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Briefs by the Editor

When John the Baptist was in prison, he sent two of his disciples to Jesus with the question, "Are You He that should come, or do we wait for another?" In answering, Jesus pointed to His credentials, "Go and show John again those things which you do hear and see: The blind receive their sight and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up and the poor have the Gospel preached to them. And blessed is he who shall not be offended in Me."

Lent reminds us that we are by nature poor, lame, halt, blind, and dead. But now, through Christ, we are alive and strong and rich. Having made us such, our Lord sends each of us out as messengers of His Gospel. On the great Day of Judgment He wants to be able to point to us before all the world and say, "I was hungry, and you gave Me food; I was thirsty, and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger, and you took Me in; naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me. . . . Inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, you have done it unto Me."

To help others in their bodily distress and to bring them the comforting Gospel of Jesus Christ for their sin and guilt — that is the privilege of all who belong to Jesus Christ: all individuals, all congregations, all groupings of individuals, and all groupings of congregations.

Such groups of individuals and congregations, for example, support our area high schools. Among them are our fellow believers in California who are seeking to establish a high school in that area.

To assist individuals and congregations in carrying out their assignments from the Lord, our Synod has established a number of commissions and committees. There are five major divisions in our synodical work, those of Home Missions, World Missions, Worker-Training, Benevolences, and Administration and Services.

The Special Ministries Board, a part of the Division of Home Missions, is one you have recently been learning to know through the pages of *The Northwestern Lutheran*. It concerns itself with matters like special education, student services, the visually handicapped, the hearing handicapped, the aging, and the Institutional Ministries (hospitals, prisons, convalescent homes, etc.). It also supervises "Soul Conservation."

This issue brings you the final article in the series on the Special Ministries Board, presenting this time the activities of the Military Services Committee. A statement in that article to the effect that "a second pastor is being called to expand our work in Europe" can now be supplemented. It is a pleasure to announce that the one of our pastors has accepted this call. He is Pastor Clayton Krug of Waukesha, Wisconsin. Pastor Krug has served Trinity Congregation there since 1956. From 1971-72 he was on leave of absence as civilian chaplain-at-large in the continental United States. He will be installed as second Civilian Chaplain for Europe in a service at Trinity in Waukesha on Sunday, April 17.

Not only the Krugs, nor only the members of Trinity Congregation, but all WELS members are involved in a very personal way in matters touched on in two other articles in this issue: "Building His House" and "Call to Consecration." The one involves your "silver and gold," and the other may involve your own "flesh and blood." Please, give them your attention!

ADMINISTRATOR SOUGHT

The Martin Luther Memorial Home Association of Michigan is seeking to fill the position of administrator at its Saginaw Home. Any member of WELS who is interested is asked to request information and a job-application form from Pastor Robert P. Mueller, chairman of the Board of Directors, 1845 Woodland, Owosso, Michigan 48867; telephone (517) 723-3293. The deadline for seeking applications is April 8, 1977.

*The Lord our God be with us,
as he was with our fathers:
let him not leave us,
nor forsake us. 1 Kings 8:57*

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The Cover

Pictured is the installation service in
which Pastor Milton W. Burk was installed
as principal of the California Lutheran
High School on January 23, 1977. For
more information on this new venture,
turn to page 88.

Editorials

No Easy Joy In this unhappy world it is easy to see why people search diligently for joy, happiness, and satisfying fulfillment. It is sad to see some of the wretched excuses people plunge themselves into as they search.

Religious folks, too, are aware of this longing, and strive to win people by advertizing the joy that is available in Christ Jesus. Of course there is such a thing, as all of Scripture tells us.

But it is no easy joy, no mechanical kind of joy that can be had simply by a few mind-power tricks, attending some conference or weekend retreat, buying a certain book, wearing a lapel button, or changing life-styles.

The prophet described it as the strenuous joy that a man knows only after he has borne the heat and burden of the day, and his harvest is gathered in. It is the kind of joy that a soldier knows after the hard-fought battle is over and won.

Jesus told much about this joy at the Last Supper, but He tied it up with His suffering, death, and resurrection: "These things have I spoken unto you that My joy might remain in you, and that your joy may be full."

Christ is to remain the saving attraction here, not some personal obsession with being happy. True joy is a by-product of faith in Christ and of following Him in sacrificial service, spending and pouring out one's life.

This genuine joy is no occasional chirping or twittering. It is the deeply resonant and abiding joy that comes from the high cost and painful commitment of following Christ.

John Parcher

The Search For Happiness Early this year television star Freddie Prinze committed suicide. His self-inflicted death came as a shocking surprise to his legions of fans for reasons set forth the following week in a news magazine. The magazine outlined his successes and attainments: "He seemed to have everything going for him . . . He had just signed a multiyear million dollar contract . . . He was negotiating film deals . . . He attained one of the highest status roles in show business when he performed in the Inaugural gala in Washington."

A close confidant analyzed the reasons for his young friend's suicidal act, as follows: "Freddie saw nothing around him that would satisfy him. He would ask me, 'Is this what it is? Is this what it's all about?'"

Some who knew him attributed his act to personal problems which led to despondency. His confidant saw it in a somewhat different light, however. He explained, "His real despondency concerned the questions: 'Where do I fit in? Where is my happiness?'" When it was pointed out to him that he was a great star, he replied, "That's not happiness for me any more."

Those who know and believe their Bibles were not so surprised as others. The Preacher in the Book of Ec-

clesiastes (one of the most neglected books of the Bible, by the way) was in his day in a position similar to that of the television star. Like him, he was a man who had everything, and not surprisingly he reached similar conclusions regarding his attainments. After all his successes he gave vent to his frustrations in the immortal words, "Vanity of vanities; all is vanity."

One of the ancient church fathers cited the reason for the frustration and despair experienced by so many when he declared, "The soul is created for God, and it will not rest until it rests in God." Scripture itself keeps on telling us that happiness is found only in peace with God through Christ Jesus.

Tragic events, such as the one referred to above, remind us of the reproachful words of the Prophet: "Wherefore do ye spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which satisfieth not?" On our pilgrimage to our eternal home we need that reminder as we struggle with the continuing temptations to be diverted into attractive bypaths which in the end can only lead to despair.

Immanuel Frey

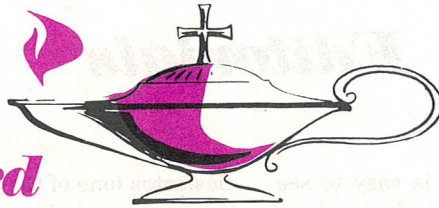
Change Can Mean Loss Marcel Lefebvre, a French archbishop, has been suspended from his office by Pope Paul for celebrating the Catholic mass in the traditional Latin rather than in the language of the people as the Vatican II council decreed in the 1960s. Millions of Catholics are on his side in his rebellion against the reform of the Roman liturgy. When he celebrated the old Tridentine (Latin) mass at Friedrichshafen, for example, 10,000 assembled to celebrate the forbidden mass with him.

Many Catholics have felt strongly about the loss of their traditional worship service. There is little doubt that the change in the Roman liturgy (together with other worship and service changes, such as rules for fasting being relaxed, nun's habits being modernized, Protestant and Catholic clergymen appearing together at a marriage service) has contributed to the dramatic dropoff in attendance at mass and to the declining loyalty and commitment to the church.

Such highly visible changes bewilder and disconcert the faithful. They had been taught to believe that Rome does not change, that it is unchanging in its truth and in its practice. And now a liturgy that the Tridentine Council (1545-1563) had decreed to be unalterable, under pain of excommunication, has been altered, and worship practices once held to be unchangeable have changed. For the Catholic laity their church's worship practices, even though they were more or less external, were benchmarks. Now that those benchmarks have been obscured or moved, many are distressed. If their church changes in these things, what assurance do they have that it will not also change in more basic ways, in doctrine and faith?

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Studies in God's Word



A Stirring Call For A Sanctified Walk (II)

But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you, for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another. And indeed ye do it toward all the brethren which are in all Macedonia. But we beseech you, brethren, that ye increase more and more; and that ye study to be quiet and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands as we commanded you; that ye may walk honestly toward them that are without, and that ye may have lack of nothing (I Thess. 4:9-12).

The Christian has been described as a person so heavenly minded that he is no earthly good. Nothing could be further from the truth! The believer is no hermit withdrawn from society while waiting for his Savior to come. Instead he lives his expectant faith in the issues of life. So Paul informs us in our verses. In his "Epistle of Earnest Expectation" he continues his *Stirring Call For a Sanctified Walk*.

Abounding in Affection

In the heathen world two things mark the believer as different — the purity of his life, and the love which he practices. Previously Paul has warned the Christians at Thessalonica to avoid the vices of the heathen. Now he urges them to abound in the Christian virtue of love.

He calls it "brotherly love," a term which in the New Testament refers to the affection shown those who are brothers and sisters in God's family through faith in Christ. Such love is "taught of God." The noxious weed of

hatred in man's natural heart can be rooted out and replaced with the fragrant flower of love only when God does His work in those hearts. Through Word and Sacrament the Spirit channels God's saving love into our hearts and thus awakens a corresponding love for others. This love is never localized. The believers at Thessalonica reached out throughout the whole province of Macedonia with their affection and aid. Such love Paul commends and then commands to increase, for love is always a growing experience.

