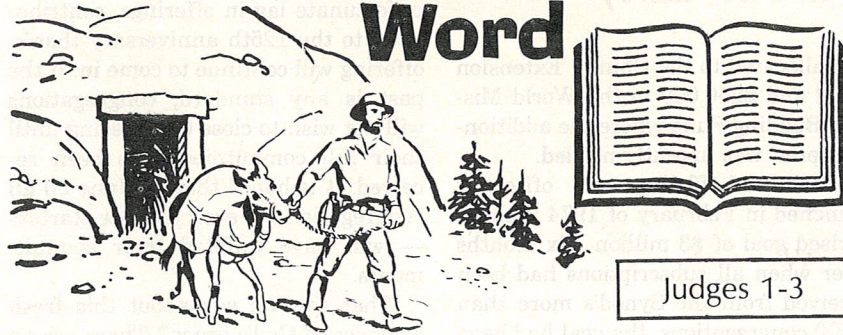
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Adult Course at WLC



# Mining the Treasure of God's Word



By Julian G. Anderson

To all of our miners we wish a blessed New Year. May it be a year in which we all grow in grace and knowledge! As we begin this new year we begin a new book and a whole new chapter in our study of the Old Testament story of the Messiah.

We had to leave one small detail in the story of the exodus unfinished last time. And before we begin digging in a new location today, we ought to take care of this one "loose end." You will find it in Joshua 24:32, and in order to understand this verse you will have to read again Genesis 50:24-26 and Exodus 13:19. Then we turn to

## The Book of Judges, Chapter 1

Read the first phrase (1:1a) and compare with Joshua 1:1a, noting the obvious stress on the continuity of the narrative. We are changing authors again, and yet we're continuing the same story, merely beginning a new chapter. This new author was probably Samuel.

Now that Joshua was dead, the natural question in the minds of the people of Israel was that expressed in verse 1b. God's answer (verse 2b) must have puzzled them somewhat, since the person He named had been dead for 300 years. But of course He was referring them back to a prophecy which had been spoken by Jacob 350 years earlier in Genesis 49:8-10. You will find this prophecy starred and discussed in the May 16 issue. Apparently God was telling them to look to this royal tribe for

leadership, especially to the man named in verse 12. It was this tribe which had assumed the leadership at that time, as related in verses 3-20.

The rest of the chapter summarizes the efforts of the other tribes on the west side of the Jordan to drive out the remaining native inhabitants (verses 21-36). You will note that their efforts were marked by more failures than successes. Most of these failures have already been discussed in the last two lessons (Josh. 11:19b and 21b; 13:2-6; 15:63). Joshua 13:7 identifies "the inhabitants of the valley" in Judges 1:19b. Verse 21 calls attention again to Israel's main problem.

## Now Turn To Chapter 2

The word "angel" in verse 1a means a "messenger," and refers in a very indefinite way to someone God sent to deliver a message for Him to the people (verses 1b-3). Verse 2a refers back to Exodus 23:32, and verse 3b to Numbers 33:55, which we noted several times before. Verse 2c summarizes what we just read in 1:19-36. Note the people's reaction in verse 4b.

Now read verses 6-16, noting that verses 6-9 are merely a review of Joshua 24:29-31. Verse 10b, however, marks an important change in the history of Israel (underline); and verses 11-18 show us a four-step cycle that was repeated many times during the next 370 years, and thus provide the outline for the entire Book of Judges.

The first step is described in verses 11 and 12a, down to "fathers" (underline and put a star in the margin). The second step is given in verse 14, down to "enemies" (underline and star also). The third step is outlined in the last phrase of verse 15 and the last part of verse 18, beginning with "because of" (underline and star, and read 3:9a, which describes more accurately the "groaning" in verse 18, which simply means that they repented, that is, they saw their sins, confessed them, and asked for forgiveness). The fourth step is given in verse 16 (underline and star in the margin). Take time to memorize these steps.

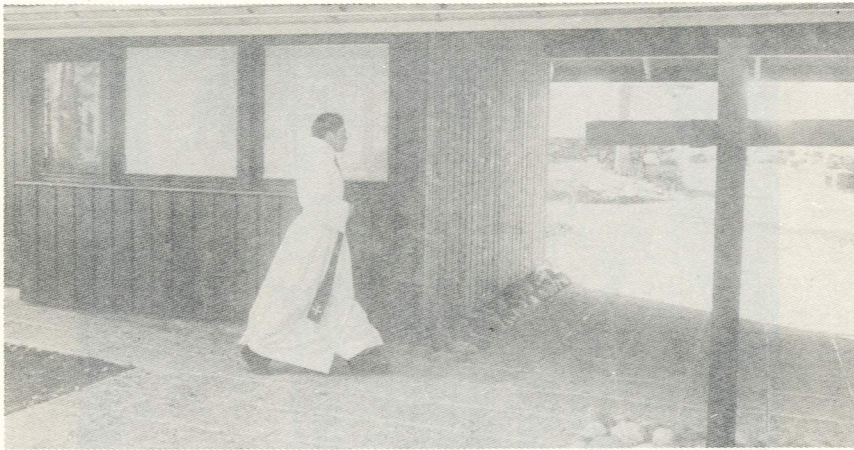
Now you should read again Deuteronomy 11:26-28, which summarizes the two principles involved in this four-step cycle, namely, that when we obey God, we receive His blessings (Exod. 19:5), and when we sin, we are punished (Amos 3:2b). Since these two principles apply to all of God's children, we should impress them indelibly on our memory, along with the four steps in the cycle (above) which show how these two principles worked out in the life of the nation of Israel. The Book of Judges, then, covers the period of time from about 1390 B.C. to 1020 B.C., during which time the people of Israel were learning these two principles by experience. For the first three periods in this larger period of the Judges

## Turn To Chapter 3

Verses 1-6 tell how God used the nations the Israelites had not driven out of Canaan to test their faith and faithfulness (verse 4), and also tell how the people of Israel were led into idolatry in each case (verse 6, underline and compare Gen. 6:1-5). Read verses 7-11 and note how each of the four steps is clearly pictured. Then read verses 12-30 and see how they went through each of these four steps again. Observe that verse 31 tells about the third judge in this period, but in a very abbreviated form. Steps one and three are not mentioned at all, step two is only alluded to in the briefest way, and no details at all are recorded about step four. For this reason we speak of Shamgar as a "minor" judge, meaning that we have less information about him than the other two.

And that's all the digging we can do this time.





Här kommer Lars Engquist till en "historisk gudstjänst"

Here comes Lars Engquist to a "historic divine service"

## Our Brothers in Sweden — as reported by Prof. S. Becker

### Near the Arctic Circle

Tallro Chapel in Råneå, in northern Sweden, not far from the Arctic Circle, is a small cemetery chapel, built and maintained by public tax funds. According to the constitution governing its use, it was to be open for the use of all denominations.

