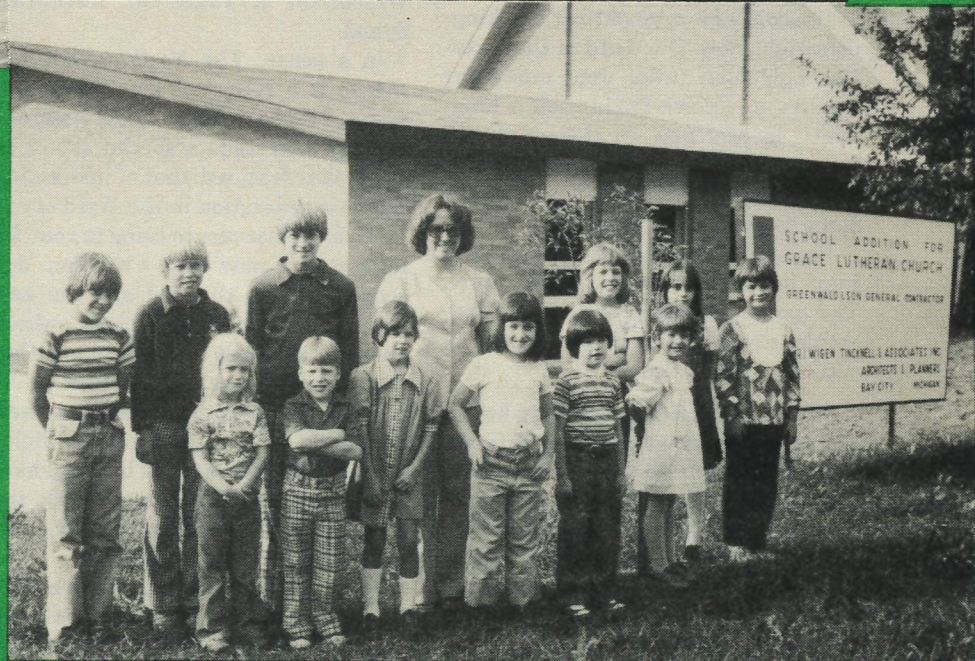


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The Lord our God be with us,
as he was with our fathers:
let him not leave us,
nor forsake us. 1 Kings 8:57

Briefs by the Editor

We have come to the last Sunday of the church year. Do the sermons on death, on the judgment, on eternity depress us or even frighten us? As sinners, yes; as children of God through faith in Christ, no. Why not? Because as children of God we know what the future holds in store, and we know what our Lord wants us to do with the present. Our life here and now has a purpose and, looking into the future, we see a promised goal.

One of the parables of our Lord, the Parable of the Pounds, has a great deal to say about this. It applies to today and alerts us about the future.

No matter what our position in life, whether the Lord has laid burdens upon us or whether we have no worries to speak of, whether we are pastors, teachers, or lay people, whether male or female, the parable assures us that we have a Lord who went and received a kingdom and is governing His kingdom right now. Our Lord is that "certain nobleman (who) went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom." In Matthew 28 He put it this way: "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth." That's something to mark and remember.

But our "Nobleman" did not go away into the far country to remain there. The parable contains two sets of three words, simple but important: "And to return" — "Till I come."

When will that be? God only knows the date. Numerous passages in Scripture speak about signs in nature and in the world of men. However, it is only the child of God who thinks of our Lord's coming as he sees the breakdowns in nature and among men. Others are like the people in Noah's day: "They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage"; and like the people in Lot's day: "They did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded." And then came the Flood, and then came the fire and brimstone, and then comes our Lord's return.

Does the above characterize our lives? Yes, we eat, we drink, we marry, we buy, we sell, we plant, we build. We do all that. But for children of God, for God's "servants," that's not the whole of life nor the most important part of life. Our "Nobleman" has given us "pounds" and has told us, "Occupy till I come."

These "pounds" are the means of grace, the Word and Sacrament. Our Lord has instructed us to use them faithfully and wisely. Of the Word He says: "Preach the Word." Of the sacrament of regeneration He says: "Baptize all nations." Of the sacrament of forgiveness and assurance He says: "This do in remembrance of Me." These are His directives not only to those who have made the preaching and teaching ministry their life's work, but His instructions for all children of God, among them all the members of our Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

In a sense, *The Northwestern Lutheran* is a record of how we as servants of God are fulfilling our assigned task. In this issue a special aspect of our task is featured, that of instructing the next generation in the Word of our Lord. It's a pleasure to bring to your attention the nine new Christian day schools opened this fall and the new area Lutheran high school which opened its doors in Arizona. Other issues speak of the mission work we do, of new congregations founded, new members gained, new mission fields opened. Still others tell of how we share the Gospel with the aging, the sick, the imprisoned, the blind, the deaf, the students, those far from home.

How are we carrying out our privileged task while our Lord is on His way returning? Like the servant who gained ten pounds, or the one who gained five, or the one who wrapped his in a napkin?

As you and I review our lives at the close of this church year, we do well to read the Lord's parable in its entirety. It is recorded in Luke 19:11-27.

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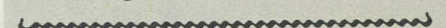
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The Cover

Miss Anna Caskey and part of her group of 30 children enrolled in Samuel Lutheran School (Christ Lutheran Congregation), Marshall, Minnesota. — Miss Charmaine Huff and her 12 pupils at Grace Lutheran School, Alma, Michigan. — See page 386 for more information on both of these new Christian day schools.

Editorials

The Blessings Of The Thankless We may become resentful when we see things go well with the worldling who no more bothers to say thank you for all the good things in life than do the cattle at the feeding trough. They take their health, their family, their jobs for granted, with nary a thank you to the Giver of all good gifts. Many indulge themselves with the bounty He provides, spending it like prodigals for the luxury of wining and dining in fine restaurants, for exotic vacations, for high-priced sports events, for extensive and expensive wardrobes, for decorator homes, but begrudging the Lord's work and their neighbor's welfare even a pittance.

Meanwhile, many a Christian struggles to provide even basic food and clothing and shelter for his family. Yet the Christian thanks God for all his blessings.

He can also be thankful for the blessings of the ungodly. He can be grateful that the Lord lets His sun shine on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust, for in this benevolence there is proof of the kindness and mercy of our God as He generously provides also for those who ignore Him, who defy Him, who insult and reject Him.

The ultimate demonstration of His loving-kindness is the gift of His Son for the salvation of sinful mankind, but in His material gifts to the unthankful and the ungodly there is further assurance that we have a gracious God who would rather deal with us in mercy than in justice.

Our own gratitude for our material blessings is often an off-and-on thing. That is another reason for us to remember and be grateful for the blessings of the ungodly this Thanksgiving.

Carleton Toppe

The Positive Value Of The Negative One of the very interesting, but largely unread, books of the Bible is the Book of Ecclesiastes.

It has been said that its message is chiefly negative. That may be why people pay so little attention to it. They would prefer to read something positive and happy.

Negative it is, at least in parts. Perhaps its most striking remark, repeated at intervals throughout the book and still quoted today is: "Vanity of vanities; all is vanity." Added to this negative note is the companion cry of desolation and despair: "All is vanity and vexation of spirit."

In this book the writer details his attempts to find peace and happiness through the successes which he achieved according to human standards. Here is a sample: "I made me great works; I builded me houses; I planted me vineyards. I made me gardens and orchards . . . I made me pools of water . . . I got me servants and maidens; also I had great possessions . . . I gathered me also silver and gold and the peculiar treasure of kings and provinces; I got me men

singers and women singers and the delights of the sons of men, as musical instruments, and that of all sorts . . . and whatsoever mine eyes desired I kept not from them; I withheld not my heart from any joy."

Fame, success, knowledge, wisdom, culture, pleasure, wealth, power, music, works of architecture, and art — he had them all. But they all turned out the same way. "Then I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought and on the labor that I labored to do; and, behold, all was vanity and vexation of spirit, and there was no profit under the sun."

When all is said and done, life is a dead end — a negative, so to speak. That is what the writer found out by sad, personal experience.

But Holy Scripture, of which Ecclesiastes forms a part, does not leave us hanging there. Through this holy writer it presents a lesson which we all must learn; and it goes on from there to set forth a positive plan for man's peace and happiness, divinely devised for us who by common experience share the ancient writer's vexation of spirit.

