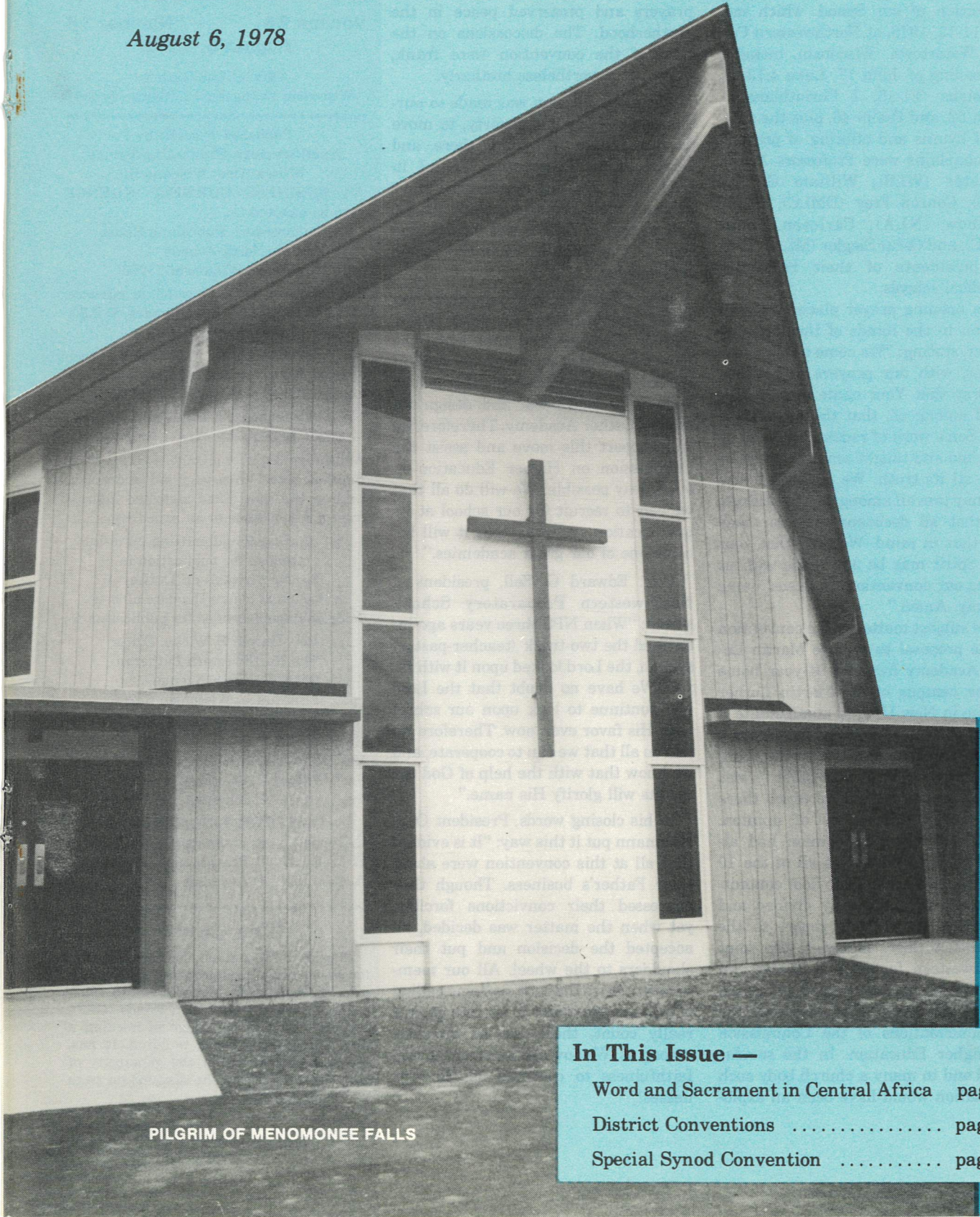


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PILGRIM OF MENOMONEE FALLS

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Briefs by the Editor

Devotions conducted at the special convention of our Synod, which met July 11-12, 1978, at Northwestern College, Watertown, Wisconsin, included the reading of John 17, Luke 4:13-22, Colossians 3:1-15, I Corinthians 3, Isaiah 52, and Psalm 46, plus the singing of hymns and offering of prayers. The chaplains were Professors Armin Schuetze (WLS), William G. Zell (NPS), Conrad Frey (DMLC), Daniel Malchow (NLA), Carleton Toppe (NWC), and Oscar Siegler (MLA). They are presidents of their respective Synodical schools.

The opening prayer placed the convention in the hands of the heavenly Father, stating: "We come to You, dear Father, with our prayers of petition. We pray that Your name may be hallowed among us, that the message of Your Son's work of redemption may be preached and taught among us and by us in all its truth. We pray that your will may prevail among us in all things, and that all decisions may be made with that in mind. We pray that your Holy Spirit may be and abide with us during our convention. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen."

The subject matter of the convention — the proposal to remove Martin Luther Academy from its 94-year home on the campus of Dr. Martin Luther College in New Ulm, to amalgamate it in part with Northwestern Preparatory School, and to transfer it to the Campion campus in Prairie du Chien — was a highly emotional one on which there were sharp differences of opinion. These differences of opinion had already become evident at all of the 10 District conventions. The floor committee itself was hopelessly divided and brought a three-prong report to the convention floor. Likewise, the joint Northwestern faculties at Watertown and the Martin Luther Academy Board of Control, New Ulm, opposed the recommendations of the Commission on Higher Education. In the secular world and in many a church body such a situation would have been an explo-

sive one. However, the Lord heard our prayers and preserved peace in the brotherhood. The discussions on the floor of the convention were frank, open, but nevertheless brotherly.

When the decision was made to purchase the Campion property, to move Martin Luther Academy there and Northwestern Preparatory School in part, those who had opposed the move assured their brethren openly of the full support of their voices, hearts, and hands in promoting what the Synod had decided.

Pastor Edmund O. Schulz, chairman of the Martin Luther Academy Board, stated: "Rest assured that since the Synod voted to do so, we as members of the board and the Academy family look upon it as God's will and design for Martin Luther Academy. Therefore, we will support this move and assist the Commission on Higher Education in every way possible. We will do all that we can to recruit for our school at its new location and pray that it will become one of our great academies."

Prof. Edward G. Zell, president of Northwestern Preparatory School, stated: "When NPS three years ago instituted the two-track (teacher-pastor) system, the Lord looked upon it with favor. We have no doubt that the Lord will continue to look upon our school with His favor even now. Therefore we will do all that we can to cooperate, and we know that with the help of God the results will glorify His name."

In his closing words, President O. J. Naumann put it this way: "It is evident that all at this convention were about their Father's business. Though they expressed their convictions forcibly, yet when the matter was decided, all accepted the decision and put their shoulders to the wheel. All our members recognize that our supreme calling is to share the Word. In the things that really count, there are no divisions among us. We now ask for strength and faithfulness to continue as His witnesses!"

*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

Pilgrim of Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin, for whose original church and school children throughout the Synod, back in 1959, gathered Church Extension Funds (CEF), recently reached the stage of needing a new and larger church building. It has, however, not forgotten the generosity of God's little ones, as the account on page 253 demonstrates.

THE NORTHWESTERN LUTHERAN

Editorials

The Courage to Weep Scripture states that when our Lord stood at the grave of His friend Lazarus, "Jesus wept." And when He gazed upon the sinful city of Jerusalem, we are told He "wept over it."

Such passages sound strange today. The modern hero does not weep. John Wayne, Burt Reynolds, and Clint Eastwood don't cry in their heroic movie roles. The ideal modern man is supposed to be *macho*, that is, tough and flint-faced at all times. Weeping is considered a sign of weakness.

The fact is, however, it takes courage to weep — especially as did our Savior. For Jesus wept because of sin. He had the power to raise Lazarus to life, as He later demonstrated. Yet the cause of death, the sin within us all, brought tears to His eyes. As for Jerusalem, it was like a knife to His heart that the people of that great and proud city should scorn the One who loved them most, their only Savior.

Compared with Christ, the modern heroic figure is a coward. He ignores the seriousness of sin. He does not even care about the problem of sinners in the hands of an angry God.

But Christ, our Hero, cared. He opened His heart and offered His love to sinful man. The Son of God was willingly crucified for a people who neither deserved nor wanted His love. The Bible declares: "God commendeth His love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

With His bold love Christ made us friends of God. But countless souls are still His enemies. Are we bold enough to face the fact that our unbelieving neighbors, friends, and relatives are going to hell? Do we follow Jesus' example and tearfully pray for their souls? Do we open our hearts to the heathen and hunger for their conversion?