What would the thermometer read if Paul tested our brotherly love? The scoffing Greek author, Lucian, wrote of the second-century Christians: "It is incredible to see the ardor with which the people of that religion help each other in their wants. They spare nothing. Their first Legislator has put it into their heads that they are all brethren." Brothers those early Christians were, and so are we! We show love because God has bought and taught us with His love. This love involves more than a hearty handshake and a warm hello on Sunday. It shows in those hundreds of daily acts of consideration and concern, in those little deeds and quiet words, in those joys and sorrows shared with fellow believers. It shows in seizing the big opportunities when stark tragedy hits or severe troubles happen.

Nor does such affection stop with the Christian next door; it reaches out to all the brethren. Synodical work becomes our concern because we are brethren. Those home-mission congregations across our country and those foreign-mission stations across the globe consist of people who are our brethren. Those Synodical schools and

that Seminary are filled with sons and daughters of our brothers. All these are people who stand with us before the heavenly Father and work with us for that Father. With our concerned offerings and constant prayers we abound in love long-distance toward them. Because such love is to be a growing experience, Paul tells us, too, "Abound more and more in affection."

Abounding in Ambition

The Christian's sanctified walk has another side to it. Paul tells his readers, "Study" or "be ambitious to be quiet." In the midst of a seething world, those Thessalonians were to show a contentment of heart, a composure of spirit, and a calmness of life which told the outside world, "We have found the Christ and have life's greatest treasure." One way this quiet life could show itself was in "doing their own business," not meddling with tongue or ears in the affairs of others. Another way was in "working with their own hands," doing their day's work, paying their bills, using honest dealings. When Christ returns, He is to find them quietly and diligently about their daily tasks.

With such a life they would "walk honestly" or "respectably" before the outside world. Their life was not to discredit the Gospel, but rather to preach it to the outsiders. Also with such a quiet, ambitious life they would have what they needed and be able to help others.

All this ambition, however, could come only from God's love. The Christian's selflessness, which keeps him out of others' affairs and into his own work, springs from God's unselfish love for him in Christ. Of that divine love Paul had told them; in that divine love they believed; with that divine love they were now to deal with others.

Would we have the Lord Jesus find us quietly minding our own affairs and diligently being about our business when He returns? Then let's kneel beneath His powerful cross again this Lenten Season. As we through His Holy Word and Supper receive again the assurance of our salvation, we'll be made more heavenly minded. And as we become more heavenly minded, we'll be of even more earthly good to those around us.

Richard E. Lauersdorf

Building His House —

Not long ago I read of a middle-aged couple in a large midwestern city, down in their luck, who were forced to live in their car. No money for even a wretched hotel room. Temperatures outside hit ten below zero. Although there was no further report on the couple, I trust the community went into action and put a roof over their heads.

There is a somewhat similar problem among many mission congregations of the Wisconsin Synod — they have no roof over their head. Yes, they are a little better off. They can rent rooms: motel rooms, bank lounges, a veterans' hall, a school auditorium, or the basement of a member.

Each year about 25 new missions face this housing problem with their own church building four years or more in the future. If missions do not get a chapel by that time, their growth is stunted and their mission to the community is crippled.

We know that people can worship under a fig tree, but a chapel in a community is a visible symbol of the church's commitment to serving that community with Christ's Good News. To the stranger who walks by, its cross is a powerful symbol of the death of Jesus Christ, and its doors an invitation to share in its hope. It's hard to do that from the basement of a member.

Community action is needed to help these missions, the community action of those friends of the Savior who call themselves the Wisconsin Synod. If that help does not come, there is grave danger — like the couple in the car — of freezing. Freezing, that is, our mission openings. If the 25 missions we are opening each year do not have the prospect of a chapel in the foreseeable future, we must freeze expansion. Worse, even, we must cut back our missions to the number which can be supplied with a chapel in a reasonable time.

There is a fund which helps these missions: the **Church Extension Fund**. The CEF — as it is commonly called — lends money to missions at a low rate of interest for the purchase of

land, parsonage, and chapel. If we are not to reduce the number of mission openings each year, we need about \$5-\$6 million every year loaned from the CEF to these missions. Ordinarily the missions repay the loan in about 25 years.

But the CEF is "drying up." Gifts, offerings, and repayments to the CEF come in at a fairly steady and predictable rate. So what's this "drying up" then? *It's in the savings of our members loaned to the CEF.* That needs a little explanation.

In order for the CEF to lend \$5-\$6 million to missions each year, the fund needs \$2-\$3 million of our members' savings invested each year. Last year the CEF had a net growth in these membership loans of only \$600,000. The gap between what we needed and what we got was enormous. Another year like that — very seriously, now — and the CEF will be in deep trouble.

But can't we borrow from outside sources? Yes, indeed, but that is expensive, and it limits our borrowing power. For example, for every \$1 million we borrow from commercial lenders we could borrow \$1.6 million from our own members *at the same cost*. When you cut out the middleman, things — including money — are always cheaper.

If I lend my savings to the CEF, *are there any disadvantages?* Hardly any. If your savings are in an ordinary savings account, the difference in interest is very slight. *Any advantages?* Yes, the savings loaned to the CEF are readily available in case of need or an emergency. By return mail, if necessary, and interest accumulated to the day of repayment to you.

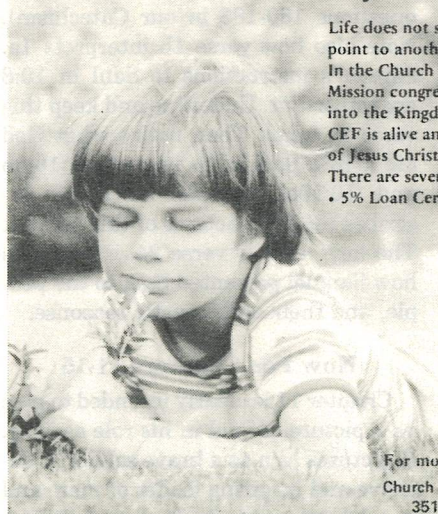
But is my money *safe?* Good question, because my savings are important — for my retirement, for a downpayment on a house, for the education of my children, for emergencies, or whatever. *Safe?* They are guaranteed by 400,000 members of a synod which has been around, under God, for 127 years.

Very soon now most of the churches of the Synod will be sending their members a folder and loan form, asking them to seriously consider lending their savings to the CEF. Read the folder and take the "CEF Quiz" on the back of the folder. I hope it is clear why we need your savings so much. If you happen to miss the material, just drop a line to WELS Church Extension Fund, 3512 W. North Ave., Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53208, and request information on membership loans to the CEF.

Isn't that a good place for your savings? Building His House . . . where the Savior can be shared with people. Invest your future in people, in God's people, in the family. There isn't a better future anywhere!

James P. Schaefer


If it's alive, it's growing...



Life does not stand still — it grows. It moves, progresses from one point to another. Growth is inherent in life, it is the evidence of life. In the Church Extension Fund, there is ample evidence of life: Mission congregations are being formed; souls are being brought into the Kingdom; churches and chapels are being built. CEF is alive and growing because people are investing in the work of Jesus Christ through the "Lending to the Lord" program. There are several ways that you can be part of the growth:

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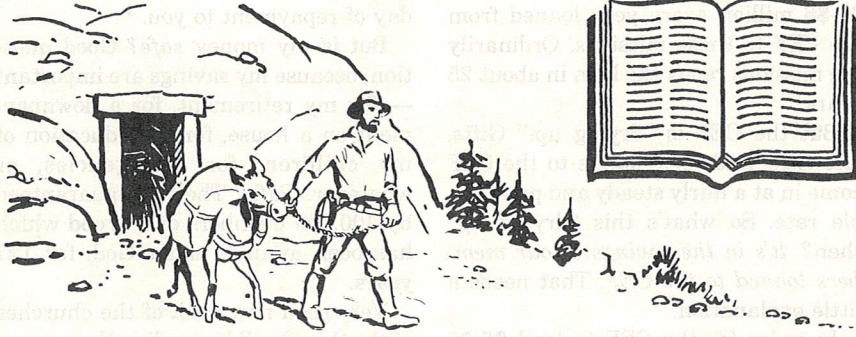
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Mining the Treasure of God's Word

I Samuel 8-15



By Julian G. Anderson

Let's begin today by rereading rapidly our last lesson to review again the early life of Samuel, the last judge and one of the great Old Testament figures.

Then Go To Chapter 8

Note Samuel's age at this time (verse 1a), and whom he appointed as judges to carry on his work. Their conduct is described in verse 3, which again reflects the general spirit of the time of the judges. The reaction of the people is recorded in verse 5. Underline their request, and put a star in the margin, since this marks the beginning of a whole new period in the history of God's people. Give attention to God's comments on their request in verses 7-9, especially verse 7c, beginning with "but" (underline). This is also an important point in light of the covenant in Exodus 19:5,6.

Samuel's speech in verses 10-18 is interesting, since it pictures so vividly the great change that will take place as they change from a purely rural group under a single leader to a monarchy, with its much more complex government. Note the people's answer in verses 19 and 20.

