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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

This is being written just before the Christman holidays but with Epiphany in mind. There is good news and there is bad.

That's the way it has always been. The year our Lord was born was a year of bad news in the Holy Land. The census mentioned by Luke was for the purpose of taxation. Rising taxes are nothing new. It was also the era of murderous Herod, and there are many murderous Herods in high positions today. Sin has not ceased, and that's bad news.

The Epiphany news was also of two kinds in Christ's day. When He revealed Himself as the very Son of God in His preaching and through His miracles, some believed, but others mocked. They even drove Him out of His own home town.

The Epiphany news today is likewise. To enter with the Gospel into other countries is becoming more and more difficult, and the waiting and uncertainty are increasing. But for our Synod there is also some good news. The graduate assigned to Malawi from our Seminary last May, Michael L. Hintz, was commissioned and left for Malawi in January. The two men who have been cooling their heels for a long time waiting for visas to Indonesia, Howard H. Festerling and Bruce E. Ahlers and their families, are ready to leave for their assigned fields of labor.

That's the kind of news we appreciate receiving from our Lord. Despite world conditions that will always leave much to be desired, we who are the Lord's know that the Epiphany Lord is

still in charge. He rules the world and He guides our lives so that the good news may also be brought into the lives of others and that we may be His messengers.

Nor is this message proclaimed by us only in English, and in a few remaining cases in German. Our Synod proclaims the Word in many languages. In this issue you are given a look at the men who are doing work in the Spanish language on our Latin-American fields under the supervision of the World Board. Stationed in Tucson are Pastor Venus Winter and Teacher Joe Archer. In El Paso are Pastors David Haeuser, Ruppert Eggert, and Gary Pieper. In Mexico, Pastors Daniel Perez (Guadalajara), Vincente Guillen (Juarez), David Chichia (Mexico City), Jose L. Perez (Puebla), and Vicar Josue Saucedo (Juarez). In Medellin, Colombia, we are represented by Pastors Roger Sprain, Ernest Zimdars, Lawrence Retberg, Larry Schlomer, Mark Goeglein, and Vicar Edward Spreeman. Puerto Rico has three WELS missionaries. They are Ralph Martens, Charles Flunker, and Paul Hartman. Spanish work is also being done in a number of congregations not under the jurisdiction of the world board.

To supply the messengers, we need students who will prepare themselves for that task. The church looks to you parents, teachers, and pastors to influence the young. A reading about Luther as a recruiter (page 24) will place the urgency before you.

With the help of God let us make this a year of good news, and commit the bad news into His directing hands.

THE 1979 SYNOD CONVENTION

God willing, the 1979 Synod convention will be held at Northwestern College, Watertown, from August 1 to August 8, 1979. In setting this date the Praesidium exercised its constitutional right which reads: "In case of necessity the Praesidium may change the appointed time and place of the next convention." *Bylaws* Section 2.01(h). To conduct the convention a week later would bring the closing sessions within 12 days of the school opening activities at Northwestern. Other convention details will appear later.
Oscar J. Naumann, President

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The Cover

Pictured is the chancel of St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Pigeon, Michigan. St. John's observed its centennial last fall. Its present church was erected in 1918. (See page 27.)

THE NORTHWESTERN LUTHERAN

Editorials

Strange Bedfellows The rise of numerous religious sects and cults in recent times, coupled with the fantastic power which they exercise over the minds and lives of their devotees, and the weird activities which sometimes result, has become a cause for alarm to many who are less religiously oriented. Frantic calls for high-level investigation of these groups, and illegal efforts to deprogram their victims have followed in the wake.

The proliferation of off-beat religions has produced another phenomenon. It has served to bring religion in general into disrepute. The author of one letter-to-the-editor is quite typical in his reaction. He condemns all forms of religion and blames religion for the ills that afflict mankind. He exalts knowledge, as opposed to faith, as the source of salvation for the world. The mindless activities of some cultists appear to give substance to his position.

He does not stand alone, although some are not so open and outspoken in their hostility toward religion. A goodly portion of the thinking population of the world sees increased knowledge as the hope of the world. In the view of those who share his philosophy such things as science, education, and political systems hold the key to the abolition of all that is wrong with the world.

Christians cannot share this viewpoint and this hope. Man is limited in his power and knowledge, and it will continue to be so. There is a God, who is both the Creator and the Ruler of the world. The basic problem of mankind is its separation from the God who created and rules the world.

The solution to the problem is the reconciliation of man with God. This has been accomplished, as the Christian Gospel teaches. And now, having brought about this reconciliation, God does not leave it to man to restore the world to its original state of perfection. What He holds forth is the eventual destruction of a corrupted world and "a new heaven and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness."

The Church can be disgraced in the eyes of the world by false religionists, but let us beware of vacating the truth because of the infiltration of strange bedfellows.

Immanuel Frey

Why Hate Anita Bryant? The copy editor of *Harpers* was amusing himself and trying to entertain his readers in playing a word-equation game with John Keats' line, "Beauty is truth, truth beauty." Into his equation he brought such factors as Mom and apple pie, the energy crisis, the White House, peanuts, homosexuals, *The New York Times*, Anita Bryant, Miss America minus Intelligence.

Again Anita Bryant has been dragged in to be held up to ridicule ("Miss America minus Intelligence"). The comedian crowd counts on getting laughs by making cute and snide remarks about her. At her public appearances she is the target of filthy remarks from pickets.

Why? Not primarily because she has taken a stand on the right of a community not to hire or retain as teachers professed and practicing homosexuals. Rather, as columnist Patrick Buchanan points out, she is challenging "our new national religion, [in which] it is supposed self-evident that each individual is entitled to his or her own lifestyle, that in matters of sex and procreation, freedom of choice is paramount."

In other words, Anita Bryant is telling homosexuals that homosexuality is not an "alternate lifestyle" but is a sin against nature and against God and that those who practice it are going straight to hell if they do not change their ways.

They hate her for saying it. They detest her so much that they have vowed to ruin her public career by boycotts and blacklisting.

It may be true that much of their passionate hatred results from her threat to their sense of self-esteem and self-worth. Her voice rings out that gay is not beautiful, but base and shameful and damnable. But it is not only homosexuals who hate God's pronouncement against sin. Wherever the Law of God is proclaimed boldly and uncompromisingly, those who love the vices it condemns hate that Word of judgment. Herodias hated John the Baptist because he condemned her adultery; Jezebel hated Elijah because he denounced her idol worship.

Anita Bryant is not letting us forget what the responsibilities and the consequences of proclaiming God's Law to the impenitent are.

Carleton Toppe

Unparalleled Blessing To Meet Unparalleled Needs

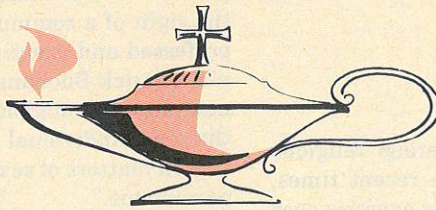
"The African missionaries so often conclude their slide lectures with a sunset scene," a young lady once remarked. They have more than the timeless beauty of a golden African sunset in mind, of course. The thought which the missionary seeks to plant is the urgency of our sharing salvation in Jesus Christ, abroad and at home. "Night is coming, when no one can work," Jesus reminds us.

Once the separating of the chaff from the wheat begins, planting is out of the question. The time of grace for humanity is at an end. At times we may feel that the "twilight" has already begun. Changes, often negative, are taking place in every corner of the globe. Ours seems to be a time when, in the words of Psalm 2, "nations rage" and "rulers gather together against the Lord." Opportunities the Church once had for missions have vanished. Doors have been slammed shut.

Soon, perhaps, the sun will set. Individually and collectively, as laymen and called workers, let us redouble our efforts to "communicate Christ with compassion." Epiphany, the feast of Christ's appearance as God, gives communicating Christ the only content that it can have: God became man to save us. There is no message that the lost need to hear and believe more than that Jesus is God in the flesh, the only One who could and did remove our sin and give us real life.

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Studies in God's Word



What Christians Know For Sure

We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not. And we know that we are of God and the whole world lieth in wickedness. And we know that the Son of God is come and hath given us an understanding that we may know Him that is true, even in His Son, Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life. Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen (I John 5:18-21) .

"What do you know for sure?" people sometimes ask when they meet in conversation. More often than not, the answer is, "Not too much." There's honesty in that answer. We live in a world which knows little for certain though it pretends to know much. It's an age which is hopeful in few things, fearful in many, and doubtful in all.

In such a skeptical, cynical world there are some people who do know something for sure. John tells us of them in his "Letter of Light, Life, and Love." He shows *What Christians Know For Sure*. They know

What They Have

"We know," John writes three times in these last verses. In one form or another, he has used that word almost 40 times in his letter. Now in conclusion he sums up what Christians know for sure.

Believers "know Him that is true." In a world of counterfeit gods, where men guess and grope after God only to end

up with mental or marble idols, Christians have the real thing. They have been given spiritual understanding so that their eyes behold and their hearts hold the true God. They also know His Son Jesus Christ as "the true God" come into the flesh and as the Source and Supplier of "eternal life." While heretics like Cerinthus deny Christ's deity and downgrade His atoning blood, Christians know for sure who and what He is.

