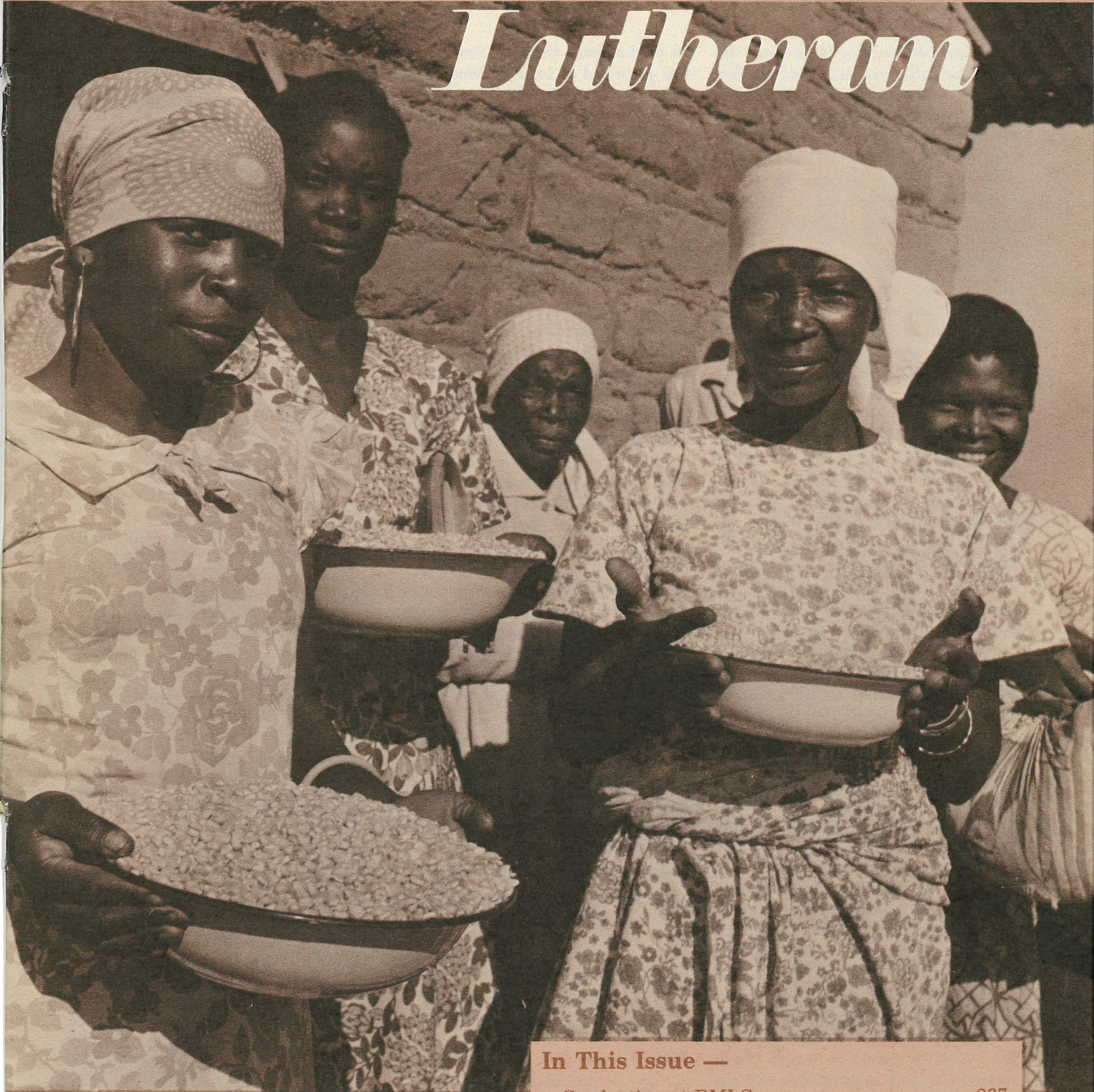


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Briefs by the Editor

The *Acts of the Apostles* is one of the most fascinating books in the New Testament. It shows the New Testament Church on the march, from the day of Pentecost to the day the Apostle Paul entered Rome, the capital of the Empire. Even though he came as an accused prisoner, he had a message which would "turn the world upside down."

Acts shows Christ's chosen Apostles in action, laymen witnessing, evangelists searching out people, missionaries going to foreign lands, and pastors and elders being appointed in the congregations. It shows individuals at work, it introduces us to team ministries, it has us take part in congregational decisions. It lets us attend the first synodical meeting and informs us about groups of congregations drawn together for the work of the Lord. In other words, though the time was long ago and the area far removed, the picture is a familiar one. It is in a sense a story that is repeated again and again in the church of God. The problems and the joys remain identical.

The account of *Acts* is also basically the story of our Synod here in the United States of America. And it is also the story of the Lutheran Church of Central Africa, for whom we unite in prayers of thanks and petitions for blessings on this 20th day of August, 1978.

As we on this day (the cover date of this issue) send our prayers to the throne of God in behalf of our brothers and sisters in Christ in distant Zambia and Malawi, the Lutheran Church of Central Africa is meeting in convention at Chelston. Chelston is the site of the Lutheran Seminary and is a suburb of Lusaka, the capital of Zambia. Words of thanks are being addressed to the Lord at this convention for having moved the members of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod in far-off North America to send missionaries and the Lord's Word to Central Africa back in 1953, now 25 years ago. It was on June

28 of that year that the first sermon was preached at Lusaka. Work began in Malawi in 1963. The Bible Institute was opened in 1964, and the Seminary in 1969. The first Zambian pastor was ordained in 1974, and first Malawi pastor in 1976.

Representing our Wisconsin Synod at the festivities are Pastor Raymond H. Zimmermann, Glendale, Arizona, chairman of our Board for World Missions, and Pastor Arnold L. Mennicke, Winona, Minnesota, chairman of the Executive Committee for the Lutheran Church of Central Africa. Their presence assures our brothers and sisters in the faith that their joy is our joy.

Sessions of the convention are being held at Munali Secondary School. Chairman is Missionary Raymond G. Cox. Pastor Salimo Hachibamba is the vice-chairman, Pastor Deveron Ntambo the secretary, and Pastor Benson Mavika the treasurer. The special topic of discussion at this historic convention has a mission thrust. The delegates will seek ways and means to reach out to many more thousands of people in Zambia and Malawi by means of a 15-minute radio program to be aired once a week. It will be heard throughout Central Africa.

Once again the *Book of Acts* is being written in the lives of God's people. We thank God that He permitted us to have a hand in it. We join our African brethren in saying, "Let us declare the work of the Lord our God!"

WISCONSIN LUTHERAN COLLEGE OPENING DATES

Sunday, August 27	Resident Halls Open
Monday, August 28	Orientation-Registration
7:00 p.m.	Opening Service (WELS members are invited to attend)
Tuesday, August 29	Classes Begin

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

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The Cover

A double harvest! Women of the Lutheran Church in Central Africa bringing an offering of maize to a harvest festival themselves are part of the harvest of souls gained by the Gospel message proclaimed for the past 25 years in Central Africa by our missionaries and the men whom they have trained. See page 265.

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Editorials

A Year In Kindergarten Is Enough The word "kindergarten" suggests that school should be pleasant, a place to play rather than to work. The dictionary definition of a "child's garden" states that it is conducted on the theory that education should be begun by gratifying and cultivating the normal aptitude for exercise, play, observation, imitation, and construction, and emphasizing the necessity of social training.

There is much to be said in favor of easing a five-year-old into school via the social play of the kindergarten. The step from home to school is a big one for a preschooler.

Unfortunately, many children today may not graduate from kindergarten for 12 more years. Kindergarten II and Kindergarten III often follow in the elementary school and in the high school. Public-school educational philosophy has fostered the play-school approach to education that has pervaded elementary and secondary education in our country. Learning must be made easy, learning must be made fun for the child. Make it pleasant and enjoyable; then the school will produce a superior educational product.

And tens of thousands of public high-school graduates can't pass an eighth-grade reading test and can't write a fifth-grade paragraph.

At a Catholic grade school in Anacostia, in Washington, D.C., nearly all the pupils are black children from lower income families. These pupils score far higher reading tests than pupils in public schools and in general outperform them by a wide margin. Pupils are required to do homework every night and to pay attention in class. Discipline and work are the secret to the success of this parochial school and of many other parochial schools.

"Train up a child in the way he should go," says Solomon. In this world God expects us to work for our daily bread, even in the sweat of our faces. The way of diligent labor is the way for which our children are to be prepared. School *work* will prepare them for it.

Carleton Toppe

Pray For The Prisoners "Yes, I will think of those in prison as if I were a prisoner at their side." This paraphrase of Hebrews 13:3 crossed my desk in an unsolicited letter from Chuck Colson's "Prison Fellowship" asking for our prayers for his proposed prison work and, of course, for our money. On the

basis of Holy Scripture we cannot agree with the unionistic practices outlined in their program nor do we agree with their "born again" theology. Yet, there was something about the letter which did touch my conscience.

We so readily pray for those who are physically or mentally ill in the hospital or at home. But, when was the last time that we remembered our fellow human beings in prison in our prayers? They are lonely. They are tempted by Satan. They are often hateful and spiteful. Their lives are sometimes filled with fear that is unimaginable to those who do not share their prison experience. Depression is a part of their daily lives.

There is a need for the preaching of Christ in our prisons. The author of the Epistle to the Hebrews wrote: "Let brotherly love continue" (13:1). Christ died to earn forgiveness for all — also for the prisoner behind bars. His or her sins are no worse than ours before God. There can never be a truly rehabilitated convict without humble repentance and patient trust in Christ Jesus for forgiveness, just as there can never be a rehabilitated Christian without the same humble repentance and patient trust in Christ. Such humble repentance and patient trust come by the working of the Holy Spirit through His Word.

"Let brotherly love continue. . . Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them" (Heb. 13:1,3). We, too, were in bondage to the Law of God which cursed us because of our sins! But Christ has set us free! He died to set every human being free from the Law's curse upon sin! With this message of love from God may we remember the prisoners and our pastors who serve them in our prayers and with our expressions of Christian love!

Alan H. Siggelkow

Who's Responsible? The family is coming unglued, according to Christopher Lasch, a professor at the University of Rochester; and he blames the experts. Parents, he says, are assailed by so much advice from so many quarters that they become confused. Afraid of imposing arbitrary values and rules upon their children, they withdraw from their traditional role as parents. The children, in turn, left without a concrete set of values and without definite rules to guide them, turn to their peer group for guidance. This regulates what they believe, where they go, and what they do. As a result, self-gratification emerges as the chief motivator in their lives.