When Pastor Lars Engquist, the chief pastor of the large 5,000-member state-church congregation in Råneå, on September 26, 1976, resigned his office as state-church pastor and also requested release from his membership in the state church to become a pastor in the Lutheran Confessional Church in Sweden (LBKS), he reserved Tallro Chapel for free Lutheran church services on the following Sundays.

During the 10 years in which he served as chief pastor in Råneå, Pastor Engquist gained the reputation of being a faithful preacher of God's Word. When he left the state church, some of his members took the same step. Almost all of the church council resigned with him and three of the five men who resigned their office also left the state church together with their families. The entire Sunday-school staff resigned and promised to help Pastor Engquist in forming a new free Lutheran congregation. Only an inhabitant of Sweden can fully understand the significance of this courageous action.

On the first Sunday following the resignation, the little chapel was filled to capacity. One newspaper reported that the state-church congregation had an attendance of between 250 and 300, with a collection of 600 crowns, while

Pastor Engquist had an attendance of about 50 with a collection of 1,300 crowns (about \$300).

### Another October 31st

On October 31, 1976, when the little congregation came to Tallro Chapel for the announced services, the church doors were locked. The regulations for the use of the chapel had been changed on the Friday evening before. Pastor Engquist announced to the group that he did not want to send them home without a word from God. The little group of about 50 people that had gathered for worship, then held a simplified half-hour service in the snow and "raw cold," according to newspaper reports. In his sermon, delivered "with his fur cap under his arm," Lars Engquist told his congregation that they still owned the keys to a wonderful place of worship, the kingdom of heaven, which no human authority could lock for them.

Just a few days before the outdoor service, St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Congregation in Råneå was founded and called Lars Engquist as its pastor. The congregation will apply for membership in the LBKS. Services are being held in Råneå and in a little village nearby. In several services the attendance has been close to 100. Plans had been made earlier to build a worship area in the basement of the Engquist home, but because Pastor Engquist had to do much of the work himself in order to keep down expenses, it could not be finished in time for the first service. Through the united efforts

of the congregation members, it was possible to finish the basement chapel for the Sunday after the outdoor service and it was crowded with worshippers. It appears that it will not be large enough to accommodate the congregation.

One of the members of the new congregation who owns a large building near the center of town has offered to rent a large room to the congregation at a very reasonable rate just as soon as the present business tenant can be persuaded to move, or in six months at the latest. Because the congregation must now buy chairs, an organ, hymnals, a typewriter, mimeograph machine, a church sign, and many other things, they are in great need of financial help. The congregation has published a folder with the title, *What Do We Stand For?*, to inform the inhabitants of Råneå and the surrounding area about the doctrinal position of the LBKS and St. Peter's Congregation. In a letter Pastor Engquist wondered whether it would, in view of their financial straits, be irresponsible to accept the offer of the room, which would give them a place of worship for about 250 people, if they could get permission to remodel the area.

Mrs. Engquist, who is a trained nurse, has begun to work as the superintendent of a small hospital in order to help support the family and to make the mortgage payments on their house. They were forced to purchase when they had to move out of the parsonage. Pastor Engquist had also applied to the employment office for a secular job

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with the intention of taking care of the congregation by working evenings and weekends. It became evident very quickly, however, that there was more than enough to keep Pastor Engquist busy full time, and he will for the present devote all of his time and energy to the congregation and the Lutheran Confessional Church, if a way to support his family can be found. Our Sweden Committee has promised to help through its Sweden Conference and Aid Fund. One member of our Synod has pledged to send \$50 a month for a year to help pay the rental of a place of worship.

### "Out of Egypt"

In a letter written during the week after his resignation Pastor Engquist stated, "It seems wonderful to know that we will now be able to obey God's Word. This we could not do in the state church. The state church in Råneå has kept the economic and material and personal resources. But we have taken the spiritual powers and the promises of God with us out of Egypt." In a subsequent letter he said, "Thank the dear friends for all the good greetings, for all the large gifts of money, for your example of patience and firmness, for your prayers and all the promises of continued help and support. You are an answer to our prayers. And I will with joy and thankfulness point out in my coming *Whitebook*, how it was just the firmness of the brothers in the WELS and their warnings against false unionism that helped me and others come to clarity. . . . Thank you for having shown such patience and such Christian love. Please extend my thanks to the whole Sweden Committee, to President Nau-



Bror Roslund being ordained and installed as assistant pastor of St. Mark's, Ljunby, by President Per Jonsson, assisted by Pastor Arne Svensson and an unidentified layman.

mann, to the students (of the Seminary, who had sent his congregation a gift of money), and to the whole Synod. God shall richly bless you! And we hope that we will in some way be able to repay you for all the good things that have come to us through your instruction and your good and firm example. That has been for me a powerful sermon about the endless patience and long-suffering of the Savior."

### And in Southern Sweden

Meanwhile in southern Sweden the work of the LBKS is expanding also. On the same day on which Pastor Engquist preached "in the snow," Bror Roslund, a former lay preacher who had been colloquized and found fit for the ministry by the doctrinal commission of the LBKS, was ordained and installed as assistant pastor of St. Mark's Congregation in Ljunby. The pastor of St. Mark's is Gideon Gisselson, a re-

tired school principal, who had also served for many years as a lay preacher. In Gothenburg, Dr. Ingemar Furberg, who left the state church on May 1, 1976, is serving as missionary of the LBKS and is also assisting Dr. Seth Erlandsson in the work of *Biblicum*, the Bible Research Center in Uppsala.

The Lutheran Confessional Church in Sweden, which was founded in September of 1974, now has seven organized congregations. In addition to those mentioned above they are St. Matthew's in Uppsala, Dr. Erlandsson, assistant pastor — the pastorate is vacant — St. John's in Yxenhult, Arne Svensson, pastor, St. Andrew's in Skellefteå, Gunnar Byström, pastor, and St. James in Piteå, Alvar Svensson, pastor. In addition to the seven congregations, there are another six preaching places, and through the "cassette mission" many other areas in Sweden are also being reached.

## AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS

**Talk about the Savior (F-13-TAS)**  
1975 26 minutes 16mm Color

The marital problems of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thomas have reached a bitter climax. Charles storms out of the house and heads for the airport to get away, anywhere, hoping to leave his troubles and sins behind.

On the plane he meets Peter Stone, a lay witness for Christ. Peter strikes up a conversation with Charles, gives him a chance to tell of his troubles, and then, alert to the golden opportunity for Christian witnessing, speaks of sin and grace to this sin-burdened soul. Charles is encouraged by Peter to confess his sins and is shown that Jesus is his Savior and the supplier of eternal life as a free gift.

The film should help Christians recognize witnessing opportunities and can be used as a training tool with the evangelism program bearing the same title as the film, "Talk about the Savior."