Believers also know that they "are in Him that is true." Born of God, they are intimately connected with Him. He is their dear Father in heaven and they are His beloved family members. In contrast, "the whole world lieth in wickedness," or "in the wicked one." Like some occupied territory behind a spiritual iron curtain, the world lies in the devil's deadly grasp, not even struggling, but quietly sinking down into his suffocating arms.

Believers also know they have power against sin and Satan. "We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not," John wrote. His words mean that the believer does not continue or persist in sin. Sin and the believer may meet occasionally, but cannot walk far together. The believer may fall, but does not just lie there. He gets up and with the help of the Holy Spirit goes on after he has fallen. "That wicked one toucheth him not," John also wrote, using a word that meant to fasten oneself onto. The devil's hands may claw at, but cannot clutch the believer close.

How arrogant we believers must sound to the world when we say with John, "We know"! While others like blind men try to reach up to heaven

and touch the infinite God, we see Him clearly through Christ Jesus. While others can only ask questions, we have the answers. We know Him. We know we are in Him. We know that through Him we are freed from sin's tyranny. Yes, we know, but no thanks to us! That knowledge comes not from us, but from Him!

How They Have It

Throughout our verses John has pointed to the bedrock for our knowledge. Our confidence is built on God, the eternal Rock, and on the concrete of His Word. He sent His only-begotten Son to declare Him, to reveal and be His love in person (John 1:18). From that Son has come the revelation of God's love and the redemption for man's sin. Without that Son we could neither know nor dare draw near our God. Reject Him and you have nothing, you know nothing, but death.

Even our faith is God's gift to us. We are "born" or begotten "of Him," John says. A verse later he reminds us that we are "of Him." We are His children and members of His family because He has worked in our rebellious hearts the new birth of faith. "Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed upon us that we should be called the sons of God," we must say in humble awe and gratitude (I John 3:1).

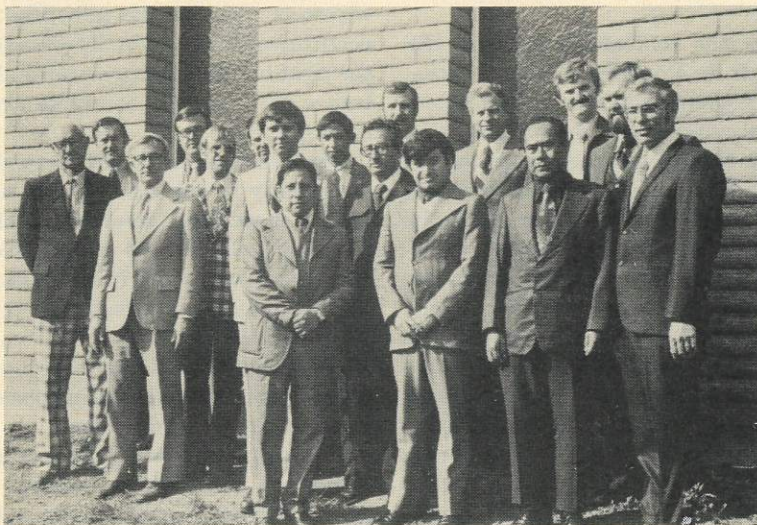
Also from Him comes our freedom from sin. "He that is begotten of God keepeth him(self)". As we fight the good fight of faith, Christ our elder Brother protects us from sin and Satan. Though we have a malignant foe, we have a marvelous Friend. He's the Author and Finisher of our faith (Heb. 12:2), the Shepherd whose sheep never perish because no man can pluck them out of His hand (John 10:28).

That's how we know for sure! John knew because, by God's grace, he had sat at the feet of Jesus and listened to His words, because he had seen the filled cross and the empty tomb. We know because by the same grace of God we have heard and seen Him in His holy Word. Our Christian confidence needs no other footing than God's grace toward us in Christ and no other foundation than His holy Word which reveals that grace.

To the Word, my friends, to the Word!

Richard E. Lauersdorf

Latin-American Conference



WELS Latin-American Personnel

On October 23-26, 1978, the pastors and missionaries of our Latin-American fields met in El Paso, Texas, together with the Executive Committee for Latin-America. Pastor Theodore Sauer, executive secretary of the Board for World Missions, was also present to lend his counsel and to learn firsthand about the work being conducted in Latin America. The fields represented at this Latin-American Conference were Mexico, Puerto Rico, Colombia, and the cities of El Paso, Texas, and Tucson, Arizona.

The conference provided opportunity to discuss policies and strategies, to share ideas, but most important, to

study God's Word. God's Word is what we are communicating to the Spanish-speaking population of the Western Hemisphere. That same Word also provides guidance and motivation to those who have been called to preach it. All in attendance were reminded of their privilege and the urgent necessity of making disciples of all nations, preaching the Word to every creature, baptizing, and teaching them to observe all things.

Committees on mass communications, literature, and mission development reported, and received input as to how their work should proceed in the future. The Committee on Worker-

Training did the same, reminding us that St. Paul wrote to Timothy: "The things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will be qualified to teach others" (II Tim. 2:2, NIV).

Eight essays were delivered at the Conference. All of them pertained to "making disciples of all nations." These essays covered the theology and methods of evangelism starting with the Scriptural doctrine of conversion and acquainting the hearers with the many practical tools and the opportunities which the Lord has provided.

Many practical ideas and suggestions were shared by the men, such as: surveying a new field, setting up a plan of action for a specific community, radio programs, family devotions, the worship service, making use of the printed word. A demonstration was also given of an evangelism call following the method of the "Talk About the Savior Manual," which has been translated into Spanish and is being used in our Latin-American fields.

A conference such as this brings to light how the Lord has blessed the preaching of the Gospel in Latin America, fulfilling His promise that His Word does not return to Him empty. Such a conference also brings to light again how much remains to be done.

Twenty-one were present at the conference. All of them have several things in common. They have all been called to spread the Gospel among the Spanish-speaking people of North, Central, and South America. And they are all in need of your prayers!

Our Christian Schools and the IRS

On August 22, 1978, the Internal Revenue Service published in the Federal Register a proposed Revenue Procedure on Private Schools, which, if implemented, would have a devastating impact upon the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod and its school system. It would, among other things, require the churches to adopt enrollment and staffing policies based not upon religious persuasion but upon racial percentages as they are reflected in their communities. The penalty for non-compliance would be the loss of

tax-exempt status.

The Fiscal Office alerted the congregations of the Synod to this proposed procedure and encouraged them to voice their objections and views to the IRS. The response was overwhelming. Our office received copies of more than 800 letters which congregations and members addressed to the IRS.

Nationwide Opposition

The nationwide hue and cry against this proposed procedure was so great that the IRS was forced to set aside

four consecutive days for public hearings to accommodate the 248 groups and individuals who requested to be heard. It was pointed out that this was by far the greatest expression of opposition ever experienced by the IRS.

Hearings were held in Washington, D.C., from December 5-8, 1978. Each speaker was requested to limit his remarks to 10 minutes. The first 14 speakers were senators and congressmen. All of them criticized the IRS for exceeding its authority by usurping legislative responsibilities reserved for the Congress. An overwhelming majority of speakers, representing church groups, Christian school groups, and

concerned citizens from all parts of the country, expressed strong opposition to the proposed procedure. Speaker after speaker pointed out that the fundamental issue raised by applying the proposed guidelines to church-related schools involved the First Amendment and the separation of church and state rather than the furtherance of a meritorious public policy of abolishing racial discrimination.

WELS Represented

Pastor Elton Huebner, executive secretary for the Board of Trustees; Mr. Paul Unke, fiscal executive; and Mr. Donald Zimmerman, executive secretary for the Board for Parish Education, attended the hearings. Pastor Huebner spoke for the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. In his statement he emphasized that all Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod schools, elementary and secondary, are religious in their program and objective and have been a part of our church, its ministry, and its mission outreach for the past 128 years. The teachers are a part of our clergy, trained in our Synod's teacher-training college, and are required to profess

publicly their total commitment to the religious doctrines of our church body. The students are either members of our congregations or a part of our mission thrust.

It is our contention that the IRS through its Proposed Revenue Procedure is moving into an area which consistently has been reserved for the church throughout the history of our nation. The procedure tends to negate the primary purpose of our schools by requiring the church to adopt enrollment and staffing policies which are not based totally on religious conviction. It shifts control of admission and staffing policies from the church to the state. The procedure, if implemented, would require our congregations to recruit students who do not embrace our faith, are not members of our churches, and have no intention of espousing our religion. It would require the church to bring in teachers who are not of our religious persuasion or a part of our teaching ministry.

Pastor Huebner concluded: "As a fundamental principle, our government dare not become involved in determining the membership of the church's clergy, nor in determining the

audience to whom the church shall preach or teach its Biblical message. We emphasize that the doors of our schools are open to everyone who wishes to embrace the principles and doctrines of our church. But we reserve the right to refuse membership and entrance to those who refuse to accept our faith."