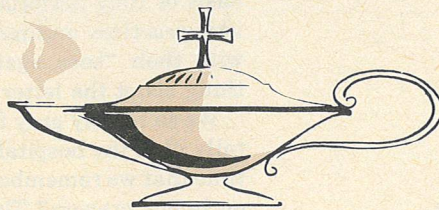
The professor's observations make a good deal of sense, and what he observes may well account for many of the problems which society encounters today.

But if the experts have taken over, it is only by default, and the parents have no one to blame but themselves. God has placed parents in a position of authority, and He gave one of His Ten Commandments to uphold that authority. Furthermore, He has furnished parents with the necessary guidance to carry out their responsibilities. It's all in the Scriptures, God's inspired Word to man.

The real root of the problem — or problems — is that many parents don't use the guidance which God has supplied. Motivated in their own lives by the overriding principle of self-gratification, they don't take the time or make

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Studies in God's Word



Because God Loves

God is love and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God and God in him. Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casteth out fear; because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. We love Him because He first loved us. If a man say, I love God and hateth his brother, he is a liar; for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? And this commandment have we from Him, that he who loveth God, love his brother also. (I John 4:16b-21)

Because the batter meets the ball squarely, it flies over the stadium fence. Because the student studies carefully, he passes the test. Because the tank is filled frequently, the car runs. Cause and effect is a principle with which we live daily.

In our religious life, John reminds us, there is also cause and effect. In his "Letter of Light, Life, and Love" John points out beautifully that *Because God Loves*, we can have the blessed results of

Boldness, Not Fear

"God is love," John tells his readers again. More than a description of God, this phrase is an all-inclusive name for Him. Luther once wrote: "If we should desire to paint a picture . . . to represent God, it would have to be a picture of pure love, to bring out the fact that the divine nature is, as it were, a furnace

aglow with love that fills heaven and earth."

We can learn more about this God of love from His actions. "Do you love me?" a child might ask his parent and in response receive a big hug and kiss. "Do you love me?" we ask God and in response are pointed to Calvary's cross. There on the cross is God's love in action. There's proof that "He first loved us" when we were unlovable in our sins and deserving of damnation. There His love stretched out nail-pierced arms in the warmest and widest hug our world will ever receive. Now through the Gospel He lovingly reaches into our hearts and brings us to faith in His Son so that John can even write: "As He is, so are we in this world." Through Jesus and like Jesus we are in loving intimate union with the Father here on earth and look for its fullness in eternity — all because of God's love.

When God's love goes with us in life, there's no room left for fear. By "fear" John does not mean wholesome awe for God which shows in willing obedience to His commands. He refers to the fear caused by sin, the terror which knows a holy God is displeased and a hell's punishment deserved. When God's love enters the heart, more and more such slavish fear is thrown out and boldness in the day of judgment enters in. The believer knows his case has already been settled at Calvary, that for him judgment is past, not future, and the verdict favorable.

Would we have more of this kind of confidence? Then let's turn to God's love in Word and Sacrament. The more richly the Spirit through these means pours God's love into our hearts, the more confidently we'll be able to say: "I

am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom. 8:38f.).

Love, Not Hatred

When John writes: "This commandment have we from Him that he who loveth God love his brother also," he reminds us of another result of God's love. When God's love in Christ works in the heart, the result is love for our fellow believers and finally for all men. Such love is no empty emotion, but an active obedience which lays heart and hand on God's altar in service to our fellow man. John stands in good company when he couples love for God with love for the brethren. He refers to no less than the Master Himself who commanded: "Love one another as I have loved you" (John 13:34). In fact, John labels that man a liar who says: "I love God," and then "hates his brother." Every claim of love for the invisible God is fiction unless accompanied by the fact of practical love for the brethren. And behind such love in a selfish, sinful world can only be one cause — the love of God in Christ.

A noted preacher used to say: "Every Bible should be bound in shoe leather." He meant Christians are to live what they learn. So with love, as John has reminded us. Christian love is a triangular arrangement, involving *God* who is love, *God's love to us*, and *God's love through us to the brethren*. The heart, touched by God's love, has little room left for selfishness to breed and suspicion to brood. Such a heart knows and practices the Savior's words: "I was an hungered and ye gave Me meat, I was thirsty and ye gave Me drink, I was a stranger and ye took Me in, naked and ye clothed Me, I was sick and ye visited Me, I was in prison and ye came unto Me . . . Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me" (Matt.25).

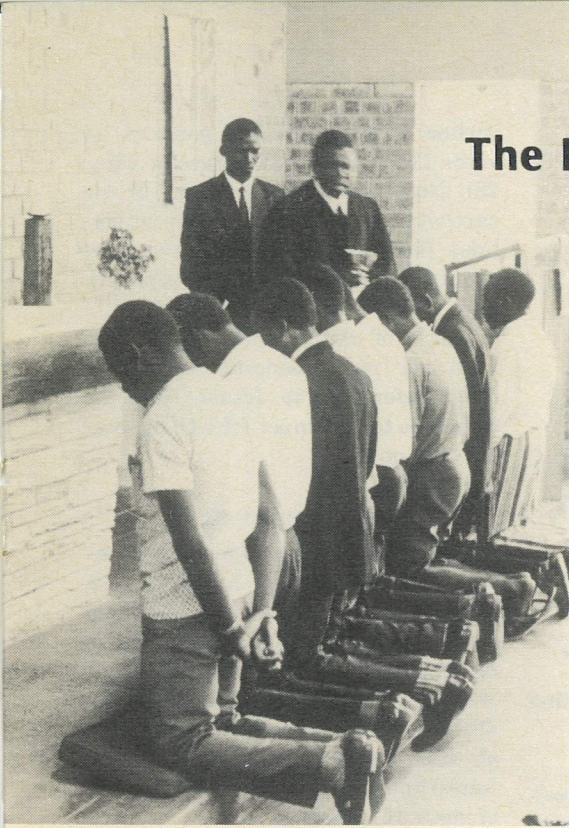
Above all, such a heart turns frequently to God's love in Word and Sacrament to find remission for past sins and revitalizing for future service. It knows that it can only love because God loves.

Richard E. Lauersdorf

The Lutheran Church of Central Africa

Twenty-five Years of Amazing Grace

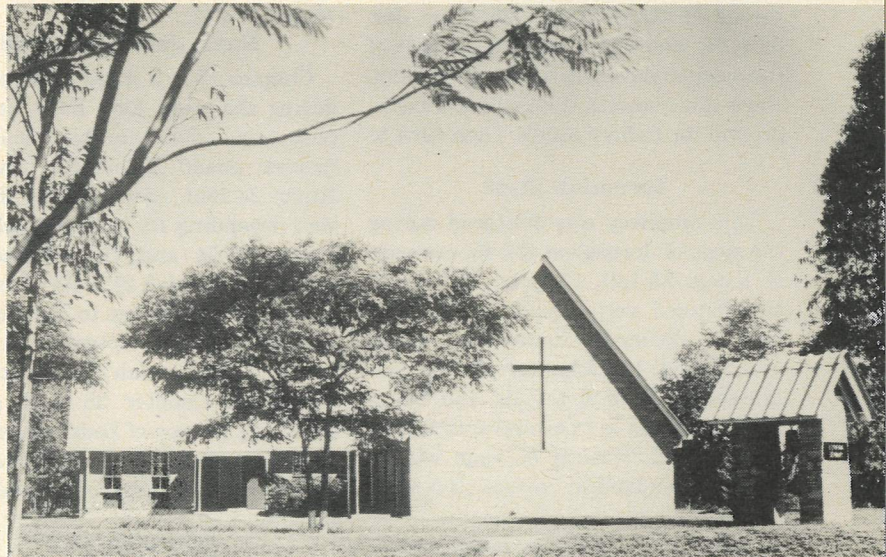
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Synod delegates receiving
the Sacrament

We Pray

O Lord, we pray, look down with Thy favor upon our brothers and sisters in the Lutheran Church of Central Africa. All of us rejoice with them this day as they celebrate twenty-five years of the Gospel among them. We pray for their pastors, their evangelists and vicars, their teachers and missionaries. Give them grace to preach Thy Word in all its power and purity so that many will come to Thy Light. Keep all its members steadfast in the confession of Thy name. O Lord, hold Thy hand of protection over this infant church so that no harm may come nigh it. Grant to their land faithful rulers and governors that Thy Word may be preached in peace to the joy and blessing of many. May every blessing of Thy grace be theirs. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

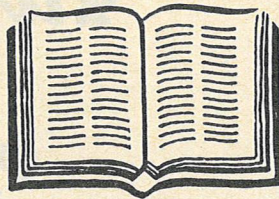
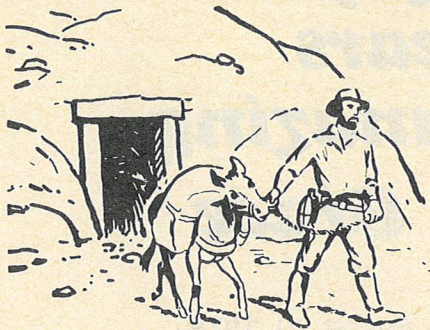


Bible Institute and Seminary



A Youth Choir in Zambia

Mining the Treasure of God's Word



Jeremiah 21-23, 32-52

BY JULIAN G. ANDERSON

It is essential for today's work that you reread II Kings 24:20c-25:21 or Jer. 52:1-29, which is a parallel account of the siege and destruction of Jerusalem, since this supplies the historical background for today's study. Then turn to

Jeremiah 21-23

This prophecy was delivered during the siege of Jerusalem (21:4b, compare II Kings 25:1,2). Chapter 21 can be summarized very simply — "Jerusalem is doomed" (underline verses 4-7a,8, and 10). Chapter 22 was addressed to King Zedekiah, and has a parallel theme — "You and your family are doomed because of your wicked deeds." Underline verses 3-5,8b,9, 21a,25, and 26.

Chapter 23:1-15 was addressed to the false prophets and wicked priests in Judah, and has the same theme — "You are all doomed because of your wickedness" (underline verses 1,2,11a, and 13-15); but note also the promise of the return of the faithful remnant in verses 3 and 4 (underline), and the added promise of the coming Messiah in verses 5-8 (underline verses 5 and 6). Verses 16-32 were addressed to the people of Judah, warning them against the false prophets and priests (underline verses 16,21,22, and 28ab), and verses 33-40 were addressed to Jeremiah, and are summed up in verse 33.

Now Go To Jeremiah 34

This also came during the siege (verse 1) and gives God's message to Zedekiah (underline verses 2b and 3). Verses 8-11 give some interesting historical information regarding the

siege and God's reply to the king (verses 12-22).

