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

Briefs by the Editor

We have entered the Trinity Season, a time of the church year when it is rather difficult to distinguish between the various Sundays. The rest of the year it's simple: there's Advent, there's Christmas, there's Epiphany, there's Lent, there's Easter, there's Pentecost. But now it's all the way from 22 to 27 Sundays after Trinity.

It need, however, not be boring. The Father who sent His Son in the fullness of time, the Son who laid down His life and took it up again, the Spirit who came upon the church in blessing — all Three go with us through the rest of the year. As we in the course of these Sundays take a sharp look at the matter of living the Christian life, the Word of the Triune God will be our guide and our strength. Every Sunday service will open with the same words we heard in the festival half of the church year, namely, "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." The God of our salvation will be with us.

He will be with us personally and be with our representatives as the latter meet in a Fifth World Seminary Conference to devote themselves to the matter of training pastors for our foreign mission fields. He will be with our civilian chaplains as they minister to our flesh and blood east of the Atlantic. He will be with our teachers as they organize new area Lutheran high schools. Through their work He, the God of salvation, is giving birth to children of God, heirs with Jesus Christ. For it's all done "in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." These are words spoken over us not only at the beginning of every service, but were also spoken over us at the beginning of our life in Christ, when we were ushered into the kingdom through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

Taking Him with us into our lives, we will make the right judgments. Ignoring His Word, man can only fall from grace and heap up mountains of guilt.

The editorial on "Holocaust" therefore rightly rejects the thought that true Christians could ever approve, or that Christianity could ever consent to, that slaughter. But before we point fingers, it will be well for us to examine our own lives and take a critical look at what is happening in our own country. Words read in a Sunday bulletin that came to my attention demand that they be shared. Permit me to quote:

"We have homework to do before we point proud fingers at other nations. How can Americans point their fingers at Nazi Germany and their gas chambers when the same thing is going on in their own land! Their (Nazi) government selected the Jews for extermination — America's Supreme Court has marked the unborn. We speak with horror of the millions exterminated in Germany, but we shall soon pass that mark if we have not already. Most reports total one and one half million abortions per year in our land.

"I hang my head in shame at the blindness and hardness of my countrymen. I fear for the future of my country when leaders so brazenly defy simple respect for human life, then lamely defend their decision by saying it is better that they be not born than to be born into an unwanted environment. It is high time that we return to the respect for human life which the Bible impresses, that we impress the sanctity of human life on evildoers through capital punishment, and that we restore the proper dignity to marriage and the things which are sacred to it. Yes, we have homework to do before we point proud fingers at other nations."

The after-Trinity Season is a fitting time to do so, as we take a look at our lives and put them under the scrutiny of God's Holy Word. Faced with our sins, we need the Father in heaven who forgives us for the sake of His Son, the Son who paid for the sins of all, and the Spirit who will strengthen us for holy living!

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The Cover

Easter morning in Mittelheim, Germany. Services were conducted by Chaplains E. Renz and C. Krug in the Evangelical Church, whose congregation was kind enough to lend their church edifice for the occasion. For more information on the Retreat, turn to page 166.

Editorials

Appearance Counts Everyone knows that "you can't judge a book by its cover" and that "beauty is only skin deep." The fact remains, however, that people are usually taken at face value — that is, they are judged, at least at first, by appearances. For this reason corporation executives try to look the part, and this is why they drive cars that don't give the impression that the corporation is down to its last dime. For the same reason a person who looks like a bum is not likely to be hired as a front man for a bank.

"The children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light," and we can learn something from them. Someone once said that "the Christian is the only Bible some people read." People judge your religion by you. Such things as apparent hypocrisy and selfishness are likely to repel them no matter what you say.

In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus encourages, "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Many people were first attracted to Jesus by His good works. They observed that His life projected love, so they listened to what He said. Similarly, in Apostolic days people were impressed — and attracted to the Christian faith — by the love which was in evidence among the believers.

All of which reminds us that orthodox teaching is not the sole qualification for representing Christ. The Gospel is the only thing that will save people, but it is not the only thing that people will judge by. This is not saying that in order to serve our Lord effectively we are to take a cosmetic approach and be sure to wear some sheep's clothing. It is saying that the image which we project before the world as professing Christians does count for something. In short, and as Jesus pointed out, that image is projected by what we do as well as by what we say.

Immanuel Frey

Reflections on "Holocaust" The television special, "Holocaust," provoked a great deal of speculation about the causes of the tragedy. Some felt that frustration with severe economic problems in Germany was largely to blame. Others saw the catastrophe as the bitter fruit of a besetting sin of the Germans, their militarism. Many blamed the anti-Semitic attitudes of the churches; Luther's harsh words against the Jews were frequently quoted.

The World War II slaughter is not the only holocaust or persecution the Jews have experienced. They suffered terribly at the hands of the Romans. England expelled them in the thirteenth century. Spain cruelly drove them out of its borders in Columbus' day. Between the 1880s and the 1920s there were numerous organized persecutions and massacres (pogroms) of Jews in Russia. These facts are

not being mentioned to excuse the Nazis but to indicate that the Jews have often been victims of oppression and persecution.

There may be racial and cultural and economic reasons for such persecution and suffering, but the Christian is aware of also another reason. As a nation, God's chosen people rejected its Christ. Israel hardened its heart against the Gospel of the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies and "would not" receive Jesus as its Messiah and its Lord. Israel rejected the Cornerstone, of whom Jesus said: "And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken; but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder." Again and again its own prophets had warned of the judgments that would come upon that nation because it repeatedly spurned the love of God in its Messiah-Christ.

Can we, then, take a judgmental satisfaction in seeing the Jews suffer discrimination, persecution, and even genocide? By no means. Those who persecute the Jews are not exonerated from their evil deeds. Christian charity condemns the cruelties practiced by man against his fellow man, be he Jew or Gentile. It has also been well said: "The Christian persecutor of the Jew loses more than [does] his victim, for the Jew may still under oppression remain faithful to his belief, but the persecuting Christian can hardly remain a Christian while baiting the Jew."

It is not for us to despise the Jews or to find satisfaction in their suffering. Rather, our hearts must go out to them, as the hearts of many German and Dutch and Polish Christians did during the holocaust. These Christians risked their lives to protect their Jewish neighbors; indeed, it cost many of these benefactors their lives to do so.

But the highest love we can show the people of Israel is to endeavor to win them for Christ, to lead them to the heritage of salvation in their Messiah and ours. Christ died for us all. That is the true bond that unites both Jew and Gentile under judgment and under grace.

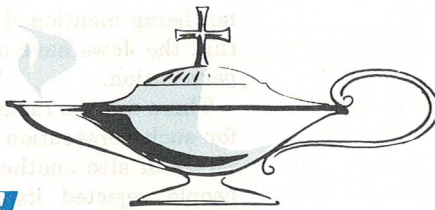
Carleton Toppe

Thank God! Thank God for our diversity! To His Church our loving Lord has given many different talents, many different people. He has created each of us as a unique creature, so unique that our fingerprints can be used to identify us. We come in all sizes, some small, some tall, some thin, some not so thin. We come with all kinds of personalities. Some are outgoing, some reticent. Some quick to speak, some slow to say anything. Some can do many things well, some can do a few. Great thinkers, skilled craftsmen, spiritually weak, spiritually strong, some handicapped, some retarded. A thoughtful glance across any congregation gathered for worship on a Sunday morning would lead any thinking man to wonder what brings this hodgepodge of people together in one place.

So we are and so we will always be — different! When work is trying to be done in the kingdom, we sometimes start to wish this diversity would be less marked. If only there were more people like. . . ! We tend to forget God's Church on earth is like a complex Swiss watch. It is made up of many different pieces of many different sizes, but all

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Studies in God's Word



What It Means To Be God's Children

"And now, little children, abide in Him; that, when He shall appear, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming. If ye know that He is righteous, ye know that everyone that doeth righteousness is born of Him. Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God; therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew Him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that when He shall appear, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. And every man that hath this hope in Him purifieth himself, even as He is pure" (I John 2:28-3:3).

"To them that believe on His name He giveth power to become the sons of God" are words we hear almost every Sunday in church. Of all the pictures Scripture uses for the relationship between God and His people, perhaps none is more intimate or adequate than that of the heavenly family. From John's words in his "Letter of Light, Life, and Love" we learn again *What It Means To Be God's Children*.

What We Are

"Sons of God," John calls believers, using a word which means "children" or "born ones." With this word John reminds us that by nature no one is God's child. Each is a creature of God, made by God's almighty power, but none is His child. Man's sinful nature, inherited from sinful parents, and the sinful life which follows make him an enemy of God and one far removed from God's family.