Next, Chapters 9-10

Chapter 9:1,2 introduces us to the main character of this section. Underline or hi-lite his name in verse 2a. Notice also how he is described in verse 2 (the word "goodly" means "hand-

some"). Note also the tribe to which he belonged (verse 1), and compare that with the prophecy regarding the coming Savior-king in Genesis 49:10.

Verses 3-21 show how God's providence led Samuel to find Saul (underline 9:16). Chapter 9:25 to 10:8 records Samuel's conversation with Saul, and here there are two little nuggets waiting to be discovered. The first one is in 10:1. Underline and put a star in the margin, and look up the word "anoint" in your Bible dictionary, remembering that the title the Jews gave to their promised Savior was "the Anointed One," because He would be anointed as a Prophet, High Priest, and King (compare again the last lesson, and see questions 180-183 in our Catechism). Note also how verse 1b interprets 1a. Samuel's instructions to Saul in 10:8 are important. Underline and keep this verse in mind. Then notice what God did to help Saul in his new office (10:9b and 10:10b). Chapter 10:17-27 describes the final actions of this section. The key verse is verse 24, which tells how Samuel presented Saul to the people, and their enthusiastic response.

Now For Chapters 11-15

Chapter 11 is clearly intended to give us a picture of Saul in his role as king. It pictures him as a brave soldier, a decisive and inspiring leader of men, and a talented general. It also indicates

that he was a popular king. His many accomplishments in this respect are summed up in 14:47,48.

Chapter 12 records Samuel's farewell message to the people of Israel. Notice how he reviewed the history of Israel under Moses and Aaron (verses 6-8), and then the more recent history in the period of the judges (verses 9-11); and how he reminded them that their request for a king was in fact a rejection of God (verses 12,17, and 18). The heart of his message, however, is found in verses 14 and 15 (underline). Notice the people's reaction in verse 19, and Samuel's answer (verses 20-25), in which he reminded them again of the covenant of Exodus 19:5,6, and exhorted them to be faithful to this covenant.

Chapters 13 and 14 give an account of the Philistine war which then followed. Chapter 13:19-22 and 14:11 make it clear that the territory of Judah, at least, had fallen again under the control of the Philistines, and that this was a war of liberation. Chapter 14:1-15 makes it clear that the real hero of the early stages of the war was Jonathan, Saul's son (remember his name), and pictures him as a brave and resourceful soldier. But the real reason for their victory is made clear in 14:23.

Verses 8 and 9 of chapter 13, however, are the key verses of this section. Underline the last sentence in verse 9, and make a note in the margin to compare Saul's action here with Samuel's orders in 10:8. Then read the conversation which followed between Saul and Samuel in 13:10-14, especially Samuel's final words in verses 13 and 14. Underline the first phrase in verse 14, and mark Samuel's words in the rest of the verse.

Now read chapter 15, noting Samuel's instructions to Saul in verse 3 (underline), and Saul's actions in verse 9 (underline down to "oxen"). This was a repetition of the former incidents (10:8 and 13:8,9) and reveals the serious flaw in Saul's character. Note also the lie he told in verse 13, and the cowardly way he tried to escape the blame in verse 15.

Samuel's reply in 15:22,23 perfectly summed up the whole situation. Underline the last sentence in verse 22 and the last sentence in verse 23, and then verse 28, which records God's final action. Thus the account of Saul's reign closes on a sad note in 15:35.



Special Ministries Board — Military Services Committee

The Synod's program of providing for the spiritual needs of military personnel began in the forties during World War II. This program consisting of mailings, a network of contact pastors, and full-time civilian chaplains, has continued through the years to the present.

Today *Meditations*, *The Northwestern Lutheran*, and seasonal devotions are regularly sent to all on our mailing list. Eighty military contact pastors conduct services for military personnel. Most of these pastors are also serving existing congregations or mission stations. Currently we have one full-time chaplain, serving in Europe. A second pastor is being called to expand our work in Europe.

in a great deal of family counseling. At least half of our military personnel is married. It is estimated that there are at least 600 WELS members in Europe. A second chaplain will therefore greatly increase the number of people whom we will be able to contact on a regular basis. In the relatively short time that our present chaplain, Pastor E. C. Renz, has been in Europe, he has communed over 2,000, baptized 38, and confirmed three children and four adults, besides conducting regular worship services. The services of our civilian chaplain are truly appreciated by our people, as is shown by their many letters of appreciation and their generous gifts of love for the work of the Church.

Yet there is a difference since military personnel do live and work in an environment that is different and may at times be somewhat hostile to their Christian faith and life. The military contact pastor needs to deal with these special problems. This is why the Military Services Committee has adopted a program of conducting regional meetings of military contact pastors to enable them to discuss problems that are unique to serving military personnel. In 1975 a conference was held at Atlanta, Georgia. In 1977 a conference will be conducted at San Diego, California. A third conference is planned for the Midwest in 1978.

A Civilian Chaplaincy Fund has been established to help provide office equip-



After giving him private Communion, Chaplain Renz gives the young man a copy of *Meditations*.



A moment of fellowship after a service at Nuernberg, Germany. Mrs. Renz is facing the camera.

Last fall the Special Ministries Board authorized its chairman and executive secretary to conduct a field visit in Germany. The purpose of the visit was to evaluate the work that we are doing and to prepare for the expansion of that work. Their report revealed that some 400,000 American personnel are stationed in Europe. It also revealed that the isolated life of a civilian chaplain makes for a lonely ministry, even though the chaplain gets involved

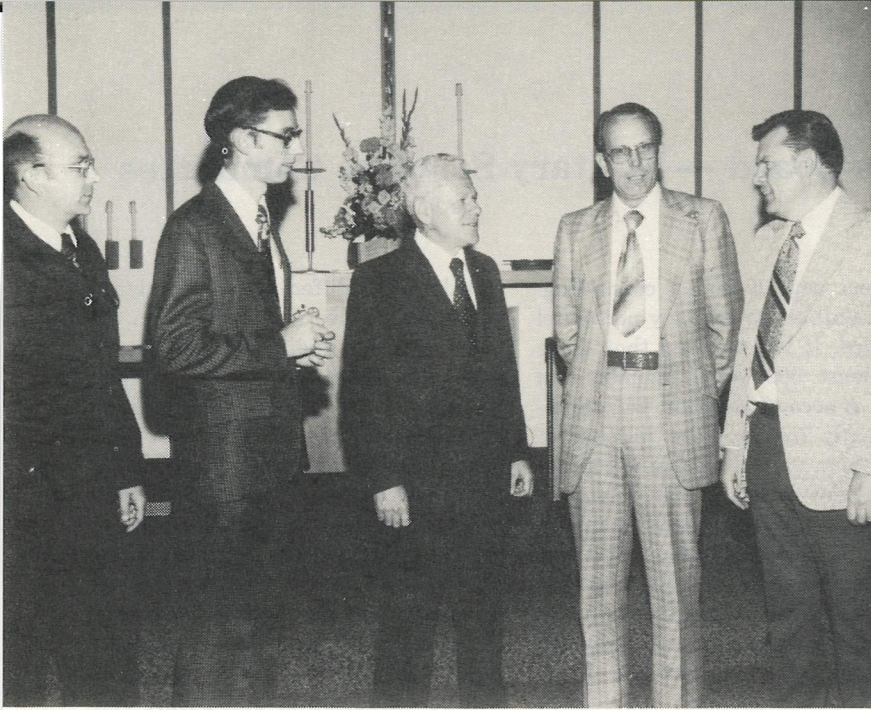
As was previously noted, many of the personnel we serve are married and have children. This was not the case when we began our program of services for the military personnel. Consequently, the nature of our ministry has changed drastically over the years.

It is not unusual to find our military contact pastors confirming, baptizing, teaching Bible class and doing many other things that parish pastors are accustomed to do in their home parishes.

ment and automobiles for our chaplains. This fund is also used to cover unforeseen expenses that are not normally covered by the budget.

Remember this vital ministry in your prayers. Pray that the work which the Lord has placed before us may be carried out to the extent that He has given us the means to do so. Pray, too, for a continued peacetime ministry.

Richard Raabe, Chairman
Military Services Committee



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California Lutheran High School Installs Principal

On January 23, 1977 the Reverend Milton Burk was installed as the first principal of the California Lutheran High School. The special service was held at King of Kings Lutheran Church, Garden Grove, California. Pastor Lowell Smith of San Diego preached the sermon. He based his message on II Corinthians 1:10, using as his theme, "On Him We Have Set Our Hope." He directed his listeners not to set their hope on their new principal nor on

themselves but on the God who raises the dead. Through that powerful God, the high school will become a reality.

Efforts to begin a Lutheran high school in California date back several years. However, since 1974, major steps have been taken to make that a reality. Individuals and congregations throughout California have joined together in an association to promote and establish a high school. Their present goal is to open their school in Sep-

tember, 1977. It will be located in Orange County in the vicinity of Garden Grove. The plan is to provide on-campus dormitory facilities for students who live great distances from the school.

