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Mount Olive of Detroit

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We welcome the 114 teachers who were assigned their calls at the end of May. Their names are listed on pages 214 and 215, together with their hometowns, the congregation assigned to, its location, and the District in which they will be serving.

These new teachers come from 17 states and one province of Canada. They have been assigned to schools in 16 states. Their backgrounds are varied. Some attended our Synodical academies before enrolling in DMLC, others area Lutheran high schools, and still others public high schools. But all of them received their final four years of instruction and training at Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota. All of them have also received practical experience doing supervised practice teaching in various elementary schools of our Synod. They enter our school system not only as such declared to be "able to teach" the academic subjects required in all schools, but especially to teach the Word of God.

In addition to teaching in our Christian day schools, many will be assisting their congregations in Sunday school and vacation Bible school. Still others will be playing the organ and directing the choir. Theirs will indeed be a busy life.

We pray that our congregations on their part will welcome these teachers into their midst as servants of the Lord Jesus Christ toward His children. As those who have called them into this work, we are obligated to uphold them in their efforts and support them in their discipline. It will also help greatly if we meet them with a kind word. Above all, however, let us regularly speak to the Lord in prayer on their behalf. Then, despite long hours and heavy schedules, their hearts will remain eager and joyous, ready to share

the life-giving Word with those entrusted to their care.

Beginning with this issue, Professor Armin Panning is beginning a series of studies devoted to the recipients of the various Apostolic letters in the New Testament. *Studies in God's Word* will seek to give you the background of each of these Epistles, as indicated in the Scripture itself. This will assist you in reading the Epistles with understanding. The people to whom they were addressed faced the same problems you and I do. These Epistles, therefore, are words of God which meet our needs today even as they met their needs. We look forward to the next installments.

Much of this issue is taken up with lists — lists of floor committees and nominations. They remind us that the Synod convention is less than a month away.

In recent years the conventions of our Synod have alternated between Dr. Martin Luther College, where the Synod will convene in August, and Northwestern College in Watertown, Wisconsin. The reason, of course, is obvious. It's a matter of housing.

We are very much aware that hosting such a convention is quite a burden for the institutions and their staffs. However, they have always been willing to render this extra service. They are, of course, aware of a hidden benefit. As the lay delegates from our congregations become better acquainted with our institutions for the training of future pastors and teachers, they become effective recruiters in their own congregations. Laity Day serves the same purpose, in addition to acquainting many lay men and lay women firsthand with the work of our Synod, especially its work on the home and world mission fields. May these continue to be some of the blessed by-products of our Synodical conventions!

*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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Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, Detroit, Michigan, has a membership of 220 souls. It was founded on April 24, 1927. On the same date this year it celebrated 50 years of receiving from God and of serving God. For more information see page 217.

Editorials

A Confessional Church The majority of church members in our ecumenical age do not understand what is meant by being a confessional church, and if they did they would perhaps not be ready to go along.

Confessional has nothing to do with the confession of sins, something which is also grossly neglected. The word confessional refers to a confession of faith, and then goes one step beyond, namely, that a confessional church is one that abides by the confessions it has adopted and practices them. For a confessional church, they are not just so many pieces of paper.

Best known are the three basic creeds of Christendom, the Apostolic, the Nicene, and the Athanasian. Though these are called ecumenical creeds, sorry to say, a great many churches no longer hold to them.

Among Lutherans, the *Augsburg Confession* and *Luther's Small Catechism* are best known. In fact, *Luther's Small Catechism* had been called the layman's Bible. The other Lutheran confessions are the *Apology to the Augsburg Confession*, *Luther's Large Catechism*, the *Smalcald Articles*, and the *Formula of Concord*. Together, all of the above comprise the *Book of Concord*, which bears the date 1580.

Four hundred years later, by God's grace, our Synod is a confessional church. It accepts and practices all of the above confessions. They are our standards. Remaining true to them means remaining true to the Scriptures.

H. W.

We Can't Go Back A "situation room," set up at the time of the Bay of Pigs invasion in 1961, exists in the basement of the White House. It is staffed by intelligence officers, and it is equipped with sophisticated electronic devices. An adjacent conference room is surrounded by lead to shield it from eavesdropping equipment. The purpose of the situation room is to provide the President with an independent check on intelligence data. Whenever he spends a night away from home, he is linked to this basement room by complicated electronic equipment.

This is a far cry from the atmosphere in which earlier Presidents of our country operated, and it stands as an illustration of the complexities of the age in which we live. Current Presidents may long for the slower-paced, less harassing way of life of earlier eras, but they can't go back.

The complexities of the age also affect the operation of the Church. Not too many years ago the foreign mission program of our Synod was confined almost exclusively to native Americans on Indian reservations within the boundaries of the United States. The total Church Extension Fund amounted to less than the amount allotted at a

single regular session of our present General Board for Home Missions. Within the memory of still-active servants of the church are parish pastors who did not even drive an automobile. Less than a generation ago all of the administrative work of the Synod, except that of the treasurer's office, was carried on by part-time administrators.

We may yearn for the olden days when the pace was slower and the operation of the Synod less complicated, but we are living in a different age. The Gospel message is still simple and unchanging, but the methods of conveying it are of necessity vastly more complex.

This is not a pitch for more boards and full-time personnel to do our thinking for us and to issue an increasing flood of communiques from headquarters. It is offered, rather, to suggest a continuing reevaluation of the methods by which we might best carry on our work amid the constant external changes so that out of resistance to change we do not resort to obstructionism in the guise of orthodoxy.

Immanuel Frey

The Fantasy Of Equality Taking the Declaration of Independence as their text, Fourth of July speakers have again declared the equality of all men. Does not this hallowed document state that "all men are created equal"?

"Hallowed" the document may be, but that bare statement represents neither reason nor Scripture, nor did the founding fathers of our country intend to say that all are equal. Before the law, yes, all are equal. All can claim the protection of the law; all have the responsibility of obeying the law.

All souls are also equal before God. All have sinned and come short of the glory of God; all stand in need of His saving grace; all of God's children are equally dear to Him. Before God the soul of the child is of the same value as the souls of its parents. Age, sex, race, nationality, social standing, education, earthly possessions — none of these affects this equality.

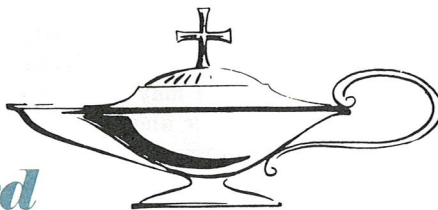
But it is nonsense to declare that all are equally gifted, equal in abilities or talents, equal in accomplishments, equally deserving of respect and admiration, equally deserving of rewards. God did not create all equal.

All about us we see evidence of the inequality of gifts — in athletic prowess, in musical talent, in artistic skill, in acting ability. We see it in the differences in strength of character, in qualities of patience, of perseverance, of understanding. In every classroom there are differences in mathematical skills, in reading comprehension, in memory, in perception, in imagination, in the ability to speak or write. No dinning of the theme of equality will ever remove these inequalities.

This may be heresy to the equal rights people, but in this case heresy is truth. The Christian is not disturbed by inequality. The Christian realizes that God does not distribute the same gifts to all. Some receive 10 talents; some, five talents; some, one talent. No individual possesses all gifts. One excels in this gift, another in that.

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Studies in God's Word



"To the Romans"

One of the treasures that is ours as heirs of the Reformation is that every church service we attend is again centered about the reading and exposition of God's holy Word. In addition to the sermon text, we have come to expect at least two Scripture readings, generally one from the Epistles and the other from the Gospels. Even when read in disconnected selections and in weekly installments, these short selections of 10 or 12 verses are marvelously effective "for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (II Tim. 3:16,17). But these selections might mean even more to us if we kept in mind the situation for which they were written and the people to whom they were addressed.

