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## Briefs by the Editor

This issue is a story of activity. It tells of a nurse commissioned to serve in our mission field in Zambia. It tells about a missionary ordained in Juarez, Mexico. It tells about activity at Prairie du Chien, preparing that school to receive some 360 students. It tells about the activity of the ladies in the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society, whose annual convention was held at Wisconsin Lutheran High School earlier this year.

This issue also tells about preaching ministers observing their 35th and their 50th years in the ministry. It tells about a teaching minister who has spent 40 years in the classroom. And then about the congregation that observed its 90th anniversary and the congregation breaking ground for a new school building.

And there's activity in the doctrinal articles, too. There's the Lord Jesus portrayed as the Giver of the Spirit. There's the activity of the holy family as Jesus is circumcised, as Mary goes to the Temple for her purification, as Christ is presented as the first-born in that same Temple. Then there's Luther speaking in his catechisms. In the lives of all of these people there's scarcely an idle moment, just activity.

But important activity — all of it. Christ, Mary, and Joseph fulfill the requirements of the Old Testament Scripture. Christ is active in his work as Redeemer. Men are busy preaching, others busy teaching. A nurse brings physical help and spiritual help to such who desperately need both. A school opens to train future pastors and teachers for the work in God's kingdom. All of this is activity closely connected with the Word of our God — the important element without which we would not be a church.

Without the Word our Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod would have no reason to exist. Without it we

could not challenge our congregations to meet the financial crisis facing the church in this time of rampant inflation — inflation on the home field, on the world mission fields, in our worker-training institutions, in our individual Christian homes. It is the Word alone that makes this a challenge worthy of being met.

Reading Luther's two catechisms, as I have been doing the past few months, also brings to our attention that we must be deeply concerned about how we deal with that Word. Every church claims that it builds on the Word, but not all do so. That's why we do well to take to heart some of the words Luther wrote in his discussion of the Ten Commandments. Explaining the Second Commandment, Luther wrote: "But the greatest abuse occurs in spiritual matters, which pertain to the conscience, when false preachers rise up and offer their lying vanities as God's Word." There is no substitute for God's Word, least of all our own thoughts and feelings.

Speaking of the world's attitude toward the Word, he said: "Besides, the Word of God must suffer in the most shameful and malicious manner, being persecuted, blasphemed, contradicted, perverted, and falsely cited and interpreted." Unfortunately, this is not only the world's attitude toward the Word, but an attitude shared by many a church and many a theologian, pastor and teacher. It is a matter that comes to the fore time and time again when we come in contact with men from other church bodies. With such we can therefore have no fellowship, for our first accountability is an accountability to the Word. It is God's Word, not ours to deal with as we wish.

May our activity as a synod, as pastors, teachers, and members, always give evidence that we are taking our accountability toward the Word of our God as seriously as he wants us to!

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

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## The Cover

The aerial view pictures the beautiful cam-  
pus of our Synod's newest worker-training  
school, Martin Luther Preparatory School,  
at Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, along the  
mighty Mississippi. Classes began on Sep-  
tember 4. Dedication is set for October 14.  
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# Editorials

## Careers Don't Provide All The Rewards

People apologize for their jobs, but they are proud of their careers. At least, many young people would believe so.

Those who pursue a career have visions of a rewarding life. They look forward to doing something more challenging and interesting than holding down a job. A career, they believe, is the ultimate source of fulfillment.

Many women also, even wives and mothers, have been captivated by the dream of a "self-fulfilling" career and have written off the satisfactions of home and family. Many of them will be disappointed. Their hopes run aground on some unpleasant facts of life. Economic growth in the U.S. is slowing considerably; many of today's popular careers are already overcrowded or are becoming so; and career dissatisfaction regularly strikes people in their late thirties or early forties. Most distressing is the fact that "many of today's young careerists will have no family to provide an alternative source of meaning and emotional support. The divorce and separation rate is very high among the generation of rising careerists" (Paul C. Vitz, *Psychology as Religion*).

