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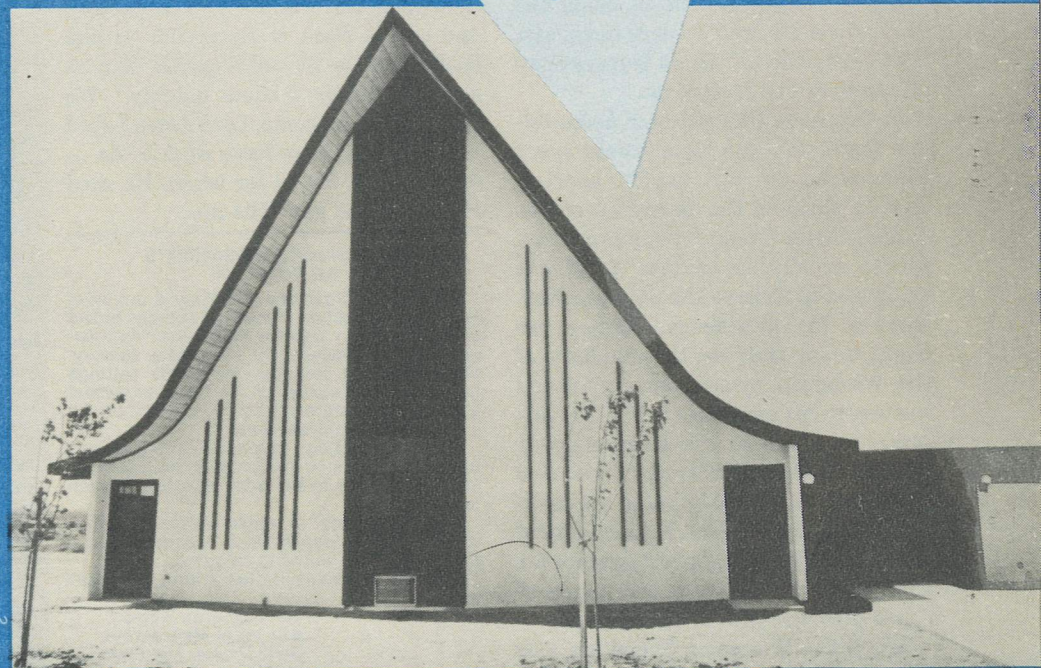
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Briefs by the Editor

Toward the end of the church year we naturally occupy ourselves with thoughts concerning the end of all things. These considerations, however, should never prompt us to lay aside our working tools and to sit around idly just waiting.

Paul faced that situation among the Thessalonians of his day. In his first letter to them he had written about the Second Coming of the Lord. But they had drawn some false conclusions. Thinking it right around the corner — and indeed it might have been — some of them took it easy. To them Paul wrote: "We hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies. Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread." Just because the Lord may come today or tomorrow — and He will come as a thief in the night — gives no one a right to sponge on others.

If this is true as regards earning a living, it is equally true in doing the work of the Church. We dare never say, "Let George do it." There is more than plenty to do for each of us.

In this issue you will read about fellow Christians who have indeed spent themselves in the Lord's service. Among them is the president of our Synod, Pastor Oscar J. Naumann. In a special service on October 8 he was privileged to observe the 25th anniversary of his presidency. Rather, we ought to say that we, the members of the Wisconsin Synod, were privileged to observe his anniversary, for God has used him as one of His instruments to keep us on the way of truth. Those who work with him closely know his devotion to the Lord's Word, his humility of spirit, and his deep pastoral concern for each of us. We recognize him as one of God's precious gifts to His Church.

We of the Wisconsin Synod are also

fortunate that our schools too are staffed with such who have dedicated their lives to the service of the Lord. Among those recently installed at our Seminary is its new president, Prof. Armin Schuetze. He is not new to the Seminary for he has taught there since 1958, all of them busy years. Installed in the same service as professor of homiletics and Old Testament was former missionary Ernst Wendland. Sixteen years of his ministry were spent in the Lutheran Church of Central Africa, our mission in Zambia and Malawi.

As you read on you will also learn of many others who are hard at work in our various schools, congregations, mission fields, and social agencies. And then there is that long list of new pastors and new teachers just beginning their public work in the church. All of them have only one goal — to share the Word of salvation with others.

There is no time to waste. The final hour is about 2,000 years nearer than when Paul wrote his epistles and when Jesus our Lord walked the ways and byways of our world. His Word at the end of the Book of Revelation is one that alerts us. St. John quotes Him as saying, "Surely I come quickly." We pray, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus." And until He comes we have work to do — for Him and for all for whom He shed His blood and gave His life.

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The Cover

We might call the cover pictures the old and the new. St. John's Congregation of rural Summit, South Dakota, recently observed its 90th anniversary. Its church building was erected in 1897, or about 81 years ago. The style of architecture reflects its date. St. John's of Victorville, California, is a 1978 architectural production. In both cases, however, one thing is the same — the Savior and the Savior's Word. For more details concerning each, see page 374.

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Editorials

Poor "Arrogant" Paul In his book, *Paul Among Jews and Gentiles*, Krister Stendhal repeatedly characterizes the Apostle Paul as "arrogant." Paul, in Stendhal's opinion, is overwhelmed by a sense of his own importance; Paul is haughtily telling the Church what to do.

Stendhal writes, for example: "He may not have been attractive; he was not a sympathetic sort of fellow; he was certainly arrogant."

Similarly, he asserts: "When I see Paul's limitations, his arrogance, his difficulties in carrying out the implications of even his most penetrating insights — e.g., in the matter of slaves and women — [he is still] a great theologian with his own special flaws."

In such statements lies the essential character of modern theology that picks and chooses in Scripture, deciding what is of value and what can be discarded. It sets itself up as judge and jury, with Scripture in the dock, and determines what is and what is not worthy of being God's Word. The modern theologian, not God, speaks the final word regarding God's Word to men.

Krister Stendhal is telling God's accredited Apostle: "Paul, you are not that inspired. You are not God's voice to men in everything you have written. I have read you and evaluated you, and I have often found you wanting. You are too sure of yourself. You think you know all about the charismatic movement, Judaism, the role of women in the church. We know better now. Come into the twentieth century, Paul."

Whose is the arrogance?

Carleton Toppe

Your Time of Grace It's that time of the year when our churches in their preaching and teaching turn to thoughts of the end — the end of the church year, the end of life, the end of the world. Such thoughts are serious thoughts, but they are thoughts you and I ought not avoid, for Scripture states: "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." Are you ready to die and to stand in the judgment?

Churches and individuals have answered the question quite differently. The recent death and burial of two popes has alerted us that the Roman Church gives an answer which we cannot accept. Its doctrine holds out a second chance after death. That's why it appoints prayers asking God to forgive the sins of those who have already entered eternity and to take them into the heavenly home. Prayers for forgiveness and salvation are proper before death, not after death. People who rely on a second chance and are not prepared to die are people sincerely to be pitied.

Scripture has a different answer. Quoting Isaiah 49, the Apostle Paul in II Corinthians 6 writes: "For He saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succored thee; behold now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation." Man's eternal fate is determined in this life, not in the next.

Does that mean that man must work out his own salvation? A theological system that includes prayers for the dead and a place called purgatory either makes salvation depend entirely on what man does, or at least on a combination of what man does and God does. Such a teaching, however, again does not agree with Scripture. Neither you nor I nor anyone else can achieve our own salvation either in whole or in part. To attempt it means to set the Lord Jesus Christ aside, for He has said, "I am come to seek and to save that which was lost." By nature we are lost, and Christ is the one who saves.

Salvation is by grace, not by works. This is emphasized in all of Paul's writings, perhaps nowhere more distinctly than in Romans 3:24: "Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus." Note all the words: freely — by His grace — through the redemption — in Christ Jesus. That leaves no room for works of our own, but does assure us that salvation is ours already.

The time of grace is today — in this life. It is now that the Holy Spirit of God would bring us to faith in Christ who said: "Whosoever believeth in Him (Christ) should not perish, but have everlasting life." This is the promise Scripture holds up before us.

Harold Wicke

Preparing for Thanksgiving We prepare for all other festivals, why not for Thanksgiving! With a harvest at least as great as last year's, we surely have much for which to say, "Thank You, Lord." But is that the only reason? A good question to ask ourselves is what we really expect from the Lord.

We can learn what we ought to expect from the Lord both from the Lord's Prayer and from His Sermon on the Mount. In the Lord's Prayer we are reminded that we should be thinking chiefly about spiritual gifts. Only seven words, "Give us this day our daily bread," speak about our material needs. And in the Sermon on the Mount, Christ teaches us to "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness."