Next, Jeremiah 37-38

Chapter 37:1-5 dates this prophecy during the siege (589 B.C.), and supplies some important historical information about Zedekiah's revolt (II Kings 24:20c), namely, that the king was depending on military help from Egypt (37:5a and 7b). Chapter 37:2 refers to Jeremiah 21:3-10. Verses 6-10 give another message to Zedekiah (underline 7b-8). Chapters 37:11-38:28 then tell of Jeremiah's persecution and sufferings. Chapter 38:14-26 gives a revealing picture of Zedekiah, showing that he really did believe that Jeremiah was a true prophet of Jehovah. Now turn to

Jeremiah 32-33

Chapter 32:1-5 is dated in 589 B.C. (verse 1), but later than chapters 37 and 38 (verses 2 and 3, compare 37:8 and 17, and 21:4-7). Chapter 32:6-15 tells how God reassured Jeremiah in these dark days by reminding him of the promised return of the remnant. Verses 16-25 remind us of Moses, as Jeremiah prays for his rebellious people, and verses 26-44 give God's reply, reiterating the fall of Jerusalem (verse 29a, underline) and the cause (verses 30-35, underline verse 30), and repeating His promise of the return (verses 36-44, underline verses 37, 39, 40, and the last phrase of verse 44). Verses 39 and 40 look beyond the return to the kingdom of Jesus, the Messiah.

Chapter 33:1 dates these three prophecies during the time of Jeremiah's imprisonment (see 38:7-28). All three speak of the promised return (un-

derline verse 7, the last sentence of verse 11, and the last phrase of verse 26). Note that verse 8 speaks of the captivity as a time of cleansing (underline). Note also the fine little nuggets about the coming Messiah in verses 6b and 14-16 (underline and hi-lite "Branch of righteousness" and "the Lord our righteousness," which are direct references to Jesus). Note the reference to II Samuel 7:12-16 in verse 17. Now go to

Jeremiah 39-40:6

Chapter 39:1-10 is a historical section which repeats II Kings 25:1-12, and verses 15-18 record a prophecy given to Jeremiah during his imprisonment, assuring him of his own safety (verse 17). Verses 11-14 and chapter 40:1-6 relate what happened to Jeremiah after the destruction of Jerusalem (underline verse 12 and the last phrase of verse 14). Then go to

Jeremiah 40:7-43:13

Chapter 40:7-10 gives Jeremiah's advice to the remnants of the army (verse 7a) that had not been captured or killed during the siege (underline verse 9b), and verses 11 and 12 tell of the return of the Jews who had fled before the siege. Chapter 40:13-41:3 then report the murder of Gedeliah, and verses 4-17 tell of the further acts of violence (verses 4-10), and subsequent events (verses 11-17). Chapter 42:1-6 records the request of the people directed to Jeremiah (underline the phrase beginning "pray" in verses 2 and 6). God's reply is given in verses 7-22 (underline verses 10a,11a,15b, and 16). The reply of the leaders follows in 43:1-3, and their actions in verses 4-7 (underline verses 4b and 7a). God's reply (verses 8-13) then closes this section and brings us to the end of this sad chapter in the history of the kingdom of Judah. Two little footnotes remain in

Jeremiah 52:30-34

Verse 30 gives a brief account of another deportation of captives in 582 B.C.; and verses 31-34 tell us briefly what happened in 562 B.C. and later to King Jehoiachin, the lawful ruler of the house of David, while in captivity (see Matt. 1:11. Jechoniah is Jehoiachin).

110 Graduate at DMLC

The final week of the 1977-78 school year at Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota, was filled with many activities. On Monday, Memorial Day, the members of Synod's Assignment Committee began meeting for the purpose of assigning the graduates to congregations who desired a teacher. On that evening the annual faculty-graduate banquet was held at the Orchid Inn in Sleepy Eye. Also attending were the members of the Assignment Committee. During the evening's program they were introduced to the graduates. Prof. John Oldfield, master of ceremonies, introduced President Conrad Frey and Mr. Rick Lohmiller, president of the senior class, who both addressed the audience. The evening's entertainment by the faculty was titled "The Ding Dong Show."

Call Night Vespers

On Tuesday, May 30, at 8:00 P.M. the Call Night Vespers were conducted in the DMLC Chapel. About 1,000 persons attended. The service was led by Prof. Lloyd Huebner. During the service the Treble Choir sang "Jesus, Lead Thou On." Immediately following the service, President Frey read the list of teaching assignments. The assignees met with the respective District presidents to whose Districts they had been assigned. Following this there was a reception for the graduates, their families, and friends in the college cafeteria.

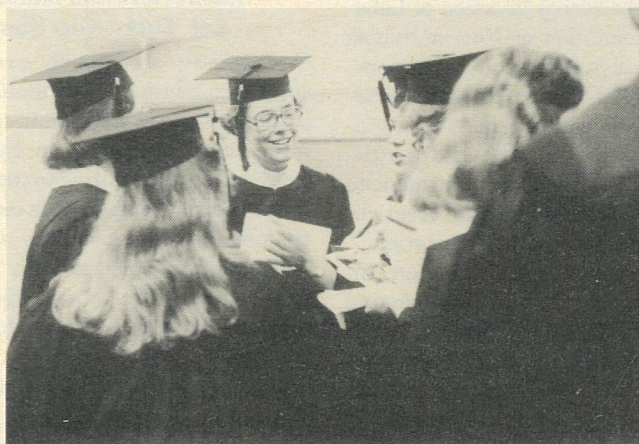
Martin Luther Academy

The closing concert of Martin Luther Academy was held at 8:00 P.M. on May 31. During the program, entitled "These Are the Best Tunes," musical selections were played by the MLA Band, Choir and Chorus, Freshmen Class, the Rambassadors, and by Miss Susan Vellenga at the piano. The Academy Commencement took place on Thursday, June 1, at 10:00 A.M. Pastor M. Stuebs of Lakeside Lutheran High School was the speaker.

The annual meeting of the Alumni and Friends Society was held on Thursday afternoon. Guests of the Alumni and Friends Society were the members



Joint Choirs on June Night



Happy Graduates

of the class of 1928. Twenty-two graduated in 1928. Fifteen of the 19 still living were present at the meeting.

The annual June Night concert opened with a half-hour prelude of band music. Then followed a very enjoyable concert consisting of sacred selections by the College Choir and secular numbers by the four college choirs: College Choir, Chapel Choir, College Chorale, and Treble Choir. The combined choirs sang "It's a Grand Night for Singing," the DMLC Alma Mater, and "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," the latter accompanied by the DMLC Wind Ensemble. The delightfully cool weather added greatly to the enjoyment of a fine concert.

DMLC Graduates

The June 2 activities began with the college band playing hymns from the

roof of Old Main at 6:30 A.M. The Commencement Service followed at 10:00. The commencement speaker was Pastor Kurt Eggert, chairman of the Commission on Higher Education. He based his remarks on Psalm 27:1, the class motto, using as his theme, "All Is the Lord's." Diplomas were presented to 110 graduates by President Frey, assisted by Prof. A. Schulz. Music for the class hymn was composed by Daniel Hosbach and the words were written by Luanne Degner and Rebecca Sauck. Once again the Lord has blessed our Synod with a group of graduates and permitted DMLC to conclude a good school year.

The 1978 Teacher Assignments are listed in the July 9 issue of The Northwestern Lutheran.

Looking at the Religious World

information and insight

NCC Meet Offers Bible Study

The 252-member governing board of the National Council of Churches included Bible study for the first time at its May meeting at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Minneapolis.

The Council's agenda ordinarily indicates a preponderance of concern for social- and political-action items. The agenda for the May meeting was no exception. The resolutions adopted by the governing board included: a condemnation of Israel's recent invasion of Lebanon; a denunciation of Nazi activities in America; a warning about the resurgence of the Ku Klux Klan; an endorsement of the upcoming special disarmament session at the UN; and a reaffirmation of the NCC's commitment to affirmative action in hiring practices in industry, business, and education.

Proposed policy statements on Indian affairs, energy, and broadcasting received a first reading prior to adoption in November. A policy paper on genetic research was approved and referred to member churches for study.

In an assembly address, Cuban ecumenical leader Raul Fernandez-Caballos told the board members that "there is no contradiction between the goals and purposes of religion and the goals and purposes of socialism. Historically Christianity has not been open to anti-capitalist, anti-imperialist resolutions. We must work to break the union between Christianity and capitalism," and seek to understand "revolutionary perspective."

Board members came unprepared for the Bible study. The manager of the Holiday Inn across the street from the meeting hall obliged the delegates by permitting them to borrow Gideon Bibles from the hotel's rooms. Dr. Thomas Campbell of United Theological Seminary in nearby New Brighton led the Bible study. He told the assembly: "Precisely because of our failure to engender enthusiasm (for the ecumenical movement), we might, in turning to the Word, be able to find more new meas-

ures of growth than what we have found in the past in patterns of social conformity."

While we question the reason Dr. Campbell cited for turning to the Word, we heartily endorse the idea. Perhaps a more careful study of Scripture will help to convince some NCC devotees that God did not give His Church the Bible as a guide book for social-political programs.

Lutheran Charismatics Let Their Slip Show

Charismatic spokesmen are usually careful to insist and to emphasize that the charismatic movement is a force for renewal and unity in the church. They are supersensitive to the criticism that charismatic members tend to view themselves as a spiritually elite group within their congregations. To admit that would be to acknowledge that the movement can be a divisive force in the Church.

Frequent denials notwithstanding, charismatic spokesmen occasionally express ideas at odds with their own disclaimers. The April issue of *Charis-Life*, a Lutheran charismatic newsletter, offers a case in point. In addressing "An Urgent Word To Charismatic Leaders," the Rev. Bob Heil makes a plea to Lutheran charismatic pastors to reassess their relationship toward members who are cool toward charismatics.

Heil says: "Fellow shepherds, the Lord is saying to you, stop using up your energies on those who will not listen, but *feed* and *lead* God's hungry sheep (the charismatic members) into all He has for them and you. . . . If the charismatics in your congregation falter and wither — what will you have left?"

While Heil does not say so explicitly, he surely implies that those of us who do not share his "baptism in the Holy Spirit" experience are doubtful Christians, or at least second-class ones.

The Up-Date column of the same

newsletter offers this observation. "The Word of God leaves no doubt that only Spirit-filled ministries can produce Spirit-filled believers." The Scriptural basis offered for that observation is II Peter 1:3-11, a passage which says nothing of the sort.

According to Scripture, it is the Holy Spirit, working through the means of grace, who produces Spirit-filled believers. If the level of our spirituality depended on our pastor rather than on the Word, we would be in serious trouble indeed.