Till God's love steps in. "Just take a

look at that love," John exclaims with astonishment and admiration. Never has the world seen such love which reaches down to the unlovable and undesirable. In that love God sent His Son to pay for all sins. In that love God brings sinners to faith in His Son and thus into His family. In that love God showers all the treasures of His Son upon His family members. The expressions, "children of God," "born of Him," "bestowed upon us," remind us that we are what we are and have what we have only because of God's amazing love.

We know what we are, but the world doesn't. Nor should this surprise us. A world which "knew Him not" and "received Him not" will scarcely throw open its arms for us. A world engrossed with its fleeting treasures will call "deluded" those who value Christ as their dearest treasure. A world immersed in sin will call "thorns in the flesh" those who shun and speak against sin. We are God's children, but don't expect the world to appreciate or applaud our blessed position.

We, however, should. Every Sunday when we hear the expression "sons of God" in the liturgy, excitement ought to surge through us. Look at what our God has made out of us sinners. In Christ He has made us members of His own family, objects of His rich grace, recipients of His amazing love. Now let's not plod through life as if we were suffering from spiritual amnesia. Let's appreciate what we are.

What We Shall Be

Let's also appreciate what we shall be. Our present position and privileges as God's children are only a small preview of what waits for us in

heaven. There "we shall be like Him," John writes. All the rags and tatters of sin will fall away and we shall stand spotlessly pure, wondrously holy before His throne (Ps. 17:15, Phil. 3:21). "We shall see Him as He is," John also writes. To behold face to face Him whom we have seen only partially on the pages of His Word will be the height of heaven's joy. That grand prospect is too much for our minds to imagine, but not too much for His love to accomplish.

To face the great day with confidence, we need to "abide in Him." He who spurns Christ here will be unable to stand before Him there. Such ones will cry to the hills to cover them and to the mountains to fall on them, but those whom the Spirit keeps close to Christ through Word and Sacrament will share His glory. This is our confidence in Him.

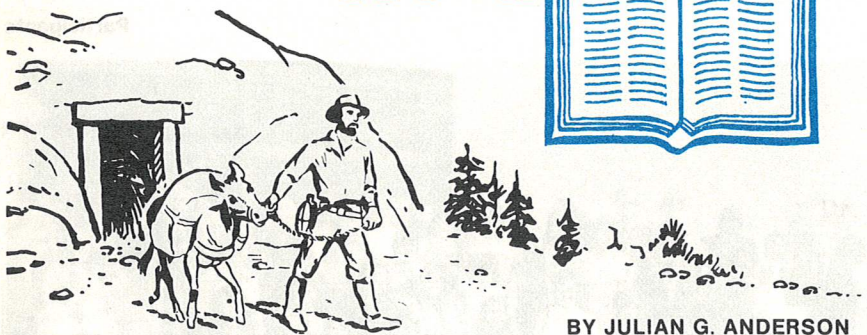
What We Want To Be

This confidence will show in our daily lives. We cannot fix our eyes on heaven where we shall be like Christ without striving for that likeness here on earth. Thus John urges the believer to "do righteousness" and to "purify himself." How can it be otherwise! Our loving Father is righteous and our dear Brother Jesus is pure. We surely cannot be with them in that divine family and not want to be like them. John is here not telling us that we are to cleanse ourselves from sin by our deeds. That complete purifying has been done once for all on Calvary's cross by Christ's deeds. Nor is John telling us that we are to become perfect here on earth; such perfection comes first in heaven. He is telling us to strive against sin and to struggle to stay more and more away from its defiling mud. Like little children who fall into the mud, we cannot clean ourselves up, but we can be urged to stay out of the mud in the future. The Father's will sets the pattern for our lives. The Savior's power as channeled through Word and Sacrament supplies the power to our lives. More and more we become what we want to be — like Him!

The next time we hear those beautiful words, "sons of God," let's pray: "With them numbered may we be, here and in eternity."

Richard E. Lauersdorf

Mining the Treasure of God's Word



BY JULIAN G. ANDERSON

II Chronicles 33-35; Habakkuk

Take a few minutes to review the part of the last lesson dealing with Manasseh's reign, and then turn to

II Chronicles 33:21-25

Hi-lite the name of the next king in verse 21, and underline Ezra's description of his reign in verses 22 and 23. The last phrase points to the fact that during this brief reign (641-640 B.C.) Judah had again sunk into the depths of idolatry. Verse 24 indicates how bad conditions were at this time; but the chronicler wastes no more space on this king. It was probably during these dark days that the next of our writing Prophets appeared —

Habakkuk

Note that Habakkuk also calls his prophecy a "burden" in 1:1. It opens with a complaint in 1:2-4 (underline), in which the Prophet paints a vivid picture of conditions in Judah, a picture which would fit well into the time of Amon's wicked reign. Habakkuk's complaint is: "Why, O Lord, don't You punish the wicked?"

Then follows the Lord's answer in 1:5-11, summarized in verse 6 (underline). Chaldea and Chaldeans were the ancient names for the land and the people who later became known as the Babylonians from the name of their capital city (locate on your map). In less than 40 years the new Babylonian empire would destroy the vast Assyrian empire and take over the whole Near East. Verses 7-9 give a vivid picture of

the Babylonians, and verses 10 and 11 a picture of their great king, Nebuchadnezzar.

Chapter 1:12-17 then sets forth Habakkuk's second complaint, summarized in verse 13 (underline). It refers to Nebuchadnezzar and his armies (verse 12).

God's answer follows in chapter 2, consisting of two pairs of promises. The first pair is set forth in verses 1-8, one dealing with Nebuchadnezzar (described in verse 4a) and what will happen to him (verse 8, underline), and the other dealing with the righteous remnant in Judah (verse 4b, underline). You will recognize this as one of the great statements of Scripture setting forth in crystal clear language the central doctrine of justification by faith. Note Paul's quotations of this verse in Romans 1:17 and Galatians 3:11. Note that God is plainly speaking here of eternal Life, since many of the righteous would lose their lives in the Babylonian destruction of Jerusalem. But the promise is that every "righteous" person, that is, everyone possessing the perfect righteousness of Jesus, the coming Savior, has eternal Life, and thus will "live" in this sense by reason of his or her faith.

The second pair of promises is then set forth in verses 9-20. God will indeed punish the wicked and destroy Babylon (hi-lite the word "woe" in verses 9, 12, 15, 19). Verses 9-12 and 15-19 give a fine description of Nebuchadnezzar and his armies and people. But inter-

woven in this description of Babylon's destruction is the promise that the Messiah's kingdom will be established in the world (verses 14 and 20, underline) and will include all the righteous. Verse 20 sums up the entire message of this chapter in a dramatic way.

Chapter 3 then records Habakkuk's closing prayer in beautiful poetry. It begins with a prayer for a present revival in Judah (verse 2bc, underline), and then praises God for His merciful works to Israel in the past (verses 3-15, summed up in verse 13a, underline). The prayer then closes with a beautiful confession of Habakkuk's faith (verses 16 and 17), ending in a confident assurance of final victory (verses 18 and 19, underline).

As we close, we must point out again that this little book, like Joel and Jonah, brings us a powerful message, dramatically delivered. Now turn to

II Chronicles 34-35

These chapters give us the account of the fourth and last good king of Judah (hi-lite his name in 34:1, and memorize the names of the four). Note also his age in verse 1, and the general description of his reign in verse 2 (underline). His conversion is recorded in verse 3a, and his first efforts at reformation in verses 3b-7 (underline all of verse 3). The next phase of the reformation is described at great length in 34:8 — 35:19, having to do with the renovation, repairs, and reopening of the Temple, which had again fallen into ruins from disuse (underline 34:8). Chapter 34:14b describes the great discovery made at this time (underline); the reaction of the young king is related in verse 21 (underline 21b). The message of the prophetess is recorded in verses 22-28 (summarized in verses 24, 25a, 27, and 28b, underline). Keep in mind that Jerusalem fell into the hands of the Babylonians just 16 years later, in 606 B.C. The king's reaction to the message is recorded in chapter 34:29-33 (underline verses 31 and 33). Then follows, in chapter 35, the account of the great Passover celebration the following spring (621 B.C.). Note Ezra's closing comment in verse 18 (underline). Josiah's premature death at the age of 33 is recorded in the closing verses (20-27). This brings us down to the year 609 B.C., and the end of today's work.