History relates much about the courage of Martin Luther. This heroic man defied emperor, pope, and death itself. Yet when he prayed for the enemies of the truth, he would weep. God had given Luther a bold, Christlike love.

Of course neither Luther nor any of us could do all Christ did. We cannot take the weight of mankind's sin upon ourselves. Yet with the Lord's help we can be courageous enough to care about the salvation of others. This is what our churches need — more Christians with courage, the courage to weep.

Roland Cap Ehlke

"Good Colleges" Father Timothy Healy, the president of Georgetown University, delivered an address this spring to the graduating class of Georgetown Preparatory School. He advised the graduates to enroll at a "good college" that "will lead you to question every conclusion you have ever reached; it will lead you to deny lots of assumptions and remake them."

Perhaps, as a churchman, he did not intend to suggest that students should attend colleges that challenge even the last remnant of their faith in God or question their most cherished moral principles. But that is what a number of teachers and courses at "good colleges" do, especially in biological sciences, in education, and in humanities courses like literature, philosophy, sociology, and psychology. Among their teachers will be rank humanists who are anti-Christian enough to consider "deflowering" a Christian one of their missions in life.

Our Christian young people who enroll at colleges of the type Father Healy recommends must be aware of what they may very well encounter on such campuses. Their Christian faith and morals will be subjected to the reason and ridicule of both professors and students who disdain Jesus Christ and mock the Christian religion.

Thank God that many of our young people are aware of these perils and take steps to preserve their Christian faith. They read their Bibles and devotional literature to strengthen and preserve that faith and to light their path through the bewildering confusion of a godless university world. They seek a spiritual haven in our student chapels and our neighborhood congregations. They prefer the company of students who share their faith and their moral principles. Many of them associate with fellow Wisconsin Synod students in Lutheran Collegians and become active and effective church workers.

They recognize the intellectual arrogance and ignorance of much of higher education at "good colleges" for what it is — moral and spiritual bankruptcy. By the grace of God they do not "question every conclusion" they have ever reached; they do not discard their confirmation faith.

Carleton Toppe

The Key to Happiness People with much experience in life have learned two things. One is that life here on earth is very imperfect. The other is that in many cases they can't do anything about it. They don't like either one of these things, and the result is a high level of unhappiness in the lives of many, perhaps most, people.

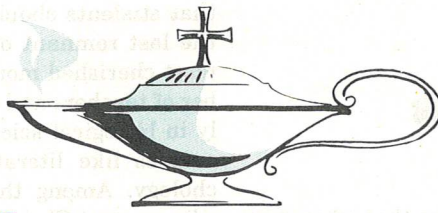
St. Paul in his lifetime learned one more thing, and it turned out to be the key to his happiness on earth. In a letter to the Philippians (4:11) he put his finger on it: "I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." He had a hard life, as even casual readers of the New Testament know. He did achieve a state of happiness, however, but not through a series of fortunate improvements in his personal lot in life. He simply learned to be content with whatever circumstances God saw fit to place him in.

Few of us would willingly trade places with Paul. His life was replete with hardship, discomfort, danger, loneliness, hostility, loss of personal freedom, and the imminent prospect of death by violence.

We have our problems, too — the imperfect spouse, the difficult job, the failure of others to appreciate us as a person, insufficient income (by our own standards, that is), inability to attain the luxurious lifestyle in which we should like to live.

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Studies in God's Word



Love Is So Important

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone that loveth is born of God and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. In this was manifested the love of God toward us because that God sent His only-begotten Son into the world that we might live through Him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one

another. No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us and His love is perfected in us. Hereby know we that we dwell in Him and He in us, because He hath given us of His Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the world. Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him and he in God. And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us (I John 4:7-16a).

When John turns again to the subject of love, it's not because he has run out of ideas. Rather, the Spirit would have him lead us even deeper into this important subject. In one of the most beautiful and powerful sections of his "Letter of Light, Life, and Love" John reminds us that *Love Is So Important* because of

What God Is

In this brief section John uses the word "love" 15 times, each time employing a Greek word which refers to the highest type of love, one which loves the unlovable and helps the undesirable. It's a love that understands and then undertakes, that sympathizes and then sacrifices. Such unselfish love has no origin among men. By nature man loves those who love him and helps those who help him. To love the unloving and help the undeserving is exclusively "of God," as John reminds us.

God is more than the source of all true love. "He is love," John says simply and yet profoundly. Love is such an essential part of His being that it

can never be absent from Him. He is unlimited, inexhaustible, unmeasurable love. He is and ever will be abounding in grace and overflowing in forgiveness.

No wonder John urges: "Let us love one another." How can we claim to be born of God and not share His nature! "Like father, like son" is extremely true of the heavenly family. Hearts touched by His love have to love. Our love for each other may limp and be painfully far from perfect, but yet it will respond to and reflect the love of our God.

What God Has Done

What God is we can learn from what God has done. Down from heaven above His love sent to His enemies the greatest He had to offer, His only-begotten Son. Three times John speaks of that Son (verses 9,10,14), showing how he marveled at the greatness of the gift. That Son who ruled with the Father in intimate union in heaven was sent to a life of poverty and a death of shame, to a burden of sin and a hell

of suffering. He was sent to be "the Savior of the world," the "propitiation" or payment-sacrifice which would cancel and cover the world's sins. Men who by nature were God's enemies and who at death would deserve hell have available a place in God's family and a promise of God's heaven through that Savior. There's God's love, shown plainly by what He has done for us on the hard ground of Calvary.

No wonder John urges: "If God so loved us, we ought to love one another." We cannot and need not climb on a cross to pay for the world's sins, but we can kneel at the foot of Christ's cross more frequently through Word and Sacrament, there to have our love primed and pumped by His great love. The results will soon be seen in our lives as husbands and wives, parents and children, employees and employers, neighbors and citizens, the results of loving actions which mark us as children of God.

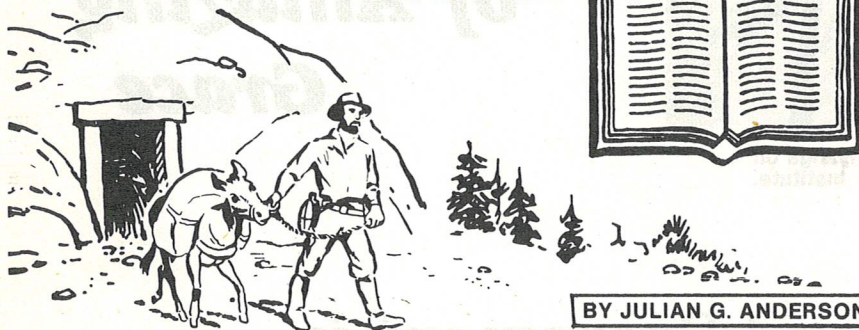
What God is Doing

When John writes: "No man hath seen God at anytime," he advances yet another reason for love's importance. As a spirit, God is invisible (John 4:24, I Tim. 1:17). His only-begotten Son who came to earth declared God wondrously (John 1:18), and central to that revelation was the message that God is love. Now to our astonishment John tells us that the invisible God would also reveal Himself through us. When the Spirit, given to us by God, works faith in our hearts through Word and Sacrament, He also works the fruits of faith, among which is love for God and fellow man (Gal. 5:22). That love then tells those around us something about the God of love. His great love is perfected or reaches its goal when it is planted in us and then reproduced among us.

What do people see when they look at our lives? We know what God wants them to see — a reflection of His great love in Christ. We know all too painfully what people see only too frequently! Thus we know also our need to come again and again to Word and Sacrament where God's love would work in us. Only His love can do it when we pray: "I long to be like Jesus, meek, loving, lowly, mild. I long to be like Jesus, the Father's holy Child."