When God ordained that women can have no greater career than to be wives and mothers, he was not concerned only about propagation of the race. He was also concerned about human happiness. Earthly careers are just too weak an ideal on which to rest all the hopes of rewards and satisfaction that self-centered individuals are seeking. Even many in the small group who do succeed find success unsatisfying, even bleak and empty.

God gave women home and family as one of his greatest earthly gifts. Before long those who neglect or even disdain these blessings in order to pursue a "self-fulfilling" career may well become aware that they have sacrificed the greater blessings that God would give them. And all too soon it is too late to retrieve them, and for many the years of regret are long.

Carleton Toppe

## Subordinate, But Important

Certain words in our vocabulary used in certain contexts have a way of conveying negative impressions. Take the word *secretary*. Used in a sentence to describe the activities of the Secretary of State the word is a strong word. It refers to an office of power and influence capable of touching lives in every corner of the world. But used in another context the word can take on a somewhat negative shade of meaning. The individual in the office might be ever so efficient and vital to the business at hand. But the position of secretary in the office is seen by some to be a position of weakness because it can convey the idea of subordination.

*Subordinate* is another of those words that easily conveys a negative impression. When we speak of someone

being subordinate, our minds easily make the mistake of thinking that the subordinate person is a person of lesser importance. Maybe this accounts for some of our difficulty with the biblical passages which speak about the subordinate role of women. It is clear that 1 Corinthians 11:8,9 speaks about a subordinate role for women: "For man did not come from woman, but woman from man; neither was man created for woman, but woman for man." Our problem is not so much with the concept of subordination spoken of in the passage as it is with the negative connotation which that word subordinate conveys to us. We assume that subordination automatically means a position of lesser importance.

But subordinate, despite the dictionary definition, does not necessarily mean of lesser importance. That was demonstrated in a vivid way recently when a large tree in the neighborhood blew over during a windstorm. The tree had always appeared sturdy. The trunk which supported the branches appeared to be straight and strong. And yet the tree blew over in the wind. Why? Because an unseen (subordinate?) support system beneath the ground had weakened. To the untrained eye the supporting root system did not seem nearly as important as the visible trunk. But when the moment of truth came for that tree, the importance of the subordinate system of support became very obvious. Both the trunk and the root system had to be strong and working interdependently for the whole tree to function and survive. Subordinate does not always mean of lesser importance.