Be careful of people who claim to be Spirit-filled, but whose pronouncements distort the voice of the Good Shepherd.

Religious Giving Reaches All-time High

Contributions by Americans for religious purposes totaled \$16.54 billion in 1977, an increase of 11 per cent over the 1976 total of \$14.8 billion. The 16 billion represents 47 per cent of the \$35.2 billion contributed in 1977 for all charitable purposes.

Sixteen billion is a huge sum. But a comparison of the 16 billion contributed for religious purposes with the 70 billion Americans spent on recreation in the same year suggests that religious giving is not always sacrificial giving.

Sears Abandons Charlie's Angels

Pickets at stores, together with a large volume of protest mail, have induced Sears, Roebuck and Company to announce its withdrawal of sponsorship of four top-rated TV programs, Charlie's Angels, Three's Company, Six Million Dollar Man, and Barnaby Jones.

A spokesman for Sears said the decision was made because the shows do not "conform to our guidelines" because they are excessively violent or sexually explicit. A more likely reason for the decision was the pressure brought against Sears by the National Federation for Decency, a Mississippi based TV monitoring organization headed by Methodist minister Donald Widmon.

NFD researchers reported that Sears sponsored the third largest number of ads on shows containing explicit sex, following American Home Products and Ford Motor Company. Widmon indicated that those two corporations

will be the next targets of NFD pressure.

It is clear that the only effective way for concerned citizens to deal with TV excesses is by protest aimed at sponsors. For Christians an even better solution is available right on the TV set, the on-off button.

Ethiopian Christians Need Our Prayer Support

West German Lutheran mission specialist, the Rev. Johannes Hasselhorn, reported in June after a visit to Ethiopia that "10 per cent of the population of Addis Ababa is living behind prison bars in appalling conditions."

Hasselhorn added that "priests and other church workers are hunted down like dogs." The Evangelical Mekane-Yesus Church in Ethiopia (Lutheran) is unable to make plans "even five minutes in advance, because its members cannot predict what is in the offing for its people," he noted.

Ethiopian Christians are our brothers and sisters in Christ. They are more dependent upon the support of fellow Christians today than ever before. Mission dollars cannot help them now. Prayers can.

Joel C. Gerlach

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

A Parish Pastor's Perspective

Proposition 13 and Stewardship

The people of California had had enough! Some found their property taxes had increased 400 per cent in just three years. Recently they had learned of increases in Social Security taxes and in other taxes. It was too much! On June 6, Californians flocked to the polls in record numbers. Some 65 per cent of them voted for a sweeping property tax reform package, Proposition 13, the Jarvis-Gann Initiative. This measure calls for rolling back property assessed valuations to the 1975 levels and for imposing a tax limitation of one per cent of market value.

Though certain state employees' and teachers' groups filed suit to stop the measure, politicians in the state immediately began lining up to go on public record, saying they had heard the mandate of the people and would comply with their wishes.

As of this writing it appears that Californians have succeeded in reducing their tax burden by some seven billion dollars (almost half of what all Americans gave for religious purposes last year). Time will tell whether or not local governments and school districts have the will and ability to reduce their expenditures without seriously impairing good and necessary services. Many other states are considering similar measures.

Stewardship Challenge

Several questions cross this writer's mind. One is: "How will this affect the personal stewardship of Christians in affected states?" Sudden tax reductions are like money in the bank. Will grateful Christians see the extra \$600 to \$1000 per year as a gift from God, some of which should be shared for His work? Windfalls seem to be more of a challenge to the Christian's values and commitment to Christ than are regular, daily earnings.

Another question is: "Will church members, now that they have tasted the heady wine of triumph in the politi-

cal arena, look for the same results in the church? Will there be a pew-sitters' revolt?" It could happen. No one would claim there is no waste in our churches and schools. Church members often see unused textbooks and supplies in schools, envelopes and promotional materials from Synodical headquarters going unread, two full-time workers doing the job one used to do. They wonder: "How much of this is waste? How much more do we not see?"

Church members would do well to realize it is impossible to cut out all waste and all appearance of waste (after all, they have waste in their own homes). Perhaps comparing the church's use of funds to that of the government's will be enlightening. Compare your pastor's salary with that of, say, a county administration official. Compare the day-school principal's salary with that of the principal of the local public school. Compare the cost of educating one day-school child with the cost of educating one public-school child (\$700 per year vs. \$1,250 per year in this writer's area). Compare the church secretary's reimbursement with that of clerical workers elsewhere.

In addition ask: "Are there frills in the church which are siphoning off needed funds?" Taxpayers are seeing what appears to be many frills and unneeded expenses in government, and they are beginning to demand that they be eliminated. But a look at the average church's budget and at our Synod's budget will indicate that there is little that can be called frills. Meat-and-potato items get the funding in our churches' budgets. Hors d'oeuvres and desserts are virtually nonexistent on the churches' austere budgetary diet. Severe cuts would severely hamper the Lord's work in our churches.

We are confident that well-motivated and kingdom-oriented Christians will not permit their elation over their victory in one arena of life to adversely effect an even more important one!

Thomas B. Franzmann

A Free Lutheran Church in Norway

As has already been noted in *The Northwestern Lutheran* in the July 9, 1978, issue, a free Lutheran congregation has been organized in Avaldsnes, Norway. The congregation is applying for membership in the Lutheran Confessional Church in Sweden (LBKS). Dr. Seth Erlandsson, who is in large measure responsible for this development in Norway, jokingly says that it may now be necessary to change the name of the LBKS to the "Lutheran Confessional Church in Sweden, Norway, and Other States."

We are now able to bring our readers a more detailed report of this new development in Scandinavian Lutheranism. The story begins in Umea, in northern Sweden, where Biblicum, the Bible Research Institute in Upsala, has sponsored a series of Biblical lectures every year since 1971.

Objective Justification

In 1972 several of the Umea lectures were published in a book called *Skiften och Saligheten (Scripture and Salvation)*. One of these lectures dealt with the doctrine of justification. When the essay on this subject was attacked, Dr. Erlandsson, the director of Biblicum, wrote a book in defense of universal and objective justification.

These two books were studied by a Norwegian Lutheran, Ole Brandal of Avaldsnes, Norway, who was a salaried lay preacher in the Norwegian Lutheran Laymen's Mission. Brandal had for years been privately studying Pieper's *Dogmatics*. At first he had some difficulty understanding the doctrine of universal justification. When he in 1974 attended the Umea lectures for the first time, he was able to discuss the question at length with Dr. Erlandsson. He became convinced that faith and contrition were not conditions that had to be fulfilled before God will forgive us, but that God has forgiven the sins of all men and that by faith we receive this forgiveness when it is offered and proclaimed in the Gospel.

Brandal returned to Norway and began to share his new understanding of

this important doctrine with other members of the Laymen's Mission.

As a result, Dr. Erlandsson was invited to Norway to lecture on a number of subjects. In the spring of 1977 he was assisted in these lectures by one of the professors of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. Through these lectures the doctrinal position of the LBKS became known to a large number of Lutherans in Norway.

Church Fellowship

Later in 1977, at the request of the Norwegian Lutheran Laymen's Mission, Dr. Erlandsson lectured in Norway on the doctrine of church fellowship. These lectures were recorded on cassettes and listened to over and over by interested Christians. Dr. Erlandsson about this time also issued his book *Kyrkogemenskap — Vad Laer Bibeln? (Church Fellowship — What Does the Bible Teach?)*.

As a result of their studies on the subject of church fellowship and the doctrine of the church, two lay preachers, Ole Brandal and Gudmund Hjorthaug, asked the board of the Laymen's Mission to study this subject and to take the action required by Scripture. The board rejected their appeal and characterized it as "agitation."

Brandal and Hjorthaug, as well as others, were convinced that the Bible

requires separation from false teachers. They had sought to do this by forming, within the state church, a mission society in which they could worship together with others who were also disturbed by the false doctrine tolerated in the state church. But through Dr. Erlandsson's lectures they were persuaded that the Biblical doctrine of church fellowship could really be practised only in a free Lutheran church, completely separated from the apostate state church.

Sigmund Hjorthaug, a high-school music teacher and the son of Gudmund Hjorthaug, then wrote an article on church fellowship which he submitted for publication in the magazine of the Laymen's Mission. In this article Hjorthaug, who was a member of the board of the Mission, said, among other things:

The Bible teaches that in God's church only God's Word is to be proclaimed. The church is not to be pluralistic in doctrine, that is, it is not to have many different and even contradictory doctrines, but all should "speak the same thing and be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment" (1 Cor. 1:10).

A true Church of God will submit to all of God's Word. It desires to be guided by the Bible and to teach in full agreement with it. If false doctrine should arise (and that can happen also in an orthodox church), it should be removed without delay. . . .

Many contradictory and unbiblical teachings are proclaimed in the state church and false teachers are not ex-



Pastor Ole Brandal and his family



Mr. and Mrs. Sigmund Hjorthaug and children

elled but rather they are tolerated.

Our voluntary organizations (Laymen's Mission, etc.) are not real churches and they do not have real congregations with called ministers who are charged with the administration of both Word and Sacrament, as described in the New Testament. . . . May the day not be far off when we have also in our country such free Lutheran congregations, which submit to God's Word in all things, and also have fellowship with others who agree with us and who have a holy, verbally inspired, inerrant Bible

as the only norm, rule, and standard for faith, doctrine, and life.

The article was rejected by the editor of the paper on the advice of the board of the Mission.

God's Hour

Ole Brandal and others who shared the Biblical view of church fellowship then left the state church, resigned from membership in the Laymen's Mission, and asked for doctrinal discussions with the LBKS. Dr. Erlandsson returned to Norway in June of this

year and lectured there on synergism, conversion, justification, Law and Gospel, adiaphora, Christian liberty, the Sabbath, the descent of Christ into hell, and the conversion of the Jews. Because the Laymen's Mission has a pietistic background, Dr. Erlandsson discussed pietism at great length with the group, pointing out the weaknesses of the pietistic movement in the Lutheran Church.

After it was established that full doctrinal unity existed between these Norwegian Lutherans and the LBKS, Dr. Erlandsson and Dr. Ingemar Furberg of Gothenburg, assisted the group in the formation of the Lutheran Congregation in Avaldsnes, on the island of Karmøy, near Stavanger. The new congregation was organized with 41 baptized members and has called and ordained Ole Brandal as its pastor.

Brandal has translated the *Brief Statement, This We Believe*, and Erlandsson's *Church Fellowship* into Norwegian.

