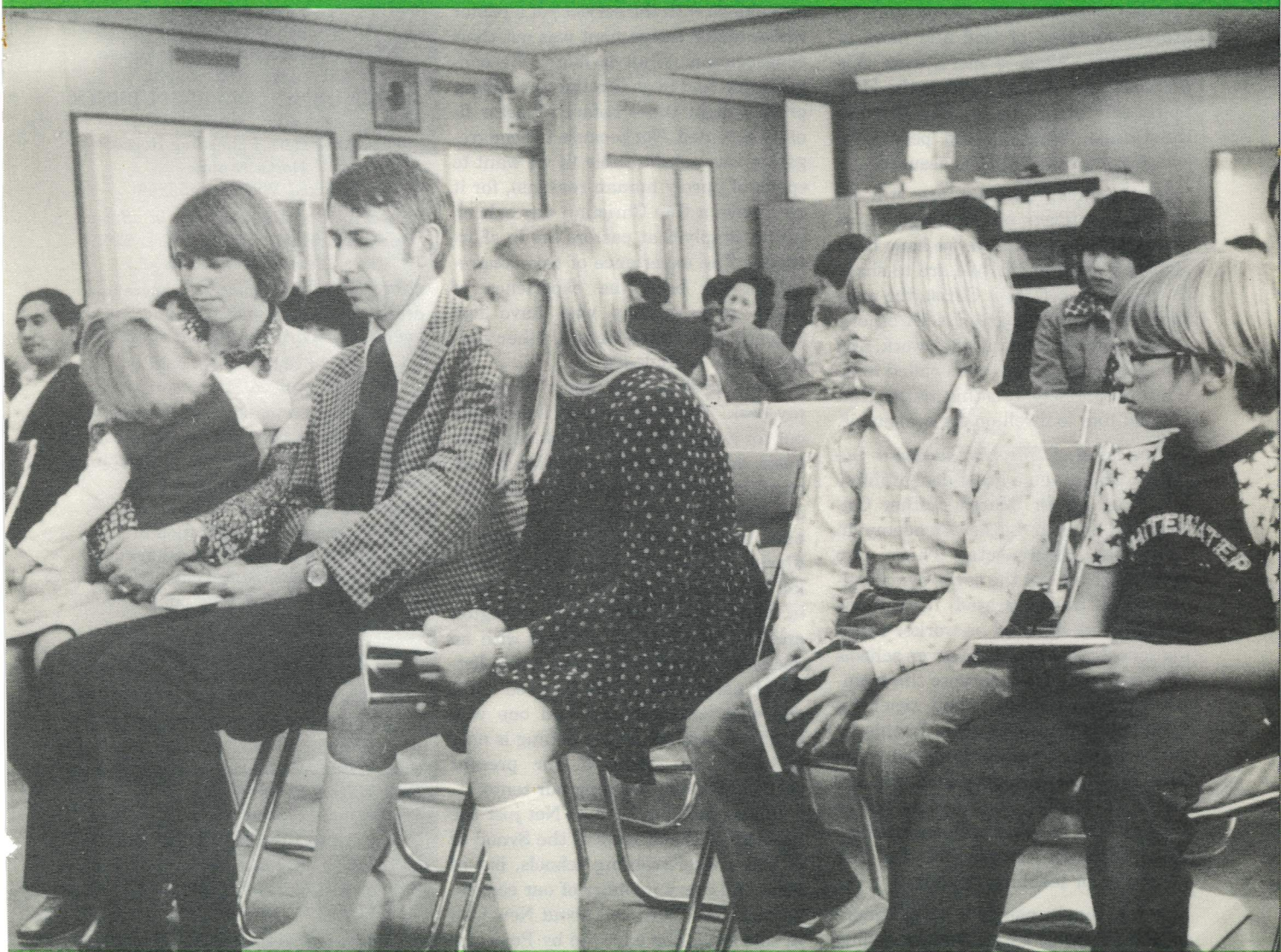


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Briefs by the Editor

During the Pre-Lenten Season and the Lenten Season we hear about the fundamentals of our Christian faith — the suffering and death of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, for our sins and His rising again for our justification. It is through faith in Jesus Christ that we are the children of God and heirs of eternal life. What is more, even this faith is a gift of God, for it is the Holy Spirit who brings us to faith through the Gospel. What blessed people we are! Our eternal future is assured.

In the meantime, we are still on earth. As citizens of the kingdom, as adopted children of God, we have been given an assignment. We are to share the good news of Jesus Christ, the message of Lent and Easter, with others. All of us are enrolled in that work, and some of us have even been called to do the work publicly. It is this matter that I would like to dwell on for a moment.

This issue of *The Northwestern Lutheran* brings you a great deal of information about Dr. Martin Luther College and Martin Luther Academy in New Ulm, Minnesota. These two schools are among the seven synodically owned and operated institutions which are designated as worker-training schools. That is, these seven schools have as their prime purpose the training of future pastors and teachers. Now, the information given in this issue is not only meant to bring you up to date on what is happening, for example, at New Ulm, but to cause you as a family to think about influencing your children to prepare for the preaching or teaching ministry.

Is the supply plentiful, or are more needed? Anyone who has been reading *The Northwestern Lutheran* during the last years knows the answer. The supply of both pastors and teachers is critical — not only not sufficient to expand the work of the church but not even to maintain the status quo.

Of late, I personally have been very much aware of that. As of the end of

January, I turned over the pastoral duties in one of our Milwaukee parishes to another pastor. But since the last resident pastor had left, some 10 months had elapsed. During this period of time the members of this congregation had to make do with the services of a pastor whose major assignment was not their congregation. What is more, the congregation had to go through the calling process eight times before a pastor finally accepted. Not because the congregation was not desirable (if we want to speak of purely human reasons), for it does have a fine Christian day school. It was simply that pastors are in short supply. The experience of this congregation has been the experience of many congregations who have lost their pastors or teachers to other congregations or to death.

Every week a "call report" comes to my desk. The latest report listed calls out for a man for Malawi, two for Indonesia, one for the World Mission Board, one for a Lutheran High School, five for congregations in Wisconsin, four in Illinois, three in South Dakota, three in Florida, two each in Michigan, Nebraska, Minnesota and Iowa, and one each in Ohio, West Virginia, Washington and Oklahoma — all of them with no decisions reported. The report also listed 11 pastors who had declined calls, one who had accepted, and one who had died. And all of this calling is only an effort to maintain our present status, without enlarging our tents.

Whose problem is this? Not just the problem of the officers of the Synod or of the worker-training schools, but of each and every member of our congregations. Read the news about New Ulm in this issue, the editorial by Professor Baumler, the article entitled "Scholarship Information," and about the installation of Dean Gabb at Northwestern Prep and the 10 years of fruitful service by Missionary Habben in Japan. Sometime all of these people will need to be replaced. Are you ready to step in, or one of yours?

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

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The Cover

The Lutheran Evangelical Christian Church in Japan recently observed the tenth anniversary of Missionary Kermit Habben's work in their midst. It was a day of joy for our Japanese brothers and sisters and a day of thanksgiving for the Habbens. More details are given on page 40.

Editorials

Opportunities! "When has God ever given us more opportunities to do His work on earth?"

The question is strictly a rhetorical one. The obvious answer it begs to hear is, "Never! Never have we had more opportunities to spread the Gospel."

Maybe you have heard the question or its answer recently. It comes as a kind of refrain among Christians of the Wisconsin Synod at this time in our history when we are rapidly expanding our outreach with the Word. We are straining our money and our manpower to keep up with the opportunities.

Admittedly, however, that refrain may be somewhat overstated. When have we not had the opportunities? God has clearly told us to go into the whole world and preach the Gospel to every person. We have always had more occasions available to do His work than we have seized. We always will.

What is not overstated is that, by the grace and guidance of God, we have a church body that has begun to come alive to its opportunities — indeed, to its responsibilities. The pages of *The Northwestern Lutheran* have been filled with articles demonstrating that fact: new home mission chapels, commissioning of new world missionaries, new school openings, etc. It is a joy to see. It is a greater joy to be an active part of it.

It will continue — the opportunities and the involvement, and the joy — unless we say no to God. The danger is that we see the opportunities as someone else's, not our own. The responsibilities, therefore, become someone else's also. And soon we run out of other people who will keep us involved. We run out of money to support the work. We run out of people who will be the pastors and teachers. We lose sight of our opportunities.

Ten years from now will we still be inclined to ask, "When has God ever given more opportunities to do His work on earth?" What we do now will determine the answer.

Gary Baumler

Grab-Bag Morality There is little question as to what God's Law, as summarized in the Ten Commandments, requires. Each Commandment is clear, brief, and specific. Questions do arise, however, when it comes to accepting them and applying them. At this point the tendency is to make them subject to personal preference. As a result, picking and choosing among the Commandments characterizes modern morality to an alarming degree.

Thus, for example, prohibitions against stealing and false witness are generally looked upon as valid restrictions, beneficial to the interests of society as a whole. This is true, likewise, of the Commandment, "Thou shalt not kill," except as it applies to the killing of the unborn. A de-

gree of discipline among children, as demanded by the Fourth Commandment, is also regarded as healthy for the country and the world. But other Commandments may not find such ready acceptance nowadays, at least judging by much of what we hear, read, and observe. In the view of many, taking the Lord's name in vain may be crude and impolite, but it certainly cannot be construed as sinful. The Commandment which forbids having other gods is provincial and narrow-minded, conceived in primitive prejudice. Worship, as the Third Commandment requires, is best left to the preference and convenience of the individual. The "unenlightened" blanket prohibition against sexual relations between persons not married to each other allows no room for consideration of the circumstances under which the illicit act is performed or that the liaison may be the expression of a meaningful relationship.