A sick wife asked her husband on his return from church what he had gotten out of church that morning. "Not much," he answered. "Well," his wife went on, "what did you expect to get out of church when you went?" "Not much," he answered again. "Well, then, you got what you expected."

What did you expect the last time you opened your Scripture at home? when you said your prayers? when you partook of the Lord's body and blood? Perhaps you received much less than what the Lord wanted to give because you expected too little. Perhaps you don't feel thankful because you have closed your door to the Lord's blessings.

Think about that the next few weeks and prepare for Thanksgiving by receiving from God all that He wants to give you!

Frederic Kosanke

Twenty-five Years as President

We Praise God With You!



President Oscar J. Naumann

From the strains of the opening hymn, "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty," through the personal confession, "I know my faith is founded on Jesus Christ, my God and Lord," to the declaration, "The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord," the service taking note of President Oscar J. Naumann's 25th year as president of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod was a service of thanksgiving to the Giver of all good gifts. The service took place on October 8, 1978, at Mt. Lebanon Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, President Naumann's church home.

Attended by the district presidents and the executive secretaries of the Synod, President Naumann joined the worshipers in a unison reading of Psalm 98, a Psalm that praises the Lord who "hath made known His salvation" so that "all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God."

"God's Kind of Men"

Preaching the Word for the occasion was Pastor James P. Schaefer, stewardship counselor of the Synod. His

theme, "God's Kind of Men," was based on the words of ancient King David in Psalm 20:7: "Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we will remember the name of the Lord our God." Pastor Schaefer reminded the overflow audience that among the gifts of grace which the Lord gives to His Church there are also administrators. They are God's kind of men when the Word of the Lord is the ruling and controlling power of their lives. In administering the affairs of the church, men are often tempted to put their trust in "chariots" and "horses," but God has shown us what He can do with chariots and horses. All He needs is a Red Sea.

In President Naumann, Pastor Schaefer continued, the Lord has blessed us with an administrator who does not put his trust in "chariots" or "horses," in political schemes and political appointments, but totally in "the name of the Lord our God." The word "remember," he pointed out, means living "the name of the Lord." This the Spirit of God moved President Naumann to do, and for this all individually and the Synod at large are most grateful to the Lord.

Also addressing the audience was Professor Carl J. Lawrenz, past president of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. He spoke particularly on behalf of the Commission on Inter-Church Relations, of which President Naumann is an ex-officio member. The first vice-president of the Synod, Pastor Carl H. Mischke, spoke for the 400,000 members of the Synod, expressing thanks to President Naumann and to the God of all grace.

President Naumann's pastor, the Rev. Marvin E. Otterstatter of Mt. Lebanon Congregation, served as liturgist and Mr. George Lillegard presided at the organ. The Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Chorus graced the service with two selections. A reception, hosted by the Ladies Aid of Mt Lebanon, followed in the school auditorium.

President Since 1953

After graduation from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in 1934, Pastor Naumann began his service to the church as instructor at Northwestern College. From 1936 to 1940 he was pastor of Arlington Lutheran Church, Toledo, Ohio. In 1940 he joined the faculty of Dr. Martin Luther College, and in 1946 he accepted the call as pastor of St. John's Church, St. Paul, Minnesota.

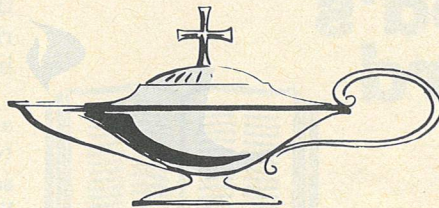
From 1948 to 1953 he served the Minnesota District as its president. In 1951 he was elected second vice-president of the Synod. He became president of the Synod in 1953 and has served as president without interruption for the past 25 years.

In 1936 President Naumann was married to Dorothy Schwarz of La Crosse, Wisconsin, whom God called to His Church Triumphant in October 1975. President Naumann's family includes one daughter, Myrna (Mrs. Wayne) Borgwardt, and six sons: Philip, Thomas, Martin, the Rev. Peter, the Rev. James, and Paul.

During his 25 years as president, Pastor Naumann provided the Synod with the leadership it needed in its confessional struggle of the fifties and sixties and has wholeheartedly supported its mission expansion at home and abroad. His leadership is recognized by his brothers and sisters in Christ as a marvelous gift of God. May our Lord continue to bless and preserve him!

Armin J. Panning

Studies in God's Word



Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life

Jesus answered, "I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever" (John 6:51a).

No doubt we have all felt at some time or another: "Wouldn't it be helpful if miracles were still done in connection with the preaching of the Word? Wouldn't that almost force the unbeliever to accept the truth?" In the sixth chapter of his Gospel, John shows that that result does not necessarily follow.

An Amazing Miracle

Jesus had taken His disciples across the Sea of Galilee for some rest, but when the crowds flocked to them there, Jesus interrupted His "outing" to teach them the Gospel for the rest of the day. So as not to send them away hungry in the evening, Jesus miraculously fed the 5,000 men, plus women and children, with five barley loaves and two small fish. We're inclined to think: "Wouldn't that display of power make everybody believe the message Jesus had taught that afternoon?"

Not so, says John. Instead of reflecting on the message, the people thought only of the advantages of having Jesus permanently as a provider of bread for the body and material things for this life. John reports: "When Jesus therefore perceived that they would come and take Him by force to make Him a king, He departed again into a mountain Himself alone" (6:15). His dis-

ciples He sent ahead by boat and after walking on the water to rejoin them, Jesus and the disciples together returned to the other side of the sea.

Amazing Unbelief

But so determined were the people to have Jesus as their "bread king" that they continued to seek Him. When they found Him in Capernaum, Jesus promptly rebuked them for their efforts with the words: "Ye seek Me . . . because ye did eat of the loaves and were filled" (v. 26).

And yet, despite their unworthy motives, Jesus tempers His rebuke with the sweetest Gospel, for He continues: "Labor not for the meat (food) which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give you" (v. 27). Two things should have jumped out at them. First, that Jesus was concerned not only for physical things, but especially for the spiritual and eternal, and secondly, that these were blessings that He would give them.

But in their self-righteousness and hardness of heart these men heard only the one word "labor," and hence they ask: "What shall we do that we might work the works of God?" (v. 28.) In reply Jesus gives them what may well be the clearest statement in Scripture that salvation is through faith by grace and not by works when He says: "This is the work of God, that ye believe on Him whom He hath sent" (v. 29). Believing on God and accepting His gifts is no work at all!

Demand for a Sign

And yet, these men who just the day before had witnessed the feeding of the 5,000 had the nerve to demand of Jesus that He *prove* to them that salvation comes by believing on Him, for they insist: "What sign showest Thou then, that we may see and believe Thee?" (v. 30.) In their brazenness they suggest that He top God's miracle of sending manna in the wilderness. To such people Jesus would not give another miracle, but marvel of patience that He is, He offered them instead the real Bread. He says: "The bread of God is He which cometh down from heaven and giveth life unto the world . . . I am the bread of life; he that cometh to Me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on Me shall never thirst" (vs. 33 and 35).

Rejection

But that bread, to be "eaten" by faith (v. 51), they would not accept. "This is a hard saying," they complained, "who can hear it?" (v. 60.) To which John adds: "From that time many of His disciples went back and walked no more with Him" (v. 66).

Faith Cometh by Hearing

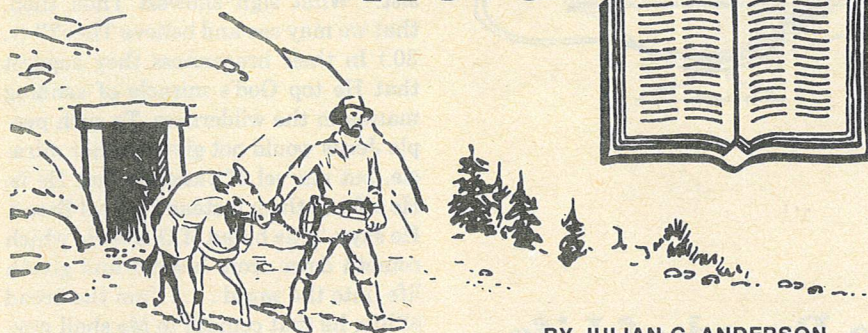
Miracles cannot in themselves produce faith. Only the Word, the tool of the Holy Spirit, can do that. Hence Jesus says: "It is the Spirit that quickeneth (gives life). . . . The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life" (v. 63).