Richard E. Lauersdorf

Mining the Treasure of God's Word



BY JULIAN G. ANDERSON

II Kings 24-25, Jeremiah 24-31

It would be well to review briefly the historical parts of the last lesson, which covered the reign of Jehoiakim, from 609-598 B.C. Bear in mind that Judah was now a part of the Babylonian empire, and that Jehoiakim was only a puppet king the last seven years of his reign. Now turn to

II Kings 24:8-20b

This section relates the first chapter in the actual fall and destruction of Jerusalem and Judah. Hi-lite the name of the king in verse 8 and note the length of his reign and the description of that reign in verse 9. As you read the tragic story in verses 10-17, underline verses 10,11,13, and 14, which summarize this catastrophe. Then hi-lite the classes who were carried away as captives and the total number in verses 14 and 16. Note also the closing phrase in verse 13. Note the date of all this in your margin (598 B.C.). The closing phrase of verse 12 refers to the eighth year of Nebuchadnezzar's reign. Note what happened to Jehoiakim then (verse 15) and what Nebuchadnezzar did before he left Jerusalem (verse 17). Then hi-lite the name of the next king in verse 18, and note the description of his reign (verse 19). Next turn to

Jeremiah 27-28

This prophecy is dated 595 B.C. (27:1 and 28:1). The name Jehoiakim in chapter 27:1 should be Zedekiah (27:3

and 28:1, copyist error). God's instructions to Jeremiah were another acted-out parable, to be accompanied by His message to the kings of all the surrounding nations (27:3) and Judah (verses 12 and 16), summarized in 27:6,7a,9-11,12b,14, and 17 (underline). Next read the reply of Hananiah (28:1-4), one of the false prophets (Jeconiah, sometimes Coniah, was another name for Jehoiachin); and then Jeremiah's reply (verses 5-9, underline verse 9); Hananiah's action in verses 10 and 11, and the conclusion in verses 12-17.

Jeremiah 51:59-64 contains another short prophecy to the captives dated the same year (595 B.C.), concerning the destruction of Babylon. Now we go to

Jeremiah 29-31

Chapter 29:1 tells us that these two prophecies were sent by letter from Jeremiah, who was still in Judah (40:6), to the captives in Babylon, probably around 595 B.C. Here God gave His instructions to His people (29:4-7), and a word of warning (verses 8 and 9), followed by His promise in verse 10 (compare 25:12 and underline). Then follow His words of comfort in the form of a prophecy predicting their repentance (verses 12-14, underline). The rest of chapter 29 consists of warnings against the false prophets who were at work in their midst.

The prophecy in chapters 30 and 31 was also written and sent by letter (30:1), probably during the same period (595-590 B.C.). Its purpose was to comfort God's people in their suffering. God did this by speaking at great length about their promised return (underline 30:3,7,9,11,23,24; 31:3,4a,5a,8,9a,16,17,31,34; and hi-lite the word "hope" in 31:17). Note that God also tells them that He was correcting them for their sins in 30:11c-15 (underline verse 15b and hi-lite the words "correct" in verse 11, "chastisement" in verse 14, and "chastised" in 31:18). In the closing section it becomes clear that the coming return was itself prophetic of the new covenant (31:31-34, hi-lite) that would be established by the blood of the Messiah and His kingdom (see especially the closing phrase in 31:40).

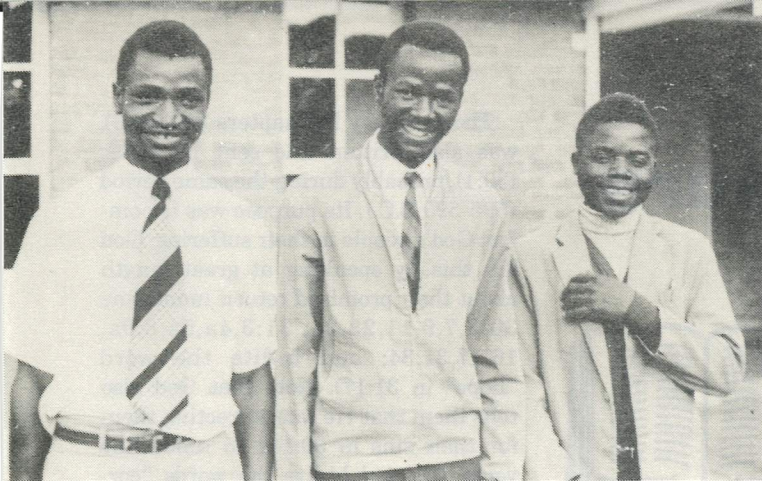
Next, Jeremiah 24

This short prophecy, given in the form of a vision (verses 1-3), speaks of the repentance and return of the faithful remnant (verses 4-7), and the destruction of the wicked in Judah (verses 8-10). Underline verses 6 and 7. It probably was given in the same period as the preceding prophecies (595-590 B.C.). But now we must go to

II Kings 24:20c - 25:26

The last phrase of chapter 24:20 should be the first sentence of a new paragraph beginning chapter 25. This tells the tragic story of the final fall and destruction of Jerusalem in 587 B.C., after a siege of two years (25:1,2). Jeremiah 52 is a parallel account and repeats it almost word for word.

Notice what it was that brought about this final destruction (24:20c). Zedekiah probably refused to pay, or was unable to pay, the taxes that year. The effects of the siege are recorded in 25:3. This weakened the defenses so that a breach was made at some part of the wall (verse 4). Note what happened to Zedekiah (verses 6 and 7), the Temple, palace, and all the houses (verse 9), the walls (verse 10), and the people (verses 11,12, and 18-21). The brass in the Temple was the great prize (verses 13-17). Verses 22-26 tell of Nebuchadnezzar's arrangements for the government of the land, and another later rebellion. As we close, then, Jerusalem is a smoldering heap of ruins.



Evangelists M. Patuwe, E. Omali, and B. Sanyanga on the day of their graduation from the Bible Institute. They are serving in Malawi and Zambia.

Twenty-five Years of Amazing Grace

Word and Sacrament in the Lutheran Church of Central Africa

If this coming Sunday you were to worship with one of our congregations in Malawi or Zambia, you would in some ways feel yourself very much at home. The chances are that you would be in a church building with an altar at the front, very possibly also a lectern or a pulpit. You would hear the pastor or the evangelist read from the Word of God and preach a sermon. The order of service would be similar to that in your own home church. Some of the hymn melodies would have a familiar ring.

But there would be differences, too. The church might have a roof of grass thatch. The pews would possibly be of hardened earth, the altar of mud blocks. The windows very likely would have no glass in them, and the building itself might be very small, perhaps not as large as your two-car garage.

Language Difference

The biggest difference, however, would be the language. Only in two or possibly three of the more than a hundred congregations and preaching stations would you find a service conducted in English. There is a good chance that the words you would be hearing and singing would be Chewa, or Tonga, or Ila, or perhaps Bemba or Luvale.

The use of a language other than English is typical of the work done in our world mission fields, be it in Japan,

Colombia, Puerto Rico, Africa, or Hong Kong. What complicates matters in Central Africa, however, is the large number of languages and dialects in daily use. Zambia alone with a population of a bit over 5,000,000 has some 70 languages and dialects. Several additional languages are spoken in Malawi.

So how does one proceed? Doing mission work is sharing the Good News of God's love and forgiveness in Christ. It is teaching them to observe all that Jesus has commanded us. It is preaching the Word, baptizing, administering the Sacrament of the Lord's body and blood. One can hardly do all of this in English when those one wants to reach with Word and Sacraments speak and understand only a different tongue!

As our missionaries began their work in Central Africa 25 years ago, they made heavy use of interpreters. Fortunately, the more educated Africans were able to speak and understand some English. The colonial administration in both Zambia and Malawi was British, and English became the language of government. Any person who had the equivalent of an eighth-grade education also had a working knowledge of English. There were various people who could serve as interpreters.

A better way, however, needed to be found. An obvious answer was to have the missionary learn the local

language. This helps, and language study is a vital part of our missionary orientation program. A number of our expatriates have become real experts in one or more of the languages of the areas in which they are working.

Even this falls short of the ideal. If the work is to be done in the most effective way possible, it must be done by members of the national church. Zambians must be trained so that they can preach and teach and carry on the full work of the ministry among their own people. It must be the same in Malawi or in any other place where we do mission work.

Worker-Training

It was in the early sixties that we got underway in a formal church-worker-training program in Central Africa. Pastor E. H. Wendland was called in 1962 for the specific purpose of setting up a Bible Institute in or near Lusaka. In the two years which followed, a site was purchased, buildings erected, a curriculum established, and students enrolled. The Lutheran Bible Institute opened its doors in September 1964 and two years later graduated its first class of four evangelists.

These evangelists were the first men trained specifically for the ministry in the Lutheran Church of Central Africa. Since then others also have graduated,

and today there are approximately 30 evangelists serving the church.

A word is in place here to describe both their qualifications and their work.

Before a man can enroll at the Bible Institute, he must have the recommendation both of his congregation and of his pastor. Ordinarily only those are considered who have a record of volunteer service in their home congregation. In his two years at the Bible Institute the student receives courses in doctrine, church history, evangelism, pastoral theology, and a number of other related subjects. Together with his classroom work he receives actual field experience in churches in the vicinity of the Bible Institute.