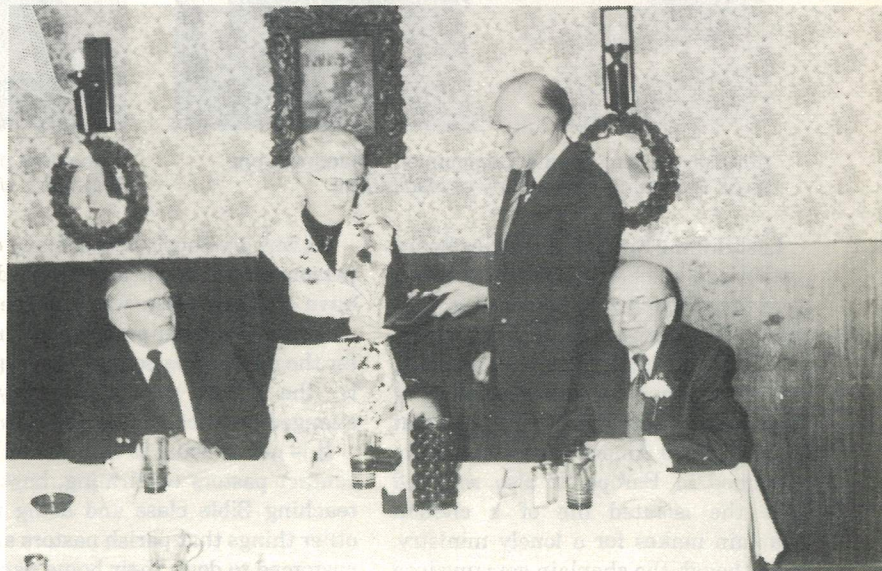
The California Lutheran High School was naturally the main topic of discussion at the California Pastoral Conference which met at Reformation Lutheran Church, San Diego, during the two days following the installation of Pastor Burk. Attending were 38 pastors and one vicar. Mr. Chris Hester, chairman of the school's Board of Directors, was present to answer all questions. He underscored the great importance of wholehearted support on the part of all WELS pastors in California.

With the installation of its first principal, the WELS Lutheran High School for the youth of California is closer to becoming reality. If you would like to receive regular information from this high school association, request *The California Lutheran High School Newsletter*. Send your name to the secretary: Rev. Gerald E. Geiger, 2600 Ralston Ave., Belmont, CA 94002.

Thank You and God Bless You!

Our congregations and our Synod owe an immense debt of gratitude to the many women volunteers who give countless hours of their time, rich measures of their talents, yes, give themselves to the work of the Lord in our midst. They neither look for rewards nor long for recognition, since the services they render are services to the Lord. We, however, would be less than grateful if we, on our part, did not recognize the great good they have

President O. J. Naumann, Mrs. Speckin, Mr. Saatkamp, and Mr. Speckin



Sunday, April 24

Call to Consecration

*The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few.
Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that
He would send forth laborers into His harvest
(Luke 10:2).*

In every age of the Church's history, these familiar words of the Savior constitute a continuing call to consecration on the part of His followers — consecration to the work He has entrusted to us, the work of preaching and teaching His saving Gospel in all the world. These words challenge every Christian to fervent prayer and whole-hearted zeal in the interest of His Kingdom.

Facing the 1980s

These words have special urgency for the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod as we face the 1980s. They confront us with an imminent, critical need, the need for more pastors, missionaries, and teachers.

The Lord's Blessings

A look back on the last 15 years or so reveals how richly the Lord has blessed our work. Consider these facts: Foreign mission fields have expanded from two

to a dozen; home missions, once confined to fewer than 20 states, now encompass 45 states; parochial schools have increased by the score; Lutheran high schools have mushroomed from about five to 11, with more in prospect; charitable agencies and facilities have grown apace. All this since the early 1960s!

Future Needs

This amazing leap forward in our Kingdom work has required a corresponding increase in the number of church workers for our pulpits, mission fields, classrooms, and administrative posts. Until recently, a fairly adequate number of workers have been forthcoming. But here is where the picture darkens.

The specter of empty pulpits and stalled mission programs looms in the 1980s, unless we can produce more pastors and missionaries. The increasing

done for their fellow believers and for the needy outside our fellowship. They are the present counterparts of the Priscillas and Marys and Marthas of the Early Church.

The entire Synod recently, through President O. J. Naumann and the Mission for the Visually Handicapped Committee, joined in voicing a thank-you to a lady who has become well known among us for her labors of love. She is Mrs. Herbert Speckin. A recognition dinner was held in her honor on November 28, 1976.

Among the early supporters and workers for the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society, serving also as its president, Mrs. Speckin was instrumental in developing a program of service for the visually handicapped. To meet their needs, she set up a Braille

production system and organized the workshop in North St. Paul, as well as a distribution system. She served the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society as coordinator for this program and also attended the meetings of the Mission for the Visually Handicapped Committee in an advisory capacity. Later she assisted in developing the large-print program and the cassette program. Not only did she spend countless hours in this work, but she also solicited active support for the program from others.

Although she retired from her position as coordinator as of January 1st, we are sure that she will continue to support the program in every way possible.

May the Lord continue to bless you richly, Mrs. Speckin!

number of schools will, at the present rate, severely strain our ability to supply them with teachers.

Therefore, **Sunday, April 24**, has been set aside for a special **CALL TO CONSECRATION**. All congregations of the Synod are asked to join on that day in applying God's Word to and praying for renewed consecration in doing His work — and for the special consecration needed to commit our sons and daughters to a career of serving the Lord.

Join with your brethren on that day in the work to win workers. Above all, "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that He would send forth laborers into His harvest."

James A. Fricke

Pass the Torch

*Michigan District
Church Officers'
Seminar*

With the side remark that the general theme and workshop themes, all dealing with a brightly burning torch, surely were fitting for such a cold, snowy February 5, Pastor Kurt Eggert, chairman of the Synod's Division of Worker-Training and associate pastor at Atonement, Milwaukee, took the lectern to deliver his keynote address. Church officers, men teachers, and pastors from throughout the Michigan District had made their way over snow-covered Michigan roads to St. Stephen's, Adrian, to hear his address and to participate in the afternoon workshops of the *1977 Church Officers' Seminar* presented by the Michigan District Stewardship Board.

"Pass On the Torch," Pastor Eggert said, means "nothing less than to receive all that God would give us, to become all that God would make us, and to pass on all that God entrusts to us." He encouraged the nearly 200 officers present to see themselves as *God's Person* and to be what they are; to see themselves as *A Member of the Body of Christ* which serves and is served; and finally to see themselves as *Councilmen* who are to be learners and teachers in the spirit of a humble servant.

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Torch (continued)

After a tasty lunch, prepared by the ladies of St. Stephen's, the officers attended separate workshops dealing with their particular offices. Addressing each of the groups was a layman knowledgeable in the respective duties. The presentation was followed by a question-and-answer period moderated by a member of the District Stewardship Board.

Chairmen and vice-chairmen heard Mr. Frank Walker of Salem, Owosso, speak about "Leaders that Light the Way." Trustees reviewed their duties to make and keep their church's property "A Place to Let the Light Shine That Shines," under the direction of Mr. Edgar Ross, St. Matthew's, Benton Harbor. "Putting the Torch in Younger

Hands" was the topic presented by Mr. Werner Rosenbaum, St. Paul's, Saginaw, as he addressed the Boards of Christian Education. Stewardship Boards met with Mr. Louis Leitz, Emmanuel, Lansing, and discussed how the many areas of the stewardship life are "Reflections (of the Gospel Light) from Your Heart." Mr. Wayne Traub of the host congregation addressed treasurers and finance men on the topic "Rays that Shine Beyond the Weekly Offering." The elders and deacons heard Mr. Jack Steiner, Memorial, Williamston, speak on "Keeping the Torch Blazing" in the hearts of our members so that fewer may drift away and so that those who have may be reclaimed.

The seminar opened and closed with

devotions. The morning devotion was led by Pastor Kenneth Strack, Grace, Tecumseh. The closing devotion was conducted by the host pastor and chairman of the Synod's Board for Home Missions, Daniel Gieschen.