This film was produced by the WELS Commission on Evangelism and can also be obtained from your District Evangelism Committee chairman.

**Follow Me (S-14-FLM)**  
1976 12 min. T & M Color

Produced by our Synod's Stewardship Office, this filmstrip carries out the "Follow Me" theme in dialogue form. Originally designed to accompany the 1976 stewardship materials, the narrators discuss the meaning of the Savior's invitation to follow Him to the fields, to freedom, to fulfillment, and to forever, emphasizing the fact that stewardship is much more than giving money. This presentation uses slides rather than a filmstrip so that pictures of local programs can be included. Since the commentary moves rapidly at times, a mechanized slide projector is a must. — These slides may also be purchased from the Stewardship Office.

**Grace to Share (FS-64-GTS)**  
1975 18 min. T & M Color

This unique presentation on Christian stewardship uses a series of special effects not usually found on filmstrips. Produced by our Stewardship Office, it was originally intended to accompany the 1975 stewardship program, but may be used by congregations for a general discussion of stewardship. It asks the Christian to reconsider his personal sharing in the light of all that God has given us. Since it is aimed at adults who have some grasp of current social problems, it is not well suited for grade-school children. — This filmstrip may also be purchased from the Stewardship Office.

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# Looking at the Religious World

## New Lutheran Hymnal

The Inter-Lutheran Commission on Worship has named its new hymnal and liturgy the "Lutheran Book of Worship." Scheduled for publication next year, the new hymnal will replace the Service Book and Hymnal used in the ALC and the LCA as well as The Lutheran Hymnal of the LC-MS.

The new hymnal will have a green cover, contain 529 hymns, and number 960 pages. Page size will be slightly larger than that of current hymnals. While the LCA and the ALC have approved its use in conventions, the Missouri Synod had not done so. Nor is it a foregone conclusion that Missouri will do so, since groups within that Synod continue to voice opposition to it.

## Dedication's Dividends

Cultist Sun Myung Moon became irate last fall when a Milwaukee father, John Trimble, succeeded with the help of a court order in spiriting his son, Carl, away from a Unification Church rally in Washington, D.C. Moon is the defrocked Presbyterian minister who started his own Unification Church by combining elements of Bible truth with his own weird notions about a new Messiah. He maintains a tight hold on his followers by manipulating them with techniques of mind control.

Trimble's efforts to deprogram his son succeeded. After his return home, son Carl freely shared his experiences as a Moonie with TV and newspaper reporters. His description of the cult, its program, and its doctrines did not reveal anything new. Trimble did say something, however, in one interview which ought to give Christians cause for reflection.

Moonies tried to recruit Trimble when he entered the University of California at Berkeley in 1974. Trimble says he had doubts at first about Moon's teachings. The complete dedication of the Moonies to their beliefs helped Trimble to overcome his initial doubts. In a recent interview he described that dedication in these words:

"They sleep less than normal people and work hard, so it's really an attractive thing. When anyone is really giving a lot, giving 100% and really trying hard, then you're naturally attracted to that kind of person. You can trust those people easily over other people because you think, well, they're working for God, whereas other people are more selfish and working for themselves."

If Christians displayed the same 100% dedication to the mission of the real Messiah, how many more non-Christians would be attracted to His cause! Moonies are open to criticism because of their doctrine, but not because of their dedication. In their case dedication pays dividends. If the impact of Christ's Church on the world today is not what it ought to be, the reason for it could well be a lack of dedication on the part of its members.

## Anything for a Cause

Wire services reported in December that the Rev. Alison Palmer, one of the 11 women whose unauthorized ordination as an Episcopal priest was not recognized by the church, celebrated Mass in a Unitarian chapel in London.

Now that the Episcopal Church in the United States has capitulated to the advocates of women's ordination to the priesthood, the agitators are attempting to pressure the Church of England and the Archbishop of Canterbury to follow suit. Since Anglican altars are closed to Mass celebrations by women, Ms. Palmer used the chapel of an antichristian sect to make propaganda for her cause.

Why not? If one is free to ignore the Word of God which forbids a woman to serve as pastor, why should one respect the prohibition which says, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers"? Apparently if the cause is just, anything goes.

## Finnish Lutherans and Women's Ordination

The Lutheran State Church in Finland officially expressed its opposition

for a third time to the ordination of women to the ministry. While a majority of synod delegates (66-37) approved the change in the church's practice, supporters failed to muster the required three-quarters majority. At the previous synod assembly, the majority opposed the proposal (63-55). Approval appears to be only a matter of time.

Meanwhile more than 600 theologically trained women serve as unordained lectors in the State Church. Lectors carry out many regular functions of pastors but are forbidden to administer the Lord's Supper.

## ABS Completes Good News Bible Translation

A 10-year Bible translation project sponsored by the American Bible Society ended just before Christmas with the publication of "The Good News Bible." The New Testament portion of the translation, Good News For Modern Man, has been available for several years. A seven-man translation team completed the Old Testament last fall.

The Rev. Robert Bratcher, who prepared the New Testament translation and coordinated the work of the Old Testament team, called the new translation "a dynamic equivalent" rendering of the original Hebrew text. Translators did not attempt to translate word for word, but meaning for meaning. We would not question that principle, but many Bible scholars have reservations about whether the new translation actually presents the meaning of the original faithfully. The New Testament translation does not. The Old Testament has not been available long enough for an evaluation to be made.

Bible readers, however, will wonder whether the translators succeeded in rendering the first verse of the Bible satisfactorily. "In the beginning, when God created the universe, the earth was formless and desolate." A temporal clause replaces a simple declaratory statement.

The New York Bible Society's complete New International Version is scheduled for publication next year. Christians who want a reliable Bible translation will probably want to wait until then to ascertain whether that version is more faithful to the original in its attempt to render "meaning for meaning."

Joel C. Gerlach





## Youth Leaders' Training Seminar

The youth group at St. Paul's in Ottawa, Canada, really started something a few years ago. By hosting the First International Youth Rally as part of the congregation's centennial celebration, it sparked interest in a ministry to WELS youth. An ad hoc Youth Committee has been functioning ever since. The committee has participated in two locally sponsored, Synod-wide youth rallies at Winona and Saginaw and has actively sought the cooperation of the Synod's Board for Parish Education.

The Youth Committee and the Board for Parish Education believe that one of the most useful services that can be performed for the individual congregation is the training of youth leaders. At

the recommendation of the District BPE chairmen and with the approval of the Board for Parish Education, the ad hoc committee planned and conducted such a Youth Leaders' Training Seminar last fall at the Kettle Moraine Youth Camp near Campbellsport, Wisconsin.