Personal responsibility is the key — responsibility to one's self, that is, not to a vague and indefinable deity.

The natural result, not uncommon in our day, is a sort of grab-bag morality. You put together a moral code constructed of bits and pieces of the Ten Commandments, coupled with conclusions of your own.

This is a far cry from the response implicit in the words recorded in the Book of Deuteronomy, where it reads, "Cursed is he that confirmeth not all the words of this Law to do them." Neither here nor anywhere else in Scripture is it suggested that we reach in and try the various Commandments on for size. What it does set forth is that God has spoken and that "all the people shall say, Amen."

Immanuel Frey

No Evolution for Either The ILLIAC IV computer is probably outdated by now, but it is still a mind-boggling machine. It is capable of executing between 100 and 200 million commands per second! It could function even faster if it were not encountering a fundamental barrier that slows down computer operation. It is the *speed of light* — over 186,000 miles per second. Dr. Robert L. Kuhn writes in *Plain Truth*: "Mankind is approaching the point where the slowest part of his computation systems — the *drag* on the whole system — is the speed of light."

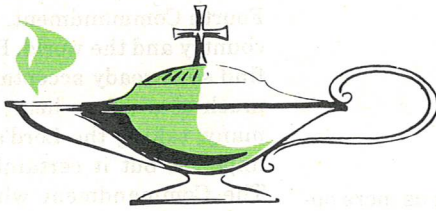
It took a medium-sized computer working almost full-time for two years to help design its incredibly complex microcircuitry. "Nobody" else could.

Another computer is being designed with a memory capacity of over 4 quadrillion (4,000,000,000,000,000) bits of information.

Computers compute so amazingly because an even greater "computer," the human brain, has designed them. Consider, for example, that from the eye alone, the optic nerve brings about one billion bits or signals of visual information *per second* to the brain. "This does not take into account the billions of other bits of information sent to the brain from eleven other cranial nerves and the massive fiber columns of the spinal cord."

In the cerebral cortex, the covering of the brain, there are 10 billion neurons, processing 10 trillion bits every second. This doesn't even consider all the rest of the brain.

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Studies in God's Word

To Titus

Paul's *Letter to Titus*, like those to Timothy, is again a *pastoral* letter. That does not mean that it does not contain some personal notices, written as it is to a close friend and coworker. But if it were only a personal letter, intended exclusively for Titus, then it would not have enduring value for the Church. It is primarily its pastoral nature, that is, its instruction to a young pastor on how best to serve the flock entrusted to him, that makes it of enduring value for both pastors and congregations of all times.

We know less about Titus than we do about Timothy. Luke, who in *Acts* mentions many coworkers and associates of Paul, is strangely silent about Titus, not mentioning even his name. We know of him only from Paul's Epistles.

Gentile Liberty

From Paul's *Letter to the Galatians* we learn that Titus became something of a test case for Gentile liberty. Timothy, who was partly Jewish, was circumcised by Paul so that he could accompany the Apostle in his work in the synagogue without offending the Jews whom Paul hoped to win for the Gospel (Acts 16:1-3). Titus, however, was a Gentile, a Greek by birth. When Paul and Barnabas took him along to the apostolic convention in Jerusalem (Acts 15), they were confronted by false brethren who insisted that Titus must be circumcised in keeping with the Law of Moses. Because the issue of salvation by grace, without the deeds of the Law, was at stake, Paul would not comply with their demands and the

Jerusalem congregation supported Paul's position. How serious the matter was for the Church Paul indicates to the Galatians when he later tells them, "We gave place (to the false brethren) . . . no, not for an hour, that the truth of the Gospel might continue with you" (Gal. 2:5).

Ambassador to Corinth

Although there is no mention of it in *Acts*, we assume that Titus now accompanied Paul on his Second Missionary Journey. From *Second Corinthians* it is certain that Titus was with Paul on the Third Missionary Journey, for the Apostle sends him from Ephesus to Corinth on an extremely delicate mission. The Corinthian congregation was beset with all manner of problems, but Titus handled them so successfully that Paul, overflowing with joy and gratitude to God, sent Titus back to Corinth with the letter we know as *Second Corinthians* and put him in charge there of completing the collection for the needy saints in Jerusalem (II Cor. 8:6).

Administrator on Crete

The next notice we have of Titus comes from the letter that bears his name and dates to the time of Paul's release after his first Roman captivity. Paul had returned to the scene of his former labors, and perhaps even enlarged on them, for we now have a first reference to Crete as an area of Paul's missionary endeavor. Paul, however, had not finished his work there, and hence he sends these instructions to Ti-

tus, whom he had left behind: "For this cause I left thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee" (Titus 1:5).

A Pastoral Letter

With that setting it will not surprise us that *Titus* is a *pastoral* letter, much like *First Timothy*. It gives instructions regarding the selection of bishops or elders (chapter 1). It gives advice on how to treat the various social classes in the congregation (chapter 2). It warns against false teachers (chapter 3).

A Personal Letter

But the letter has also a personal side. Titus is urged to be helpful to a couple of visitors to the island, Zenas the lawyer and Apollos, and to be diligent "that nothing be wanting unto them" (3:13). Also, the duration of Titus' tour of duty is spelled out. Paul will be sending a replacement either in the person of a certain Artemas or Tychicus, and Titus is then to come and spend the winter with Paul in Nicopolis (3:12).

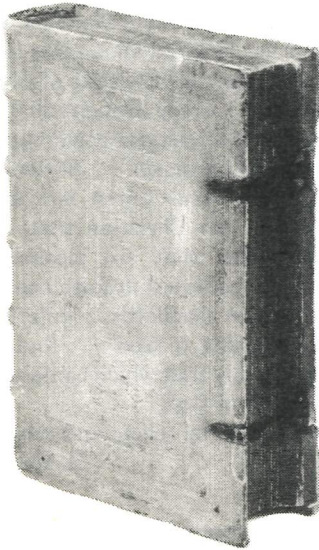
A Doctrinal Letter

As we noted, the personal aspects of the letter would not make it universally useful to the Church, but the pastoral instructions are timeless and the letter, despite its brevity, contains some priceless doctrinal statements. Chapter 2:11-14, "The grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men," is the Epistle for Christmas Day, and those who remember the time when Second Christmas Day was observed will recall that Titus 3:4-7 was the standard Epistle for that day. But even if Second Christmas Day is not regularly observed anymore, all of us will have memorized at least a portion of that text, for Luther drew on it for his classic definition of Baptism as a "washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost which (God) shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior."

So while the address on the letter may say "To Titus," it really isn't intended only for him. It's a letter for all of us. Why not take a quiet moment to reread its three short chapters!

Armin J. Panning

400 Years of The Formula of Concord



The Book of Concord

A Study of Generations, published in 1972 by the Augsburg Publishing Company, sketches the religious profile of some six million confirmed Lutherans belonging to 15,000 congregations in the United States. The survey involved some seven million answers in 78 groupings.

The results were startling, to say the least, and demonstrate the need for greater Biblical indoctrination and for taking seriously the teaching of the *Formula of Concord*. There is an immense gap between what the *Formula* teaches and what many Lutherans hold, pastors and laymen alike. If this is true of Lutheranism, it is even more the case in other denominations where the stress has not been on the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Particularly the doctrine of Justification and the place of good works in the life of God's people came woefully short. Of those interviewed, 59% believed that the main emphasis of the Gospel is on God's rules for right living.

Some 50% said: "God is satisfied if a person lives the best life he can." Another 31% answered: "If I believe in God and do right, I will get to heaven." Unfortunately, such statements are the theology of the unregenerate heart; they set the Lord Jesus Christ aside. They are certainly not the teaching of the *Formula of Concord*, as we shall see as we turn to *Article IV: Of Good Works*.

The Controversy

Two contradictory statements concerning good works emerged among Lutherans in the years after Luther's death. The two statements were: "Good works are necessary for salvation" and "Good works are injurious to salvation." Though one can understand how these statements came to be made, yet they do not have the support of Scripture.

The first of these propositions, namely, that "good works are necessary for salvation," that is, that "it is impossible to be saved without good works," and that "no one has been saved without good works," conflicts with the words of Paul in Romans 4: "Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works, saying, . . . Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin." Likewise it conflicts with Ephesians 2: "By grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God, not of works, lest any man should boast." Man contributes nothing to his salvation.

Good works, however, have a place in the lives of God's children. They are the fruits of faith. The *Formula* states: "Good works certainly and without

doubt follow true faith, if it is not a dead, but a living faith, as fruits of a good tree." But notice: they follow justification, they do not precede, they are not a part of it.

The fact that we are justified by God without the deeds of the Law, completely by grace, through faith in Christ, does not mean that God does not care whether we do good works or not. Inasmuch as a Christian man is regenerate, he, however, does not do these works under compulsion and threat, but willingly. Yet he is fully aware that doing good works is according to the ordinance, command, and will of Christ. They are part of the immutable will of God, whose debtors we are. But they can be done only after God has justified us and brought us to faith. Scripture totally excludes our works and merits from the article of justification and salvation and ascribes everything to the grace of God and the merit of Christ alone.

That is why it is horrifying to see Lutherans (make it, Christians) quoted as saying: "If I believe in God and do right I will get to heaven."

Injurious to Salvation?

In rejecting the assertion that good works are necessary to salvation, a number of theologians went too far in the opposite direction. They stated: "Good works are injurious to salvation."