Kent E. Schroeder

## No Change Evident

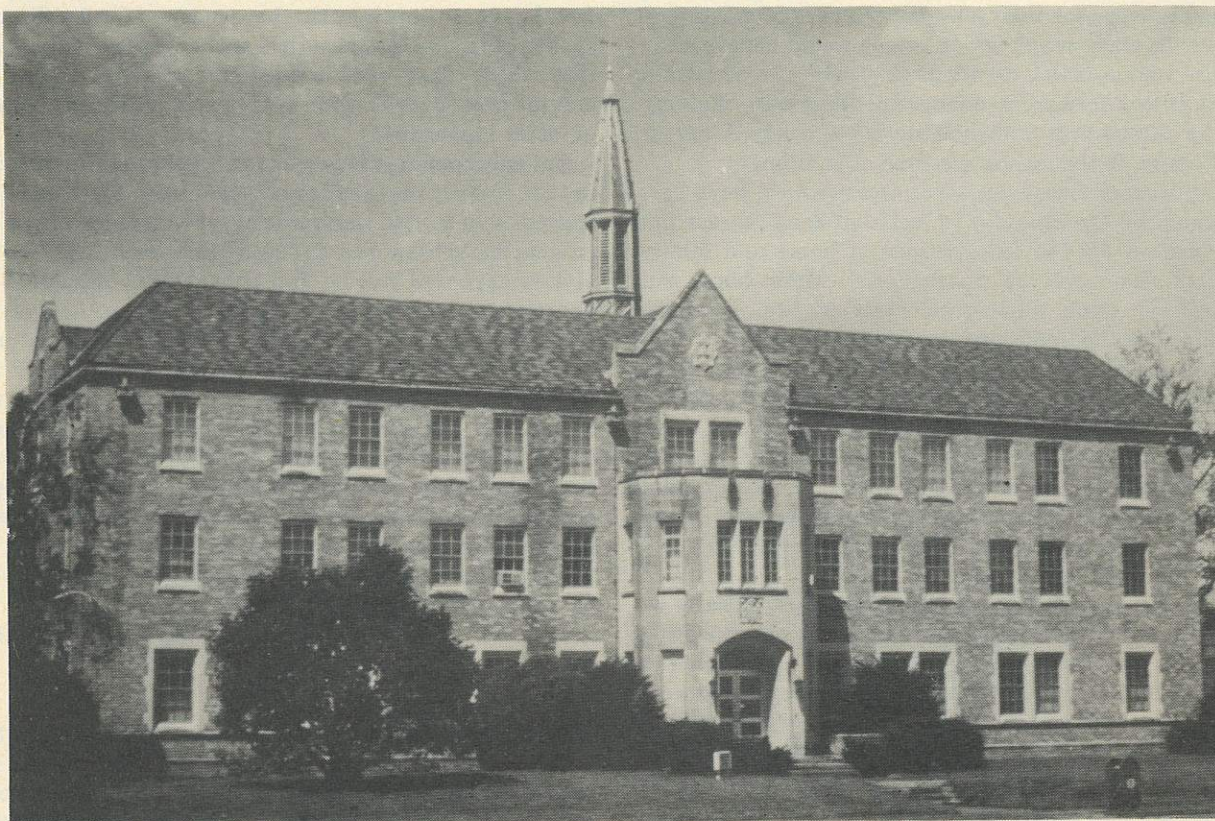
In 1971 the Religious News Service reported: "The Vatican has rejected a request by a group of lay Roman Catholics and Protestants here [Worms, West Germany] to rescind the papal order of excommunication issued against Martin Luther 450 years ago." The edict, issued by Pope Leo X in 1520, branded Luther a heretic and pronounced him excommunicated if he did not recant his teachings. Luther's teachings remained unacceptable in 1971.

The passing of eight years hasn't changed the picture. Religious News Service reports that leaders of the Lutheran World Federation, meeting in Joinville, Brazil, were told by a representative of the Vatican secretariat for promoting Christian unity that a growing number of Roman Catholic theologians "believe that the *Augsburg Confession* can be interpreted in a Catholic way." The Roman Church, thus, cannot accept the *Augsburg Confession* as it stands. It must be interpreted in a Catholic way.

We can understand the reluctance of the Catholic Church to recognize the *Augsburg Confession* as is. It would have no trouble accepting articles such as "Of God," "Of Baptism," or "Of Christ's Return to Judgment." But it couldn't remain Roman Catholic and accept articles such as "Of Good Works," "Of the Worship of the Saints," "Of the Marriage of Priests," "Of the Mass," or "Of Monastic Vows." Rome remains consistent. We on our part will continue to accept the *Augsburg Confession* as is. It's Scriptural!

H. Wicke

## Passing the Torch!



Administration and Classroom Building

The light of the Gospel is passed from generation to generation. The new Martin Luther Preparatory School in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, will serve our generation and those after us in passing on the torch, the light of the Gospel.

A significant date in the establishment of this new school was August 17, 1979, at 3:10 P.M., when the MLPS Interim Committee passed the torch it had been bearing for the school to its newly elected board of control. The torch was passed with the prayer that the Lord's rich blessings would rest upon this school, its purpose, its students, its faculty and board.

August 17 followed by a year and two days the date when the sale of these facilities was formally closed and they became the property of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Syn-

od. What a bargain this transaction has proved to be! Situated on 108 acres, nestled in the hills overlooking the Mississippi River running through the heart of our nation, the campus complex includes a newly renovated administration-academic-library building, three dormitories, a spacious dining hall and kitchen, two gymnasiums together with an indoor swimming pool, a large chapel as the center of student worship life, and various other service buildings. These facilities, purchased at a cost of \$2.8 million, are now insured by the Synod for more than \$14 million.