The Youth Leaders' Training Seminar was limited to 40 participants — laymen, teachers, and pastors, plus the committee. In addition to setting forth the general objectives for a youth group, the seminar outlined a five-point youth program on worship, education, fellowship, recreation, and service. Each of the areas was discussed on the basis of carefully written pres-

entations, sent to all participants in advance. Practical examples and demonstrations were the order of the day. For example, Christian education of the youth was not only discussed, but various methods were demonstrated to show how the adolescent may be led into effective Bible study.

A great deal was packed into the two-day seminar. The wide variety of activities and the great interest of the participants showed the need for exploring more effective ways to communicate the Word to the youth and thus to strengthen the bonds of fellowship. It was evident that all were vitally concerned with the spiritual well-being of the young people entrusted to their care.

There is a constant concern among us that a youth ministry might eventually resort to trying to hold the young people together in the church by means other than the Gospel. It is the conviction of the ad hoc Youth Committee that the "one thing needful" must always be kept as the bonding force, for the Gospel alone can keep our youth in the true faith. When that remains uppermost in our minds, youth work becomes a God-pleasing ministry in the congregation. The ad hoc Youth Committee desires at all times to work closely with the Synod through its appropriate boards on both the Synodical and local levels.

William E. Fischer  
Secretary of Part-time Education

## 125 Years of Gospel Preaching at Newtonburg

St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church of Route 4, Manitowoc (Newtonburg), observed its 125th anniversary with three special services in September, October, and November. The services were designated as "Christian Education Sunday" (Sept. 19), "Synod Mission Sunday" (Oct. 17), and "Reunion-Rededication Sunday" (Nov. 14). Guest preachers, in order, were former Pastor F. Knueppel and sons of the congregation Pastors R. Waack and G. Kionka. The Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary choir was the con-

gregation's guest on November 14. On the afternoon of the same day the Lakeshore Lutheran Chorale presented a Jubilee Concert.

St. John's of Newton Township had its beginning when a nucleus of 20 families organized as a congregation in 1851. The first pastor to serve the group was one of the early missionary pastors of the Wisconsin Synod, the Rev. C. F. Goldammer, who organized several congregations in the Lakeshore area. He served the congregation until 1855. Fifteen pastors have

followed in his footsteps, each by God's grace proclaiming the same Word, each with his individual gifts and talents used by the Lord to build and preserve the faith and fellowship of the congregation. The names are familiar: Streisguth, Ph. Sprengling, P. Niedmann, F. Warnke, F. Kleinert, Wagner, E. Strube, A. Pieper, O. Sieker, F. Uplegger, K. Toepel, E. Kionka, F. Knueppel, A. Degner, and the Rev. Keith Haberkorn since 1972.

During Pastor Goldammer's ministry the congregation's services were held first in a house, then a school, and then in a log cabin. A frame church replaced the log cabin in 1857. In 1888 a brick church was built. Destroyed by fire in the 1920s, it was replaced by the present edifice. The congregation numbers 410 souls.



# Direct from the Districts

## Dakota-Montana

### Bethlehem Gives Thanks!

Under God's grace, about 1977 years ago, Judea's little town of Bethlehem, the city of David, gave the world reason to thank God "for a Savior, which is Christ the Lord."

On September 19, 1976, Bethlehem Lutheran Church of the city of Watertown, South Dakota, had good reason to remember the Lord in a special thanksgiving service. It was the 20th anniversary of its founding — a founding upon "the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself be-

ing the chief cornerstone."

The pastor of the congregation, the Rev. Durant Shook, served as liturgist. The president of the Dakota-Montana District, the Rev. Arthur P. C. Kell, who had served the congregation for more than 16 of those 20 years, was the guest speaker. Present to hear Pastor Kell's message were 239 members and guests of the congregation. Basing his sermon on Psalm 106:1, Pastor Kell directed the congregation to "Give Thanks unto the Lord." Looking at the history of the congregation, he pointed out that the congregation indeed had great reason to thank the Lord for having been so good to it. Then, looking to



President A. P. C. Kell addressing Bethlehem Congregation



Dedication of Parsonage at Beverly Hills

Recognizing that Christian training for the young is important to the growth and fellowship of any congregation, St. John's in 1866 arranged for a half year of "German school" for its children. A teacher was called in 1867. A full-time Christian day school was opened in 1903. A new two-room school was built in 1952 and a three-room addition erected in 1969. The present teaching staff is headed by Principal Elroy Bartsch, who has served St. John's since 1960. Currently 100% of the congregation's eligible children are enrolled in the day school.

During these 125 years of Gospel preaching and fellowship, Newtonburg has witnessed 1987 baptisms, 1631 confirmations, 568 marriages, and 712 Christian burials.

the future, he reminded the hearers that they had further reason to give thanks because the Lord's mercy will not change; it endures forever.

To express its thanks to God for 20 years of blessings, the congregation early in the year decided to conduct a debt retirement program. Proving once again that all things are added to those who put Him and His kingdom first, the Lord blessed that drive way beyond what the pastor or the congregation of 154 communicants and 217 souls could have hoped for. On the anniversary Sunday alone almost \$3000 was given to help retire the debt.

Bethlehem Lutheran Congregation is on record testifying that even as God wrought a great thing in Judea's Bethlehem, so He has also wrought great things in Watertown's Bethlehem. To Him be all praise and thanks!

## South Atlantic

### Double Observance

Although only two and one-half years old, our WELS mission in Beverly Hills, Florida, recently had two special events to celebrate. The congregation broke ground for a new church and fellowship hall and dedicated a new parsonage. St. Paul's Church observed both of these events on Sunday, October 10, 1976.

The new church and fellowship hall will cover an area of about 3,700 square feet. The church proper will have a seating capacity of about 150, with the fellowship hall serving as an overflow area. In addition to the spacious fellowship hall, the plans also call for a kitchen, several storage

areas, a workroom, and an office for the pastor. The estimated cost of the church and fellowship hall is \$104,000.

St. Paul's new parsonage, which was completed in May of this year, has 1,700 square feet of living area. There are three bedrooms, a study, a living room, a dining area, a family room, and a kitchen. In addition there is a utility area, a double garage, and a patio. The cost of the home was \$32,000.

The building committee, which has worked on both projects at the same time, consists of the following: Donald Popp, Harold Dietz, George Gavin, Joseph Jegl, and Pastor Dennis Lemke.

The members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church wish to express their thankfulness and appreciation to



their fellow Christians throughout the Wisconsin Synod, who, through their CEF offerings, made this double celebration possible. To God be all the glory!

## Nebraska

### A Church is Born in the Bluffs!

It was with great joy that the news was received at King of Kings Lutheran Church, Scottsbluff, Nebraska, that the General Board for Home Missions had granted its request for mission status.