This the *Formula* clearly rejects in these words: "Especially in these last times it is no less needful to admonish men to Christian discipline [to the way of living aright and godly] and good works, and remind them how necessary

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it is that they exercise themselves in good works as a declaration of their faith and gratitude to God, than that the works be not mingled in the article of justification; because men may be damned by an Epicurean delusion concerning faith, as well as by papistic and Pharisaic confidence in their own works and merits. We . . . reject and condemn the dogma that faith and the indwelling of the Holy Ghost are not lost by willful sin, but that the saints and elect retain the Holy Ghost even though they fall into adultery and other sins and persist therein."

That "good works are injurious to salvation" contradicts a passage such as I Corinthians 6: "Be not deceived, neither fornicators, nor idolators, nor adulterers . . . shall inherit the kingdom of God." The *Apology* is quoted as saying: "Peter teaches why good works should be done, namely, that we may make our calling sure, that is, that we may not fall from our calling if we again sin. 'Do good works,' he says, 'that you may persevere in your heavenly calling, that you may not fall away again, and lose the Spirit and the gifts which came to you not on account of

works that follow, but of grace, through Christ, and are now retained by faith. But faith does not remain in those who lead a sinful life, lose the Holy Ghost, and reject repentance."

Not Optional

Today we must not only reject that good works either earn or preserve salvation — only grace can do that — but we must also stress that a sinful life loses salvation. In this connection, the *Formula* states: "But it is false, and must be censured, when it is asserted and taught as though good works were free to believers in the sense that it were optional with them to do or to omit them, or that they might or could act contrary thereto [to the Law of God], and none the less could retain faith and God's favor and grace."

Though *A Study of Generations* reveals that many look upon good works as a means of salvation, at least in part, yet in our day we are also faced with another problem. It threatens every man, woman, and child in our congregations. It is aptly described in an editorial in this issue entitled "Grab-Bag Morality" (page 35). The result has

been a watering down of morals in our own churches, too. Ask any pastor, and he will give you shuddering examples. So we stand in need of this article in the *Formula* in a double way: lest we let good works be intermingled with justification and thus becloud our salvation and lest we make our calling and election unsure by ignoring the will of our God.

WELS

In harmony with the *Formula of Concord* our Synod in *This We Believe* states: "We believe that God has justified, that is, declared all sinners righteous in His eyes for the sake of Christ. . . . We reject every thought that the good works of Christians contribute toward gaining salvation. . . . We believe that faith in Jesus Christ is a living force within the Christian that must produce works that are pleasing to God. . . . We believe that faith does not set up its own standards to determine what is pleasing to God . . . (but) delights to do only that which conforms to the holy will of God."

This we believe, teach, and confess.

H. Wicke

Give me wisdom and knowledge

As a young man of 20 years, Solomon acceded to the throne of Israel in the place of his father David. The Lord then appeared to him in a dream and said to him, "Ask what I shall give thee." Overwhelmed by the enormous responsibilities of his royal office, Solomon answered with the humble words from the verse quoted above.

In his sermon at the installation of his son-in-law, Prof. William Gabb, as dean of students at Northwestern Preparatory School, Prof. Armin Schuetze of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, applied these words to the new dean and the weighty responsibilities of his office. The Rev. Karl Gurgel of the Northwestern Board of Regents conducted the rite of installation. The Northwestern Prep Singers provided special music.

The installation took place on the evening of November 26, 1977, at seven o'clock in the Northwestern chapel.

Dean Gabb comes to Northwestern

II Chronicles 1:10

from Abiding Word Congregation in Houston, Texas, where he served as pastor since its founding seven years ago. Previously he had served St. Paul's and St. John's Congregation of Columbus and Rising City, Nebraska, for three years.



Dean William Gabb

Gabb is a native of Milwaukee, where he received his parochial school training at Bethesda Lutheran School. In September, 1955, he enrolled as a ninth-grader at Northwestern Prep. Eight years later he was graduated from Northwestern College with the class of 1963. The following fall he began his seminary training, during the course of which he returned to Northwestern during his vicar year as tutor. He graduated from the Seminary as a candidate for the ministry in 1968.

In 1966, Professor Gabb was married to Beth Schuetze. They are the parents of four children, ranging in age from 10 to four.

In addition to his pastoral work, Gabb has served the church at large as a member of the Arizona-California District Board of Support, as a circuit pastor, and as a reporter for *The Northwestern Lutheran*.

May the Lord grant His servant the wisdom and knowledge to fulfill the demands of his new office for the glory of the Savior and the welfare of His kingdom!

James A. Fricke

Mining the Treasure of God's Word



Greetings, miners! Today we'll dig in a section that dates in the reign of Hezekiah, about 725-700 B.C., the last part of Isaiah's life. For background, reread II Chronicles 29-32 and the lesson for December 25. This section is a unit, consisting of prophecies foretelling the destruction of nearly all the nations in the Near East.

It also gives us a very fine picture of Hebrew prophecy, which is really quite complex; and to understand it, one must understand its complexities. It's like a man standing on a mountaintop, looking out over several ranges of mountains in the distance. To the viewer, however, they all appear to be one mass of mountains, for he cannot see the great valleys and plains lying between each range, and therefore he has no idea of the horizontal distances involved. The Hebrew prophets were like such a man. God gave them visions or pictures of many things to come, some very near, others more distant, and some extremely far away. But the prophet saw them all as one group of peaks, and he couldn't tell which were near and which were distant. That's why the books of the prophets sometimes seem mixed up to us.

In the group of prophecies before us today, Isaiah speaks of the imminent destruction of Judah and the other nations, and of other things more distant, like the return of the Jews from captivity in 536 B.C. But he also speaks of the arrival of the Messiah and His kingdom 700 years later, and including Jesus' return in judgment at the end of the world thousands of years later.

Keep all this in mind as we turn to

Chapters 13 and 14

This section is something Isaiah "saw" (verse 1), like a vision. It's called "the *burden* of Babylon," but the word for "burden" means something like God's *verdict* on Babylon. God begins with Babylon because it was the rising world power which was going to destroy Assyria and take over the whole Near East in about 100 years. It would then destroy Judah in 606. Babylon's destruction is pictured vividly in 13:2-6, 15-19, and 14:21-27. The Day of the Lord is a common expression, meaning God's time of visitation, usually in judgment (13:6,9,13); and God's agents (13:3) were going to be the Medes (verse 17). This took place in 538 B.C., and Babylon was never resettled (13:21). Note the prophecy of the return of the Jews in 14:1, and the curious reference to the fall of Satan, who here becomes a type of King Nebuchadnezzar (14:12-20; compare Luke 10:18 and Rev. 9:1).

Chapter 14:28-32 gives God's verdict on Philistia, Judah's bitterest enemy, soon to be destroyed by the Assyrians (verses 30-32, coming out of the north, compare 20:1). But the Philistines are notified that their salvation lay in Zion, in the person of the Messiah to come.

Now, Chapters 15-23

Chapters 15 and 16 deal with Moab, Judah's next most relentless enemy. Her destruction is described in chapter 15 and 16:7-10, the cause being the excessive pride of the Moabites (16:6). Here too God says that their salvation

can be found in the Messiah, David's great descendant (16:1-5). Her destruction will come soon (16:14). It fell to the Assyrians in 706 B.C.

Chapter 17:1-3 describes the destruction of Aram, or Syria (capital, Damascus), and verses 4-11 picture the destruction of Israel. Both fell to Assyria in 721/720 B.C.

This is followed by the destruction of Ethiopia (18:5), an ally of Babylon (verse 2). Verse 7 describes the return of the captives of Judah from Babylon in 536 B.C.

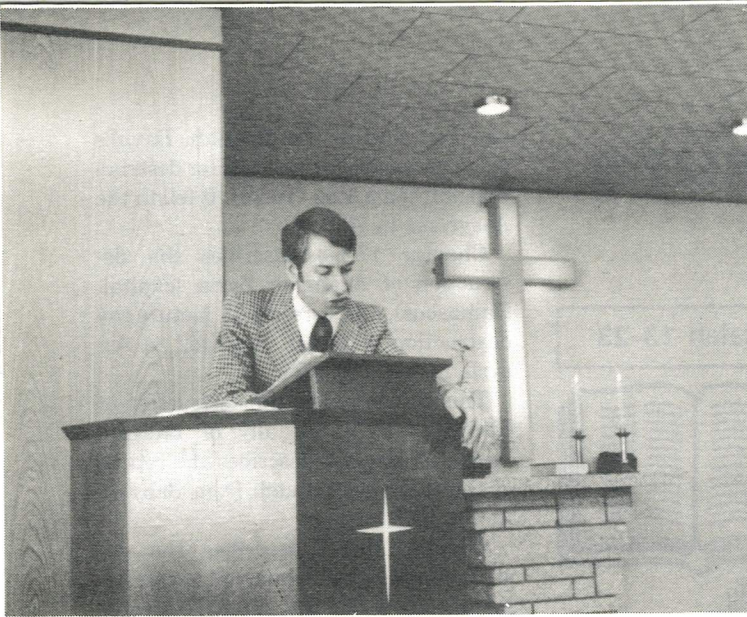
Chapter 19:1-4 describes the destruction of Egypt, which fell to the Assyrians about 685 B.C. (19:23). Chapter 19:21,22, however, refers to the spread of Christianity among the Egyptians in the period following the New Testament, from 150 to 350 A.D., when Egypt became a great Christian center. But chapter 20:1 is dated about 715 B.C. (compare II Kings 18:17).

In 21:1-10 the prophecy of Babylon's destruction by the Medes is repeated, and 21:11 speaks briefly of the destruction of Edom, or Seir, here called "Dumah," meaning "the land of deathlike silence," which was exactly what Edom became after its downfall. Chapter 21:13-17 pictures the imminent destruction of Arabia, peopled by the descendants of Ishmael. No date is indicated, except that it is to take place soon (verse 16).