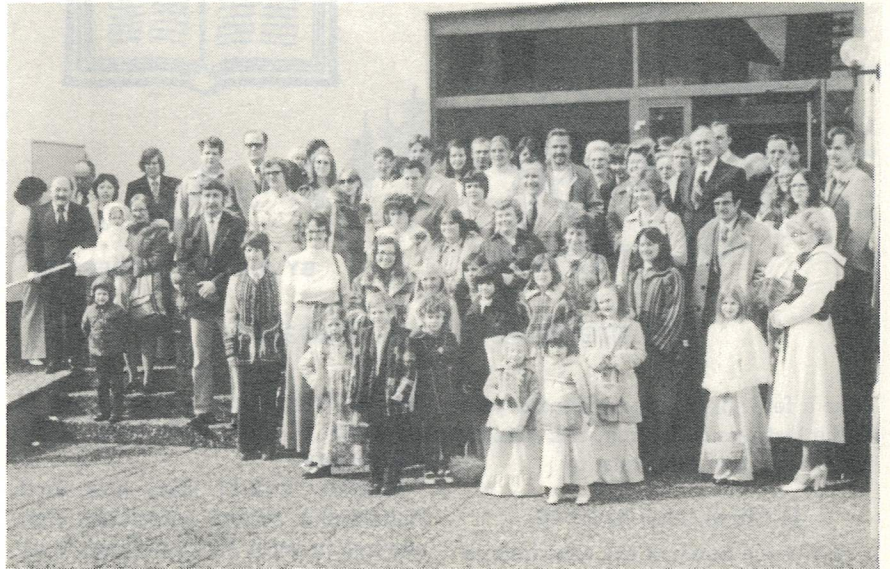
Fifth WELS European Retreat

Participants

Just when most WELS members are being offered a rich spiritual banquet in their churches during Lent and Holy Week, their scattered fellow believers away from home may well feel their means-of-grace table all too bare. They have had to make do with printed or taped services from home, and maybe a home visit or chapel worship conducted by one of the civilian chaplains. Probably no Lenten services, no Passion hymns, no sacred concerts; in short, none of the usual experiences of the Holy Season at all.

What you take for granted most when you have it, is what you miss most when you don't have it. And that's why the 80-some persons who celebrated Easter in the lovely church edifice of the Evangelische Gemeinde in Mittelheim, Germany, were all glad to be there. They had, in fact, wanted to be there so eagerly that almost all had come from far.

Among them was the family from Rota, Spain. They had planned to drive up in their camper until, a few days before, the motor gave out. They unpacked the van, stowed a few items in back packs, and then caught a MAC flight to Frankfurt, Germany. And even that wasn't the end. Their return trip involved a four-day standby at the Rhein Main Air Terminal.



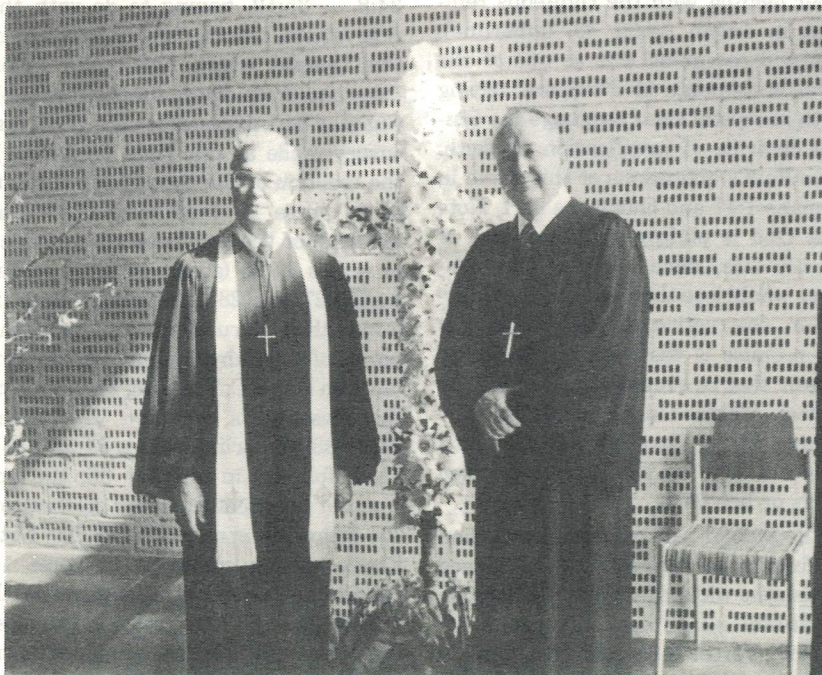
From England came two nurses who rode a train for 20 hours each way. Mr. and Mrs. Dan Nass from Prague started out on their trip, 10 hours by car, as soon as classes were over for the Easter weekend. It took another family

two days coming down from Copenhagen. And all of them spent money hard to spare from a military paycheck or cheap American dollars. But on this Easter weekend, it was all worthwhile.

The fifth Lutheran WELS retreat for military and civilian members of our Synod who are now east of the Atlantic got under way with an evening Good Friday service. Chaplain Krug spoke on the Good Friday promise: "Today shalt thou be with Me in paradise." On Saturday morning the discussion topic was, "Ye Shall Be Witnesses unto Me." Part of the evening was devoted to seeing the film, "Talk About the Savior."

Of course, there was also free time. Saturday afternoon was spent seeing the interesting sights along the mighty Rhine. The Lorelei. Ruedesheim and its famous Germania statue. Mainz with its Gutenberg Museum. Castles. Vineyards. And then in the evening a slide presentation by the Nasses. Presently in Prague, Czechoslovakia, they had previously taught in Bucharest, Romania. Their pictures gave an excellent insight into the life and customs of the Romanian people.

Easter Sunday morning saw 16 children meeting with Mr. and Mrs.



Civilian Chaplains Krug and Renz

Gary Jochem in two separate classes for a Sunday-school lesson. Then it was time to gather on the steps of the Hotel Rheinterrasse Ruthmann for the annual group picture. And then — the highpoint of the retreat in the lovely church across the street!

The church, loaned to us in a gesture of kindness by the local congregation, is new — one of the more than 10,000 churches built in Germany since 1945. One wall, all glass, overlooked the Rhine, then overflowing its banks in spring flood. There was an organ, and we had, for once, two organists. An impromptu choir added to the beauty of the service, singing so well that you knew they had been trained in choirs back home. We even had a children's choir, led by Linda Greve of African Medical Mission fame. And the traditional cross of Easter lilies. Outside, the weather was cool and windy, alternating clouds and sunshine. But inside, hearts were warm indeed. Chaplain Renz spoke movingly on the Triumph of Easter. When the service had been concluded with the Lord's Supper, the children were treated to an Easter egg hunt on the church grounds.

What a joy to sing and pray and worship and laugh with 80 kindred spirits at one place!

Do you appreciate and use your opportunity to feed in the green pastures of God's Word and rest by the still waters of truth? If you read this, we take it that you do. But if you don't think that's such a big deal, you might learn to value it more if you had to go without it for a while. Think about that next Sunday morning.

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Twenty-five Years of Athletics at Synodical Schools

"Whoso keepeth the fig tree shall eat the fruit thereof; so he that waiteth on his master shall be honored." Proverbs 27:18

President Conrad Frey of Dr. Martin Luther College applied the words of the above text to Prof. Lloyd Thompson in his sermon at the Northwestern College chapel, April 2, 1978, in the service commemorating Professor Thompson's 25 years of teaching in WELS schools. Prof. Franklin Zabell directed the Northwestern Prep Singers in special songs of praise, and the undersigned conducted the liturgy.



Prof. L. Thompson

A good friend and former colleague of Professor Thompson's at Michigan Lutheran Seminary, President Frey pointed out that the divine promise of blessing contained in the text had been abundantly realized in the course of a unique career as teacher and athletic coach at various Synodical schools. Besides taking note of the Christian influence Professor Thompson has had opportunity to exert over a large number of pastors and teachers in his quarter century of dedicated labor in the Lord's vineyard, President Frey also pointed out the personal and family blessings Professor Thompson enjoyed in that time. Not the least of these is the fact that his two sons are now pastors in WELS missions.

A son of Mrs. Herman Waltman of Elkhorn, Wisconsin, Thompson was born in Elkhorn on January 23, 1917. He spent his first three years of college at Notre Dame University, before transferring to the University of Wis-

consin-La Crosse. There he was graduated in 1942 with the Bachelor of Science degree.

For the next two and a half years Thompson served his country as a member of the United States Air Force in the South Pacific. After his discharge, he began teaching in January 1946 at Onalaska Public High School. During this time he took two of his high-school basketball teams to the Wisconsin State Basketball Tournament. At this juncture of his life he was nominated for service in the church and received a call to Michigan Lutheran Seminary. There, for the next 17 years, he coached football, basketball, baseball, and track, and taught physical education and biology.

In 1968 he accepted a call to the former Wisconsin Lutheran College in Milwaukee, where he also coached and taught physical education and biology. When the school was discontinued in 1970, he received calls to both Dr. Martin Luther College and Northwestern. He accepted the call to Northwestern, where now besides performing his coaching and physical education duties he serves as athletic director for both Northwestern schools.

In 1942 he married Edith nee Wiederhoeft, a native of Wausau and also a graduate of UW-La Crosse. Trained in library science, Mrs. Thompson assists full time in the Northwestern College library.