In this series of *Studies* we wish to look briefly at the Epistles of Paul and remind ourselves that they are really *letters* written to flesh-and-blood people like you and me, people who have come to realize their sins against a just and holy God and who are now waiting to hear from Paul the comforting message of God's grace in Christ. We begin with St. Paul's Letter to the Romans, not because it is Paul's first Epistle, but simply because it happens to be the first according to the order in which the Epistles have been arranged in our Bibles.

Rome, Hub of the Ancient World

We can get some idea of how important Rome was to the ancient world when we realize that for centuries the founding of Rome (753 B.C.) was the point from which they computed their years — just as we live some 1977

years after *Christ's* birth. Rome was a city of over a million people, and Paul shared in the view that it was the hub of the world.

Rome, a Center of Christianity

In writing to the Romans, Paul described himself as "having a great desire these many years to come unto you" (Rom. 15:23). That statement, however, tells us other things of interest also, namely, that there had been Christians in Rome "these many years" and that Paul had not been there to found the congregation.

Some would turn to the tradition that Peter was for 25 years a bishop in Rome and founded the congregation, but that is highly unlikely for two reasons. Recall Paul's stated policy regarding his area of mission work. He says, "So have I strived to preach the Gospel where Christ was not named, lest I should build upon another man's foundation" (Rom. 15:20). If Peter had founded the congregation in Rome, Paul would certainly be building on another man's foundation if he now went there with the Gospel. Note furthermore the lengthy list of people in Rome to whom Paul sends greetings (Rom. 16:1-16). If Peter was the bishop of the church in Rome at this time, it would have been a slap in the face if he had not even been acknowledged among the people greeted.

Roman Christians, Converts of Paul?

But perhaps that list is of some help in solving the mystery of how the Christians turned up in Rome. Paul sends greetings to no fewer than 24 people in those first verses of *Romans*

16. That is a large number of "Romans" to know for someone who hasn't been in Rome. Might these people have been Paul's converts in Corinth, Ephesus, Antioch, and other places in the east, who had since gravitated to Rome, the center of the world? Perhaps Paul's letter is intended to effect some kind of grouping of these individual Christians, for it will strike us that Paul does not address his letter to a *church* in Rome, as he does in other Epistles (I Cor. 1:1; II Cor. 1:1; Gal. 1:2; I Thess. 1:1; II Thess. 1:1), but he writes rather "to all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints" (Rom. 1:7).

"Romans," A Summary of Christian Doctrine

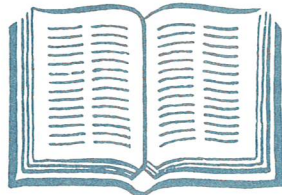
If the Letter to the Romans is an early "soul conservation" project, that would also explain the content of the letter. It does not address itself to any congregational problems, but it seeks rather in calm and orderly fashion to remind the Roman Christians of the great truths they had previously learned. It sets forth the grand truth that the just shall live by faith (chapters 1-5) and then outlines how such justifying faith will also effect a new life in the believer (chapters 5-8). After pointing out that the Gospel's blessings have come via the Jewish nation (chapters 9-11), Paul draws some applications as to how that Gospel of Christ will now color a man's relationship toward God and his fellow men (chapters 12-15).

A Lutheran Heritage

In the "standard" Epistle readings of our church year, eight selections are taken from *Romans*. But even if we did not regularly encounter the Epistle there, it would still be of priceless value to us as Lutherans because it was Luther's realization of the truth of Romans 1:17 regarding justification by faith that launched the Reformation. If we are to remain heirs of the Reformation, however, then let us not cling merely to the name Lutheran, but especially to the great truth of *Romans* restored in the Reformation, namely, the realization that in the Gospel of Christ, which is the power of God unto salvation, God's righteousness is revealed by faith for faith.

Armin J. Panning

Mining the Treasure of God's Word



I Kings 12:25-16:28



BY JULIAN G. ANDERSON

Your review today can be brief. Re-read I Kings 12:1-24 and/or the last section of the last lesson, which covers this history. Be sure you understand the division which took place here. Verses 19-21 are explained by 11:31, last phrase, and 12:21 gives the names by which these two kingdoms were known from this time on (see the two phrases beginning with "house of"). Hi-lite these names and be sure you know how many tribes made up each kingdom. Then we're ready to dig.

Read 12:25-33

This is the key section in understanding the entire history of the kingdom of Israel, which covers about 200 years. You might put a note in the margin at 11:41-43 that Solomon died about 926 B.C. Notice where Jeroboam set up his palace (verse 25), but more important, note his main fear (verses 26 and 27). Underline verse 27a, down to Judah; and then mark what Jeroboam did to prevent this (verses 28 and 29). Underline the last five words of verse 28a, beginning with "made," and put a star in the margin here and memorize, because this was the act which determined the entire history of this northern kingdom.

On your map locate the cities where these two idols were set up (verse 29) and hi-lite these names. Then notice the divinely-inspired commentary of

the writer in verse 30a (underline).

Verses 31-33 complete the picture, but need a little explanation. The "houses" mentioned were temples (the plural in the RSV and NASV is correct), and the "high places" were hills and small mountains. This was the local Canaanite custom in those days, building altars and temples and groves on the tops of the hills (thinking they were getting closer to their god?). The priests offered the people's sacrifices, but on the special festival Jeroboam instituted he himself did so. This festival was held a month after the Festival of Tents (tabernacles, Lev. 23:33,34), and was no doubt set up to replace that festival in the lives of his people. The significance of these actions of Jeroboam cannot be overstated, since the effect of all this was to make the kingdom of Israel an officially idolatrous nation.

Now Go To 13:1 — 14:20

Note first what God did in an attempt to turn Jeroboam from his sinful course (13:1-6), and then Jeroboam's response in 13:33 (underline from "Jeroboam" to "way"). Then observe what the divinely-inspired historian has to say about the significance of all this in verse 34, especially the last half of the verse.

Next read 14:1-18, noting particularly the message God sent to Jeroboam in verses 7-16. Verse 10 specifies Jeroboam's punishment. Here the RSV and NASV give a more acceptable and clearer translation, and this section should be underlined.

The biggest nugget here, however, is verse 15, which should be underlined and memorized, since this was a divinely-spoken prophecy. Remember that "the River" was the Euphrates. "Beyond (east of) the River" was the land of Assyria (locate on your map), which was the dominant power in the Near East at that time, comparable to Russia in Europe today. Note particularly why God said He was going to do this (verse 16). The word mistranslated "groves" in the KJV (verse 15c) is really the plural form of the name of the chief goddess of the Phoenicians (Asherim). She was the principal goddess of that whole area, and her worship extended to Greece and Rome (Aphrodite and Venus). Her temples were staffed by young priestesses, and her "worship" was nothing more than a widespread prostitution operation masquerading under the guise of religion, and understandably a very popular kind of religion. The rest of Jeroboam's history is recorded in verses 19 and 20.

At this point the historian records alternating sections of the histories of Judah and Israel, but we will skip the portions dealing with Judah and finish the history of Israel.

Read 15:25-16:28

In this short section the writer gives the histories of the next five kings of Israel. As you read, hi-lite their names in 15:25 and 33; 16:8, 15, and 22, and notice what kind of men they were, and how the writer describes their reigns in 15:26 and 34; 16:13, 19, 25, and 26. Finally notice the violent deaths suffered by three of these five kings (15:27, 16:10, and 16:18), and by the entire families of two of them (15:29 and 16:11). The picture one gets of this period is one of absolute anarchy and lawlessness which inevitably accompanied the religious corruption. The only other significant fact is the name of the new city (verse 24), which became the new capital city of Israel. The total period covered in this lesson is only 62 years, and the whole history of this northern kingdom is merely a long digression from the main story, the history of Jesus the Messiah.