Chapter 22:1-14 describes the destruction of Jerusalem (verses 2-10), called "the valley of vision," because it was the home of the prophets. Elam (verse 6) is Babylon, and the time was 606 B.C. The reason is given in verse 11b, despite God's efforts (verse 12). Their materialistic unbelief is described in verse 13, and God's verdict in verse 14. Shebna was Hezekiah's secretary, who would lose his position (verses 19-21) and be carried away captive with the other leaders (verses 17 and 18). Eliakim (verses 20-23), however, was a type of Christ (see Rev. 3:7).

Chapter 23:1-14 then pictures the destruction of Tyre and Sidon, the great cities of the Phoenicians, who were the merchants of the Near East (verse 3). This was God's doing (verse 9), but He promised that they would be rebuilt in 70 years (verses 17 and 18). Again, we don't know the dates.

Julian G. Anderson



Missionary K. Habben preaching for the Reformation Service

Ten Fruitful Years in Japan

November 3 is a national holiday in Japan : Culture Day. For the Lutheran Evangelical Christian Church in Japan it was the date of the annual Joint Reformation Celebration held at the church center in Tsuchiura City, Ibaragi Prefecture. At the service Pastor Kermit Habben preached a powerful Reformation sermon. Then came an hour of visiting and a delectable lunch of eastern- and western-type foods spread on an outdoor table. The afternoon opened with the practice of the more difficult Luther hymns in the new Japanese Lutheran Hymnal. Pastor F. Oshino addressed the assembly on the influences of the Reformation in Japan. At this point it was announced that there would be a special observation of the blessings God had bestowed on the Japan Mission in the person of Pastor Kermit Habben and his family. Pastor Habben was completely taken by surprise.

Pastor Harold Johne conducted the devotion for the occasion. Mr. Najiha-

ra, representing Hope Congregation in Tsuchiura City where Pastor Habben formerly served, spoke words of congratulation. Mr. Shimane of Atonement Congregation, which Pastor Habben is presently serving, also addressed the celebrant. Representatives of the Education Committee and the Radio Committee, on which Pastor Habben has served, also spoke words of rejoicing. Mrs. Oshino, who cared for the Habben children for many years when they were babies and helped them through the first difficult years, also

spoke warm words of appreciation. A letter from the Executive Committee of the Japan Mission, signed by Pastor Karl Bast, was translated into Japanese and read. Missionary Poetter, representing the LECC, gave a brief history of the brother.

Pastor Kermit Habben was born in Raymond, South Dakota, on November 10, 1941, and baptized soon thereafter. He attended Northwestern College and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. He was called to Japan upon graduation from the Seminary and arrived there in 1967. Kermit and his wife Margie have four children: Maria, 10, David, 9, Daniel, 6, and Annette, 1½. He served in Tsuchiura City from 1967 to 1974, and since 1974 at Atonement Church in Higashi Kurume City, Tokyo. His youth and energetic evangelism have been a great asset to the LECC. In him the Lord gave a man to the mission who was especially capable of adapting to the situation in Japan. All of the speakers spoke of him as a cheerful, faithful, hard-working missionary, pastor, and caretaker of souls. He has a special gift of working with the youth. All members of the church in Japan are happy to call him and his wife their friends.

Congratulations to Kermit and Margie on their 10th anniversary of service to the Lord in Japan. May you continue to serve Him there for many, many more years!

Missionary Richard Poetter

COMMISSIONING

Pastor David M. Haberkorn, until recently pastor of Grace Lutheran in Burke, Peace Lutheran in Carlock, and Faith Lutheran in Huron, South Dakota, will be commissioned as missionary to Japan on Sunday, February 12, at 4:00 P.M. The commissioning will take place in his home congregation, St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.



David, Margie, Annette, Maria, Kermit, and Daniel

DMLC News

JAPAN REPRESENTED AT DMLC



Oregami
by
Shigemitsu
and
Mitsue
Takeuchi

Shigemitsu and Mitsue Takeuchi, members of Pastor Kermit Habben's congregation in Tokyo, spent several months in New Ulm during 1976-1977. During this time Mr. Takeuchi attended classes at Dr. Martin Luther College. For the last weeks of her stay in the United States, Mrs. Takeuchi helped in the DMLC library. Both of them taught Sunday school in Pastor Habben's congregation. Mr. Takeuchi also was a student at the University of Japan, majoring in music.

While in the United States, the Takeuchis spoke in several Wisconsin Synod congregations. In their slide presentation they showed aspects of life in Japan and particularly of our Synod's work in Japan. Both delighted groups with their demonstration of origami (paper folding).

We at DMLC hope they enjoyed their stay on the campus. DMLC was happy to learn to know them. We hope they will continue their witnessing to the Lord and His kingdom.

TEN NEW FACULTY MEMBERS

Ten new faces are part of the faculty at Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota, this year. Taking the place of Prof. A. Wilbrecht, who had retired, is Mr. Robert Averbeck in the Education Division. Mr. Averbeck is a DMLC graduate and holds a MS degree from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. Previous to his coming to DMLC he taught at First German, Manitowoc; St. Matthew's, Oconomowoc; and North Trinity, Milwaukee. He is married to Julia Oelhafen. The Averbecks have three children. Mr. Averbeck teaches Art in the Elementary School and Human Growth and Development. He is a native of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, and attended Winnebago Lutheran Academy.

Mr. Roger Hermanson, a native of Sun Prairie, Wisconsin, has taken the place of Prof. Meilahn Zahn, who retired from the Music Division. He is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and has also done work at Mankato State University. He was an instructor at DMLC from 1969-1974, and then served on the faculties of Wisconsin Lutheran High School (one year) and of Fox Valley Lu-

theran High School (two years). At DMLC he is director of bands and the college chorale and teaches basic musicianship courses. He is married to Lynn

Schroeder. The Hermansons have three children.

Miss Judith Wade, a 1976 DMLC graduate, has been added as coach and



Front: Miss V. Tippett, Miss D. Voss, Miss J. Wade, Miss R. Gerlach, Miss J. Annexad, Mr. R. Hermanson. Rear: Mr. J. Bakken, Mr. S. Hintz, Mr. R. Averbeck. Inset: Mrs. Ring.

New Faculty at DMLC

(continued)

women's physical education teacher. She is a native of Watertown, Wisconsin, where she attended Northwestern Preparatory School. She has done post-graduate work at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. She teaches physical education, coaches volleyball, and assists in basketball and softball. She is also in charge of the women's intramural program.

Mrs. June Ring is taking the place of Miss Irma Paap, who has been given a year's leave of absence to do some writing for the Synod's Board for Parish Education. Mrs. Ring is a supervisor at St. Paul's Lutheran School, New Ulm.

She had taught at Bylas, Arizona, and in Michigan, as well as doing substitute teaching in New Ulm. Her husband, Lester Ring, is in charge of the DMLC graphic arts department.

Mr. Steven Hintz, who comes from Neenah, Wisconsin, is assistant to the Dean of Students and teaches speech in the English Division. He also assists with coaching the cross country teams. He graduated from Northwestern College, Watertown, in 1972. While enrolled at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary he vicared at Lake Mills and did a year of emergency teaching at Lakeside Lutheran High, Lake Mills, Wisconsin. His wife, Kathy, serves as a teacher's aid in New Ulm.

Five persons have joined the Music

Division. Miss Jane Annestad of St. Peter, Minnesota, teaches piano. She attended Bethany and Mankato State University in Mankato, Minnesota. James Bakken has interrupted his studies at DMLC to teach organ. A native of Genoa, Wisconsin, he attended Luther High in Onalaska. Miss Rachel Gerlach has also interrupted her studies for one semester to teach organ, taking the place of Miss Judith Kresnicka, who is completing her postgraduate work. Miss Vicki Tippet of Galena, Illinois, has also interrupted her studies to teach organ. She would have been a senior at DMLC this year. Miss Deborah Voss of Libertyville, Illinois, a 1977 DMLC graduate, was assigned to her alma mater to teach organ.

A WAY TO HELP



Mrs. Gronholz, Joan Engel, Mr. M. Precht, Ann Steffen, Mrs. Krueger

Five years ago the members of the Precht family decided to provide an annual grant for students attending Dr. Martin Luther College. The grant, named the Precht Scholarship, was established in memory of Theodore and Maria Precht by their surviving children. The idea originated with a grandson, Delford Gronholz, of Saginaw, Michigan. The detail work for the grant has been taken care of by two sons, Del Precht of Decatur, Illinois, and Melvin Precht of Austin, Minneso-

ta. Also involved are the Precht's other children, Mrs. Fred Krueger of Courtland, Minnesota, and Mrs. Hilda Gronholz of New Ulm.