The intervening year has been a busy one as plans were implemented for occupancy in the 1979-80 school year by Martin Luther Preparatory School. The preparations required more than 20 full days of meetings by

the so-called Interim Committee appointed by the Synod's Commission on Higher Education. The Advisory Building Committee of the Commission, the Board of Trustees, the General Board for Home Missions, and the faculty of Martin Luther Preparatory School all give their wholehearted cooperation to the completion of the project.

A key decision after careful architectural and engineering studies was to remodel the administration building for academic-library purposes and to plan the eventual demolition of the oldest building on campus, erected in 1909, formerly used as a classroom and library building. Coupled with this was the decision to use from the outset the large dining hall and kitchen. In retrospect this proved to be an especially fortuitous decision, since

the alternative would have provided only for a maximum of up to 350 students. Now all of the facilities are geared for an enrollment from 550 to 600 students.

Many hours of volunteer labor have gone into this year of preparation: talented ladies sewed 105 sets of drapes; men, women, and children joined in a campus cleanup last fall on October 7 and again on August 25 of this year. Members of the faculty and staff and even their relatives have worked tirelessly. Many willing hands have contributed to the overall effort.

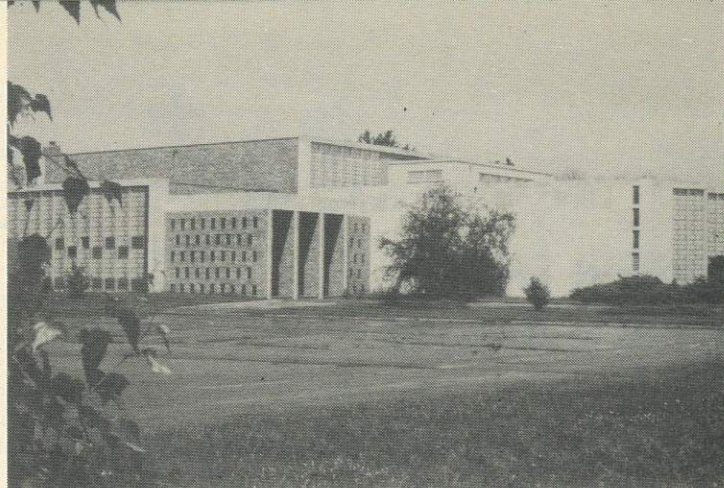
The total cost of remodeling the administration-academic-library building, of updating the student dining hall and kitchen, including provisions for the handicapped, of dividing the locker-shower areas in the gymnasium to accommodate both boys and girls, of revising a dormitory formerly housing boys to allow for occupancy by girls has been done at a cost slightly over \$900,000. It is hoped that the greater part of the cost of this renovation program will be provided by a dedicatory thankoffering of God's people throughout the Synod.

Preparation of these facilities has not been accomplished without problems, and perhaps the most perplexing has been the inability to complete as scheduled the residences for the members of the faculty. Homes that were to be completed by July 1 for reasons too numerous to mention were not ready for occupancy by the time school began. Members of the faculty and their families were extremely patient and cooperative.

Even though the purchase of the school was generally recognized as a bargain by the Synod, one of the questions that persisted was whether its location would make it difficult to recruit and enroll students. Again, the of God have answered this concern. At this time the projected enrollment is in the 360s, placing the school five years ahead of its projections. The unexpected numbers have caused additional problems, pleasant problems, but we expect that the Lord who gave them will resolve them.

The torch of this school will have been officially ignited in its first opening service on September 4. May she ever burn brightly!

Another passing of the torch will



One of the Two Gymnasiums



The Chapel Building

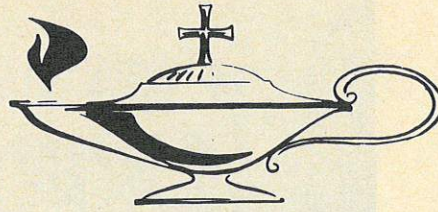
take place on October 14, 1979, as these facilities will be dedicated to the glory of God, and their stewardship is formally presented to the people of our Synod. It will be a day to be remembered.