Dr. Erlandsson writes: "We and our new brothers in Norway are most happy for God's unbelievable grace, how He gathers His people out of blindness and darkness."

Siegbert W. Becker

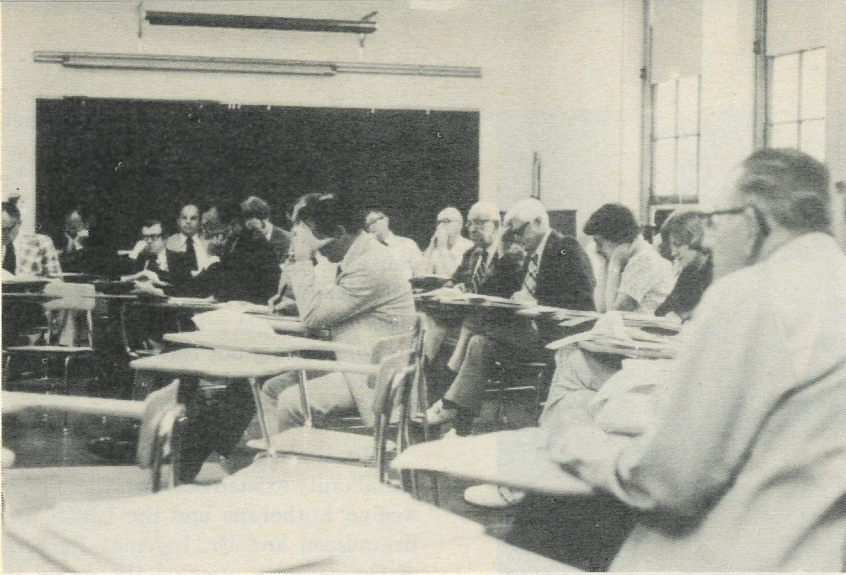
Dr. Paul Peters Now Ninety!

It isn't often that *The Northwestern Lutheran* reports on a birthday party. A congregation's love for a member and a long-time servant of God, however, can express itself in this form also. On May 15, 1978, 30 members and friends of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in St. Albert, Alberta, Canada, surprised one of their beloved brothers in Christ with a birthday party. He is Dr. Paul Peters and the occasion was his 90th birthday.

At the surprise birthday party, the ladies of the Lutheran Womens' Missionary Society prepared an assortment of desserts and, of course, there was a birthday cake. Pastor Roy Beyer, in behalf of the congregation, presented Dr. Peters with a memento of their love.

Dr. Paul Peters was born in West Bend, Wisconsin, in 1888. He has served a distinguished ministry for over 50 years. Not only did Dr. Peters serve as a parish pastor, he also served professorships at Northwestern College, The Evangelical Lutheran Free Church Seminary in Zehlendorf, Germany, and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. Since 1969 Dr. Peters has lived in retirement in Edmonton, Alberta. He is still active in the affairs of the congregation. It is our prayer that God continue to bless you, Dr. Peters!





"Common Word for Special People"

DMLC Conference on Teaching Religion

On June 5 and 6, 1978, a special conference on teaching religion was held at Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota. The conference was sponsored by the CHE and the education departments of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary and Dr. Martin Luther College. Thirty-seven persons were in attendance, representing WLS, DMLC, Synodical preparatory schools, Lutheran high schools, and Synodical boards. The opening devotion was conducted by Pastor Robert Voss, executive secretary of the Commission on Higher Education. He emphasized that as instructors and Christians we are all God's special people.

The conference opened with an essay by Prof. G. Barnes of Dr. Martin Luther College. Entitled *God's Special Children*, the essay stressed the church's responsibility to bring the message of God's love to all children. God's special children are the exceptional, the learning disabled, and the mentally retarded. They require individual consideration — the same approach employed by Christ. Since all persons can respond in meaningful ways, it is necessary that we conceive of all persons in terms of human worth and divine purpose.

Next followed a panel on *Preparing Teachers for Children with Special Needs*. Prof. G. Fischer (DMLC) reviewed the course, *Psychology of Human Growth and Development*, pointing out that this course tries to make

students aware of various problems, and stressing that special training is needed to deal with learning disabilities. Prof. J. Isch (DMLC) reviewed the content of *Psychology of Learning*. While this course does acquaint students with some background on the treatment of learning disabilities, the major emphasis is still on the typical learner. Prof. H. Wessel (DMLC) surveyed the extent to which learning disabilities are discussed in the various methods courses. Discussion followed.

In the first afternoon session Prof. D. Kuske (WLS) presented the topic, *Training Pastors to Help Parents Meet the Special Needs*. He emphasized that Seminary students are made aware of the problem of learning disability and of how pastoral counseling can be of

help. Prof. J. Braun (MLA) discussed *Methods of Teaching Religion in the High School*. His presentation included materials and methods used in his Old Testament religion course.

In an evening session Prof. E. Sievert (DMLC) spoke on *Christian Psychology in Education*. After a discussion of the paper, three films on learning disabilities were viewed by the group: *Ways LD Show Themselves*, *Types of LD*, and *Ways Teachers Can Work With LD Children*.

The second day of the conference opened with a devotion by Prof. D. Kuske based on James 3:1. Then Prof. E. Sievert spoke on *Methods and Content in Religious Instruction for Teachers*. Points covered were: 1) Teaching Religion, 2) Resume of the Office of the Keys, 3) The Inner-City Call, 4) Use of Law and Gospel in Teaching, 5) Worship in the Christian Day School, 6) Psychological Principles for Teaching Religion, and 7) Teaching Bible History, Catechism, Hymnology. This was followed by Prof. M. Albrecht (WLS) in a discussion of *Methods and Content in Religious Instruction for Pastors*. Reactors to both of these presentations were Prof. G. Bauer (DMLC), E. Fredrich (WLS), A. Schulz (DMLC), and Mr. L. Plath (BPE).

The remainder of the conference was devoted to a plenary discussion of teaching and content in religious instruction. Several questions were referred to the CHE for future consideration.

The two-day conference afforded an opportunity to become better acquainted with the problem of learning disabilities and to examine the religious instruction of our secondary schools, colleges, and Seminary.



Panel at Work

Commissioned for Indonesia



Missionary and Mrs. Bruce Ahlers

*Make them apostles, heralds of Thy cross;
Forth may they go to tell all realms Thy grace.
Inspired by Thee, may they count all but loss
And stand at last with joy before Thy face. Amen.*

Have you attended a commissioning service for a foreign missionary lately? In recent years these services have become more commonplace as our Synod has taken determined steps to "lengthen the cords of its tent," to conduct that global ministry mandated in the last chapter of the Gospel according to Matthew. The approval of 10 more world missionaries at the 1977 convention of our Synod means that you will be seeing notices of additional commissionings as these calls are accepted.

On May 21, 1978, the first of these 10 men, the Rev. Bruce Ahlers, was commissioned as our second missionary to the island republic of Indonesia. What a testimony to our Synod's zeal for missions it will be if the 10th man commissioned is sent off with the same enthusiasm that was shown by the large and thankful group of relatives, friends, professors, and colleagues that gathered at St. John Ev. Lutheran Church in Juneau, Wisconsin, to participate in this joyous commissioning service!

They heard Pastor Leonard Koeninger liken the call which Missionary Ahlers had accepted to the Macedonian call which Paul received during his second missionary journey. Under the theme, "Come over and help us!" based on Acts 16:9-15, Pastor Koeninger emphasized for his young colleague that the call he had accepted was indeed to a part of the world where help was needed; that in spite of the natural beauty of the islands and apparent serenity of the people, there was no true peace for the majority of Indonesia's 135,000,000 people because they are followers of religious ideas which place upon man the burden of doing enough to please or placate his god or gods. Missionary Ahlers was assured that as he carried the Gospel's light and lifegiving rays to this corner of the world the protecting hand of the Lord of the Church would be with him and his wife. Pastor Koeninger reminded the assembly that in sending Missionary Ahlers they had become partners in yet another mission opportunity. He

urged them to keep alive their deep concern for the Ahlers' spiritual and physical welfare as the two of them leave family and friends and homeland to answer the call to assist the fledgling Indonesian Lutheran Church.

Pastor Kurt Koeplin, chairman of the Executive Committee for Southeast Asian Missions, conducted the rite of commissioning and consecration, assisted by the other members of that committee, Pastor Koeninger and Mr. Carroll Dumann. Also participating in the laying-on of hands were executive secretaries Theodore Sauer (World Missions) and Norman Berg (Home Missions), Pastor Carl H. Mischke, who also served as liturgist, Pastors Harry Wiedmann and Daniel Kolasovsky, and Missionary Howard Festerling.

Special music for the service was provided by the Senior Choir of St. John Ev. Lutheran Church, Juneau, under the able direction of Mr. F. W. Schultz. Following the service, a reception hosted by the ladies of the congregation gave those in attendance a chance to extend their personal greetings to the Ahlers.

While awaiting the granting of their visas, the Ahlers will have an opportunity to spend some time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ahlers of Naper, Nebraska, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Pilsner of Juneau, Wisconsin. When the time finally comes to leave for Indonesia, it will be the commands and promises of Scripture reiterated at the commissioning service that will make it possible for this young couple to sever friendships and family ties to go to a country more than 10,000 miles away. It will be the heartfelt right hands of fellowship and promises of continued prayers from relatives, colleagues, and friends that will support them in their day-to-day life in a new home, in a new country, surrounded by a new "family," which speaks a different language and observes different customs. It will be the concern for that "family's" eternal welfare that will provide the Ahlers with sleepless nights, frustrations and second thoughts, yes, and heartaches by the score. But above all they will know the thrill of success as the Gospel which Missionary Ahlers has been sent to proclaim turns hearts petrified from birth into living, loving hearts which

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Direct from the Districts

MINNESOTA

Reporter Del Begalka

L.A.C.E. Contact Man Seminar

On April 25, 1978, a group of pastors and laymen from five different states met at the Lutheran Home in Belle Plaine, Minnesota. The occasion was a seminar for the contact men of the Lutheran Association for Church Extension, Minnesota Branch, the first such endeavor in L.A.C.E. history. Present at the seminar were the contact pastors of the Minnesota District and Dakota-Montana District. Also present were the seven board members of the L.A.C.E., Minnesota Branch, as well as a representative from the "parent body" in Michigan. The goal of the seminar was to better acquaint the contact men with the work of L.A.C.E. and their responsibilities.

L.A.C.E. is an abbreviation for the Lutheran Association for Church Extension. It is a nonprofit corporation based in Michigan. All members of the board of directors are members of the Wisconsin Synod. L.A.C.E. encourages investments in their corporation, money which in turn is loaned at a low rate of interest to congregations for expanding their church facilities. L.A.C.E. works only with self-supporting congregations and often helps them refinance a CEF loan, thus permitting more CEF money to be channeled to new missions. The Minnesota branch of L.A.C.E. was organized in 1975. Pastor John Zeitler of Coon Rapids is its chairman.