1977 Teacher Assignments

New Ulm, Minn. — The Committee on the Assignment of Calls of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod met here at Dr. Martin Luther College, May 30 and 31, and assigned 102 graduates of the college to their first calls in parish elementary schools of the Wisconsin Synod.

Of the 102 graduates assigned, 29 were men and 73 were women. Fifteen women graduates were not assigned because they plan to be married this summer. Most of the 15 will be teaching in the fall through calls arranged by their respective District presidents.

Eight previous graduates were also

assigned, and two were assigned pending successful completion of the summer term.

The 400,000 member Wisconsin Synod has 1,089 congregations in 45 states and three provinces of Canada. Its churches maintain 312 parish elementary schools, enrolling 29,000 pupils, taught by 1,300 teachers. In addition, associations of congregations or individuals maintain 11 area Lutheran high schools.

Next fall 18 congregations will open schools bringing the total number of schools to 330, an increase of 30% over the number of schools in 1971.

James P. Schaefer

Men Assigned

Babler, Bruce A.—Winona, MN
To: St. Paul's—Livonia, MI (MI)

Bartelt, Paul W.—Lake Mills WI
To: Emmanuel—Tempe, AZ (A-C)

Becker, Edward J.—Phoenix, AZ
To: St. Mark's—Mankato, MN (MN)

Boileau, Philip N.—Ottawa, Ontario
To: Messiah—South Windsor, CT (MI)

Bollinger, Rodney A.—Zeeland, ND
To: St. Paul—Norfolk, NE (NE)

Freese, John R.—Plymouth, NE
To: MLS—Saginaw, MI (MI)

Frese, Leo P.—Omaha, NE
To: St. Matthew—Spokane, WA (PNW)

Gibson, Richard A.—Williamston, MI
To: Faith—Dexter, MI (MI)

Gray, Gary D.—Phoenix, AZ
To: Gloria Dei—Sierra Madre, CA (A-C)

Hanke, Michael A.—Helenville, WI
To: St. Paul—Green Bay, WI (NW)

Hertig, Michael S.—New Ulm, MN
To: Peace—Green Lake, WI (NW)

Holman, James R.—South Haven, MI
To: St. Paul's—Rapid City, SD (D-M)

Horn, Frederick J.—Red Wing, MN
To: Christ—Beatrice, NE (NE)

Huebner, Robert J.—Manitowoc, WI
To: NWLA—Moberidge, SD (D-M)

Huntington, Monte L.—Genoa, WI
To: Faith—Antioch, IL (SEW)

Karnitz, David C.—St. Louis Park, MN
To: Trinity—Hoskins, NE (NE)

Kuchenbecker, James K.—Greenleaf, WI
To: Good Shepherd—Cedar Rapids, IA (MN)

Maas, Michael N.—Toledo, OH
To: Our Savior—Pomona, CA (A-C)

Mathwig, Michael J.—West Allis, WI
To: Zion—Egg Harbor, WI (NW)

Neubauer, Daniel A.—St. Francis, WI
To: Goodview Trinity—Winona, MN
and First—Minnesota City, MN (WW)

Peterson, Nils O.—Tustin, CA
To: St. Paul—Tomah, WI (WW)

Pingel, Ivan R.—Lansing, MI
To: St. John—Two Rivers, WI (NW)

Polzin, James E.—Milwaukee, WI
To: Immanuel—Medford, WI (WW)

Rebers, Daniel D.—Wood Lake, MN
To: St. John's—Red Wing, MN (MN)

Schroeder, Timothy J.—New Ulm, MN
To: St. Paul—Wonebec, WI (WW)

Schultz, David E.—Two Rivers, WI
To: Our Savior—Wausau, WI (WW)

Schultz, Paul J.—New Ulm, MN
To: Our Savior's—Longmont, CO (NE)

Schultz, Steven M.—Chaseburg, WI
To: Peace—Bradenton, FL (SA)

Strassburg, Steven A.—Hustisford, WI
To: St. John's—Stanton, NE (NE)

Tatge, Gilbert W.—Crete, IL
To: NPS—Watertown, WI (WW)

Tess, Paul A.—Kiel, WI
To: St. John—Neillsville, WI (WW)

Tews, Lowell, L.—New Ulm, MN
To: St. Paul's—Stevensville, MI (MI)

Thiesfeldt, Gregory D.—Richfield, WI
To: First—Lake Geneva, WI (SEW)

Voss, David J.—Brookfield, WI
To: Apache Mission—East Fork, AZ (A-C)

Watts, Randal A.—Moline, IL
To: David's Star—Jackson, WI (SEW)

Wels, Ronald—New Ulm, MN
To: NWLA—Moberidge, SD (D-M)

Wessel, Sherwood J.—Columbus, WI
To: NPS—Watertown, WI (WW)

Wilsmann, James A.—Two Rivers, WI
To: Bethany—Hustisford, WI (SEW)

Covach, Mary K.—Plymouth, MI
To: Grace—Yakima, WA (PNW)

Dahlke, Donna L.—Montello, WI
To: Mt. Olive—Bay City, MI (MI)

Diercks, Belinda A.—Red Wing, MN
To: Woodlawn—West Allis, WI (SEW)

Drews, Wendy L.—Appleton, WI
To: MLS—Saginaw, MI (MI)

Fillner, Kathleen J.—West Salem, WI
To: New Salem—Sebewaing, MI (MI)

Fischer, Christie L.—Brookfield, WI
To: St. John/St. James—Reedsville, WI (NW)

Frick, Kathy R.—Hokah, MN
To: Salem—Milwaukee, WI (SEW)

Fritz, Judy E.—Waukesha, WI
To: Gethsemane—Oklahoma City, OK (NE)

Frost, Rebecca L.—Saginaw, MI
To: St. John—Two Rivers, WI (NW)

Gavlitza, Jane E.—Milwaukee, WI
To: Our Savior's—Zion, IL (SEW)

Geiger, Suzanne M.—De Pere, WI
To: St. Paul's—Columbus, OH (MI)

Gieschen, Laurie B.—Adrian, MI
To: Bay Pines—Seminole, FL (SA)

Groth, Denise L.—Newport, MN
To: Zion—Denver, CO (NE)

Groth, JoAnne L.—Portland, OR
To: Bethany—Manitowoc, WI (NW)

Haar, Hedy A.—Saginaw, MI
To: Grace—Muskegon, MI (MI)

Haase, Julie M.—Norfolk, NE
To: St. John's—Caledonia, MN (MN)

Hahn, Lois M.—McKinney, TX
To: Lola Park—Detroit, MI (MI)

Hahnke, Maribeth L.—New Ulm, MN
To: St. Paul's—Arlington, MN (MN)

Hard, Susan E.—Grove City, OH
To: St. Paul—Tomah, WI (WW)

Hewitt, Debra L.—Saginaw, MI
To: Immanuel—Manitowoc, WI (NW)

Hirschfeld, Ruth A.—Fort Atkinson, WI
To: St. Paul—Appleton, WI (NW)

Honeman, Luella J.—Sleepy Eye, MN
To: Bethany—Kenosha, WI (SEW)

Jackson, Patricia J.—Livonia, MI
To: Ocean Drive—Pompano Beach, FL (SA)

Jaehnke, Susan C.—Cassville, WI
To: Trinity—Bay City, MI (MI)

Jessen, Sandra J.—Tomah, WI
To: Our Savior—Grafton, WI (SEW)