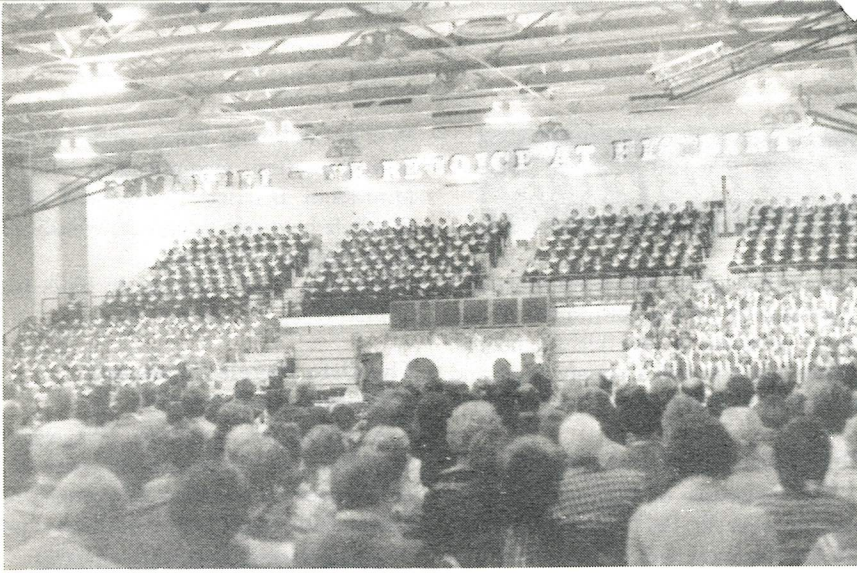
The money for the Precht Scholarship comes from family members and friends in the form of memorials and gifts. In 1973, 1974, and 1975 a \$1000 grant was given to one student. In 1976 and 1977 two students each received a \$1000 grant. The recipients are selected through the office of Prof. John Oldfield, financial aid officer at DMLC. In

1976 the grants were given to John Freese of Plymouth, Nebraska, and Linda Keller of Appleton, Wisconsin. This year the recipients were Joan Engel of New Ulm and Ann Steffen of Platteville, Wisconsin.

The presentation is made annually on the campus at DMLC by family members. Mrs. Gronholz, Mrs. Krueger, and Mr. Melvin Precht were present at this year's presentation in the DMLC library. Mr. Del Precht was unable to attend.

The Precht Scholarship is another way to help students with limited means to prepare themselves for service in the Lord's kingdom.





1800 ATTEND CHRISTMAS CONCERT

On Friday, December 16, 1977, about 1,800 persons gathered in the gymnasium of Luther Memorial Union on the Dr. Martin Luther College campus in New Ulm, Minnesota, to enjoy the Christmas concert presented by some

700 students in six different choirs. The College Band also participated. The processional, "Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel," accompanied by organ and a woodwind quartet, consisting of oboe, clarinet, bass clarinet, and bas-

soon, was directed by Prof. Kermit Moldenhauer of Martin Luther Academy, who had arranged the musical score. The theme of the evening, "Emmanuel — We Rejoice at His Birth," was carried out in three parts: Emmanuel, Long Awaited; Emmanuel, Humbly Born; and Emmanuel, Greatly Praised. The assembly joined the choirs in "From Heav'n Above to Earth I Come" and "Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord." Instruments such as cellos, harp, flutes, trumpets, and trombones were employed in accompanying roles.

The spiritually uplifting musical evening of Christmas music which told the true message of Christmas came to a close with Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" sung by all choirs and accompanied by the band. It was under the direction of Prof. Roger Hermanson.

Pleasing to the eye were the decorations prepared by the students. All of them proclaimed the Christmas message.

Scholarship Information

Wisconsin Synod Scholarship Fund

During a recent school year, 70 students received financial assistance from the Wisconsin Synod Scholarship Fund. They are all students who hope to become pastors and teachers in our Synod and are attending our synodical worker-training institutions. Approximately 1,800 to 1,900 attend our worker-training schools in any given year.

The Synodical Scholarship Fund is administered by the Synod's Commission on Higher Education. The fund is entirely dependent on special gifts and donations from congregations, organizations, and individual members of the Synod. In recent years such donations have permitted the distribution of between \$7,000 and \$8,000 a year to students in special need of financial help.

It is evident that the help individual students have received from this fund has thus far been very limited, considering the annual fees students are paying when attending our synodical worker-training institutions. For example, a ninth-grade student's fees

start at about \$1,200 a year, and then increase as the student proceeds into the upper grades. It is to be hoped that we may someday reach the point where no student desiring to become a pastor or a teacher in our Synod will find it necessary to discontinue his or her studies because of financial needs. To this end our Synod has also established what is known as the Synod Scholarship Endowment Fund.

Synod Scholarship Endowment Fund

This fund is intended as a trust fund, particularly for larger gifts and bequests. The principal in the fund remains intact, but the earnings from this fund are annually placed into the regular scholarship fund for distribution in the usual manner.

This fund was established only recently, but it is hoped that eventually this endowment fund will be the source of growing income for the regular scholarship fund. Legacies and other gifts intended for this fund are to be made out to the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod and specified for the Wisconsin Synod Scholarship Endowment Fund.

Synod Scholarship Fund For Minority-Group Students

The regular synodical scholarship fund is intended for students in our worker-training institutions. Many of our minority-group students, however, are enrolled in our area Lutheran high schools, where financial help from the regular scholarship fund is not available. Since our Synod is facing an increasing need to encourage also such students to become pastors and teachers, a special fund was established for this purpose. It is known as the Synod Scholarship Fund For Minority-Group Students. This fund is likewise supervised by the Commission on Higher Education.

Informational Materials

Pamphlets and brochures regarding the regular scholarship fund or the endowment fund are available on request. Memorial cards and offering envelopes are likewise available. These items may be obtained by writing to: The Commission on Higher Education, 3614 West North Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53208. Contributions should be sent directly to the Synod's treasurer, Mr. Norris Koopmann, 3512 West North Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53208.

Wis. Synod Scholarship Committee
Oscar J. Siegler, Chairman

Direct from the Districts

MINNESOTA
Reporter Del Begalka

Married 70 Years

On Sunday, September 4, 1977, Mr. and Mrs. Max Siegel of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Danube, Minnesota, were privileged to celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary. Pastor Otto Engel addressed the celebrants at a special service, using Psalm 73:24 as his text.



Mr. and Mrs. Max Siegel

Mr. and Mrs. Siegel were married on August 28, 1907, in a small country church near Bertha, Minnesota. Their marriage was blessed with four children: Fred of Buffalo Lake, Minnesota; William of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Elizabeth (Mrs. Verne Johnson) of Phoenix, Arizona; and Margaret (Mrs. Adolph Albrecht) of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. There are 13 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Siegel have reached the age of 95 years. They are quite active and enjoy a good measure of health despite their advancing years. Mr. Siegel managed creameries until his retirement in 1946. Both have been residents of the Buffalo Lake Nursing Home since 1971.

During the celebration of their anniversary they received greetings from many friends and relatives as well as from a number of national and state political figures, including President Carter. They have been devoted members and generous supporters of the

church throughout the years. Here is a fine example of the fulfillment of the Lord's promise to His faithful people: "With long life will I satisfy him, and show him My salvation" (Ps. 91:16).

Groundbreaking at St. Louis

The festivities of Reformation Sunday, October 30, 1977, were doubly joyful for the members of Redeemer Lutheran Church, St. Louis, Missouri, since it was on that day that the congregation broke ground for its new chapel and fellowship hall. A new parsonage, on the same site, was already nearing completion. The people of Redeemer have become especially aware of the goodness of God through the funding which they received for these projects from the Synod's Church Extension Fund.

Redeemer is one of three WELS congregations in the St. Louis, Missouri area. The congregation was established in 1974 and is served by Pastor Peter Berg. Presently the facilities of Black Jack Elementary School, North St. Louis County, are being used for worship and Sunday school.

Pastor Gerhard W. Birkholz 25 Years in the Ministry

On November 5, 1977, St. Paul's Church of Litchfield, Minnesota, observed Pastor Gerhard W. Birkholz's 25th year in the Lord's service. A classmate, Rev. Martin Petermann of St. Paul, based his sermon on II Corinthians 4:6-8, "Praise God For Your Ministry — There Is Nothing Like It." Rev. W. Oelhafen, Sr., Darwin, Minnesota, served as liturgist.

Pastor Birkholz graduated from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, Wisconsin, in 1952. He served two years as instructor and coach at Northwestern Lutheran Academy at Moberg, South Dakota, and then as pastor of Christ Church, Morristown; Bethlehem, Watauga; and St. Paul's, McIntosh, South Dakota, from 1954-58. In December, 1958, he became pastor of St. John's in Lake Benton and Immanuel of Verdi Township., Minnesota. In 1970 he was installed as pastor of St.

Paul's, Litchfield. Since 1972 he has served as first vice-president of the Minnesota District. Pastor and Mrs. Birkholz have one daughter, Wendy, of Bloomington, Minnesota.

May the Lord continue to bless his ministry!

The Otto Engels Celebrate A Double Anniversary

St. Matthew's Lutheran Congregation, Danube, Minnesota, on June 26, 1977, observed the 43rd anniversary of Pastor Otto Engel in the ministry and



Pastor and Mrs. Engel

Pastor and Mrs. Engel's 40th wedding anniversary. The speaker for the occasion was Prof. Lloyd Huebner of Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm. In his sermonette he pointed out the many blessings that have come to the honored couple throughout their married life and in the pastor's ministry. Mr. Willard Engel, son of the jubilarians, was the organist and soloist for the service. A reception in the church parlors followed the thanksgiving service.

Pastor Engel has served congregations at Bruce, Wisconsin; Richwood and Hubbleton, Wisconsin; Stoddard and Genoa, Wisconsin; rural Hutchinson, Minnesota; and at Danube, Minnesota, since 1956.

The Engels have three children: Mrs. Robert Meyer (Doretta) of Colgate, Wisconsin; Karen Engel of Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin; and Willard Engel of Bay City, Michigan.

Two Teaching Anniversaries At Goodhue Minnesota

The teaching anniversaries of Mr. James Hopman (25 years) and Miss

Marilyn Knospe (10 years) were observed by the members of St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Goodhue, Minnesota, on October 2, 1977. Pastor Robert Schlicht, administrator of The Lutheran Home of Belle Plaine and a former classmate of Mr. Hopman, addressed the 367 people who attended the service. His theme was: "Not to be Ministered Unto, but to Minister."