The dedication speaker in the service at four in the afternoon will be the newly elected president of our Synod, Pastor Carl Mischke. Guests are invited to take part earlier in the day in the morning services at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00, to be conducted in the student chapel by the new mission congregation which has been established in Prairie du Chien, using the facilities of our campus. The noon meal will be served at cost. Tours will be conducted both before and after the dedication service, from 1:00 to 3:00 and from 5:00 to 7:00. The evening meal, with a free-will offering, will be provided for all guests on campus. We invite you to come and join your fellow Christians in taking up the torch at our newest

worker training school in Prairie du Chien.

When the president of the United States on his vacation cruise down the Mississippi recently visited Prairie du Chien, the *Courier Press* stated, "Things at Prairie du Chien will never be the same." It was a new experience for thousands who lined the streets of Prairie du Chien to welcome their president. We expect thousands again to visit the city and to overrun the campus on another historic day, October 14. With the establishment of this school in Prairie du Chien, we pray that the light of the gospel may be reflected by our school in this city so that it will never again be the same.

Let Martin Luther Preparatory School bear the torch nobly, presenting it to our children and to their children in the decades to come! Bearing that torch, our future pastors and teachers through their Christian witness will be lights to lighten the world.



## **Studies in God's Word**

### **Jesus Christ The Giver of the Spirit**

**It is expedient for you that I go away, for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment. Of sin, because they believe not on me; of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged (John 16:7-11).**

Christians throughout all ages have confessed the mystery of the Trinity. We believe and confess that there are three distinct persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Yet there are not three Gods but one God, the Triune God. Admittedly, the Bible does not use the term "triune" to describe this mystery, but in many places Scripture speaks both of the distinction that is maintained among the three persons as well as the complete unity and harmony that exist among them.

A case in point is Jesus' teaching on Maundy Thursday. There Jesus can speak of the Spirit as one "whom the Father will send in my name" (John 14:26). But in the same discourse he tells the disciples of the Comforter "whom I will send you from the Father" (15:26). This is not a contradiction but an indication of the inseparably close relationship of Father, Son, and Spirit. The Father and the Son send; the Spirit goes.

#### **The Spirit Glorifies Christ**

From this it is obvious that the Spirit does not operate independently or in such a way as to further his own interests. It is important to remember this in

our day when many feel that receiving special gifts from the Spirit is really an end in itself. They feel that having the gift of speaking in tongues or performing healings is a necessary proof of being a full-fledged child of God

It is significant therefore that Jesus, the Sender of the Spirit, says, "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth is come, he will guide you into all truth; for he shall not speak of himself (i.e., on his own initiative or in his own interests), but... he shall glorify me" (John 16:13,14). And how does the Spirit glorify Christ? Jesus says, "When he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment" (16:8). At first sight that might not seem to be glorifying Christ. Hence Jesus explains more fully. He says that the Spirit will reprove the world "of sin, because they believe not on me" (v. 9).

#### **Sin**

The world does not deny the existence of sin. It will admit that murder, adultery, and theft are wrong. It will admit that such sins should be eradicated from men's lives. But the world is still mistaken about sin, for it thinks that by making men less sinful it can bring them closer to God. It does not realize that the damning sin is that of not believing in Christ. When the jailer at Philippi anxiously inquired, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" Paul did not tell him to refrain from sinning and to lead a better life. He urged him rather, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31). Faith in Christ saves. Rejecting him in unbelief damns.

#### **Righteousness**

To the world that does not seem right, and the reason why it seems all

wrong is because the world does not understand righteousness. Hence Jesus must send the Holy Spirit to reprove the world "of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more" (v. 10). Keep in mind that Jesus spoke these words on Maundy Thursday as He was about to be betrayed to his enemies. He would be captured and crucified like a common criminal. He looked like an unrighteous malefactor. Scripture plainly informs us, however, that his innocent blood was shed not for himself but for sinful men whom he had come from heaven to save. Christ's substitutionary death paid the sinner's debt. It provided the righteousness that the sinner himself could not provide. And the clearest indication that this righteousness was acceptable before God is to be seen in the fact that the Father raised his Son from death. Christ's resurrection and his return to heaven at his ascension, so that we "see him no more," are unmistakable proof that he provides the righteousness which men need before God.