Nicollet's Day of Thanksgiving

On Sunday evening April 2, 1978, the members of Trinity of Nicollet gathered together in a service of thanksgiving. Guest speaker, the Rev. Oliver Lindholm, declared: "We have only just begun." The occasion was the retirement of the \$350,000 debt on Trinity's new church building, dedicated in 1971.

The service was simple. The school children and choir sang. Little publicity had been sent out beyond the church's own membership. It was not a

time to tell the world: "Look at what we have done." It was time for the members to gather and say: "Thank You, Lord!"

The congregation's prayer best explains its joy and feelings: "O Lord God, we have brought no urn or grill on which to burn our notes or mortgages. We come simply to say, 'Thank You, Lord.' You have moved us. You led us. You have been the life-sustaining vine; we the branches. O Lord Jesus Christ, our Savior, we have not prepared a special ritual to rededicate this altar or baptismal font now that they have been paid for. They were Yours when we gathered before them for the first prayer, the first baptism, the first Lord's Supper. They were Yours then and are Yours now. They are not a symbol of our glory but of Yours, O Son of God. O Holy Spirit, this church is not here because we paid for it. It is here because You moved our hearts to give it. You have caused us to consecrate it and set it apart for Your special use. O Holy Spirit, forbid that in setting it apart to proclaim Jesus, the risen Son of God, we ourselves ever lose sight of our Savior. O Lord God, let this service not be just a thank you for things done and past and forgotten. Before us are our lifetimes for service to You, O Lord. Continue to use us to proclaim Your name. Amen."

Ralph J. Polzin

NEBRASKA

Reporter Richard Kuckhahn

District Veteran Retires

Sunday, June 25, 1978, is a date Pastor and Mrs. Leo Gruendeman, Lincoln, Nebraska, will long remember. On that date a special service of thanksgiving was held in observance of Pastor Gruendeman's retirement from the holy ministry after having served as a parish pastor for 50 years. The special observance was arranged by members of Mt. Olive Ev. Lutheran Church, Lincoln, and was held at the Nebraska Center in Lincoln.

President Gerald E. Free of the Nebraska District preached on Isaiah

52:7, pointing out the joys of the Gospel ministry. Pastor Joel Frank, Pastor W. A. Wietzke, and Pastor John Martin, brother-in-law of Pastor Gruendeman, conducted the liturgy. Teacher Philip Glende served as organist. The children of Mt. Olive and a choir made up of members of area congregations provided special music.

Mr. Robert Raasch, nephew of the Gruendemanns, served as master of ceremonies for the luncheon and program following the service. In responding, Pastor Gruendeman stated that whatever was accomplished through his ministry was due solely to the grace of God. He also gave thanks to the Lord for blessing him with an able helpmeet.



Pastor Leo Gruendeman

Pastor Gruendeman was ordained into the holy ministry on September 7, 1928. He served parishes at Wittenward-Pahepesto, South Dakota, from 1928 to 1937; at Burke-Carlock, South Dakota, and Mills, Nebraska, from 1937 to 1940; and at Lincoln, Nebraska, from 1940 to 1978. His entire ministry was spent in the Nebraska District.

On June 30, 1937, Pastor Gruendeman was united in marriage with Miss Margaret Martin. They have four children, Grace (Mrs. Eugene Magnuson), Ruth (Mrs. John Ladner), Judith (Mrs. Douglas Carr), and Philip. All of them were present for the special occasion on June 25.

Pastor Gruendeman served on the Nebraska District Mission Board for the past 30 years, the last 15 as its chairman. He has also served the District as vice-president, as circuit pastor, and in other capacities. The Gruendemanns plan to spend their retirement years in Milwaukee. May the Lord continue His blessing upon them!

Dedication at Memphis

This section of *The Northwestern Lutheran* often reports dedication ceremonies for new church buildings across the country. The buildings vary in size, shape, and materials as frequently as congregations vary in size, customs and character.

But variety and newness were not the cause for rejoicing at the May 7, 1978, chapel dedication for Gloria Dei of Memphis, Tennessee. For them and their fellow members of the Wisconsin Synod, President O. J. Naumann properly focused their joy in his dedication sermon. Preaching from Genesis 28:10-22, the Jacob's ladder text, he used the theme, "This Is None Other Than The House Of God."

We rejoice that under God's blessings and with the full support of our Synodical brothers and sisters, we have been able to erect a building that we view as none other than the house of God. It is a tool for our proclamation of His Gospel, and so it houses a nave, a fellowship hall which can double as a day-school facility, a pastor-council room, a storage-office room, and a small kitchen. The building is planned for the growth expected under God's promise that the Word will not return unto Him void, but it will accomplish what He pleases.

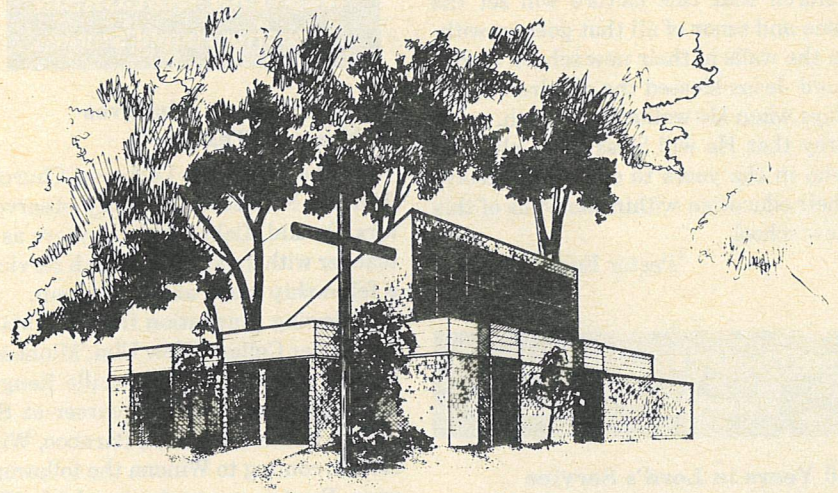
We thank you, the members of the Synod, and ask that you join with us in praying that our use of the building will always reflect Psalm 84:4, with which our dedication booklet opened, "Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house; they will still be praising Thee."

NORTHERN WISCONSIN

Reporter Harlyn Kuschel

New School at Minocqua

The third weekend in May has become very special for the members of Trinity Lutheran Church of Minocqua, Wisconsin. Four years ago on that weekend they were privileged to dedicate a new church, pipe organ, and parsonage to the glory of God. Three years



Gloria Dei Ev. Lutheran Church, Memphis, Tennessee



Trinity School at Minocqua, Wisconsin

later, on that same weekend, they celebrated the burning of the mortgage on the above. This year, on May 21, the God of Grace permitted them to dedicate a new school and gymnasium.

Trinity Lutheran School is one of the newer schools in our Synod. Its history, in fact, goes back only two years. After considerable discussion, investigation, and prayer, the members of Trinity voted to start a school in the fall of 1976, using the fellowship hall for classes. Mr. James Buege, with his wife, Lorraine, became the first two teachers of grades 1-6. The seventh and eighth grades were added in consecutive years. Miss Carol Schultz was called to teach the lower grades in 1977. Miss Linda Ebert will be added to the staff this fall.

The new Trinity School consists of

four average-sized classrooms, all carpeted. There is also an ample gymnasium for the children's physical well-being. Two offices and locker and shower rooms make up the rest of the building. The school is connected to the church by means of an enclosed walkway, which also serves as the entrance to the school.

A distinctive feature about Trinity School is the stained-glass window one sees when entering the building. This picture, which depicts Jesus blessing the little children, is from the "old" Trinity church building, and is over a half-century old. Although the picture shows some signs of "wear," the message and the truth that it conveys is changeless — Jesus is interested in the spiritual instruction of children. It is

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the hope of the members of Trinity Church that this picture will set the tone and tenor of all that goes on within the walls of their new school. As our Lord Jesus blessed the children in the days when He walked this earth, so we pray that He will bless those children who in the years to come will receive their education within the walls of this new school.

Pastor Eugene Kock

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN

Reporter Robert Kleist

50 Years in Lord's Service

On Sunday, May 28, 1978, Pastor Martin Frick was privileged to observe the 50th anniversary of his ordination.

The special service of praise and thanksgiving was held at St. Andrew's in Chicago, which Pastor Frick had served for 33 years. It was cohosted by St. Andrew's and by Palos Lutheran of Palos Heights, Illinois, where Pastor and Mrs. Frick now hold membership.

The Rev. Arnold Schroeder, a schoolmate and friend of the celebrant, delivered the sermon. He used Philemon 7 as his text, and spoke about how the Christian pastor refreshes the hearts of people who live in a troubled world by bringing them the good news of the Savior.

Liturgists for the occasion were Pastor David Dolan of Palos Heights and Pastor Arno Wolfram of St. Andrew's. The Lutheran Festival Chorus helped to beautify the service.

Before coming to St. Andrew's, Pastor Frick served Zion Lutheran Church in Clay Center, Kansas; Trinity in Pontiac, Illinois; and Trinity in Tinley Park, Illinois.

Because of his desire to remain loyal to God's Word, Pastor Frick left the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and joined the Federation for Authentic Lutheranism in 1972. Later he and St. Andrew's Congregation joined the Wisconsin Synod.

Although he retired from full-time service in January 1974, Pastor Frick still frequently serves as pulpit-assistant in the area WELS churches. Many Christians in the Chicago area are thankful to the Lord for the blessings He has given to His Church through this faithful servant!

WESTERN WISCONSIN

Reporter Harold Sturm

Mrs. Kiekbusch Observes 25 Years as Teacher

St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church, Winona, Minnesota, recently observed Mrs. Donald Kiekbusch's 25 years as a teacher with a morning church service, a fellowship meal, and a program.

Following graduation from Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota, in 1944, the former Lucille Rengsdorf began her teaching career at St. John's Lutheran School, Baraboo, Wisconsin, coming to Winona the following year. For two years she taught for St. Matthew's at St. Martin's Lutheran School.

Since 1955, when St. Matthew's moved its elementary department to its own facilities, she again taught at St. Matthew's, with the exception of one year. Most of these years were spent in teaching kindergarten, a few of them teaching grades one and two and assisting part time with grades five and six. The kindergarten class she taught this year numbered 22 pupils.