First Voters' Meeting

It may be difficult for people living in a Lutheran area, with a WELS church every 10 miles or so, to realize the joy felt by people living in a community where the closest WELS church is 120 miles away when definite and permanent arrangements for worship are finally made. Not to have a church available that teaches God's Word truthfully is a real test of faith. It takes real dedication to stand firm, to worship with a tape recorder, or in homes, or in motels, or in a bar — all in order to hear God's Word in its purity. But that is just what these people in the Nebraska bluffs had to do for the past few years. The pastors who served them lived as far as 168 miles away. Worship services, all of them evening services, were held in five different locations.

In July, 1976, Pastor A. L. Schmelting, Nebraska District missionary, arrived in Scottsbluff to continue exploratory services on a regular basis. At the time mission status was

granted, King of Kings counted 49 souls, 30 communicants. The mission also has a ladies' group, a choir, a Sunday-school enrollment of 15, and is looking forward to incorporating this month. Worship services are conducted at 9:00 A.M. every Sunday at the Scottsbluff Inn.

Our heartfelt thanks to all who contribute generously to missions so that groups like this can continue to hear the Word of God. Special thanks also to the Nebraska District Mission Board and the General Board for Home Missions for their interest, concern, and prayers. Without this, new congregations would not be born!

## Northern Wisconsin

### Mrs. August J. Paetz Dies

Mrs. August J. Paetz was called to her eternal rest Saturday, October 2, 1976, at Park Lawn Home, Manitowoc, Wisconsin, where she was a resident. The funeral was held at First German Ev. Lutheran Church on October 6. Pastor Norval W. Kock conducted the service. The message of comfort was based on Hebrews 13:14, directing the mourners to consider the sure hope of God's people, a City yet to come.

Mrs. Paetz, nee Emma Mahnke, was born October 4, 1880, at Manitowoc, the daughter of Fred and Henrietta (Brandt) Mahnke. On January 31, 1907, she was married to the Rev. August J. Paetz. They served the Lord in congregations at Daggett, Michigan, Marshfield and Friesland, Wisconsin. After the death of her husband in 1939, Mrs. Paetz returned to Manitowoc. The Lord graciously granted her an earthly life of 95 years, 11 months, and 29 days. She is

survived by a son, Harold; a daughter, Renata Nelesen; four grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

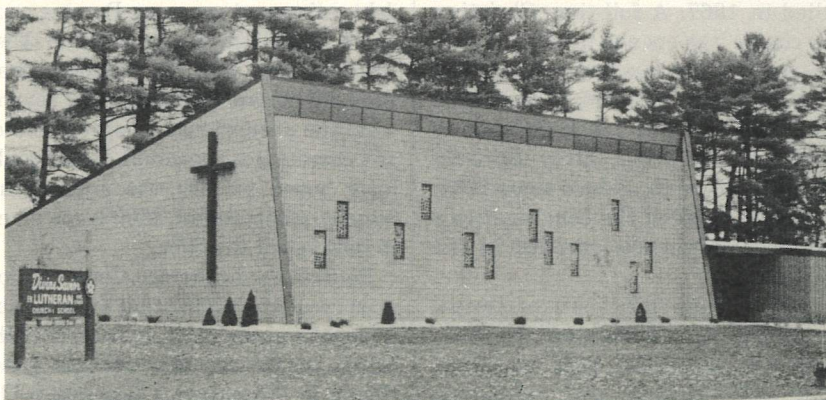
### Second Dedication in 10 Years

Divine Savior Ev. Lutheran Church of Shawano, Wisconsin, is a relatively new congregation. The first WELS service was held in Shawano on November 7, 1965, with 14 people in attendance. The congregation was officially organized on May 24, 1966.

In that brief period of time the congregation has experienced some very special blessings of God. In two services on Sunday, November, 1976, about 750 worshipers were reminded of those blessings.

On that Sunday Divine Savior observed the tenth anniversary of its organization. In 10 years the congregation has moved through these various stages: struggling mission in rented quarters, land acquisition (1968), chapel construction (1971), self-support (1973), opening a Christian day school (1974), and, very recently, relocation. The congregation has increased in size to almost 200 communicant members.

On the same Sunday, Divine Savior dedicated its second church and school. The five-year-old chapel was sold in January of 1976. A new five-acre site was purchased and a 14,000-square-foot church and school building was erected. The church is of modern design and seats more than 300. The building contains four classrooms and a ground-level fellowship hall. Adequate office space is also provided for the pastor and teachers. The entire complex is serviced by a single, large entryway. Careful planning and volunteer help kept the total project cost under \$255,000.



Divine Savior at Shawano



The pastor who organized Divine Savior, the Rev. Larry Zwiig, spoke to 325 worshipers in the morning service. On the basis of Joshua 4:1-7 he told the congregation to consider the new building as a memorial to God's power and might, not their own. In the afternoon, the Rev. Roland Zimmermann, who served Divine Savior from 1969-1971, told the congregation, "The Lord loves you." He used I John 3:1 as the text for his sermon and pointed to all the blessings experienced at the Lord's hands. Some 420 members and friends of Divine Savior assembled for that service.

"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" was the hymn sung by the children of the Christian day school in the afternoon service. Divine Savior's very existence as a Christian congregation is evidence of God's past help. A display in the entry of the new building continued the hymn line, "... Our hope for years to come." Divine Savior Congregation knows well that only through God's Gospel will it continue to prosper for years to come.

The congregation wishes to thank the District and General Mission Boards, as well as the membership of the WELS, for the Church Extension Fund financing which made the relocation project possible. Divine Savior's pastor is the Rev. Ronald Muetzel. Mr. Ernie Knobloch is principal of the Christian day school. Other teachers are Mrs. Joyce Frisque and Mrs. Janet Knobloch.

### St. Paul's of North Fond du Lac Celebrates Its 75th

St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Congregation of North Fond du Lac observed its 75th Anniversary on Sunday October 17, 1976, with worship services attended by over 400.

In the morning service Prof. Carl Lawrenz of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary addressed the worshipers on the words of Acts 2:21-24. Professor Lawrenz was pastor at St. Paul's from 1932-1944. In the afternoon service Pastor Robert James Voss of St. John, Libertyville, Illinois, invited the congregation, on the basis of Genesis 32:9-12, to consider "A Proper Anniversary Observance." Pastor Voss is a son of the congregation. The congregations' anniversary project was the complete redecoration of the

church interior.

Pastor G. E. Bergemann of St. Peter's Congregation in Fond du Lac helped seven men organize St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Congregation on December 10, 1901. Pastor Bergemann and students John Rueschel and Robert Wolff served this small group until its first resident pastor was called in the person of Paul J. Dowidat in 1902. The following pastors have also served St. Paul's: Arnold Hoenecke, Paul Oehlert, Walter Schumann, Leonard Koening, Kurt Timmel, Carl Lawrenz, and Wilmar Wiechmann. The Rev. Bernard Kuschel has been pastor of St. Paul's since 1948. St. Paul's communicant membership is 380.