Upon graduation, the evangelist is assigned to one or more congregations. There he conducts services, instructs classes, teaches Sunday school, visits the sick, calls on prospective members. Since his formal training is less than that which is required for the full pastoral ministry, he carries on his work under the direction of a supervising pastor. A pastor may have four or five evangelists under his supervision. Weekly meetings are held with each evangelist. The sermon for the week is studied. The Sunday-school lesson receives attention. Pastoral problems are discussed. While the day-to-day work in the congregation is done by the evangelist, it is the pastor who normally administers the Sacraments. He examines classes instructed by the evangelist, and then baptizes and confirms those who are ready for membership.

The system of using evangelists has worked well. Yet it, too, falls short of the ideal. Our ultimate aim and goal is a national ministry made up of men who have received a full theological training and who will be able to work without having someone else looking over their shoulder.

It was with this goal in mind that a theological seminary was opened and the first class of three men enrolled in 1969. After three years of intensive seminary training and two additional years of service as vicars, these men became the first Zambian-trained pastors to serve the LCCA. Today there are five national pastors, four of them in Zambia and one in Malawi. Two more men are serving as vicars and after

final examinations next June will be eligible for a call into the full pastoral ministry.

Qualifications

A question sometimes asked has to do with the qualifications of these national pastors. The best answer is to let you follow them through their training program. In order to be considered for admission into the seminary, a man must first have served a minimum of two years as an evangelist. This means that by the time he enters the pastoral ministry, he has no less than nine years of training: two years as a student in the Bible Institute, two years as an evangelist under the direct supervision of a pastor, three years as a seminary student, and two more years as a vicar, also under the supervision of a pastor. A fourth year has recently been added to the seminary program, raising

the full training period for the pastoral ministry to 10 years.

But couldn't we get by with less? It would seem easier that way. We could get more men into the ministry in less time. There is a temptation to go the quicker route. Yet God's Word sets the course also for this part of the Church's work. An overseer in the Lord's work must be "able to teach" (I Tim. 3:2,NIV), "a workman who does not need to be ashamed, and who correctly handles the word of truth" (II Tim. 2:15,NIV). He must be able to "hold fast the form of sound words" (II Tim. 1:13) and be counted among the true "stewards of the mysteries of God" (I Cor. 4:1). The Lord sets a high standard for those who are to serve in the ministry. That standard applies both in America and in Africa.

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An adult baptism service at Shabasonje, Zambia. The service is being conducted by Pastor M. Wendland with Evangelist T. Mulonda assisting.



Pastor Benson Mavika conducting a Communion service at Mulenga Village, Zambia. The congregation did not as yet have a church building.



Evangelist P. Nkausu with the congregation at Shimakampa, Zambia.

The men who have graduated and those who presently are being trained face heavy responsibilities. They already have a leading role in the work and life of the Lutheran Church of Central Africa. At some time, presently known to God alone, they will have to become totally responsible for the work of the ministry in the church in Zambia

and in Malawi. They will need to be ready for that responsibility when it is placed on them. The time to give them the training and the experience which are needed to make them ready is today.

At stake is the most important work in the world. In a timely essay read at one of our WELS district conventions a

few weeks ago the essayist pointed out that even as the Lord has charged us to be fully engaged in lengthening the cords, He has placed on us the equally urgent duty to strengthen the stakes. We are to spread the Gospel and aid others in doing the same. But we must at the same time see to it that the Means of Grace, the Gospel in Word and Sacrament, are used as our Lord would have us use them. That it should be so is our concern not only here in the United States of America, but also in our world mission fields. It is the basic thought underlying the worker-training program in the Lutheran Church of Central Africa.

The Lord will supply the blessing. He implies as much when He tells us: "Preach the Word." He plainly tells us that it is so when He declares that His Word will not return to Him void, but that it will accomplish that which He pleases and that it will prosper in the thing for which He has sent it.

Theodore A. Sauer

Pilgrim of Menomonee Falls Dedicates New Church

The dedication of a new house of worship is, indeed, a happy occasion for a congregation. That also held true for the members of Pilgrim Congregation of Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin, when on April 30, 1978, they dedicated their new church to the glory of God. In the dedication service, before an overflow crowd, Pastor Peter Kruschel, a son of the congregation, spoke on "A Prayer on the Day of Dedication," basing his message on II Chronicles 6:41. In the afternoon service of praise, Prof. I. J. Habeck, using Luke 10:20 as his text, exhorted the congregation to "Double Your Joy This Dedication Day." Special music was provided by the Brass Choir of Wisconsin Lutheran High School and the choir and day-school children of the congregation.

The new church, fan-shaped in structure, offers the worshipers the unique feeling of spaciousness, yet unity in worship. The nave seats 270 and the balcony 30. The narthex and the mothers' room are arranged to accommodate another 60 people. A sacristy, pastor's office, and cloakroom complete the main floor. The full base-

ment serves as the fellowship hall, being used for the first time in serving dinner to the members and guests on the day of dedication. The new pews, chancel furniture, carpeting, and the stained-glass windows were purchased by special gifts from members and friends of Pilgrim. The building, heated electrically, is also air-conditioned.

Exclusive of landscaping, the approximate cost of the project amounted to \$165,000. Many hours of labor by members, under the direction of Mr. Warren Mecus, held the cost down considerably. Mr. Gerald Vanselow of Milwaukee was the architect and Mr. Ray Anderson the general contractor.

Pilgrim Lutheran Church was organized in 1959. It was the mission for which children throughout the Synod presented their offerings to the CEF in order that its first church and school could be built. Under God's blessings the congregation has experienced steady growth through the years. Since 1960 it has operated its own Christian day school. The old church building will be used in conjunction with the day school, providing much needed space.

SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING WISCONSIN LUTHERAN SEMINARY AUXILIARY

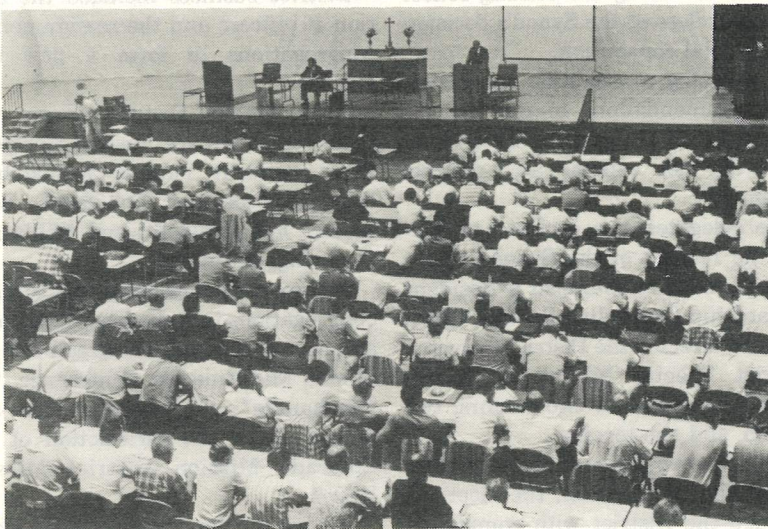
Women who are members of Wisconsin Synod congregations or of a congregation in fellowship with it are invited to the sixth annual Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Auxiliary meeting to be held on October 7, 1978, at the Seminary in Mequon, Wisconsin. The meeting will begin with a service at 10:00 A.M. with registration during the preceding coffee hour. A noon meal will be served in the Seminary dining room.

The agenda of the business meeting will include a report on the work accomplished the past year. The ladies will also vote on Auxiliary projects for the future. Tours of the building will be offered, and an informal presentation by Seminary professors and students will complete the day's activities at about 4:00 P.M.

Reservations should be made by September 23, 1978, and should be sent, together with the \$3.50 fee for dinner and the \$1.00 fee for registration, to the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Arnold Nommensen, 105 S. Orchard Street, Thiensville, Wisconsin 53092.

Publicity Committee

Districts Meet in Convention



Typical Convention — this one at New Ulm

Arizona — California

San Diego, Calif. — Reformation Lutheran Church of San Diego hosted the Arizona-California District Convention of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod on June 20-22. Speaker at the opening Communion service was the Rev. Eugene Hartzell of the Apache Mission at East Fork, Arizona.

Convention essayist was Pastor Edgar Hoenecke, past executive secretary of the Synod's Board for World Missions. His essay was entitled "Reminiscences of the Beginnings of the Work in Southern Africa." Tape recordings made at the time highlighted the presentation.