A noon potluck dinner was served in the parish hall. Pastor Arthur Frenz of St. John's was master of ceremonies for the afternoon program. Former students of Miss Knospe sang her favorite hymn, "The Lord is My Shepherd." The first class of eighth-graders taught by



Teachers Knospe and Hopman

Mr. Hopman when he arrived in 1952 then put on a skit, "Reflections on a

One-room School." Among the songs sung by the children of St. John's School was one written by Mr. Hopman, entitled "Riding on the School Bus, Going to St. John's." Mr. Duane Jonas, representing the school board, presented the two honored teachers with plaques of appreciation for their years of teaching.

The members of St. John's Congregation are most grateful for having been allowed the blessing of a Christian day school for nearly 100 years and for the services of teachers like Mr. Hopman and Miss Knospe. They are gifts sent by God to the lambs of His Church!

Editorials (continued)

If Richard Leakey, the anthropologist laboriously sifting the African soil in the desolate Olduvai Gorge in Tanzania in order to find a few fossil fragments from which to fabricate his *homo habilis* (which he represents to be our evolutionary ancestor), were there to come upon an ILLIAC IV in perfect running order, he would burst out in derisive laughter if anyone were to suggest that this computer was the product of the random chance of natural evolution.

But Richard Leakey, and the editors of *Time* and *The National Geographic* and their kind, would rather cling mindlessly to the fantasy of evolution than to admit the stupidity of believing that the incredibly complex human brain, which constructed ILLIAC IV, is merely a happening of random chance and not the product of the creative genius of the Creator, who designed the marvels of the human mind.

Carleton Toppe

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS NORTHWESTERN PREPARATORY SCHOOL

The voting constituency of the Synod is invited to submit nominations for the 14th professorship at Northwestern Preparatory School, Watertown, Wisconsin. Nominees should be qualified to teach Latin and German, with ability to assist in coaching football desirable. Nominations should be in the hands of the undersigned no later than February 15, 1978.

W. A. Schumann, Secretary
612 South 5th Street
Watertown, Wisconsin 53094

CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES

MINNESOTA

ST. CROIX PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: February 14, 1978; 9:00 a.m. Communion service.
Place: Trinity Lutheran (Chieftan St. and 4th Ave.), Osceola, Wisconsin; F. Tabbert, host pastor.
Preacher: M. Schwartz; R. Durrow, alternate.
Agenda: Dealing With the New Lifestyle: Unmarried, Yet Living Together: S. Dummann; What Does Scripture Say About the Status of Soul and Body After Death? R. Durrow.
K. N. Schroeder, Secretary

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN

METROPOLITAN MILWAUKEE LUTHERAN TEACHERS' CONFERENCE

Place: St. John's Lutheran School, 4001 S. 68th, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53220; Pastors H. Lichtenberg and M. Schulz and Principal D. Ehke.

Agenda: Thursday, February 16, 1978
9:00 — Opening Service
9:25 — Essay and Discussion: What Can Be Done to Make Our Children Active Church Members: Prof. J. Gerlach.
10:45 — Business Meeting
11:30 — Lunch Break
1:00 — 3:00 Workshops
Friday, February 17, 1978
9:00 — Opening Service
9:30 — Workshops
11:30 — Lunch Break
1:00 — Workshops
3:00 — Closing
M. Hein, Chairman

LAKE LUTHERAN TEACHERS' CONFERENCE

Date: February 23-24, 1978.
Place: Jerusalem Lutheran Church and School, 6218 Carolina Avenue, Morton Grove, Illinois 60053.
Agenda: What Can Be Done to Make Our Children Active Church Workers? Prof. J. Gerlach; Workshops: Sharing of Art and Bulletin Board Ideas: R. Averbeck; Math Games: Prof. J. Paulsen; Diagnosing Reading Problems: N. Kavasch; Hands-on Science: G. Mallmann; Kindergarten: Reading and Math Readiness: Mrs. L. Kolosovsky.
J. Abraham, Secretary

WESTERN WISCONSIN

CENTRAL WISCONSIN TEACHERS' CONFERENCE

Date: February 23-24, 1978.
Place: St. John's Lutheran School, Watertown, Wisconsin.
Agenda: Essay: How to Gain and Hold the Respect of Your Pupils: Pastor Robert Voss; Workshops: Counseling in the Elementary School: J. Juern, J. Halter; Techniques for Improving Singing: Pastor I. Johnson; Meeting the Needs of the Special Child: Prof. P. Eickmann; Art in the Elementary School: F. Biedenbender; Innovative Techniques in Education: J. R. Schultz.
L. Bruskevitz, Secretary

NORTHWESTERN COLLEGE AND NORTHWESTERN PREPARATORY Watertown, Wisconsin

February 12 3:00 p.m. Pop Concert
March 12 7:30 p.m. Easter Concert
April 7-9 National WELS High School and Academy Band Festival
April 9 2:30 p.m. Band Festival Concert
May 16 7:30 p.m. Commencement Concert

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INSTALLATIONS

(Authorized by the District Presidents)

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Gosdeck, David M., as pastor of Salem, Stillwater, Minnesota, on December 4, 1977, by C. Ziemer (Minn.).
Kaiser, Ronald N., as pastor of Salem, Colorado Springs, Colorado, on December 18, 1977, by D. Bode (Nebr.).
Weigand, Cleone H., as pastor of Redemption, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on December 4, 1977, by W. Gawrisch (SEW).

Teachers:

Grunze, Richard W., as Secretary of Publications, WELS Board for Parish Education, at St. John's, 68th and Forest Home, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on September 25, 1977, by G. Jerome Albrecht (SEW).

NOMINATIONS FOR POSITIONS AT DMLC

EDUCATION

The following have been nominated by the members of the Synod as candidates for the position of Coordinator of Professional Experiences at Dr. Martin Luther College:

Grant Barthel	DePere, WI
Elroy Bartsch	Manitowoc, WI
John Bauer	Palos Heights, IL
Karl Blauert	Tomah, WI
James Buege	Woodruff, WI
Larry Collyard	Sodus, MI
Donald Dobberstein	Medford, WI
Howard Dorn	Winona, MN
Ray Dusseau	Milwaukee, WI
Roger Festerling	Flint, MI
Daniel Feuerstahler	Menomonie, WI
Paul Fritze	St. Louis Park, MN
Donald Gosdeck	Madison, WI
Gary Greenfield	Milwaukee, WI
John Gronholz	Lake Mills, WI
William Habermann	St. Paul, MN
J. Lance Hartzell	Anchorage, AK
Donald Helwig	Two Rivers, WI
Paul Jacobs	Milwaukee, WI
Chester Jaehrig	Tucson, AZ
Kenneth Kasten	Manitowoc, WI
Roger Klockziem	Delano, MN
Darrell Knippel	Minneapolis, MN
Arlen Koestler	Milwaukee, WI
Kenneth Kolander	Appleton, WI
Kenneth Kremer	Milwaukee, WI
George LaGrow	Pompano Beach, FL
Gerald Lanphear	Schofield, WI
Keith Lauber	Kenosha, WI
Eldon Lemke	Watertown, WI
Dale Markgraf	New Ulm, MN
Harold Mears	Wayne, MI
Roland Menk	Watertown, SD
Jack Minch	Tucson, AZ
Carl Natzke	Milwaukee, WI
A. Frederick Nell	Westland, MI
Arnold Nommensen	Thiensville, WI
Gordon Pape	Fond du Lac, WI
Kurt Petermann	Appleton, WI
LeDell Plath	Milwaukee, WI
Duane Polack	Milwaukee, WI
TheRoy Robbert	La Crosse, WI
Stephen Schafer	Fond du Lac, WI
Richard Scharf	Milwaukee, WI
Daniel Schmeling	Dallas, TX
Jonathan Schoeneck	Bellevue, WA
John Schultz	Lake Mills, WI
Ferdinand Schultz	Juneau, WI
Melvin Schwartz	Weyauwega, WI
Roger Sievert	Phoenix, AZ
James Sonnemann	Gibson, MN
Luther Spaude	Wauwatosa, WI
Robert Stoltz	Adrian, MI
Clyde Wobeck	Kenosha, WI

EDUCATION

The following have been nominated by the members of the Synod as candidates for the position of Supervisor of Student Teachers in the Elementary Grades at Dr. Martin Luther College:

Julie Averbeck	New Ulm, MN
Kathleen Barfknecht	Tempe, AZ
Elaine Bartel	Milwaukee, WI
Kathleen Baumann	Thiensville, WI
Linda Berg	Lake Mills, WI
Janet Breiling	Milwaukee, WI
Linda Bruskwitz	Hustisford, WI
Arleen Fiebiger	Neeah, WI
Sandra Griepentrog	Palos Park, IL
Susan Haar	Baltimore, MD
Faith Haferman	Omaha, NB
Paula Hannemann	Toledo, OH
Karen Hasley	Duncanville, TX
Bonnie Hoffman	St. Paul, MN
Ruth Huebner	Menasha, WI
Marilyn Knospe	Goodhue, MN
Suzanne Krahn	Valentine, NB
Elizabeth Kurth	Appleton, WI
Ruth Leverson	Appleton, WI
Elsa Manthey	Manitowoc, WI
Suzanne McLosky	Delano, MN
Darla Melendy	Baltimore, MD
Cheryl Moeller	Milwaukee, WI
Jeanne Moldenhauer	Omaha, NB
Esther Pape	Milwaukee, WI
Ruth Peikert	Milwaukee, WI
Teresa Richmond	Seminole, FL
Louise Riek	Austin, TX
Lois Rosenthal	Egg Harbor, WI
Anita Rupprecht	Anaheim, CA
Mary Schlueter	Tucson, AZ
Verita Schrupp	Billings, MT
Carolyn Smart	Livonia, MI
Kathryn Smith	Jackson, WI
Kathleen Stindt	Bloomington, MN
Lynn Thumme	Beatrice, NB
Bonnie Voth	Stillwater, MN
Lucille Wessel	New Ulm, MN
Susan Westendorf	Annapdale, VA