St. Paul's has maintained a Christian day school since its early history. Myron Hilger is currently principal and upper-grade teacher. Mrs. Marion Jeffers teaches the lower grades.

St Paul's members look into the future with the prayer, "Abide with us, for it is toward evening and the day is far spent" (Luke 24:29).

### Diamond Jubilee at Peace, Green Lake

On Reformation Sunday 1976, Peace Lutheran Congregation at Green Lake, Wisconsin, celebrated its Diamond Jubilee. In the morning service Pastor Richard Pankow, a son of the congregation, preached the sermon on Revelation 3:7-12, using as his theme, "A Message from the Lord on this Diamond Jubilee." In the afternoon service Pastor Carl Voss, Northern Wisconsin District president, addressed the congregation on Romans 1:16, urging, "Make This Your Reformation and Anniversary Standard: Unashamed of the Gospel of Christ."

Peace Congregation was organized on Reformation Day, October 31, 1901, under the leadership of Pastor Adolph Hoyer, who at the time was pastor at Princeton, Wisconsin. Ten pastors have served the congregation during its 75 years. The present pastor is the Rev. D. E. Hallemeier. Mr. James Haferman is the principal of the school and Mrs. Ronald Jahns teaches grades 1-4. The present membership is 315 communicants. The members of Peace Congregation pray

that the Lord would help them to firmly hold fast to the great principles of the Reformation, "Grace alone, Faith alone, Scripture alone."

## Texas Mission District Joint Reformation Service in Houston

On Reformation Sunday the Houston area WELS congregations once again gathered for their annual joint Reformation service. Lord of Life Ev. Lutheran Church, Friendswood, Texas, served as host congregation.

The featured speaker was Pastor Norman Harstad of our sister ELS congregation in San Antonio, Texas. The general theme this year, following the practice of covering the various parts of Luther's Catechism, concentrated on the Lord's Prayer.

Also featured in the service were the choirs from the various congregations under the direction of Mr. James Moeller, principal of Abiding Word Lutheran School in Houston. Children from the congregations also participated, speaking portions of the Catechism relating to the Lord's Prayer. Attendance numbered in excess of 180 persons.

Pastor Harstad's message from II Corinthians 3:17ff enriched everyone with the Lord's Word and appropriate references to Martin Luther's service to God in reestablishing the true mission of the Church to preach Christ's free salvation to the sinful world.

### Call for Nominations Michigan Lutheran Seminary

The Board of Control of Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Saginaw, Michigan, invites the membership of the Synod to submit nominations for the newly granted seventeenth professorship. Nominees should be qualified to teach in the field of Latin and English. Nominations, including pertinent information, should be in the hands of the secretary no later than January 15, 1977.

Mr. Milton Bugbee, Secretary  
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## With the Lord

### Pastor Alfred C. Schewe 1909 - 1976



Pastor A. Schewe

The Rev. Alfred Carl Schewe was born on April 30, 1909, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the son of Paul Schewe and his wife, Lydia, nee Wenzel. He received his elementary education at St. Peter's Lutheran School. In 1923 he entered Northwestern Preparatory Department to begin his education for the holy ministry. He graduated from Northwestern College in 1931 and from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary at Mequon in 1934. Declared a candidate for the holy ministry, he joined the ranks of Seminary graduates who awaited calls for service in the church during the "depression years."

After spending a year as parochial-school teacher and assisting at Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church of West Mequon, Wisconsin, he was called to be their spiritual shepherd and ordained and installed on October 28, 1935. On November 9, 1935, he was united in marriage with Viola Molkentin.

In 1942, Pastor Schewe accepted a call to serve the dual parish of Emmanuel, rural Hartford, and Zion, Theresa Township, Wisconsin. From 1949-59 he served St. John's at Neillsville, Wisconsin, and then accepted the pastorate of St. John's on Eighth and Vliet Streets in Milwaukee. He served as pastor there up to the time of his death on November 21, 1976. His time of grace numbered 67 years, 6 months, and 22 days.

Pastor Schewe served the church at large as a member of the Synod's Board of Trustees, the Investment Com-

mittee, and the Public Relations Committee.

The funeral service was conducted on November 24, 1976, at St. John's Lutheran Church by Pastor D. Tetzlaff. He comforted the family, friends, and brethren in the ministry with the words of Pastor Schewe's confirmation memory verse, Revelation 2:10, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." Also addressing the mourners were the Rev. George Boldt, president of the Southeastern Wisconsin District, and Pastor Herbert Lichtenberg on behalf of the Metro-South Pastoral Conference, of which Pastor Schewe was a member for 17 years. The committal took place at the Arlington Memorial Park, Milwaukee.

Pastor Schewe is survived by his wife, Viola; a son, Prof. Harold Schewe of Mobridge, South Dakota; a daughter, Mrs. Paul (Violet) Kante of Theresa, Wisconsin; four grandchildren; a brother, Pastor Erwin Schewe of Allenton, Wisconsin; and many other relatives and friends.

He fought a good fight, finished his course, and kept the faith.

D. A. Tetzlaff

### Teacher Fredrick Janke 1931 - 1976

Mr. Fredrick Janke was born in New Ulm, Minnesota, on September 15, 1931, the son of Professor and Mrs. Richard Janke. He attended St. Paul's Lutheran School, Martin Luther Academy, and Doctor Martin Luther College, graduating in 1952. He also did some graduate work at Mankato State College.

Mr. Janke served his Lord and Savior as teacher and principal at St. Paul's School, Livonia, Michigan, from 1952 to 1956; at St. John's School, Sleepy Eye, Minnesota, from 1956 to 1969; and at St. John's School, Waterloo, Wisconsin, from 1969 until 1972, when it became necessary for him to retire because of a heart attack.

He served the church at large as chairman of the Minnesota District Teachers' Conference; as member of the Board of Control of Martin Luther Academy; as member of the Board of Regents of Lakeside Lutheran High School; and at the time of his death as member of the General Board of Lakeside Lutheran High School.

He departed this life on November 20, 1976. Survivors include his wife, Nadine, nee Meyer, whom he married on August 1, 1953. Also surviving are three sons, Mark, Thomas, and David; one daughter, Debra; his mother, Mrs. Richard Janke; and two brothers, Pastor Philip Janke and Pastor Martin Janke.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth, yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

H. A. Essmann

### WLC (Continued)

tween the Law and Gospel; for parents, Sunday-school teachers, day-school teachers, and anyone who deals with children and young people.

DOCTRINAL TOPICS, by Prof. David Kuske of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, based on a course he taught at WLC . . . a six-lesson series discussing the following topics: One Bible: Many Religions?; The Doctrine of Fellowship; Angels and Devils; The Flesh and the Spirit; Christian Schizophrenia; Women's Place in the Church; and, Creation, the Flood and Modern Science.