Understandably, we would all like to see a miracle. When everything goes against us and our world appears to be coming apart at the seams, it would surely be reassuring to see God step forth and give us a visible display of His awesome power. But that really is not necessary. He has told us in His Word that He has done and will do everything needed to see us through to a blessed end. Faith trusts that Word. That is why He can explain the Christian life as He does: "This is the work of God, that ye believe on Him whom He hath sent."

As His followers began to forsake Him, Jesus asked the disciples: "Will ye also go away?" When He sends us trials and tribulations, the Lord is still asking that same question of us today. With Peter let us too answer: "Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life" (v. 68).

Mining the Treasure of God's Word

Ezekiel 20-23



BY JULIAN G. ANDERSON

We hope you're ready to go right to work. Today we'll continue the prophecies which followed the second vision. To get this vision firmly in mind, glance over the October 15 lesson before you start. Then go to

Chapters 20-23

The prophecies in these chapters are all dated in 20:1 (hi-lite "seventh year"). Ezekiel dates everything from the beginning of Jehoiachin's captivity (1:2) in 598 B.C. Thus we are now in the year 592/591, four years before the destruction of Jerusalem, which is the central thought of the second vision. As we have seen, all the prophecies in this section state that Jerusalem will be destroyed *because of the sins* of the people.

The first prophecy (chapter 20) is directed to the elders, or leaders, of Judah who asked Ezekiel to make some inquiries of God (verse 1). God's answer is given in verse 3c (underline); and His instructions to Ezekiel are given in verse 4b (underline). The prophecy is a review of Israel's history from the time God promised to deliver them from Egypt (verse 5). First underline verses 7, 8a, 11, 13a, 15, 18-21, 23, 28, last sentence of 31, 37, 38a, 40 (to "will I accept them"), 42, 47, and 48, and then hi-lite the recurring theme in verses 20b, 26c, 38c, 44a, along with 48a, which echoes the same theme. Read all the underlined verses and you have a summary of this prophecy. In verse 38 God states again the purpose of the captivity, namely, to purge all the unbelievers from among His people. Note God's use of the word "Israel"

in verse 40 (hi-lite), meaning only the true believers, the true sons of Israel. This is a prophecy of the restoration of the faithful remnant to their land, symbolic of the Christian Church.

The three prophecies of chapter 21 are all tied together by the word "sword," which denotes destruction. God speaks the first prophecy (verses 1-7) against Jerusalem, the holy places, and the land of Israel (hi-lite all, and underline verse 2). Then He says that He "will draw forth *My sword*" (hi-lite and underline the whole verse). Hi-lite "My sword" in verse 4 and the recurring theme in verse 5a. Then hi-lite the closing phrase in verse 7, beginning "behold."

The second and third prophecies have a common theme in verses 9, 10, and 28, beginning "a sword" to "glittering" (underline both, and hi-lite "a sword"). Then hi-lite "the sword" in verses 11, 12, 14, and 15. In verse 12 God announces that the sword will destroy "My people and all the princes of Israel" (hi-lite both, and underline verse 12).

The third prophecy (verses 18-32) makes the message more explicit. It will be "the sword of the King of Babylon" (verse 19, hi-lite) that will destroy Judah. Hi-lite "the sword" in verse 20, "the arrows" in verse 21, and "battering rams" in verse 22, all engines of destruction. Then underline verse 24, which states the cause, and verse 32, which pictures the final struggle. Verses 25 and 26 refer to King Zedekiah (II Kings 25:1-7), and verse 27 refers to Jesus (hi-lite "he"). This is the real nugget here (underline and com-

pare Ps. 2:6; 72; Jer. 23:5, 6 — all of which are Messianic). This prophecy states that no Jew would sit on the throne of Judah until the Messiah arrived! And that is just what happened, improbable as it must have seemed.

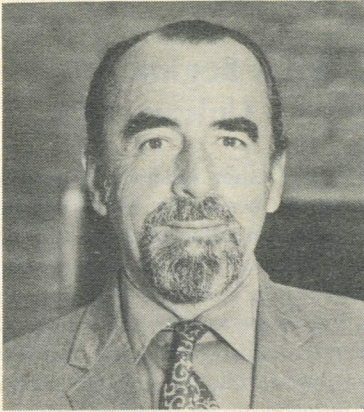
The three prophecies in chapter 22 are closely related in thought. The first (verses 1-16) is directed against Jerusalem as "the bloody city" (verse 2, hi-lite, referring to the blood of all the idol sacrifices); and the "princes of Israel" (verse 6, hi-lite). The theme of the prophecy (verses 17-22) is the words "My wrath, My fury" in verses 21 and 22 (hi-lite). Verse 18 describes God's feelings (underline), and verse 21 compares their destruction to the melting of metal (underline).

The key word of the third prophecy (verses 23-31) is "indignation," a synonym for wrath. See verse 24, where God speaks of "*the day of indignation*," and verse 31a, where He says it is "*Mine indignation*" (hi-lite both). The prophecy is directed against "her (Jerusalem's) prophets (verse 25), priests (verse 26), princes (verse 27), and the people of the land" (verse 29). Hi-lite all these words. God then announces His plans as completed (verse 31b, underline) — a very effective feature of Hebrew prophecy.

In the final prophecy (chapter 23) God tells a parable about two women, Samaria and Jerusalem (verse 4c, underline), who lived as prostitutes from their youth in Egypt (verses 1-4). Oholah falls in love with the Assyrians (verse 5, hi-lite), and is destroyed by them (verses 9 and 10, underline). Oholibah was even more promiscuous (verse 11, underline) and bestows her favors on the Assyrians, the Chaldeans, and the Babylonians (hi-lite, verses 12, 14, 15). Therefore, says the Lord, I will deliver her to her lovers (verses 22 and 23a) who will destroy her (verse 47, underline). The reason for this is given in verse 37a, and the result is described in verse 49b ("ye shall bear . . .," underline both).

Running throughout chapters 20-23 is the key phrase, "Cause her (Jerusalem) to know her abominations" (20:4, 22:2, and 23:36); and the section closes appropriately with the theme of the book (23:49c). This section is an exceptionally fine example of Hebrew prophecy.

Installations at Seminary



Prof. E. Wendland

In an evening service at Calvary Lutheran Church, Thiensville, on Sunday, September 17, 1978, Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary installed a new president and a new professor.

Prof. Armin W. Schuetze, who has taught at the Seminary since 1958, succeeds Prof. Carl J. Lawrenz as president of the Seminary. Prof. Schuetze will continue to teach pastoral theology and church history in addition to assuming administrative duties.

Prof. Ernst H. Wendland, who has spent the past 16 years as missionary to the Lutheran Church of Central Africa, replaces Prof. Gerald Hoencke, who retired after teaching at the Seminary for 26 years. Professor Wendland will begin teaching homiletics and Old Testament later this school year.

Pastor Lyle J. Lindloff, pastor of Calvary Congregation, conducted the service. Pastor Hogey Bergholz, chairman of the Seminary Board of Control, administered the rite of installation. Professor Lawrenz, who will continue to teach Old Testament and symbolics, preached the sermon.

Professor Lawrenz spoke on "The Lord's Program of Seminary Training," basing his remarks on II Timothy 2:2-8. He asserted that the Lord's program entails training both in maintaining the entrusted sound doctrine and in retaining at the same time a missionary thrust. The experience of the past two decades on the part of both men being installed, he pointed out, equipped them well for their new duties. Sharing in the fruit of their labors,



President A. Schuetze

he continued, is the apostolic encouragement to follow the Lord's program of seminary training. The source of strength in carrying out the Lord's program, he concluded, lies in remembering the risen Lord Jesus Christ.

Armin Schuetze, 61, was born at Litchfield, Minnesota, where his father was a pastor. He is a graduate of Dr. Martin Luther Academy, Northwestern College, and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, 1940. He spent a year as tutor at Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Saginaw, Michigan. He has served a parish at Timber Lake, Isabel, Trail City, and Athboy, South Dakota; in Thiensville at Calvary Church; and in Milwaukee at Divine Peace Church. He also held a professorship at Northwestern Lutheran Academy, Mobridge, South Dakota, for eight years.

Since 1957 Professor Schuetze has been associated with *The Northwestern Lutheran* as a contributor and a member of the editorial staff. From 1966 to 1978 he also served as Managing Editor of the *Wisconsin Lutheran Quarterly*.