Our gracious Lord has blessed us abundantly in our land. In our sinful weakness we often assume that these blessings will be ours automatically. Sometimes we do not fully appreciate His gifts until we are in danger of losing them.

We are grateful to the many people of our Synod who joined us in appealing to our God-given government on this particular issue. Now it behooves us as Christians to continue sending our petitions to the Throne of Grace asking that our Lord guide and control the hearts and minds of our leaders in government so that the precious gift of separation of church and state which we enjoy under the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the Constitution may be preserved to us and to our children.

Elton H. Huebner

News from DMLC

Since the opening of the present school year at Dr. Martin Luther College in New Ulm, Minnesota, several events of interest have taken place.

DMLC Ladies Auxiliary

The 19th annual meeting of the DMLC Ladies Auxiliary was held on Wednesday, October 11, 1978. The pastoral adviser, the Reverend Oliver Lindholm of St. Peter, Minnesota, conducted the opening devotion on the theme, "Encourage Them." The business meeting was conducted by the president, Mrs. J. Tjernagel, Cottage Grove, Minnesota. Various reports were heard during the morning session in addition to a presentation of the proposed projects, six of which were chosen. In its 19 years of existence the auxiliary has contributed just short of \$90,000 toward projects, including \$8,650 for scholarships and \$6,850 for

the library. Included in the day's events were a presentation by DMLC and MLA students, campus tours, painting exhibits in the library, and organ music in the chapel. The officers for the coming year are: Mrs. Wayne Zaske, Renville, president; Mrs. Milton Owens, Mankato, first vice-president; Mrs. Gordon Licht, New Ulm, second vice-president; Mrs. Karen Kohls, Litchfield, treasurer; Mrs. Wilbert Goehring, Springfield, secretary; and Pastor Oliver Lindholm, pastoral adviser. In addition to these, the auxiliary board includes representatives from DMLC and MLA and 21 representatives from 10 circuits.

Three Anniversaries

On Sunday, November 5, 1978, at 7:30 p.m. an anniversary service was held to praise the Lord for service rendered in His kingdom by three mem-

bers of the DMLC and MLA faculties. The jubilarians and their time of service were as follows: on the Martin Luther Academy faculty, Prof. Heinie Schnitker, 40 years; on the DMLC faculty, Miss Irma Paap, 25 years, and Prof. Ralph Swantz, 40 years.

Pastor E. O. Schulz of Hutchinson, Minnesota, chairman of the MLA Board of Control, preached the sermon, based on Psalm 78:1-7, using as a theme, "Our Teaching Ministry." Pastor Edgar Knief served as liturgist. The DMLC Treble Choirs and the MLA Choir sang for the occasion.

Prior to coming to DMLC in 1956, Prof. R. Swantz served as elementary teacher in Christian day schools at Trinity, Johnson, Minnesota; Immanuel, Hutchinson, Minnesota; and First Lutheran, La Crosse, Wisconsin. Prof. Heinie Schnitker served in Christian day schools from 1938 to 1959 at St. John's in Glencoe and Gaylord, Minnesota, and Princeton, Wisconsin. From 1959-1971 he was a member of the Manitowoc Lutheran High School faculty. Since 1971 he has taught



New DMLC Faculty Members — Front: John Brug (religion), Jeanine Heller (music), Lucille Wessel (education), George LaGrow (education); rear: Lyle Lange (religion), Robert Jensen (social studies), Wayne Wagner (music), James Wandersee (science), Fred Bartel (music), and Arlen Koestler (English).

science at MLA. Miss Irma Paap was a teacher at Jamestown, North Dakota, and at Good Shepherd, West Allis, Wisconsin. Since 1967 she has been a supervisor of student teachers at St. Paul's Lutheran School, New Ulm, as a member of the DMLC faculty. She was on leave of absence during the past school year writing Sunday-school materials for the Synod's Board for Parish Education.

New Faculty Members

The installation of two faculty members at DMLC was held in the regular chapel service on Friday, November 17, 1978. Both Prof. Lyle Lange and Prof. John Brug were installed as members of the college's religion-social studies department and will be teaching mainly in the religion area. Prior to joining the DMLC faculty, Lyle Lange was pastor in Escondido, California, and John Brug in West Newton, Pennsylvania.

Retirements

At this time acknowledgement should also be made of the retirement of three persons on the DMLC faculty. The three have served a combined total of 68 years at DMLC.

Prof. Roland Hoenecke began teaching at DMLC in 1946. He came to the school, at that time consisting of a college and a high-school department, as dean of men, and served in that capacity until 1953. He is best remembered for his religion courses, taught at first in both high school and college

and in recent years in the college only. He had a broad knowledge of the Scriptures and acknowledged them convincingly as God's inspired Word. At present he is putting the finishing touches on a textbook for the course in doctrine.

Both Prof. Raymond Brei and Mrs. Adelia (Erich) Sievert joined the DMLC staff as supervisors of student teachers. To quote an article from the alumni paper, *Tower Topics*: "It is in the student-teaching program that Professor Brei and Mrs. Sievert carried out their service in the Lord's work of training teachers. Mrs. Sievert's gentleness and unfailing courtesy and Professor Brei's calm and assured manner helped many a student-teacher find confidence and skill. In addition, their love for teaching was an example to all." We wish them the

Lord's blessing in their retirement and thank Him for their many years of gifted service in the church!

Campus Events

During the first semester many activities other than the usual have taken place at DMLC. In commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the death of the composer Schubert, a program entitled "Schubertiade" was presented on September 21. On September 24, Missionary Marcus Manthey was commissioned for Taiwan in a special service held in the DMLC chapel. On October 29, a joint Reformation service for the New Ulm area was held in the college gymnasium. The Red Cross bloodmobile made one of several visits to the campus on October 31. The world-famous St. Paul Chamber Orchestra visited the campus on November 10, presenting a string quartette, a woodwind ensemble, and a string consortium during the day and playing an inspiring program in the evening. The previous Saturday, November 4, a workshop on communication skills, "Good Apple," conducted by the nationally known author Marge Frank, was held in the Academic Center for staff and teachers of the area. The annual Mission Fair was held on November 14. On the last day of November and the first day of December a history symposium featured Dr. Otto Pflanze of Indiana University, who discussed various aspects of historiography and history-teaching. Representatives from Synodical schools and area high schools were also invited to attend. Events such as these afford opportunity for growth to the DMLC students and faculty.



Retiring — Prof. R. Hoenecke, Mrs. A. Sievert, Prof. R. Brei

Looking at the Religious World

E. C. Fredrich

Luther The Recruiter

For the next few months and for the next few years we are going to hear and read much that is intended to help boost enrollment at our worker-training schools. The church body is growing but enrollments at these schools are not keeping pace. A spacious school recently acquired waits for utilization and needs to be filled.

What we have heard and read along this line up to this point is impressive. What we will hear and read will no doubt be even more impressive and persuasive. Pardon a teacher of history, however, for wanting to point back to an effort along similar lines already 450 years old.

Back in the late 1520s enrollments at higher schools of learning in Saxony were plunging to new lows. There were various causes but there was just one outlook, a dearth of trained workers in the spiritual and temporal spheres. Luther became concerned and wrote a masterful recruitment pamphlet worth quoting in our 1979 situation. Among other things, Luther in this 1530 writing to the people of Nuernberg, "A Sermon on Keeping Children in School," makes these points.

"Now if it is true and certain that God Himself has established and instituted the spiritual estate with His own blood and death, we may conclude that He will have it highly honored."

"Now even if you are a king you should not think you are too good to give your son and to train him for this office and work, even at the cost of all that you have. . . . A man ought to be willing to crawl on his hands and knees to the ends of the earth to be able to invest his money so gloriously well."

"If God has given you a child who has the ability and talent for this office and you do not train him for it but look only to the belly and to temporal livelihood . . . see what a pious hypocrite and unproductive weed you are."

"In saying this I do not mean to insist that every man must train his child for this office, for it is not necessary that all boys become pastors, preachers, and schoolmasters. . . . I am speaking of the common people, who used to have their children educated

for the sake of the livings and benefices but now keep them away from learning to earn a livelihood."

"But you say, 'Suppose things turn out badly and my son becomes a heretic or knave?' As they say, 'The learned are daft.' Well, you have to take that chance. Your diligence and labor will not be lost. God will have regard for your faithful service and count it as though it had turned out well. You simply have to take the chance as you would in any other occupation for which you might train your son."

"Moreover, that you may not worry too much about where your son's living will come from if he gives himself to learning and to this divine office and ministry, God has not left you or forgotten you in this matter either, so you need not worry or lament. He has promised through St. Paul in I Corinthians 9 that 'those who proclaim the Gospel should get their living by the Gospel.'"

"If we do nothing about this . . . there will be such a scarcity of men that we shall have to give three or four cities to one pastor and ten villages to one chaplain, if indeed we can get even one."

Who Owns The Church?