Lucille Kiekbusch

Participating in the Sunday service were the 215 children of the school. Directed by Mr. Gerald Kastens, the children's chorus sang "Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep" and the junior-high department sang "Come, Thou Almighty King." Accompanist was Miss Mary Marquart. Pastor A. L. Mennicke preached the sermon on Psalm 23:1. The Rev. Marcus Birkholz was the liturgist, and Mrs. Wayne Stender the organist. The choir, directed by Mr. David Schwantz, sang the Sunday In-troit and the Benediction.

Prof. Morton Schroeder, New, Ulm, Minnesota, first principal at St. Matthew's School, was the guest speaker at the reception. Members of the faculty entertained. Mr. Richard Ross, president of the congregation, presented Mrs. Kiekbusch with a commemorative plaque and gifts from the congregation. Mr. Kastens, principal, spoke in behalf of the faculty, and Mr. Warren Matzke, a former pupil, spoke for Goodview Trinity Congregation. The toastmaster at the program was Mr. Kenneth Krause, chairman of the board of full-time education. Area teachers and former students of Mrs. Kiekbusch also attended.

A. L. Mennicke

Rib Falls Church Celebrates Its Centennial

More than 100 years ago, the Rev. A. F. Gebhardt, a missionary pastor, visited the settlers in the Rib Falls area and conducted worship services in their homes. When the congregation grew too large for home meetings, space was found in the blacksmith shop on the Gustav Baesemann farm, located on the Big Rib River. In January 1878 the worshipers officially organized as St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church and in 1881 built a church just north of the bridge in Rib Falls. Its post office address is Edgar, Wisconsin.

A second building was dedicated on May 18, 1919. In the spring of 1947, the congregation purchased nine lots east of the church and, together with Zion Lutheran of Rib Falls, erected a parsonage.

From 1893 to 1942, St. John's, Emanuel of Rib Falls, and St. John's of the Town of Stettin constituted one parish, served by the pastor living in Rib Falls.

In 1942, both Emanuel and St. John's of Stettin suffered the loss of their churches by fire and then consolidated to form the present Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, located five miles north of Marathon. Since then St. John's and Zion Congregations have constituted one parish.

St. John's observed its centennial on Sunday, June 4, 1978. In the morning service Pastor Oscar Lemke, who served the parish from 1945-54, addressed the hearers on the words, "Master, it is good for us to be here."

He pointed out the many blessings St. John's had received throughout the past 100 years and is still experiencing through the Lord's Word and Sacraments.

The second guest speaker was Pastor Dennis Kempf, a son of the congregation. Using Psalm 107:1,2 as his text, he encouraged the members of St. John's to demonstrate their gratitude by rededicating themselves to greater and more faithful service to their Lord and Savior.

Pastors who served the congregation during the past 100 years are: A. Gebhardt, G. Pitzler, H. Grewe, H. Zumingst, H. Haerle, R. Bergfeld, E. A. Wendland, J. H. Abelmann, G. Gieschen, G. Neumann, R. Biesmann, O. Lemke, W. Scheitel, and G. E. Schmeling. Its present pastor is the Rev. David D. Babinec, a 1978 Seminary graduate.

Double Cause for Rejoicing

On May 21, 1978, the members of Bethlehem in Urbana, Illinois, had a double cause to rejoice and thank the Lord. On that day they celebrated their fifth anniversary as a congregation and also dedicated their new pipe organ.

Pastor David Rutschow of Downers Grove, Illinois, first pastor of the congregation, was the festival speaker. He reminded the worshipers that "Bethlehem Is More Than Just a Name" in that there are blessings for those who come to Bethlehem and blessings for



Bethlehem Ev. Lutheran
Urbana, Illinois

others through those who come to Bethlehem. After the dedication of the organ in the afternoon, Prof. Waldemar Nolte of Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota, gave a recital which included several hymns sung by the congregation. The organ, originally built by the Bennett Organ Company for a church in Freeport, Illinois, was transported, installed, and tuned under the leadership of Norman Holmes, a member of Bethlehem.

CHOIR ROBES

Twenty-five maroon-colored choir robes are available free to any mission congregation. If interested, write St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 3059 N. 73rd St., Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53222, or contact Mr. Howard Rindt by calling 414/873-0130.

LCMS and WELS Representatives Meet

An "informal" meeting, outside the framework of fellowship, brought together five representatives of the WELS Commission on Inter-Church Relations and five members of the LCMS Commission on Theology and Church Relations on Monday, May 1, 1978.

WELS commissioners at the meeting were President Oscar Naumann, Harold Wicke, Oscar Siegler, Leroy Dobberstein, and Siegbert Becker. The LCMS was represented by President J.A.O. Preus, Samuel Nafzger, Howard Tepker, Karl Barth, and Theodore Nickel.

The participants in a frank and friendly manner discussed the hindrances that stand in the way of a rees-

tablishment of fellowship between the two church bodies. There is no doubt that Missouri's leadership is intent upon correcting at least some of the aberrations that have become common in the LCMS since 1945. To this end a series of more than 50 special conferences are being planned and carried out in the LCMS with the intention of restoring unity in doctrine and practice in the synod.

However, the discussions made clear that the WELS and the LCMS are even farther apart on fellowship principles than they were in 1961, when this disagreement brought about the severance of fellowship between the two synods.

The meeting was inconclusive and, as of now, no further meetings are being planned.

Siegbert Becker

Who's Responsible? (continued)

the effort to become familiar with the guidance supplied by God. Consequently they don't, and can't, pass it on to their children; and the children are set adrift to find their own values, arrive at their own conclusions, and set up their own lifestyle.

The role of parent is a God-given one. It is one which cannot be reassigned. And it is one for which God will hold the individual parent responsible.

The most practical approach to the problem of family disintegration is to quit listening to the experts so much and start listening to God a little more.

Immanuel Frey

Ahler Commissioning (continued)

also serve the Triune God we love.

The next time you see a notice of a commissioning service, give it priority status on your calendar. Join in the sending of one of these ambassadors! Add your right hand of fellowship and blessing! Express your heartfelt joy at his acceptance of a foreign mission call in a day when foreign mission work is becoming unfashionable among many church bodies! Assure him and his wife and family that your thoughts and prayers will be with them as they go to live and labor far from the land of their birth! Add your voice to the prayer that generations of Christians have prayed as they sent out missionaries in their stead:

Howard H. Festerling

ADDRESSES

(Submitted through the District Presidents)

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ORDINATIONS AND INSTALLATIONS

(Authorized by the District Presidents)

Pastors:

Ordained and Installed

Babinec, David D., as pastor of St. John's, Edgar, Wisconsin, and Zion, Marathon, Wisconsin, on July 16, 1978, by D. Tetzlaff (WW).

Dolan, John H., as pastor of St. James, Portage, Michigan, on July 9, 1978, by D. Gieschen (Mich.).

NEW WELS CHURCHES

Names Requested

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

WELS MEMBERSHIP CONSERVATION
3512 W. North Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53208

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

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

*Denotes exploratory services.

Grosnick, Roger A., as pastor of St. Mark, Richwood, Wisconsin, and Immanuel, Hubbleton, Wisconsin, on July 9, 1978, by C. Schlei (WW).

Jahnke, Kenneth R., as pastor of Grace, Kenton, Ohio, and Faith, Lima, Ohio, on July 9, 1978, by D. Laude (Mich.).

Johnston, Mark J., as pastor of St. John's, Bowdle, South Dakota, on July 2, 1978, by G. Geiger (Dak.-Mont.).

Kassulke, Peter R., as pastor of Divine Savior, Shawano, Wisconsin on July 9, 1978, by H. Cares (NW).

Mattek, John, as pastor of Hope, Belvidere, Illinois, on July 9, 1978, by T. Hilliard (WW).

Porinsky, Mark R., as pastor of Faith, Dexter, Michigan, on July 9, 1978, by L. Hallauer (Mich.).

Raether, Dale L., as pastor of St. Paul and St. Paul, Ridgeland, Wisconsin, on July 2, 1978, by L. Zessin (WW).

Schmeling, Paul M., as pastor of Zoar, Detroit, Michigan, on July 9, 1978, by R. Meister, and of Ascension, Roseville, Michigan, on July 9, 1978, by J. Naumann (Mich.).

Schult, Gary F., as pastor of Grace, Bayonet Point, Florida, on July 2, 1978, by R. Wiechmann (SA).

Schupmann, Philip L., as pastor of St. Mark, Bloomington-Normal, Illinois, on June 18, 1978, by A. Schupmann (WW).

Wenzel, Glenn E., as pastor of St. Paul's, Beverly Hills, Florida, on June 18, 1978, by L. Zwiag (SA).

TIME AND PLACE

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.

SAUGUS-NEWHALL-CANYON COUNTRY VALENCIA-SANTA CLARITA VALLEY AREA

A newly formed group of Wisconsin Synod members, banded together as Calvary Lutheran Mission, meets each Sunday at 8:30 a.m. at the Courtney Club, 26525 Golden Valley Road, Saugus, California. If you know the names of any WELS or ELS people in this general area, or if you yourself are seeking a church close to your home in this area, we would welcome such information. Please contact Pastor Luther Weindorf, 13184 Debell St., Arleta, California 91331, phone: 213/899-3457, or the chairman of Calvary Mission, Mr. Gary Mitzner, phone: 805/252-6498.

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.

Installations

Schneider, Glenn R., as pastor of St. John's, White-water, Wisconsin, on July 9, 1978, by R. Jordan (WW).

Sullivan, John J., as pastor of St. John's, Wetaskiwin, Alberta, Canada, on July 9, 1978 by R. Beyer (Dak.-Mont.).

Teachers:

Brassow, Earl, as teacher of St. Paul's, Wonewoc, Wisconsin, on July 16, 1978, by L. Martin (WW).

Greening, Terrance, as principal and teacher of Divine Savior, Shawano, Wisconsin, on July 9, 1978, by P. Kassulke (NW).

Hosbach, Daniel, as principal and teacher of St. John's, Peshtigo, Wisconsin, on July 9, 1978, by D. Tills (NW).

Kasten, Kenneth, as principal and teacher of Good Shepherd, Benton Harbor, Michigan, on July 16, 1978 by W. Zarling (Mich.).

Pleuss, Bradley J., as principal and teacher of Mt. Olive, Tulsa, Oklahoma, on January 29, 1978, by G. Schapekahn (Nebr.).

Sting, Eldon, as minister of education at Salem, Lowell, Wisconsin, on July 16, 1978, by J. Babler (WW).

CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES

MICHIGAN

SOUTHEAST PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: September 18-19, 1978, beginning at 10:00 a.m.; Communion service on Monday at 7:30 p.m.
Place: St. Paul's, Belleville, Michigan; W. Henning, host pastor.