Read the Book of Ecclesiastes. It is negative in its most prominent aspects, but it serves a positive purpose nevertheless. The positive becomes all the more clear in the light of the negative. And taking its message to heart, we won't ignore the Good News and persist in looking for the good life where it cannot be found.

Immanuel Frey

Year of the Catechism The beginning of a new church year on December 3 will not effect major changes for Christians in their spiritual life and will not therefore occasion striking celebrations of the day. This is not necessarily bad. We want one church year after the other to fall into the familiar pattern of years of God's grace that constantly reassures us that our Lord has come, is coming, and will come.

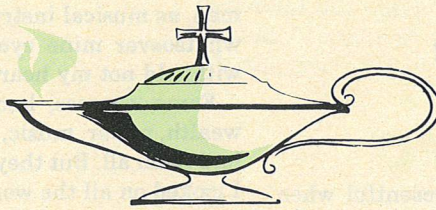
Within that ceaseless and precious rhythm, however, a single church year may have a unique feature, worthy of special emphasis. That is the case of the church year beginning December 3. It is the year of the 450th anniversary of Luther's Small and Large Catechisms, which first appeared in the spring of 1529.

What special observances congregations and various areas of our church body are planning is not the point. Rather, several suggestions are offered to family units and to individuals.

It would be a source of great blessing for all concerned if parents, especially fathers, would join pastors and teachers in using the Large Catechism as an aid in training the young in the basic elements of saving truth expounded in the Small Catechism.

It would be another source of great blessing if all of us, old and young alike, would in the months ahead immerse ourselves in a study of the Small Catechism. A first step would be acquiring or reacquiring the ability to reproduce verbatim the text of the Small Catechism. Target date might well be Palm Sunday, April 8, 1979, within days of the first appearance of the Catechism 450 years ago.

Edward C. Fredrich



Studies in God's Word

Jesus Christ, the Water of Life

In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, "If any man thirst, let him come unto Me and drink. He that believeth on Me, as the Scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water" (John 7:37, 38).

Our immediate reaction, upon reading these words from the seventh chapter of John's Gospel, may be to ask what festival is being talked about here. John has given that information earlier in the chapter. He informs us that it was the Feast of Tabernacles, one of the three great annual festivals at which every man of Israel was expected to go up to the Temple in Jerusalem.

The Feast of Tabernacles

Actually, the festival had several names and several distinct emphases. It was basically a harvest festival, coming in the seventh month at the end of the agricultural year when all of the grain, the olives, and the grapes had been harvested. As such, it recognized God's goodness in providing generously for Israel's temporal needs and was often referred to as the Feast of Ingathering (see Exod. 23:16).

But it had yet another significance. Through Moses God had commanded: "In the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when ye have gathered in the fruit of the land, ye shall keep a feast unto the Lord seven days. . . . And ye shall take you on the first day the boughs of goodly trees. . . . Ye shall

dwell in booths seven days . . . that your generations may know that I made the Children of Israel to dwell in booths, when I brought them out of the land of Egypt" (Lev. 23:39-43). Thus the festival was also called the Feast of Booths because of the temporary dwellings, the booths or tabernacles, which the Children of Israel were to make of branches and in which they were to dwell during the seven days of the festival.

The remembrance of the Lord's goodness in caring for them in the wilderness caused the rise of a number of customs at this festival. One of these was the custom that recalled God's providing water for Israel in the desert. On each of the seven days of the festival there was a procession in which the worshipers followed the priest who filled a golden pitcher at the pool of Siloam and carried it back to the Temple. There the water was poured out at the base of the altar of burnt offering amid the chanting of Isaiah 12:3: "Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation."

A Gracious Invitation

When we realize that setting, then it becomes meaningful to hear John report: "In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, 'If any man thirst, let him come unto Me and drink'" (v. 37). Jesus chose a prominent place, perhaps in the Temple courtyard. He stood and cried out for all to hear: "If you are thirsty, come to Me and drink." The imagery of

drinking really needed no explanation at all for these hearers. Jesus was obviously saying: "God who so graciously provided Israel with water in the desert for their physical needs has now sent His Son for your spiritual needs. The water from the well of salvation, of which Isaiah spoke, is present in your midst. Come to Me and drink."

Coming and drinking are, of course, merely figurative ways of speaking about believing in Him and accepting Him in faith. Many did believe in Him. John says: "Many of the people therefore when they heard this saying, said . . . , 'This is the Christ'" (vv. 40,41).

A Glorious Promise

But these believers were not merely to receive a blessing for themselves. Jesus promises much more than that. They were also to be a blessing to others. "He that believeth on Me," Jesus promises, "out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water."

"Living water" recalls for us immediately the words that Jesus previously spoke to the Samaritan women at Jacob's well. There He said: "Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life" (4:14).

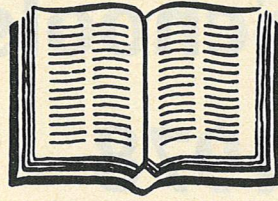
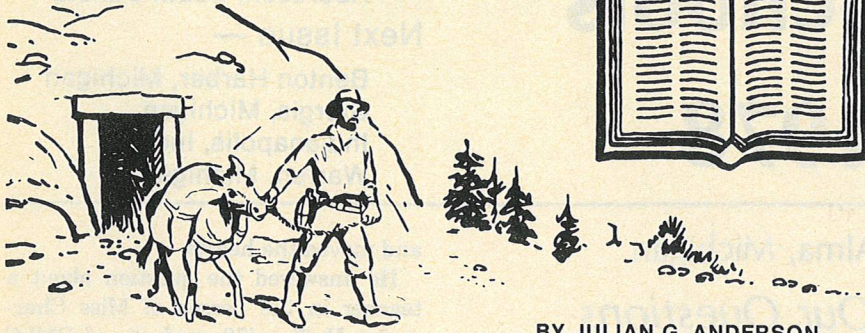
Now Jesus enlarges on that promise. One drink from Christ will not only slake the sinner's thirst and give him everlasting life, but it will enable him to share the blessing of salvation with others. The believer will be a veritable river! Yes, rivers (plural) of life-giving water will flow from his person.

As surely as we have drunk of Christ, so surely do these words apply also to us. We are to be life-giving streams in the world. We are to be the bearers of salvation to sinful men around us. That is a high calling and a sobering responsibility. How are we ever to carry that out? Very simply, by letting our faith in Christ shine through everything that we think and say and do in this world. The picture is changed just a bit, from water to light, but the idea is precisely the same when Jesus urges: "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 5:16).

Armin J. Panning

Mining the Treasure of God's Word

Ezekiel 24-36



BY JULIAN G. ANDERSON

Chapters 25-32

This "international" section records the future destinies of all the nations of the Near East. As you read, locate each one on your map and notice and hi-lite the recurring theme wherever you find it.

Chapter 25:1-7 deals with Ammon; verses 8-14 with Moab and Edom (Seir); and verses 15-17 with the Philistines. Note that the prophecies in chapters 26-28 were all given in the *eleventh* year (26:1, hi-lite). This was 588/587 B.C., the year Jerusalem fell. Chapters 26-28:19 deal with the great Phoenician city-empire of Tyre, and chapter 28:20-24 with her sister city of Sidon. Verses 25 and 26 speak of the northern kingdom of Israel, and promise a return to their land for the believers. Chapters 29-32 all deal with the coming destruction of the great nation of Egypt, which was the nation King Zedekiah was depending on to deliver him from the Babylonians. Note the dates of these prophecies in 29:1 and 17, 30:20, and 32:1. Chapter 32:22-28 speaks of Assyria, Elam, Meshech, and Tubal, all of whom God had already destroyed. These eight chapters have a common theme — all these nations will be destroyed because of their wickedness, and when the judgment comes, they shall all "know that I am the Lord!"

Chapters 33-36

Chapters 33-39 form the climax of the prophecies concerning the nations, and deal with *Israel* (compare Amos

1:3-2:6). They were all given in the 12th year (32:1 and 33:21, hi-lite). This was 587/586, B.C. just *after* Jerusalem had been destroyed (underline the last phrase in 33:21). Chapter 33:1-9 speaks to Ezekiel (underline v. 3 and 6-9 and see 3:17-21). Verse 10 outlines the Jews' present situation, and verses 11-20 give God's answer (underline v. 11). In chapter 33:23-25 God rebukes them for their sins (underline v. 25), and in verses 26-29 He tells them what He is going to do (underline v. 29 and hi-lite the theme). In verses 30-32 He rebukes them for their failure to listen to Ezekiel, and sounds a timely warning in verse 33 (underline).