The United States Supreme Court agreed last October, not for the first time and not for the last, to take up the question of whether civil courts may decide church property disputes. The legal question is: Does the First Amendment require courts of the land to defer to the decisions of church courts when rival factions dispute ownership of the congregational property?

The specific case is complicated because it involves Southern Presbyterians. That church body has a polity which places ultimate sovereignty with a presbytery, not with the local congregation. Much is involved because there are many conservative Presbyterian congregations in the South withdrawing from the larger body because of its liberal tendencies.

Precedents in the case date back over a century to 1872. Civil courts have found it easy to bow out of disputes that were clearly doctrinal, less

easy when the point at issue was property and not doctrine. In most instances, however, the boundary between the two is seldom so clearly drawn that there is no overlapping.

We Lutherans can be thankful that we have inherited from the fathers a system of holding church property that keeps involvement of the civil courts in church affairs to a minimum. Property is held by the local body. There are still possibilities for legal actions, but cases will be less numerous and less complicated and less likely to invite government control over church affairs. We will do well to keep it that way.

What Motivates Church Newcomers?

Over in Japan the Lutheran World Federation Tokyo office and four Japanese Lutheran church bodies have studied and surveyed the old but intriguing question: What brings newcomers to a church? The runaway winning motivation was personal invitation. It was cited in more than half of the survey responses. A distant second — mentioned in 14 of 100 responses — was connection with a Christian school or organization.

There was a surprise at the bottom of the list. Cited least of all — in only 2 of 100 responses — was reading the Bible or other Christian books.

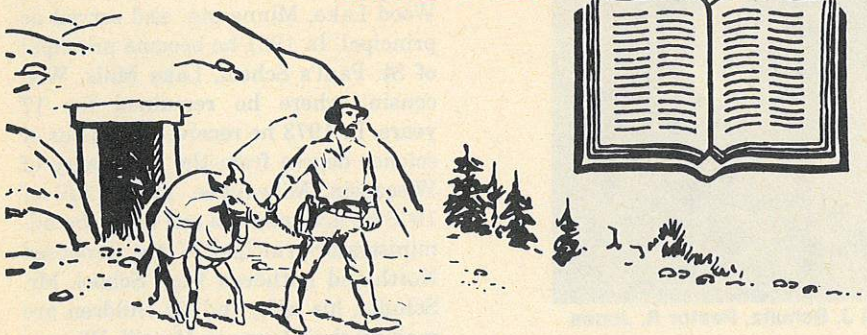
East is not West but they are similar in this that the most important factor in church outreach is the personal invitation. Whom have you invited to church lately?

NIV Sales

Even though the publication date was as late as October 27, the New International Version of the Bible has rung up some impressive sales figures. When the first printing of 1.2 million copies was sold out before the October date, a second printing brought the total figure up to 1.6 million by the end of 1978.

The Zondervan publishers, the *Wall Street Journal* predicts, will be able to announce that their gross for the year will exceed \$40 million, a good share of this on the strength of NIV sales.

Mining the Treasure of God's Word



Ezra 1-5:1 and Haggai

After a lengthy study of the captivity prophets, Ezekiel and Daniel, we return to the historical books of the Scripture. Before you begin, however, reread Daniel 5 and 6, which give the closing history of the 70 years in Babylon. The Medes and Persians are in control of the Middle East under Cyrus.

Turn to Ezra 1 and 2

The date in chapter 1:1 (hi-lite) would be the year Cyrus personally took over Babylon, 536 B.C. Read about Cyrus in your Bible dictionary. He was one of the greatest of all world rulers. Ezra emphasizes the fact that it is God who now acted (v. 1b, underline), and it was to fulfill Jeremiah's prophecy (v. 1a, underline, and compare Jer. 25:11, 12). Cyrus' proclamation is quoted in verses 2-4 (underline). Note the two thoughts expressed in verse 2, and the substance of the order in verse 3 (hi-lite "let him . . . Jerusalem"). Note also his instructions to the Jews who would stay in Babylon (v. 4). The preparations for the return are described in chapter 1:5-11; but note that there were only two groups who were anxious to return (v. 5, hi-lite "chief (heads) . . . Benjamin" and "priests . . . Levites"). Verse 5b explains why the second group would be so anxious. Verse 8 identifies the lawful king of Israel, here called the prince (hi-lite). From chapter 2:2 on Ezra uses his Hebrew name (see the first name in Matt. 1:13).

Chapter 2 gives a list of the main leaders of Judah (vv. 4-20) and Benjamin (vv. 21-35), the top priests (vv.

36-39), and Levites (vv. 40-42). The Nethinim (vv. 43-54) were Temple servants. The grand total of returnees is given in verses 64 and 65 (hi-lite both numbers; about 50,000 men, plus servants). The gifts from the heads of the tribes for the new Temple were considerable (v. 69, hi-lite). A dram (KJV) or drachma (NIV) of gold weighed about one pound and is worth about \$2,500 today; a pound (KJV) or mina (NIV) of silver weighed about 1.2 pounds and is worth about \$500 today. No details of the return are given, but the situation after their arrival is described in verse 70.

Next, Chapters 3-5:1

We can assume that the first six months after the return were spent building homes and planting fields and gardens. Ezra's account begins again in the 7th month (3:1). In verses 1-7 note what the people did first (v. 1b), the names of the two leaders (v. 2a, hi-lite; they were the king and the head priest). Note what these two men did in verse 2b (underline), verse 3, verse 4a (underline to "tabernacle"), verse 5a (underline to "Lord"), and verse 7.

Next read chapter 3:8-13, noting the date (v. 8a, hi-lite), and what the people did at this time (v. 8b, underline from "appointed . . . Lord"). Hi-lite the names of the two men chosen as superintendents (v. 9a), and the first important step in construction (v. 10a) and the ceremony which marked this event (vv. 10b-13). The weeping of the older men is explained later in Haggai.

Chapter 4 describes the trouble that soon arose. It began with the request of the Samaritans (vv. 1 and 2, underline "Let us . . . you"), and the reply of the Jewish leaders (v. 3, underline), who now clearly remembered God's first instructions in Exodus 23:32,33 and Deuteronomy 7:2,3, and who these people were (II Kings 17:24-29, especially v. 29). Verse 4 describes the immediate action taken by the Samaritans (underline), verse 5 their next action, and verses 6-16 their final action. Their accusations are summed up in verse 21 (underline). The date of this letter was probably around 529 B.C., after Cyrus' death. The results of this letter are given in verses 23 and 24 (underline v. 24 and hi-lite the date given in the last 11 words). This date would be 520 B.C. (note in the margin). Chapter 5:1 then introduces two prophets (hi-lite their names), and at this time we'll turn to

Haggai

Hi-lite the date in chapter 1:1, and compare Ezra 4:24. Verse 1 is the introduction (note the names of the Jewish leaders). Verse 2 sums up Ezra 4 and the people's frame of mind in 520 B.C. (underline). Verse 4 gives God's question (underline), and verse 6 pictures the present situation in Judah, a time of famine and inflation, signs of God's displeasure. Chapter 1:7,8 gives God's orders (underline v. 8), and verses 9-11 His further comments. Chapter 1:12 gives the people's response (underline), verses 13 and 14a God's encouragement and help, and verse 14b the final result (underline).

Chapter 2:1-9 speaks encouragement to the people (underline v. 3 and compare Ezra 3:12). Underline verses 4-9, noting that verses 6-9 speak of the fact that the latter Temple will be sanctified by the presence of Jesus Himself.

In chapter 2:10-17 God explains the present plight of the people. They are unclean (v. 14, underline) and have not repented (v. 17b, underline); but verses 18 and 19 give God's promise (underline and hi-lite the last seven words).

In verses 20-23 God again speaks of the coming of the Messiah, and Zerubabel, who was an ancestor of Jesus (Matt. 1:13), appears as a type of Jesus (underline v. 23, hi-lite "I have chosen thee" and compare Isa. 42:1).

Northland LHS Installs Principal



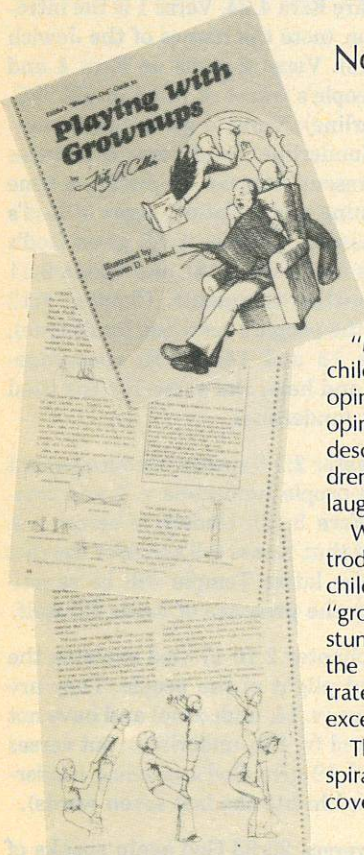
Administrator W. Borgwardt, Principal J. Schultz, Pastor R. Jones

On December 3, 1978, Mr. John R. Schultz was installed in a service at Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, rural Merrill, as the first administrator-principal of the planned Northland Lutheran High School. Pastor Wayne Borg-

wardt, administrator of Wisconsin Lutheran High School, Milwaukee, preached the sermon on I Thessalonians 5:12. Pastor Ralph Jones, pastor of Trinity, was liturgist and performed the rite of installation.