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All of the courses are designed for adults who desire to grow in Grace and in their knowledge of God's Word. No textbook reading is required, although additional sources of information are included for those who wish to read more extensively.

For further information write: PACE, Wisconsin Lutheran College, 407 N. Glenview Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53213.

### APPOINTMENT

To the District Special Ministries Board: Rev. Robert P. Pless, Rev. David M. Neumann, and Rev. Elroy V. Conradt.

Mr. George Hammer has been appointed a member of the District Mission Board to succeed Mr. Herbert Andree, who has resigned.

Arthur P. C. Kell, President  
Dakota-Montana District



## CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES

### ARIZONA-CALIFORNIA

#### CALIFORNIA PASTORAL CONFERENCE

**Date:** January 24-25, 1977; Communion service at 10:00 a.m.

**Place:** Reformation Lutheran Church, San Diego, California.

**Preacher:** D. Valleskey.

**Agenda:** Exegesis of Hebrews 3:1-4:2; A. Beyersdorf; How Reliable Are the Masoretic Text and the Septuagint in Translating the Old Testament. F. Bivens; Varieties of Legalism in the Evangelical Vineyard: M. Burk; The Pursuit of Excellence in Our Preaching: T. Franzmann; A Study of Fasting in the Scriptures and the Life of the Church: J. Prange.

L. Lange, Secretary

#### BLACK CANYON DELEGATE CONFERENCE

**Date:** February 1-2, 1977.

**Place:** Emmaus Lutheran Church, Phoenix, Arizona.

**Preacher:** C. Huska.

**Agenda:** Transcendental Meditation: H. Reaume; An Isagogical Study of I, II, and III John: P. Fetzer; Polemics In Christian Education: C. Sievert.

P. Koelpin, Secretary

### MICHIGAN

#### OHIO CONFERENCE

**Date:** January 17-18, 1977.

**Place:** St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Columbus, Ohio; K. Roehl, host pastor.

**Preacher:** L. Prah.

**Agenda:** Exegesis of Galatians 1: H. Bartels; Ten Commandments — Exodus 20: J. Brug; Euthanasia: K. Grunewald.

L. Prah, Secretary

#### SOUTHEASTERN PASTOR-TEACHER-DELEGATE CONFERENCE

**Date:** January 24-25, 1977; 10:00 a.m.

**Place:** Peace, Livonia, Michigan; K. Vertz, host pastor.

**Preacher:** L. Hallauer (W. Henning, alternate).

**Agenda:** Discussion of *Gesetzlich Wesen Unter Uns*: H. Engel; Misconceptions of Children in Their Religious Instruction and How To Avoid Them: H. Achey; The Soul: E. Fredrich; Daniel 3: K. Strack; Special Report from Committee on Prebudget Subscription as it Related to Synodical Fiscal Policy: K. Krauss.

**Note:** Send excuses to the host pastor.

D. Schulz, Secretary

### MINNESOTA

#### RED WING PASTORAL CONFERENCE

**Date:** January 25, 1977.

**Place:** St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Bear Valley, Minnesota; T. Haar, host pastor.

**Preacher:** P. Otto (J. Ruppel, alternate).

**Agenda:** *Gesetzlich Wesen Unter Uns*, Part 2: L. Cross; Zechariah, chapter 6: R. Kuznicki.

W. A. Meier, Secretary

#### MANKATO PASTORAL CONFERENCE

**Date:** February 1, 1977, 9:00 a.m. Communion service.

**Place:** St. Peter's, St. Peter, Minnesota; O. Lindholm, pastor.

**Preacher:** A. Stuebs; (V. Voss, alternate).

**Agenda:** Exegesis in II Timothy 4: O. Lindholm (alternate); Exegesis on I Corinthians 1: E. Peterson; A Study of Transcendental Meditation: M. Birkholz (alternate); Fund-Raising Activities in the Church in the Light of Stewardship Principles: W. Noffsinger; Questions of Casuistry.

**Note:** Please excuse to the host pastor.

W. E. Wagner, Secretary

### SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN

#### CHICAGO PASTORAL CONFERENCE

**Date:** January 11, 1977; 9:00 a.m. C.S.T.

**Place:** St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church, 420 N. Greenwood Drive, Round Lake, Illinois 60073; M. Lopahs, host pastor.

**Preacher:** H. Schwertfeger: O.T. Text (alternate: A. Siggeikow: N.T. Text).

**Agenda:** Exegesis of 2 Peter 2: R. Pasbrig (alternate: 2 Peter 3: P. Prange); Guest Essayist on the *New International Version*.

**Note:** Please send excuses to host pastor or the secretary.

R. Pasbrig, Secretary

### SOUTHERN PASTORAL CONFERENCE

**Date:** January 11, 1977; 9:00 a.m. Communion service.

**Place:** Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, R.R. 2, 51st St., Franksville, Wisconsin; A. Capek, host pastor.

**Preacher:** F. Schulz (R. Weber, alternate).

**Agenda:** Exegesis of Romans 6:1-11: A. Capek (Romans 6:12-23: G. Enderle, alternate); Death With Dignity, R. Weber (Alcoholism: T. Kraus, alternate).

K. E. Schroeder, Secretary

### NORTHERN WISCONSIN

#### RHINELANDER PASTOR-TEACHER CONFERENCE

**Date:** Friday, January 14, 1977; Communion service, 9:00 a.m.

**Place:** Trinity Lutheran Church and School, Minocqua, Wisconsin; E. A. Kock, pastor, James Buege, principal.

**Preacher:** Dean Fleming (W. Hoepner, alternate).  
C. J. Siegler, Secretary

#### CALL FOR CANDIDATES — NWPS

The Board of Control of Northwestern College invites the members of the Synod to submit nominations for a new professorship at Northwestern Preparatory School, Watertown, Wisconsin. Nominees are to be qualified in the area of science and teach courses in chemistry and physics. It is desirable also that they be able to assist in coaching basketball. Nominations are to be sent to the undersigned no later than January 17, 1977.

Walter A. Schumann, Jr.  
613 S. 5th Street  
Watertown, Wisconsin 53094

#### CALL FOR NOMINATIONS — DMLC MUSIC

Because Prof. Meilahn P. Zahn has requested and has been granted a release from his call to permit retirement at the conclusion of the current academic year, the Board of Control of Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota, with the concurrence of the Commission on Higher Education, herewith petitions the voting constituency of the Synod to nominate candidates for a professorship in the field of music.

Candidates should be qualified to teach in the general area of music theory. In addition, candidates should have the ability, coupled with the interest, to conduct the college bands. Interest and ability in choral conducting is also desirable.

All nominations, with as much accompanying data as possible, should be in the hands of the secretary no later than January 28, 1977.