#### **Judgment**

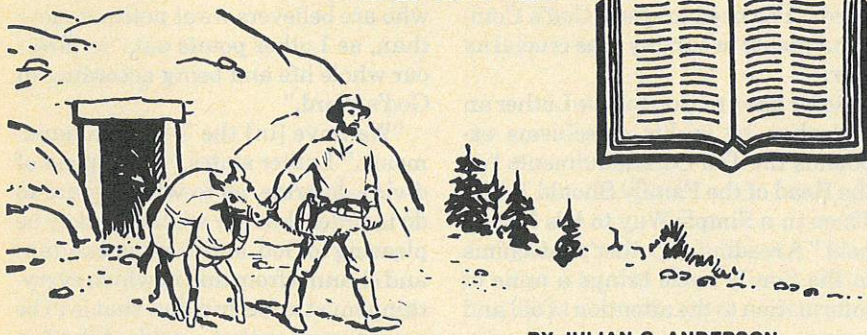
That all men must one day stand before God in judgment is the third great truth which the Spirit teaches the world. This judgment will make it clear that there is no such thing as spiritual neutrality. Men are either children of light or children of darkness. They belong to Christ or to Satan, the prince of this world. It is therefore a most earnest message that the Spirit brings when he reproves the world "of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged" (v. 11).

Though the Spirit's message is earnest, yet it is also "expedient" (v. 7), for it is the voice of a gracious God speaking to men during their time of grace. While there yet is time, the Spirit bids men to turn from the prince of this world and in faith to accept the One who alone can avert God's just anger and shield them in the day of judgment. The Spirit leads men to Christ. That is why Jesus said, "He shall glorify me." There can be no grander blessing for us or greater glory for Christ than to have the Holy Spirit teach us to say:

*"Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness  
My beauty are, my glorious dress."*

Armin J. Panning

# Mining the Treasure of God's Word



BY JULIAN G. ANDERSON

## Luke 2:21-38

Today we pick up our story exactly where we left it at the end of the last lesson — right after Jesus' birth in Bethlehem. Open up, then, to

### Luke 2:21

First, you may want to reread what was said about circumcision in Luke 1:59 (August 19). Luke emphasizes the fact that this must be done on the eighth day (see Genesis 17:12). And this was a most important act, for it was the first act in our Savior's perfect fulfillment of the Law for every one of us, what we call his *active* obedience (see Matthew 5:17). And as we noted in Luke 1:59-63, it was at that time that the child was given the name which the angel had given him at the announcement to Mary (1:31). Since the baby was only eight days old, the family must still have been staying in Bethlehem.

### Now Turn To 2:22-38

Verse 22 mentions two different ceremonies. The first concerned the mother of the new-born child. According to Leviticus 12:1-5, the mother of a male child was considered "unclean" ceremonially for 40 days, meaning that she couldn't enter the Temple courts during that time. If the child was a daughter, she was unclean for 80 days. This was the time mentioned in verse 22a. And Leviticus 12:6-8 specified that after her period of cleansing was over, she must go to Jerusalem and present a lamb as a burnt-offering (sig-

nifying self consecration to the Lord), and a pigeon or dove as a sin-offering (signifying repentance). And if she was poor, she could bring just two turtle-doves or young pigeons (see v. 24; this tells us something about the economic status of the young couple). As God-fearing Israelites, Joseph took Mary to Jerusalem to fulfill this obligation 40 days after Jesus' birth. In all probability they had stayed on in Bethlehem during this 40-day period.

The second ceremony involved Jesus, Mary's first-born son. According to Exodus 13:1-15 all first-born children were to be regarded as belonging to the Lord, to be his special servants, as a perpetual reminder that on the night of the exodus the Lord had saved all the firstborn in Israel. But while the Israelites were still at Mt. Sinai God selected the tribe of Levi to be his special servants in place of the firstborn (Numbers 3:5-13, esp. v. 12), and after this all the firstborn had to be redeemed (Exodus 13:15). In Jesus' day the ransom price for this was five shekels, which would have a value today of at least \$500.00. This money was divided up among the priests and Levites as their "salary." Normally the firstborn was presented to the Lord, as belonging to him and then redeemed at the same time as the mother brought her sacrifice (vv. 22-24). In Jesus' case this was the second instance of his perfect fulfillment of the Law as our Substitute.