In 1941 Professor Schuetze was married to Esther Waidelich of Milwaukee. They have seven children. Mrs. Schuetze has joined him in the president's office as secretary.

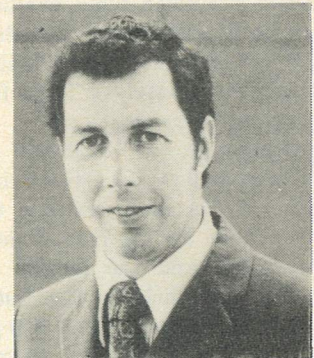
Ernst Wendland, 62, son of the late Prof. E. A. Wendland of Northwestern College, was born in Watertown, Wisconsin. He graduated from Northwestern Prep and College and from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, 1941. He also studied at the Theologische Hochschule, Berlin-Zehlendorf, Germany,

before completing his seminary training at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. For one year he was a tutor at Michigan Lutheran Seminary. He served congregations at Washington, Iowa, at Janesville, Wisconsin, and at Benton Harbor, Michigan. He also served as chairman of the Michigan District Board of Education, as first vice-president of the District, and as a member of the Board for World Missions.

Ernst Wendland was commissioned as missionary to the Lutheran Church of Central Africa in 1962. While in Africa he served as principal of the Lutheran Bible Institute and Seminary until 1975; as superintendent of the Central African Mission from 1964 to 1971.

Professor Wendland was married to Betty Jungkuntz in 1942. They have five living children, two of whom serve in the Lutheran Church of Central Africa.

Northwestern Prep



Prof. R. Hahm

You don't often hear someone urge a teacher of high-school students to give them his best because they are "sensible." "Teenagers" are supposed to be notorious for lack of sense.

Yet, as Prof. Gary Baumler pointed out in his sermon at the installation service of Prof. Ronald Hahm at Northwestern Preparatory School, students of our Synodical academies are *not* typical — they are different. By virtue of their faith in Christ and their intention to dedicate their lives to His service, they have shown themselves to be sensible and sober-minded to an extraordinary degree.

For that reason the preacher urged
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More Synodical School Openings

DMLC Opens With All-Time High

Dr. Martin Luther College at New Ulm, Minnesota, opened the 1978-79 school year with a record enrollment of 826 students, including four part-time. The freshmen enrollment of 251 was also a high for DMLC.

This blessing from the Lord is received with thankful hearts, especially during a period in the history of the WELS when there is a renewed interest in Christian education on the elementary level. More than 70 new schools have been opened in the past five years. These years have also brought an increase in DMLC's enrollment from 667 to 826. Surely there is much for which to thank the Lord!

The 1978-79 school year began with a two-day, faculty orientation session. The major discussion topic, examined in a series of essays and workshops, was "The Development and Maintenance of Students' Writing Skills from Matriculation to Graduation."

Registration of the Freshmen and most new students was held on Friday, September 8. On the evening of that day a luncheon for the new students, their families, and the faculty and their wives was held in the Luther Memorial Gymnasium. About 850 persons attended. On Saturday morning

there was a meeting between the Dean of Students and the students and their parents, followed by a coffee hour, appropriately called "Coffee with the Deans." Unfortunately the opening of the school year took place during days that were unusually warm and humid for the month of September.

The opening service was held Sunday, September 10, at 7:30 P.M. The speaker for this service was Pastor Warren Henrich of Delano, Minnesota, a member of the DMLC Board of Control. His message, "Who, Me? Yes, You!" was based on Ephesians 3:8.

During the service the chairman of the DMLC Board of Control, Pastor E. A. Knief of St. Paul, inducted the new faculty members. Installed were the following: as regular members of the faculty — George LaGrow, Education; Arlen Koestler, English; Fred Bartel and Wayne Wagner, Music; James Wandersee, Science; and as members of the faculty for this school year — Mrs. Howard Wessel, Education; Miss Jeanine Heller, Music; Robert Q. Jensen, Religion.

As we look ahead to the close of the year, it is encouraging to know that there will be 40 more graduates in June 1979 than in June 1978.

Again we thank the Lord for this blessing and ask Him to keep His protecting hand over the faculty and students of DMLC during this school year!

MLA Begins A Unique Year

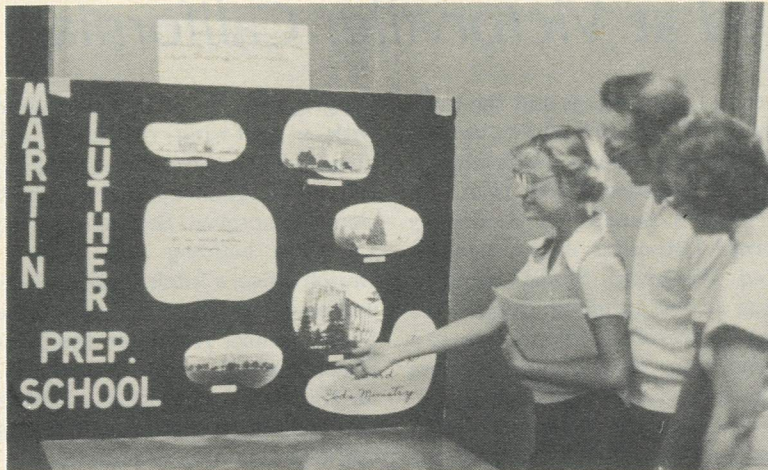
Martin Luther Academy, New Ulm, Minnesota, began its 1978-79 school year with a number of firsts and lasts which will add up to a unique school year. Firsts are that it is the first time two tutors are serving the school who are both alumni of MLA and that these tutors were ordained into the preaching ministry at an opening service at MLA. Lasts include that it was the last time parents could bring their children to New Ulm to register them in MLA and that it was the last opening service for MLA to be conducted in New Ulm.

Pastor Edmund Schulz reminded those present at the opening service of the unique aspects of this school year. Choosing to speak on God's Word as it is found in Hebrews 13:8, he stated that even though there will be many lasts during the 1978-79 school year at MLA and many changes as the school moves to Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, a change in the location of the school will never change the fact that "Jesus Christ (is) the same yesterday, and today, and forever."

MLA started its new school year with an enrollment of 257 students, including 83 freshmen. The 257 students come from 18 different states ranging from Alaska to Florida, from Michigan to California, and from 14 other states in between. The family in the accompanying picture is from Nebraska and registered a daughter in grade 11. Although it was their last trip to register a child in MLA, it was not their first trip. They have been registering students at MLA and in other Synodical schools since 1967. A son Mike teaches at Bethlehem Lutheran School, Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin. A daughter Julie graduated from DMLC, taught, and is now married to Missionary Michael Hintz, who was assigned to the mission in Malawi, Africa. A daughter Lori is enrolled at DMLC. Robin is pictured enrolling in MLA and will next year enroll at MLPS — Martin Luther Preparatory School in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin.



Registration at DMLC



Mr. and Mrs. Haase and Robin at MLA



Dean Zemple, Michael Hein, Tod Hauf, and Robert Schumann at MLS

Why mention this family from Nebraska in an article about MLA's unique year? It is encouraging to see the Lord at work through parents. God has led these parents, who live 280 miles away from the nearest Synodical school, to encourage their children to enter the preaching and teaching ministry, and that is unique in this world of ours!

E. C. Hirsch

Michigan Lutheran Seminary Opens

The 1978-79 school year at Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Saginaw, Michigan, began with an opening service on August 28 in the school's gymnasium-auditorium. Speaker for the occasion was Pastor Orville Maasch of St. Luke's Ev. Lutheran Church, Vassar, Michigan.

Two weeks later a special service of installation and ordination was held at St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Saginaw. Installed during this service was Prof. Michael Hein, who will be working in the areas of music and social studies at MLS. Also installed were three new tutors: Robert J. Schumann, Tod Hauf, and Dean Zemple. Tutor Schumann, a 1978 graduate of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, was ordained during the special service. Tutors Hauf and Zemple are 1978 graduates of Dr. Martin Luther College.

Preacher at the special service was the Rev. Robert L. Schumann, the father of Tutor Schumann and pastor of Shepherd of the Hills Ev. Lutheran Church, Duluth, Minnesota. Pastor Schumann stated that through these four men being installed God is building the office of the public ministry to serve His Church at Michigan Lutheran Seminary, and that through the future pastors and teachers from MLS

Christians elsewhere will also be served.

Before coming to MLS, Professor Hein was principal of Pilgrim Lutheran School, Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin. Previously he taught at First Lutheran School, La Crosse, Wisconsin. Besides teaching geography, Professor Hein will direct MLS choruses and the school band.

