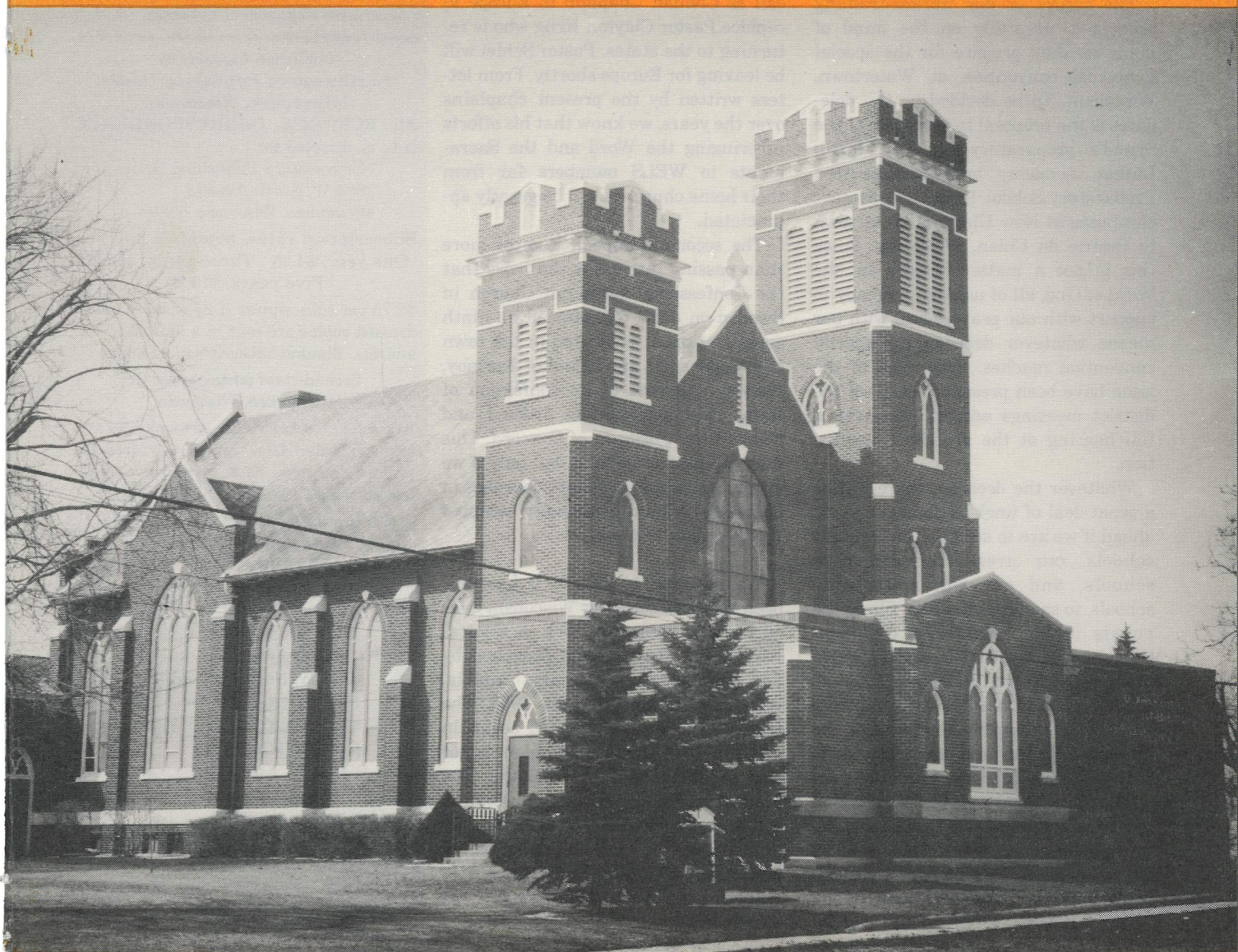


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Briefs by the Editor

In this issue the editor is happy to bring you news concerning our schools and news concerning our mission work.

The future of our worker-training schools is naturally on the mind of many as they prepare for the special Synodical convention at Watertown, Wisconsin. To be decided by the delegates is the proposal to move two of the Synod's preparatory schools, Martin Luther Academy and Northwestern Preparatory School, from their present campuses at New Ulm and Watertown to Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin. Since this is not a matter decided by the Word of God, all of us must be ready to support with our prayers and with our means whatever decision the special convention reaches. Both sides of the issue have been presented at all of the district meetings and will be given a full hearing at the synodical convention.

Whatever the decision, there will be a great deal of work to do in the years ahead if we are to staff our elementary schools, our area Lutheran high schools, and our worker-training schools, to say nothing about filling the pulpits in our established congregations, our home missions, and our world mission fields. The fields are white to the harvest and, as always, the laborers are few. Let us pray the Lord of the harvest to use us and our treasures to send reapers out on the harvest fields!

That we may see God's hand in whatever the convention decides, it will be well for a moment to meditate on the many blessings God has been sending our way. In this issue you are being introduced to the 1978 graduates of Dr. Martin Luther College and informed of their placements. This fall these young people will begin their new duties and have the privilege of leading God's children to the feet of their Savior. Their work will not be easy, but it will be thrilling and fulfilling. We implore God's blessing upon them all!

Farther from home, on the European scene, there are two items that bring us

special joy. Pastor Charles Schlei of Bethlehem Ev. Lutheran Church, Hortonville, Wisconsin, has accepted the call as Civilian Chaplain in Europe to replace Pastor Clayton Krug who is returning to the states. Pastor Schlei will be leaving for Europe shortly. From letters written by the present chaplains over the years, we know that his efforts in bringing the Word and the Sacraments to WELS members far from their home churches will be greatly appreciated.

The second European item of more than passing interest is the news that the Confessional Lutheran Church in Sweden on June 6 organized its ninth congregation. It is located in the town of Avaldsnes on the island of Karmoy, Norway. As part of its confession of faith, this congregation studied and adopted the *Formula of Concord*. This may sound strange to us, but only if we are unaware that the state churches in Scandinavia never officially adopted the *Formula of Concord*.

We move on to Africa. It has now been 25 years since our Wisconsin Synod began its mission work in Central Africa. The first sermon preached by our missionaries in Lusaka, Zambia, was preached on June 28, 1953. The first WELS work in Malawi began in 1963. In 1974 the first Zambian pastor was ordained, and in 1976 the first Malawi pastor. The Lutheran Church of Central Africa will be observing its anniversary in conjunction with its synodical convention in August.

Beginning with this issue, *The Northwestern Lutheran* will bring a number of special articles on our work in Central Africa.

News like this assures us that our Lord in His grace has given us so much to do that we'll never run out. There will be no lack of things to decide, to plan, and to back at coming Synodical conventions. Let us meet these assignments cheerfully as God places them before us!

*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

Organized in 1851, St. John's of Newtonburg is one of the older congregations in the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod. Its story is similar to that of most of the congregations founded way back then. Services were held in a home, a school, a log cabin, a frame church, a brick church. Concern for its youth was prominent from the very beginning. Read about its two recent celebrations on page 221.

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Editorials

"By Their Fruits Ye Shall Know Them"

People in distress gravitate almost instinctively toward the church. The unkempt stranger who knocks on the pastor's door, seeking help, may not belong to his congregation, nor to any congregation for that matter. His lifetime contribution to the work of the church may not run into three figures. He may have brought his problems upon himself through dissolute living and irresponsible behavior. But he knows that there is at least a fair chance that he will get some help.

"Let brotherly love continue," the writer to the Hebrews exhorts; and he reminds his readers that this love is exhibited by such things as "entertaining strangers" and "remembering them that are in bonds and them which suffer adversity."

Comes now a professed atheist with a letter to the editor of a metropolitan newspaper. Writing in defense of Madalyn O'Hair, who has emerged as the modern atheist's guru, he winds up his otherwise well-written letter with the bald statement: "The logic and proof of history, science, and anthropology has shown us that Christianity is an illogical belief that has done far more harm than good."

This is his opinion, and it is doubtful that anything is going to change it. It might be pointed out, however, that it disregards Christianity's works of love as seen in its Lord and Master Jesus Christ and as continuing in the field of education; in its many institutions of charity; and in its efforts, both on the organized level and on the personal level, for the relief of the underprivileged and distressed.

"By their fruits ye shall know them," Jesus said. Boasting is vain, and usually hypocritical as well; but as an initial reaction to such comments as the one cited above, one wonders how often people in distress approach the local society of atheists for help.

Immanuel Frey

Quiet Evangelism The early Christians were known as a quiet, unassuming people. Yet Scripture informs us that their enemies accused them of "turning the world upside down." Almost unnoticed, the first-century Church grew by leaps and bounds.

Similarly, from the time of Martin Luther until today, Lutheran Christians have been known for their "quietism." We are not known as people who stand on street corners speaking out on social issues or shouting out the Gospel. Yet the Lutheran Church has encircled the globe.

Today, by contrast, there is an amazing amount of fanfare connected with spreading the Good Word. We hear much of massive Christian rallies; numerous celebrities such as Pat Boone and Charles Colson put the weight of their personal testimony behind Christianity; television specials are aimed at bringing people to Christ; Saturday religious pages in the newspapers offer advertising space to any congregation wishing it; hundreds of radio worship services fill the Sunday morning airwaves; the publishing of Christian books has become a multimillion-dollar business; and no congregation feels complete without its Evangelism Committee and community canvasses.

But are twentieth-century Christians turning the world upside down? All signs point in the opposite direction. Crime rates soar ever higher; Christian values, such as the sanctity of marriage, continue to lose their grip on the masses; and billions of souls are living and dying without the Savior.

This does not imply that modern high-gear evangelism is all wet and must be thrown out completely. We should use whatever God-pleasing means we can in witnessing for Him. But let us not forget that the Holy Spirit does not depend on modern technology and organizations to bring the lost to faith. And let us remember that there still is much to be said for the quiet, soft-spoken witness of a life that is lived for Christ.

Roland Cap Ehlke

Then Lutherans Should Be Ashamed

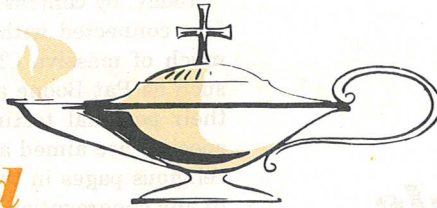
The United Presbyterian Church (with 2.6 million members) is not known for its conservative theology. Ten years ago it was publicly associated with the so-called New Morality and with situation ethics, which lets each person decide for himself what is right and wrong. This spring the church body's General Assembly delegates, meeting at San Diego, declared by a 12-1 vote that homosexual behavior is always wrong and that their church should not ordain openly practicing homosexuals. Their decision, as reported in *Time*, did, however, leave room for ordaining people who have a homosexual orientation, so long as they are "repentant" and are committed to celibacy.

The United Presbyterian Church did not speak as clearly concerning this sin as Christians ought to speak, yet its decision was still a remarkable testimonial to the truth. These delegates had long been exposed and subjected to liberal theology proclaimed from pulpits in their congregations and to the counterfeit morality of modern psychology and humanism promoted in publications by members of their church body. Nevertheless, sufficient fear of God and respect for His Word survived to enable them to make this ringing declaration for God's moral order.