The purchase of the Campion property in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, as the home of Martin Luther Academy and Northwestern Preparatory School, was recommended to the Synod by a 130-23 vote.

Reacting to the Report of the Committee on Grants, the convention adopted a statement that special grants be considered a matter of Christian liberty, but that caution be used in applying for and receiving them.

In other action the District declined to establish a permanent District Special Ministries Board and approved the request of the Texas Conference to

work toward District status by the time of the 1979 Synod convention.

Congregations of the District support 35 Christian day schools and two Lutheran high schools.

Officers of the District, all reelected, are Pastor Immanuel G. Frey, president, Marcus C. Nitz, first vice-president, David J. Valleskey, second vice-president, and Lyle W. Lange, secretary.

James Humann

Dakota — Montana

Mobridge, South Dakota — A local pastor, the Rev. David Krenke of Zion Congregation, was reelected second vice-president at the meeting of the Dakota-Montana District of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, June 20-22. Other officers, all incumbents, will be Pastors Arthur P. C. Kell, president, Edward Werner, first vice-president, and John Engel, secretary. Sessions of the convention were conducted at the Northwestern Lutheran Academy.

The theme of the convention, commemorating the 50th anniversary of Northwestern Lutheran Academy, was "Like a Tree Planted by the Rivers of Waters." Affecting the future of the Academy was a resolution to carry

through the Academy's master plan on a District basis should the Synod accept the District's offer. Congregations of the District have already pledged \$177,500 through 1981 to build a new music building on the campus.

The District also went on record establishing a District Special Ministries Board and permitting congregations interested in the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society to form a District Circuit. It, however, turned down a request to establish a Resident Stewardship Counseling Service.

In a voice vote the convention overwhelmingly supported the purchase of the Campion campus. There was no discussion and only a few scattered "no" votes.

In reacting to the Report of the Committee on Grants, a committee elected at the 1977 Synod Convention in response to an overture of the Dakota-Montana District, the delegates adopted a resolution encouraging the members of the District to study the report carefully to gain a clear understanding of the principles involved and advocating constant watchfulness and self-discipline in this area of the church's work.

The convention essayist was Prof. Richard Strobel. He spoke on "The Role of the Prep School in Our Educational System."

Harold A. Schewe

Michigan

Saginaw, Michigan — "Lead me in Thy truth and teach me" was the theme of the Michigan District Convention, which met at Michigan Lutheran Seminary from June 13-15. Two essays were read at the convention: "The Infallibility of the Scriptures," by Pastor John Graf, and "A History of Bible Translation," by Pastor Lynn Schroeder.

Of special interest to Saginaw residents was the installation of Dr. John C. Lawrenz, formerly pastor of Zion Lutheran Church, Gainesville, Florida, as president of Michigan Lutheran Seminary. He succeeds Prof. Martin R. Toepel.

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Reelected to serve the District were Pastors Waldemar J. Zarling, president, Robert P. Mueller, first vice-president, and John F. Brenner, second vice-president. Pastor Edward D. Pinchoff was elected secretary to succeed Pastor John Westendorf, who indicated he would not stand for reelection.

The proposal of the floor committee not to purchase the Campion campus was defeated 208-43. The motion then carried to purchase the property and to ask the Synod to consider all the various options for its use.

The Report of the Committee on Grants was hotly debated, many arguments being offered in favor of and against the acceptance of aid from such outside WELS's fellowship. Because of the wide disagreement among the delegates, the entire matter was tabled and referred to the area pastoral conferences for further study.

The District Special Ministries Board was urged to study the feasibility of establishing a facility for the retarded in the District, and to report its findings to the next District Convention. The District also advocated calling a full-time man for the student ministry on the campus of Michigan State University at East Lansing.

It was reported that the Michigan District has 47 Christian day schools, and that four more are planning to open in fall.

Richard A. deRuiter

Minnesota

New Ulm, Minnesota — On June 27-29 Dr. Martin Luther College was the site of the Minnesota District Convention of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Prof. Roland Hoencke, retiring from the DMLC faculty in July, read the convention essay. His theme was "The Proper Use of the Means of Grace, An Indispensable Requirement for Strengthening the Stakes." It reflected the convention theme: "Lengthen thy Cords and Strengthen thy Stakes."

The recommendation of the Synod's Commission on Higher Education to acquire the Campion property in Prairie du Chien as the future home of Martin Luther Academy was approved

by a voice vote. Martin Luther Academy has been sharing the DMLC campus for the past 94 years. It will continue to do so during the coming school year regardless of the Synod's decision in its special convention.

By rejecting a resolution supporting the recommendations of the Synod's Committee on Grants, the District in effect did not express any positive agreement.

The delegates also declined to support the request of the Synod's Stewardship Board to establish a Resident Stewardship Counseling Service. They, however, directed the District to form a District Special Ministries Board, which will consist of two pastors, two laymen, and one teacher.

With the exception of the secretary, Pastor Warren Henrich, the elections provided the District with completely new leadership. The new president is Pastor Gerhard W. Birkholz. He replaces Pastor Gerhard A. Horn, who refused to run for reelection. Pastors Edmund O. Schulz and David M. Ponath are the new first and second vice-presidents.

Del Begalka

Nebraska

Denver, Colorado — Delegates to the Nebraska District Convention met from June 20-22 at Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Denver, Colorado. Among those attending was Pastor Leo C.

Gruendeman, whose entire ministry of 50 years had been spent in the Nebraska District.

District business included the election of officers and the realignment of congregations to form a new conference.

All incumbent District officers were reelected. They are Pastors Gerald E. Free, president; Paul W. Knickelbein, first vice-president; Douglas L. Bode, second vice-president; and William L. Goehring, secretary.

A separate conference, consisting of congregations in Arkansas, Oklahoma, and part of Kansas, was organized and named Mid-America Conference. The "panhandle" of Nebraska was also placed under the jurisdiction of the Colorado Mission District Mission Board.

Among the Synodical issues to which the District reacted were both the Campion proposal and the Report of the Committee on Grants. The purchase of the Campion property was approved with 61 votes for, 22 opposed, and 9 abstaining. The Committee on Grants was asked to restudy the issue and clarify its document for the 1979 convention. A motion to criticize the committee report more sharply lost by only three votes.

The size of the District Special Ministries Board was increased to five members, but the request of the Synod's Stewardship Board for a resident stewardship counselor was not approved.

Richard J. Kuckhahn



Officers of Minnesota District (Left to right): D. Ponath, E. Schulz, W. Henrich, and G. Birkholz

Pacific Northwest

Yakima, Washington — Pastor Steven Korth opened the 31st Biennial Convention of the Pacific Northwest District with a devotion on June 27, and served as convention chaplain until the closing devotion on Thursday noon. The convention service was held on Tuesday evening, with Pastor Melvin Teske of Grace Church preaching the sermon.

Elected to head the District for the next two years were: Pastor George W. Frey as president, Pastor Teske as first vice-president, Pastor Gerald G. Ditter as second vice-president, and Pastor Ethan J. Kahrs as secretary.

Essayist for the convention was Pastor Harold E. Wicke, editor of *The Northwestern Lutheran*. His paper was entitled: "The Spirit of the Formula of Concord."

The Wednesday evening session was devoted to a discussion of the Campion proposal. The CHE proposal was presented by CHE chairman, Pastor Kurt J. Eggert. The proposal of the joint faculties of Northwestern College and Northwestern Preparatory School was brought before the convention by Prof. James Fricke. Vote on the two proposals was taken the next morning. The vote was unanimous for the purchase of the Campion property.

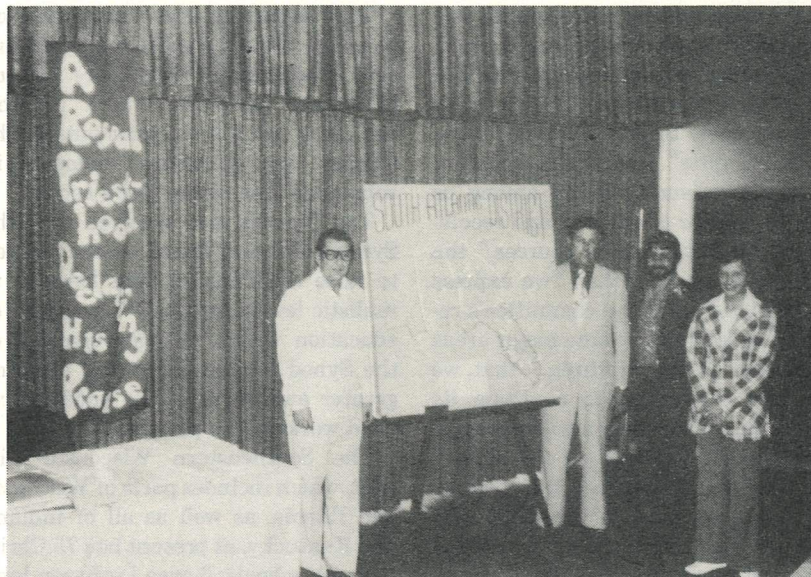
The Report of the Committee on Grants was also adopted without a dissenting vote.