Mr. Schultz is a 1957 graduate of Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota. His first assignment was to Immanuel Lutheran School, Medford, Wisconsin, where he taught grades five and six. The following year he accepted a call to St. John's Lutheran School, Wood Lake, Minnesota, and served as principal. In 1961 he became principal of St. Paul's School, Lake Mills, Wisconsin, where he remained for 17 years. In 1973 he received a master of science degree from the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee. In the fall of 1978 he accepted the call to be the administrator-principal of the proposed Northland Lutheran High School. Mr. Schultz, his wife, and six children are making their home in Merrill, Wisconsin.

Talk of opening an area Lutheran high school in northern Wisconsin began in January 1975. Since that time a great deal of planning and survey work has been done to determine the potential for such a school. At the present time, 20 congregations of the Rhineland Conference and the Wisconsin River Valley Conference are involved in the planning. In February 1979 the association will assess the congregational interest and support, and make its decision accordingly. The present goal is to open classes in the fall of 1979. The school will very likely be located in the Merrill, Wisconsin, area.



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Kirby Spevacek

Direct from the Districts

MICHIGAN

Reporter Jack DeRuiter

Centennial Observed at St. John's, Pigeon, Michigan

What isn't which was and wasn't but is? Berne, Michigan, and Pigeon, Michigan. When St. John's was begun on September 8, 1878, Berne was but no longer is, whereas Pigeon wasn't but now is. When the East-West railroad crossed the North-South line, the junction, a mile south of Berne, became the site of Pigeon and Berne faded away. So much for the constancy or fickleness of man.

But God in His mercy has been constant and has preserved the "Berne" church these 100 years. The first service was conducted by Pastor C. F. Boehner of Reed City, Michigan. From then on the congregation was served by various pastors, especially from New Salem in Sebawaing.

Since 1882 St. John's has had its own resident pastor and since 1899 its own teacher and principal. Two of these men served for long years. George Wacker was pastor from 1895-1936 and Leo T. Luedtke teacher from 1918-1954. Both of these men, clinging to their Savior, did yeoman's work, under God, to set the tone in St. John's which still prevails.

As is to be expected, the physical plant has changed down through the years. The original church and school are gone, the church being replaced in 1918. The school was replaced in 1935 with additions in 1959 and 1975.

St. John's centennial services were held on September 10 and 17, in the morning and afternoon. Pastor M. Hanke, a former pastor; Pastor Gary Richmond, a son of the congregation; Pastor O. J. Naumann, the president of our Synod; and Pastor Randall Rathje, a son of the congregation, were the preachers in that order. Some 1,100 worshipers were privileged to hear them. In the service on the 10th, a child was baptized and an adult confirmed. The observance of the anniversary was concluded on October 22 with an organ recital by Prof. Franklin Za-

bell, Northwestern College, Watertown, Wisconsin.

The motto adopted for the anniversary reads: "God's Word and Luther's Doctrine Pure Now and Forever Shall Endure — We Preach Christ Crucified."

May God, for Jesus' sake, grant His Gospel to St. John's in the days and years to come!

Philip K. Press, Pastor

NORTHERN WISCONSIN

Reporter Harlyn Kuschel

St. Matthew's Observes Pastor Johnson's Fortieth

On Sunday, November 26, 1978, the members of St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church, Appleton, Wisconsin, were privileged to observe the 40th anniversary of the ordination of their pastor, the Rev. Sylvester Johnson. The Rev. A. A. Schabow of rural Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, a son of the congregation, preached for the three morning services. His sermon was based on Philippians 1:3-11: "Pastor Johnson's Attitude Towards St. Matthew Congregation." Vicar Donald Wichmann was the liturgist.

Pastor Johnson, a native of Menasha, was born November 13, 1907. In 1925 he graduated from the Menasha High School, and then worked for the American Can Company in Neenah for four years.

In September 1929, he entered Concordia Seminary at Springfield, Illinois, graduating June 14, 1937. During the school year of 1933-34, he taught grades 3-5 at Trinity Lutheran School, Neenah. Pastor Johnson was ordained and installed at St. Matthew's on December 18, 1938.

On August 9, 1940, he was united in marriage with Viola Strandes of Saginaw, Michigan. The Johnsons have four children: a daughter, Gloria, and three sons: Mark, Paul, and Timothy. They have six grandchildren.

It was during Pastor Johnson's ministry at St. Matthew's that the original tiny chapel, which had served as a one-room school since 1924, was moved to

make room for a new three-room school in 1953. In the fall of 1963, the congregation dedicated a two-room addition to the school at a cost of \$76,000. In 1976, the congregation dedicated another addition to the school and church including three classrooms, an all-purpose room (gym), a new dining hall and kitchen, and a council meeting room and office for a total cost of \$374,000.



Pastor S. Johnson

The congregation has 1,088 baptized members, of whom 843 are communicant members and 245 are children. The school has an enrollment of 126 pupils in grades K through 8. There are five members on the faculty.

Pastor Johnson has served on numerous Synod, district, conference, and circuit boards, as well as on the Board of Regents of Fox Valley Lutheran High School. He has served as district and national chaplain of the Lutheran Pioneers for many years.

A reception and open house was held for friends, guests, and family on Sunday afternoon. Light refreshments were served by the various organizations and members of the congregation.

Our God has richly blessed St. Matthew Congregation with 40 years of faithful leadership by Pastor Johnson. May the Lord of the Church richly bless Pastor Johnson and his family in the years to come!

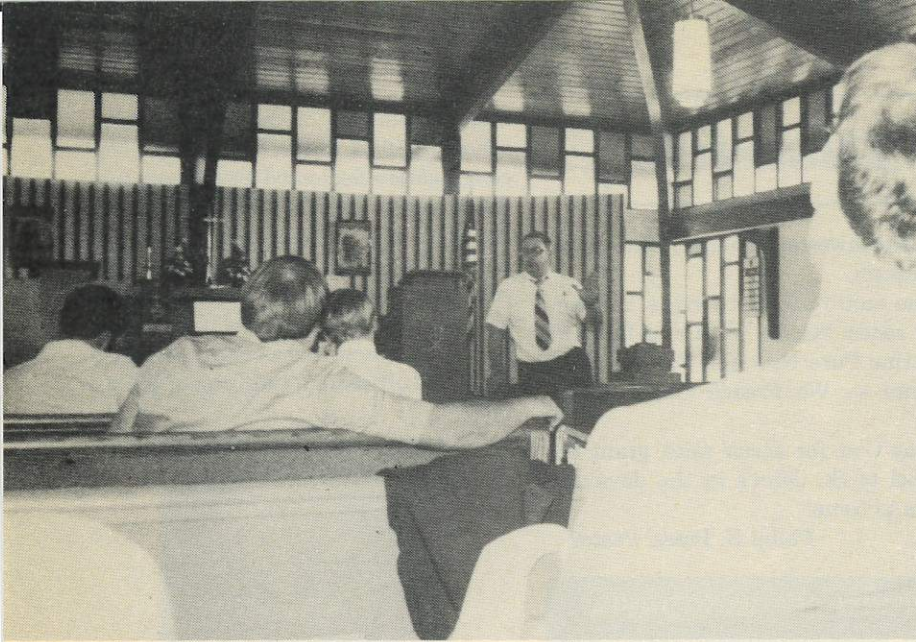
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SOUTH ATLANTIC

Reporter Edward Schuppe

In-Service Training For Missionaries

Thirty-three home missionaries and pastors of the South Atlantic District



Pastor Hartmann addressing Missionaries' Seminar at Merritt Island

gathered for a Missionaries' In-service Training Seminar at Merritt Island, Florida, from October 30 to November 1, 1978.

The seminar dealt particularly with the practical aspects of the home missionary's work. Its objectives were to sharpen skills, review tactics, and reevaluate existing programs. The discussion leaders were: Pastor Norman Berg, executive secretary for the General Board for Home Missions; Pastor Marvin Radtke, South Atlantic District Mission Counselor; Pastor Larry Zwiig, chairman of the South Atlantic District Mission Board; and Pastor Robert Hartman, Michigan District Mission Counselor.

Pastor Berg highlighted the purpose of the seminar in his keynote address as helping home missionaries "to become more effective in serving the needs of all people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ on the basis of Holy Scripture." He said that in regard to techniques and methods a person could call this seminar "a Gospel sales training seminar." He stated that there are a number of techniques and methods that we can borrow from the business world and employ in the practical aspects of home mission. For example, he noted the need to plan, study, train, and constantly reevaluate programs, and enumerated four steps to follow in doing so: 1) view the product, 2) view the market, 3) plan sales strategy, and 4) work on research and development.