Their confessional action, however much it lacks, turns the searchlight of God's unchanging Law on denominations like the United Church of Christ, and the Christian Church-Disciples of Christ, that are betraying their charters as Christian denominations by disregarding the clear words of Scripture on homosexual perversion.

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Studies in God's Word



But How Can I Know?

And hereby we know that we are of the truth and shall assure our hearts before Him. For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart and knoweth all things. Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then we have confidence toward God. And whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him because we keep His commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in His sight. And this is His commandment, that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another as He gave us commandment. And he that keepeth His commandments dwelleth in Him and He in him. And hereby we know that He abideth in us, by the Spirit which He hath given us (I John 3:19-24).

As long as hearts are human, doubts will arise. Any Christian whose heart is at all sensitive will wonder at times whether he truly is God's child. We wonder too. So we listen as John in his "Letter of Light, Life, and Love" answers the question, *But How Can I Know?*

God's Answer for Our Heart

There are times when the believer's heart raises accusations against him. As God's child, he is to love the brethren even to the point of laying down his life for them (verse 16). Yet many an honest Christian heart questions whether it could make that sacrifice. The heart might even question whether it is helping the needy with earthly goods as it might (verses 17 and 18). Such accusations about the lack of

progress in Christian love and the failings of faith can trouble us. They can even raise the serious question as to whether we truly are God's children.

In answer, John doesn't deny our failings, but points us to our God "who is greater than our heart and knoweth all things." Yes, God knows our imperfections. He also knows that they are due not to spiritual unwillingness, but weakness. So He directs us to His Son whose blood cleanses us from all sin and drapes the broad mantle of His righteousness over our failings. No longer, then, can our heart condemn us. Instead, we can stand face to face with God in joyful assurance that we are still His children.

When hearts are haughty, they need the stern warning to take heed lest they fall. When those same hearts are hurting, they need the sweet assurance found in God's love. There's comfort in the thought that God knows not only the battles lost and duties undone, but also the attempts made, the tears shed, the shame felt. There's assurance for our heart when it can say: "Lord, Thou knowest all things, Thou knowest that I love Thee" (John 21:17).

God's Answer for Our Prayers

God's answers for our prayers also show that we are His children. When we call and He answers, when we ask and He gives, we have proof that He still is our Father despite our shortcomings. We do not earn answers to our prayers by keeping His commandments, but we do show that we are His children when we try to do that which is pleasing in His sight. Obedience earns no answer to prayer, it only inhibits faith through which we become

God's children whose prayers He loves to answer. And those who are God's children discover that "whatsoever they ask they receive of Him." In chapter 5:14 John explains this "whatsoever" with the words "according to His will." Believers hardly need this explanation for as they delight more and more in God's love, they more and more have desires according to God's will.

When prayer means to us the opportunity to sit with God instead of just trying to squeeze something out of Him, when prayer means being content with what His will sends instead of what our will wants, when the answers come and we know they come from Him, then we'll have the reply to our question: "But how can I know that I am His child?"

God's Answer for Our Faith

For additional answers to our question, John points us to the "Spirit which He hath given us." From that Holy Spirit comes the ability to carry out God's Gospel commandment to "believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and to love one another." All of God's will is summed up in that sentence! He wants us to trust in His Son Jesus Christ as the promised Savior and to show our faith by loving one another. Those two, faith and love, are intimately connected. We cannot love without first believing and we cannot believe without then loving. Those two, faith and love, are also intimately connected with the Spirit. "No man can say that Jesus is the Lord but by the Holy Ghost" (I Cor. 12:3) and love is always and only the "fruit of the Spirit" (Gal. 5:22). This Spirit was given to John's readers through Word and Sacrament and so He is given to us today. Through Word and Sacrament He creates and continues faith in us in the name of Jesus and awakens and advances love in us toward our fellow man. By His God-given presence in our hearts and lives we know that we are God's children.

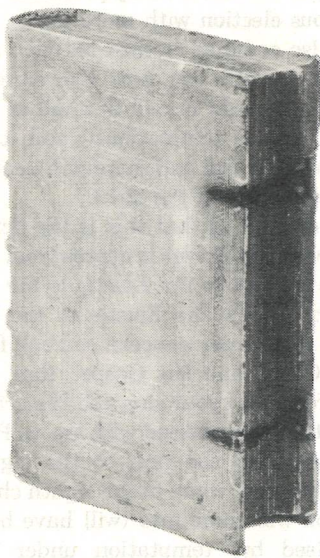
"But how can I know?" we ask at times in concern. The answer is found not in our heart which today is up and tomorrow down. It is found in God who knows our heart in love, who answers our prayers in grace, who sends His Spirit in the Gospel. To Him we pray: "Lord, I believe; help Thou my unbelief" (Mark 9:24).

Richard E. Lauersdorf

400 Years of The Formula of Concord



The Formula and God's Eternal Foreknowledge and Election



The Book of Concord

In introducing the article on God's eternal foreknowledge and election, the writers of the *Formula* state: "Concerning this article no public dissension has occurred among the theologians of the Augsburg Confession." They admit, however, that "this article has been brought into very painful controversy in other places [over against the Reformed], and even among our theologians there has been some agitation concerning it." They were justified in treating this article at some length.

"This We Believe"

Our Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod in its statement, *This We Believe*, also includes a number of brief paragraphs

on this doctrine in the article on "Justification By Faith." There we read:

"We believe that already in eternity God chose those individuals whom He would in time convert through the Gospel of Christ and preserve in the faith to eternal life (Eph. 1:4-6; Rom. 8:29, 20). This election to faith and salvation in no way was caused by anything in man, but shows how completely salvation is ours by grace alone (Rom. 11:5, 6).

"We reject every teaching that makes man somehow responsible for his salvation. We reject all efforts to present faith as a condition man must fulfill to complete his justification. . . .

"We reject the false and blasphemous conclusion that those who are lost were elected by God to damnation, for God 'will have all men to be saved' (I Tim. 2:4)."

Controversy concerning this doctrine divided the Lutherans in the United States during the seventies and eighties of the last century. In reading many of today's Lutheran periodicals, one notices that most Lutherans never get to hear about this doctrine. Judging by statements on the doctrine of conversion, many Lutherans seem to believe that God's choice is conditioned by man's own actions. According to that, God's election is not the cause of man's faith and salvation, but is dependent on man's act of believing.

Such opinions completely undermine salvation by grace and make man, at least in part, his own savior. The old Adam, of course, delights in receiving part of the credit. We must therefore be grateful to the authors of the *Formula*

for including this particular article even though it was not in public dispute at the time.

Distinction Between Foreknowledge and Election

The *Formula* insists that the distinction between the foreknowledge of God and His eternal election must be preserved. This is vital lest the grace of God be compromised and we be robbed of all comfort.

The Foreknowledge of God

The *Formula* states: "The foreknowledge of God is nothing else than that God knows all things before they happen. . . . This foreknowledge extends alike over the godly and the wicked. . . ."

Human reason immediately asks: But doesn't that make God the author of sin? Why doesn't God stop sin, if He knows all things in advance?

The answer of the *Formula* is: "The foreknowledge of God foresees and foreknows also that which is evil; however, not in such a manner as though it were God's gracious will that it should happen; but all that the perverse, wicked will of the devil and of men wills and desires to undertake and do, God sees and knows before; and His foreknowledge oversees its order also in wicked acts or works, inasmuch as a limit and measure is fixed by God to the evil which God does not will, how far it should go and how long it should last, when and how He will hinder and punish it; for all of this God the Lord so overrules that it must redound to the

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glory of the divine name and to the salvation of His elect, and the godless, on that account, must be put to confusion. However, the beginning and cause of evil is not God's foreknowledge . . . ; but the wicked, perverse will of the devil and of men. . . ."

Election

Election is something quite different from foreknowledge. The *Formula* makes a point of that when it states: "The eternal election of God, . . . that is, God's ordination to salvation, does not extend at once over the godly and the wicked, but only over the children of God, who were elected and ordained to eternal life before the foundation of the world was laid, as Paul says, Ephesians 1:4,5."

Enlarging on this, the *Formula* continues: "The eternal election of God . . . not only foresees and foreknows the salvation of the elect, but is also, from the gracious will and pleasure of God in Christ Jesus, a cause which procures, works, helps, and promotes our salvation and what pertains thereto."

This statement, of course, does not answer all the questions our mind might raise. The *Formula* acknowledges that. God's gracious act of election is and remains a mystery. But, ac-

ording to Romans 11:33ff., "we should not reason about it in our thoughts, draw conclusions, nor inquire curiously into these matters, but should adhere to His revealed Word, to which He points us." So the *Formula*!

It is only Scripture that can root out pernicious thoughts and questions such as the following: "If I am elected to salvation, nothing can injure me with respect to it, even though I practice all sorts of sin and shame without repentance, have no regard for the Word and Sacrament, concern myself neither with repentance, faith, prayer, nor godliness; but I shall and must be saved nevertheless. . . . If, however, I am not predestined, it helps me nothing anyway, even though I would occupy myself with the Word, repent, believe, etc.; for I cannot hinder or change God's predestination."

Such thoughts are not thoughts prompted by God's Word. Their presence shows that those who harbor them are approaching the doctrine of election in the wrong way, for God has revealed this doctrine to comfort and sustain us.

How Shall We Meditate on Election?

The *Formula* answers: "The predestination of God is not to be investigated in the secret counsel of God, but to be

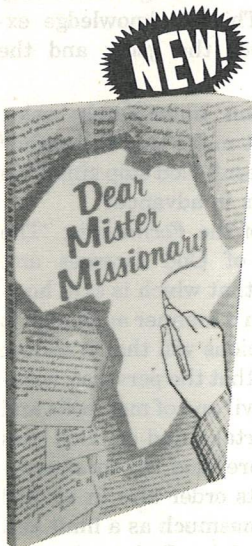
sought in the Word of God, where it is also revealed."

It continues: "A Christian should occupy himself (in meditation) with the article concerning the eternal election of God, as it has been revealed in God's Word, which presents to us Christ as the Book of Life, which He opens and reveals to us by the preaching of the holy Gospel, as it is written Romans 8:30: *Whom He did predestinate, them He also called*. In Him we are to seek the eternal election of the Father, who has determined in His eternal divine counsel that He would save no one except those who know His Son Christ and truly believe on Him. . . . We have been elected in Christ to eternal life, and . . . no one can pluck us out of His hand; as He has not only promised this gracious election with mere words, but has also certified it with an oath and sealed it with the holy Sacraments, which we ought to call to mind in our most severe temptations, and take comfort in them, and therewith quench the fiery darts of the devil."

To remind us that this is the Scripture way, the *Formula* quotes from Luther's *Preface to the Epistle to the Romans*: "Follow the Epistle to the Romans in its order, concern yourself first with Christ and His Gospel, that you may recognize your sins and His grace; next, that you contend with sin, as Paul teaches from the first to the eighth chapter; then, when in the eighth chapter you will come into (will have been exercised by) temptation under the cross and afflictions, this will teach you in the ninth, tenth, and eleventh chapters how consolatory predestination is, etc."