Juroff, Kathryn L.—Sheboygan Falls, WI
To: NWLA—Moberidge, SD (D-M)

Kenyon, Kim K.—Oak Creek, WI
To: Good Shepherd—Sioux Falls, SD (D-M)

Lincoln, Christine R.—Glendale, AZ
To: Memorial—Williamston, MI (MI)

Loomis, Cheryl A.—Milwaukee, WI
To: St. John—Lewiston, MN (WW)

Maass, Julie A.—Elkhart Lake, WI
To: First—Racine, WI (SEW)

Martens, Linda K.—Grant Park, IL
To: Good Shepherd's—West Allis, WI (SEW)

McCartney, Denise M.—Mandan, ND
To: Immanuel—Kewaunee, WI (NW)

Miller, Bonnie J.—Milwaukee, WI
To: Zion—Hartland, WI (SEW)

Miller, LaVonne K.—Mankato, MN
To: St. Paul—Onalaska, WI (WW)

Molkentin, Sharon K.—Tampa, FL
To: St. John's—Wood Lake, MN (MN)

Naker, Bonnie R.—New Berlin, WI
To: Zion—Greenleaf, WI (NW)

Nitz, Laura J.—Mequon, WI
To: St. Peter's and St. Paul's—Hopkins, MI (MI)

Priewe, Tracy A.—Rapid City, SD
To: St. Matthew—Oconomowoc, WI (WW)

Proeber, Linda C.—Cudahy, WI
To: St. Martin's—Watertown, SD (D-M)

Reede, Rachel M.—Madison, WI
To: St. Matthew's—Benton Harbor, MI (MI)

Ross, Nancy E.—Brillion, WI
To: St. Paul—Wisconsin Rapids, WI (WW)

Runke, Susan M.—Nicollet, MN
To: Mt. Calvary—Flagstaff, AZ (A-C)

Sabrowsky, Carolyn A.—Redondo Beach, CA
To: Apostles—San Jose, CA (A-C)

Schulmeister, Bonnie R.—Antioch, IL
To: Mt. Olive—Delano, MN (MN)

Women Assigned

Aaberg, Marie E.—Mankato, MN
To: Saude-Jerico—Lawler, IA (ELS)

Baganz, Marlene H.—Mt. Calvary, WI
To: St. John—Maribel, WI (NW)

Bethke, Susan M.—Hemlock, MI
To: First German—Manitowoc, WI (NW)

Bililtz, Betty H.—Saginaw, MI
To: St. Andrew's—Chicago, IL (SEW)

Bishop, Marjorie A.—Spokane, WA
To: St. Paul—Wisconsin Rapids, WI (WW)

Bittorf, Darice R.—Balaton, MN
To: Immanuel—Medford, WI (WW)

Blievernicht, Lynette S.—Crete, IL
To: Zion—Columbus, WI (WW)

Buchholz, Linda M.—Winona, MN
To: Trinity—Johnson, MN (MN)

Bunkowske, Ruth A.—Norfolk, NE
To: NWLA—Moberidge, SD (D-M)

Schultz, Carol L.—Saginaw, MI
 To: Trinity—Minocqua, WI (NW)
 Schwab, Cathy L.—Kawkawlin, MI
 To: Good Shepherd—Beloit, WI (WW)
 Sette, Linda O.—Juneau, WI
 To: St. John's—Hemlock, MI (MI)
 Skovsted, Dawn M.—Racine, WI
 To: Christ—Zumbrota, MN (MN)
 Steele, Helen L.—Redondo Beach, CA
 To: St. Paul's—Sodus, MI (MI)
 Szelag, Cathy A.—Niles, IL
 To: Salem—Milwaukee, WI (SEW)
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 Torgerson, Faye S.—Woodville, WI
 To: St. Paul—Van Dyne, WI (NW)
 Trappen, Sherry A.—Markesan, WI
 To: St. Jacobi—Milwaukee, WI (SEW)
 Troeller, Lois G.—Hartford, WI
 To: St. Peter's—Plymouth, MI (MI)
 Varnum, Charlene F.—Davenport, IA
 To: Mt. Calvary—Waukesha, WI (SEW)
 Verch, Donna Mae E.—Princeton, WI
 To: St. John—Fox Lake, WI (WW)
 Voss, Deborah A.—Libertyville, IL
 To: DMLC—New Ulm, MN (MN)
 Wade, Judith A.—Watertown, WI
 To: DMLC—New Ulm, MN (MN)
 Wagner, Wendy D.—Hadar, NE
 To: Centennial—Milwaukee, WI (SEW)
 Wichert, Susan E.—Pigeon, MI
 To: St. Matthew's—Benton Harbor, MI (MI)
 Wicke, Susan L.—Fond du Lac, WI
 To: St. Paul—Brownsville, WI (SEW)
 Wiethaup, Alice M.—Colgate, WI
 To: St. Paul—Menomonie, WI (WW)
 Winter, Dawn M.—Otsego, MI
 To: St. Paul—Riverside, CA (A-C)
 Wolter, Sharon L.—Franklin, WI
 To: Christ—Eagle River, WI (NW)
 Wonoski, Susan C.—S. Milwaukee, WI
 To: St. John's—Clinton Ave., Milwaukee
 (SEW)
 Wuenne, Caroline P.—Mayville, WI
 To: Ocean Drive—Pompano Beach, FL (SA)
 Zahn, Cynthia L.—Jefferson, WI
 To: St. Mark's—Citrus Heights, CA (A-C)

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Lois B. Bartelt — Omro, WI
 Elizabeth C. Footh — West St. Paul, MN
 Gail L. Griepentrog — De Pere, WI
 Linda L. Harbach — Franksville, WI
 Mary R. Hatzung — Monroe, MI
 Deanna L. Heram — La Crosse, WI
 Sandra L. Heun — Crete, IL
 Judy L. Johnson — Bloomington, MN
 Karen R. Krueger — Ft. Lauderdale, FL
 Lisa Landvatter — Oconomowoc, WI
 Vicki A. Long — Antioch, IL
 Lois E. Luedtke — Jefferson, WI
 Carol A. Schlotter — Milwaukee, WI
 Katherine L. Sinkus — Zion, IL
 Deborah L. Stellick — Rhinelander, WI

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A Parish Pastor's Perspective

"Better than Satellites"

Ours has been called the "age of communications." For pennies we can pick up a phone in Milwaukee and talk to a friend in Beaver Dam or a daughter in Los Angeles. Ham radio operators help transfer vital messages around the world in times of natural disaster, and CBers keep track of "Smoky" while tooling along the highways. Television, for all its faults, is a wonder of technology, serving many useful and wholesome purposes. Microwave systems and communications satellites can transfer thousands of simultaneous messages without getting garbled.

Remarkable inventions, all! But as sophisticated as they are, they can't compare to the method of communication that God invented — prayer!

Flexibility

Think of the flexibility of prayer! Without wires, transmitters, or rockets we can send God millions of simultaneous messages without fear that they will get crossed in transmission. The words of our prayers can be spoken in any language from any location in the world. In fact, the words need not be spoken at all, just thought or felt. Can you believe it, the words don't even have to be formed; the Holy Spirit knows our thoughts and feelings even before we have them!

Freedom

Think of the freedom of prayer! We don't have to consult a schedule like TV Guide in order to find out in which time-slot God will hear certain subjects. We don't get a monthly computerized bill for our prayers as we do from our telephone company. We don't have to obtain a license from the Federal Communications Commission before we can begin transmitting our joys and concerns to God in prayer.