In Chapter 34 God speaks to the *shepherds* of Israel (v. 2, hi-lite), the kings, judges, priests, and prophets. First He rebukes them in verses 2-6 (hi-lite "woe" in v. 2b and underline vv. 3-5a); and then He announces His judgment on them in verses 7-10. Here compare Jeremiah 23:1-8. The last section (vv. 11-31) is one of the most beautiful Messianic prophecies in Scripture, a real nugget. Here Jesus speaks directly in words that remind us of John 10:9-16 (underline vv. 11,13,15, 16,23, and 25, noting that "My servant David" in v. 23 [hi-lite] is a direct prophecy of Jesus). The passage closes with a double statement of the theme in verses 27b and 30 (underline both and hi-lite the theme). The significant thought of this section is that it shows that a *different future* awaits the true believers, who are truly God's people, the true "house of Israel" (verse 30, hi-lite).

Chapter 35 is a parenthesis, given here to the Edomites, Esau's children, who lived in the Seir range, because they were a sister nation to Israel. They also will be destroyed (vv. 9 and 15).

In chapter 36 God speaks to the "mountains of Israel," a figure meaning the kingdom of Israel. Their present state is noted in verse 3a, and the reason is given in verses 16-21 (underline vv. 17 and 19a). But in verses 8-15 and 22-38 God prophesies the return of the believers to the land. Underline verses 9,10b,24-28, and 36. Verses 24-28 are another fine nugget, speaking of the new birth and the new heart which the Holy Spirit will create in all believers. Hi-lite "a new heart, a new spirit," and "I will put My Spirit within you," and compare John 3:3-8.

Today we're still working with the prophecies following the second vision (chapters 8-11), all dealing with the fall of Jerusalem, which took place in 587 B.C. In fact, now we come to the climax of this section. Turn to

Chapter 24

Note the date in verse 1a and hi-lite it (590/589 B.C.). Verse 2 explains why it was a memorable date in Jewish history (underline and compare II Kings 25:1). The first prophecy (vv. 3-14) is summed up in the phrases, "Woe to the bloody city" (vv. 6a and 9a, hi-lite), and "the rebellious house" in verse 3a (hi-lite). Note that this is a parable, which *pictures* the destruction of Jerusalem by the figure of a large caldron or pot (v. 3). Verses 13 and 14 explain the parable (underline and hi-lite "filthiness, lewdness, My fury"). Note that it is the Lord Himself who will destroy His city, and that because of their *sins* cw8.3(v. 14, hi-lite "according . . . doings").

In the second prophecy Ezekiel himself becomes a *sign*, or acted-out parable, to Judah (v. 24a, underline and hi-lite "sign" here and in v. 27c). First God warns Ezekiel what He is going to do (v. 16a, underline); then it *happens* (v. 18b, underline). This acted-out parable is then explained to the people (vv. 19-27). First comes the warning as to what God is going to do (v. 21, underline). Then He tells them that "when it happens (v. 24), they shall know that I am the Lord" (hi-lite). This is the climax of all the prophecies thus far, delivered on the day the siege of Jerusalem began.

Nine New WELS Day Schools in 1978

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Grace School — Alma, Michigan *God Answered Our Questions*

Pastor Adolph Harstad — Teacher Charmaine Huff

Alma, Michigan, has two church-related institutions of learning: the oldest is Alma College, a Presbyterian college with a student body of about 1,200; the newest is Grace Lutheran School, which opened this fall with an enrollment of 12.

Several years ago a nucleus of families in Grace Lutheran were convinced that with God's blessings their congregation could open a school. In fact, three of the families were transporting their children to a WELS school 25 miles away.

But it takes more than just a few committed families to maintain a school. The questions a congregation raises deserve honest answers: "How can our small church open a school when a very large church in town was

forced to close its school?" "Shouldn't we pay off our present debt before we think about a school?" "Would we be able to provide an adequate facility?" "Where would we get a teacher willing to handle a multigrade classroom?" To help answer these questions, a board of Christian education was established, a Christian day school feasibility committee appointed, and a building committee established.

God answered the many questions very positively. A family returned from vacation with an unexpected \$500 left over. That \$500 became the beginning of a Christian day school fund. Before the contractor's shovel broke ground last spring, almost half the cost of the building (\$80,000) was on hand in cash. God had provided the resources

and moved the hearts.

He answered the question about a teacher in the person of Miss Charmaine Huff, a '78 graduate of DMLC and native of Whitefish, Montana. To be sure, the work of teaching a dozen K-8 students is a big challenge for one teacher! But God has also moved volunteers to donate time to lighten the teacher's load.

By school opening the new school facility was not as yet complete. Classes were conducted in the church basement during September and October. But by the time you read these words, Miss Huff and her Alma "dozen" will have moved into their pleasant new classroom.

At the opening service, students, parents, and congregation members sang a Hebrew hymn of praise that expressed their gratitude for the gift of a Christ-centered school in Alma: "Toda Lael, Halleluiah" — "Thanks To God, Praise The Lord."

Samuel School — Marshall, Minnesota *Speak, Lord!*

Pastor William Ziebell — Teacher Anna Caskey

On August 28, 1978, Samuel School began its first year with an opening service. The text chosen by Pastor Wm. Ziebell spoke of the child Samuel being brought to the Lord. Thus the children were reminded that in their new school they will learn of the Lord and daily study His Word as Samuel did.

The school began with an enrollment of 28 pupils — kindergarten through eighth grade. Since then, the enrollment has increased to include 30 of Christ's lambs.

The building, Samuel Hall and School, in which Samuel School is conducted, was originally a student center for a huge trailer complex which served Southwest State University in Marshall, Minnesota. When the student population at the university decreased, the trailer park was moved out, leaving the building. Christ Lutheran bought the building and the four surrounding acres for \$100,000.

The building was renovated at a cost of \$70,000 to include a well-equipped

kitchen, balcony library, dormered offices, and three classrooms. On April 17, 1977, Christ Lutheran dedicated the building to the glory of God. This building not only gave the congregation the much needed space to hold Saturday school and vacation Bible school, but also made Christ Lutheran's goal for a Christian day school attainable.

On Call Night 1978, Miss Anna Caskey was assigned to teach kindergarten through eighth grade at the new school. Pastor Ziebell teaches the religion class for the fifth through eighth grade. His arrival is also anxiously awaited on Tuesdays and Thursdays when he teaches German to the fifth

Most of the members of St. Mark Lutheran Church, Lincoln, Nebraska, had not enjoyed the privilege of a Christian-day-school education. Many, however, wanted it for their own children. In the fall of 1977 the congregation's board of education invited St. Mark's members to attend cottage meetings to determine the amount of interest in a Christian elementary school. As a result, the church council in January 1978 recommended to the voting assembly that the congregation open a Christian day school that same fall. The recommendation passed by an 84 per cent majority vote. This margin truly served as an incentive to the entire congregation.

At the March call meeting, plans were presented by the building committee for a structure to house the new school and Miss Jenise Templin was called as teacher. The plans were re-submitted to the committee for study and revision, but the call was accepted.

It soon became clear that the building would not be ready for school opening. Because of the prohibitive costs and stringent Nebraska building codes, the plans had to be whittled and pared. Through it all the congregation, however, was encouraged by the fact that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him. A proposed addition to the nave of the church and an attached school building soon became a free-standing brick-and-block structure with office, mechanical room, and a 37' x 42' classroom, which can be divided as situations demand. The

through eighth graders interested in learning the language. The students are also privileged to take piano lessons from Mrs. Geske, who has a private piano room in the building.