A closing thought from the *Formula*: "Thus far is the mystery of predestination revealed to us in God's Word, and if we abide thereby and cleave thereto, it is a very useful, salutary, consolatory doctrine; for it establishes very effectively the article that we are justified and saved without all works and merits of ours, purely out of grace alone, for Christ's sake. For before the time of the world, before we existed, yes, before the foundation of the world was laid, when, of course, we could do nothing good, we were according to God's purpose chosen by grace in Christ to salvation, Romans 9:11; II Timothy 1:9."

To God alone the glory!



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Today we conclude our study of Jeremiah's prophecies during the reign of Josiah, beginning with

Chapters 7-10

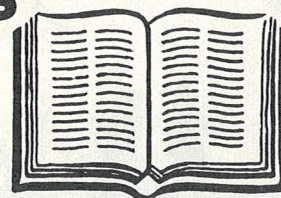
Underline the opening verse, and note where Jeremiah was to deliver this message (7:2a), and what he was to say in verses 3, 5a, and 7 (underline). See how God put His finger on the two main problems, false prophets and false worship (verses 8 and 9b, underline). He again uses the northern kingdom of Israel as an object lesson (verses 12-15, underline). Shiloh (verse 12) was the first location of the tabernacle (see map and Josh. 18:1-5). The words of verses 16, 27, and 28 were addressed to Jeremiah (underline). The heart of God's complaint is found in verses 21-26 (underline 23, 24a, 25, 26); and His judgment is repeated in chapter 7:29-8:3 (underline verses 29b and 30a and the last phrase of verse 34). The valley of the son of Hinnom ran around the southwest corner of Jerusalem and served as the garbage dump. Thus there were continual fires burning, which made it a symbol of hell (Matt. 10:28). In parts of the valley called Topheth, the people built altars to Moloch the god of fire and burned their children there as sacrifices.

In chapter 8:4-12a God rebukes His people for their apostasy and refusal to repent (underline verse 5, the last phrase of verse 7, and verses 9b, 10c, and 12a and b). Then God restates His plans in verses 12b-17, and expresses His grief (chapter 8:18-9:2) over their wickedness (verses 3-6), which will bring about their destruction (verses 7-22, underline verses 11, 13, 16). Now underline God's call to repent in chapter 9:23,24, a great passage. In chapter 10:1-16 Jeremiah speaks of the greatness of Jehovah, the true God, and of the folly of idolatry (underline verse 10), expresses His sorrow over the coming destruction (verses 19-22), and pleads for God's mercy in verses 23-25.

Now Turn To Chapters 11-13

In chapter 11:1-7 God again speaks of the covenant He made with the nation of Israel, of their refusal to keep this covenant in verses 8-10 (underline verse 10), and of the coming destruction in verses 11-23 (underline verse 11). In chapter 12:1-4 Jeremiah la-

Mining the Treasure of God's Word



Jeremiah 7-20



BY JULIAN G. ANDERSON

ments over the present situation in Judah, and in verses 5 and 6 God replies. Then God again speaks of the coming destruction (verses 7-17, underline verses 7a and 14b), but also repeats His promise to return the faithful remnant to the land (verses 15 and 16, underline verse 15). In chapter 13:1-7 God tells Jeremiah to buy a linen belt, bury it, and then dig it up; and then explains in verses 8-11 that all this would be an acted-out parable of what was going to happen (underline verse 10). He also gave Jeremiah another message to deliver in verses 12-17, in which He pleads with them to repent (verses 15-17), but tells them that their doom was sealed (verses 18-27, underline verses 19b and 25, and hi-lite the word "woe" in verse 27).

Next, Chapters 14-17

The opening verse introduces the subject of this prophecy, which is described in verses 2-6, as a sign of God's anger. Jeremiah then prays for his people (verses 7-9 and 19-22), which includes a confession of sins in verses 7 and 20 (underline). God's replies (chapters 14:10-18 and 15:1-9) make it clear that nothing will turn away the coming doom, because the people will not repent (underline chapter 14: 10, 11, 12b, and chapter 15:1b and 6). Chapter 15:10-21 ends the conversation in which the Lord speaks words of comfort to Jeremiah.

God then gives Jeremiah certain instructions (chapter 16:1 and 5a) and His reasons therefor (verses 2-4 and 5b-9), followed by orders as to what he was to say when the people question

him about all this evil (chapter 16:10-18, underline verses 11-13). After Jeremiah's brief reply (chapter 16:19, 20), God repeats that their doom was irrevocably decreed (chapter 17:1-4). Chapter 17:5-8 reminds us of Psalm 1, with its curses and blessings (underline verses 5 and 7), and verse 9 is a fine statement on original sin (underline). Verses 12-18 record another prayer by Jeremiah, and another message given to him, urging the people to repent (verses 19-22), and the people's response (verse 23). God then adds a promise to all who would repent in the future (verses 24-26), and a closing warning (verse 27).

Finally, Chapters 18-20

Chapter 18:1-4 records another acted-out parable, which God explains in verses 5-10 (underline verse 6), followed by a plea to repent in verse 11 (underline the first half). The people's response (verse 12) is followed by God's threat (verses 13-17, underline verse 15). The people's response to Jeremiah's message (verse 18) is followed by Jeremiah's complaint (verses 19-23). Chapter 19:1 and 10 (underline) presents another acted-out parable, explained in verse 11a (underline). These acts were to be accompanied by announcement of God's plans to destroy Judah and Jerusalem (verses 2-9 and 12 and 13, underline verses 3b and 4a). When Jeremiah delivered this message (chapter 19:14, 15), he was imprisoned (chapter 20:1-6). The prophecy then closes with Jeremiah's complaint, in which we can sympathize.



First Service

Twenty-five Years of Amazing Grace

Lutheran Church of Central Africa

"Delay Was Best!"

On the advice and encouragement of officials like Sir John Moffatt, Commissioner for Native Development for Northern Rhodesia, the Wacker-Hoenecke exploratory team of 1949¹ urged our Synod to begin work in the "Hook of the Kafue" region of Chiefs Kabulwebulwe and Kaindu, west of Lusaka. Having been cleared of the tsetse fly, this 40,000-square-mile area was expected to attract 150,000 people for farming and cattle raising.

The 1951 convention authorized the Executive Committee, Pastors Arthur Wacker, Arnold Mennicke², and Mr. R. H. Gehrke, to call two missionaries. Nine calls were declined and over a year's delay³ ensued. Late in 1952 the Lord led Pastor A. B. Habben of Hastings, Nebraska, to accept and one of his members, Mr. Paul Ziegler, to volunteer to go with him as builder and helper. After his graduation from Bethany Seminary at Mankato, Pastor Otto Drevlow followed a few months later.

Since the "Hook of the Kafue" field had by this time been assigned to another mission, our three missionary couples settled down at Lusaka to look for other fields. The Lord led them to three, one of them the Sala district of Chief Shakumbila between Lusaka and

the "Hook of the Kafue." This was providential, because the Kafue area did not work out as planned in 1949.

Fortunately, Pastor and Mrs. A. B. Habben, now at St. Paul's Church at Riverside, California, were able to give us the following firsthand account of the earliest developments in the history of our Central African mission.

Twenty-five Years of God's Blessing

"Recalling the blessings of our Lord on our Central African mission field, one can say, 'The Lord sent; the Seed was sown; and the ingathering began.' These words are true, but they leave much unsaid. Twenty-five years ago our Synod was without a foreign mission field of its own, without a world mission policy, and without a world mission board. We were just breaking out of a shell and trying to find a way to follow our Lord's marching orders. Before His Name could be proclaimed across the shambas of Africa many rivers had to be crossed and many preparations made.

Called to the Dark Continent

"The first call issued for Central Africa stated: 'We, the Board of Missions, in the name of the Triune God call you as missionary to Northern Rhodesia.' The letter explained that the country, now known as Zambia, was five times the size of Wisconsin and we were to find a place where the work should begin, because the area originally

selected had been taken over by another church body. We were to search out an area where no other church was at work and where a concentrated native population would permit further expansion.

"What does one reply to such a directive? Many questions arose for which one sought answers. Africa was still a sleeping continent 25 years ago, but was soon to break away from its colonial masters. It was still pictured as the 'dark continent' filled with wild animals and headhunters. But was it really the land to which our Lord had directed our Synod that it might lead its inhabitants to know Him?

"Our Synod was late, yes, quite late in entering world missions. Yet, if God had led us to Africa at this late hour, it was for us to get up and go to the place which He would show us. At our commissioning service we prayed: 'Lord, fill the hearts of all the members of our Synod with true zeal and bless the efforts of our missionaries to proclaim Your Word so that all may redound to the honor and glory of Your Name! And lead those whom You have called to the field *that You have chosen.*'

The Search

"We (the Habbens and Zieglers) left New York on the *African Crescent* and disembarked at Durban, South Africa, on May 28, 1953. After a brief visit with the Bleckmar missionaries our trek led northward to the place that only the Lord knew as our mission home. After 1,500 miles we came to Lu-

1. The story is told in *The Northwestern Lutheran* of December 15 and 29, 1974.
2. Pastor A. L. Mennicke is still chairman of the Executive Committee for the Lutheran Church of Central Africa.
3. The quotation "Delay Was Best" (see title) is from R. Browning's "The Statue and the Bust."



Pastor and Mrs. A. B. Habben

saka, the capital of Zambia, on June 15.

"On the very next day some of the souls whom our Lord wanted us to touch began to gather. Two European families came and pleaded for us to baptize their two children and said that they knew of other Europeans who would appreciate a Lutheran service. This led to the first service on June 28 with 18 in attendance. The number soon grew and became the nucleus of our entire work at Lusaka even to this day.

"But our hope as a Synod was to have a native African field. This meant exploratory work. Some 3,500 miles were covered over roads, paths, and no roads at all through the bush. We crossed pole bridges tied together with bark, forded streams infested with crocodiles, and traversed low valleys escorted by the drone of tsetse flies, the dread carriers of sleeping sickness. Yet in all things the Lord's guiding hand was evident. We were confident that in spite of all obstacles and difficulties, He would somehow open doors for us into the areas where we were to spread the Good News of sins forgiven.

"With no knowledge of the native tongue and English-speaking natives few and far between, it was next to impossible to explain our purpose or to seek direction. But that was the Lord's business and He knew where He wanted us to lay the foundation of His work.

"In every direction we found a land filled with people living in a spiritual vacuum, reaching out, but confused as to what they sought. Many had left their African heritage and picked up a few crumbs of Western culture, only to find that their need was not supplied. In Sala land we heard Chief Shakum-

bila pleading for his people, unfed and untended, but waiting for someone to teach them about the unknown God. Here was the moment, prepared by the Lord, for us to tell them of the Gospel of Jesus, the Son of God, and the way to heaven.

"With the rainy season about to begin, with no shelter but our house trailers to live in, and the trail to the Lumano tract set aside for our mission a sea of mud, we remained at Lusaka over the Christmas holidays. Here we found many Africans living in compounds far from their native villages and also far removed from the restraints of their native customs and morals, sadly in need of the Word of God. These locations were also almost untouched by other churches, and the government gave us every encouragement to work among them.