Power

Think of the power of prayer! It's not measured in volts or amps or watts. It's measured in the might of Him to whom it is addressed and in the overpowering

evidence of His answers. Prayer taps His power with whom "nothing shall be impossible" and who "is able to do exceeding abundantly beyond all that we ask or think." The person who prays remembers the powerful things God did for Hannah who prayed for a son, for the disciples who prayed during a storm, for Elijah who prayed for rain, for the blind men who prayed for sight, and for Paul and Silas who prayed in prison.

Price

Think of the price of prayer! Communications satellites cost millions to launch into orbit. Television networks' budgets are staggering. A.T. and T.'s gross sales for a year are beyond the grasp of most of us. But these all pale into insignificance compared to the price God paid to make it possible for us to communicate with Him in prayer. He paid the price of His dear Son's life and blood. Without that there could be no praying on our part. Unless Christ had removed the stain and offense of our sins and guilt there could be no chance for us, God's born enemies, to speak to Him in times of need. But Christ paid the price, a price beyond comparison. Christ made us children who can speak to our dear Father in prayer.

Used?

Yet the greatest form of communication, prayer, may be the least used form of communication. A recent survey showed that our TV sets are on an average of six hours a day. The car radio is blaring to and from work. Our telephones are used many times a day. Are we using prayer too?

The Apostle James wrote: "Ye have not, because ye ask not." In one of our favorite hymns we sing: "Oh, what peace we often forfeit, Oh, what needless pain we bear, All because we do not carry Everything to God in prayer." May the age of communications be for us Christians a time when we communicate with God in prayer more than ever before!

Thomas B. Franzmann

Evangelical Lutheran Synod

"Gratitude for Grace"

Our sister synod, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, is presently taking note of some important anniversaries. The year 1977 marks the 50th anniversary of Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato, Minnesota, and also the 30th anniversary of the first graduating class of Bethany Lutheran Seminary. Next year, 1978, will mark the 10th anniversary of the synod's Latin American mission work.

We join the Evangelical Lutheran Synod in giving thanks and praise to the Lord of the Church for these most significant blessings. We have reason to do so not only because the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and our Synod are one in faith, but also because many young people of our Synod have been privileged to receive a portion of their

Christian education at Bethany Lutheran College.

Moreover, since 1962, we have had an arrangement with the Evangelical Lutheran Synod whereby our Synod's Bethany Program of Special Preseminary Ministerial Training has been set up at Bethany Lutheran College. Designed for men over 21 years of age, either single or married, the Bethany Program enables students who have not followed our Synod's regular program of preseminary training to acquire the necessary academic prerequisites (a four-year college program or its equivalent) for enrollment at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary.

At its 1976 convention, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod resolved to gather a special thankoffering in its congrega-

tions during the years 1977, 1978, and 1979. The goal of the thankoffering is \$600,000. Of this amount, a sum of \$240,000 is designated for Bethany Lutheran College to continue to develop its campus buildings and grounds and to further its academic program. An equal sum of \$240,000 has been designated to provide a new building for Bethany Lutheran Seminary. The ELS Foreign Mission program has been allocated the sum of \$120,000. This is designated to expand literature production, especially Sunday-school material, and to assist extension seminaries in their efforts at the training of national pastors.

The theme chosen for the thankoffering is a very appropriate one, *Gratitude for Grace*. Plans for the offering were finalized at the 1977 ELS convention, June 19-24. Groundbreaking ceremonies for the new seminary building were also held in connection with this convention. President of the ELS is Pastor Wilhelm W. Petersen of Madison, Wisconsin.

May our Lord continue to bless our sister synod with His grace!

Mequon Graduates Fifty-eight

It was with mixed emotions that the Seminary family and their more than 1,400 guests viewed the overcast skies and intermittent rain on June 1, 1977. Though it brought much-needed moisture, yet it also forced a change from the outdoor graduation that has become a cherished tradition at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary.

In keeping with the contingency plan, the graduation service was held at Calvary Ev. Lutheran Church, Thiensville, Wisconsin, where on the evening before the commencement festivities had been opened with a concert of sacred music by the Seminary Chorus under the direction of Prof. Martin Albrecht. Drawing its theme from Colossians 3:16, the chorus presented a concert in three parts featuring "Psalms and Hymns and Spiritual Songs."

On the morning of graduation, family and friends of the 58 graduates filled the church and overflowed to the school gymnasium. President Carl J.

Lawrenz addressed the graduates and their guests on the basis of Acts 4:18-20. Taking note of the fact that we are just beginning the observance of the 400th anniversary of the signing of the Formula of Concord, he urged his hearers to "Heed the Apostolic Con-

The Formula of Concord:

"We believe, teach, and confess"!

cerns" that moved not only Peter and John but also the courageous signers of the Formula of Concord who "hearkened unto God rather than men" in that they refused to bow either to political pressures on the one hand or to the spirit of compromise and rationalism on the other. But, as President Lawrenz continued, heeding the Apostolic concerns involves not merely hearkening to God and retaining the Gospel truths for ourselves, but it implies also a sharing of those truths. "We cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard."

That with the signers of the Formula of Concord the 1977 class of graduates firmly resolved to "believe, teach, and confess" the Gospel truths was clearly indicated in their class hymn, *Into Thy Harvest Send Us, Lord*. The text was written by graduate James Ziesemer, and graduate William Stuebs provided the musical setting.

On May 17, 1977, the members of the class, augmented by three graduates from previous classes and one special senior candidate, were assigned to mission stations and established congregations in 25 states, as well as to British Columbia, Canada; Zambia, Africa; and the Southeast Asian Mission field. One graduate was given a one-year deferment for graduate study and another has returned to his homeland of South Africa where he will serve in the ministry of the Free Ev. Lutheran Synod.

All those in attendance at the graduation were invited to a noon luncheon which the Seminary staff, assisted by the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Auxiliary, served in the dining hall, gymnasium, and dormitory lounge.

Armin J. Panning

Direct from the Districts

Michigan

Mt. Olive of Detroit Observes Fiftieth Anniversary

A half-century of service in God's kingdom was remembered by Mt. Olive Church, Detroit, Michigan, in two special services on April 24, 1977.

On this same date in 1927 its first pastor was installed and its first chapel dedicated in what were then sparsely settled outskirts of a growing metropolis. Growth, slow but steady, necessitated the building of a new church in 1958. A new parsonage was erected in 1966.

The changing city has not only accelerated the moving outward of members, but has also brought about the relocation of other Wisconsin Synod churches into the suburbs, so that Mt. Olive is now the oldest WELS church in Detroit proper. Pastors who have served it are Henry Arndt, Frederick Stern, Kenneth Vertz, Norman Engel, and Edwin Frey.

In the morning anniversary service the Rev. Norman Engel, former pastor of the congregation, was guest speaker. In the afternoon, District President Waldemar Zarling addressed the congregation.

As we recall God's help in years past, we remember too that He is our only Help in years to come. We look back with gratitude and ahead with faith.

Edwin A. Frey

LWMS Super Rally Michigan and Ohio Circuits

The third Michigan-Ohio Super Rally was held at St. Stephen's Ev. Lutheran Church, Adrian, Michigan, on Wednesday, May 18, 1977. Its chosen theme was "That the Blind May See!" Pastor Daniel Gieschen opened the day with a devotion on Esther and invited all present to join in singing "With the Lord Begin Thy Task." After the devotion, he officially welcomed all the ladies on behalf of St. Stephen's Congregation.