Michigan Lutheran Seminary began the new school year with an enrollment of 318, about 20 less than last year's closing enrollment.

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the new professor to offer his students "serious teaching," not only by his words in class but by his whole comportment inside and outside the classroom, in keeping with St. Paul's exhortation to Titus (2:6-8).

It was on the evening of September 10, 1978, in the Northwestern chapel that Hahm was installed as the 14th professor at Northwestern Prep by Northwestern board chairman, the Rev. Reginald Siegler. Besides Prof. Gary Baumler, the Northwestern Prep Singers, under the direction of Prof. Franklin Zabell, also participated in the service.

Hahm came to Northwestern from Resurrection Lutheran Church, Virginia Beach, Virginia, where he had served as pastor since his ordination in 1973. He has been teaching German and Latin and assisting with football since the beginning of the school year.

Born in Milwaukee, Hahm later moved to Ixonia. He attended St. Matthew's Christian Day School in Oconomowoc. He is a 1966 graduate of Northwestern College. The next two and a half years he spent in West Berlin as a soldier in the U.S. army. After his discharge he resumed his theological studies at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon and was graduated from there in 1973.

Ronald Hahm is married to Anne, nee Maass. They have two sons, aged five and six.

May the Lord bless Professor Hahm's work at Northwestern and grant that through his teaching and example many sober-minded young men and women will be moved to carry the Gospel to the far corners of the earth!

J. A. Fricke

Church Dedicated at Victorville, California



St. John's Sanctuary

Situated on a rise overlooking Victor Valley and visible from 15 miles away, the new church of St. John Lutheran of Victorville symbolizes the existence of

the young congregation and the presence of the Wisconsin Synod on the Mojave Desert of Southern California.

The congregation itself began in 1970 when a handful of doctrinally concerned Lutherans in the area requested Wisconsin Synod services. Meeting at first in private homes, the group later transferred its services to a local mortuary chapel. Services were conducted by various Southern California WELS pastors until 1974 when Pastor Gary Scheuerlein accepted the call as first resident pastor of the young congregation. Land was then purchased in Victorville and plans were made for a church. Groundbreaking ceremonies were held on August 21, 1977. One year later on Sunday, August 20, some 125 members and guests joined in the service of dedication. Pastor Richard Yecke of Lancaster, who had served the mission on a regular basis until 1974, addressed the worshipers on James 1:22-27. His theme was: "We Built This House for Worship — Let Us Get the Most Out of Our Worship!" Pastor Scheuerlein served as liturgist and led the congregation in the rite of dedication.

The new church home for St. John

Congregation is an A-frame building with a gull-wing roofline covering about 3,300 square feet of floor space. It was designed by Synod architect, Gerald Vanselow. Seating capacity is 175. The building also houses the church office, a kitchenette, a sacristy, and a vestry. These will serve also as Sunday-school rooms for the present. Phase II and III of the master plan call for the future addition of a fellowship hall and a parochial school building on the 4.75-acre site. Overall cost of the project was about \$250,000. Although members of the congregation contributed substantially both in money and volunteer labor, most of the cost was met with a loan from the Church Extension Fund.

Realizing that our new church building has been provided by God and the members of our Synod as a tool for our task of spreading the Gospel, we now dedicate ourselves to carrying out our Lord's commission, mindful that having a church is not nearly so important as being a church, called into being to seek and to save the lost.

G. Scheuerlein, Pastor

St. John's, Summit S.D. 90 Years Young

In celebrating anniversaries we usually say "old"; but the word "young" is definitely in place when one celebrates a church's 90th. For the members of St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church of Mezeppa Township, rural Summit, South Dakota, June 25, 1978, was a day to recall how for 90 years the God of grace had unburdened them and their loved ones and their friends of the aches and pains of sin. During the course of those 90 years, 621 souls put on the healing garment of Christ's forgiveness through baptism, 420 were strengthened through confirmation, 114 couples received the Lord's prescription for a blessed life together, and 115 funerals were conducted to share the comfort that the dead in

Christ are alive forevermore. Sixteen resident pastors and 10 vacancy pastors ministered to St. John's during those 90 years.

On May 14, 1888, fourteen members met and established "St. Paulus Gemeinde." In 1897 this group, however, changed the name to St. John's and then also erected a house of worship. Pastor C. Gausewitz, president of the Minnesota District, conducted the dedicatory services. A pipe organ, now modernized, was installed in 1907.

To help St. John's celebrate its 90 years of gracious spiritual health, a former pastor, the Rev. O. W. Heier (1938-1940) of Tomah, Wisconsin, addressed the June 25 morning gathering on Psalm 85:8-13, using the theme

"God's People Gladly Hear of His Salvation." Another former pastor, the Rev. Norman E. Pommeranz (1963-1965) of Hemlock, Michigan, addressed the afternoon assembly on Genesis 32:9-12, speaking on "An Anniversary Prayer." The pastor of the congregation, the Rev. Edward Werner, served as liturgist in both of the services, which were filled to overflowing.

The prayer of the congregation is that the Word of God, the source of their joy, comfort, strength, and hope for 90 years, will continue to be proclaimed in years to come to the glory of God and the edification of all who gather at St. John's.

E. Werner, Pastor

Auxiliary Meets at Belle Plaine

On July 19, 1978, the Lutheran Home Auxiliary, Belle Plaine, Minnesota, held its third annual meeting. The gathering was held in the activities wing of the new residence for the retarded. Over 200 persons were in attendance.

In accord with its decision last year to begin a treasury out of which projects for the Home will be done, the group gathered over \$300 and directed that bulletin boards shall be purchased for residents' rooms on the second floor of the residence for the aging, that money shall be given toward classroom furnishings to be used with the Home's HOPE program, that a number of high quality scissors shall be purchased for the aging residence's activities program, and that money shall be given toward the formation of a staff library in the mental retardation care residence.

The business meeting was conducted

by President Ted Florine of Grace Lutheran, Le Sueur, Minnesota. New officers were Mr. Phillip Carlberg of Mt. Olive, Delano, elected as second vice-president, and Mrs. Howard Schmid of Salem, Loretto, as secretary. Outgoing officers were thanked for their services. They are Mr. Florine and Mrs. Janice Dahlke of Mt. Olive, Shakopee. Mrs. Dahlke had served as secretary. In addition to those newly elected, the 1978-79 officers include Mrs. La Corda Kexel of St. Paul's, North Mankato, president; Mrs. Lorraine Fahning of St. Peter's, St. Peter, first vice-president; Mrs. Dorothy Anderson of St. Paul's, Jordan, treasurer; and Pastor Oliver Lindholm of St. Peter's, St. Peter, pastoral advisor. Mrs. Phyllis Enstad of St. Andrew's, St. Paul Park, Minnesota, continues to serve as volunteer coordinator.

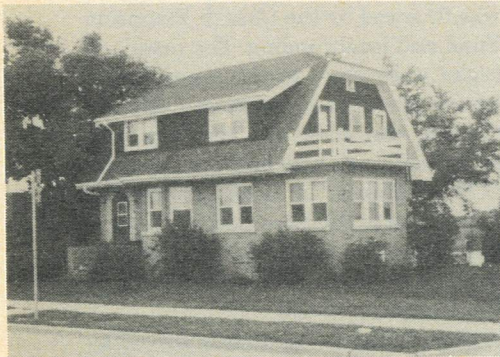
Pastor Wilbert Neumann of St. Paul, secretary of the Board of Directors of

the Lutheran Home, welcomed the group to the annual meeting. Pastor Lindholm conducted the opening and closing devotions. Mr. Hackbarth, Housing Coordinator at the Home, spoke in the afternoon on the topic: "An Overview of Mental Retardation and the HOPE Program." The dietary department served a buffet lunch at noon, after which entertainment was provided by The Lutheran Home choir and The Lutheran Home band.

The activities of the auxiliary are of great value to The Lutheran Home. Representatives of over 30 congregations come regularly to conduct parties, provide entertainment, and supervise other activities. Groups have come from as far away as Brainerd, Minnesota. The work of the auxiliary is deeply appreciated by staff and residents. May our Lord bountifully bless their efforts!

The Lutheran Home, Belle Plaine, Minnesota, is owned and operated by about 100 WELS congregations from Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, and other states.

WLCFS and the Retarded



The newest piece of property added to the Wisconsin Lutheran Child and Family Service may prove to be the most exciting and challenging of all! We ask you to look beyond the bare walls, beyond the present, and envision the future of the house above when it becomes a group home for the mentally retarded.