Pastor Marvin Radtke instructed the home missionaries in the area of administration in a mission congregation.

He demonstrated methods and systems for handling finances, scheduling, keeping church records, stewardship programs, etc. Pastor Larry Zwiig shared with the other missionaries personal reflections on how to handle oneself in mission congregations in the South in regard to speech, appearance, humor, and attitude. Pastor Robert Hartman provided suggestions and resources for doing evangelism work and adapting methods of evangelism to meet local needs.

All who were in attendance agreed that there is much to learn and consider in doing home mission work, especially in the South where Lutherans are definitely in a minority. All of the participants are looking forward to more seminars dealing with different practical aspects of home mission work, so they may better their skills and methods. The intent is not to improve on the work of the Holy Spirit, but to make more efficient use of the skills and tools He has given us.

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN

Reporter Robert Kleist

St. Paul's of Brownsville Dedicates Fellowship Hall

St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Brownsville, Wisconsin, dedicated a fellowship hall to the service of the Lord on November 12, 1978. In the special afternoon service, Pastor emeritus William Schink, who served the congregation twice as vacancy pastor, was the

liturgist. Pastor Paul Huth, who served the congregation from 1962 to 1975, delivered the sermon, and the present pastor, Allen Zenker, read the rite of dedication.

The fellowship hall is 62 feet by 107 feet. The walls are of concrete block with brick facing outside. The roof is of wood beams and Tectum Decking. The walls include a one-inch layer of styrofoam and the roof one and a half inches of styrofoam for insulation. The building provides a large area for congregational gatherings and sport activities, such as basketball and volleyball. The Christian day school particularly will find it a lift in its sports program.

The building of the fellowship hall was part of a larger project carried out by the congregation in 1978. "Project 3," as it was called, included the re-vamping of the church's heating system, the redecorating of the church interior, including dry-walling the entire nave and chancel, and the erection of the fellowship hall. The entire program cost \$205,000.

Attendance at the dedication service was 389. A buffet supper was served in the fellowship hall after the service.

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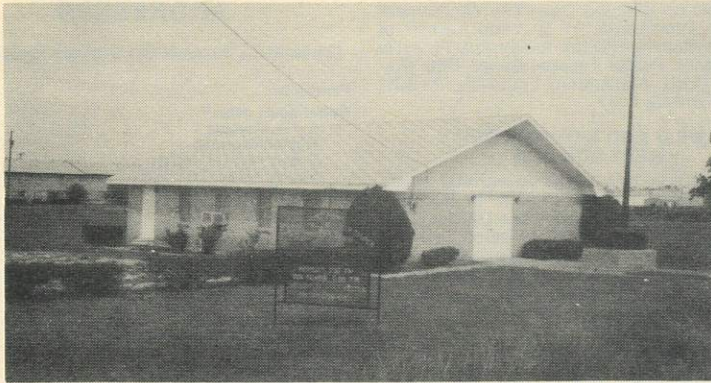
Reporter Thomas Haar

Old-fashioned Idea Worked At Mt. Zion of Hillsboro

The second-oldest WELS congregation in Texas, Mt. Zion of Hillsboro, was begun by Christians who were concerned enough about the truth of God's Word to leave older, well-established congregations, when those congregations and their synod began to change doctrinally. The believers of Mt. Zion were going on an old-fashioned notion: God's Word does not change and neither should the doctrine of a church body.

That was back in 1964. Many did not give Mt. Zion a chance to survive. But evidence is piling up to indicate that you can build an enduring church with the old-fashioned notion the founders of Mt. Zion had. Having passed the 10-year mark several years ago, and having celebrated the 10th anniversary of their church building in 1977, indications are that Mt. Zion is here to stay.

The latest indication of the Lord's blessing upon Mt. Zion and her



Mt. Zion of Hillsboro, Texas

“fanatic” faithfulness to His Word is that she has recently managed to retire her building debt to the Synod. She is the first WELS congregation in Texas to do so. Though she started as inauspiciously as any mission and perhaps more inauspiciously than many, worshipping in bank buildings, hotels, and even in a feed store, today Mt. Zion worships in a house of God which stands completely free of all debt.

To show publicly their gratitude to the Lord, who gave them His Word on which to build, and to their fellow Christians who provided the loan for the building, the members of Mt. Zion held a thanksgiving service on October 15, 1978, to which they invited WELS members from around the state. Guest speaker for the service was Pastor Robert Neumann, Texas Mission District Missionary, who, as pastor of Calvary, Dallas, conducted the first worship service in Hillsboro in 1964. Pastor Neumann exhorted the 101 members and friends of Mt. Zion to continue to do the Lord’s work in gratitude for His great blessings and to continue to build on the old-fashioned idea that the Word of the Lord does not change.

WESTERN WISCONSIN
Reporter Harold Sturm

**Retirement Dinner for
Pastor R. Horlamus**

Pastors and their wives of the Capitol Circuit of the Western Wisconsin District gathered at the Heritage House on the east side of Madison, Wisconsin, on the evening of November 5, 1978. The main purpose wasn’t to get a fine meal, but to honor Pastor Rudolph Horlamus, who had served as Institu-

tional Chaplain in the Madison hospitals for 33 years. All agreed that their own lives and those of their members had been blessed in many ways by the faithful ministry of Pastor Horlamus during those many years.

Also present for the occasion were the E.L.S. brethren of the Madison area; Pastor Carl Mischke, Western Wisconsin District president; and Pastor Henry Paustian, Pastor Marcus Schwartz, Pastor Loren Fritz, and Mr. Frank Italiano, members of the Western Wisconsin District Mission Board.

Those addressing the celebrant and his wife during the program that followed included Pastor Karl Bast, pastor of Eastside Lutheran Church, Madison, where Pastor and Mrs. Horlamus are members. Pastor Harold Sturm, circuit pastor, spoke for the Capitol Circuit. Pastor George Orvick, pastor of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Madison, brought wishes on behalf of the E.L.S. churches of the Madison area. Pastor Henry Paustian represented the district mission board, and Pastor Carl Mischke spoke on behalf of the Western Wisconsin District and the entire Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Pastor Ardin Laper, Sun Prairie, served as the master of ceremonies.

May the Lord God continue to be with Pastor and Mrs. Horlamus during their retirement years!

Church Building 100 Years Old

Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Columbus, Wisconsin, observed the 100th anniversary of its church building in a week-long observance recently. The Rev. O. J. Naumann was the guest speaker on October 29, and the Rev. Carl Mischke was the guest speaker on November 5. Mission executive secretaries, the Rev. T. Sauer and the Rev.

N. Berg, presented lectures at the mission fair which was held in conjunction with the anniversary celebration.

The original church building, which measured 40’ x 70’, was built in 1878 at a cost of \$5,200. A 40’ x 50’ addition was added in 1887. The congregation has remodeled and redecorated the building at various times during the century of its existence.

Zion Congregation is in the process of collecting a \$100,000 thank-offering as it celebrates the 100th anniversary of its church building. Most of the funds are being used for energy-saving improvements at the school.

Zion of Columbus has a membership of 1,800, of whom 1,475 are communicants. Pastor of the congregation is the Rev. G. F. Cares.

† **Arthur J. Ehlke** †
1896 - 1978

Arthur J. Ehlke was born November 2, 1896, at Jackson, Wisconsin. He was baptized and confirmed at David’s Star Lutheran Church. In 1911 he enrolled at Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota, to prepare for the teaching ministry. Before entering his senior year, he was sent to fill a year’s vacancy in St. John’s Lutheran School, Neillsville, Wisconsin. Upon graduation in 1917, he again accepted a call to St. John’s.

In 1921 he received and followed the call to St. John’s Congregation, W. Vliet Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Here he served as teacher, principal, organist, and choir director. In 1962 he was forced to retire from actual teaching because of a serious eye affliction, but continued to serve the congregation as organist and choir director until 1976. His years of service in the Lord’s work spanned a period of 59 years.

On August 5, 1933, he was married to Emma Gieschen, who at the time was teaching at St. Lucas School, Milwaukee. She survives him, as also one daughter, Lorna, teacher at Calvary Lutheran School, Thiensville, Wisconsin, one brother, and other relatives and friends.

Mr. Ehlke died on October 11, 1978, at the age of 81 years. The funeral was conducted by Pastor Norman Engel on October 15, 1978, with burial the following day in Graceland Cemetery.

NEW WELS CHURCHES

Names Requested

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

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

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TIME AND PLACE

EFFINGHAM, ILLINOIS

Services in Effingham, Illinois, are now being conducted at the Free United Methodist Church building, 611 Shelby Avenue, at 2:00 p.m. Sundays. Sunday school and Bible class are at 3:00 p.m. For further information please contact Pastor Mark Lenz, 2102 E. Vermont, Urbana, Illinois 61801 (217/344-5584).

LOUISIANA

If you are planning a trip to the South and will be traveling through central Louisiana, plan to worship in Alexandria. Services are held at 10:00 a.m., with Sunday school and Bible study at 9:00 a.m. King of Kings Lutheran Church is

located just off Highway 28 at 396 Windermere Blvd. For information, or to send names of prospects moving into the Alexandria-Pineville area, contact: Pastor Timothy Bauer, 396 Windermere Blvd., Alexandria, Louisiana 71301; phone: 318/448-1147.