Agenda: Infant Baptism: Irresistible Grace or a Special Means of Grace for Children — Doctrine and Practice: E. Fredrich III; Exegesis of Hebrews 3:1-19: M. Hoppe; The State and the Future of the YPS: R. Winter; Isagogical Review of Daniel 5: D. Kriehn.
Note: All excuses should be sent to the host pastor. J. Naumann, Secretary

MINNESOTA

ST. CROIX PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: September 12, 1978; Communion service at 9:00 A.M.

Place: Grace Lutheran, Osceola, Wisconsin; F. Tabbert, host pastor.

Preacher: S. Dumman; J. May, alternate.
Agenda: An Exegesis of Matthew 24:36-42: M. Mullinex; The Pastor's and the Congregation's Role in Social and Legislative Issues that Affect the Church and Our People: W. Hartmann. K. Schroeder, Secretary

REDWOOD FALLS PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: September 26, 1978; 9:00 a.m. Communion service.

Place: St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Danube, Minnesota; O. Engel, host pastor.

Preacher: P. Alliet; H. Bittorf, alternate.
Agenda: Exegesis of Jude, H. Bittorf; *Formula of Concord*, Article II; O. Engel; Preaching and Teaching from the Pulpit: D. Meyer. R. Hellmann, Secretary

NORTHERN WISCONSIN

RHINELANDER PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: September 11, 1978; 9:00 a.m. Communion.
Place: St. John's, Phelps, Wisconsin; D. Sternberg, host pastor.

Preacher: E. Kock; M. Koepsell, alternate.
Agenda: Exegesis: Conclusion of Mark 1: D. Fleming; Excommunication and Self-exclusion: E. Ahlswede. C. Siegler, Secretary

FOX RIVER VALLEY PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: September 12, 1978; 9:00 a.m. Communion service.

Place: St. Peter Ev. Lutheran Church, Appleton, Wisconsin; R. Ash, host pastor.

Preacher: L. Vaccarella; alternate: I. Boettcher.
Agenda: The Role of Women in the Church: R. Gorske; alternate: Abortion: J. Murphy; Exegesis of II Peter 2: A. Martens; alternate: Exegesis of II Peter 3: T. Liesener; Exegesis of Psalm 13: N. Engel; alternate: Exegesis of Psalm 14: T. Meier; The Gospel for the Fifth Sunday after Epiphany: T. Meier; alternate: The Transfiguration: A. Schabow; Elections. R. Ash, Secretary

LAKE SUPERIOR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS' CONFERENCE

The 49th annual Lake Superior Sunday School Teachers' Convention will be held at Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Coleman, Wisconsin, on September 17, 1978, at 2:30 p.m. CDT. The host pastor is the Rev. Waldemar Zink.

Mrs. Donald Polzin, Secretary

SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

Date: September 26, 1978; 9:00 a.m.
Place: St. Paul's, North Freedom, Wisconsin.

Preacher: H. Klug; L. Martin, alternate.
Agenda: Exegesis of I Thessalonians 4: H. Hoepfner; The Old Testament Sacrifices and How They Pointed to Christ: F. Werner; The Role of the Pastor's Wife: O. Heier; Gambling and the 7th Commandment: D. Miller. R. Kloehn, Secretary

SOUTH ATLANTIC

FLORIDA PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: September 11-12, 1978, beginning at 10:00 a.m.; Communion service on Monday evening at 7:00.

Place: Our Savior, Jacksonville, Florida; John Vogt, host pastor.

Preacher: R. MacKain; J. Meyer, alternate.
Agenda: Exegesis of James 3:1-18: J. Aderman; Continued reading of Joh. P. Koehler's *Gesetzlich Wesen Unser Uns*: V. Thierfelder; The Natural Law: A Study of Romans 2:12-15: J. Anderson.

Note: Delegates are expected to be present on the first day only. R. MacKain, Secretary

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SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN

CHICAGO PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: September 12, 1978; 9:00 a.m. CST.
Place: Our Shepherd Ev. Lutheran Church, Crown Point, Indiana; R. Schleicher, host pastor.

Preacher: D. Thompson (N.T. text); alternate: G. Schaumberg (O.T. text).
Agenda: Exegesis of James 2: E. Meier; alternate: Exegesis of James 3: N. Paul; Excommunication versus Self-exclusion: A. Siggelkow; alternate: The Right to Die Controversy: W. Meier; second alternate: Public versus Christian School: G. Boldt. R. W. Pasbrig, Secretary

WORKSHOP FOR TEACHERS OF THE MENTALLY RETARDED

The Southeastern Wisconsin District Special Ministries Board is sponsoring a workshop for the teachers of the mentally retarded at Woodlawn Lutheran Church, 2217 South 99th Street, West Allis, Wisconsin, on September 16, 1978, from 9:00 A.M. — 2:00 P.M. The workshop is for teachers, Sunday-school teachers, VBS teachers, pastors, parents, and any other concerned Christians interested in sheep who need special shepherding. Pastor Adolph Harstad will present the topic: *Confirmation and the Retarded*. Teaching procedures will be presented with the help of audio-visuals. There will be a fee of \$2.00 to help defray the cost of the meal. No preregistration is necessary.

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

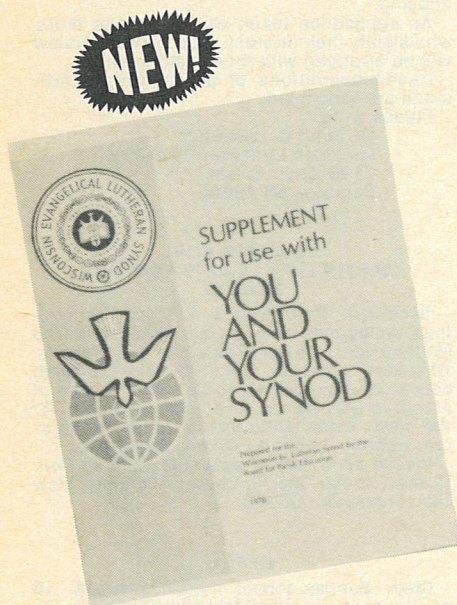
Tuesday, September 5: Registration for all students — Orientation for all new students on Tuesday evening
Wednesday, September 6: Opening service at 8:30 a.m.

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 Moberg, South Dakota

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



Treasurer's Report

PREBUDGET SUBSCRIPTION PERFORMANCE

Six months ended June 30, 1978

	Subscription Amount for 1978	6/12 of Annual Subscription	Subscription and Pension Offerings	Per Cent of Subscription
Arizona-California	\$ 451,704	\$ 225,852	\$ 236,372	104.7
Dakota-Montana	240,599	120,300	115,680	96.2
Michigan	1,296,136	648,068	599,087	92.4
Minnesota	1,372,260	686,130	765,803	111.6
Nebraska	268,565	134,282	132,521	98.7
Northern Wisconsin	1,467,813	733,907	725,073	98.8
Pacific Northwest	128,577	64,288	67,734	105.4
Southeastern Wisconsin	1,785,292	892,646	836,105	93.7
Western Wisconsin	1,688,201	844,101	821,824	97.4
South Atlantic	111,508	55,754	57,504	103.1
Total — 1978	\$8,810,655	\$4,405,328	\$4,357,703	98.9
Total — 1977	\$8,247,332	\$4,123,666	\$3,806,964	92.3

CURRENT BUDGETARY FUND

Statement of Income and Expenditures

Twelve months ended June 30, 1978 with comparative figures for 1977
Twelve months ended June 30

			Increase or Decrease*	
	1978	1977	Amount	Per Cent
Income				
Prebudget Subscription Offerings	\$8,698,832	\$7,911,032	\$787,800	10.0
Pension Plan Contributions	72,129	74,574	2,445*	
Gifts and Memorials	235,187	193,871	41,316	21.3
Bequests	103,000	47,203	55,797	118.2
Earnings from Fox Estate	65,177	60,672	4,505	7.4
Other Income	22,370	11,446	10,924	95.4
Transfers from Other Funds	128,761	100,610	28,151	28.0
Total Income	\$9,325,456	\$8,399,408	\$926,048	11.0
Expenditures				
Worker Training — Expenses	\$5,385,716	\$4,957,155	\$428,561	8.6
Worker Training — Income	2,255,361	2,108,613	146,748	7.0
Worker Training — Net	\$3,130,355	\$2,848,542	\$281,813	9.9
Home Missions	1,831,861	1,577,728	254,133	16.1
World Missions	1,458,497	1,356,888	101,609	7.5
Benevolences	1,049,686	995,270	54,416	5.5
Administration and Services	847,377	714,782	132,595	18.6
Total Operations	\$8,317,776	\$7,493,210	\$824,566	11.0
CEF-Interest Subsidy	686,797	602,152	84,645	14.1
Appropriations — Building Funds	235,000	200,000	35,000	17.5
Total Expenditures	\$9,239,573	\$8,295,362	\$944,211	11.4
Operating Gain	\$ 85,883	\$ 104,046		

Norris Koopmann, Treasurer & Controller
Ronald H. Meier, Assistant Treasurer
3512 W. North Avenue
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53208

Note: Future cutoff dates of PBS receipts in the Synod's Post Office Lock Box are as follows:

For the month of

August
September
October
November

Cutoff Date:

September 7
October 6
November 7
December 7

SERVICE FOR THE DEAF

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Oshkosh, Wisconsin 54901

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10:30 A.M.
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Michigan Lutheran Seminary is interested in engaging the services of a man with the ability to supervise nonacademic personnel (custodial, maintenance, and food services), to assist in executing building projects, and to manage the business office of the school. He should be capable in the areas of basic accounting, personnel management, and purchasing.

An application blank will be sent to those who signify their interest. A personal interview will be arranged with those who qualify.

Recommendations of prospective candidates are welcomed.

Please write:

Dr. John C. Lawrenz
Michigan Lutheran Seminary
2128 Court Street
Saginaw, MI 48602

WANTED FOR MARTIN LUTHER PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Synodical Proceedings, District Proceedings, collections of Synodical periodicals (*The Northwestern Lutheran*, *The Junior Northwestern*, *Wisconsin Lutheran Quarterly*, *The Lutheran Educator*), theological works, back issues of standard periodicals, and book donations for the newly established Martin Luther Preparatory School, Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin.

Please send lists of available items to Prof. Herbert Jaster, Martin Luther Academy, New Ulm, Minnesota 56073.

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Cloth Sunday-school curtain dividers, 16 panels, each approximately 48 x 72, free to any mission congregation. Write to: St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, c/o Pastor R. W. Uhlhorn, 408 E. La Follette Street, Pardeeville, Wisconsin 53954.