The Thompsons have five children. Their son Glen is a missionary in Zambia, Africa, and their son Donald is a home missionary in Fort Wayne, Indiana. The Thompsons' other children are Patricia, a graduate of DMLC, Mrs. David (Bonnie) Nommensen, and Lori, a member of the Tertia class at Northwestern Prep.

Professor Thompson gladly and gratefully acknowledges the special grace of God that led him to "wait on his Master" in the kingdom work at our worker-training schools. We in turn acknowledge the blessings God has given us through His servant and pray that He will continue to bless him and his work in the future.

James A. Fricke

Study, Planning, Discussion, and Prayer are Essential Elements in the Birth of New Area Lutheran High Schools.

Arizona Lutheran Academy

The concern for Christian secondary education in Arizona is not something new. Back in 1935 the matter was already discussed at a meeting in Glendale. In the 1940s a site was proposed near Tucson. In 1955 the Synod authorized a committee to study another site near Tucson as a possible academy. In the 1960s a district-wide survey was undertaken.

study committee proceed with the establishment of an area Lutheran high school in Arizona." No target date was specified.

Organization

During 1976 the legal documents of all the existing area Lutheran high schools in the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod were assembled and studied.

guidelines to be used for the planning of Lutheran high schools would be available through the Synod in the first months of 1977.

Implementation

In 1977 working copies of the legal documents of the federation were distributed to the conference congregations for review and revision. Revised copies were then distributed to all the congregations for adoption. As of this writing, 17 out of the conference's 20 congregations have joined the federation. For the sake of the mission congregations in the conference, the study committee has adopted the policy of "participation without payment" until these fledgling families under Christ have achieved their primary goal of eliminating all salary and interest subsidy to the Synod.

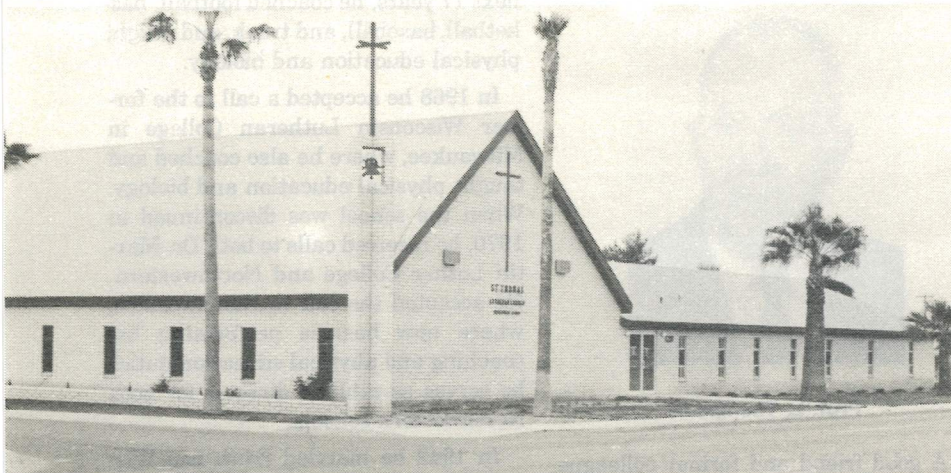
In January 1978 the Gadsden Pastor-Teacher-Delegate Conference, comprising the 17 congregations in the southern half of Arizona, requested a progress report on the high school. After thorough discussion of this report, the conference resolved "to encourage the Federation to expand its base to include the congregations of the Gadsden Conference." On April 9, 1978, Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church of Tucson resolved to join the federation. Other congregations are preparing to take the same step.

Decision to Open

On September 24, 1977, Mr. Donald Zimmerman, executive secretary of the Synod's Board for Parish Education, was invited to Phoenix for a meeting of the federation. He served as consultant at a day-long discussion of the proposed resolution to call a principal and to open an area Lutheran high school in Phoenix in the fall of 1978, with grades 9 and 10, at St. Thomas Ev. Lutheran Church. The resolution was adopted unanimously.

Faculty

On October 30, 1977, a call was extended to Mr. Robert Adickes to become principal. Mr. Adickes had taught at Lakeside Lutheran High School, Lake Mills, Wisconsin, for 17 years. Accepting the call, he was installed as principal by Pastor I. G. Frey, president of the Arizona-California District, on April 2, 1978. Using Mark



St. Thomas' Educational Wing will house the Academy

Strategy

In January 1975, the Black Canyon Delegate Conference, which comprises congregations in the northern half of Arizona, authorized a study committee to explore the feasibility of establishing an area Lutheran high school in the state. Each congregation selected one delegate, and the undersigned was asked to serve as pastoral advisor. During the first year the committee concentrated on formulating and distributing a survey to every household in the conference. Approximately 45 per cent of the families responded. The committee tabulated the results and, in February 1976, reported to the Black Canyon Conference on enrollment projections and financial support pledged. The conference resolved "that the

The committee decided to organize as a federation of congregations rather than as an association of interested individuals. Articles of Incorporation were drafted. These defined the purpose of the school as follows: "To provide Christ-centered and Bible-based secondary education for all youth in Arizona." The tedious task of developing bylaws which would make the school an extension of each participating congregation's program of Christian education consumed the balance of 1976.

In November of that year, Executive Secretary Robert J. Voss of the Synod's Commission on Higher Education was invited by the study committee to come to Phoenix to evaluate the planning and progress. He also announced that



Left to right: Principal Robert Adickes, President Immanuel G. Frey, Pastor William A. Meier, chairman of the Academy Board, Pastor Silas R. Krueger, and Pastor Daniel D. Pautz — participants in the installation service.

3:14 as text, Pastor Silas R. Krueger, chairman of the District Board for Parish Education, reminded all present that Mr. Adickes is qualified only because he has been with Christ and is committed to His saving Word.

Mr. Victor Fenske, also of Lakeside Lutheran High School, has likewise accepted the call to teach at Arizona Lutheran Academy. He will begin his

duties on August 1, 1978.

Program

The curriculum of Arizona Lutheran Academy is designed to provide Christian secondary education for all the youth of Arizona's 48 congregations. Its four-track program will include courses preparing the Academy's graduates for any of the following: 1)

enrollment in any college or university; 2) enrollment in Dr. Martin Luther College; 3) enrollment in Northwestern College; or 4) enrollment in vocational-technical training.

We pray that the "rightly divided" Word of God, the foundation on which the Arizona Lutheran Academy is built, will guide the school, its board, its faculty, and its student body in all their actions and decisions. We ask you to join us in asking our risen Lord to shower His blessings upon this extension of the ministry of Christ's Church here in Arizona.

Pastor William A. Meier
Chairman, Board of Directors

Research on Christian Literature Under Way

We need more Christian literature! We need tracts, Bible class material, theological books, books on current topics, devotional booklets! Our publications should speak in more contemporary language and should quote the Scriptures in contemporary translations!

Study Authorized

It was these and similar cries which prompted the 1977 Synodical convention to initiate a careful investigation of the matter. Specifically, the delegates authorized the Commission on Christian Literature to engage a researcher to study the literature needs and the publishing potential of our Synod. Since then the commission has selected Rev. Mentor Kujath, editor-in-chief of the Northwestern Publishing House. He has been at his assignment since February 1 of this year.

Research Plans

In the coming months the researcher intends to visit each of the 10 district conventions. A questionnaire

has been developed for use at these conventions, and much other helpful information will be sought by personal contact with the delegates — pastors, teachers, and laymen.

Two questions will always be uppermost in his mind. "What kind of Christian literature do our WELS people want?" And, "What kind of Christian literature is needed to help the Wisconsin Synod carry out its God-given task of bringing God's Word to every creature?"

Other boards, committees, and commissions of our Synod which have publishing responsibilities are being consulted. Meetings are being requested with representatives of these groups to discuss specific needs in their areas of concern.

Visits will be made to other publishers, and interviews requested with personnel which might have encountered and conquered problems similar to those which confront us.

The staff and facilities at Northwestern Publishing House are being studied to see whether it has the po-

tential to meet the literature needs of our Synod.

Financial questions are being asked. Is Synodical subsidy the only answer to a sufficient supply of good Christian literature?

Comments and Criticisms Welcomed

The researcher welcomes comments and criticisms concerning Christian literature from any member of the Synod. Such comments should be made personally when he makes his rounds in the districts or by letter to his office at the Northwestern Publishing House.

Conclusions

It is hoped that the facts and figures gathered during the remainder of 1978 will enable the researcher to give a comprehensive report to the Commission on Christian Literature. This commission in turn hopes to recommend to the delegates at the 1979 Synodical convention a publishing program which will provide the quality and quantity of Christian literature which meets the current needs of our Synod, both for the edification of its members and for its outreach into the world.