Accepted into membership in the District at this convention was its newest congregation, Hope of the Valley Ev. Lutheran Church of Pocatello, Idaho.

Errol W. Carlson

South Atlantic

Tampa, Florida — "A Royal Priesthood Declaring God's Praise" was the theme of the Third Biennial Convention of the South Atlantic District held at the Causeway Inn, Tampa, Florida, June 12-13. Thrust of this theme, namely, the universal priesthood of all believers, was brought in an essay delivered by Prof. Wilbert Gawrisch of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. Three



Officers of South Atlantic District (left to right): R. Wiechmann, M. Goeglein, R. Busch, K. Kruck

satellite essays provided the practical application of this doctrine in the home, the church, and the world.

Pastor Raymond Wiechmann, observing his 35th year in the ministry, was reelected president of the District. Pastor Keith Kruck was elected as first vice-president to succeed Pastor James Vogt, who had served since the constituting convention. Pastor Mark Goeglein was reelected second vice-president and Pastor Rodney Busch, secretary.

The convention faced many weighty matters. In regard to the "Academy Relocation" question, the convention overwhelmingly rejected the Northwestern Joint Faculty alternate recommendation and concurred with the recommendation of the Commission on Higher Education to purchase the Campion property and relocate Martin Luther Academy and later Northwestern Preparatory School.

A matter of great concern was the Report of the Committee on Grants. The delegates concurred with the report that at present there is no violation of Scriptural principles in the requesting and receiving of grants, but urged continuous scrutiny of the philosophies and purposes of those organizations which offer grants and constant evaluation to make sure that the reception of such gifts does not undermine the free giving of our members.

Six new congregations were received into membership: Ascension, Sarasota,

Florida; Crown of Life, Fort Myers, Florida; Good Shepherd, Jacksonville, Florida; St. Matthew, Montgomery, Alabama; Shepherd of the Hills, Knoxville, Tennessee; and Sola Fide, Lawrenceville, Georgia.

All in all, it proved to be a very long but enjoyable two days, with much accomplished through the grace of God.

Edward P. Schuppe

Northern Wisconsin

Appleton, Wisconsin — The opening service of the Northern Wisconsin District was held at St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Appleton, with Pastor Walter Hoepner preaching on "The Lord's Zeal Builds His Church." The convention sessions were held at Fox Valley Lutheran High School, June 26-28.

Prominent among the housekeeping duties of the convention was the election of officers. Delegates reelected all present members of the praesidium, Pastor Carl W. Voss as president, Pastor Martin P. Janke as first vice-president, Pastor Clarence Koepsell as second vice-president, and Prof. David Worgull as secretary.

With deep concern over the recruitment of workers for the church, the convention by voice vote approved the CHE proposal to buy the Campion cam-

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pus. An open hearing and a special evening session were devoted to this item.

Expressing the opinion that the Report of the Committee on Grants "does not adequately treat the matter of encumbered gifts" and "falls short of healing the disunity found among us over the matter of seeking and receiving grants from outside sources," the convention resolved that "we express our conviction that the committee's report is inadequate in some major areas of concern to the brethren," that we "ask the committee to continue its work so that eventually a policy may be recommended to which all can agree," and that we "encourage our pastors and congregations to promote and practice good stewardship principles and resist the encroachments of organizations outside the church into congregational life."

Delegates also urged a careful monitoring in the area of home missions of an increase in staff personnel (mission counselors) being implemented on the District level in various Districts."

Harlyn J. Kuschel

Southeastern Wisconsin

Milwaukee, Wisconsin — In his opening statement to the delegates of the Southeastern Wisconsin District, meeting on June 13-14 at Wisconsin Lutheran High School, President George W. Boldt stated: "We are concerned about one thing, to do the Lord's work. Because we know that without Christ we can do nothing, we have chosen as our convention theme, *Strong in His Spirit.*"

Reelected as president of the District, Pastor Boldt will work together with Pastor Winfred B. Nommensen, first vice-president, Pastor Robert J. Zink, second vice-president, and Pastor Mentor E. Kujath, secretary. Pastor Zink, who served as essayist for the convention, replaces Pastor D. H. Kuehl.

The two-day convention devoted an evening session and a portion of the second forenoon to a discussion of the recommendation to purchase the vacant Campion property. When the vote was called, it showed 345 favoring the purchase, 70 opposing it, and 5 "neither," plus 2 abstentions.

The Report of the Committee on Grants provoked a great deal of discussion. Recognizing that there are no Scriptural principles which prohibit the use of aid from sources outside the Church, the delegates "endorsed in substance" the committee's report.

The District also resolved that the Synod's Pension Board be encouraged to raise the Pension Plan benefits to realistic levels and that "a program of education within all congregations of the Synod for the purpose of creating greater awareness of the needs of retired workers" be pursued.

The Southeastern Wisconsin District, which includes parts of Wisconsin and Illinois, as well as all of Indiana and Kentucky, at present has 75 Christian day schools, 3 area Lutheran high schools, and Wisconsin Lutheran College.

Robert W. Kleist

Western Wisconsin

Watertown, Wisconsin — The 31st Biennial Convention of the Western Wisconsin District was held at Northwestern College, Watertown, Wisconsin, on June 5-7. Reelected to their respective offices were President Carl H. Mischke, First Vice-President Donald F. Bitter, Second Vice-President Henry E. Paustian, and Secretary Herman W. Winkel.

The convention essay was delivered by Pastor Elton H. Huebner, executive secretary of the Synod's Board of Trustees, who spoke on "The Role of

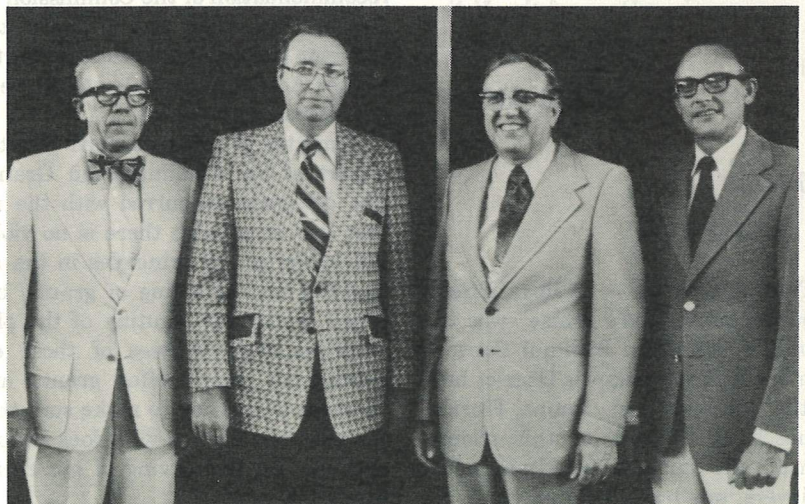
Administration in the Work of the Kingdom."

Dominating the convention discussions was the recommendation of the Synod's Commission on Higher Education to purchase the Campion property, since this will directly affect Northwestern Preparatory School, which would eventually be relocated should the recommendation be adopted. After lengthy debate, delegates were asked to mark their ballots in one of three ways. Did they favor the proposal of the CHE? Did they favor the recommendation of the Joint Faculty Committee of Northwestern College and Northwestern Prep School (to enlarge the campuses at New Ulm and Watertown rather than to purchase Campion)? Did they feel that neither of the above proposals were satisfactory? The result of the balloting was: CHE recommendation 110, neither proposal 62, Joint Faculty Committee proposal 42.

Pastor H. Wicke reported for the Committee on Grants. He cited many warnings concerning the dangers of becoming dependent on grants, with probable poor stewardship resulting from this. At the same time he reminded the convention that we dare not judge others when they in Christian freedom accept that which God's Word neither commands nor forbids.