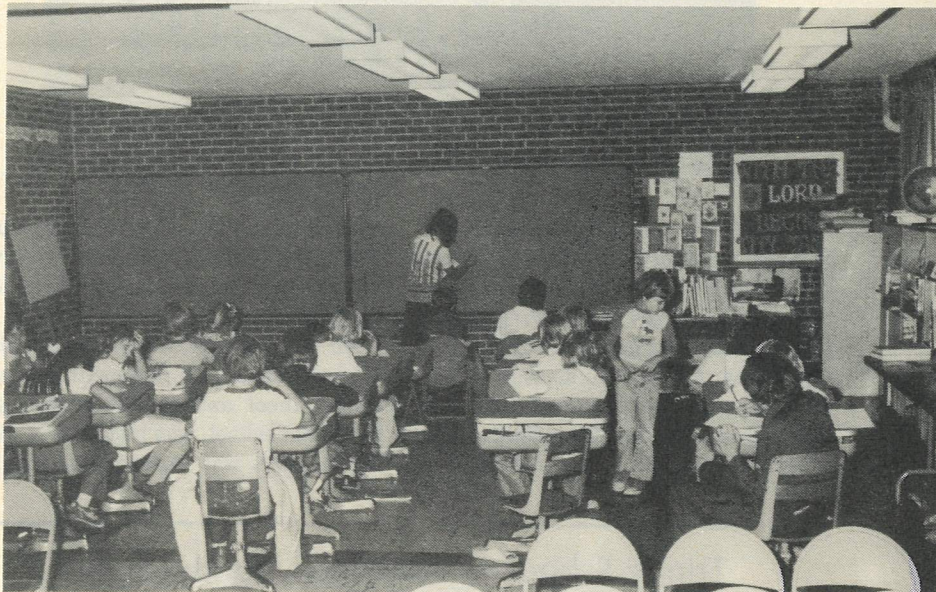
Finally, I must mention Mrs. Affolter who brings smiles to the faces of the five kindergarten boys when she comes four days a week to teach them in their own room.

Each day the students study the Word of God along with their other subjects. They are thankful for the privilege to begin and end each school day with the Lord. We prayerfully ask that He will continue to bless Samuel School, enabling it to grow and nourish many of Christ's lambs!

St. Mark's School — Lincoln, Nebraska

A New Privilege!

Pastor Kenneth Bode — Teacher Jenise Templin



Twenty-five pupils in grades one through six

\$95,000 project was completed early in November. The church addition and another small classroom have become the second phase of a five-year building program.

Classes began on August 28 in rented facilities. Twenty-five children in grades one through six were enrolled, some from a WELS sister congregation in Lincoln.

St. Mark's School is indebted to its board of education, building commit-

tee, and church council who have worked long and hard on the project, to a very willing and supportive congregation, but most of all to a gracious God who empowers through Jesus Christ. A veteran pastor once said: "A Christian elementary school is the greatest blessing for a congregation, but one for which it must work the hardest." With that in mind, the members of St. Mark's look forward to the challenges and blessings of full-time Christian education for their children.

Crown of Life School — Hubertus, Wisconsin

Another Step Under God's Guidance

Pastor Paul Pankow — Teacher Mark Hinds

When Crown of Life Lutheran Church was organized as a mission in the fall of 1970, its membership of some 50 souls met for worship in a local fire station. Established in a suburban community northwest of Milwaukee, the congregation has since its humble beginnings continually experienced that the Lord has been guiding it step by step.

In 1974 the congregation was privileged to dedicate its church. The build-

ing provided a daylight basement suitable for educational purposes. The following year a parsonage was completed. The Lord further blessed His flock with membership growth so that in 1977 it was able to assume its entire support. Already at this time 20 children of the congregation were being given the opportunity to attend Christian day schools of sister congregations in the area, with the congregation de-

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God's children at Hubertus

fraying tuition costs. However, realizing the transportation difficulties this presented for many parents, the board of education urged the congregation to give serious consideration to establishing its own day school as soon as possible. A survey in the fall of 1977 indicated that close to 30 students would attend a Christian day school if it

opened in the fall of 1978. In January 1978 the voting members resolved unanimously to open its own Christian day school.

Mr. Mark Hinds, who has eight years of experience both in teaching a one-room school and in administering a two-room school, was installed in July. Much effort was expended in making

the basement suitable for a day school. Gifts of books and equipment were received from sister congregations, and the closing of a library in the community gave the congregation the opportunity to purchase reference and fiction books at minimal cost.

The school opened its doors on August 28 with 30 students. Since there are students in all eight grades, Pastor Paul Pankow is assisting Mr. Hinds in instructing grades 5-8 in Bible History and Catechism.

The Lord has showered His blessings upon the members of Crown of Life in this venture of faith even as before, and the board of education is convinced that the congregation must seriously consider adding an additional classroom in the fall of next year. Truly, the Lord is guiding us step by step!

Trinity School — Aberdeen, South Dakota *Giving Birth at 25!*

Pastor Douglas Weiser — Teacher Alan Draeger

In August 1978, Trinity Lutheran Church invited her friends and neighbors in to rejoice over a very welcome birth. In her 25th year, Trinity Lutheran of Aberdeen, South Dakota, gave birth to a new phase of her continuing mission of proclaiming the grace of God. Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Elementary School was dedicated on August 27, 1978.

It was a long pregnancy. The congregation was organized in 1954. A committee to explore the possibility of opening a Christian elementary school worked from 1959 to 1961. With the congregation still a subsidized mission, the school plans were shelved. But the desire did not die.

With the dedication of a new house of worship in 1973 and the failure to sell its former church, dedicated in 1957, the Lord left the congregation with a two-level building for Christian education use. A new constitution adopted in 1975 provided for a department of education on the church council. Under its guidance, facts and figures were gathered, and studies and projections made of church growth, finances, Sunday school enrollment, Synodical trends. Answers were sought for questions put

by the congregation's members.

By September 1977 all information was in. The congregations studied this information in cottage meetings, and on October 2, 1977, the voters resolved to open a new school the next year.

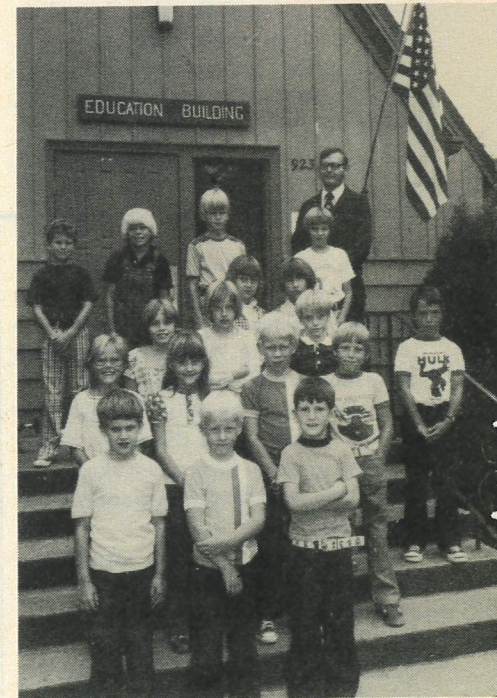
Signs of the expected arrival soon became visible. The "education building" underwent remodeling as ceilings and lights, carpeting, shelves, desks, cabinets, and all the rest were installed. Nearly all the labor was done by the members. Donated furnishings and labor, as well as extrabudgetary offerings, came in sufficient amount to prevent the costs from affecting the church's general fund.

In early spring, the Lord gave us a teacher/principal in the person of Mr. Alan Draeger. He was installed on June 18, 1978. What a blessing for a new school to have a 10-year veteran! What a relief for the pastor and department of education to have someone to guide them with a firm hand!

Finally the time had come. What had long been prayed for at Trinity came into being with the school dedication. Two days later, August 29, the first classes met. Twenty-two students in grades one through six have come daily

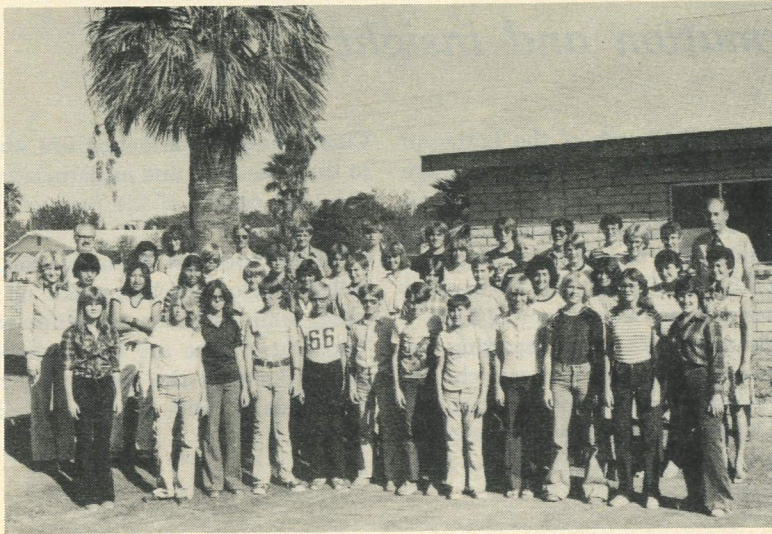
to sit at the feet of their Savior. Mrs. Marcella Nordhus, a member of the congregation and a state certified elementary teacher, assists Mr. Draeger.