D. F. Bitter
Chairman, CCL



Participants in the Fifth World Mission Seminary Conference outside the WELS Latin American Seminary in El Paso, Texas

World Mission Seminary Conference

On Easter Monday the Fifth World Mission Seminary Conference convened at El Paso, Texas. From various parts of the world 24 participants and guests gathered in the attractive building which serves as the center for the Latin American Seminary and as the chapel for San Juan Congregation. During the five-day conference (March 27-31, 1978) many of the devotions harked back to the joyful Easter truths. All of the papers and discussions highlighted the risen Savior's serious command to go and tell others of Him.

Global Participants

Participants in the conference were the following from the Bible institutes and seminaries of the Synod's mission fields: Pastors E. H. Wendland and D. Fastenau of Africa, R. Sprain of Colombia, H. Johnne of Japan, G. Kirschke of Hong Kong, R. Eggert and G. Pieper of Mexico. Present from the Board for World Missions were Executive Secretary E. Hoenecke, newly-called Executive Secretary T. Sauer, Chairman R. Zimmermann, and board members R. Freier, K. Koeplin, R. Lauersdorf, and A. Mennicke. From Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary at Mequon came Professors A. Schuetze, S. Becker, E. Fredrich, and J. Jeske. The Lutheran Confessional Church in Sweden was represented by Dr. S. Erlandsson, the director of its theological center. From the Commission on Higher Education came Executive Secretary R. Voss and Chair-

man K. Eggert. Guests were Pastors Norman Madson and Martin Teigen of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and David Haeuser, pastor of San Juan Congregation.

Opening Service And Review of the Past

The sermon at the opening Communion service was delivered by Prof. E. H. Wendland. On the basis of John 1:35-41 he spoke of "Christ's Worker-Training Program," and showed what kind of men Christ invited, how lovingly He invited them, and the saving truths which He offered them.

Later in the day Prof. E. H. Wendland also delivered a resume of the materials and goals reached at past seminary conferences. Of these conferences he wrote, "They have provided an excellent forum for exchanging experiences and ideas in an important area of world mission work, an area where we are all admittedly beginners. They have set a solidly confessional tone for all of us to follow in an age of doctrinal indifference. They have reminded us of the importance of adhering to the unchanging truth of Scripture not only in the lessons which we teach, but also in the very materials which we must produce in many languages as we strive to attain our goals." He continued, "Those of us directly involved in these worker-training programs, however, find great encouragement just in being able to come together and to have a means of

expressing ourselves concerning the work which is so close to us."

Production of Literature

Since the fourth conference, held in Mequon in 1976, two books of sermon studies, based on the Gospels from Series C of the ILCW, have been produced under the editorship of Prof. E. H. Wendland. In evaluating them, Dr. S. Becker described them as "well written" and "of value not only in our mission fields, but also for our pastors in general." The conference resolved to make these materials available to all national pastors and to submit them in edited form to the Commission on Christian Literature for possible publication and wider distribution.

Not as encouraging was the report that little progress had been made in the production of Old Testament and New Testament exegetical studies, as requested by the Mequon conference. The lack of available authors was cited as the reason for the delay in the production of these materials so urgently needed by our world mission seminaries.

Are We On the Right Track?

Goals and methods need constant review and reevaluation. Consequently, the conference spent the greater part of one day on the question: "Are we on the right track?" Presentations by Pastors D. Fastenau, H. Johnne, R. Sprain, and E. H. Wendland concluded

that we are indeed on the right track when we, with adaptations made necessary by circumstances and needs of the national church, strive to follow the ministerial pattern set up in the United States. Also we are on the right track when we strive to develop a full-time national ministry along with auxiliary forms and when we strive to set up a theological training program in our world mission fields as soon as possible. Not only were these objectives restudied and reaffirmed, but methods of attaining them were presented and discussed in detail.



Dr. Erlandsson of Sweden at the podium

Old Testament Courses

Three particular areas vital to a sound seminary curriculum were discussed in detail. Prof. J. Jeske's essay on "Objectives of O.T. Courses at Our World Mission Training Schools" listed as "the first and absolutely basic objective for all our O.T. courses" that "the student understand God's plan of salvation centering in the promise of the Savior." After presenting other vital objectives, he observed: "You can't ignore what God says in the first three-quarters of the Bible and understand what He has to say in the remaining one quarter." Dr. S. Erlandsson's paper on "God's Plan of Salvation Against the Background of O.T. History and Revelation" gave an overview of the Old Testament emphasis on the coming Messiah. Pastor Kirschke's sample course on selected Old Testament Messianic prophecies and their fulfillment in the life of Jesus Christ offered a sug-

gestion for one such course. Discussion on the courses presently taught at our world mission seminaries showed the demand for isagogical materials which would wrap the whole Old Testament around the coming Messiah. It also showed the importance of training capable nationals in the Hebrew language when feasible.

Church History

In the area of Church History, Prof. E. Fredrich's essay set the tone by asserting that "history and church history teaching has to do with God's gov-

velopment of Our Lutheran Confessions" briefly pointed out the need for confessions and the history behind the Lutheran Confessions. "The effect of a careful teaching of the Lutheran Confessions will be evident," he stated. "Our national pastors will know why they are Lutheran. They will use the Scriptures correctly. They will have a guide in determining what is true and what is false in other churches. They will be bold confessors of the truth in a world which is greatly in need of the truth." A worthwhile discussion on the courses being taught in this area in our various world mission training schools followed.

Benefits

If after reading the above, you have reached the conclusion that the conference was a serious one with a heavy program and valuable benefits, you are right. Not all the benefits, however, came during the official sessions. Who can estimate the benefits received from informal buzz sessions where questions were asked and answered in motel rooms and over dinner tables or from rubbing elbows with those who not only shared the same faith, but also the common task of bringing the message of the Savior to the nations! The joys which were related and the encouragement which was received went home with the participants to their far-flung fields.

Special Thanks

Special thanks was directed by the conference to the chief donor whose extra-budgetary gift made possible the holding of this Fifth World Mission Seminary Conference. Also deep appreciation was expressed to "Secretary Hoenecke for his significant efforts in the cause of world missions and especially for the planning, guidance, and inspirational leadership he has given to the World Seminary Conference."

With the singing of "God's Word Is Our Great Heritage," the conference adjourned and the participants flew homeward to Africa, Colombia, Hong Kong, Japan, Mequon, and elsewhere to spread that Word and to teach others to spread it faithfully and fully. God bless our efforts!

Richard E. Lauersdorf

ernance in grace and judgment in man's history." He stated: "In the Bible itself God's governance in grace and judgment is presented as the theme that draws together in the promised Messiah all that happens here on earth." This theme he then carried out in a sweeping overview of history since the first centuries of the A.D. era and advocated it as the theme for any seminary history course.

Another paper of a historical nature was presented by Pastor E. Hoenecke. Drawing on his many years of involvement with the world missions of the WELS, he traced the "Development of WELS into a Mission Church" over the last 50 years. "Our Synod has served its apprenticeship in World Missions," he said, "and is about ready to break forth."

Lutheran Confessions

Prof. D. Fastenau's paper on the "De-

Day-Care Centers for the Retarded

"We have a heart and the room for at least 20 to 25 more," said Mrs. Betty Voigt in discussing the Milwaukee Federation Day Care Center for Mentally Retarded.

Perhaps you have been looking for an opportunity to enroll your child in such a day-care center, or perhaps you and other fellow Christians could organize such a summer day-care program for retarded and handicapped children in your own congregation. A number of congregations might even join hands in doing the work, as does the Milwaukee Federation of Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod Churches, Inc.

This year will be the 12th year that the day-care center for special children is being conducted at Gloria Dei-Bethesda Congregation in Milwaukee, under the direction of Mrs. Voigt and a competent staff of volunteers. Attendance has fluctuated between nine and 15 over the years, but there are many volunteers waiting in the wings ready to assist and oodles of room.

The day-care center uses Gloria Dei-Bethesda's fellowship hall and gymnasium free of charge. None of the help is paid. The \$5.00 fee charged the

parents goes for equipment, food, and toys. Contributions from interested parties are always welcome. For the Milwaukee project they should be sent to the Milwaukee Federation of Wisconsin Ev. Luth. Synod Churches, Inc., 1500 Valley Ridge Dr., Brookfield, Wisconsin 53005.

The day-care center at Gloria Dei-Bethesda meets on 10 consecutive Wednesdays during the summer months. One of its purposes is to give these special children the Christian fellowship they need. Another is to give them a day a week away from home and to give their mothers a day for themselves.

The day runs from 9:00 until 3:00. There's time for individual playing, group playing, singing, band practice, just plain talking, snack time, lunch time, and a Bible story. All the children pray at mealtime. If they can't talk, they are asked to fold their hands. Each day closes with the saying of the Lord's Prayer. The children learn at least two Christian songs each summer. The most popular ones are "Jesus Loves Me" and "God Loves Me Dearly." Mrs. Voigt states: "You ought to hear

our rhythm band and watch the mean volley ball we play." Yes, there's learning — and there's fun!