The home, bought on May 1, 1978, is the WLCFS's response to a resolution adopted by the Synod's Conference of Presidents in January of this year encouraging the WLCFS to serve the so-

cial needs of the WELS families throughout the Synod to the extent that it is legally possible and when it is called upon to do so. In April the Southeastern Wisconsin District Special Ministries Board followed with a resolution to encourage the WLCFS to seriously consider the feasibility of establishing a group home for the mentally retarded.

The home, adjacent to the WLCFS office facilities, is a five-bedroom, two-story, brick structure. Whatever renovation was necessary began almost immediately and was completed by September 15. Special thanks is herewith expressed to the many volunteer helpers.

Since this home will be operated under the designation of "Community Based Residential Facility" (CBRF), the occupants will have to be adults over 18 years of age. They will have to be ambulatory, and members of a congregation of the Wisconsin Synod or a church body in fellowship with our Synod.

The day-to-day operation of the group home will be under the supervision of Mr. and Mrs. Steven Blumer. Mr. Blumer is a senior student at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary; his wife Bonnie has had a great deal of background experience through past employment at Bethesda Lutheran Home in Watertown. In addition to menu planning, food purchasing, cleaning, and activity supervision, they will provide the necessary Christian concern for these special children of God we are privileged to care for in this home.

In a sense, this particular home at 6880 North 76th Street, Milwaukee, is serving as a "pilot project." Not only in southeastern Wisconsin, but throughout this state and others, groups are studying the needs for such a service. Under the blessing of God, this could be the "first of many," a series of such group homes located in many areas — wherever the need exists to serve God's people in their special needs.

For further information, contact Wisconsin Lutheran Child and Family Service at 6800 N. 76th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53223; phone: 414/353-5000.

Direct from the Districts

CALIFORNIA

Reporter James Humann

Education-Parish Hall Dedicated

On Sunday, August 13, 1978, members of Our Shepherd Lutheran Church, Lancaster, California, gathered to dedicate their new education-parish hall building. Pastor Allen Schroeder of Gloria Dei Congregation in Sierra Madre spoke to the congregation on Deuteronomy 29:29. His theme was: "Dedicated to God's Revealed Word." He stressed that this addition to Our Shepherd will provide a place for instructing children and adults in the Lord's Word and for applying that Word in the area of Christian fellowship. On the Monday after dedication 45 children began attending VBS classes in the new building.

The building measures 30 x 60. Movable walls divide it into four Sunday-school classrooms, or two regular schoolrooms, or one large room for fellowship gatherings.

Pastor Richard Yecke serves Our Shepherd Lutheran Church.

California Lutheran High School Begins Second Year

Sunday, September 10, 1978, was a joyful day for California Lutheran High School in Garden Grove. On that day the high school began its second year of operation with a service at King of Kings Lutheran Church. Mr. Kedric Peterson, formerly teacher at our mission in Hong Kong, was installed as the high school's second full-time called worker. Several part-time instructors were also inducted.

Pastor Gerald Geiger, secretary of the California Lutheran High School Association, addressed students, parents, and friends on the theme: "Students of the Lord Jesus Christ." He emphasized that because of our sinful human nature we are all "educationally handicapped" when it comes to matters of a spiritual nature, but that in a Christian school God the Holy Ghost can remove that handicap and

cause the students to become "high achievers," living a Christian life with the hope of eternal life through faith in Christ.

The California Lutheran High School began in 1977 with the 9th grade and closed the year with nine students. Tenth grade has been added this year. There are 30 students enrolled in the two grades.

California Lutheran High School is presently seeking a permanent site. The present building will be too small next year, when the two-year conditional use permit will expire. Please remember this new school in your prayers. If you would like more information, please write to the principal of the school, Pastor Milton Burk, 8852 Lawrence, Westminster, California 92683.

Pastor and Mrs. Habben Honored

On August 27, 1978, members of St. Paul's Congregation in Riverside, California, friends, and fellow pastors and teachers gathered to honor Pastor and Mrs. A. B. Habben on the occasion of their 35th wedding anniversary and Pastor Habben's 35th year in the ministry. Pastor Jon Mahnke was the guest speaker and Pastor J. Humann the liturgist. Pastor Mahnke recalled the many blessings the Lord has bestowed on the ministry of Pastor Habben and the blessings He has given Pastor Habben personally in giving him a faithful wife willing to accompany him thousands of miles away from family and modern conveniences.

Pastor Habben was born in Raymond, South Dakota. He graduated from the high-school department of Dr. Martin Luther College in 1936, from Northwestern College in 1940, and from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in 1943. Shortly after his seminary graduation he married Elva Blank.

His first call was as assistant pastor at Zebaoth Lutheran Church in Milwaukee. In 1944 Pastor Habben was called to Hastings, Nebraska, and in 1953 accepted the call to start our Synod's African mission. The Habbens remained in Rhodesia until 1960, when he was called to organize a new mission

in Portland, Oregon. In 1970 our Synod again called on Pastor Habben to serve in a new foreign field, Indonesia. Since 1972 Pastor Habben has been pastor of St. Paul's in Riverside, a mission congregation of our Synod.

All of his coworkers give thanks to the Lord of the Church for providing His people with such faithful servants as the Habbens. The Lord has filled Pastor Habben's heart with an intense desire to reach out to the unchurched and has made him a father to many of the younger men in the ministry.

Dedication at Fremont, California

On Sunday, July 30, 1978, almost 120 members and friends of Hope Ev. Lutheran Church, Fremont, California, gathered to dedicate their new house of worship. The guest speaker was Pastor Robert Hochmuth, chairman of the California Mission District Mission Board and founding pastor of the congregation in 1973.

The building is the "inverted gull-wing" prototype of our Synod's Architectural Department. The 3,100-square-foot structure will eventually seat 200 worshippers. At this time, however, the rear portion of the nave is being used for fellowship and Sunday-school purposes.

The cost of the building, \$230,000, was financed by the Church Extension Fund and local funding. The pews and organ were given to the congregation by the members of Apostles Lutheran Church, San Jose, who recently dedicated their own new house of worship.

The members of Hope give thanks and praise to the Lord who His Gospel has created such love for His work in the hearts of our fellow Christians in the Wisconsin Synod.

Hope Lutheran Church is served by Pastor B. Terrell.

MINNESOTA

Reporter Del Begalka

Renville Congregations Witness at Town's Centennial

A testimony to God's enduring grace was given by members of Bethany, St. John's, and St. Matthew's WELS congregations of the Renville area at Renville's centennial parade on July 29, 1978.



Part of Centennial Parade



WELS Float



Really Historical!

The members participated in the parade with a specially built float. "God's Word is our Great Heritage" was the motto painted on the two sides of the float. The seal of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod was enlarged and placed on the front of the float. The banner carried in front of the float listed the names of the congregations and the dates of their establishment: St. Matthew's of Flora Township — 1872, Bethany of Emmet Township — 1875, and St. John's in Renville — 1886. On the float was an organ from

Bethany purchased in 1889, church pews from 1880 and a sacristy chair from 1890 from St. Matthew's, lectern and stained glass window with inscription from 1904, and a "Klingelbeutel" or offering sack with long handle from 1889 from St. John's. The floor on the trailer bed was made with planks from the original St. John's church building. During the parade a tape was played of members of the congregations singing "God's Word Is Our Great Heritage" and "Now Thank We All Our God."

The pastor at St. John's in Renville is the Rev. John Miller. The pastor at the rural congregations is the Rev. Oscar Lemke.

NEBRASKA
Reporter Edwin Fredrick, Jr.

Groundbreaking in Winner, SD

On September 10, 1978, the members of Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Winner, South Dakota, met after the worship service to break ground for a new church complex. Officiating at the groundbreaking was the Rev. Norris H. Baumann, Trinity's pastor. The building committee also assisted in the service, breaking ground as appropriate passages were read.

The new facility will have a usable area of about 8,000 square feet. The plans include a nave with a seating capacity of 280, a fellowship hall, a kitchen, a balcony, and two classrooms. The site of the new facility is two blocks east of Hwy 18 on 5th Street. The property on which the church is to be built was a gift to the Lord by one of Trinity's members. The building is scheduled to be completed in late spring.

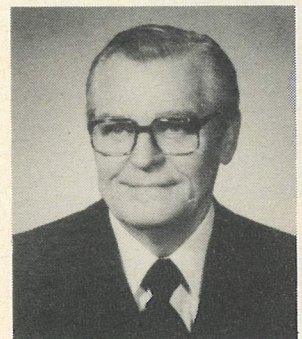
During the construction of the new facility, the congregation continues to worship in its present facility, built in 1920, at 201 Taft Street. Services are held on Sunday morning at 9:15 A.M.



SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN
Reporter Robert Kleist

Pastor John H. Martin
40 Years in the Ministry

On June 11, 1978, the members of St. Andrew Ev. Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, were joined by his family and by conference brethren in celebrating the 40th anniversary of Pastor John H. Martin in the Lutheran ministry. Preacher for the occasion was Pastor John E. Raabe, a classmate. He chose as his text a word of God from the Song of Solomon 8:13, and emphasized that "On This 40th Anniversary We Hear the Heavenly Bridegroom's Words to His Bride, the Church." The service was followed by a festive meal in the church fellowship hall.



Pastor J. Martin

Pastor Martin is a 1929 graduate of Dr. Martin Luther Preparatory School, a 1933 graduate of Northwestern College, and a 1937 graduate of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. He began his ministry by teaching in a one-room Christian day school at St. Paul's, Eldorado, Wisconsin, from 1937-39. He was ordained and installed as pastor of Peace Lutheran, Waucousta, Wisconsin, in July 1939. He has also served St. Paul's in Belleville, Michigan, 1939-45; Zion Lutheran in Toledo, Ohio, 1945-50; Redeemer Lutheran in Council Bluffs, Iowa, 1950-61. On June 11, 1961, he was installed as pastor of St. Andrew Ev. Lutheran Church in Milwaukee.

Offices which Pastor Martin has held in the church at large include those of District Vice-President, Conference Visitor, and member of District Stewardship and Evangelism Boards and of the District Mission Board.

May our Lord bless Pastor Martin with continued health and zeal for the Lord's work!

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ORDINATIONS AND INSTALLATIONS

(Authorized by the District Presidents)

Ordained and Installed

Pastors:

Bode, Marcus R., as pastor of Resurrection, Aurora, Illinois, on July 16, 1978, by J. Gaertner (SEW).

Papenfuss, Charles W., as pastor of Faith, Kokomo, Indiana, on July 16, 1978, by R. Rathje (SEW).

Schuman, Robert J., as instructor at Michigan Lutheran Seminary, on September 10, 1978, Saginaw, Michigan, by F. Zimmerman (Mich.).

Stahlecker, Gregory D., as pastor of Trinity, Franksville, Wisconsin, on July 9, 1978, by E. Schoemann (SEW).

Turriff, Michael A., as pastor of the Lutheran Church of the Abiding Word, Somers, Wisconsin, on July 30, 1978, by D. Dolan (SEW).

Witt, James G. III, as pastor of St. Philip's, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on July 9, 1978, by H. Grigsby (SEW).

Installed

Fedke, Fred III, as missionary to Central Africa at Immanuel, La Crosse, Wisconsin, on October 1, 1978, by A. Mennicke (WW).

Teachers:

Bartel, Fred, as professor at Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota, on September 10, 1978, by E. Knief (Minn.).

Blitz, Steven, as teacher at St. James, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on August 27, 1978, by J. Braun (SEW).

Brands, Leon, as teacher at Martin Luther Lutheran School, at Detroit, Michigan, on September 5, 1978, by G. Jahne (Mich.).

Essmann, Lloyd, as teacher at Siloah, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on September 10, 1978, by W. Hoffmann (SEW).

Fischer, Fonda, as teacher at Zion, South Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on August 20, 1978, by P. Hartwig (SEW).

Gallert, Timothy, as teacher at St. Paul's, Brownsville, Wisconsin, on August 20, 1978, by A. Zenker (SEW).

Hauf, Tod, as tutor at Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Saginaw, Michigan, on September 10, 1978, by F. Zimmerman (Mich.).

Heiman, Gary, as principal and teacher at Redemption, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on August 27, 1978, by C. Weigand (SEW).

Hein, Michael A., as professor at Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Saginaw, Michigan, on September 10, 1978, by F. Zimmerman (Mich.).

Hinds, Mark, as principal and teacher at Crown of Life, Hubertus, Wisconsin, on July 9, 1978, by P. Pankow (SEW).

Jaehning, Chester, as principal and teacher at Siloah, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on September 10, 1978, by W. Hoffmann (SEW).

Kluth, Herbert R., as professor at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School, Jackson, Wisconsin, September 24, 1978, by R. Zimmermann (SEW).

Koestler, Arlen, as professor at Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota, on September 10, 1978, by E. Knief (Minn.).

LaGrow, George, as professor at Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota, on September 10, 1978, by E. Knief (Minn.).

Marshall, James, as teacher at Zion, South Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on August 20, 1978, by P. Hartwig (SEW).

Milbrath, Greg, as teacher at Salem, Owosso, Michigan, on September 10, 1978, by R. P. Mueller (Mich.).

Nelson, Joel A., as principal and teacher at St. Andrew's, Chicago, Illinois, on August 27, 1978, by A. Wolfgramm (SEW).

Noack, David, as teacher at St. Paul's, Round Lake, Illinois, on September 10, 1978, by M. Lopahs (SEW).

Pingel, Bruce J., as teacher at St. John's, Burlington, Wisconsin, on July 23, 1978, by R. Weeks (SEW).

Schlicker, Werner, as teacher at Salem, Owosso, Michigan, on September 10, 1978, by R. P. Muller (Mich.).

Wagner, Wayne, as professor at Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota, on September 10, 1978, by E. Knief (Minn.).

Wandersee, James H., as professor at Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota, on September 10, 1978, by E. Knief (Minn.).

Woback, Clyde W., as principal and teacher at Peace, Hartford, on August 20, 1978, by D. Kuehl (SEW).

Wooster, James, as teacher at Mt. Olive, Bay City, Michigan, on September 10, 1978, by R. Welch (Mich.).

Zarnstorff, Thomas, as teacher at Trinity, Caledonia, Wisconsin, on August 6, 1978, by J. Schroeder (SEW).

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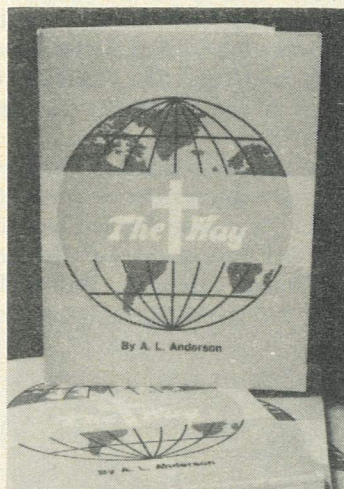
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CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES

MICHIGAN

SOUTHWESTERN PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: November 14, 1978
Place: St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Sodus, Michigan; H. Peter, host pastor.
Preacher: D. Valleau; D. Westendorf, alternate.
Agenda: Exegesis of Romans 3:21-30 and James 2:14-26; F. Berger; The Significance of the Old Testament Names for God: L. Fager; The terms "Ordination," "Installation," and "Induction" and How We Use Them: W. Zarling; Conference Business and Casuistry.

R. Raabe, Secretary

MINNESOTA

SOUTHERN PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: November 14, 1978; Communion service at 9:00 a.m.
Place: Redeemer Lutheran, Florissant, Missouri; P. Berg, host pastor.
Preacher: D. Hochmuth; alternate, L. Lucht.
Agenda: Exegesis of II Thessalonians 1: R. Zehms; The Musician in Public Worship: B. Backer; Twentieth-Century Reformed Thinking Analyzed and Evaluated, Part III: C. Palenske, discussion leader. G. Sommer, Secretary

ST. CROIX PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: November 14, 1978; Communion service at 9 a.m.
Place: St. Paul's Lutheran, Prescott, Wisconsin; R. Durow, host pastor.
Preacher: J. May; E. Noffsinger, alternate.
Agenda: The Pastor's and the Congregation's Role in Social and Legislative Issues that Affect the Church and Our People: W. Hartmann; Exegesis of II Timothy 3:16; D. Schlieve; A Study of the Office of the Keys With Application to the Call of a Pastor to Serve God and the Call of a Parishioner to Serve God: R. R. DeRuiter.

J. May, Secretary

REDWOOD FALLS PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: November 28, 1978; Communion service at 9:00 a.m.
Place: Peace Ev. Lutheran Church, Echo, Minnesota; R. Schwerin, host pastor.
Preacher: H. Bittorf; O. Engel, alternate.
Agenda: Historical and Content Study of the Books of the Apocrypha: G. Maas; *Formula of Concord*, Article III: L. Wurster; Exegesis of Genesis 8:1-14: R. Hellmann.