WILD AND WONDERFUL WEST VIRGINIA

There are now two places to worship in the Mountain State of West Virginia. In Beckley, worship is held at the Rural Acres Garden Club at 10:00 a.m. Sundays. In Charleston, worship is held at the Morris Harvey College Chapel at 7:00 p.m. Sundays. For more information call Pastor Robert L. Hoepner, 304/252-5820 in Beckley, 304/343-9636 in Charleston.

SKIING IRON RIVER, MI?

If you are skiing in the Iron River, Michigan, area (Brule Mountain) or just getting to "snow" the Upper Peninsula this winter, the members of St. Mark's Ev. Lutheran Church, 4th & Adams, Stambaugh, Michigan, invite you to join them in Sunday worship at 9:00 a.m. The pastor of this mission congregation is Thomas H. Trapp, 421 4th Street, Stambaugh, Michigan 49964; phone: 906/265-3665.

HOUGHTON, MICHIGAN

University Lutheran Chapel of Houghton, Michigan, is now conducting services in its new chapel at the intersection of Mill Road and Woodmar Drive in Houghton. Sunday school is at 6:00 p.m., and the worship service at 7:00 p.m. For further information, please phone Pastor Mark Hannemann at 906/337-1450.

COMING TO ARKANSAS?

If so, please note our new place of worship. King of Kings Ev. Lutheran Church, Little Rock, Arkansas, is now worshipping at Shiloh Seventh Day Adventist Church, 2400 S. Maple St. We worship every Sunday at 10:00 a.m., with Sunday school and Bible class at 11:00 a.m. Names and prospects should be sent to Rev. John Gawrisch, 5907 Chaucer Lane, Little Rock, Arkansas 72209; phone: (501) 565-3600.

DIX HILLS, NEW YORK

Grace of God Ev. Lutheran Church of Long Island is now meeting in its new parsonage at 45 Talisman Dr., Dix Hills, New York 11746 (one block north of I-495 at exit 51). Services are at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays, followed by Sunday school and Bible study. For more information, contact Pastor Paul Schweppe at the above address.

WANTED

The WELS mission in Dix Hills, New York, needs two room dividers, each approximately 8 ft. high by 16 ft. across, to divide its worship area into Sunday-school rooms. Contact Pastor Paul Schweppe, Grace of God Ev. Lutheran Church, 45 Talisman Dr., Dix Hills, N.Y. 11746.

INSTALLATIONS

(Authorized by the District Presidents)

Pastors:

Hemple, Harold A., as assistant pastor at Pilgrim Lutheran, Minneapolis, Minnesota, on December 3, 1978, by D. Arndt (Minn.).

Mattek, Floyd W., as pastor of St. John's, Ann Arbor, Michigan, on November 26, 1978, by G. Tiefel (Mich.).

Teachers:

Archer, Joe E., as teacher at San Pablo Lutheran, Tucson, Arizona, on August 13, 1978, by V. Winter (Ariz.-Calif.).

Hackbarth, Arthur L., as minister of music and education at The Lutheran Home, Belle Plaine, Minnesota, on December 6, 1978, by R. Schlicht (Minn.).

Just, Allan H., as instructor at the Arizona Lutheran Academy, Phoenix, Arizona, on December 3, 1978, by I. Frey (Ariz.-Calif.).

ADDRESSES

(Submitted through the District Presidents)

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SEMINAR ON HEARING IMPAIRMENT

A Seminar on Hearing Impairment will be held at Northwestern College, Chapel-Arts Building, Watertown, Wisconsin, at 9:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m., February 10, 1979.

The seminar will attempt to create an awareness of the difficulties encountered by those whose hearing is impaired, especially when attempts are made to learn and study the Word of God and to join fellow Christians in worship. The seminar will offer suggestions for pastors and teachers who are attempting to develop programs for the spiritual training of fellow Christians, both young and old, whose hearing is impaired.

All pastors, teachers, Sunday-school staff, and parents are invited and encouraged to attend.

For further details contact the seminar coordinator: Mr. Quentin Albrecht, 904 S. 6th St., Watertown, Wisconsin 53094; phone (414) 261-2375.

WELS Committee on Hearing Impairment
Mr. William Hughes,
Chairman

APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Kenneth Kalen has been appointed to the South Atlantic District Evangelism Commission to replace Dr. Robert Doolittle who resigned.

R. L. Wiechmann, President
South Atlantic District

Mr. Gerald Lanphear has been appointed to the Western Wisconsin District Board for Parish Education, succeeding Mr. Karl Blauer who accepted a call to another district.

Rev. Herbert Prahl has been appointed to the Western Wisconsin District Board for Parish Education, succeeding Rev. Edward Schaeewe who accepted a call to another district.

Carl H. Mischke, President
Western Wisconsin District

CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES

ARIZONA-CALIFORNIA

CALIFORNIA PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: January 29-30, 1979; opening Communion service at 10 a.m.

Place: Christ the King Lutheran Church, La Habra, California.

Preacher: H. John.

Agenda: Exegesis of Hebrews 4:3-13: P. Huebner; Preacher, How Do You Study Your Text? D. Kiecker; An Evaluation of the Major New Testament Greek Texts: W. Godfrey; Dealing With the Persistent Neglector of Word and Sacrament in the Congregation: J. Mahnke; The Antinomistic Controversy with Application to our Present Times: A. Keibel.

F. Bivens

GADSDEN PASTOR-TEACHER-DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: February 5-6, 1979.

Place: Redeemer Lutheran, Tucson, Arizona; S. Krueger, host pastor.

Preacher: G. Swanson; C. Found, alternate.

Agenda: Workshop on Appropriate Church Music: Redeemer Faculty, D. Just; *Formula of Concord*, Art. III: D. Haeuser; Exegesis of I Peter 3:1-12: S. Krueger; Isagogical Treatise on Micah: A. Eckert; Exegesis of I Peter 3:13-22: O. Wraalstad; Isagogical Treatise on Hosea: D. Halvarson. Alternates: Exegesis of I Peter 4:1-11: G. Pieper; Isagogical Treatise on Zechariah: R. Paustian; *Formula of Concord*, Art. IV: M. Hallemeier.

D. Redlin, Secretary

BLACK CANYON DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: February 6-7, 1979; 10:00 a.m. Communion service.

Place: Good Shepherd Lutheran, Phoenix, Arizona; I. G. Frey, host pastor.

Preacher: A. Reaume.

Agenda: Francis A. Schaeffer — How Far From Lutheranism: J. Zarling; An Isagogical Study of I and II Peter: D. Gray; Confirmation Class — Its Increasing Problems, and How To Deal With Them: D. Pautz.

P. Koelpin, Secretary

MICHIGAN

COLONIAL PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Jan. 23-24, 1979.

Place: Gethsemane, Raleigh, North Carolina; P. Schmiede, host pastor.

Preacher: W. Beckmann; R. Balza, alternate.

Agenda: Cross, Punishment, Chastisement: the Wages of Sin Is: P. Schmiede; Slide Lecture on the Holy Land: R. Balza; An Isagogical Treatment of I-II Timothy and Titus: D. Clark.

D. Scherbarth, Secretary

MINNESOTA

RED WING PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: January 23, 1979; Communion service at 9:00 a.m.

Place: Resurrection Lutheran, Rochester, Minnesota; L. Cross, host pastor.

Preacher: R. Berg; E. Carmichael, alternate.

Agenda: Exegesis of Zechariah 10: W. Hoyer; Exegesis of Romans 2:1-16: R. Goede; The Southern Baptists: E. Carmichael; The Relationship of the Pastor's Family to the Church: M. Doelger.

Note: Please excuse to the host pastor.

R. Kuznicki, Secretary

SOUTHERN PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: January 29, 1979, 1:00 p.m. to January 30, 12:00 noon.

Communion service: Monday at 7:00 p.m.

Place: Our Savior's, Harrisonville, Missouri; W. Niermeier, host pastor.

Preacher: L. Lucht; alternate, R. Maurice.

Agenda: Exegesis of II Thessalonians 2: R. Zehms; The Misuse of Prayer in Reformed and Catholic Theology, with Special Emphasis on the Charismatics: K. Bender; 20th-Century Reformed Thinking Analyzed and Evaluated, Part IV: discussion leader, W. Davidson.

G. W. Sommer, Secretary

MANKATO PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: February 6, 1979; 9:00 a.m. Communion service.

Place: Emmanuel, Owatonna, Minnesota; W. Wagner, host pastor.

Preacher: F. Fallen; alternate, P. Hanke.

Agenda: Exegesis of I Corinthians 2:13ff: W. Wagner; I Corinthians 3: J. Bradtke; Can Sacred Music Be Treated Purely As Musical Literature? R. Polzin; Casuistry.

Note: Please excuse full or part-time to the host pastor.