The summer includes three special, exciting days. The one is the day the children entertain the residents at the Wisconsin Lutheran Child and Family Service. The second is a picnic at a private home. The third is the closing exercise when the children entertain their parents and guests.

Should you like to observe the day-care center in action you would be welcome to stop in any Wednesday from June 14 to August 16. You may also contact Mrs. Voigt or Mrs. Alice Martin for further information.

If your child needs such special care and you live near enough, give the Milwaukee day-care center a thought. Otherwise, give some serious thought to one in your own church and community. It's amazing what these children can learn and how well they respond. They, too, are the Lord's children.

If you would like to enroll your child in the Milwaukee program, call Mrs. Voigt at 355-1197 or Mrs. Martin at 461-2237. In your own church, why not be the one to make a start! Discuss it with your pastor. Help these special children to sing, "God Loves Me Dearly."

Direct from the Districts

DAKOTA-MONTANA
Reporter Thomas Schmidt

First Self-Supporting WELS Congregation in Montana

On January 1, 1978, Apostles Ev. Lutheran Church of Billings, Montana, became the first Wisconsin Synod congregation in Montana to become fully self-supporting.

The history of Apostles Congregation only goes back to 1969, but the history of the Wisconsin Synod in Billings goes back to 1954. It was in that year that the first WELS mission congregation, Faith Ev. Lutheran Church, was established in Billings. For the next 15 years Faith Lutheran showed slow but steady growth.

In the meantime, the pastor and a

sizable number of members of a Missouri Synod congregation in Billings resigned from their congregation and from the Missouri Synod for confessional reasons. They adopted the name Lamb of God Ev. Lutheran Church and were received into membership in the Wisconsin Synod by colloquy.

In 1969 Faith Lutheran and Lamb of God Lutheran amalgamated, choosing the name Apostles. The united congregation then relocated at the present site, 32nd Street West and Broadwater Avenue.

The Lord has truly blessed our Synod in the city of Billings. Apostles Congregation now numbers 199 communicants and 286 souls. We have a Christian day school with 13 children enrolled. We own five acres of land

and a beautiful house of worship, thanks to the Church Extension Fund and our fellow members in the Wisconsin Synod.

Our deep appreciation goes out to the pastors, teachers, and members who served the Lord in the past at Apostles Lutheran and its predecessors, Lamb of God Lutheran and Faith Lutheran. Serving the Lord in the ministry at Apostles at present are Miss Venita Schrupp as teacher and William Leerssen as pastor.

May the Lord continue to shower His blessings on our Synod's work in Billings, Montana!

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN
Reporter Robert Kleist

Fifty-three Years of Service on the Church Council

On March 31, 1978, when Mr. George Cox died at the age of almost 76 years,

he had served on the church council of Good Shepherd's Ev. Lutheran Church, West Allis, Wisconsin, for 53 consecutive years. He and his first wife, the former Anitha Thiede, and his brother were members of the very first adult class at Good Shepherd's, then a fledgling mission. Shortly after confirmation in November 1925, Mr. Cox was elected to the council and continued to serve faithfully until his death. For a number of years his son Raymond was pastor of the congregation, and so father and son in a very special way found themselves workers together for God's people.

The church at large also benefitted from Mr. Cox's services. For a period of 25 years, before the Milwaukee conferences were realigned into Metro-North and Metro-South, Mr. Cox served as treasurer of the Milwaukee "Horseshoe" Circuit. A number of times he represented his congregation at district and Synod conventions. He also took a deep interest in the work of the Wisconsin Lutheran Institutional Mission.

His death is mourned by his wife, the former Martha Krubsack; three daughters, Marion Newman, Grace Cox, and Marjorie Fabian; two sons, Raymond, superintendent of our mission in Lusaka, Africa, and Michael; 18 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Together with the members of Good Shepherd's Congregation, they thank and praise God for this faithful servant of the Lord.

Feed My Lambs!

Oftentimes as we open *The Northwestern Lutheran*, our attention is directed to the anniversary celebrations of pastors and teachers throughout our Synod. We rejoice that these servants of God are recognized publicly for their dedicated service.

St. John's on Clinton Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, however, wishes to acknowledge publicly the dedicated services of one of its lay people, Mrs. Ethel Jogwer. For 40 years Mrs. Jogwer has been teaching preschool children in St. John's Sunday School. Countless hundreds during these 40 years learned the story of our Savior's redemption from a woman who also loves that Savior very much and reflects it in her whole life. We do well to recognize her services and call to

mind the words of St. Paul to Timothy: "When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am per-



Mrs. Ethel Jogwer

suaded that is in thee also." Mrs. Jogwer truly is a modern-day Lois or Eunice, teaching little children the Holy Scriptures which are able to

make them wise unto salvation.

Dedicated service, certainly, does not save, but it does express love for Him who first loved us. Mrs. Jogwer's work with God's lambs expresses that love and so gives glory to the Father in heaven. With these words St. John's would also recognize her expression of that love with joy and appreciation.

On June 4, 1978, St. John's will express thankfulness to God by honoring Mrs. Jogwer. Even as her fellow members and many students recognize her faithfulness, so do the many pastors who over the years have worked with her. Truly, in this day when we pray the Lord that He would give us pastors and teachers to work in the fields white unto harvest, we also include the prayer that He will give us dedicated lay people such as Mrs. Jogwer.

Special Synod Convention, July 10-11

Upon the written request of a majority of the District Presidents, the President of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, Oscar J. Naumann, has called a special convention of the Synod to consider the proposal of the Commission on Higher Education to purchase the campus of Champion High School at Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, to relieve the crowded conditions at Martin Luther Academy and Northwestern Preparatory School. This special convention is to be held at Northwestern College, Watertown, Wisconsin, July 11-12, 1978, with the opening session beginning at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, July 11.

The proposal of the Commission on Higher Education as well as a counter-proposal of the joint faculties of Northwestern Preparatory School and Northwestern College will be presented for study to the ten districts of the Synod in the *Report to the Ten Districts*.

The delegates to the special convention are the same who served in this capacity in the 44th biennial convention of the Synod held at New Ulm, Minnesota, August 3-10, 1977. The official list of the delegates was published in *The Northwestern Lutheran* in the issue of June 26, 1977. Floor committee No. 5 of the 1977 convention will be asked to study the recommendations and the reaction to them by the ten districts and to come before the convention with definite proposals.

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 1, 1978. Kindly address all communications to the Convention Housing Committee, 1300 Western Avenue, Watertown, Wisconsin 53094

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

Delegates may be reached by telephone at the convention by calling 1 (414) 261-4352.

Heinrich J. Vogel, Secretary

**MILWAUKEE FED. OF WELS CHURCHES
CHILDREN'S SUMMER CAMP
CAMP WILLERUP**

Three one-week camp sessions for WELS boys and girls, ages 8-12, will again be sponsored by the Milwaukee Federation of WELS Churches. The dates are July 23-29, July 30-August 5, and August 6-12 — from 2:00 p.m. Sunday to 11:00 a.m. Saturday. The cost is \$45.00 per week, less if parents serve on the camp staff.

Needed: Volunteer staff, including pastors teachers, nurses, lifeguards (Red Cross certified), and counselors.

For camper and/or staff application forms and further information please contact the camp managers: Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Koss, 7117 W. Thurston Ave., Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53218; phone: (414) 461-3190.

OFFER

Two sets of altar paraments (green and white) are available to any mission congregation free of charge. Write to: Pastor R. Kom, W230 S8915 Clark St., Big Bend, Wisconsin 53103.

**THIRD ANNUAL
YOUTH LEADERS WORKSHOP**

The third annual Youth Leaders Workshop is scheduled for September 15-17, 1978, at Camp St. Croix, Hudson, Wisconsin. It will be conducted by the Committee on Youth Ministry of the Board for Parish Education. Interested pastors, teachers, and lay counselors of youth should request applications from Pastor Richard Stadler, Saint James Ev. Lutheran Church, 460 W. Annapolis Avenue, West St. Paul, Minnesota 55118.

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Editorial

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important; each fulfilling an integral role in terms of the whole; each a part of the other. We forget we are one; we are the body of Christ drawn together by the power of the Spirit and united by faith. Yes, "we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another" (Rom. 12:5).