RELIGION

The following have been nominated by the members of the Synod as candidates for the position of Professor in the Department of Religion at Dr. Martin Luther College:

Julian Anderson	St. Petersburg, FL
Mark Bartling	Onalaska, WI
Walter Beckmann	Annapdale, VA
Donald Bitter	Ft. Atkinson, WI
Jerome Braun	New Ulm, MN
John Brug	West Newton, PA
Daniel Deutschlander	Evanston, IL
Leroy Dobberstein	New Ulm, MN
Paul Eickmann	Watertown, WI
Larry Ellenberger	Manitowoc, WI
Thomas Franzmann	Citrus Heights, CA
Karl A. Gurgel	Fond du Lac, WI
Karl R. Gurgel	South Windsor, CT
Robert Hochmuth	Sacramento, CA
Harold Johnne	Tsuchiura City, Japan
Paul Kolander	Montello, WI
Kieth Kuschel	Suamico, WI
Lyle Lange	Escondido, CA
Richard Lauersdorf	Jefferson, WI
Mark Liesener	Bloomington, MN
Paul Manthey	Milwaukee, WI
Andrew Martens	Forestville, WI
John Moldenhauer	Johnson, MN
Herbert Muenkel	Zumbrota, MN
Martin Petermann	St. Paul, MN
Karl Peterson	Wayne, MI
Jackson Petrie	Fond du Lac, WI
Howard Russow	Sleepy Eye, MN
Harold Sauer	Saginaw, MI
Harold Schwehe	Mobridge, SD
James Schneider	New Ulm, MN
Keith Schroeder	Minneapolis, MN
Walter Schumann	Watertown, WI
Alan Siggelkow	Ft. Wayne, IN
George Tiefel	South Lyon, MI
Duane Tomhave	Saginaw, MI
Paul Wilde	Mobridge, SD

MUSIC

The following have been nominated by the members of the Synod as candidates for the position of Professor in the Music Department to teach organ, choir conducting, and school music:

Fred Bartel	Cedarburg, WI
Dean Bartsch	Alexandria, MN
William Birsching	Mobridge, SD
Frederick Blauert	New Ulm, MN
Elfred Bloedel	Milwaukee, WI
Marcus Buch	Crete, IL
Kurt Eggert	Milwaukee, WI
Willard Engel	Bay City, MI
Gordon Fallendorf	La Crosse, WI
Harry Gudmundson	Ann Arbor, MI
Harold Hosbach	Saginaw, MI
John Jenswold	Watertown, WI
Allen Krause	Watertown, WI
Kenneth Kremer	Milwaukee, WI
Mark Lenz	Urbana, IL
George Lillegard	Milwaukee, WI
Kermit Moldenhauer	New Ulm, MN
Carl Nolte	Chicago, IL
John Nolte	Lake Mills, WI
Kenneth Ottenbacher	Ft. Atkinson, WI
Gordon Pape	Fond du Lac, WI
Arvon Peter	Manitowoc, WI
Daniel Schmal	Norfolk, NB
Arnold Strehler	Monticello, MN
Steven Thiesfeldt	Stillwater, MN
Wayne Wagner	St. Paul, MN
Franklin Zabell	Watertown, WI

MUSIC

The following have been nominated by the members of the Synod as candidates for the position of Professor in the Music Department to teach organ and music theory:

Timothy Albrecht	Rochester, NY
Robert Bame	Benton Harbor, MI
Fred Bartel	Cedarburg, WI
Dean Bartsch	Alexandria, MN
Elfred Bloedel	Milwaukee, WI
Kurt Eggert	Milwaukee, WI
Willard Engel	Bay City, MI
Gordon Fallendorf	La Crosse, WI
Harry Gudmundson	Ann Arbor, MI
Gary Heckman	St. Joseph, MI
John Jenswold	Watertown, WI
Mark Lenz	Urbana, IL
George Lillegard	Milwaukee, WI
Kermit Moldenhauer	New Ulm, MN
Carl Nolte	Chicago, IL
John Nolte	Lake Mills, WI
Mark Oppitz	Appleton, WI
Kenneth Ottenbacher	Ft. Atkinson, WI
Leonard Proeber	Plymouth, MI
Steven Rhode	Neeah, WI
Daniel Schmal	Norfolk, NB
Robert Stoltz	Adrian, MI
James Tank	Brillion, WI
Wayne Wagner	St. Paul, MN
Franklin Zabell	Watertown, WI
Dan Zager	Minneapolis, MN

ENGLISH

The following have been nominated by the members of the Synod as candidates for the position of Professor in the Department of English at Dr. Martin Luther College:

Lyle Albrecht	Brookfield, WI
Eugene Baer	Appleton, WI
Arlyn Boll	Watertown, WI
Daniel Deutschlander	Evanston, IL
Roland Ehke	Little Chute, WI
Douglas Engelbrecht	Neeah, WI
John Evans	Fond du Lac, WI
James Fricke	Watertown, WI
Kenneth Gawrisch	Waukegan, IL
David Gosdeck	Lake City, MN
John Gronholz	Lake Mills, WI
Richard Grunze	Milwaukee, WI
Bruce Heckmann	West Allis, WI
Ronald Heins	Wauwatosa, WI
Larry Joecks	Tacoma, WA
Harris Kaesmeyer	Saginaw, MI
Paul Kelm	Madison, WI
Douglas Klitzke	Iron Ridge, WI
Arlen Koestler	Milwaukee, WI
Edward Krause	New London, WI
Silas Krueger	Tucson, AZ
Robert Landvatter	Milwaukee, WI
David Lauber	Fond du Lac, WI
LeRoy Leverson	New Ulm, MN
William Meier	Phoenix, AZ
Roland Menk	Watertown, SD
A. Frederick Nell	Westland, MI
John Oldfield, Jr.	St. Paul, MN
Gale Peterson	La Crosse, WI
David Ponath	North St. Paul, MN
James Raabe	Onalaska, WI
Neal Schroeder	Monroe, MI
Alan Siggelkow	Fort Wayne, IN
Carleton Sitz	Wausatosa, WI
Richard Stadler	West St. Paul, MN
Robert Stoltz	Adrian, MI
Frederick Toppe	Kimberly, WI
Verne Voss	Jordan, MN
Francis Warner	La Crosse, WI
David Williams	Ann Arbor, MI
William Zeiger	Saginaw, MI
Wayne Zuleger	Watertown, WI

SCIENCE

The following have been nominated by the members of the Synod as candidates for the position of Professor in the Science Department at Dr. Martin Luther College:

Robert Adickes	Lake Mills, WI
Robert Behnke	Watertown, WI
Steven Bode	Fremont, NB
John Boeck	Nicollet, MN
James Duehlmeier	Port Edwards, WI
Roland Helmreich	Onalaska, WI
Iver Johnson	St. Paul, MN
Roger Klockziem	Delano, MN
Edward Krause	New London, WI
Gerald Mallmann	Kenosha, WI
Walter Otterstatter	Fond du Lac, WI
Ronald Pape	St. Joseph, MI
Dennis Rick	Gildford, WI
Edward Schutters	New Ulm, MN
Walter Sebald	Milwaukee, WI
Gary Sievert	Waterloo, IA
Raymond Spangenburg	Fond du Lac, WI
Milton Spaude	Saginaw, MI
Martin Sponholz	Onalaska, WI
James Wandersee	Milwaukee, WI
Paul Willems	Manitowoc, WI
James Wooster	Iowa City, IA

The Dr. Martin Luther College Board of Control will meet on February 21, 1978, to call from the above lists. Correspondence concerning the above nominees should be in the hands of the secretary no later than February 20, 1978.

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

JORDAN SCHOOL

Past graduates of Jordan Lutheran School, West Allis, Wisconsin, are here-with notified that Jordan Ev. Lutheran Church will celebrate the 50th anniversary of its Christian day school on Sunday, February 5, 1978, with a special thanksgiving service at 4:00 P.M. Pastor George Boldt, president of the South-eastern Wisconsin District, will deliver the message. A fellowship hour will follow. You are invited.

APPOINTMENT

Pastor Ronald Uhlhorn has been appointed to the District Special Ministries Board, replacing Pastor Cleone Weigand, who accepted a call to another district.

Carl H. Mischke, President
Western Wisconsin District

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.

Alabama	Montgomery
Alaska	Sitka/Ketchikan*
Arizona	Chandler
	Sierra Vista*
Arkansas	Little Rock
California	Modesto
	Placer County
	Santa Maria*
Connecticut	Trumbull*
Florida	Ft. Walton Beach*
	Lakeland*
	Sarasota
	Zephyrhills*
Georgia	Lawrenceville
Idaho	Pocatello
Illinois	Belleville
	Downers Grove
	Ettingham*
Kansas	Salina*
Indiana	Muncie*
Iowa	Clinton
Michigan	Big Rapids*
	Imlay City
Minnesota	Fairmont*
	Grand Rapids
	Northfield*
	Plymouth/Maple Grove*
Missouri	Joplin*
	S.E. Kansas City
Montana	Helena*
	Missoula*
Nebraska	Fremont*
	O'Neill*
Ohio	Ashland
	S.W. Cleveland*
	Dayton
	Lima
Pennsylvania	Harrisburg
Tennessee	Knoxville
Texas	Abilene*
	Midland/Odessa*
	Wichita Falls*
Washington	Moses Lake*
West Virginia	Beckley*
Wisconsin	Antigo
	Galesville
	Genesee/Wales*
	Holmen
	Plymouth
	Prairie du Chien*
	Rice Lake*
British Columbia	Vancouver*

*Denotes exploratory services.