In its closing moments, the District expressed the conviction that prayer for God's guidance at the special Synod convention is essential, and that when a decision has been reached, all should do their part in supporting it.

Harold W. Sturm



Officers of Southeastern Wisconsin District (left to right): M. Kujath, W. Nommensen, G. Boldt, R. Zink

Special Synod Convention

Votes to Purchase Campion Campus

A special convention of the Synod has less delegates attending, less floor committees preparing its work, and less hours devoted to that work. But the decisions are always far-reaching.

So with the special convention of our Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod which met at Northwestern College, Watertown, Wisconsin, on July 11-12, 1978.

Voting delegates in attendance numbered 337: 147 pastors, 70 professors and teachers, and 120 lay delegates. There were an additional 79 advisory delegates, for a total of 416.

Six floor committees assisted the work of the convention: No. 5: Worker-Training, No. 6: Courtesy, No. 7: Credentials and Excuses, No. 12: Resolutions, No. 14: Press, and No. 19: Convention Travel Expense.

Delegates and committee members were substantially the same as those which had attended the regular convention in August 1977 at New Ulm.

Purpose

Special conventions are usually one-item conventions. The purpose of the July 11-12 convention was well put by President O. J. Naumann when he stated: "The Report of the President to a special convention of our Synod is of necessity quite different from the usual biennial report. Not the entire state of our Synod and of its work in many fields will be reported and discussed in detail at this convention. As all of you know, this special convention is called in the interest of our worker-training program and in supplying additional and sorely needed facilities for the training of more candidates for the public ministry."

Floor Committee No. 5 was in session all of Monday, July 10, and did not report to the convention until late Tuesday evening. The time of the convention on Tuesday was taken up with the President's Report, a presentation by Pastor Kurt J. Eggert on the recommendation of the Commission on Higher Education, a presentation by Dean

Edward Lindemann of the proposal of the Northwestern Joint Faculty Committee, a supplementary report of the Board of Trustees by Pastor Carl S. Leyrer, an introduction of visitors, and a number of recesses.

Three-Prong Report

When Floor Committee No. 5 reported at 8:30 P.M. Tuesday, it presented a divided report. Report No. 1 favored the purchase of the Campion campus at Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin; the relocation of Martin Luther Academy to Prairie du Chien at the beginning of the 1979-80 academic year; and the phasing out of the teacher-training program at Northwestern Preparatory School.

Report No. 2 rejected the CHE recommendation to purchase the Campion property for use as a preparatory school; supported the erection of new facilities for Martin Luther Academy on Campus II at New Ulm; and proposed that the NPS dual-track program be maintained on the Northwestern campus, and that NPS and NWC continue to share the same campus.

Report No. 3 advocated that the Campion property be purchased for use as a junior college; that the terminal training (the last two years) be retained at New Ulm; and that both MLA and NPS be retained on their present campuses with their present two-track system.

After the reading of the first two reports and a verbal report on the third, the convention recessed until 8:30 Wednesday morning.

Report No. 2 Rejected

Report No. 2 was presented to the convention first, the discussion also involving Report No. 1. Some 28 speakers addressed the subject in the course of the forenoon session, followed by another seven after dinner. Voting by ballot, the convention then rejected Report No. 2 by a vote of 220 to 65.

Decision

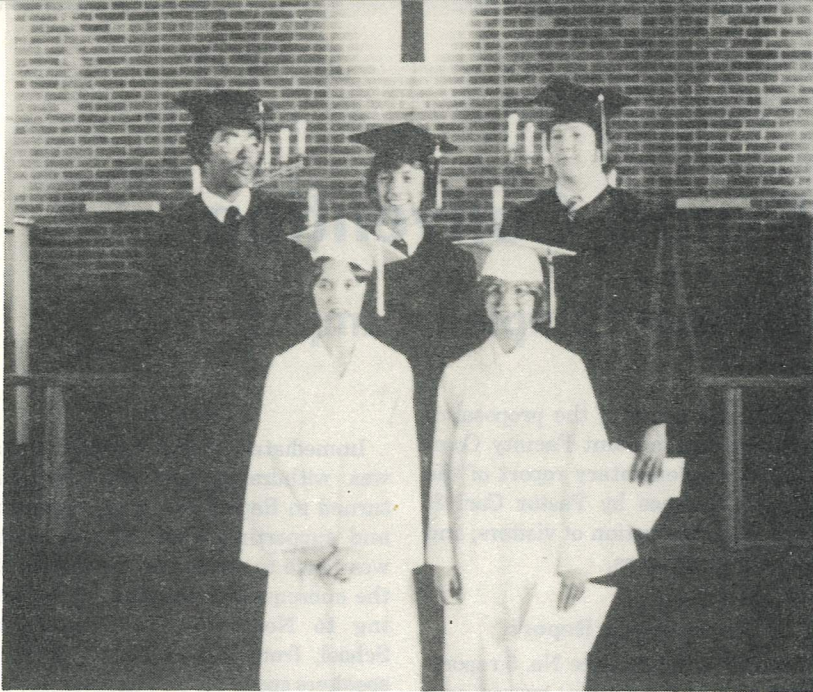
Immediately thereafter Report No. 3 was withdrawn, and the discussion turned to Report No. 1, its resolutions and supporting whereases. A motion was made to strike two whereases and the subsequent resolution, all pertaining to Northwestern Preparatory School, from Report No. 1. Some 22 speakers spoke for and against this motion. When put to a vote, it lost decisively. After only a few more statements pro and con, Report No. 1 was adopted section by section, and then as a whole.

Report No. 1

The resolutions adopted state: a) That the WELS purchase the Campion campus for the price at which it is presently being offered (\$2,800,000); b) That the plan of finance for purchase and takeover costs submitted by the Board of Trustees be implemented; c) That the refurbishing and remodeling costs (\$560,000 maximum) be funded by a Synodical offering at the dedication of these facilities; d) That the present Martin Luther Academy, beginning with the 1979-80 academic year, be relocated on the Prairie du Chien site to continue with its pastor-teacher training program; and e) That the Campion campus be acquired with the understanding that Northwestern Preparatory School phase out its teacher-training program within a three-year period beginning with the 1979-80 school year and direct all its efforts to the recruitment and training of pastor students. This was followed by two resolutions of thanks, praise, and prayer, plus nine implementing resolutions.

Plans call for opening the school at Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, to WELS students in August 1979. The school will be named Martin Luther Preparatory School.

The convention was chaired by President Oscar J. Naumann and Vice-Presidents Carl H. Mischke and George W. Boldt.



Top row (left to right):
K. Frank Patton, Mark Gielow,
and Brian Campbell
Front row (left to right):
Darlene DeWulf and Susan Behmer

Huron Valley Lutheran High Graduates First Class

Huron Valley Lutheran High School, Ann Arbor, Michigan, climaxed its third year on June 9, 1978, with the graduation of its initial Senior class. Pastor Lyle Hallauer, the first chair-

man of HVL's Board of Regents, urged the graduates to make God's Word their lifelong companion. Some 250 worshipers, gathered at St. John's Lutheran Church in Westland, joined the

valedictorian, K. Frank Patton, in thanking God for His blessings upon HVL's program of Christian secondary education.

In August, HVL will relocate from St. Mary's Catholic School to the John Hill Junior High School, thereby expanding its temporary facilities significantly. A student body of 100 is anticipated. A 25-acre site has been purchased midway between Ann Arbor and Plymouth. Groundbreaking is scheduled for 1980, with entrance into a completed facility planned for the fall of 1981.

Pastor Winfred Koelpin, Livonia, is the present chairman of HVL's Board of Regents. Huron Valley Lutheran High School has a full-time faculty of seven.

In this 75th anniversary year of Lutheran Christian secondary education, we praise and glorify God's goodness in providing this gift to His Church.

With the Lord

Teacher Paul Koepsell 1944 - 1978

Paul Reinhold Markus Koepsell was born March 22, 1944, in Escanaba, Michigan, the son of Pastor Walter Koepsell and his wife, Gertrude nee Siggelkow.

To prepare for the teaching ministry, Mr. Koepsell attended Martin Luther Academy and Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota, graduating in 1966.

He served the Lord in the following Christian day schools: St. Paul Lutheran School, Plymouth, Nebraska (1966-70); Gethsemane Lutheran School, Omaha, Nebraska (1970-75); St. Paul Lutheran School, Green Bay, Wisconsin (1975-78).

Mr. Koepsell suffered from Hodgkins Disease for a number of years. During the last year, the disease became disabling and he spent less than a week in the classroom. He, however, continued

to provide guidance for the school and through his exceptional spiritual endowments served as an inspiration to young and old. The Lord graciously took him from his sufferings on June 19, 1978, at an age of 34 years, 2 months, and 28 days.