The business meeting was chaired by this year's coordinator, Mrs. Richard

Packard of St. John's, Battle Creek. She opened the meeting by reading communications from Mrs. Clarence Millett and Mrs. Donald Burnstad, president and vice-president of the National LWMS; Mrs. Earl Fager, LWMS representative for the Mission for the Visually Handicapped; and the Rev. Harold Wicke, national LWMS pastoral advisor, all of whom were unable to attend. Special words of welcome were addressed by Mrs. Packard to Mrs. Leland Nicol, national treasurer, and Mrs. Don Holzhueter, speaker for the day. After the minutes of the previous rally were accepted and read, a thank-you was read from the Southeast Asian Missions for the gift of \$242.63. This gift assisted the Hong Kong mission in purchasing a printing press. The necessary motions were also passed to cover the expenses of the '77 rally and to establish a fund for the coordinator of next year's super rally.

Roll call showed that the five Michigan circuits and the Ohio circuit all were represented. A head count showed about 248 people present, with 221 ladies registering.

Sack lunches brought from home provided for the noon lunch in St. Stephen's gymnasium. The hosting circuits provided beverages and desserts.

The afternoon began with a devotion by Pastor Martin Ahlborn of Beautiful Savior Congregation, Grove City, Ohio, on the theme "That the Blind — Physically and Spiritually — May See!" We sang "Thou Art the Way; To Thee Alone."

Mrs. Packard then introduced the speaker, Mrs. Don Holzhueter, a brailist who belongs to St. Paul's Congregation, South Haven, Michigan. She informed the gathering about the history and the growth of the Mission for the Visually Handicapped. Over 100 women volunteers operate the Workshop for the Visually Handicapped at North St. Paul, Minnesota, producing braille, large-type, and cassette materials. The audience was particularly pleased to learn about the confirmation materials available in braille.

This work is carried on by the LWMS under the supervision of the Special

Ministries Board of our Synod. Financial aid for the program comes from nonbudgetary gifts from individuals and groups, especially LWMS circuits.

Mrs. Holzhueter showed the new film strip entitled "That the Blind May See." She completed her presentation with a question-and-answer period, and invited all to see a display of materials and equipment.

In closing the meeting, Mrs. Packard announced that the morning's offering had been \$437.35, of which \$104 had been set aside for '77 expenses and for the '78 rally fund. The balance of \$333.35 was turned over to the Mission for the Visually Handicapped. A vote of thanks was extended to St. Stephen's for the use of its facilities and to the ladies of St. Stephen's for all their work.

The Super Rally closed with the singing of "Take My Life, and Let it be." Pastor Gieschen led in the closing prayer and pronounced the benediction.

Mrs. Richard Packard

Western Wisconsin

Mrs. O. W. Jungkuntz Dies

Mrs. Otto W. Jungkuntz, Jefferson, Wisconsin, died on May 12, 1977, at the age of 80 years. The funeral service was conducted at St. John's, Jefferson, on May 17, with burial in the Christberg Cemetery. Using I Thessalonians 4: 13-18 as his text, Pastor Richard Lauersdorf comforted the family with the Christian truth that "God's Children Never Die," instead they have rest, resurrection, and reunion through the risen Christ.

Mrs. Jungkuntz is survived by her husband, who was principal at St. John's Christian Day School from 1922 to 1965; two daughters: Betty (Mrs. Ernst Wendland) of Lusaka, Zambia, Africa, and Doris (Mrs. Robert Schumann) of Duluth, Minnesota; three sons, Richard of Tacoma, Washington, Theodore of Valparaiso, Indiana, and Daniel of Indianapolis; 25 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and three sisters.

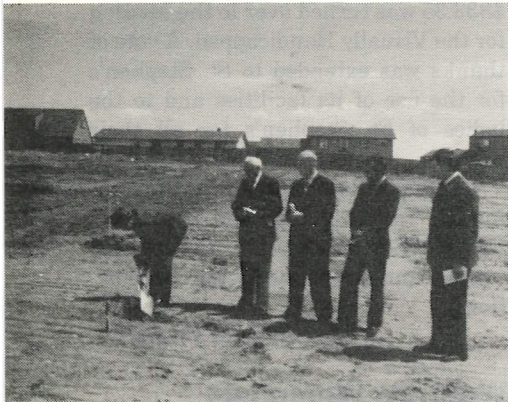
Nebraska

Groundbreaking at Westminster

Following the worship service on Sunday, April 17, 1977, the members of

Shepherd of the Valley Ev. Lutheran Church, Westminster, Colorado, drove to their new property to break ground for their first worship facilities. A church and parish hall, God willing, will be built on the 3-acre site purchased in February, 1976. Pastor James Kuehl officiated at this ceremony beginning the second phase of the congregation's building project. Groundbreaking for the parsonage was held on October 24, 1976, with dedication scheduled for sometime in June.

Shepherd of the Valley Groundbreaking



Shepherd of the Valley was organized in June, 1974, with 45 communicants and 76 souls. It now numbers 97 communicants and 154 souls, and this growth came in spite of worshipping in four different locations — a school, a bank, a rest home, and a mortuary. How glad this congregation will be to worship in its own house of God!

The congregation bears a project cost which is typical of so many new congregations today — \$329,565 for land, parsonage, chapel and fellowship hall. Needless to say, the congregation and pastor are keenly aware of their total dependency on God and His grace as it works in the hearts of men through the Gospel message of sins forgiven through a crucified and risen Lord Jesus Christ.

Faith Lutheran Groundbreaking at Russel, Kansas



With the Lord

Teacher Paul A. Jungkuntz

1897 — 1977

Paul August Jungkuntz was born in Columbia City, Indiana, the son of the Rev. Henry C. Jungkuntz and his wife Regina nee Graebner. He was both baptized and confirmed by his father. On June 8, 1922, he was united in marriage with Florence Lahmann.

A 1916 graduate of Concordia Teacher's College, River Forest, Illinois, he received his first teaching assignment at St. Matthew's in New York City. From 1918-1920 he taught at Gethsemane School in Milwaukee, and then for 27 years at Trinity, also in Milwaukee. From 1947 to 1955 he was a member of the Milwaukee Lutheran High School faculty serving as Director of Music. In 1955 he became principal of Jordan Lutheran School, Milwaukee, and retired from teaching in 1968. After residing in Findlay, Ohio, for four

years, he returned to Milwaukee and served Gethsemane Church as choir director (1972-73) and as organist until Ash Wednesday, February 23, of this year.

Death opened the door to heaven for him on May 31. He had reached an age of 79 years, 8 months, and 12 days. Surviving are his wife; two sons, Paul and the Rev. Frederick; one brother; three granddaughters, and other relatives and friends.

The funeral service was conducted at Gethsemane Lutheran Church on June 3. The officiant was Pastor Kurt J. Egger and the preacher was Pastor Kurt F. Koeplin, who comforted the mourners with the words of Psalm 116:7,8, speaking on "A Christian Teacher's Testimony in Life and Death." Speaking for the Synod's Board for Parish Education was Mr. LeDell Plath, Secretary of Schools. The committal took place on Graceland Cemetery.

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints!"

Groundbreaking at Russell

Construction is well underway for the new house of worship for Faith Ev. Lutheran Church, Russell, Kansas. The general contractor, Churches, U.S.A. of Denver, began operations on March 30, 1977.

The congregation broke ground for this project on March 27 in a service of prayer and praise, conducted by Pastor Edwin C. Fredrich, Jr.

A CEF loan makes possible this 3,161-square-foot building. It will be an expandable structure built in the popular "gull wing" laminated-arch design.

Faith Congregation is glad to see the day nearing when it will be able to leave its temporary quarters in the American Legion Building for a place dedicated solely to the Lord's holy purpose.

Equality

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The Christian also knows how to live with this inequality. Each gift of God has a respected place in society, just as each member of the human body has its function. From I Corinthians 12 we learn not to be envious of those who possess greater gifts, nor to be disdainful of those who possess lesser gifts.