The spirit of this edifying Saturday in February may be summed up in the closing words of the morning speaker: "Passing On the Torch" is not easy, but your faithful, bold, energetic efforts will not be in vain. That is your Lord's promise! Learn and teach, receive and pass on the light, and your term on the church council can become a tremendous, exciting, productive ministry in the service of Jesus Christ and His Church! May all that is your *duty* become your *delight!*"

Gerald C. Schroer

DMLC Graduates Class of Ten in Midyear Commencement

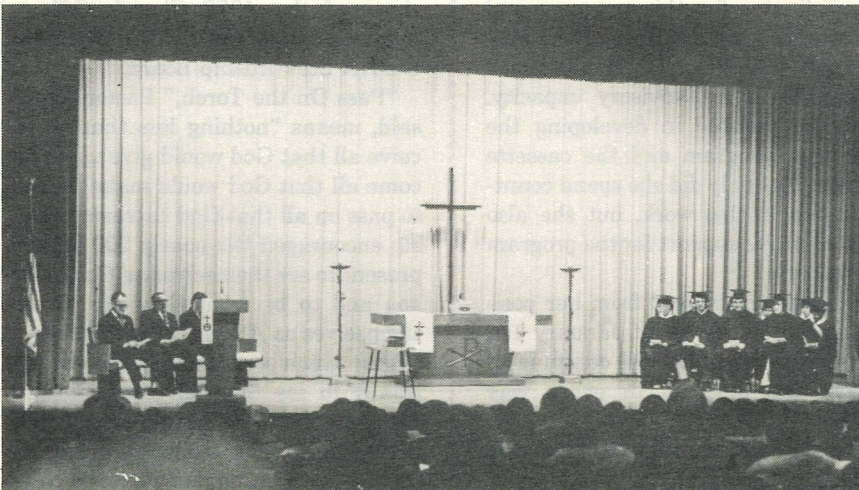
On January 26, 1977, a special mid-year graduation service was held at Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota. The speaker for the service, which was conducted in the chapel of the Academic Center, was the Reverend Conrad Frey, president of DMLC. He based his remarks on I Timothy 6:11-16, using as his theme "Two Divine Imperatives." The vice-presidents of the college, Lloyd O. Huebner and Arthur J. Schulz, respectively conducted the liturgy and presented the graduates with their degrees. During the ser-

vice the Chapel Choir sang Bach's "In Thee, Lord, Have I Put My Trust."

Of the ten midyear graduates, four are natives of New Ulm. They are Merlin A. Meitner, David A. Noffsinger, Debra L. Staflien, and Debra A. Whitcomb. Three others are Minnesota residents: Emily A. Footh, West St. Paul, David C. Karnitz, St. Louis Park, and Julie A. Schulz, Morris. The remaining three are Tracey J. Noffsinger, Flint, Michigan, and Gloria J. Quade, Oak Creek, and Steven A. Strassburg, Hus-tisford, both in Wisconsin.

Seven of the graduates requested assignment by the Synod's Assignment Committee. They were placed as follows: Emily Footh, grades 3-4 at Trinity, Marinette, Wisconsin; David Karnitz, grades 5-8 at Trinity, Hoskins, Nebraska; Merlin Meitner, grade 4 at Apostles, San Jose, California; David Noffsinger, grades 3-5 at Christ, West Salem, Wisconsin; Gloria Quade, kindergarten through 2 at Mt. Calvary, Waukesha, Wisconsin; Julie Schulz, kindergarten through 4 at Emanuel-Redeemer, Yale Michigan; and Steven Strassburg, grades 4-8 at St. John's, Stanton, Nebraska.

A reception for the graduates, relatives, and friends was held in the cafeteria of the Luther Memorial Union following the graduation service.



INTERESTED IN THE DMLC SCIENCE FAIR?

The Phlogistons, the DMLC science club, invites everyone interested to view the exhibits of the 11th Phlogistons' Science Fair. The date is May 8, 1977, from 1:00 to 8:00 P.M. The place is the gymnasium stage of the Student Union on the campus of Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota. Any WELS student wishing to enter a project should contact the Phlogistons, DMLC, New Ulm, Minnesota 56073 before April 20, 1977. The exhibits are worth seeing, and it's fun to participate.

Direct from the Districts

California

New California Reporter

Pastor James Humann of Our Savior Ev. Lutheran Church, Pomona, California, recently accepted the appointment as reporter for *The Northwestern Lutheran*.

Pastor Humann is a 1965 graduate of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. His first assignment was the triparish, Glendive, Circle, and Vida, Montana. After three and one-half years in Montana, he accepted a call to Stanton, Nebraska. For the last five years he has been pastor in the Pomona parish.

In 1964 Pastor Humann was married to Irene Lorenz of Mishicot, Wisconsin. They have four children. Both Pastor and Mrs. Humann enjoy traveling and have hosted three tours to the Bible Lands, Europe, and the Far East. This summer he will be hosting a tour to the Bible Lands and his wife will be hosting one to Scandinavia.

Our thanks also to the previous reporter, Pastor Armin Keibel of Bethany Lutheran Church, Concord, California, for his extended years of service.

School an Effective Mission Arm

Sunday, February 6, 1977, was an exciting day for the members of Our Savior Lutheran Congregation, Pomona, California. Two children were baptized; Pastor Milton Burk, principal of the California Lutheran High School, addressed the congregation on the subject of Christian secondary education; President O. J. Naumann was a welcome guest; and Miss Anna Caskey was installed as the third full-time teacher of Our Savior Lutheran School.

Almost since its beginnings, Our Savior Lutheran Church has maintained a Christian day school. Increased enrollment this year forced the congregation to ask the California Mission District Mission Board for permission to call a third full-time teacher. A midyear graduate was requested, but none was assigned. Miss Caskey agreed to serve as emergency teacher.

The school has been a most effective mission arm for the congregation. Of

the 23 children baptized last year, 18 had their first contact with Our Savior Church through the school. The congregation numbers 96 communicants.

Michigan

Double Dedication at Holland

Christ Lutheran Church, Holland, Michigan, dedicated a modular chapel and parsonage on Sunday, November 7, 1976. The rite of dedication was read by the pastor, the Reverend Arnold Ruddat. At the special thanksgiving service in the afternoon, Pastor Waldemar Zarlring, president of the Michigan District, was guest speaker.

Christ Lutheran had its inception in 1972 when a group of four families in the Holland area requested exploratory services. The first service was held on September 10. In May 1973, the group was granted mission status. Pastor Ruddat was installed on September 30.

In 1974 the mission board informed the congregation that the modular chapel which had been used in Jackson, Michigan, would soon be available. The congregation filed formal request for its use in July. In August of the next year, the congregation and mission board purchased a suitable piece of property with a home on it. The modular chapel was moved on the property in February, 1976, and was ready for services on August 1.

The Lord has not only blessed Christ Congregation with facilities, but also with numerical growth. The present 51 members wish to thank the Synod for making these facilities available. They will be used by them to reach out to the residents of the Holland area with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Church Building 50 Years Old

St. Paul's of South Haven, Michigan, gave glory and praise to God on December 19, 1976, for the privilege of partaking of His blessings for 50 years in their present church building. For some 2,600 weeks the very gates of heaven have opened up as eager hearts gathered at Jesus' feet to hear the precious Gospel message of forgiveness and salvation.

Guest speaker for the anniversary was Pastor James Westendorf, a son of the congregation. Using John 4:19-26 as his text, he reminded the worshipers of the true purpose a building serves when it is dedicated as a house of God.

St. Paul's Congregation was organized in 1884. The present property and the original church were purchased in 1888 for \$1,100. In 1926 the original church was replaced by the present structure. Eleven pastors have served the congregation in its 92-year history. The following four have preached God's Word in the present church building: Martin Haase, Winfred Westendorf, David Tetzlaff, and the present pastor, William Balza.

The Lord be praised for these 50 years of blessings!



St. Paul's of South Haven — 50 Years Old

Pastor Maaske Retires

On Sunday, January 30, 1977, Pastor Alfred Maaske preached his farewell sermon at Ascension Lutheran Church in Roseville, Michigan. It was during his 15-year ministry at Ascension that the congregation moved from Detroit to Roseville.

Ascension Congregation honored its pastor at a reception on the Sunday before. Members and neighboring pastors greeted the retiree.

Pastor Maaske graduated from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in 1931. During his 45 years of dedicated service to the Lord, he served the following congregations: St. John's, Mukwonago, Wisconsin (1931-43), St. John's, Newburg, Wisconsin (1943-50), St. Paul's, Manistee, Michigan (1950-57), Emmanuel, Findlay, Ohio (1957-60), and Ascension, Detroit and Roseville, from 1961.

Pastor and Mrs. Maaske will live in Roseville and remain members of Ascension. May the Lord continue to bless His faithful servant!

Northern Wisconsin

A Log Cabin with Good News

On any given day during the summer months, and sometimes during the winter, it is not unusual to see tourists inspecting one of our WELS churches in Wisconsin's far north, peering into the windows and snapping their Kodaks. That which attracts the curious is not a building designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, but a log cabin in the middle of Wisconsin's Nicolet National Forest, put together by woodsmen in the late 1920s. To the members of St. Paul's of Tipler, Wisconsin, though, the building is more than just a tourist attraction. It's a church with a calling, a calling to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ.

On October 19, 1941, the members of St. Paul's began worshiping their Lord in this log-cabin house. It was a prayer answered for the Reverend Melvin Croll who had held services in private homes for about a year after his initial canvass of the Tipler area. By the unending mercy of God, St. Paul's has now been allowed to worship in that same log cabin for 35 years. The cabin itself has changed somewhat over the years. In 1958 a bell tower was added, and the following year plaster board

was put on the walls and ceiling to keep the cold north winds from whistling through the chinks. But the message is still the same: Jesus Christ and Him crucified for the sins of all.



St. Paul's Log-cabin Church

On October 24, 1976, Pastor W. T. Krueger of Lannon, Wisconsin, spoke to the friends and members of St. Paul's of this same Good News. The former pastor (1955-58) reminded them from Deuteronomy 32:1-11 that their Lord had kept His eye of love on them just as an eagle keeps his eye on his young. He assured St. Paul's that this protection of their Lord would continue to abide with them.