Trinity Lutheran gave birth in her 25th year! God's rich blessing has been evident at every stage. Busy years are sure to follow as this new school grows.



**Mr. Draeger and 17 of
his flock of 22**

Arizona Academy Opens



ALA Student Body

Arizona Lutheran Academy, supported by a federation of 21 congregations, opened its doors on August 28, 1978. Thirty-three Freshmen and 11 Sophomores comprise the first student body.

How fitting the name Arizona Lutheran Academy is proving to be! One of the students comes from Yuma, 180 miles from Phoenix; three come from Flagstaff, 150 miles distant; three from Tucson, a distance of 130 miles; and three Apache young people, two from

Peridot and one from Bylas. Out-of-town students are being housed with WELS members in the Phoenix area.

The metro-Phoenix area is served by a school-operated transportation system. This not only makes the school more accessible for the 13 Phoenix congregations, but also expands the student-housing base for out-of-town students.

Of the 44 students enrolled, nine are presently enrolled in the pre-DMLC track of the curriculum, and five young

men are enrolled in the preministerial program of the school. Thus 33 per cent of the student body is seriously considering entering the public work of the Church. Fourteen of the federation's 21 congregations have students attending.

Heading the faculty are Principal R. Adickes and Teacher V. Fenske, both "transplanted" in the Valley of the Sun. Teacher A. Just will become the third full-time teacher as soon as the varsity football season is finished at Martin Luther Academy, New Ulm, Minnesota. Several other persons are serving in various part-time capacities during ALA's initial year.

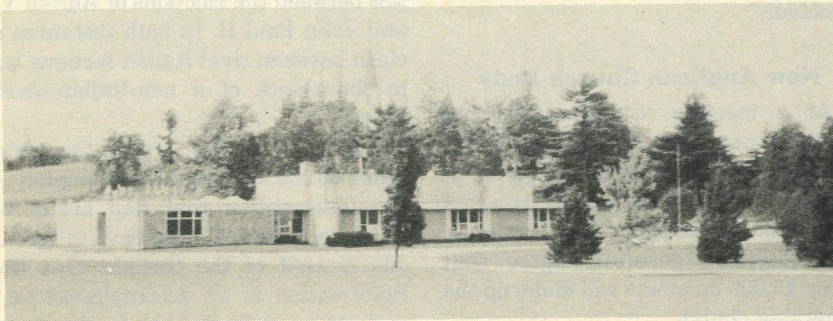
The educational facility of St. Thomas Ev. Lutheran Church is serving very adequately for the first year of the school's existence, but the acquisition of a larger, and prayerfully, a permanent home for ALA is a necessity. Already inquiries are on file for next year from WELS members in Denver, Colorado, Las Vegas, Nevada, and New Orleans, Louisiana.

Pastor P. Koelpin of Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, Flagstaff, preached for the opening service on Sunday, August 27. Choosing John 8:31,32 as his text, he used these words to show why Arizona hearts had reason to be happy on that day. The thankoffering at the service was designated for the start of yet another special school, the Bible Institute in Malawi, Africa.

"Brethren, pray for us!"

William A. Meier

St. Peter's of Helenville Dedicates School Addition



St. Peter's School; Church in background

In 1848, St. Peter's of Helenville, Wisconsin, made its first formal arrangement for the Christian education of its children. In the intervening

130 years this interest has evidenced itself in the building of three schools and the extensive remodeling of two of them. The last of these efforts was

dedicated on October 15, 1978. Two classrooms, a workroom, and a stage for the gymnasium were added to the existing school.

The joy of St. Peter's at this service was not that of a new love, but that of treasuring an appreciated heritage. This, as Pastor Kent Schroeder, the dedication speaker, emphasized, is also a good reason for thankful rejoicing. Pastor Gerhard Fischer, during whose pastorate the third school was built in 1960, served as liturgist.

The members of St. Peter's School faculty are: Russel Wilke, Jr., Timothy Paschke, Eugenia Krause, and Deborah Dittmar. The present school enrollment is 80.

H. Wiedmann, Pastor

Looking at the Religious World

information and insight

Thankful for America

Across the seas in Butwal, Nepal, 17 Christians were recently arrested for participating in a baptismal service. The children involved were soon released, but the adults face charges that could lead to a sentence of imprisonment from one to six years. The laws of Nepal forbid conversions to Christianity from the state religion, Buddhism.

In China several Buddhist temples and Confucian learning centers have been allowed to reopen and the World Religion Research Institute, in a bad way since 1966, has been brought back to life. These slim concessions serve to highlight the difficulties Chinese Christians encounter behind the Bamboo Curtain.

Much the same reaction is engendered by the report that in metropolitan Moscow Soviet officials have allowed the formation of a Second Baptist Church of Moscow with some 200 members. Efforts are now underway to obtain permission to construct a chapel for worship. Obstacles will be encountered, if past history can serve in predicting the future.

In America religious liberty prevails. Our government offers us protection in our worship and our other church endeavors, instead of persecution and opposition and hindrance. For this benefit we have reason to be thankful in season and out of season.

Lutheran Giving in 1977

According to statistics released by the News Bureau of the Lutheran Council in the USA, the average Lutheran communicant in this country contributed for all church purposes a little over \$160. The figure for Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Church communicants was almost \$186.

The large Lutheran bodies had figures ranging from \$180 for Missouri to \$149 for the American Lutheran Church, with the Lutheran Church in America averaging \$153.

The small Church of the Lutheran Brethren had the impressive average figure of \$493 for its 5,573 communicants. The Church of the Lutheran Confession also topped the \$200 mark, with a figure of \$221. The Evangelical Lutheran Synod's average was \$195.

This writer can recall reporting not too many years ago that our church body ranked dead last in such a tabulation. There has been much improvement but certainly no limits have been reached.

The Thousand

A disturbing thought regarding the future of confessional Lutheranism in our land is contained in a recent writing in *Affirm* by Dr. Ewald Otto, chairman of the Board of Control of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. What he writes is worthy of our attention.

Discussing the state of affairs in his church body, the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, Dr. Otto declares: "But one area, and a most important one, that calls for continued awareness, alertness, and action is the fact that scattered throughout Synod are better than 1,000 pastors whose theology, preaching, teaching, and practice are colored in varying degrees by the historical-critical attitude toward Holy Scriptures. The synodical administration has little to say in dealing with this problem."

New Anglican Church Body

At a meeting in Dallas, October 18-21, a new church body was called into being, the Anglican Church of North America. At this early date it is impossible to supply precise statistics, but observers generally agree that some 15,000 members will make up the emerging church.

The Anglican Church of North America — if the proposed name actually sticks — is protesting against recent developments in the Episcopal Church of almost 3 million members.

Chief points of contention are women in the priesthood and modernization of the 1928 edition of the Book of Common Prayer.

Within the new denomination, so-called Anglo-Catholics make up one wing, while another is composed of "moderates" who are less inclined to give bishops all the power they have traditionally had in the Anglican system.

Lightning Strikes Twice

Referring to a 10-day evangelism effort of Billy Graham scheduled for early October, a Polish ecclesiastical leader declared: "This will be the greatest event in Polish religious history since the end of World War II." He may well have reassessed his superlative about the time the Graham visit was over.

By then Pope John Paul II had been elected to head the Roman Church and he was Karol Cardinal Wojtyla of Cracow. The Polish prelate will go down in history as the first non-Italian pope since Adrian VI, who headed the Roman Church back in 1522-23.

The conclusion should not hastily be drawn that a Polish pope foreshadows a new and better Rome. *Semper Roma*, the old adage reminds us.

Actually, there are striking similarities between the elections of Adrian VI and John Paul II. In both instances a clash between rival Italian factions led to the choice of a non-Italian dark horse.

Adrian VI had as one of the main items on his agenda the suppression of the Reformation that had begun in 1517. John Paul II may have to reconcile himself to the thought that the Reformation is an accomplished fact and act accordingly, but as the Antichrist and chief opponent of the Reformation truth of salvation by grace through faith, he is still the Reformation's archenemy.