The Christian who knows that God has given him his gifts, who faithfully develops them, and who knows that God will use them, will not resent the gifts of others; he will even admire them. As Calvin Linton put it in *Christianity Today*: "One of the keenest pleasures of life is to be in the presence of a superior person — and to be very still."

Carleton Toppe

NOTICE

OVERSEAS SPONSORSHIPS

Anyone receiving direct solicitation requests for personal sponsorship of overseas nationals is herewith advised that such direct gifts are counterproductive in the building of a strong national church. All World Mission support should follow normal Synodical channels and be administered by authorized Synodical personnel. Any questions concerning S.E. Asia policy should be directed to the Executive Committee for S.E. Asian Missions.

Pastor L. J. Koeninger — Chairman

Looking at the Religious World

Christian Radio Voice Silenced

Station RVOG (Radio Voice of the Gospel) in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, has been nationalized by that country's new government. The station had been owned and operated by the Lutheran World Federation. The government has renamed the 200,000-watt station Radio Voice of Revolutionary Ethiopia.

Though owned and operated by the Lutheran agency, the station broadcast programs of numerous Protestant and Orthodox denominations in 16 languages. The powerful station beamed its signals to a large portion of Africa, the Middle East, and to Asian nations including China and India.

The new government has offered no compensation for the \$12 million facility to the LWF which operated RVOG for 14 years. Only 23 of the station's 200 employees were non-Ethiopians. Former station director, Rev. Manfred Lundgren of Sweden, indicated that the 23 expatriate employees are safe and free to leave the country.

Reports in recent years have indicated that Africa is on the verge of becoming a predominantly Christian continent. The RVOG takeover is one evidence that Satan is not about to let that happen without a struggle.

Charismatic Confab in Kansas City

The Roman Catholic based Charismatic Renewal Services is preparing for 60,000 participants July 20-24 at its International Conference on the Holy Spirit in Kansas City. Though sponsored and promoted by a Catholic organization, charismatics of many denominations will attend. Several Lutheran leaders will be in the limelight as speakers, Bible-class teachers, and discussion leaders.

An article in the *National Catholic Reporter* offers some interesting commentary on the charismatic movement, pointing up some of the problems charismatics pose for the Catholic Church. The editor writes: "The charismatics are a delightful blend of enthu-

siasm and arrogance. While too many US Catholics sit somnolently in their Sunday pews, mindlessly mouthing responses, . . . charismatics somewhere else are jumping up and down with joy for the Lord. . . . But they are elitist . . . and filled with their own importance. They are also a little silly at times. Perhaps (the movement) has a broader vision than simply servicing, stroking, and mutually supporting the converted. But none of that vision has been translated into action to benefit the people of God in general, rather than charismatics in particular." The editorial concludes with an apt exhortation. "Go to it, charismatics, and jolt us out of a milquetoast adherence to our faith — and jolt yourselves out of your love affair with yourselves."

Charismatic enthusiasm is not a genuine and legitimate substitute for "holding fast the form of sound words."

LCMS Issues Study on Charismatic Movement

The May 1 issue of the *Lutheran Witness* offers a special report entitled "The Lutheran Church and the Charismatic Movement — Guidelines for Congregations and Pastors." The report was drafted and adopted by the Synod's Commission on Theology and Church Relations earlier this year. It offers an update of a previous document, "The Charismatic Movement and Lutheran Theology" issued in 1972.

The new document is informative and offers sound counsel for dealing with charismatics. The report is available together with the 1972 document from Concordia Publishing House in St. Louis. Persons who are bewildered by the claims of charismatics would do well to study the new report.

The Dating Game

Ark hunters on Mt. Ararat have found a hand-hewn beam which may have come from Noah's Ark. Radio carbon tests conducted by Dr. Ranier Berger of the University of California in Los Angeles however have indicated that the wood is only 1200 years old,

and that it was cut from a tree about 700 A.D. The Flood occurred about 2500 B.C.

That dating has been disputed by Dr. John Warwick Montgomery, a scholar who has led expeditions to Ararat. Montgomery claims that carbon contamination renders Berger's dating method inaccurate and useless.

The only proper method for dating the wood, Montgomery insists, involves a physical wood analysis (ring structure, etc.). Technologists employing that method at the University of Bordeaux in France have determined that the wood beam is at least 5000 years old, possibly more.

Whether the beam is actually a piece of wood from Noah's Ark or not cannot be conclusively determined. It appears that the only way to put an end to the dating game is to find the Ark itself.

Joel C. Gerlach

THE FORTY-FOURTH BIENNIAL CONVENTION OF THE WISCONSIN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD

The Forty-fourth Biennial Convention of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod will be held, God willing, August 3 to 10, 1977, at Dr. Martin Luther College and Martin Luther Academy, New Ulm, Minnesota.

The opening service with Holy Communion will be held Wednesday, August 3, at 10:00 a.m. in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, State and 2nd N. Streets. First Vice-President Carl H. Mischke will preach the sermon. The closing service will be held Tuesday, August 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel Auditorium of Dr. Martin Luther College. Second Vice-President George W. Boldt will deliver the sermon.

The opening session will be held Wednesday, August 3, at 2:00 p.m. in the gymnasium of the college. Delegates are asked to arrive early enough so that they will have time to register before the beginning of the opening session. Registration will be made in the lobby of the gymnasium.

The theme of the convention is PUBLISH AND CONCEAL NOT. Prof. Arnold Koelpin will read an essay entitled: "Preparing a New Bible Translation in Luther's Day," and Prof. John Jeske will read an essay entitled: "Preparing a New Bible Translation Today."

Housing for the delegates will be provided in the dormitories of the college. Detailed instructions pertaining to housing will be mailed to each delegate together with reservation cards. All voting and advisory delegates must make reservations for housing. Reservations should be made no later than July 15, 1977. Kindly address all communications to the Convention Housing Committee, Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota 56073.

Meals will be served to all bona fide delegates in the college cafeteria. Meal tickets will also be available to visitors at nominal rates.

Mail sent to delegates during the convention should be addressed in care of Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota 56073. Delegates may be reached by telephone by calling 1-(507)-354-8221.

Associations or organizations within the Synod planning displays for the convention should submit detailed plans (together with handout material) to the Praesidium well in advance of the convention.

Heinrich J. Vogel, Secretary

FLOOR COMMITTEES

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August 3-10, 1977
Dr. Martin Luther College
New Ulm, Minnesota

(Note: This year the list of all certified delegates is being published separately. Most of the voting delegates have been assigned to serve on a floor committee, but not all. A few advisory delegates are serving on such committees as Press, Steering, and Convention Travel. When a delegate is unable to attend and his alternate does attend, the alternate is asked to serve on the committee to which the delegate he replaces was assigned. The exception is in the committee chairmanship. An alternate committee chairman, if needed, will be appointed by the Praesidium. — O.J.N.)

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(The order is determined by the Districts and at times expresses preference.)

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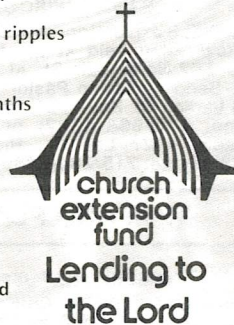
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YOUTH COUNSELORS' TRAINING SEMINAR

A second Youth Counselors' Training Seminar will be conducted by the Committee for WELS Youth under the direction of the Board for Parish Education on September 16-18, 1977, at Kettle Moraine Youth Camp, Campbellsport, Wisconsin (near Fond du Lac). The needs of youth, the role of the counselor, organizing a well-rounded youth program, and counseling will be covered. The "learning-by-doing" approach will be used.