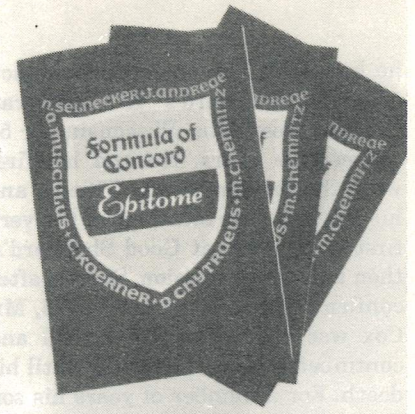
"The eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee; nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you" (I Cor. 12:21). We need each other. We complete each other. It is together we make a whole. Next to Jesus, the greatest gift God has given to His people on earth is each other. Through each other we find encouragement, correction, help in time of need, a smile when a smile is needed, understanding and empathy for our sin-wrought problems.

Together we are able to do what we cannot of ourselves. Together we can provide the instruction of our young in Christian schools, send missionaries around the world, train pastors and teachers, help the helpless outside of our community.

Together we can develop choirs to sing His praises for public worship, bring the light of the Gospel to our communities, celebrate and establish our unity in His Sacraments.

As we commemorate God's sending of His Spirit into the world, let us rejoice in the results of His Spirit's power, the Babel reversed, and thank God for our unity in diversity.

Ronald Heins



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AT FLINT**

Emanuel Lutheran School, Flint, Michigan, will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the school on July 16, 1978. We are trying to contact all former students to inform them of the celebration and activities planned for it. If you are a former student, or know someone who is, please forward the name and address to the school office, 615 W. McClellan St., Flint, Michigan, 48505. Information will then be sent to the former student.

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Available to any mission congregation: two (2) sets of altar paraments (green and white), including pulpit and lectern hangings. Contact First German Ev. Lutheran Church, 1033 South 8th Street, Manitowoc, Wisconsin 54220.

REQUEST

Rock of Ages Ev. Lutheran Church, the WELS mission in Kansas City, Missouri, is in need of a Communion set. It would appreciate receiving a serviceable used set from a congregation that has recently replaced theirs. Please contact: Pastor Chalmer Westhoff, 5409 N. Bennington, Kansas City Missouri 64119.

PASTORS' INSTITUTE

A Pastors' Institute will be held at Luther High School, Onalaska, Wisconsin, June 12-16, 1978. Prof. Richard D. Balge will present a series of lectures on St. Augustine's "City of God." Prof. Wilbert Gawriscch will present an exegetical study of "Eschatological Prophecies and Their Misinterpretations." A fee of \$15.00 is requested of each participant. The sessions will run from 9:00-11:45 a.m. daily. If you plan to attend please send your registration to: Pastors' Institute, Luther High School, 1501 Wilson St., P.O. Box 129, Onalaska, WI 54650.

INSTALLATIONS

(Authorized by the District Presidents)

Pastors:

- Baumgart, John J.**, as pastor of Faith Lutheran, St. Petersburg, Florida, on April 9, 1978, by R. Wiechmann (SA).
- Gurgel, Karl R.**, as pastor of St. Paul's, Lake Mills, Wisconsin, on April 9, 1978, by G. Haag (WW).
- Hannemann, Mark E.**, as pastor of National Ev. Lutheran Church, Calumet, Michigan, on April 16, 1978, by O. J. Naumann (NW).
- Neumann, Robert E.**, commissioned as Texas Mission District Missionary at Midland, Texas, on April 9, 1978, by W. Diehl (Ariz.-Calif.).
- Schulz, Edmund O.**, as pastor of Grace, Hutchinson, Minnesota, on April 16, 1978, by L. Hahnke (Minn.).

CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES

ARIZONA-CALIFORNIA

DISTRICT CONVENTION

Date: June 20-22, 1978.
Place: Reformation Lutheran Church, San Diego, California.
Agenda: Report to the Ten Districts.
Note: Information regarding the opening convention service, lodging, and meals will be sent to all official delegates prior to the convention.
L Lange, Secretary

DAKOTA-MONTANA

EASTERN DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: June 13, 1978.
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church, Henry, South Dakota.
Agenda: Report to the Ten Districts.
D. W. Schmidt, Secretary

DISTRICT CONVENTION

Date: June 20-22, 1978.
Place: Northwestern Lutheran Academy, Mobridge, South Dakota.
Opening: Communion Service, June 20, 10:00 a.m., C.D.T., Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, West Fifth Avenue and Ninth Street, Mobridge.
Preacher: Pastor Edward J. Werner, South Shore, S.D.
Essay: The Role of the Prep School in our Educational System: Prof. Richard W. Strobel, Northwestern College, Watertown, Wisconsin.
Agenda: "Report to the Ten Districts" and reports of the standing committees.
Note: Pastors and delegates are reminded to bring their own bedding for lodging in the N.L.A. dormitories.
J. M. Engel, Secretary

MICHIGAN

DISTRICT CONVENTION

Date: June 13-15, 1978; registration beginning at 9:00 a.m.
Place: Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Saginaw, Michigan.
Essayists: L. Schroeder and J. Graf.
Agenda: Report to the Ten Districts.
John Westendorf, Secretary

MINNESOTA

MANKATO DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: June 11, 1978; 2:00-5:00 p.m.
Place: Friedens Chapel, 501 2nd Avenue NW, New Prague, Minnesota; A. Ruddat, host pastor.
Agenda: Report to the Ten Districts.
W. Wagner, Secretary

REDWOOD FALLS DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: June 20, 1978; Communion service at 1:30 p.m.
Place: St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church, Balaton, Minnesota.
Agenda: Report to the Ten Districts; Conference business.
Note: Send excuses to host pastor.
R. J. Hellmann, Secretary

SOUTHERN PASTOR/DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: June 20, 1978; 9:00 a.m. Communion service.
Place: Lincoln Heights Lutheran Church, Des Moines, Iowa; K. Bender, host pastor.
Preacher: W. Dorn; alternate, D. Hochmuth.
Agenda: Adiphora Today in the Light of Scripture and the Confessions: W. T. Niermeier; Reports and Memorials.
G. Sommer, Secretary

NEW ULM PASTOR-DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: June 21, 1978; 9:30 a.m.
Place: St. Matthew, Butterfield, Minnesota.
Agenda: The Report to the Ten Districts.
Note: Please excuse to host pastor or conference secretary.
J. Schmidt, Secretary

ST. CROIX PASTOR-TEACHER-DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: June 20, 1978; 9:00 a.m. Communion service.
Place: Zion Lutheran, East Farmington, Wisconsin; R. Woller, host pastor.
Preacher: R. Durrow; S. Dumann, alternate.
Agenda: Dealing With the Mentally Retarded; R. Schlicht; Report to the Ten Districts; Conference and Circuit Elections; Dues and Lutheran Educator subscriptions.
K. Schroeder, Secretary

MINNESOTA DISTRICT CONVENTION

The Thirty-first Biennial Convention of the Minnesota District will be held at Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota, June 27-29, 1978.

Opening Service

The Communion service will be conducted on the opening day, June 27, 1978, at 9:00 a.m. at St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, State and 2nd Street N., with Pastor Otto Engel delivering the sermon. Pastor Edgar Knief will be the alternate.

Essay

An essay in keeping with the theme of the convention, "Lengthen Thy Cords, And Strengthen Thy Stakes," will be delivered. Essayist to be named later.

Business

Applications for membership, overtures, or other communications relative to the business of the Convention should be addressed to the District President (with a copy of the same to the secretary) in due time. Congregations with new or revised constitutions under consideration should submit sufficient copies to the proper committee prior to Convention dates.

Housing

Requests for housing, costs, committee assignments, and a detailed schedule will be mailed to all active pastors and teachers of the District at a later date. All registration forms and fees should be returned to the Housing Committee by June 14, 1978.
Warren J. Henrich, Secretary

NEBRASKA

DISTRICT CONVENTION

Date: June 20-22, 1978.
Place: Zion Ev. Lutheran, Denver, CO.
Opening Communion Service: June 20 at 9:00 a.m.
Preacher: Rev. R. Voss, executive secretary of the Commission on Higher Education.
Essay: Article VII of the Augsburg Confession: W. Westphal, Longmont, CO.
Cost: Each congregation within the District is asked to observe the following fee schedule to meet the cost of the convention: 1) congregations under 150 communicants, \$15; 2) congregations between 150-250 communicants, \$25; 3) congregations over 250 communicants, \$30. Kindly remit to District secretary prior to the convention.
Registration: All voting delegates are to present their certification forms at the registration center before the opening service.
Excuses: All excuses, full-time or part-time, are to be sent to the host pastor prior to the convention.
Lodging, meals: All lay delegates, male teachers, and pastors are asked to send to the host congregation the blue request forms for meals and lodging no later than June 1, 1978.
W. Goehring, Secretary

NORTHERN WISCONSIN

DISTRICT CONVENTION

Date: June 26-28, 1978.
Place: Fox Valley Lutheran High School, Appleton, Wisconsin.
Opening Communion Service: Monday, June 26, 10:00 a.m., at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Corner of Morrison and Franklin.
Preacher: Rev. Walter Hoepner.
Essay: The Role of Administration in the Church: Rev. E. Huebner, executive secretary of WELS Board of Trustees.
D. Worgull, Secretary

WESTERN WISCONSIN

DISTRICT CONVENTION

Date: June 5-7, 1978.
Place: Northwestern College, Watertown, Wisconsin.
Note: Detailed information concerning housing, meals, and registration will be sent to all pastors and teachers prior to the convention.
H. Winkel, Secretary

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

DISTRICT CONVENTION

The 31st biennial convention of the Pacific Northwest District will be held on June 27-29, 1978, at Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, Yakima, Washington; Rev. Melvin Teske, host pastor. The convention opens at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday. The convention Communion service will be on Tuesday evening; Pastor Melvin Teske will deliver the sermon.