E. C. Fredrich

New Leaders for "Lutheran Pioneers"

Mr. Bruce Thompson, cofounder and national commander of the Lutheran Pioneers for 27 years, has resigned from that top position. The pressures of a new position in the banking business together with other personal commitments made it impossible for Mr. Thompson to give the growing Lutheran Pioneer program the attention it needed and the continued dedicated leadership he had given to it in the past. The National Council accepted Mr. Thompson's resignation with deep

regrets and with sincere thanks for the past 27 years of service given freely to the organization.

The National Council appointed Mr. Terry Beguhn to succeed Mr. Thompson. The National Council assures all congregations using the Lutheran Pioneer program that services and programs, help and leadership coming from the National Office will not be cut back or slowed down. Mrs. Karen Dundore, who has worked in the National Office for a number of years, will con-

tinue as office manager.

In a similar move the National Council accepted the resignation of Pastor David Ponath. Pastor Ponath had served the organization, first as national chaplain and then for 10 years as the director of public relations. Pastor Richard Weeks, the present national chaplain, will fill the position of director of public relations until the Council appoints a pastor to fill that position.

May the living Lord continue to hold His guiding and protecting hand over this program for boys and may He bless the new leadership just as richly as He did that of the retiring officers!

Direct from the Districts

DAKOTA-MONTANA
Reporter Thomas Schmidt

The Sun and the Son Warm New Church in South Dakota

A pilot project in the Wisconsin Synod is the installation of a solar heat system in the new mission church, Ascension Lutheran, Mitchell, South Dakota. The system, which cost \$13,000 installed, has been operational since January 1978. Indications are that it will meet the congregation's expectations. So God's sun warms these worshipers indoors as well as outdoors as they seek to be wise stewards of God's resources.

In the special dedication service on June 24, 1978, the pastor of the congregation, the Rev. Robert Gurgel, led the 200 worshipers in thanking God for His gifts: a new sun-warmed house of worship and a never-changing Son of God who certainly has made "His face shine upon us and be gracious unto us" by the heartwarming rays of forgiveness and life conveyed through Word and Sacrament. Guest speaker, the Rev. Daniel Malchow, president of Northwestern Lutheran Academy, reminded the congregation on the basis of Matthew 5:13-16 of "The Dynamic Mission of Ascension Congregation." The mission is to use its new sun-warmed worship facility to make available God's precious gift, the Gospel of His Son.

The 3,700-square-foot church was constructed at a total project cost of



Solar heating at Mitchell

\$133,000, including the solar heat. When the entire nave is utilized, it will seat 300. Presently the nave is divided by a glass wall, thus providing an area for education and fellowship uses. The balcony will seat an additional 25. It houses a used four-rank pipe organ, located and installed by Howard Nolte. Members of Ascension Lutheran donated several thousand hours of time to furnish their new church. Used pews, purchased for \$30 each — spliced so that three made two — were sanded to the bare wood and refinished. All of the chancel furniture was built by the members. Even the painting of Christ's Ascension which adorns the altar is the fruit of congregational talent. When the grandfather who had just started the painting entered his eternal rest, his grandson ably picked up his brush and finished it.

Ascension Lutheran Congregation is thankful for the shining sun in cold Dakota winters; it is also thankful for the gifts of God's people which flowed into the Church Extension Fund and made it possible to borrow the necessary building funds. But it is ever so much more grateful that God's Son is shining through the Means of Grace in their church and yours!

NORTHERN WISCONSIN
Reporter Harlyn Kuschel

St. Paul's at Gladstone Celebrates 50 Years of Grace

On Sunday, September 17, 1978, St. Paul's of Gladstone, Michigan, was privileged to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the dedication of their church and 51 years of the congrega-

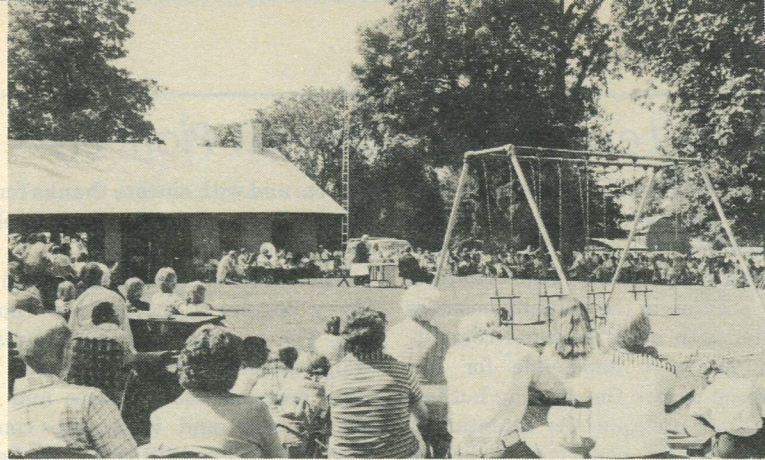
tion's organization. A service of thanksgiving was held in the morning and a service of celebration in the afternoon. Pastor emeritus Theophil Hoffmann addressed the morning worshipers on Psalm 116:12: "What Shall I Render unto the Lord for All His Benefits?" Pastor Carl Klein addressed afternoon worshipers on II Thessalonians 1:2-4: "Give Thanks to God Always!" A charter member of the church, Mr. Frank Klug, rang the church bell for both services, a task he began 50 years ago at the dedication of the church. Following the afternoon service a buffet dinner was served.

Mission work in the city of Gladstone, a small community in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, was conducted intermittently by area pastors from about the turn of the century. Work toward organizing a congregation in Gladstone began in the late 1920s. A lay member of the District Mission Board, Mr. E. Grabowski, and his pastor, the Rev. C. Doehler of Escanaba, were instrumental in encouraging the board to establish a congregation at Gladstone. Pastor Theophil Hoffmann, sent to serve the field on an interim basis until a permanent missionary could be called, arrived at Gladstone in October 1927. As the Lord willed it, Pastor Hoffmann himself became the permanent missionary. His ministry at Gladstone lasted 41 years. The congregation was formally organized on November 29, 1927. On September 16, 1928, the church building was dedicated. It serves St. Paul's to this day.

During the 50-year history of St. Paul's there have been 198 baptisms, 160 confirmations, 98 marriages, and 50 burials. At the present time St. Paul's numbers 80 communicant members and 107 souls. St. Paul's has been served by four pastors: Theophil Hoffmann, 1928-69; Carl Klein, 1970-75; Luther Weindorf, 1975-78; and James Hanson, who was installed in June of this year.

Dr. and Mrs. Henry A. Koch Wed 50 Years

Family members, friends, past and present associates, and former parishioners gathered on September 10, 1978, at Grace Lutheran Church in Manitowoc, Wisconsin, to join in a service of thanksgiving on the occasion of the



Mission rally at New London

50th wedding anniversary of Dr. and Mrs. Henry A. Koch. Pastor Keith Haag addressed the assembly on Ruth 1:16 and 17, taking as his theme, "Praising God for His Blessings on Your Marriage."



Dr. and Mrs. H. Koch

Dr. Koch and his wife, the former Marie Friedrichs, were united in marriage on September 11, 1928, at St. Paulus Lutheran Church in San Francisco. After their marriage they resided in Berlin, where Dr. Koch was serving as pastor. In 1936, they moved to New York, where Dr. Koch served as professor of Greek and Latin at Concordia Collegiate Institute, Bronxville. In 1940 he accepted a call to Grace Congregation, Manitowoc, and in 1947 to Zion of Morrison, where he served until his retirement in 1969. During his active ministry Dr. Koch served as a contributing editor to *The Northwestern Lutheran*. Dr. and Mrs. Koch have traveled extensively in Palestine, Greece, the Mediterranean area, Germany, Italy, and the Caribbean. He is a faithful and regular participant in conferences and other meetings of the church.

Dr. and Mrs. Koch have three children: Pastor Henry Koch of Cleveland; Mrs. Donald (Elisabeth) Knuth of Manitowoc; and Ruth Koch of Green Bay. They have eight grandchildren. May the Lord continue to bless them!

An Unusual Mission Festival Service

A late summer or early fall mission festival or mission rally is not particularly newsworthy. Just about all of our Synod's congregations have them. A mission festival service that attracts 3,000 worshipers, however, is newsworthy. Such a service was held on August 6, 1978, at Hatton Park in New London, Wisconsin.