Darrell Knippel, Secretary  
DMLC Board of Control  
4818 Garfield Avenue So.  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55409

#### CALL FOR NOMINATIONS — DMLC ART — EDUCATION

Because he will have reached voluntary retirement age but particularly for reasons of health, Prof. Adolph Wilbrecht has requested and has been granted a release from his call, effective after the end of the present academic year. To fill the impending vacancy, the Board of Control of Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota, with the concurrence of the Commission on Higher Education, herewith petitions the voting constituency of the Synod to nominate candidates for a professorship in education with emphasis on art.

Candidates should be qualified to teach art directed toward use in elementary teaching. Candidates should also be qualified to teach in the area of professional education, the specific area to be determined in consultation with the individual called.

All nominations with as much accompanying data as possible should be in the hands of the secretary no later than January 28, 1977.

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# NEW WELS CHURCHES

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### 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:

WELS MEMBERSHIP CONSERVATION  
3512 W. North Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53208

Names as well as pertinent information regarding members referred will be forwarded to the nearest pastor and/or mission board chairman.

Alabama	Montgomery
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\*Denotes exploratory services.

## EXPLORATORY

### CHANDLER, ARIZONA

Exploratory Services are being conducted at 9:15 a.m. on Sundays at Knox School, 700 W. Orchid Lane, Chandler, Arizona. Send names of interested people to Pastor Daniel Pautz, 904 Roosevelt, Tempe, Arizona 85281; or phone (602) 967-3277

## WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS

WELS exploratory services are being held each Sunday at 6:30 p.m., followed by information meetings at 7:30, at the Seventh Day Adventist Church, 1305 14th Street at Bluff, Wichita Falls, Texas 76301. For information and to inform the group of newcomers, military personnel, and interested parties, call (817) 569-2055 at Electra, Texas, or call Pastor Myrl Wagenknecht of Fort Worth, Texas, at (817) 238-6195.

## RICE LAKE, WISCONSIN

WELS exploratory services are being held at the Northland Care Center Nursing Home, 19 W. Newton St., Rice Lake, Wisconsin, at 7:00 p.m. Sundays. For local information call (715) 234-3707. Send names of prospects to Pastor Dennis Kempf, 1315 Larson St., Bloomer, Wisconsin 54724, or to David Seehaver, 119 E. St. Patrick St., Rice Lake, Wisconsin 54868.

## BOULDER, COLORADO

Exploratory services in Boulder, Colorado, are now being held at the Crist Mortuary Chapel, 34th Street and the Longmont Diagonal (Hwy. 119), in northeast Boulder. The worship service begins each Sunday at 7:45 a.m., followed by Bible class at 8:30 a.m. Please send names of prospects to: Pastor Walter Westphal, 1217 17th Avenue, Longmont, CO 80501; phone (303) 776-5528. Boulder area residents may call the following local numbers for information on the services: 499-5253 or 494-6897.

## GRAND RAPIDS, MINNESOTA

Exploratory services are being held in Grand Rapids, Minnesota, on Sunday evenings at 7:00 at the Public Library, 21 NE 5th Street, Grand Rapids, Minnesota. For Sunday school and Adult Bible class information contact Mr. Larry Czeskleba, (218) 326-2615. Please submit names to Pastor Lee Vaccarella, 1209 Bemidji Avenue, Bemidji, Minnesota 56601, phone (218) 751-6334.

## TIME AND PLACE

### ROCKLIN, CALIFORNIA

Hope Lutheran Church, a branch of St. Mark's in Citrus Heights, California, is meeting at Finn Recreation Center on Rocklin Rd., 1/2 mile west of I-80 at 10:30 a.m. Sunday school and Bible class are conducted at 9:15 a.m. Hope Lutheran, So. Placer County, north from Roseville to Auburn and Nevada City. For information write Pastor Paul Heyn, 2760 S. Whitney Blvd, Rocklin, California 95677, or call (916) 624-0817.

### ANTIGO, WISCONSIN

Ascension Ev. Lutheran Church of Antigo, Wisconsin, announces that its worship services are held on Saturday evenings at 7 p.m.; children's class and adult Bible class at 6 p.m. The location remains at the Production Credit Association building, 713 Sixth Avenue, one block south and 1/2 block west of the traffic light on US 45 and 64. For information contact Pastor Dean Fleming, Route 1 Box 402, Pelican Lake, Wisconsin 54463; phone (715) 487-5484.

### HONOLULU, HAWAII Change of Location

St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church of Honolulu, Hawaii, is holding worship services at Salt Lake Elementary School, 1131 Ala Lili'oi Street. Worship is at 9:30 a.m., Sunday school and Bible study at 10:45 a.m. For more information contact: Pastor W. H. Wietzke, 1519 Nehoa St. No. 101, Honolulu, Hawaii, 96822; telephone (808) 955-4164.

### SCOTT AFB BELLEVILLE, ILLINOIS

Divine Savior Lutheran Church is conducting worship services at Augustine's Restaurant, Highways 460 and 158 in Belleville, Illinois. Service time is 11:00 a.m. Please submit names to Pastor Peter Berg, 1830 St. Catherine St., Florissant, Missouri 63033.

## WHITE ROCK, NEW MEXICO

Thinking of heading to the beautiful mountains of northern New Mexico? Messiah Ev. Lutheran Church meets every Sunday at St. Joseph's Parish Hall, 196 Meadow Lane, White Rock. Time of worship is 9:30 a.m. with Sunday school and Bible class at 10:30 a.m. We are located some 35 miles west/northwest of Sante Fe on State Highway 4. We are also near the "Atomic City" of Los Alamos. For more information please contact Pastor George P. Swanson, 4333B Fairway, Los Alamos, New Mexico, 87544; phone: (505) 662-9656. Visitors are always welcome!

## NAMES WANTED

### EDEN PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA

WELS services are being held at 9:15 Sunday mornings at the Eden Prairie Senior High School in the Student Council room. The high school is located just south of State Highway 5 on Wallace Road. Please send names and addresses of prospects to Pastor Mark L. Liesener at 11 West 88th Street, Bloomington, Minnesota 55420, or phone (612) 888-2475.

### GRAND RAPIDS + BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA

Please send names of WELS members or prospects for the exploratory congregation at Grand Rapids, Minnesota, and for St. Mark's mission at Bemidji, Minnesota, to Pastor Lee Vaccarella, 1209 Bemidji Avenue, Minnesota 56601; phone (218) 751-6334.

### WASHINGTON STATE U — PULLMAN, WA UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO — MOSCOW, ID

Students attending the above universities are invited to attend worship services at Divine Savior Lutheran Church, NE 600 Colorado, Room 4, Pullman, Washington. Sunday worship begins at 9:30 a.m. Parents and pastors are asked to send all names to Pastor Christian Sulzle, NW 1410 State St., Pullman, Washington 99163. or call (509) 332-1452.