W. Wagner, Secretary

ST. CROIX PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: February 13, 1979; Communion service at 9:00 a.m.

Place: Faith Lutheran, River Falls, Wisconsin; C. Ziemer, host pastor.

Preacher: E. Noffsinger; S. Lawrenz, alternate.

Agenda: Exegesis of Isaiah 53: D. Gosdeck; A Fairer View of the Pharisees — an Examination of the Pharisees According to the New Testament, Josephus, and Rabbinic Sources: R. Stadler.

J. May, Secretary

NEBRASKA

COLORADO DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: February 5-6, 1979.

Place: Grace Lutheran, Pueblo, Colorado; C. D. Found, host pastor.

Preacher: T. Kretzmann; H. Hagedorn, alternate.

Agenda: The Resurrection of Jesus Christ, Truth and Application: N. Mielke; The Devotional Life of Our Children from Home through Church: L. Prah; Synbolism in the Christian Church and Its Practical Application: E. Krueger; Reports and Conference Business.

Note: Please send requests for lodging to the host pastor.

M. Cares, Secretary

NORTHERN WISCONSIN

FOX RIVER VALLEY PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: February 13, 1979.

Place: Mt. Calvary, Kimberly, Wisconsin; F. Toppe, host pastor.

Preacher: F. Heidemann; alternate, J. Schewe.

Agenda: The Role of Women in the Church: Panel Discussion (Divorce and Remarriage: R. Unke); I John 1: C. Voss (I John 2: R. Christman); Psalm 14: T. Meier (Psalm 15: P. Kassulke).

R. Ash, Secretary

SOUTH ATLANTIC

DISTRICT TEACHERS' CONFERENCE

Date: January 26, 1979; 9:00 a.m.

Place: Bay Pines Lutheran School, Seminole, Florida.

Devotions: J. Campbell, M. Boehme, and R. Sievert.

Agenda: Promoting Christian Living Among Our Students: Pastor William Fischer; Business Meeting and Reports.

L. Gieschen, Secretary

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN

DODGE-WASHINGTON PASTOR-TEACHER CONFERENCE

Date: January 26, 1979; 9:00 a.m. Communion service.

Place: Crown of Life, Hubertus, Wisconsin; P. Pankow, host pastor.

Agenda: The Basis for a Properly Balanced Relationship Between Pastor and Teacher: R. Retzlaff and C. Wehrauch; Making Memory-work Work: D. Wilde.

Note: Please excuse to the host pastor.

P. Hill, Secretary

METROPOLITAN MILWAUKEE LUTHERAN TEACHERS' CONFERENCE

Date: February 15-16, 1979.

Place: Salem Lutheran School, 6844 N. 107th St., Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53224; Pastor W. Nommensen and Principal G. E. Berger.

Thursday, February 15, 1979

8:15 Fellowship
9:00 Opening service
9:25 Business meeting
10:15 The Grade-Schooler Evangelist: Pastor W. Mueller

1:00 Assigned Sectionals and Workshops
3:00 Special preregistered sectional

Friday, February 16, 1979

8:15 Fellowship
9:00 Opening devotion
9:30 Assigned sectionals and workshops
1:00 Assigned sectionals and workshops
3:00 Closing

D. Hackmann, Chairman

WESTERN WISCONSIN

CENTRAL PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: February 19, 1979; 9:00 a.m.

Place: Northwestern College, Watertown, Wisconsin.

Preacher: G. Haag; alternate, L. Fritz.

Agenda: Continuation of the Exegesis of I Corinthians 9: W. A. Schuman; The Role of Women in the Church: Prof. C. Lawrenz.

Note: Please excuse to the undersigned.

P. Ziemer, Secretary

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS — DMLC

Because of Miss Victoria Schuetze's decision to retire at the conclusion of the current academic year, a vacancy will occur on the Dr. Martin Luther College teaching staff. As a result, there will also be changes of assignment within the Education Division. Therefore, with the concurrence of the Commission on Higher Education the board of control petitions the voting constituency of the Synod to nominate male candidates for a professorship in the field of education to fill the impending vacancy.

Nominees should be qualified to work in the student-teaching program either in St. Paul's Lutheran School locally as supervisor/teacher in the intermediate-upper grades or in the off-campus student-teaching program which includes the teaching of college courses.

Nominations accompanied by as much information as possible should be in the hands of the secretary no later than January 27, 1979.

Mr. Darrell Knippel, Secretary
DMLC Board of Control
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Treasurer's Report

PREBUDGET SUBSCRIPTION PERFORMANCE

Eleven months ended November 30, 1978

	Subscription Amount for 1978	¹¹ / ₁₂ of Annual Subscription	Subscription and Pension Offerings	Per Cent of Subscription
Arizona-California	\$ 451,704	\$ 414,062	\$ 413,367	99.8
Dakota-Montana	240,599	220,549	231,928	105.2
Michigan	1,296,136	1,188,125	1,156,200	97.3
Minnesota	1,372,260	1,257,905	1,316,289	104.6
Nebraska	268,565	246,184	257,450	104.6
Northern Wisconsin	1,467,813	1,345,495	1,306,036	97.1
Pacific Northwest	128,577	117,862	126,330	107.2
Southeastern Wisconsin	1,785,292	1,636,518	1,538,548	94.0
Western Wisconsin	1,688,201	1,547,518	1,494,510	96.6
South Atlantic	111,508	102,216	110,380	108.0
Total — 1978	\$8,810,655	\$8,076,434	\$7,951,038	98.4
Total — 1977	\$8,247,332	\$6,872,776	\$6,326,711	92.1

CURRENT BUDGETARY FUND

Statement of Income and Expenditures

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

Twelve months ended November 30

			Increase or Decrease*	
	1978	1977	Amount	Per Cent
Income				
Prebudget Subscription Offerings	\$8,921,050	\$8,180,982	\$ 740,068	9.0
Pension Plan Contributions	75,256	74,178	1,078	1.5
Gifts and Memorials	244,195	184,078	60,117	32.7
Bequests	51,893	140,764	88,871*	63.1*
Earnings from Fox Estate	66,816	63,994	2,822	4.4
Other Income	22,208	8,965	13,243	—
Transfers from Other Funds	132,418	117,300	15,118	12.9
Total Income	\$9,513,836	\$8,770,261	743,575	8.5
Expenditures				
Worker-Training — Expenses	\$5,645,336	\$5,208,354	\$436,982	8.4
Worker-Training — Income	2,361,107	2,201,700	159,407	7.2
Worker-Training — Net	\$3,284,229	\$3,006,654	\$ 277,575	9.2
Home Missions	1,928,733	1,659,474	269,259	16.2
World Missions	1,627,255	1,367,168	260,087	19.0
Benevolences	1,068,226	1,017,753	50,473	5.0
Administration and Services	896,785	772,546	124,239	16.1
Total Operations	\$8,805,228	\$7,823,595	\$ 981,633	12.5
CEF — Interest Subsidy	741,227	633,070	108,157	17.1
Appropriations — Building Funds	228,750	214,579	14,171	6.6
Total Expenditures	\$9,775,205	\$8,671,244	\$1,103,961	12.7
Operating Gain/Loss**	\$ 261,369**	\$ 99,017		

Norris Koopmann, Treasurer & Controller
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Note: Future cutoff dates of PBS receipts in the Synod's Post Office Lock Box are as follows:

For the month of	Cutoff Date:
January	February 7
February	March 7
March	April 6
April	May 7

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A 13-rank, electro-pneumatic pipe organ will become available in the summer of 1979. Inquiries should be made before March 15, 1979. Also available: Schulmerich ChimeAtron Electronic chimes. Inquire: St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, c/o Mr. James Schierenbeck, 4001 S. 68th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53220; phone: 414/541-5881.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS — NWC

With the concurrence of the Commission on Higher Education, the Board of Control of Northwestern College, Watertown, Wisconsin, requests the voting constituency of the Synod to nominate candidates for the field of music to replace Prof. Arnold O. Lehmann who will be retiring at the close of the current school year.

The nominees should be qualified to teach specified music courses in the college, and to be in charge of and to direct its musical organizations, with emphasis on choral work. The nominees should have received training at one of our Synodical colleges (and Seminary). Parish experience as a pastor or teacher is also desirable.

The names of nominees with as much accompanying information as possible should be in the hands of the board secretary no later than February 6, 1979.

Rev. W. A. Schumann, Secretary
 612 South Fifth Street
 Watertown, Wisconsin 53094

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS — MLA

The Board of Control of Martin Luther Academy, New Ulm, Minnesota, with the concurrence of the Commission on Higher Education, herewith requests the voting constituency of the Synod to nominate a list of women candidates for full-time piano instructor as a replacement for Mrs. Carolyn Kramer who will not be transferring to Prairie du Chien due to family obligations in New Ulm.

The candidate should be capable of teaching piano to high-school students.

The names of the nominees with as much pertinent accompanying data as possible should be in the hands of the secretary no later than Monday, February 12, 1979.

Mr. Paul Fritze, Secretary
 7820 Minnetonka Blvd.
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