EXPLORATORY

EFFINGHAM, ILLINOIS

Sunday worship services are being held at the Travelodge Motel at the junction of Interstate 57 and Fayette Avenue at 1:30 p.m. The area served covers south/central Illinois. For more information contact Pastor Mark Lenz, 2102 East Vermont, Urbana, Illinois 61801, phone: 217/344-5584.

MUNCIE, INDIANA

Exploratory services are being held each Sunday evening at 6:30 in Muncie, Indiana. Services are being held in the Kitseiman Conference Center at University Ave. and Brentwood Lane. Please send names to Pastor Randall Rathje, 7315 E. 75th Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46256; phone: 317/849-9692.

BIG RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

Redeemer Lutheran Church is meeting at 1305 E. Maple in Big Rapids, Michigan. Sunday school and Bible class are conducted at 6:30 p.m. A worship service follows at 7:30 p.m. In addition to Big Rapids, the home of Ferris State College, the area being served includes Reed City, Paris, White Cloud, Newago, Morley, Standwood, and Rodney, Michigan. The names of interested persons should be sent to Pastor E. Schmelzer, 367 Church St., Remus, Michigan 49340.

Names

SANTA CLARITA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA SAUGUS, NEWHALL, CANYON COUNTRY, VALENCIA

A survey is being made of the above field to determine the number and whereabouts of prospects for initiation of exploratory services in the hope of establishing a new mission congregation. References should be sent to Pastor Robert Neumann, 13135 Ottoman St., Arleta, California 91331.

ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

Please forward the names of WELS and EL people living in the Asheville and Hendersonville, North Carolina, area to Pastor John Guse, 1639 Jessamine Road, Lexington, South Carolina 29072; phone: 803/356-0471.

TIME AND PLACE

COMING TO ARKANSAS THIS WINTER?

If so, you are invited to worship at King of Kings Lutheran Church, Little Rock, Arkansas. We worship at Cantrell Place, located on Highway 10 (Cantrell Road) and Biscayne Blvd., at 10:00 a.m. Sunday school and Bible class begin at 11:00 a.m. Names and prospects should be sent to: Pastor A. L. Schmelting, 5907 Chaucer Lane, Little Rock, Arkansas 72209; phone 501/565-3600.

CHANDLER, ARIZONA

Calvary Lutheran Church is conducting Sunday worship services at 9:15 a.m. with Sunday school and Bible class at 10:20 a.m. at the Galveston Elementary School, 661 E. Galveston, Chandler, Arizona. WELS winter-vacationers or persons moving to the Chandler/S.Mesa/S. Tempe area of the Phoenix valley may contact Pastor Daniel Garbow, 1201 W. Tulsa, Chandler, Arizona, 85224, or call 602/963-9397 for more information.

POCATELLO, IDAHO

The WELS congregation in Pocatello, Idaho, formerly known as Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, recently changed its name to Hope of the Valley Lutheran Church. It is conducting its worship services at 10:30 a.m. in the facilities of Grace Christian School, 1250 Pershing St. Pastor of the congregation is the Rev. Gordon J. Peters, 1748 S. Von Elm, Pocatello, Idaho 83201; phone: 208/233-2471.

VACATIONS IN THE NORTHEAST

If you are taking a winter vacation in the northeast (Vermont, New Hampshire, or Maine), worship at your WELS mission, St. Paul Ev. Lutheran, Nashua, New Hampshire, 9:30 a.m., or in our preaching station in Barre, Vermont. When in the area, call Rev. David Clark, 1/603/889-3027, for more information.

LEHIGH VALLEY, PENNSYLVANIA

Emmanuel Ev. Lutheran Church, Lehigh Valley, Pennsylvania, has changed worship facilities and is now holding services at Shepherd Hills Country Club, 1/4 mile south of HWY 222 on Krock's Road. Service time is 10:30 a.m. with Sunday school and Bible class at 9:30 a.m. Names of prospective members should be sent to Pastor Dennis J. Valteau, 231 Eagle Street, Wescosville, Pennsylvania 18106; phone 215/395-0925.

AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS

Teach Them to Observe All Things

(FS-72-TAT)

1977 15 min. Cassette & M Color

The Board for Parish Education has prepared this filmstrip especially for congregations who are thinking about opening a Christian day school. The filmstrip tells in some detail the steps that one congregation took in starting a Christian day school of its own. The filmstrip is an excellent tool for promoting Christian education in our Synod.

Early Recognition of Learning Disabilities

(F-110-ERLD)

1977 30 min. Color

This film was purchased by the Special Ministries Board and shown in 1977 at meetings in all of the ten districts. As the title indicates, the film demonstrates how learning disabilities can be recognized and what problems must be faced. Since there is only one copy of this film, please do not expect to obtain it on short notice.

AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS

3512 West North Avenue

Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53208

FOR YOUR LADIES GROUP

A set of 40 slides with written commentary on the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Auxiliary is available, free of charge, for presentation to your congregation. Please contact Mrs. Norbert Netz, 1318 W. Fiesta Lane, Mequon, Wisconsin 53092. Telephone: 414/241-4176.

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Treasurer's Report

PREBUDGET SUBSCRIPTION PERFORMANCE

Twelve months ended December 31, 1977

	Subscription Amount for 1977	Subscription and Pension Offerings	Per Cent of Subscription
Arizona-California	\$ 407,124	\$ 408,067	100.2
Dakota-Montana	227,147	245,935	108.3
Michigan	1,206,145	1,202,356	99.7
Minnesota	1,293,291	1,304,389	100.9
Nebraska	242,910	255,903	105.3
Northern Wisconsin	1,385,482	1,385,150	100.0
Pacific Northwest	116,740	123,220	105.6
Southeastern Wisconsin	1,685,132	1,650,897	98.0
Western Wisconsin	1,592,486	1,546,599	97.1
South Atlantic	90,875	97,706	107.5
Total — 1977	\$8,247,332	\$8,220,222	99.7
Total — 1976	\$7,511,540	\$7,816,206	104.1

CURRENT BUDGETARY FUND

Statement of Income and Expenditures

Twelve months ended December 31, 1977 with comparative figures for 1976

Twelve months ended December 31, 1977

	1977	1976	Increase or Decrease*	
			Amount	Per Cent
Income				
Prebudget Subscription Offerings	\$8,149,611	\$7,736,354	\$413,257	5.3
Pension Plan Contributions	70,611	79,851	9,240*	11.6*
Gifts and Memorials	238,965	175,618	63,347	36.1
Bequests	105,940	68,499	37,441	54.7
Earnings from Fox Estate	63,496	48,871	14,625	29.9
Other Income	7,504	16,913	9,409*	55.6*
Transfers from Other Funds	114,028	96,882	17,146	17.7
Total Income	\$8,750,155	\$8,222,988	\$527,167	6.4
Expenditures				
Worker-Training — Expenses	\$5,201,163	\$4,698,958	\$502,205	10.7
Worker-Training — Income	2,223,358	2,024,291	199,067	9.8
Worker-Training — Net	\$2,977,805	\$2,674,667	\$303,138	11.3
Home Missions	1,674,771	1,535,618	139,153	9.1
World Missions	1,357,370	1,296,677	60,693	4.7
Benevolences	1,023,624	962,827	60,797	6.3
Administration and Services	765,045	740,188	24,857	3.4
Total Operations	\$7,798,615	\$7,209,977	\$588,638	8.2
Appropriations — Building Funds	217,496	200,000	17,496	8.7
Appropriations — CEF Program	640,817	552,301	88,516	16.0
Total Expenditures	\$8,656,928	\$7,962,278	\$694,650	8.7
Operating Gain	\$ 93,227	\$ 260,710		

Norris Koopmann, Treasurer & Controller
 Ronald H. Meier, Assistant Treasurer
 3512 West North Avenue
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Note: Future cutoff dates of PBS receipts in the Synod's Post Office Lock Box are as follows:

For the month of	Cutoff Date:
February	March 7
March	April 7
April	May 5
May	June 7

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ARCHITECTURAL DIRECTOR APPLICATIONS

The Synod's Architectural Committee is seeking a registered architect for the position of Architectural Director in the Architectural Office. Responsibilities include development and revision of prototype chapels, master-site planning, preliminary design work, and review work. Applicants are requested to send their request for consideration and their resume to the executive secretary of the Board of Trustees, Pastor Elton H. Huebner, 3512 W. North Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53208.

WANTED — CHANDELIERS

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, the WELS mission congregation in East Providence, Rhode Island, is in need of six (6) church chandeliers to replace its old lighting fixtures. The mission's budget would permit it to pay the cost of shipment. Any congregation replacing its chandeliers may contact Good Shepherd Congregation by writing to Mr. J. A. Schumacher, 24 Buchanan Court, Newport, Rhode Island 02840 or calling 401/846-7578.

OFFER

Available to any mission congregation for the cost of transportation: a finished altar, 62" x 28", height 37"; a pulpit, lectern and hymnal stand, 28" x 21", height 48". All four items have storage space and shelving underneath. The wood finish of all four pieces is reddish-brown. Plus, liturgical paraments (complete set) for the church year that fit the altar and pulpit. Write or phone:

Hope Ev. Lutheran Church
 501 Bellwood
 Belvidere, Illinois 61008
 Pastor Orval Cullen
 Phone: 815/547-8661