A Threefold Thrust

"These experiences moved us to suggest that we make a threefold thrust in our mission endeavor in Central Africa. We would set up our main station among the Ba Salas at Lumano, sowing the Good Seed in the bush villages and learning to understand the people in their natural surroundings. Secondly, we would continue the work among the Europeans who lived in the area. Our third step would be to begin work in the Matero Compound on the outskirts of Lusaka. Fifty-one Africans came to the

first service at Matero on December 6! The theme of that first sermon was 'Rejoice, You Are Free!'

"This rejoicing over the freedom in Christ has continued now for 25 years. Who can count the souls that were touched by the Gospel from the beginning! It is not ours to know. Ours is the call to go forward and ever onward in search of those who are still weighed down with the burden of fear and superstition and to bring them the Bread of Life, our Savior and their Savior, without whom they must perish forever!"

Pastor A. B. Habben

More To Come!

That is the story of the beginning in Central Africa of a mission development which at every stage and every phase declares the wonder of the Lord's amazing grace to our Synod. The Rhenish Mission labored for 15 years in Southwest Africa before God led two young women of the Hereroes to be baptized! Today this Lutheran mission numbers over 100,000 souls! How speedily He has blessed our puny efforts!

Be sure to look for the next installment of the story of God's grace to our force in Central Africa, as it is told by one of the men who had a leading part in the development of our Lutheran Church of Central Africa!

Edgar Hoenecke



Awaiting the Bread of Life in the Village of Sabasonje

1978 Teacher Assignments

New Ulm, Minn. — The Committee on the Assignment of Calls of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod met here at Dr. Martin Luther College, May 29 and 30, and assigned 86 graduates of the college to their first calls in parish elementary schools of the Wisconsin Synod.

Of the 86 graduates assigned, 27 were men and 59 were women. Twenty-six women graduates were not assigned because they plan to be married this summer. Most of the 26 will be teaching in the fall through calls arranged by their respective district presidents. Thirteen previous graduates were also assigned.

Men Assigned

Archer, Joe — Phoenix, AZ
To: San Pablo (Spanish Mission) Tucson, AZ

Bauer, David — New Ulm, MN
To: St. Paul — Tomah, WI

Beilke, Steven — New Ulm, MN
To: St. Stephen — Beaver Dam, WI

Enter, Charles — Nicollet, MN
To: Grace — Geneva, NE

Fischer, Fonda — Watertown, WI
To: Zion — South Milwaukee, WI

Freese, John — Omaha, NE
To: Mt. Calvary — Redding, CA

Grunwald, James — Sturgeon Bay, WI
To: Northwestern Prep — Watertown, WI

Hahn, Edwin — Kearney, NE
To: St. Mark — Watertown, WI

Hassler, Karl — New Ulm, MN
To: Jerusalem — Milwaukee, WI

Hauf, Tod — Milwaukee, WI
To: Michigan Lutheran Seminary Saginaw, MI

Havens, Richard — Bangor, WI
To: Trinity — Nicollet, MN

Hosbach, Daniel — Saginaw, MI
To: St. John — Peshigo, WI

Huebner, Robert — Manitowoc, WI
To: Northwestern Lutheran Academy Moberge, SD

Inniger, Jeffrey — New Ulm, MN
To: St. John — Caledonia, MN

Kremer, Denis — Milwaukee, WI
To: Trinity — St. Paul, MN

Lohmiller, Frederick — Henry, SD
To: Northwestern Prep — Watertown, WI

Milbrath, Greg — Milwaukee, WI
To: Salem — Owosso, MI

Morser, Mark — Racine, WI
To: Epiphany — Racine, WI

Mulinix, Thomas — Maumee, OH
To: Trinity — Crete, IL

Nelson, Joel — Waterford, WI
To: St. Andrew — Chicago, IL

Noack, David — St. Paul, MN
To: St. Paul — Round Lake, IL

Noah, Bruce — Moline, IL
To: Faith — Tacoma, WA

Ohm, Ronald — Milwaukee, WI
To: Emanuel — St. Paul, MN

Pagel, Robert — Watertown, WI
To: Calvary — Bellevue, WA

The 402,000-member Wisconsin Synod has 1,105 congregations in 47 states and in three provinces of Canada. Its churches maintain 330 parish elementary schools, enrolling 29,710 pupils, taught by 1,369 teachers. In addition, associations of congregations or individuals maintain 12 area Lutheran high schools with two more scheduled to be opened this fall.

Next fall, 10 congregations will open elementary schools, bringing the total number of schools to 340, an increase of 33 per cent over the number of schools in 1972.

James P. Schaefer
Director of Public Relations

Pleuss, Bradley — Manitowoc, WI
To: Mt. Olive — Tulsa, OK

Rimpel, Timothy — Stevensville, MI
To: Trinity — Crete, IL

Schlicker, Werner — Bay City, MI
To: Salem — Owosso, MI

Schultz, Stephen — New Ulm, MN
To: St. Paul — Plymouth, NE

Siewert, Harry — Mountlake Terrace, WA
To: St. John-St. James — Reedsville, WI

Sting, Eldon — Pigeon, MI
To: Salem — Lowell, WI

Tatge, Gilbert — Crete, IL
To: Zebaoth — Milwaukee, WI

Thompson, Michael — New Ulm, MN
To: Gloria Dei — Belmont, CA

Wels, Ronald — New Ulm, MN
To: St. Peter — Chilton, WI

Wessel, Sherwood — Columbus, WI
To: Immanuel Lutheran English Middle School — Hong Kong

Wooster, James — Two Rivers, WI
To: Mt. Olive — Bay City, MI

Zarnstorff, Thomas — Whitewater, WI
To: Trinity — Caledonia, WI

Zemple, Dean — Hortonville, WI
To: Michigan Lutheran Seminary Saginaw, MI

Women Assigned

Adascheck, Deborah — Yakima, WA
To: Our Savior — Zion, IL

Altergott, Janice — Green Bay, WI
To: St. John — Fairfax, MN

Amos, Terri — Owosso, MI
To: Salem — Edmonds, WA

Beckendorf, Naomi — Cochrane, WI
To: Trinity — Waukesha, WI

Block, Carol — Saginaw, MI
To: St. John — Jefferson, WI

Bretschneider, Cindy — Pierce, NE
To: Faith — Anchorage, AK

Bunkowske, Ruth — Norfolk, NE
To: Northwestern Lutheran Academy Moberge, SD

Caskey, Anna — Rhinelander, WI
To: Christ — Marshall, MN

Crozier, Sally — Brookfield, WI
To: St. Paul — Cannon Falls, MN

Degner, Luanne — Jefferson, WI
To: East Fork Mission — East Fork, AZ

Ebert, Linda — Ixonia, WI
To: Trinity — Minocqua, WI

Ellwein, Beth — Rapid City, SD
To: St. John — Woodlake, MN

Enter, Nancy — Nicollet, MN
To: St. Paul — Norfolk, NE

Freese, Jane — Plymouth, NE
To: St. Peter — Balaton, MN

Gergen, Carol — Whitewater, WI
To: St. Paul — Wisconsin Rapids, WI

Goetzinger, Ruth — Caledonia, MN
To: Grace — Yakima, WA

Grosse, Patricia — Morton Grove, IL
To: Bethany — Hustisford, WI

Hagen, Mary — Appleton, WI
To: Zion — Hartland, WI

Haselow, Susan — Neenah, WI
To: St. Matthew — Iron Ridge, WI

Heup, Nancy — Appleton, WI
To: St. Mark — Eau Claire, WI

Hidde, Cheryl — New London, WI
To: Grace — Durand, MI

Hintz, Nancy — Neenah, WI
To: Trinity — Bangor, MI

Hoeting, Deborah — Springfield, VA
To: Apache Mission — Peridot, AZ

Huff, Charmaine — Whitefish, MT
To: Grace — Alma, MI

Johnejack, Donna — Janesville, WI
To: Zion — Clatonia, NE

Johnson, Vicky — Winona, MN
To: Salem — Ann Arbor, MI

Juroff, Kathryn — Sheboygan Falls, WI
To: Northwestern Lutheran Academy Moberge, SD

Kanzenbach, Sue — Appleton, WI
To: St. John — Rt. 1, La Crosse, WI

Kernitz, Kathie — Eldorado, WI
To: Peace — Bradenton, FL

Klett, Gretchen — Bay City, MI
To: Zion — Moberge, SD

Kolb, Nancy — Madison, WI
To: Christ the Lord — Brookfield, WI

Kolosovsky, Beth — Cudahy, WI
To: Salem — Milwaukee, WI

Krueger, Terri — Oshkosh, WI
To: St. Stephen — Beaver Dam, WI

Lehman, Barbara — New London, WI
To: St. Paul — Ixonia, WI

Lemke, Sandra — Menomonee Falls, WI
To: St. Bartholomew — Kawkaulin, MI

Maasz, Janet — Sleepy Eye, MN
To: St. Paul — Green Bay, WI

Manthe, Julie — Arlington, WI
To: St. Mark — Citrus Heights, CA

Martin, Joann — Midland, MI
To: St. Martin — Watertown, SD

Meyer, Linda — Oak Creek, WI
To: Holy Trinity — Wyoming, MI

Moeller, Jo Ann — Milwaukee, WI
To: St. John — Neillsville, WI

Nitz, Margaret — New Ulm, MN
To: Mt. Calvary — Kimberly, WI

Nottling, Bonnie — El Paso, TX
To: St. Peter-St. Paul Dorr-Hopkins, MI

O'Brien, Susan — Milwaukee, WI
To: St. Paul — Columbus, OH

Patnode, Valerie — Milwaukee, WI
To: St. Paul — Wonewoc, WI

Reissman, Nadine — Dakota, MN
To: Emanuel — New London, WI

Roekle, Diane — Saginaw, MI
To: St. Mark — Brown Deer, WI

Sachs, Judy — Inver Grove Heights, MN
To: Centennial — Milwaukee, WI

Salow, Carol — Pleasant Lake, MI
To: Faith — Fond du Lac, WI

Sauck, Rebecca — Buffalo Lake, MN
To: Zion — Moberge, SD

Schoenwetter, Carol — Waukesha, WI
To: Emanuel-Redeemer — Yale, MI

Schultz, Barbara — Missoula, MT
To: Peace — Hartford, WI

Schulz, Rebekah — New Ulm, MN
To: Pilgrim — Mesa, AZ

Schwartz, Kathleen — Kenosha, WI
To: Good Shepherd — Burton, MI

Schwarz, Karen — Le Sueur, MN
 To: St. Paul — Saginaw, MI
 Steffen, Ann — Platteville, WI
 To: St. John — Two Rivers, WI
 Strandt, Marlene — Ellensburg, WA
 To: Palos — Palos Heights, IL
 Uekert, Sharon — Plymouth, MI
 To: St. Peter — Milwaukee, WI
 Ungemach, Laura — Kenosha, WI
 To: Grace — Neenah, WI
 Wiese, Dora — Rock Island, IL
 To: Grace — Muskegon, MI
 Wilde, Mary — Moberg, SD
 To: Our Savior — Grafton, WI
 Wynkoop, Carol — Crete, IL
 To: St. John's — Westland, MI
 Yovicson, Peggy — St. Paul, MN
 To: Zion — Crete, IL