R. Hellmann, Secretary

MANKATO PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: December 5, 1978, 9:00 a.m. Communion service.
Place: St. Paul's, North Mankato, Minnesota; R. Reimers, host pastor.
Preacher: J. Bradtke; alternate, F. Fallen.
Agenda: Exegesis of I Corinthians 2: W. Wagner; The State of the Soul after Death: D. Begalka; Questions of Casuistry.
Note: Please excuse full- or part-time to the host pastor.

W. E. Wagner, Secretary

NEBRASKA

COLORADO MISSIONARIES CONFERENCE

Date: November 14-15, 1978; Communion service at 7:30 p.m. on November 14.
Place: St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church, N. 7th & Hwy 183, Stockton, Kansas; M. J. Traudt, host pastor.
Preacher: D. Kuske.
Agenda: Making Use of Our Lutheran Heritage, "Objective Justification," in Our Mission Outreach: D. Kuske; How To Help People Overcome Their Fears in Witnessing: Panel Discussion; Conference Business; Reports.
Note: Announcements and excuses are to be made to the host pastor.

P. Zarling, Secretary

NORTHERN WISCONSIN

WINNEBAGO PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: November 13, 1978; 9:00 a.m. Communion service.
Place: Zion Lutheran, Kingston, Wisconsin; D. Katschmidt, host pastor.
Preacher: F. Brand; J. Brandt, alternate.
Agenda: Exegesis of James 1: D. Nimmer; *Shepherd Under Christ*, Chapter 3: P. Hoenecke; *Smalcald Articles*, Part III, Articles 1-4: S. Stern.

S. Stern, Secretary

MANITOWOC PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: November 13, 1978; 9:00 a.m. Communion service.
Place: Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Morrison, Wisconsin; W. Loesch, host pastor.
Preacher: E. Steller; alternate, G. Unke.
Agenda: Exegesis of Isaiah 6: R. Froehlich; Practical Paper on Marriage Service Problems; *Formula of Concord*, Articles III and IV: V. Dobberstein; Articles V and VI: C. Rosenow.

P. J. Damrow, Secretary

FOX RIVER VALLEY PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: November 14, 1978; 9:00 a.m. Communion service.
Place: St. Matthew Ev. Lutheran Church, Appleton, Wisconsin; S. Johnson, host pastor.
Preacher: I. Boettcher; F. Heidemann, alternate.
Agenda: Psalm 13: N. Engel; Psalm 14: T. Meier; Gospel, 5th After Epiphany; T. Meier; Transfiguration Text: A. Schabow; II Peter 3: T. Liesener; I John 1: C. Voss; Abortion: J. Murphy; Casuistry.

R. Ash, Secretary

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN

CHICAGO PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: November 14, 1978; 9:00 a.m. CST.
Place: Jerusalem Lutheran, Fernald and Capulina, Morton Grove, Illinois; G. Boldt, host pastor.
Preacher: G. Schaumberg (O.T. Text); alternate, M. Lopas (N.T. Text).
Agenda: Exegesis of James 3: N. Paul; alternate, Exegesis of James 4: K. Gawrisch; The Right To Die Controversy: W. Meier; alternate: Public Versus Christian Schools: G. Boldt.

R. W. Pasbrig, Secretary

SOUTHERN PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: November 14, 1978.
Place: Peace Lutheran, Wilmot, Wisconsin; L. Wenzel, host pastor.
Preacher: R. Ziebell; alternate, A. Buenger or G. Endert.
Agenda: Exegesis of Romans 8:12-22: F. Kosanke; alternate, Exegesis of Romans 8:23-39: T. Kraus; The Israel Dig: R. Weber; alternate, Isagogical Study of Malachi: R. Weeks.
Note: Conference fee of \$5.00 per member due; all excuses to be sent to host pastor or the conference secretary.

J. P. Schroeder, Secretary

DODGE-WASHINGTON PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: December 5, 1978; Communion service, 9:00 a.m.
Place: Zum Kripplein Christi, Iron Ridge, Wisconsin; D. Kannenberg, host pastor.
Preacher: T. Horneber; D. Kannenberg, alternate.
Agenda: Exegesis of II Timothy 1: J. Castillo; The Moral Implications of Artificial Insemination: E. Scheewe; *Formula of Concord*: Article VI, Of the Third Use of the Law: R. Kobleske.

J. Castillo, Secretary

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TIME AND PLACE

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Nine months ended September 30, 1978

	Subscription Amount for 1978	% ₁₂ of Annual Subscription	Subscription and Pension Offerings	Per Cent of Subscription
Arizona-California	\$ 451,704	\$ 338,778	\$ 335,962	99.2
Dakota-Montana	240,599	180,449	177,675	98.5
Michigan	1,296,136	972,102	909,463	93.6
Minnesota	1,372,260	1,029,195	1,064,617	103.4
Nebraska	268,565	201,424	209,733	104.1
Northern Wisconsin	1,467,813	1,100,860	1,042,474	94.7
Pacific-Northwest	128,577	96,433	102,037	105.8
Southeastern Wisconsin	1,785,292	1,338,969	1,216,404	90.8
Western Wisconsin	1,688,201	1,266,151	1,164,392	92.0
South-Atlantic	111,508	83,630	83,333	99.6
Total — 1978	\$8,810,655	\$6,607,991	\$6,306,090	95.4
Total — 1977	\$8,247,332	\$6,185,499	\$5,633,489	91.1

CURRENT BUDGETARY FUND

Statement of Income and Expenditures

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

	Twelve months ended September 30		Increase or Decrease*	
	1978	1977	Amount	Per Cent
Income				
Prebudget Subscription Offerings	\$8,819,689	\$8,031,382	\$ 788,307	9.8
Pension Plan Contributions	73,134	73,961	827*	1.1*
Gifts and Memorials	228,277	175,821	52,456	29.8
Bequests	19,014	142,203	123,189*	86.6*
Earnings from Fox Estate	67,060	61,857	5,203	8.4
Other Income	23,077	10,033	13,044	—
Transfers from Other Funds	119,271	119,982	711*	0.6*
Total Income	\$9,349,522	\$8,615,239	\$734,283	8.5
Expenditures				
Worker Training — Expenses	\$5,494,068	\$5,050,652	\$ 443,416	8.8
Worker Training — Income	2,312,603	2,159,501	153,102	7.1
Worker Training — Net	\$3,181,465	\$2,891,151	\$ 290,314	10.0
Home Missions	1,876,941	1,633,714	243,227	14.9
World Missions	1,570,301	1,322,930	247,371	18.7
Benevolences	1,060,730	1,007,913	52,817	5.2
Administration and Services	856,175	765,515	90,660	11.8
Total Operations	\$8,545,612	\$7,621,223	\$924,389	12.1
CEF — Interest Subsidy	718,348	619,196	99,152	16.0
Appropriations — Building Funds	237,500	202,494	35,006	17.3
Total Expenditures	\$9,501,460	\$8,442,913	\$1,058,547	12.5
Operating Gain/Loss**	\$ 151,938**	\$ 172,326		

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December 10, 1978 7:30 p.m.
 Christmas Concert
 February 11, 1979 3:00 p.m.
 Pop Concert
 April 1, 1979 7:30 p.m.
 Easter Concert
 May 22, 1979 7:30 p.m.
 Commencement Concert

NOMINEES FOR MLA PROFESSORSHIP

The following men have been nominated to fill the vacancy at Martin Luther Academy, New Ulm, Minnesota, caused by Prof. Allan Just's acceptance of a call. The candidate chosen should be qualified to teach in the field of Mathematics and work in Athletics, preferably be head football coach.

Stephen Berg	Garden Grove, CA
John Boeck	Schofield, WI
David Ebeling	Greenfield, WI
Paul Fritze	St. Louis Park, MN
Herbert Grams	Wauwatosa, WI
John Gronholz	Lake Mills, WI
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Prof. Robert Schroer	Saginaw, MI
Paul Schultz	Longmont, CO
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Carl Schwertfeger	Helena, MT
Ronald Steller	Watertown, WI
Prof. David Toepel	Saginaw, MI
David Umnus	Appleton, WI
Ronald Unke	Waukesha, WI
Gordon Vetter	Houston, TX

The Board of Control of Martin Luther Academy will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, November 20, 1978, to call a man from the above list. Correspondence regarding the nominees should be in the hands of the secretary no later than Saturday, November 18, 1978.

Mr. Paul Fritze, Secretary
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