Participation will be on an invitation basis. If you are interested in receiving an invitation or desire more information, contact Prof. Allen Zahn, 612 South Twelfth, Watertown, Wisconsin 53094 (414-261-0301) before July 1.

VACATION OFFER

Any WELS or ELS pastor who wishes to vacation in New Mexico in September may stay at our parsonage in exchange for preaching Sundays. For more information, call or write Pastor Wayne Vogt, 3905 General Bradley NE, Albuquerque, NM or phone 505/296-7008.

MINNESOTA

CROW RIVER PASTOR-TEACHER-DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: July 15, 1977; 9:30 a.m. Communion service.
Place: St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Montrose, Minnesota; T. Westendorf, host pastor.
Agenda: Discussion of the *Book of Reports and Memorials*; Conference Business.
Note: Please send all excuses to the host pastor.
J. Moldenhauer, Secretary

MANKATO DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: July 24, 1977; 2:00 p.m.
Place: St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, North Mankato, Minnesota; Reuben O. Reimers, host pastor.
Agenda: Discussion of *Book of Reports and Memorials*.
W. E. Wagner, Secretary

WESTERN WISCONSIN

CENTRAL PASTORAL-DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: July 19, 1977; 9:00 a.m.
Place: St. Paul's, Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin.
Agenda: *Book of Reports and Memorials*.
Note: Male teachers and a lay delegate from each congregation are also expected to attend.
P. Ziemer, Secretary

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NORTHERN WISCONSIN

LAKE SUPERIOR DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: July 28, 1977; 10:00 a.m. (EDST) Communion service.
Place: St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Gladstone, Michigan.
Preacher: J. Hanson.
Agenda: *Book of Reports and Memorials* (assignments by pastors and teachers); Election of Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer.
A. Klessig, Secretary

You Are Invited to Attend . . .

LAITY DAY

Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod Convention
Saturday, August 6, 1977
Dr. Martin Luther College
New Ulm, Minnesota

Schedule

Registration at Luther Memorial Union
8:30 — 9:30
Sessions in Gymnasium
10:00 — 11:30
Displays and Tours
11:30 — 1:30
Noon Lunch at Cost
12:15 — 1:30
Program
2:00 — 3:30

NEW WELS CHURCHES

Names Requested

In recent months the Wisconsin Synod began work in the states and cities listed below. Please send all names of members who moved into the general area of these cities, as well as names of people who may be interested in a Wisconsin Synod mission, to:

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.

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British Columbia	Vancouver*

*Denotes exploratory services.

EXPLORATORY

LINDSTROM, MINNESOTA

Exploratory services are being conducted at Lindstrom, Minnesota. Anyone knowing of WELS members or prospects in the Lindstrom-Chisago City area is kindly asked to send the pertinent information to the Rev. Wm. H. Wiedenmeyer, 3000 W. 78th St., Minneapolis, Minnesota 55423.

SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT

Weekly Sunday services are now being held in the Bridgeport-Fairfield area. Services are at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the First Federal Savings and Loan, 1177 Post Rd., Fairfield. For information contact Mr. David Mathwig, 408 Old Field Rd., Fairfield, Connecticut 06430 — phone: (203) 225-2728; or Pastor Paul Schweppe, 519 Brooklyn Blvd., Brightwaters, New York 11718 — phone: (516) 665-6659.

OTHELLO, EPHRATA, MOSES LAKE, WASHINGTON

Exploratory services are being conducted in Moses Lake, Washington, at the Senior Citizen's Center, 608 3rd Street, every Sunday at 7:00 p.m. Sunday school is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. For local information call Mr. Julius Szabo at 509/762-9464. Submit names to Pastor Elden M. Bode, 5209 W. 5th Avenue, Kennewick, Washington 99336, phone 509/783-7265

MISSOULA, MONTANA

Sunday morning services are conducted in the conference room of the Red Lion Motel, 700 West Broadway, Missoula, Montana, at 11:15 a.m. Sunday school and Bible class begin at 10:00 a.m. For further information please contact Pastor Harold Wood, 2315 55th St., Missoula, Montana, 59801, phone 406/542-2034.

RICE LAKE, WISCONSIN

The WELS exploratory services in Rice Lake are now being held at the Mason Funeral Home, 502 North Main St., at 7:00 p.m. Sundays. Send names to Pastor Dennis Kempf, 1315 Larson St. Box 1, Bloomer, Wis. 54724 (phone: 715/568-4322) or Mr. Kenneth Michaels, 1127 Lee St., Rice Lake, Wis. 54868 (phone: 715/234-8269).

TIME AND PLACE

RAMSEY, NEW JERSEY

Triune God Lutheran Church is now conducting its worship services in its new colonial style chapel at 218 East Crescent Avenue, Ramsey, New Jersey. Sunday school and Bible class are held at 9:30 a.m., followed by a family worship service at 10:30 a.m. Names and addresses of prospects in northeast New Jersey or the New York City area may be sent to Pastor David Pagel, 218 E. Crescent Avenue, Ramsey, New Jersey 07446; phone 201/825-3816.

TIME OF SERVICES

Ascension of Antigo, Wisconsin, has services at 7:45 a.m., St. John's of Pelican Lake, Wisconsin, at 9:30 a.m., and Grace of Monico, Wisconsin, at 11:00 a.m. — all on Sundays. Pastor of the congregation is the Rev. Dean Fleming, phone 715/487-5484.

KETTERING/SOUTH DAYTON, OHIO AREA

Resurrection Ev. Lutheran Church, a new WELS mission, has established its permanent residence at 3560 Marshall Rd. Kettering, Ohio (South Dayton area). The worship service is scheduled for 8:45 a.m., with Sunday school at 10:00 a.m. Information and inquiries should be addressed to Pastor F. C. Kneuppel, 1025 Cliffside Dr., New Carlisle, Ohio 45344, phone 513/849-9374.

GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA

Bethany Ev. Lutheran Church, Granite Falls, Minnesota, has moved into its new house of worship. The address is 1580 8th Avenue, Granite Falls, Minnesota 56241. Services during the summer are held at 10:30 a.m. The pastor is the Rev. Paul J. Werner, Boyd, Minnesota.

COMING TO THE "51ST STATE"?

Vacationers embarking for Michigan's Upper Peninsula are invited to worship at our mission in Stambaugh, MI (on Hwy 2 next to Iron River, MI), St. Mark's Lutheran, 4th & Adams, 9:00 a.m. (CDT) Sundays. If you're heading farther north toward Isle Royale National Park, stop off for a 7:00 p.m. (EDT) Sunday service at University Lutheran Chapel in Houghton, MI. We are presently worshipping at the Christian Science Building, 2nd & Montezuma, in Houghton. The pastor is Thomas H. Trapp, 906/265-3665.

DMLC HISTORY

The Board of Control of Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota, has commissioned Prof. Morton A. Schroeder to write the college's centennial history.

If you have any historical data, or know of any, which you feel may be germane to this project, please contact Professor Schroeder. Any help and cooperation that can be afforded him will be appreciated.

Conrad Frey, President

FALL PASTORS' INSTITUTE

The 1977 Pastors' Institute at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary will be held, God willing, on five Monday afternoons beginning October 3. The lectures will be presented from 1:30 to 4:30 P.M. in the multipurpose room in the lower level of the Seminary library. The topics will be:

"Orthodoxism, Pietism, Rationalism and Their Significance for our Time"— Prof. Martin Westerhaus.
"Oriental Religions"— Prof. Erwin Scharf.

The registration fee is \$7.50. Registrations are to be sent to President Carl J. Lawrenz, 11831 N. Seminary Dr. 65W, Mequon, Wisconsin 53092.

Paul A. Manthey, Secretary
Seminary Board of Control