Other Graduates

Barnes, Laurie — New Ulm, MN
 Beutow, Pamela — Watertown, SD
 Borchardt, Linda — Watertown, WI
 Breitenstein, Susan — Juneau, WI
 Draeger, Karen — Marshall, WI
 Garbow, Annette — Edmore, MI
 Guenther, Barbara — Monroe, MI
 Jeffers, Peggy — Foster City, CA
 Jorgensen, Karen — Weyauwega, WI
 Kitzrow, Doris — Woodland, WI
 Kraft, Carol — Pigeon, MI
 Rieger, Lu Ann — Moberg, SD
 Rohleder, Paula — Milwaukee, WI
 Schwichtenberg, Wendy — Jordan, MN
 Sebal, Rachel — Wauwatosa, WI
 Smith, Elaine — Adrian, MI
 Spaude, Carolyn — Saginaw, MI
 Spiaser, Gail — Livonia, MI
 Tess, Arlene — Kiel, WI
 Tessin, Cynthia — Hemlock, MI
 Tetzlaff, Ann — Markesan, WI
 Ubel, Susan — Bloomington, MN
 Ulrich, Elizabeth — Lafayette, MN
 Wilson, Julie — Petaluma, CA
 Zak, Paula — New Ulm, MN
 Zellmer, Betty — Watertown, WI
 Zietlow, Vicky — La Crosse, WI

Northwestern Publishing House Installs Associate Editor Ehlke

Pastor Roland Cap Ehlke began his work as Associate Editor of the Northwestern Publishing House in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on January 16, 1978. We are truly grateful to a gracious Lord that the editorial staff has finally reached its full complement of four men: Pastor Mentor Kujath, editor-in-chief; and Pastors John A. Trapp, Loren A. Schaller, and Roland Cap Ehlke, associate editors.

On the evening of April 23, 1978, Pastor Ehlke was officially installed at Christ the Lord Ev. Lutheran Church, Brookfield, Wisconsin. Host-pastor James Westendorf conducted the liturgy. The chairman of the Publishing House Board, Pastor D. H. Kuehl, officiated. He was assisted by the other clergymen on the board, the balance of the editorial staff, and Pastor Westendorf. Pastor Loren Schaller based his sermon for the occasion on Genesis 5:21-24, emphasizing the blessedness of the man "who walks as Enoch walked."

Pastor Ehlke is the son of Pastor and Mrs. Roland W. Ehlke. He was born in

Two Rivers, Wisconsin, and attended St. Lucas Ev. Lutheran School in Milwaukee. He prepped at Wisconsin Lutheran High and Northwestern Prep. He received his BA from Northwestern College in 1966, and his BD from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in 1971. His vicarage year was spent at Bethany Lutheran Church, Kenosha, Wisconsin. He was also a part-time vicar at Resurrection Lutheran Church, Milwaukee. From 1968-1970 he did postgraduate work at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

In September of 1971 Pastor Ehlke was ordained and installed at St. Luke's Ev. Lutheran Church, Little Chute, Wisconsin. He served there until coming to the Northwestern Publishing House.

In 1974 Pastor Ehlke was married to Sandra Knaack nee Steudel, a widow with three children. The Ehlkes live at 1380 Crescent Drive, Elm Grove, Wisconsin, and are members of Christ the Lord Congregation, Brookfield. Their family now includes: Tracy, Bryan, Bradley, Paul, and Jonathan.

Stand up for Life!

Fifth Annual International Youth Rally

Stand up for what? Yes, that's right, Stand up for LIFE!

All around us we see friends and acquaintances falling prey to the arguments of the pro-abortionists, evolutionists, and others who seek to destroy our faith. In a day when Christian morals and beliefs are continually being put to the test, we need to take a position and fight for what we believe and know is right. But how are we going to be able to do so if we do not have the ammunition with which to fight?

This year's International Youth Rally is especially aimed at providing

young people with the ammunition needed to face the attacks directed against not only physical life, but more important against those assaults which intend to destroy faith and the hope of life eternal. The rally will thus offer rich spiritual fare on the subject of LIFE. Young people between the ages of 14 and 24 from across the Synod will gather at Wausau, Wisconsin, July 24-28, to affirm God's will in the controversial areas of life's origin, abortion, and counterfeit spiritual life. The theme for the rally is "Stand Up For Life!" It will be divided into three categories: Life's Creator, Life's Begin-

nings, and Life in Faith (as opposed to the occult and the sects). Dr. S. Becker will speak on the occult and the Rev. Luther Spaude on the beginnings of life.

Since no single area church would of itself have facilities to host the rally, the campus of the University of Wisconsin — Marathon has been rented with its air-conditioned classrooms, pool, and gym. The campus is ideally located next to the Marathon County Park, Wausau, Wisconsin. The Marathon County dorms and Wausau School Forest will house the participants.

If you did not sign up for the Fifth Annual International Youth Rally — the cut-off date was June 12 — why not spend a day as a guest at the rally and sample what an IYR offers! Write to Pastor Neil Hansen, Box 64, Ringle, Wisconsin 54471.

We ask everyone's prayers that God be glorified at this rally!

Graduation at Two Preparatory Schools

Daniel W. Malchow

50th Anniversary at Northwestern Lutheran Academy

The best weather of the spring was the Lord's choice blessing as Northwestern Lutheran Academy concluded its 50th year as a Synodical Academy. Parents and friends gathered on May 25, 1978, as 27 graduates from nine different states received diplomas from the school president, the Rev. Daniel W. Malchow.

The main address was delivered by Pastor Karl G. Bast of Madison, Wisconsin. For several years in the early fifties Pastor Bast served congregations in the local area and was also a

member of the NLA Board of Control. His theme for this special graduation service was "Grow in Grace." Using the letters of the word "grace," he encouraged the graduates and the assembly to work and to pray for growth, repentance, activity, concern, and enthusiasm.

Student addresses were given by Chris Cordes of Bend, Oregon, Kelly Pochop of Aberdeen, South Dakota, and Paul Workentine of Grafton, Nebraska. All three boys plan to continue their schooling at Northwestern

College, as do at least three other boys in the graduating class.

The commencement concert on the night before also centered about the Academy's golden jubilee. The program included a wide variety of selections gleaned from the file of music which has been used during the past 50 years. Musical instruments, some old and battered, from bygone eras were on display. The walls of the auditorium displayed many photographs of ancient vintage.

A departure from tradition was the addition of a guest speaker at the concert. Chosen for this role was Professor emeritus Karl G. Sievert, the first professor called to the school, who served as an instructor during its first 43 years of existence.

36 Graduates at Northwestern Preparatory School

William G. Zell

May 17, 1978, proved to be an ideal choice for the two graduations on the Northwestern campus. After days and weeks of dark and rainy weather Wednesday, May 17, dawned warm and sunny. By 1:30 in the afternoon, starting time for the prep graduation service, close to 700 relatives and friends had assembled in the gymnasium. The 36 members of this year's Tertia class then took their places on the stage, participated in the service, and formally received their high-school diplomas.

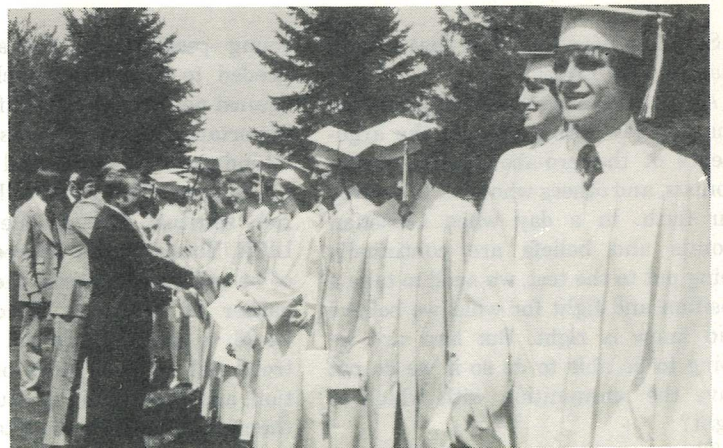
Taking part in the graduation service were Pastor Walter Schumann, secretary of the Northwestern Board of Control, who preached the sermon; Prof. William Zell, president of Northwestern Preparatory School, who conducted the liturgy and awarded the diplomas; Prof. Robert Behnke, secretary of the preparatory school faculty, who assisted with the diplomas; and David Sellnow, son of Prof. and Mrs. Donald Sellnow, who spoke for the class. The NPS mixed chorus and the NWC-NPS band, under the direction of

Prof. Franklin Zabell and Dr. Arnold Lehmann respectively, also took part.

This year's class of 36 graduates is the last of the small classes at NPS. Next year, God willing, the Tertia class will number at least 50. Of the 36, 75 per cent have indicated that they plan to enter either the preaching or teaching ministry, about half returning to Northwestern College and the others

enrolling at Dr. Martin Luther College. This percentage of graduates continuing in the worker-training programs of the Synod compares favorably with the percentages of our Tertia classes which in recent years have been enrolling in our Synod's colleges. We pray that the numbers will increase!

To all of our graduates we bid "Farewell and God be with you!" We count on them as workers in the church, pastors, teachers, or lay people, to serve our Savior well, using fully the talents they developed at Northwestern Preparatory School.



Congratulating the Graduates



Youth Name P N W High School

On Friday and Saturday, April 28 and 29, 1978, history became alive for young people of Lutheran congregations in the Pacific Northwest District as they assembled in Tacoma, Washington, for the first-ever rally located at the new Evergreen Lutheran High School, which will open its doors in September.

A total of 75 young and older Christians, representing 14 congregations, came from such distant places as Kennewick and Omak, Washington (200 miles away), and Portland, Oregon, for two days of constructive fun and whole-

some fellowship. The time was filled with tours of the new facility, choosing a name for the school, attending simulated school classes, and participating in recreation and social activities.

"Growing in the Lord," which commemorates 75 years of Lutheran secondary education, was presented to the group. Through it, the Lord's manifold blessings upon the 12 existing WELS Lutheran high schools were made vivid. The assembly thought it especially appropriate that two new Lutheran high schools, the Arizona Lutheran Academy and our Evergreen

LHS, should begin this September in the diamond anniversary year of Lutheran secondary education. Michigan Lutheran High School was also visited through the multimedia, giving the students an opportunity to hear from that high school concerning the significant benefits of attending a high school which is totally committed to our Savior and His Word.

The name "Evergreen Lutheran High School" was announced during the sessions and a school motto was chosen based on Isaiah 40:31, *The Lord be in your learning and living, LIFE — Living Instruction For Eternity.*

The courses that were taught in the mini-classes of the simulated high-school day were: Study of Mormonism, How to Witness, Divine Design for Sex, The Right to Live, Tour of the Holy Land (via slides), Self-Concept, Christian View of Rights and Responsibilities, and Creation vs. Evolution.

Meals were served by the ladies of Parkland Lutheran Church (ELS) of the Tacoma area, and a great fellowship time ended with all the young people expressing the desire and concern for more fellowship opportunities such as this to bind our Wisconsin Synod young people together.