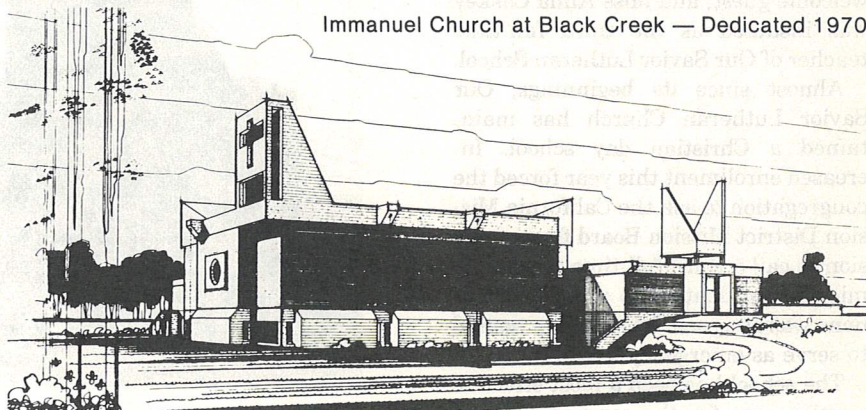
The pleasant but chilly anniversary Sunday will long be remembered by the members and friends who attended the worship service and dinner. On behalf of the 35-year-old log-cabin church and the members that worship in it, Pastor Thomas Trapp invites members of the Synod who might be vacationing or visiting in the Florence County area to stop at St. Paul's in Tipler for the 11 A.M. Sunday service to hear the Good News which has been heard in the "log-cabin church" for 35 years.

Immanuel Congregation 75 Years Old

October 24, 1976, was the day chosen by Immanuel Congregation of Black Creek, Wisconsin, to give thanks to the Lord for 75 years of blessings. The Reverend Arden Wood, Immanuel's pastor, conducted the morning anniversary service. Pastor C. Koepsell, second vice-president of the Northern Wisconsin District, preached the festival sermon. The Fox Valley Lutheran High School Choir rendered appropriate anthems. A fellowship dinner followed.

Immanuel Congregation was organized by Pastor G. Schoewe of Center Township in 1901. The constitution was signed on August 5 of that year by nine charter members. In 1902 a triparish was formed with St. Peter, southeast of Black Creek, and St. Paul of Binghamton. A parsonage was built and a Seminary candidate, Gerald Hinnenthal, was called and installed. The triparish became self-supporting in 1905. In the early 1920s both outlying congregations merged with Immanuel to form a single congregation. Immanuel's original church building was destroyed by fire in 1914. A second building was dedicated in November, 1915. In 1967, ten acres were purchased as a new site. Ground for the present church was broken in October, 1968, and dedication followed in June, 1970. In its anniversary year Immanuel numbered 615 communicants. A portion of its church offices also serves as the Northern Wisconsin District office of the Wisconsin Lutheran Child and Family Service.

Pastors who have shepherded Immanuel include: G. Schoewe, 1901; H. Haese, 1901-03; G. Hinnenthal, 1903-08; A. Herzfeldt, 1908-27; J. Masch, 1927-46; F. Thierfelder, 1947-55; and A. Wood, since 1955.



Immanuel Church at Black Creek — Dedicated 1970

Pastor Kesting Observes Fortieth

On October 24, 1976, the members of St. Peter Lutheran Church, Mishicot, and Rockwood Lutheran Church, Rockwood, Wisconsin, surprised their pastor, the Reverend Herbert Kesting, by observing his 40th anniversary in the ministry and the 10th anniversary of his service to their congregations.

A classmate, Pastor H. Buch of Oak Grove, Wisconsin, preached the sermon, and a son-in-law, the Reverend August Ristow of Brewster, Nebraska, conducted the liturgy.

Pastor Kesting is a native of Hadar, Nebraska, and a graduate of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. His years in the ministry were spent as assistant pastor at First German in Manitowoc and as

pastor in the Pickwick-Minnesota City, Vesta, and Gibbon parishes in Minnesota, and for the past 10 years at Mishicot and Rockwood.

Widow of the late Rev. Henry Koch Dies

Mrs. Margaret Koch, widow of the late Pastor Henry Koch, was called to her eternal rest on January 30, 1977, at Manitowoc. She had reached the age of 86 years.

Mrs. Koch was born Margaret Voehl on January 22, 1891, near Louisville, Kentucky. In 1916 she married Emanuel Blasberg, who died in 1920. In 1927 she married the Reverend Mr. Koch, pastor of St. John-St. James Congregation at Reedsville. She served

faithfully as his helpmeet there until Pastor Koch's retirement in 1934. Upon retirement, the Kochs moved to Manitowoc, where they were members of First German Congregation, and then charter members of First German's daughter, Bethany, which was founded on January 1, 1944.

Funeral services for Mrs. Koch were conducted on February 3 at Bethany Church by her pastor, the Reverend L. Ellenberger. He based his words of comfort on Genesis 35:29, "Gathered to God's People." Graveside services were held in Peru, Illinois, on February 5.

Survivors include her daughters, Mrs. Eleanor (Martin) Goers and Mrs. Paula (James) Heussner; her stepchildren; seven grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

With the Lord

Pastor Elmer H. Zimmermann 1904-1977

Pastor Elmer Henry Zimmermann, past president of the Pacific Northwest District of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod, died in Omak, Washington, on January 22, 1977, after an extended illness. He was 73. He had spent his entire ministry in the state of Washington, and served as president of his District from 1957 to 1968.

Pastor Zimmermann was born on December 23, 1904, at Johnson, Minnesota, and grew up on a farm in White Bear, Minnesota. To prepare for the holy ministry, he attended Concordia College, St. Paul, Minnesota, and Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Theological Seminary, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin. He graduated from the Seminary on May 31, 1929, and was ordained in North St. Paul, Minnesota, on August 11, 1929.

Upon graduation, Pastor Zimmermann was assigned to St. Paul Lutheran Church in Palouse, Washington. He served there until May of 1932, when he accepted a call to St. Paul Lutheran Church in Leavenworth. During this time he also served congregations in Mansfield and Withrow.

In November, 1937, he was called to establish a mission in Snoqualmie. It was named Snoqualmie Valley Ev. Lutheran Church. Here Pastor Zimmermann opened the first Christian day school of the Wisconsin Synod in



Pastor E. Zimmermann

the Pacific Northwest. In May, 1950, he accepted the call to Omak, where he was instrumental in building both church and parsonage. He retired at the close of 1974, but continued to serve Trinity Lutheran Church into 1975.

Pastor Zimmermann is survived by his wife, the former Leona May Acuff, whom he married on June 12, 1932; two daughters, Marilyn (Mrs. Hal) McManus, Wenatchee, and Laurel (Mrs. Griff) Barb, Omak; two sons, Roy Zimmermann of Newport, Minnesota, and Dennis Zimmermann of Tacoma; two sisters, and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted in Trinity Lutheran Church, Omak, on January 25, with burial in Okanogan Valley Memorial Gardens. Officiating were Pastor Paul Lemke, District President George Frey, and Pastor Melvin Teske. President Frey addressed the mourners on the Word of God in II Corinthians 5:21, speaking on "Our Warning — Be Prepared!"

May the life and death of our brother, who served His Lord and His Church faithfully, continue to be an inspiration to all who knew him!

Pastor Paul Lemke

Pastor Erdmann P. Pankow 1900 - 1977

Pastor Erdmann Paul Gerhardt Pankow was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on May 13, 1900, the son of the Reverend and Mrs. Albert Pankow. He was baptized at St. Lucas Church, Milwaukee, on May 27, 1900, and confirmed at St. James Church, Cambridge, Wisconsin, on May 31, 1914.

To prepare for the holy ministry, Pastor Pankow attended Northwestern College, Watertown, and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, then at Wauwatosa. He was ordained and installed at St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church, Greenleaf, Wisconsin, on July 20, 1924.

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Pastor Pankow (continued)

Additional parishes served by Pastor Pankow include the following: Peace Lutheran Church, Green Lake, Wisconsin, 1926-1944; Bethany Lutheran Church, Hustisford, Wisconsin, 1944-1957; Zion Lutheran Church, Eitzen, Minnesota, 1957-1960; St. Lucas Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 1960-1965; and Zion Lutheran Church, Cambria, Wisconsin, from 1965 until his retirement in 1974, after 50 years in the service of the Lord.

Pastor Pankow was married to Katharine Schwartz on July 31, 1925. After his retirement, they made their home in Waterloo, Wisconsin, and became members of St. John Lutheran Church.

Departing this life on January 23, 1977, Pastor Pankow attained the age of 76 years, 8 months, and 10 days. He is survived by his wife; one daughter,

Mrs. Marie (Armin) Jung, Oconto Falls; three sons, Gerald Pankow of Waterloo, Pastor Paul Pankow of Hubbard, and Pastor Richard Pankow of Appleton; 20 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Also surviving are three sisters and one brother.

The funeral service was conducted in St. John Ev. Lutheran Church, Waterloo, on January 26. The undersigned spoke to members and friends of the family on the text, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them that love His appearing." Burial took place in the Highland Memorial Gardens near Beaver Dam, Wisconsin.