Originally the rally was to provide an opportunity for all the members of Emmanuel Congregation of New London to come together in one worship service. But it wasn't long before the idea mushroomed, and eight other area congregations expressed interest in joining Emmanuel in this special venture: Trinity, Ellington; St. Paul, Stephenville; Bethlehem, Hortonville; Grace, Sugar Bush; Emmanuel, Maple Creek; Messiah, Shiocton; St. Peter, Weyauwega; and Zion, Readfield. One representative from each participating congregation served on each of the four main committees: Worship Service, Deacons, Safety and Welfare, and Publicity.

Pastor Theodore A. Sauer, executive secretary for the Board for World Missions, delivered the rally sermon. Rev. James Gorseger of Ellington and Stephenville was the liturgist. Mr. Paul Wendland, band director at Fox Valley Lutheran High School in Appleton, directed a brass choir. Miss Dawn Flunker of Ellington and Bob Boeck of Emmanuel, New London, directed the mass choir. The offering, donated to the Synod for various phases of mission work, totalled \$9,492.13. The service was broadcast on the New London and Waupaca radio stations.

The Lord provided beautiful weather. Many families brought their

picnic lunches. All who attended found their ties of fellowship to fellow area WELS members strengthened and their zeal for the Lord's work increased.

Wisconsin Synod Lutheran Ladies' League Rally

"An Overview of Missions" was the theme of the 15th annual Wisconsin Synod Lutheran Ladies' League Rally held at Manitowoc Lutheran High School on September 27, 1978. Over 500 WELS ladies from northeastern Wisconsin gathered to hear Pastor Theodore Sauer, executive secretary of our Synod's Board for World Missions, speak on the work in Malawi and Zambia, a field in which Pastor Sauer had worked for almost 10 years.

After a tasty noon meal, during which entertainment was provided by the Lancer Singers of Manitowoc Lutheran High, the ladies were told how a home mission congregation is established. Speaker was one of the District's home missionaries, Pastor Kieth Kuschel of Suamico.

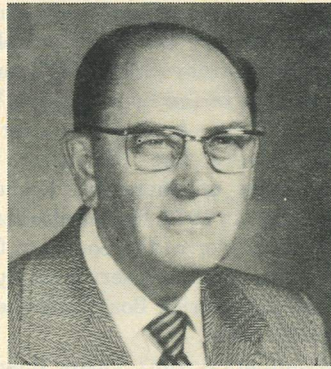
This year's mission rally was hosted by the ladies of St. John's and Our Savior's of Two Rivers and St. John's of Two Creeks. The offering will be divided evenly between the Home Mission and World Mission programs of our Synod.

WESTERN WISCONSIN Reporter Harold Sturm

Congregation Thanks God for the Faithful Services of Two Teachers

Things aren't quite the same at St. John's Ev. Lutheran School in Lewiston, Minnesota, this year. Two of their veteran teachers, with 101 years of teaching experience between them, have now retired.

Miss Margot Schuetze, who spent 48 of her 51 teaching years at St. John's, celebrated her 50th anniversary in the teaching ministry on September 18, 1977. Her brother, Prof. Armin Schuetze, spoke on the theme, "Fifty Years of the Lord's Blessings," using Mark 10:13-16 as his text. Miss Schuetze began her career at St. John's in 1929, teaching the first four grades and kindergarten. During the years she has taught three grades, then two



Mr. Ervin Wilde



Miss Margot Schuetze

grades, and six years of just kindergarten. Her love for her Savior and for His precious lambs was always evident in her classroom. May the Lord, whom she has faithfully served for these many years, bless her in her retirement!

Mr. Ervin A. Wilde, who spent 44 of his 50 teaching years at St. John's, celebrated his 50th anniversary on September 20, 1978. It was a joyous service of thanksgiving as the pastor of the congregation, the Rev. David A. Fischer, addressed the congregation on

the theme, "Fifty Years of Faithful Service." Mr. Wilde moved to Lewiston in 1934. During his 44 years at St. John's, he served as teacher of the upper grades in the parish school, principal, church organist, and choir director. He has also held offices in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, serving as vice-president of the Wisconsin State Teachers Conference, member of its program committee, and as a school visitor in the Lewiston area. May God's richest blessings be with Mr. Wilde in his retirement years!

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN Reporter Robert Kleist

40th Anniversary of Pastor Harold W. Schwertfeger

On October 1, 1978, the members of Our Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church, Grant Park, Illinois, observed the 40th anniversary of their pastor, the Rev. Harold W. Schwertfeger. Present as guests were the brethren of the Chicago Conference, President G. Boldt of the Southeastern Wisconsin District, and a busload of 37 from his previous congregation, Trinity of Huilsburg, Wisconsin. Speaker for the special anniversary service was Pastor emeritus Martin Frick of Tinley Park. A dinner followed in the church parlors.

Pastor Schwertfeger is a graduate of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. During the 40 years of his ministry, which began in October 1938, he has not only served as shepherd of various congregations, but has also spent many years in the classrooms of their Christian day schools. Among the parishes served by him are St. Paul's of Milwaukee, together with Homehurst Mission of

West Allis; Woodlawn Congregation, West Allis; Prentice, Spirit, and Tripoli, Wisconsin; Hubbleton and Richwood, Wisconsin; Frontenac, and West Florence Minnesota; Town Lincoln, Minnesota; and Trinity at Huilsburg and Zum Kripplein Christi at Iron Ridge, Wisconsin. Since May 1975 he has been pastor of Our Redeemer Congregation at Grant Park.

Pastor Schwertfeger was married to Marvel Quill on June 23, 1940. Their home was blessed with nine children, eight of whom are living. There are also seven grandchildren. Their son Mark is pastor of Gloria Dei Church, Grand Blanc, Michigan, and John served as teacher in Hong Kong for four years.

May our Lord continue to bless Pastor Schwertfeger in his work in the Lord's kingdom!

Pastor A. C. Buenger Retires

Friedens Congregation, Kenosha, Wisconsin, on October 1, 1978, expressed special gratitude to God for the ministry of Pastor Adolph C. Buenger. The special worship service, attended by over 830 of God's people, also was the occasion for the congregation's annual Harvest Home Festival. Associate

Pastor R. H. Gosdeck preached on the words of our Savior from Matthew 9: "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that He would send laborers into His harvest." Associate Pastor T. W. Horton conducted the liturgy. Anthems by both schoolchildren and adult choirs also edified the service. A potluck luncheon was attended by over 500. It was indeed a day to remember in the life of Friedens Congregation, which will observe its 125th anniversary of God's grace in 1981.

Adolph C. Buenger was born in Friedens' parsonage in 1909, the son of Carl H. Buenger. He graduated from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in 1936 and was ordained on August 2 at Friedens. His first call was to St. John's Lutheran Church on Good Hope Road, Milwaukee, where he served 10 years. He returned to Friedens as assistant pastor to his father in 1946. Pastor Buenger observed his 40th anniversary in the holy ministry on August 15, 1976. He has served the church at

large as a member of the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Board of Control for 12 years and from 1962 to 1972 served as president of the Southeastern Wisconsin District. Among his other activities were the planning and organization of Shoreland Lutheran High School in 1971. He has also served as circuit pastor in the Southern Conference, and presently serves the Synod on both the Pension Board and the Investment Board.

On January 6, 1937, Pastor Buenger was united in holy matrimony with Avis Stroede. This fall the Buengers and their twin daughters Ardis and Lois will be moving to Port Washington, Wisconsin. Another daughter, Mrs. Don (Aurelie) Cosentine, already lives in Port Washington.

May the Lord of the Church richly bless Pastor Buenger and his family in his retirement years! Our God has richly blessed Friedens Congregation through his 32 years of faithful Christian leadership and ministry!

ORDINATIONS AND INSTALLATIONS

(Authorized by the District Presidents)

Ordained

Pastor:

Lindke, Allen L., as pastor of New Mission at Ottawa, Ontario, on October 1, 1978, by T. Pfothenauer (Mich.).

Installed

Teachers:

Kohn, Harvey, inducted as teacher at Wisconsin Lutheran School, Racine, Wisconsin, for Epiphany Congregation on August 20, 1978, by T. Kraus (SEW).

Moser, Mark, as teacher at Wisconsin Lutheran School, Racine, Wisconsin, for Epiphany Congregation on August 20, 1978, by T. Kraus (SEW).

Sievert, Roger, as principal of Ocean Drive Lutheran School, Pompano Beach, Florida, on July 30, 1978, by R. MacKain (SA).