Errol Carlson

Newtonburg Celebrates Twice

Church Addition in April

The April rains did not dampen the enthusiasm of the members of 127-year-old St. John's Congregation of Newtonburg (rural Manitowoc) as they gathered on April 23, 1978, to dedicate their new church entrance. Prof. Jerald Plitzuweit of Northwestern College was the guest speaker at the morning service, addressing the congregation on Joshua 4:19-24: "What Mean These Stones?" The Rev. Keith Haberkorn, pastor of St. John's, read the rite of dedication.

In 1977, when the congregation received a generous gift from the Henry and Lucinda Fischer estate, the voters of St. John's decided to build a much needed entry to the present church structure. The \$110,000 addition in-

cludes an inside ramp and stairs, an enlarged entry and cloakroom, and an enlarged mother's room.

St. John's Congregation was organized in 1851 by pioneer Pastor C. F. Goldammer. Services were held first in a home, then in a school, and then in a log cabin. A frame church replaced the log cabin in 1851. In 1888 a brick church was built. Destroyed by fire in 1922, it was replaced by the present church edifice. This building has now served Wisconsin Synod Lutherans living in the Newtonburg area for over 55 years. St. John's current membership is 405 baptized souls.

School Anniversary in May

Thanksgiving was the mood of St. John's Congregation as its members

celebrated the 75th anniversary of their Christian day school on May 28, 1978. The celebration was observed in connection with the graduation of the eighth-grade class. The Rev. H. P. Bauer, head of the religion department at Manitowoc Lutheran High School, addressed the graduates and congregation on Zechariah 7:1-7: "Do Your Celebrating to the Lord!" Pastor Bauer taught at St. John's School during the 1945-46 school year.

Recognizing that the Christian training of the young is important to the growth of a congregation, the members of St. John's in 1866 arranged for a half year of "German school" for their children. A teacher was called as early as 1867. A full-time Christian day school was opened in a frame building in 1903. A two-room school was built in 1952 and three rooms added in 1969. The enrollment of 61 during the past school year represents 95 per cent of the congregation's eligible children.

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Reporter Jack DeRuiter

Groundbreaking at Gibsonsia, Pennsylvania

Ground was broken for a new church on Sunday, April 2, 1978, by Bethany Lutheran Church of the North Hills, Gibsonsia, Pennsylvania, a northern suburb of Pittsburgh. The site is located only one block north of Exit 4 of the Pennsylvania Turnpike and one block west at the corner of West Hardies and North Pioneer Roads.

The Rev. Harry Bartels, pastor of Bethany, led the congregation in the groundbreaking rites. He was assisted by Mr. Walter Stadler, president of the congregation, and by Mr. William Marlow and Mr. Edward Meier, members of the building committee. Mr. Donald Stahlfeld, building committee chairman, was unable to be present.

The congregation will continue to worship at the Peoples Savings Association Community Room, 4773 Route 8, Allison Park, about one mile south of the building site, until the building is completed and ready for use.

The members of Bethany herewith express their appreciation for the loan which they have received for their new church from the Synod's Church Extension Fund.



Pastor Bartels with youngest member, Craig Neumann (six months), and the oldest Miss Otilie Redmann (90 years).

Fifty Years of Faithful Service

On Sunday, May 7, 1978, New Salem Lutheran Church of Sebewaing, Michigan, observed the first of its special 125th anniversary services by extolling God's grace granted to its honored principal, Mr. Martin Roehler. For 50 years he has carried out the varied duties of principal, minister of education, teacher, organist, choir director, Sunday-school supervisor, and youth counselor.



Mr. Martin Roehler

Born in Fairmont, Minnesota, in 1908, Mr. Roehler received his education in Dr. Martin Luther College. Interrupting his studies, he taught at St. John's School, Bay City, Michigan, from 1927-1929. After graduating in 1930, he taught at Good Shepherd School, West Allis, Wisconsin; St. John's, Westland, Michigan; Zion Lutheran, South Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and St. Paul's, Norfolk, Nebraska.

In 1969 he accepted the call to New Salem Congregation as minister of parish education and then as principal and teacher of grades 5-8 when the Christian day school reopened in 1974. It was then that he had to return to school to earn a teaching certificate in the state of Michigan. He has the distinction of being the oldest male teacher in Michigan in either the parochial or public-school system to receive a teaching certificate from Michigan State University.

The festival service had all the marks of a family affair. Mr. Lawrence

Marowsky, husband of Helen Jean Roehler and teacher at St. John's, Jefferson, Wisconsin, served as guest organist. Miss Ardith Roehler, teacher at Bethel Lutheran in Bay City, Michigan, sang a solo in honor of her father's anniversary. May the Lord continue to grant Mr. Roehler good health and spiritual blessings!

NORTHERN WISCONSIN

Reporter Harlyn Kuschel

25 Years of Primary Teaching

Mrs. Robert Nelson was honored on Sunday, May 7, 1978, at a reception at Grace Lutheran Church, Oshkosh, Wisconsin, where she taught for 25 years. Mrs. Nelson graduated from Oshkosh State Teacher's College in 1940, a member of that school's first class to specialize in kindergarten teaching. She is the first teacher to serve Grace School for a quarter century.

After teaching in the Oshkosh public schools for eight years, Mrs. Nelson was asked by the pastors of Grace to organize a kindergarten at Grace School. She was installed in 1953. From 1955 to 1965 she also taught the first grade.

Retirements at St. Paul's, Appleton

Missing from the roster of active workers at St. Paul's in Appleton as the year 1978 began were the names of two of the Lord's servants who retired late in 1977. They had a combined total of 105 years of service in the Lord's Kingdom, 101 of these in the ministry at St. Paul's, Appleton. Miss Gertrude Schmidt retired after 50 years in the teaching ministry, 46 of them at St. Paul's. Pastor Frederick M. Brandt retired after 55 years in the preaching ministry, all of them at St. Paul's.

Miss Schmidt is a native of New Haven, Missouri. After studying at Dr. Martin Luther College, she was assigned to teach in the Christian day school at Winthrop, Minnesota, in 1927. She accepted the call to St. Paul's in 1931.

Pastor Frederick M. Brandt was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the son of Pastor and Mrs. Herman J. Brandt. He prepared for the ministry in the schools of our Synod, graduating from the

seminary, then located at Wauwatosa, in 1922. Pastor Brandt was ordained and installed at St. Paul's in August of 1922 as assistant to Pastor Sauer. Fourteen years later, at Pastor T. J. Sauer's request, Pastor Brandt was named senior pastor. From 1941 until 1965, Pastor Brandt served St. Paul's alone. A full-time associate, the Rev. Hoge Bergholz, was called in 1965. During his 55-year ministry, Pastor Brandt has served the church at large in various capacities, including 10 years as vice-president of the Northern Wisconsin District, and 19 years as a member of the former Spiritual Welfare Commission.

The members of St. Paul's held separate recognition services for both Miss Schmidt and Pastor Brandt, acknowledging their faithful service with many tokens of appreciation. May the Lord bless these faithful servants in their retirements!

Organist Honored at Emanuel, Kolberg

From July 22, 1920, the day of her marriage, until January 1, 1978, Mrs. Lloyd (Martha) Wiese served the Lord and the members of Emanuel Lutheran Congregation of Kolberg, Door County, Wisconsin, as church organist. On April 2, 1978, members of Emanuel acknowledged her faithful services in the morning worship service and at a fellowship dinner and reception.



Mrs. Wiese congratulated by Orville Miller, president, and Pastor A. Martens

After a brief apprenticeship at the organ, Mrs. Wiese was pressed into full-time service in 1920. At the time, the late Rev. E. Hinnenthal remarked to her that he hoped she could continue to serve for some time, since she and her husband had just purchased a farm in the vicinity of the church. For 58 years and approximately 3,500 services, she

served a grateful congregation. Appropriate indeed were the words of the text chosen by Pastor Andrew Martens for the occasion: "For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love which ye have showed toward His name, in that ye have ministered to the saints" (Heb. 6:10-12).

K. Seim in Ministry 25 Years

The 25th anniversary of the ordination of Pastor Kenneth Seim was observed by members and friends of St. Paul's Congregation, Dale, Wisconsin, on May 21, 1978. Pastor Charles Schlei of Hortonville conducted the service and Missionary Howard Festerling, who served for eight years with Pastor Seim on the Hong Kong mission field, preached the sermon. A reception followed.

Pastor Kenneth Seim was graduated from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in 1953. He has served dual parishes in Amery and Clear Lake and in Gibson and Two Creeks, Wisconsin; as the first principal of Manitowoc Lutheran High School; and as pastor of Immanuel, Findlay, Ohio. In 1963 he accepted a call to serve the fledgling Chinese Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hong Kong. He served this mission field for 13 years in various capacities before coming to St. Paul's in Dale in 1976.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST Reporter Errol Carlson

School Dedication At Spokane

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it," Proverbs 22:6. This was the text for the sermon delivered by Pastor George Frey, president of the Pacific Northwest District, at the dedication of the new school building at St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church in Spokane, Washington, on February 26. About 140 worshipers came together for an afternoon service to thank God for His gracious goodness in providing this new building.

The new addition is a cement-block structure containing three classrooms. It totals 3,600 square feet of space and is able to accommodate up to 90 students. The contracting was done by the congregation and much of the work was done by members, keeping the cost to about \$16 a square foot.

St. Matthew's Congregation opened

its school in 1971 with eight students. This year 22 students are enrolled in grades 1-7. Mr. Leo Frese, a 1977 DMLC graduate, is the teacher.

The gratitude of the congregation goes out to the Lord and also to the many people who donated their time, labor, and money. Also to the members of the Synod at large for the \$20,700 received as a loan from the CEF Uniloon which helped make it possible.

Parsonage Dedication At East Wenatchee

Our Savior's Ev. Lutheran Church of East Wenatchee, Washington, completed the first step of its building program as it dedicated its parsonage on April 16, 1978. Guest speaker for the dedication service was Pastor Arthur Valerio, Yakima, Washington. He encouraged the congregation not to rest now because of the work completed, but rather to move ahead in its kingdom work.



Our Savior's Parsonage

Our Savior's of East Wenatchee, a new mission congregation, was granted mission status in the spring of 1975. The first resident pastor, George A. Ferch, was ordained and installed there in July 1975. Our Savior's forms a dual parish with Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church of Withrow, Washington, 65 miles farther east in the beautiful wheat country of Washington's Inland Empire.

The new parsonage enjoys a commanding view of the Wenatchee Valley and the surrounding hills. It stands on 2³/₄ acres of land on which a chapel will also be built as the next stage of the building project.

The congregation, now numbering 29 communicants and 45 souls, offers its thanks to God and its fellow Christians in the Synod for making it possible for new mission churches like Our Savior's by means of the CEF to build and to grow in the kingdom of God.

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN

Reporter Robert Kleist

A Profitable Venture

A special celebration at the close of last year marked the 10th anniversary of the continuous operation of the Bargain Center in Milwaukee. The center is a resale project of the Milwaukee Federation of Wisconsin Synod Churches.