Harold A. Essmann

Change (continued)

The Catholic laity is not unique. Members of other churches, who likewise believe that their own church is the true church, are also concerned about changes in their church's worship practices. Take away a familiar hymnal, drop a number of well-loved hymns, substitute the guitar for the organ, make the service more informal or more "high church," and anxieties arise. The changes may not be doctrinal, they may not affect essential Lutheranism, Christian liberty allows them, and no church laws are being broken; yet such changes can take on a symbolic significance. In an era of the decline of truth and integrity in churches, sincere and concerned Christians cannot be blamed for wondering whether worship changes may not betoken deeper changes in doctrine and truth.

Revisions in worship procedures need not entail such basic changes. We are free to vary our forms of worship. But it does behoove us to be cautious about making such alterations. Even if they are necessary, they should be introduced only after careful preparation. No doctrine may be involved, but psychology is involved. The Roman Catholic Church has discovered that worship and psychology can be a serious issue.

Carleton Toppe

13TH ANNUAL NATIONAL LUTHERAN COLLEGIANS CONVENTION

Date: April 15-17, 1977.

Place: Downtown Holiday Inn, 161 St. Anthony, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Theme: "God's Word Is Our Great Heritage."

Information: Contact: Daniel M. Heins, 5039 Brent Avenue East, Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota 55075; phone: (612) 451-0258.

INSTALLATIONS

(Authorized by the District Presidents)

Pastors:

Burk, Milton W., as principal of the California Lutheran High School in a service at King of Kings, Garden Grove, California, on January 23, 1977, by H. John (Ariz.-Calif.).

Engel, John M., as pastor of Mountain View, Great Falls, Montana, on February 6, 1977, by D. Neumann (Dak.-Mont.).

Kugler, Richard A., as pastor of Grace, Yorba Linda/Palcentia, California, on February 6, 1977, by S. Kugler (Ariz.-Calif.).

Teachers:

Meltner, Merlin A., as teacher at Apostles Lutheran School, San Jose, California, on February 6, 1977, by D. Valleskey (Ariz.-Calif.).

Noffsinger, David A., as teacher at Christ Ev. Lutheran School, West Salem, Wisconsin, on February 6, 1977, by H. Hoepfner (W. Wis.).

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MICHIGAN

SOUTHWESTERN MICHIGAN TEACHERS' CONFERENCE

Date: March 25, 1977.

Place: St. Matthew's Lutheran School, 671 McAllister, Benton Harbor, Michigan 49022; K. Biedenbender, pastor; V. Raasch, principal.

Agenda: 9:00 Opening Devotion
9:15 Organizing the School Library
9:45 Teaching Study Habits to Children
10:45 Business Meeting
1:00 Devotion
1:15 District President's Report
1:30 The Fourth Commandment
2:45 Evangelism: "Talk About the Savior"
3:45 Unfinished Business
4:00 Closing

W. Jackson, Secretary

COLONIAL PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: April 13-14, 1977; 9:00 a.m. Communion service.

Place: Our Savior's Lutheran Church, East Brunswick, New Jersey; J. Tauscher, host pastor.

Preacher: D. Pagel (D. Priebe, alternate).

Agenda: A Homiletical Workshop: Prof. Joel Gerlach, D. Scherbarth

NORTHERN PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: April 18, 1977; 9 a.m.

Place: Mt. Sinai, Montrose, Michigan.

Preacher: G. Schroer; L. Schroeder, alternate.

E. Schmelzer, Secretary

DISTRICT PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: April 19-20, 1977; opening session on Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.; Communion service on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

Place: St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Lake City, Minnesota; R. Goede and D. Gosdeck, host pastors.

Preacher: M. Liesener (C. Reiter, alternate).

Agenda: The Foundations of Worship: Prof. B. Backer; The Cults: R. Stadler; Exegesis of I Timothy 3: O. Lemke; Government Aid: D. Grummert; Reports, Questions of Casuistry, etc.

Note: Additional information on meals, housing, and costs will be mailed to all pastors of the District; the circuit pastors will serve as the Excuse Committee.

W. J. Henrich, Secretary

NORTHERN WISCONSIN

LAKE SUPERIOR PASTOR-TEACHER CONFERENCE

Date: April 25-26, 1977.

Place: St. Paul's Lutheran, Oconto Falls, Wisconsin; W. Steffenhagen, host pastor.

Preacher: R. Frohmader (J. Hanson, alternate).

Agenda: Exegesis of Genesis 50: J. Kingsbury; Exegesis of Galatians 4: K. Kuenzel; Augsburg Confession, Article X, Of the Lord's Supper: R. Frohmader; The Right to Die: J. Hanson; This We Believe, The Things We Reject, I. P. Kuckhahn; Teacher Paper: Circuit Pastor's Handbook: P. Kuckhahn and A. Meyer; Video Tape: Marital Counseling, Malachi 2:11-16; W. Zink; Birth Control: Always Wrong! or Ever Right?: J. Hering; Conference Reports and Business; Questions of Casuistry.

Note: Please send excuses and requests for lodging to the host pastor.

K. Kuenzel, Secretary

SOUTH ATLANTIC

FLORIDA PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: April 18-19, 1977; beginning at 10:00 a.m. Monday.

Place: Peace Lutheran Church, Holiday, Florida.

Communion Service: Monday 7:00 p.m.; M. Goeglein, preacher (K. Kruck, alternate).

Agenda: Exegesis of James 1:22-27: R. Wiechmann; The Law: Civil, Ceremonial, and Moral: H. Warnke; Transcendental Meditation: G. Price; Continued reading of Joh. P. Koehler's *Gesetzlich Wesen Uther Uns*: J. Lawrenz.

D. Lemke, Secretary

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN

DODGE-WASHINGTON COLLEGIANS' CONFERENCE

Date: March 20, 1977; 8:00 p.m.

Place: St. Matthew's, Iron Ridge, Wisconsin.

Agenda: Worker-Training of Our Wisconsin Synod: Pastor R. Voss.

D. Habeck, Secretary

METRO-NORTH PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: March 21, 1977; 9:00 A.M. Communion service.

Place: Calvary Lutheran, Thiensville, Wisconsin; L. Lindloff, host pastor.

Preacher: C. Lawrenz.

Agenda: Exegesis of Hosea 2:14-23: K. Mahnke; Practical Suggestions for Keeping Contemporary in Church Music: K. Eggert; Isagogical Treatment of Joel: N. Engel.
Note: Excuse to host pastor or secretary.
 P. Sullivan, Secretary

METRO-SOUTH PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: March 21, 1977.
Place: Christ, Big Bend, Wisconsin; K. Kom, host pastor.
Preacher: H. Lichtenberg.
Agenda: Exegesis of Mark 7:1-13: M. Volkmann; Isa-gogics of Amos: M. Stern; Christian Ethics and Gambling: R. Schulz; *Augsburg Confession*, Art. VII: E. Biebert.
Note: Excuse to host pastor.
 R. Kom, Secretary

WESTERN WISCONSIN

WISILLOWA PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: April 25-26, 1977; Noon to noon.
Place: St. Peter Ev. Lutheran Church, Savanna, Ill-inois; W. Schneider, host pastor.
Preacher: S. Staudt.
Agenda: Exegesis of I Timothy 4: D. Sternhagen; Defense of Sunday as Our Day of Worship: M. Dietz; Counseling Techniques in Marital Problems: Mr. F. Matzke, guest speaker.
Note: Unless notified otherwise, the host pastor will make overnight arrangements for all members of the conference.
 W. Russow, chairman
 Program Committee

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS — DMLC

With the approval of the Commission on Higher Education, the Board of Control of Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota, herewith requests nominations for a woman instrumental-music instructor to fill a vacancy which will occur at the conclusion of the current academic year.

Nominees by training and experience should have a good knowledge of the normal requirements and needs of congregations in the field of church music, and should have the ability to utilize this knowledge in preparing students for service as church organists.

Nominations should be in the hands of the undersigned no later than April 8, 1977, and should be accompanied by all available pertinent data.

Mr. Darrell Knippel, Secy.
 DMLC Board of Control
 4818 Garfield Ave. S.
 Minneapolis, Minnesota 55409

NOMINATIONS — MLS

The following men have been nominated for the vacant music professorship at Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Saginaw, Michigan. The candidate chosen for the professorship should be qualified to work in the MLS Music Department. This includes teaching classes in music theory, directing the band and some class choruses, assisting in the administration of the piano program, and teaching in some other academic field.

Mr. Dean Bartsch	Alexandria, MN
Teacher Fred Bartel	Cedarburg, WI
Teacher Rodney Bauer	West Salem, WI
Mr. Dale Glaeser	Valders, WI
Teacher James Grasby	Kenosha, WI
Teacher Harry Gudmundson	Ann Arbor, MI
Teacher Michael Hein	Menomonee Falls, WI
Teacher Roger Hermanson	Appleton, WI
Prof. Eldon Hirsch	New Ulm, MN
Teacher Paul Kassulke	Manitowoc, WI
Pastor Philip Lehmann	Toledo, OH
Prof. Charles Luedtke	New Ulm, MN
Teacher James Marshall	Norfolk, NE
Teacher Carl Nolte	Chicago, IL
Pastor Lawrence Nolte	Bristol, WI
Teacher Stephen Schaefer	Fond du Lac, WI
Teacher Robert Sonntag	Manitowoc, WI
Mr. William Stuebs	Mequon, WI
Teacher George Traucht	Green Bay, WI
Teacher Wayne Wagner	St. Paul, MN

The Board of Control of MLS will meet on Thursday, March 31, 1977, at 1:30 p.m. to call a man from the above list. Correspondence concerning the nominees should be in the hands of the secretary no later than March 29, 1977.