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Two NEW Books for Children

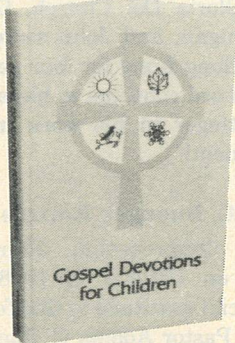
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NEW WELS CHURCHES

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

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3512 W. North Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53208

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EXPLORATORY

ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

Exploratory work is being done in the Asheville, North Carolina, area. Please submit names of WELS people or interested parties living in the Asheville-Hendersonville area to Pastor Scott Stone, 8631 Peppertree Lane, Knoxville, Tennessee 37919; phone: 615/693-7494.

AUGUSTA, GEORGIA MARTINEZ-EVANS

Exploratory services will begin in January in the Augusta, Georgia, area. Please send names of WELS people and other interested parties to Pastor John Guse, 1639 Jessamine Road, Lexington, South Carolina 29072, or phone 803/356-0471.

TIME AND PLACE

WALES-GENESEE-DOUSMAN

The new WELS mission west of Waukesha, Wisconsin, serving the Wales-Genesee-Dousman area has moved its services to the Professional Building on Hwy 83 in Genesee Depot. The new service time is 9:15 a.m. with Sunday-school classes at 10:30 a.m. For further information write: Reformation Ev. Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 127, Genesee Depot, Wisconsin 53127. In Milwaukee, call 462-2939, Prof. John C. Ibsich.

PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, WISCONSIN Visiting Martin Luther Prep School?

Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, our new WELS mission at Prairie du Chien, is conducting worship services in the faculty chapel of Martin Luther Preparatory School. The worship service begins at 11:00 a.m. with Sunday school at 10:00 a.m. For more information, contact: Pastor Jeffry Kutil, 522 S. Adams, Lancaster, Wisconsin 53813; phone: 608/723-2704.

COLUMBIA, MISSOURI

Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, Columbia, Missouri, is now conducting its services at the Ramada Inn, Suite 109, at the intersection of Interstate 70 and North 63. Sunday school and Bible class meet at 9:30 a.m. with the worship service following at 10:30 a.m. For more information call Pastor Loren L. Lucht: 314/445-2305.

"SNOWBIRDS," PLEASE NOTE

To escape the rigors of winter weather, many Wisconsin Synod members will be traveling to the Southwest this winter. All are invited to attend worship services at one of our mission congregations — Our Savior Ev. Lutheran Church, located at 9825 North 103rd Ave., Sun City, Arizona. Services are held Sundays at 10:00 a.m. F. H. Nitz is the pastor.

SOUTHWEST CLEVELAND, OHIO

Our Savior Ev. Lutheran Church, a new WELS mission serving southwest Cleveland, is now worshipping at Center Junior High School, 13200 Pearl Road, Strongsville, Ohio. Sunday services are at 8:45 a.m., and Sunday school and Bible class follow at 9:45 a.m. For information, please contact Pastor David F. Schultz, 18552 Royalton Road, Apt. 301, Strongsville, Ohio 44136; phone: 216/238-1190.

VISITING THE GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS THIS FALL?

Vacationers to East Tennessee are invited to join in worship with Shepherd Of The Hills Ev. Lutheran Church in Knoxville, Tennessee. We are worshipping in Mann's Heritage Chapel at 6200 Kingston Pike (exit 383 off I 40/75 near Northshore), on the west side of Knoxville. Sunday school for children and adults is at 9:00 a.m.; the worship service at 10:30 a.m. For further information, please feel free to contact Pastor Scott J. Stone, 8631 Peppertree Lane, Knoxville, TN 37919; phone: 615/693-7494.

ASHLAND, OHIO

Ashland and neighboring communities are served by Our Savior Ev. Lutheran Church of Ashland. Services are being held at the Peter Pan Playhouse day-care center, 228 Maple Street, Ashland, Ohio. Sunday school and Bible class begin at 10:00 a.m., with worship services following at 11:00 a.m. For information, please contact Pastor David F. Schultz, 18552 Royalton Road, Apt. 301, Strongsville, Ohio 44136; phone 216/238-1190.

AUDIO-VISUAL AID EQUIPMENT WANTED

Any congregation possessing used audio-visual aid equipment, filmstrip projector, movie projector, overhead transparency projector, etc., and is willing to donate it to a WELS mission congregation for shipping costs, write Pastor Richard Kogler of Divine Savior Ev. Lutheran Church, Belleville, Illinois 62221, or call 618/277-8446.

**LUTHERAN COLLEGIANS
CHRISTMAS EVANGELISM SEMINAR
"SPREAD, OH, SPREAD, THOU MIGHTY WORD"**
Date: December 26, 1978, 4:00 p.m., to December 29, 1:00 p.m.
Place: Wisconsin Lutheran College, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Fee: \$25.00 (meals and lodging)
Note: All college-age youth are invited. For further information please feel free to write or call: Miss Lesley Frey, Missions Committee Chairman, 8054 N. 124th St., Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53224; phone: 414/354-7935.

NOTICE

The next regular plenary session of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for December 11-12, 1978.

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

Norval W. Kock, Secretary
Board of Trustees

THE MUSIC OF CHRISTMAS FAITH

The Lutheran Festival Chorus, under the direction of Mr. David A. Barth, will present its Christmas concert on Sunday, December 10, 1978, at 3:00 p.m. at St. John's, Libertyville, Illinois, and at 7:30 p.m. at Palos Lutheran, Palos Heights, Illinois.

WELS or ELS members wishing to join the Lutheran Festival Chorus may write to Mr. Barth at 752 Chaucer Way, Buffalo Grove, Illinois 60090, or call 312/634-1233 (home) or 312/991-8300 (office).

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CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES

MINNESOTA

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 Casulistry.
Note: Please excuse full- or part-time to the host pastor.
 W. E. Wagner, Secretary

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN

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

WESTERN WISCONSIN

SOUTHWESTERN PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: December 5, 1978; 9:30 a.m.
Place: St. Paul's, Mauston, Wisconsin.
Preacher: L. Martin; D. Miller, alternate.
Agenda: Exegesis of I Thessalonians 5; R. Kloehn; The Old Testament Sacrifices and How They Pointed to Christ; F. Werner; Gambling and the Seventh Commandment; D. Miller; The Joy of the Parish Ministry; K. Gast.
 R. W. Kloehn, Secretary

NEEDED — MATRON

East Fork Lutheran Mission High School is in need of a supervising matron for its girls' dormitory. Those interested are asked to write for information to: Mr. James R. Opitz, Box 128, East Fork, Arizona 85943.

COLLEGE FOR A DAY

High school students and their parents are invited to attend COLLEGE FOR A DAY at Wisconsin Lutheran College on Friday, December 8, 1978.

Beginning at 10:00 a.m., the program will include an explanation of the academic program, a talk on financial aid, miniclass sessions, a presentation by the WLC students, campus tours, and lunch.

For further information contact:
 Admissions Office
 WISCONSIN LUTHERAN COLLEGE
 8830 West Bluemound Road
 Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53226
 (414) 774-8620

SYNODICAL CERTIFICATION COURSES

Dr. Martin Luther College has arranged to offer an extension course, *Christian Doctrine*, at Wisconsin Lutheran High School, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, beginning Saturday morning, January 27, and meeting regularly on Saturday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. until May 26, 1979. Pastor Harold Wicke, editor of *The Northwestern Lutheran*, has consented to teach the course.

Dr. Martin Luther College has also arranged to offer an extension course in *Genesis* at Fox Valley Lutheran High School, Appleton, Wisconsin, beginning Saturday morning, January 27, and meeting regularly on Saturday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. until May 26, 1979. Prof. Ronald Gorske of Fox Valley Lutheran High School has consented to teach the course.

All enrollees taking either course for Synodical Certification must have been accepted into the program before registration.

If you are interested, please contact the Director of Special Services, Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, MN 56073. Phone 507/354-8221 Ext. 231.

PEWS AVAILABLE

Available to any mission congregation for cost of transportation are 24 pews. The pews are 10 feet 9 inches in length and have a medium finish. They must be spoken for on or before December 10, 1978. Contact: Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 264, Eau Claire, Michigan 49111; phone 616/461-6362.

NEW WELLS CHURCHES

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Northwestern Preparatory

Watertown, Wisconsin

December 3, 1978 7:30 p.m.

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Northwestern College

Watertown, Wisconsin

December 10, 1978 7:30 p.m.

Christmas Concert

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