The celebration was marked by a buffet luncheon at Wisconsin Lutheran College. It was attended by 235 ladies and gentlemen, most of whom make up the volunteer work force at the Center's two stores. One of the stores is located on the north side of the city at 2245 W. Fond du Lac Avenue. The other, opened two years after the first and serving the south side, is located at 1001 S. 16th Street.

Among the prime doers in establishing this venture we must single out Mr. Clarence Hombsch of Milwaukee. His active guidance of the project has certainly contributed to its astounding success.

Its success can be measured by the generous contributions made to the following over this 10-year period:

The Federation	\$ 66,904
WLCFS	114,456
Institutional Ministry .	49,784
Wis. Luth. High School	41,966
Wis. Luth. College	33,772

Total \$306,882

Councilmen Honored at Grant Park

The morning service on April 2, 1978, was a very special one for the members of St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church, Grant Park, Illinois. During that service the congregation surprised two of its councilmen, honoring them for their many years of faithful service.

Mr. Edwin Menke has served St. Paul's as a member of the church council for 36 years. Last January he completed 25 years as chairman of the congregation. Mr. Ernie Wietbrock has a record of 32 years of service. He was a member of the finance committee for 18 years and has served as financial secretary for the past 14 years. In addition to carrying out their official duties faithfully,

both men have donated countless hours to their Lord in St. Paul's Congregation and have been vitally interested in the activities of the Synod as well.

At the conclusion of the service, both men were presented with gifts as tokens of the congregation's appreciation. A fellowship dinner followed.

Pastor John G. Zickuhr, speaking for the congregation, writes: "We thank God for giving us consecrated and dedicated laymen such as Mr. Menke and Mr. Wietbrock. Without such interested and active laymen, the church at home and abroad could not prosper and function as effectively. May God continue to bless these men in the future as He has in the past, so that St. Paul's may benefit from their labors and their counsel for many years to come!"

Musicians Honored at St. John's, Wauwatosa



P. Kuphall, H. Katzor, H. Zitzke
Honored Singers

For St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, Cantate Sunday 1978 was a special day — a day set aside to recognize and celebrate over 125 years of singing to the Lord by three St. John's choir members. In the 10:30 service on that day the congregation and choir gave thanks and praise to the Lord for the faithful service of Helen Katzer, Paul Kuphall, and Herman Zitzke, each of whom has sung in the St. John's choir for over 40 years. The choir number, "In Steadfast Faith I Stand," was directed by T. M. Otto, their former director of 41 years. A dinner for choir families followed the service, and each of the jubilarians was presented with a musical memento by J. H. Albrecht, their present choir director.

WESTERN WISCONSIN

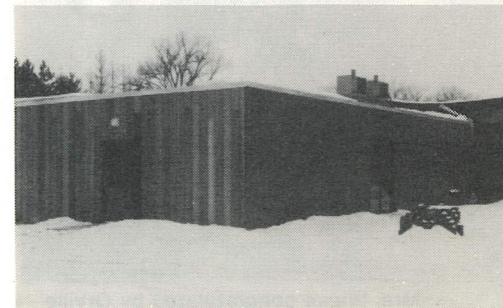
Reporter Harold Sturm

New Educational Unit at Eau Claire

"Nowadays we hear many well-meaning parents say, 'We want our children to have a Christian education, but we also want them to have everything else that life has to offer.' Would it not be more God-pleasing, more in tune with the heart of Jesus Himself, more in keeping with the priorities of Holy Scripture, if the attitude of all parents would be, 'We want our children to get as much out of life as possible, but not at the expense of a good Christian education?'"

This statement by Pastor Herbert Prah in his sermon on Luke 10:21,42, impressed on the members of St. Mark, Eau Claire, Wisconsin, "The One Thing Our Congregation Will Always Need," as they gathered in Sunday-morning worship on March 5 of this year.

In the afternoon, in a service of gratitude and praise, the Rev. Elton Huebner of the Synod's Board of Trustees was the guest preacher. Basing his words on Exodus 2:9, he reminded Christian parents that their children belong first of all to the Lord, and that He gives them these children to "nurture for a while," even as Moses' mother nursed her own son for Pharaoh's daughter and at the same time taught him the simple truths of salvation that were to benefit him for eternity.



School at Eau Claire

The occasion for these festive services was the dedication of an educational wing. Growth of the five-year-old Christian day school and overall needs for more space for Christian educational programs moved the hearts of God's people in Eau Claire to construct a 2,760-square-foot facility during the fall and winter of 1977.

The new wing adds two spacious classrooms, an office for the pastor, and a mechanical room. Folding dividers can separate the classrooms into four teaching zones.

The project cost about \$75,000 and was funded through local agencies. As in so many similar situations throughout the Synod, volunteer labor by the congregation and the local Lutheran Collegians chapter helped keep the expense down.

Dedicating a building takes place once. Dedicating hearts, homes, and families to the Triune God is a matter of constant sanctification, an act of faith. God give us all faithful hearts, dedicated to "The One Thing We Will Always Need"!

Forty Years in the Ministry And Forty Years Married

Eastside Ev. Lutheran Church, Madison, Wisconsin, on April 30, 1978, observed the 40th anniversary of Pastor Karl Bast's ordination and the 40th anniversary of Pastor and Mrs. Bast's marriage. The celebration opened with a church service at 4:00 p.m., in which a classmate, Pastor H. Wicke, preached on Psalm 90:12,16,17, speaking on "Looking Beyond 40, God Willing!" This was followed by a dinner for all in attendance and by a gathering and program in the gymnasium later in the evening.

In 1937, when Pastor Bast graduated from the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary at Mequon, the shades of the depression had not entirely disappeared from the work of the church. His first assignment was to teach the upper four grades at Atonement Ev. Lutheran School, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In 1938 he received a call to Bethlehem Ev. Lutheran Church, Raymond, South Dakota. Before leaving for South Dakota, he and Miss Lillian Maurer were united in marriage on May 25, 1938, at St. Mark's, Watertown, Wisconsin. The ordination and installation of Pastor Bast at Raymond took place on May 29. It was there that their two children, Karla, now living in Sparta, New Jersey, and Tom, Madison, Wisconsin, were born. Today there are also four grandchildren.

In January 1945 Pastor Bast accepted a call to Zion Church, Moberge, South Dakota, and St. Jacobi Congregation of Glenham. Shortly thereafter

he also became a member of the board of Northwestern Lutheran Academy and a member of the Board for Home Missions of the Dakota-Montana District.

On November 14, 1954, he assumed the responsibility of ministering to the spiritual needs of Eastside Ev. Lutheran Church, Madison, Wisconsin. Since then the church has been relocated to its present site and a school has been built. For some years Pastor Bast has also served as a member of the Board for Home Missions of the Western Wisconsin District and on the Board for World Missions in the Executive Committee for Japan. At present he is a member of the Interim Committee of the Board for World Missions. He has also served as pastoral advisor for the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society.

In looking back upon 40 years of ministry and marriage, Pastor Bast states: "The ministry and the marriage have gone together. One could not have been possible without the other. The Lord therefore arranged them both."

May our Lord continue to be with them both beyond 40!

A Teacher for 46 Years

In a special service on May 21, 1978, the members of St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church of Tomah, Wisconsin, thanked the Ascended Christ for giving them Miss Marguerite L. Hamisch as a Christian-day-school teacher for 30 years. Pastor Kenneth Gast spoke on the basis of Genesis 32:10.



Miss Hamisch

Miss Hamisch was graduated from Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota, in 1932. Her first call was to Boyd, Minnesota, where she taught all eight grades for three years. In 1935 she accepted a call to St. Martin Ev. Lutheran Church, Winona, Minnesota, where she taught for 13 years. St. Paul

of Tomah called her in 1948. Here she labored longer than any other teacher in the history of this school. After 46 years of teaching she is now retiring. Miss Hamisch had the privilege of teaching the Savior's gracious words of life to well over 900 children in her classrooms during her years of service.

Miss Hamisch received many warm greetings from friends far and near, many gifts of sincere appreciation, and many well-wishes for the future at a dinner and social gathering after the service. Over 850 people crowded our house of worship for the service.

We humbly thank our Lord Jesus Christ for the services of this faithful servant and pray Him to fill our classrooms with many more such gifts of His grace!

O. W. Heier

Mrs. M. C. Michaels Dies

Mrs. Ella Michaels, widow of the late Rev. M. C. Michaels, died in Juneau, Wisconsin, on May 20, 1978. She was just six months short of her 100th birthday.

Born in Burnett, Wisconsin, on November 4, 1878, Mrs. Michaels lived in South Dakota from 1902 to 1928, where her husband was pastor of Emmanuel, Grover, St. Paul's, Henry, and Bethlehem, Hague Township. She moved to Woodville, Wisconsin, in 1928, when her husband became pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church. Following his death in 1939, she returned to Juneau. Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Carl H. Mischke on May 22.

Bible Distribution

Reports and statistics from the American Bible Society for 1977 are as impressive as those of former years, if not more so.

U.S. distribution totals for both whole Bibles and for New Testaments passed the 2,600,000 mark. Counting smaller portions and selections, almost 115,000,000 pieces of Bible reading material were supplied to people in this country. For the world the total distribution figure was over 410,000,000.

The number of languages in which at least one book of the Bible had been reported published reached 1,631, an addition of 27. Whole Bibles were published for the first time in four new languages, two spoken in Nigeria and one each spoken in Mexico and Indonesia.

Refuge' Resettlement Update

"We are in extreme need of sponsors at the moment. As you know, refugee families cannot leave Southeast Asian Camps until they have the assurance of sponsorship. Some families have had children die in camps. If we can produce sponsors quickly, we could perhaps save some lives."

This is part of a communique recently received from the Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service in New York. It underscores the urgent need for our congregations to respond to the recent appeal for sponsors.

Since President Naumann's letter went out on March 21, 1978, encouraging WELS congregations to participate

in the refugee resettlement program, 15 inquiries for more information have been received. Of this number two congregations have committed themselves to sponsorship and are in the process of receiving a family.

In view of the desperate need for sponsorships, it is hoped that many more than 15 of our congregations will respond. As one pastor put it: "I feel that this program is a very unique opportunity for mission work in that the government brings the prospect right into our community. On the basis of our experience, I would encourage other congregations to avail themselves of this joyful challenge."

Pastor James C. Berger

Special Synod Convention, July 11-12

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

Editorial

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The resolute action of these rank-and-file Presbyterians heaps even greater shame on those who call themselves heirs of Luther, for whom a single word of Scripture outweighed a world well lost. How can Lutherans in the LCA and in the ALC, for example, continue to play dishonest literary and psychological games with the inspired Word of God and its clear pronouncements on the sin of Sodom's people and of Caesar's world? The Presbyterians at San Diego have not only spoken a strong word for the moral authority of Scripture; they have also leveled a shaming indictment against those who are selling out that authority.

Carleton Toppe

NOTICE

The next regular plenary session of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for

July 10, 1978, 9:30 a.m.,

at Northwestern College, Watertown, Wisconsin.