MLS Board of Control
 Mr. Milton Bugbee, Secy.
 206 S. Alp
 Bay City, Michigan 48706

AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS

Talk about the Savior (F-13-TAS)
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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.

That The Blind May See (FS-66-TBS)

This filmstrip, prepared by our Mission for the Visually Handicapped, describes our Synod's efforts to bring God's Word to those with impaired vision. Organized and staffed by the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society, this program provides spiritual literature in Braille, in large-print editions, and on cassette tapes. This filmstrip will not only inform our membership of another Synodical program, but it will also advertise the services that are available to the visually handicapped. Order from:

AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS
 3624 W. North Ave.
 Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53208

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SUMMER CAMP 1977

Dates: July 10-16; 17-23; 24-30
Place: Camp Willerup, Cambridge, Wisconsin
Sponsored by: The Milwaukee Federation of WELS Churches.

Needed: Twenty WELS volunteer staff members for each week, including pastor, nurse, lifeguard, counselors, waitresses/waiters.

For further information contact camp managers: M/M Charles V. Jones, Route 3, Box 739, Delavan, WI 53115. Phone: (414) 728-8402.

WINONA AREA CAMPING

The Winona Area Councilmen's Conference is sponsoring two one-week camping sessions for the youth of the area WELS congregations.

The Teen Camp (13 years old and up) will run from June 26 to July 2, at a cost of \$35.00 per camper. The Youth Camp (ages 8 to 12) will be held from July 3 to July 9, at a cost of \$30.00 per camper.

A slide presentation of the camping activities is available to any congregation.

For information on the Whitewater Youth Camp contact: Gerald Kastens, 418 S. Baker, Winona, Minnesota 55987.

LSI FAMILY CAMPING TOUR

GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

The Lutheran Science Institute Family Camping Tour of Glacier National Park is scheduled for July 11-22, 1977. Registration is open to members of WELS congregations and such congregations in fellowship with WELS. The cost is \$30.00 per family, \$15.00 per individual, or 10% of that each day in attendance. LSI members may register for half the above costs. A deposit (not returnable) of \$10.00 will bring you all details as they are obtained to assist you in planning the tour. Directing the tour will be Prof. and Mrs. Gerald Mallmann. This is their fourth study tour of Glacier National Park.

This tour is not a "look, take a picture, and drive on" tour. Each early registrant will have an opportunity to take active part in some of the scientific studies the LSI will be doing. There will be seminars, workshops, lectures, and overnight hikes geared for teen-agers and college students. All ages and aptitudes will be able to assist in collecting data for the studies.

Early registration will solve some of the transportation problems through car pools and the exchange of names among those participating. For those not able to attend this year, the LSI announces that next year's tour will study the State of Ohio.

Those interested are encouraged to send deposits and requests to:

Lutheran Science Institute
 4821 19th Avenue
 Kenosha, Wisconsin 53140.

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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
Alaska	Eagle River/Wassila
Arizona	Chandler*
	Verde Valley
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California	Modesto*
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Alberta	Edmonton*
British Columbia	Vancouver*
Ontario	Pembroke*

*Denotes exploratory services.

EXPLORATORY

POCATELLO, IDAHO

WELS exploratory services are being held Sunday afternoons at 3:00 p.m. in Grace Lutheran School, 1250 Pershing, in Pocatello. For local information, call the Ken Walters family, (208) 233-0799. Please submit names to Pastor Ron Mehlberg, 534 West Indiana Ave., Nampa, Idaho 83651.

FRANKFORT-MATTESON, ILLINOIS

Exploratory services are being held every Sunday morning at Ann Rutledge School, U.S. 30 and 80th Avenue, Frankfort, Illinois. The time of service is 9 a.m. For local information please call Mr. Wayne Anderson at (815) 469-9533. Please submit names to Pastor Richard Schleicher, 6106 Georgia Street, Merrillville, Indiana 46410; phone (219) 980-3392.

SOUTHEAST KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

Exploratory services are being conducted at the Grandview Bank, 125th and South 71 Highway, for the southeast area of Kansas City, Missouri, which includes Belton, Grandview, Raytown, Lee Summit, and Independence, Missouri. Services begin at 7:00 p.m., with Sunday school at 6:00 p.m. For more information or for names of prospects, please contact Pastor Paul Soukup, 9530 Perry Lane, Overland Park, Kansas 66212, telephone: (913) 888-6293.

KETTERING/SOUTH DAYTON, OHIO AREA

Exploratory services are being held every Sunday at 7:30 p.m. at the Kettering Recreation Center, 3201 Marshall Street. Sunday school and adult Bible study meet at 6:30 p.m. For information, call or write: Mr. Jess Miller, 5325 Oakbrook Drive, Dayton, Ohio 45440, phone: (513) 434-1786; or Mr. Fred Lueck, 950 Sharewood Court, Dayton, Ohio 45406, phone: (513) 293-4453; or Pastor F. C. Kneuppel, 1025 Cliffside Drive, New Carlisle, Ohio 45344, phone: (513) 849-9374.

CLINTON, IOWA

Exploratory services are being held at 11:15 Sunday mornings in the Blue Room at the Village Manor (formerly Schick Hospital) in Clinton, Iowa. For local information call Mr. Arnold Paasch at (319) 242-2208. Please submit names of WELS members or prospects, along with their addresses, to Pastor M. W. Dietz, 2414 East 32nd Street, Davenport, Iowa, 52807, or phone (319) 359-0144.

PLACER COUNTY, CALIFORNIA NEW MEETING PLACE

Exploratory services are now being conducted at Hope Chapel, 1300 Taylor Road in Newcastle. Sunday school and Bible class at 9:15 and worship at 10:30. From I-80 eastbound take Penryn offramp; westbound take Taylor offramp. For information contact Pastor Paul Heyn, 2760 S. Whitney Blvd., Rocklin, CA. 95677; Tel.: (916) 624-0817.

TIME AND PLACE

PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

(BETHEL PARK)

CHANGE OF WORSHIP LOCATION

Divine Charity Ev. Lutheran Church is now conducting its worship services in its new modular chapel on the congregation's permanent site at 700 McMurray Road, Bethel Park, Pennsylvania. Services begin at 9:30 a.m., followed by Sunday school and Bible class at 10:30 a.m. For information, or if you have the names of WELS members or prospects in the area, please contact Pastor Duane Erstad, 700 McMurray Road, Bethel Park, Pennsylvania 15102, phone: (412) 835-6212.

WINTERING ON THE NORTH SUNCOAST

Winter residents and tourists to the north Suncoast of Florida (Gulf side) are invited to worship Sundays at 9:30 a.m. with the members of Grace Ev. Lutheran Church at Bayonet Point. Our mission chapel is located at 200 State Road 52 in the Gateway Executive Center, Room 202A. Names and addresses of WELS members or prospective members in the Port Richey, Hudson, or Spring Hill areas may be sent to Pastor L. H. Lemke, 1403 Hunting Saddle Drive North, New Port Richey, Florida 33552. Phone (813) 863-3957.

YORBA LINDA, PLACENTIA, EAST ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA

Grace Ev. Lutheran Church is worshipping at the MacCauley-Wallace Mortuary, corner of Yorba Linda Blvd. and Imperial Hwy. Service time is 9:00 a.m., followed by Sunday school and Bible class at 10:15. For information or to submit names, please contact Pastor Richard Kugler, 5161 Santa Fe St., Yorba Linda, California; phone (714) 996-1736.

KANSAS CITY NORTH, MISSOURI CHANGE OF WORSHIP LOCATION

Rock of Ages Ev. Lutheran Church is now worshipping in the Community Room of Farm and Home Savings, 6927 N. Oak Trafficway in Gladstone, Missouri. Sunday school and Bible class are at 9:00 a.m., with worship at 10:15 a.m. For more information contact: Pastor Bruce E. Ahlers, 1023 N.E. 88th St., Kansas City North, Missouri 64155; phone: (816) 436-9355.

NAMES WANTED

FRANKFORT-MATTESON, ILLINOIS

Please forward the names of WELS people and prospects living in the Frankfort, Matteson, Richton Park, Lincoln Estates area of Illinois to Pastor Richard H. Schleicher, 6106 Georgia Street, Merrillville, Indiana 46410.

CHOIR ROBES

A set of 25 children's choir robes is being offered by St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Libertyville, Illinois, to any church or Christian day school, at no charge. Please contact Mrs. Richard Hawkins, 144 Walnut, Libertyville, Illinois 60048.

NOTICE

The next regular plenary session of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for March 24-25, 1977.

Business to be acted on is to be submitted to the Executive Secretary of the Board with copies to be furnished the Chairman of the Board no later than ten days prior to the meeting date.

Norval W. Kock, Secretary
Board of Trustees