The Rev. Harold Wicke will be the guest essayist for the convention. The agenda will be "The Report to the Ten Districts."

Credentials of lay delegates, as authorized by their respective congregations, should be brought to the convention. Excuses for pastors, male teachers, and lay delegates are to be sent to the secretary prior to the convention.

Meals and lodging will be provided by the host congregation.

E. Kahrs, Secretary

SOUTH ATLANTIC

DISTRICT CONVENTION

Date: June 12-13, 1978; 9:00 a.m.
Place: Causeway Inn, Tampa, Florida.
Essay: A Royal Priesthood Proclaiming God's Praise: Prof. W. Gawrisch.
Satellite Essays: Proclaiming His Praise in the Church: John Vogt; Proclaiming His Praise in the Home: J. Guse; Proclaiming His Praise in the World: P. Jacobs.
Agenda: Report to the Ten Districts.
Housing: Arrangements to be made through Pastor James Vogt.
Excuses: To be sent to the district secretary.
Rodney G. Busch, Secretary

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN

DISTRICT CONVENTION

Date: Tuesday and Wednesday, June 13-14, 1978.
Place: Wisconsin Lutheran High School, 330 N. Glenview Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
Opening Service: With Holy Communion at 9:00 a.m., June 13, 1978, in the auditorium of Wisconsin Lutheran High School.
Registration: Beginning at 8:00 a.m., June 13, 1978, and after the opening service. Please send advance registration fees to the secretary.
Meals: No on meals on Tuesday and Wednesday and the evening meal on Tuesday will be served in the high-school cafeteria. The cost is included in the registration fee.
M. Kujath, Secretary

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(Submitted through the District Presidents)

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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
	Eltingham*
Kansas	Salina*
Indiana	Muncie*
Iowa	Clinton
Michigan	Big Rapids*
	Imlay City
Minnesota	Fairmont*
	Grand Rapids
	Northfield*
	Plymouth/Maple Grove*
	Joplin*
Missouri	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

GENESEE DEPOT WALES, WISCONSIN

WELS exploratory services are being conducted in the Magee Elementary School on Highway 83 in Genesee Depot, Wisconsin, at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday. Interested parties should contact Pastor Richard Wiechmann, 2016 N. 81st Street, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin 53213; phone: 414/257-2016.

MIDLAND-ODESSA, TEXAS

WELS exploratory services are being conducted every Sunday at the Trinity School Chapel, 3500 W. Wadley, north Midland, Texas. Sunday school and adult Bible class are held at 9:30 a.m. and the worship service at 10:45 a.m. Please send names and information to Pastor Robert E. Neumann, 2812 Fannin Ave., Midland, Texas 79701; or call: 915/694-3002.

HOT SPRINGS, SOUTH DAKOTA

WELS exploratory services are being conducted in the Auditorium (classroom) of the Southern Hills General Hospital, 209 North 16th Street, Hot Springs, South Dakota, every Sunday at 10:15 a.m. Sunday school and Bible class are at 9:00 a.m. The hospital is one

block north of U.S. 18 at the top of the viaduct. Send names and information to Pastor Loyal Schroeder, 745 Happy Hollow, Hot Springs, South Dakota 57747, or phone 605/745-3340.

FAIRMONT, MINNESOTA

Exploratory services are being conducted in the Community Room of the Sentinel Building, 114 S. North Avenue, Fairmont, Minnesota 56031. Sunday school begins at 10:30 a.m. and the worship service at 11:15 a.m. For information call 507/956-3451 or 507/235-9765, or write Pastor Eugene Roecker, 400 North 5th Street, Butterfield, Minnesota 56031.

NAMES WANTED

FERGUS FALLS/BATTLE LAKE, MINN.

Please forward the names of WELS and ELS members who have moved into the Battle Lake and Fergus Falls area to Pastor Gary A. Griep, 715 Scandia, Alexandria, Minnesota 56308.

TIME AND PLACE

COMING TO ARKANSAS?

If so, please note our new place of worship. King of Kings Ev. Lutheran Church, Little Rock, is now worshipping at the Holiday Inn (South), located at Interstate 30, exit 65th Street. We worship every Sunday at 10:00 a.m., with Sunday school and adult class at 11:00 a.m. Names of prospects should be sent to: Pastor A. L. Schmeling, 5907 Chaucer Lane, Little Rock, Arkansas 72209; phone: 501/565-3600.

CLINTON, IOWA

Our Savior's Ev. Lutheran Church holds services at 10:15 a.m. every Sunday at THE VILLAGE MANOR in Building 15. The address is 2604 N. 4th St. Sunday school and adult Bible classes are held at 9:00 a.m. To request information or to send names, contact Pastor Gerald Hintz, 1730 N. 7th St., Clinton, Iowa 52732; phone (319) 242-9046.

BECKLEY, WEST VIRGINIA

Good Shepherd Ev. Lutheran Church, the WELS mission in Beckley, West Virginia, is meeting each Sunday at the Rural Acres Garden Club at 512 Rural Acres Drive. Service is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. and Bible classes for 10:15 a.m. For information contact Pastor Robert L. Hoepner, 313 Meyers Avenue, Beckley, West Virginia 25801.

CENTENNIAL CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL

St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church, Tomah, Wisconsin, will observe the centennial of its Christian day school on June 4, 1978. Services are scheduled for 8:30 and 10:30 A.M. Guest speaker for the occasion will be Pastor E. Schaewe of Mt. Calvary, La Crosse, Wisconsin. Graduates, former teachers, and friends are cordially invited to be present for the occasion.

50th ANNIVERSARY

Mt. Calvary Ev. Lutheran Church, La Crosse, Wisconsin, will observe the 50th anniversary of its organization on June 25, 1978. Services are scheduled for 8:15, 10:00, and 2:00. The guest speaker in the morning services will be Pastor Lloyd Lambert. In the afternoon Vicar Jeff Berg will be the guest speaker. Former members and friends are cordially invited to be present.

NOMINATIONS WISCONSIN LUTHERAN SEMINARY

The following men have been nominated for Professor of Homiletics and Old Testament at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary to fill the vacancy caused by Prof. Gerald Hoenecke's retirement.

Rev. Walter Beckmann	Annandale, VA
Rev. Donald Bitter	Fort Atkinson, WI
Rev. George Boldt	Morton Grove, IL
Prof. Wayne Borgwardt	Appleton, WI
Rev. Leroy Dobberstein	New Ulm, MN
Prof. Paul Eichmann	Watertown, WI
Rev. Roland Cap Ehlke	Milwaukee, WI
Rev. William Fischer	Brookfield, WI
Rev. Thomas Franzmann	Citrus Heights, CA
Rev. Robert Hochmuth	Sacramento, CA
Rev. Walter Hoepner	Hurley, WI
Rev. Lloyd Hohenstein	Gibbon, MN
Prof. Rudolph Honsey	Mankato, MN
Rev. Gerhard Horn	Red Wing, MN
Prof. Lloyd Huebner	New Ulm, MN
Rev. Martin Janke	Fond du Lac, WI
Rev. Harold John	Tsuchiura City, Japan
Rev. Paul Kolander	Montello, WI
Rev. Richard Lauersdorf	Jefferson, WI
Rev. Roderick Luebchow	St. Paul, MN
Prof. Daniel Malchow	Mobridge, SD
Rev. William Meier	Phoenix, AZ
Rev. Kent Schroeder	Oconomowoc, WI
Prof. Oscar Siegler	New Ulm, MN
Rev. Alan Siggelkow	Fort Wayne, IN
Prof. Cyril Spaude	Watertown, WI
Rev. David Valleskey	San Jose, CA
Rev. Ernst Wendland	Lusaka, Zambia, Africa
Prof. Paul Wilde	Mobridge, SD
Rev. Robert Zink	Hales Corners, WI

The Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Board of Control will meet on Monday, June 19, 1978, at 10:00 a.m. to call a man from the above list. Correspondence concerning the nominees should be in the hands of the secretary no later than June 17, 1978.

WLS Board of Control
Rev. Paul A. Manthey, Secretary
8419 W. Melvina Street
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