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

Norval W. Kock, Secretary
Board of Trustees

SEMINARY FALL PASTORS' INSTITUTE

The 1978 Pastors' Institute at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary will be held, God willing, on five Monday afternoons beginning October 2. The lectures will be presented from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the multipurpose room in the lower level of the Seminary library. The topics will be:

A Portrait of Peter —
Prof. Armin J. Panning
Textual Criticism —
Prof. David Kuske

The registration fee is \$7.50. Registrations are to be sent to Pres. Armin W. Schuetze, 11831 N. Seminary Dr. 65W, Mequon, Wisconsin 53092.

Pastor Paul A. Manthey, Secretary
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NEW WELS CHURCHES

EXPLORATORY

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.

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.

RICE LAKE, WISCONSIN

Exploratory services are being conducted on a regular basis at Rice Lake, Wisconsin. Sunday school meets at 12:30 and worship services begin at 1:30 Sundays at the Mason Funeral Home, 502 N. Main Street, Rice Lake, Wisconsin 54868. Please send the names of interested persons to Pastor Dennis Kempf, 1315 Larson St. Box 1, Bloomer, Wisconsin 54724, or call 715/568-4322.

EFFINGHAM, ILLINOIS

Exploratory services are being held in Effingham, Illinois, at the Travelodge Motel at the juncture of I 57 and Fayette Avenue at 1:00 p.m. Sundays. Sunday school for all ages is at 2:00 p.m. For further information please contact Pastor Mark Lenz, 2102 E. Vermont, Urbana, Illinois 61801, or call 217/344-5584.

TIME AND PLACE

TRAVELING THROUGH SALT LAKE CITY?

Vacationers to Salt Lake City, Utah, and the surrounding scenic areas of the Intermountain West are invited to visit one of WELS' "outpost" missions and attend services at Prince of Peace Ev. Lutheran Church, 1441 W. Tamarack Road, Salt Lake City. Worship services during the summer months begin at 9:00 a.m. For directions or further information, feel free to call Pastor W.C. Goehring, phone 801/262-9168.

TYLER, TEXAS AND EAST TEXAS

WELS is conducting Bible classes and worship services every Sunday in Tyler, Texas, for our East Texas residents and visitors. The Bible class meets at 3:00 p.m., followed by family worship at 4:00 p.m. every Sunday in "Friends Church," at the corner of Robinson Ave. and Lindsey St. For information and directions, please call Mr. Ralph Page at 593-5448 in Tyler, or Pastor Gene A. Durfey (214) 348-6069. Please send names of prospects and of WELS members moving into the East Texas area to Pastor G. Durfey, 9807 Church Rd., Dallas, Texas 75238.

CLINTON, IOWA

Summer services at Our Savior's Ev. Lutheran Church are scheduled for 9:30 a.m. at THE VILLAGE MANOR in Building 15. The address is 2604 N. 4th St. To receive information or to send names, contact Pastor Gerald Hintz, 1730 N. 7th St., Clinton, Iowa 52732; phone 319/242-9046.

Traveling west on I-90?

Worship with us at

MISSOULA, MONTANA

Sunday morning worship at the Red Lion Motel, 700 West Broadway, in the center of the city. Worship service at 11:00 a.m., Sunday school and Bible class at 10:00 a.m. Pastor Harold A. Wood, 6 Carriage Way, Missoula, Montana 59801; phone: 406/542-2034.

LOG CABIN WORSHIP IN N. WISCONSIN

The Wisconsin Synod's only log-cabin church, St. Paul's of Tipler, Wisconsin, invites you to join in worship on any Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m. St. Paul's is located one block south of Hwy 70, behind Big Howie's Store and Cage. The pastor is Thomas H. Trapp, 421-4th St., Stambaugh, Michigan 49964; phone: 906/265-3665.

PLYMOUTH-MAPLE GROVE, MINNESOTA

Ascension Lutheran Church, serving the Plymouth, Maple Grove, Wayzata and Hamel communities, is holding its services at 10:30 a.m. at the American Legion Hall in Hamel; Sunday school and Bible class at 9:30 a.m. Please submit the names of WELS members or prospects to Pastor Arnold Lemke, 7595 Minnewashta Pkwy., Excelsior, Minnesota 55331; phone: 612/474-4966.

EAGAN, MINNESOTA

The correct address of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church is: 4150 Pilot Knob Road, Eagan, Minnesota 55122.

ENTERPRIZE, MONICO, ANTIGO, WISCONSIN

Note the following changes in time of service: Sunday services at St. John's of Enterprize (Pelican Lake) will be held at 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., at Grace of Monico at 9:30 a.m., and at Ascension of Antigo at 11:15 a.m. The pastor is the Rev. Dean Fleming, Route 1 Box 402, Pelican Lake, Wisconsin 54463; phone: 715/487-5484.

VISITING MILWAUKEE THIS SUMMER?

You are welcome to stop in and tour the new Wisconsin Lutheran College campus, 8830 West Bluemound Road, Milwaukee, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For tours at other times, please call (414) 774-8620.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT YOUTH LEADERS' WORKSHOP

A Youth Leaders' Workshop will be held Sunday evening, July 30, 1978, and Monday, July 31, at Killarney Lutheran Camp (west of Detroit). It is being sponsored by the Michigan District BPE and is open to anyone working with youth or having an interest in ministry to youth. Presenting the program will be members of the WELS Committee on Youth Ministry. For further information please contact: Leon Brands, St. Stephen Lutheran School, 632 S. Madison, Adrian, Michigan 49221.

COMMISSIONING

Pastor Elwood Fromm will be commissioned for service in the Lutheran Evangelical Christian Church in Japan on Sunday, July 9, 1978. The service will be held at 9:00 A.M. at Atonement Ev. Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Pastor Kurt F. Koeplin will preach and Pastor Ronald F. Freier will read the rite of commissioning.

CONVOCATION ON EVANGELISM

August 15-17, 1978

at Wisconsin Lutheran College, Milwaukee

In response to inquiries about the convocation and who would be eligible to attend, the Commission on Evangelism is inviting interested WELS laypeople, teachers, and pastors to write or phone for information. Limited space will be available for interested observers on a first-come-first served basis. Call or write Pastor Reuel J. Schulz, 2181 S. 99th St., West Allis, Wisconsin 53227 (414-321-6389) or Pastor David A. Witte, 2665 North St., Rt. 3, East Troy, Wisconsin 53120 (414-642-5793 or 642-3200).

OFFER

Available to any mission congregation for the cost of transportation: altar paraments and 30 black choir robes. For further information contact Rev. Dennis J. Valleau, 214 Western Avenue, Allegan, Michigan 49010; phone 616/673-6212.

INSTALLATIONS

(Authorized by the District Presidents)

Pastors:

Hoepner, Robert L., as pastor of Good Shepherd, Beckley, West Virginia, and for exploratory work in the Charleston, West Virginia, area on May 7, 1978, by Daniel Koelpin (Mich.).
Luetke, Daniel P., as pastor of Ascension, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, on May 21, 1978, by D. Schaller (Mich.).
Weindorf, Luther T., as pastor of Messiah, North Hollywood, California, on May 21, 1978, by W. Godfrey (Ariz.-Calif.).

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Dakota-Montana	240,599	100,249	96,585	96.3
Michigan	1,296,136	540,057	498,664	92.3
Minnesota	1,372,260	571,775	652,924	114.2
Nebraska	268,565	111,902	111,580	99.7
Northern Wisconsin	1,467,813	611,589	608,928	99.6
Pacific Northwest	128,577	53,574	57,624	107.6
Southeastern Wisconsin	1,785,292	743,872	695,446	93.5
Western Wisconsin	1,688,201	703,417	701,495	99.7
South Atlantic	111,508	46,461	48,485	104.4
Total — 1978	<u>\$8,810,655</u>	<u>\$3,671,106</u>	<u>\$3,671,090</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Total — 1977	<u>\$8,247,332</u>	<u>\$3,436,388</u>	<u>\$3,157,028</u>	<u>91.9</u>

CURRENT BUDGETARY FUND

Statement of Income and Expenditures

Twelve months ended May 31, 1978 with comparative figures for 1977

Twelve months ended May 31,

			Increase or Decrease*	
	1978	1977	Amount	Per Cent
Income				
Prebudget Subscription Offerings	\$8,662,233	\$7,849,960	\$812,273	10.3
Pension Plan Contributions	72,051	76,748	4,697*	6.1*
Gifts and Memorials	227,039	186,397	40,642	21.8
Bequests	103,026	71,914	31,112	43.3
Earnings from Fox Estate	66,545	52,494	14,051	26.8
Other Income	18,443	11,025	7,418	67.3
Transfers from Other Funds	132,593	90,055	42,538	47.2
Total Income	<u>\$9,281,930</u>	<u>\$8,338,593</u>	<u>\$943,337</u>	<u>11.3</u>
Expenditures				
Worker Training — Expenses	\$5,404,733	\$4,874,329	\$ 530,404	10.9
Worker Training — Income	2,213,354	2,110,108	103,246	4.9
Worker Training — Net	\$3,191,379	\$2,764,221	\$ 427,158	15.5
Home Missions	1,796,751	1,570,320	226,431	14.4
World Missions	1,438,689	1,328,326	110,363	8.3
Benevolences	1,044,196	989,711	54,485	5.5
Administration and Services	825,035	695,787	129,248	18.6
Total Operations	\$8,296,050	\$7,348,365	\$ 947,685	12.9
Appropriations — Building Funds	263,333	200,000	63,333	31.7
Appropriations — CEF Program	677,990	595,067	82,923	13.9
Total Expenditures	<u>\$9,237,373</u>	<u>\$8,143,432</u>	<u>\$1,093,941</u>	<u>13.4</u>
Operating Gain	<u>\$ 44,557</u>	<u>\$ 195,161</u>		

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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:
July	August 7
August	September 7
September	October 6
October	November 7

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NEW WELLS CHURCHES
 EPISCOPAL CHURCH

125th ANNIVERSARY TRINITY, LIBERTY

On Sunday, July 16, 1978, Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Town Liberty (Rt. No. 1, Manitowoc, Wisconsin), will observe its 125th anniversary with special services and a fellowship dinner. Services will be at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Pastors Samuel and Richard Kugler will be the guest speakers. Former church workers, confirmants, members, and friends are cordially invited to attend the celebration. Reservations for the noon meal may be made by writing to Milton Lutze, 315 Jackson Street, Valders, WI 54245.

CENTENNIAL AT NODINE

St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Nodine, Minnesota, will observe the 100th anniversary of its organization on July 9, 1978. Services will be at 10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Former members and friends are cordially invited to be present.

AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS

A PLACE TO GROW (Fs-73-PTG)

1978 T & Cassette 14 min. color

In connection with the 75th anniversary of the Lutheran high school movement, our Lutheran High School Association has produced this filmstrip which describes the purpose and the growth of the Lutheran high school in our Synod. This filmstrip should be an excellent tool for promoting the Lutheran high school in a congregation.

THE TABERNACLE IN THE WILDERNESS (FS-376-TIW)

1978 20 min. T & Cassette color

This filmstrip describes the design and purpose of the portable tabernacle used by the Children of Israel on their journey to the Promised Land. It also describes the various sacrifices that were offered there, with frequent reference to the Lamb of God who was foreshadowed by these sacrifices.