The funeral service was conducted at St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church, Green Bay, Wisconsin, with Pastor Robert Christman officiating. Pastor Christman comforted the family and the congregation with the words of Romans 8:28-39.

Surviving are Mr. Koepsell's wife and two sons, Mark and Matthew; his parents; his grandfather, Mr. Paul Siggelkow; his brothers, Mr. Thomas Koepsell, teacher at Caledonia, Minnesota, and Pastor Arthur Koepsell of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; his sister, Hildegard (Mrs. Roland Shuster) of Toledo, Ohio; members of St. Paul Congregation and children and faculty of St. Paul Lutheran School. May the Lord comfort them with the assured hope of a blessed reunion in heaven! Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord!

Key to Happiness (cont.)

All of these things, when we dwell upon them in our minds, significantly erode our sense of personal wellbeing. They also tend to give rise to some of the bigger problems which afflict society as a whole: crime, broken homes, etc.

There are many unpleasant things in this world which we cannot change. We know that. Now in order to find happiness in this troubled world there is one more thing we have to learn: "... in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." This is the key to happiness for those who put their trust in God.

Immanuel Frey

SERVICE FOR THE DEAF

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
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Third Sunday of Month
 10:30 A.M.

September through May

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ORDINATIONS AND INSTALLATIONS

(Authorized by the District Presidents)

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Ordained and Installed

Gawrisch, John W., as pastor of King of Kings, Little Rock, Arkansas, on June 25, 1978, by W. Gawrisch (Nebr.).

Lehninger, Paul D., ordained and commissioned as pastor for Consolation Orthodox Lutheran Church, Porto Alegre, Brazil, at St. John's, Wauwatosa, on June 25, 1978, by E. Lehninger (SEW).

Majovski, Matthew T., as pastor of Trinity, Austin, Minnesota, on June 18, 1978, by A. Kienitz (Minn.).

Schneidervin, John S., as pastor of Rock of Ages, Kansas City North, Missouri, on June 25, 1978, by F. Gilbert (Nebr.).

Schultz, Roger W., as pastor of Mt. Olive, Tulsa, Oklahoma, on June 18, 1978, by E. Scharf (Nebr.).

Installed

Behling, James A., as instructor and head of the Religion Department of Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School, Jackson, Wisconsin, on January 22, 1978, by C. Weigel (SEW).

Cullen, Orval H., as associate pastor of St. John's, Libertyville, Illinois, on February 26, 1978, by R. J. Voss (SEW).

Ehike, Roland Cap, as associate editor at the Northwestern Publishing House, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on April 23, 1978, by D. Kuehl (SEW).

Erstad, Duane, as pastor of Jerusalem, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on May 7, 1978, by W. Hoffmann (SEW).

Gruen, Darald A., as pastor of Faith, Antioch, Illinois, on April 2, 1978, by L. Nolte (SEW).

Hohenstein, Lloyd A., as pastor of St. John's, Lake City, Minnesota, on June 18, 1978, by R. Goede (Minn.).

Lawrenz, John C., as president of Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Saginaw, Michigan, on June 14, 1978, by F. Zimmermann (Mich.).

Michael, Virgil W., as pastor of St. John's, Herrick, South Dakota, on June 10, 1978, and of Grace, Burke, South Dakota, on June 11, 1978, by D. Kolterjahn; and of Peace, Carlock, South Dakota, on June 11, 1978, by C. Iles Sr. (Nebr.).

Prange, Peter B., as pastor of St. Andrew's, Elgin, Illinois, on June 4, 1978, by R. Mueller (SEW).

Sauer, Theodore A., as executive secretary of the Board for World Missions, at Atonement Lutheran, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on April 26, 1978, by R. Zimmermann (SEW).

Schmeling, Gerhard E., as chaplain at Wisconsin Lutheran Child and Family Service, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on April 16, 1978, by E. Lehninger (SEW).

Sullivan, Paul L., as pastor of Divine Charity, Bethel Park, Pennsylvania, on May 21, 1978, by J. Brug (Mich.).

Teachers:

Braun, Bruce W., as teacher at Zum Kripplein Christi, Iron Ridge, Wisconsin, on January 29, 1978, by D. Kannenberg (SEW).

Falk, Michael, as teacher at St. Paul's, Moline, Illinois, on June 2, 1978, by J. Wille (WW).

SUPPLEMENT

Among the Seminary graduates listed in the June 25 issue of *The Northwestern Lutheran*, Gregory D. Stahlecker was listed as being from Cedarburg, Wisconsin, because that is where he was living at the time. His home congregation, however, is St. Paul's, Naper, Nebraska.

St. Paul's has the distinction of having supplied three workers for the ministry during the last 15 years. Graduate Stahlecker is deeply grateful to St. Paul's Congregation for encouraging and supporting him in every way.

SYNODICAL SCHOOL OPENINGS

Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Mequon, Wisconsin

Monday, September 11: Dormitory opens
Tuesday, September 12: Opening service at 10:00 a.m.

Northwestern College Watertown, Wisconsin

Monday, August 21: Orientation for new students
Tuesday, August 22: Opening service at 1:30 in the Music Auditorium

Northwestern Preparatory School Watertown, Wisconsin

Monday, August 21: Orientation for new students at 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday, August 22: Opening service at 1:30

Dr. Martin Luther College New Ulm, Minnesota

Friday, September 8: Freshman registration in Luther Memorial Union 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. — Faculty welcome buffet for all new students and their parents in Luther Memorial Union, 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, September 9: Sophomore registration, 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. — Junior registration, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, September 10: Senior Registration, 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. — Opening service in Chapel-Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

Martin Luther Academy New Ulm, Minnesota

Tuesday, September 5: Registration for all students — Orientation for all new students on Tuesday evening
Wednesday, September 6: Opening service at 8:30 a.m.

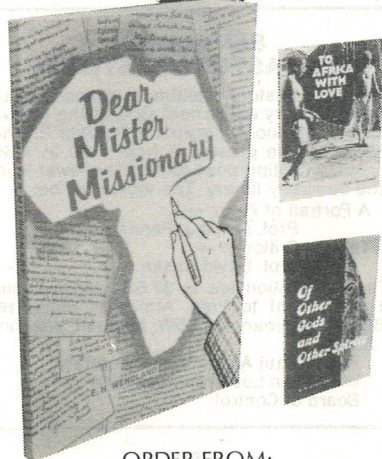
Michigan Lutheran Seminary Saginaw, Michigan

Sunday, August 27: Registration of students
Monday, August 28: Registration of students — Opening service at 1:30 p.m.

Northwestern Lutheran Academy Mobridge, South Dakota

Friday, August 15: Registration — Opening service at 1:30 p.m.

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

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3512 W. North Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53208

Names as well as pertinent information regarding members referred will be forwarded to the nearest pastor and/or mission board chairman.

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	Rice Lake*
British Columbia	Vancouver*

*Denotes exploratory services.

EXPLORATORY

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.

KERRVILLE, TEXAS

WELS exploratory services are being conducted at the Seventh Day Advent Church, 413 Lois Street, Kerrville, Texas. The worship service is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. Sundays. Please send names or information to Pastor Donald Stuppy, 3919 Shenandale Drive, San Antonio, Texas 78230, or call: 512/696-2716.

TIME AND PLACE

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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
Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary
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Calvary Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, is offering a set of *The Lutheran Liturgy, Lectionary, Agenda* and a pulpit Bible to any mission congregation that has need of them. For information contact: Pastor Robert M. Krueger, 8231 West Herbert Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53218 or phone 414/463-1397.

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SOUTH ATLANTIC

DISTRICT TEACHERS' CONFERENCE

Date: August 15-16, 1978.
Place: Peace Lutheran, Bradenton, Florida.
Agenda: Tuesday, August 15

- 9:00 Devotion: J. L. Vogt
- 9:15 Charismatics: J. Anderson
- 11:00 Business Meeting and Elections
- 1:15 Devotion: D. Dobberpuhl
- 1:30 Physical Education: J. Campbell
- 3:00 Closing Devotion: M. Bahn

Wednesday, August 16

- 9:00 Devotion: S. Schultz
- 9:15 Art: Steven Schultz
- 1:15 Devotion: R. Warning
- 1:30 Math Learning Center Activities: J. Ozburn
- 3:00 Business Meeting and Closing Devotion: M. Bahn

R. Unke, Secretary