This was also Jesus' first consecration service, when he was formally consecrated or set aside as God's Servant,

sent to redeem all men and women (see Isaiah 42:1-4).

Verses 25-35 introduce us to another pious, God-fearing Israelite (v. 25). Note the special promise God had given him in verse 26, and also the fact that here the word Christ was used as Jesus' *titel*, and should be translated "Messiah," which is the underlying Hebrew word. The NIV is the only version that notes the fact that Simeon went into the Temple *courts*, or yard, on the same day that Joseph and Mary and Jesus went there to do the things required by the Law (above). His hymn of praise in verses 29;32 is shorter than Zechariah's, but the two are similar in tone and thought. This is also in the form of poetry, praising God for sending the Savior as he had promised (hi-lite "Savior" which is the key word here). Simeon also speaks of Jesus as the *Light* of the world (v. 32). Note that both Simeon and Zechariah speak of Jesus as the Savior of all the nations (v. 32 and 1:79), which is the main theme of Luke's Gospel. Simeon's words to Mary were prophetic, speaking of the rejection of Jesus by the Jews (vv. 34 and 35) and his crucifixion (v. 35). This is the first glimpse of the cross in Luke's Gospel, and it comes when Jesus was only 40 days old! Simeon's words about Jesus being the cause of the falling and rising of many in Israel calls attention to a most important fact, namely, that no person who hears the gospel message can escape its eternal consequences. Either one *believes* the message and *rises* to eternal Life, or he *rejects* it and *falls* into eternal condemnation (Mark 16:16). And when Simeon called Jesus a "sign" (v. 34), he was probably referring to Isaiah 7:14 where the word "sign" refers either to Jesus' birth or to Jesus Himself.

In verses 36-38 we meet still another pious Israelite, Anna (Hannah in Hebrew). See especially verse 37. She also recognized Jesus as the promised Savior and spoke of him to all who were in the Templeyard (v. 38).

By now you have become familiar with Luke's method of approach. He is painting many little portraits of Jesus as seen through the eyes of certain selected individuals who saw him, most of them pious, God-fearing Israelites, and all of them are interesting characters.

## The Ten Commandments

In an article no longer than this, it is impossible to summarize adequately what Luther says in his two catechisms about the Ten Commandments. These words are therefore simply meant to whet your appetite. Be assured that reading what Luther has to say will prove to be an eye opener, particularly considering the times in which we live.

Luther's days were somewhat different — and then again they were not! God's will as revealed in his Ten Commandments had definitely been given second place. First place had been given to the good deeds commanded by the church — fasts, pilgrimages, vows, indulgences, masses. Anyone who has recently visited Rome, however, will realize that things have not really changed. Luther's point in exalting what "a poor girl" does when she "tends a little child" is still in order. Why? Because that's included in God's commandment.

In our own day men have likewise placed their own notions above God's commandments. Many pride themselves in championing the cause of ecology, in protesting the building of nuclear power plants, in rallying against capital punishment. But many of these same people see nothing wrong in appropriating the property of others,

in having an abortion, in defying the government, or in using four-letter words. The need to study God's Commandments in our day is as crucial as ever.

So we have reason to give Luther an ear when he in his catechisms expounds the Ten Commandments "as the Head of the Family Should Teach Them in a Simple Way to His Household." A reading of Luther's catechisms in the family circle brings a mine of information to the attention of old and young.

Luther particularly had the young Christian in mind. If he said it once, he said it a dozen times: "Therefore, above all things, our young people should have this [and every] commandment earnestly enforced upon them. . . ." Elders and parents have a job cut out for them. "It is the duty of every father of a family," Luther wrote, "to question and examine his children and servants at least once a week and to ascertain what they know of it [the catechism], or are learning, and, if they do not know it, to keep them faithfully at it."

Some suggest that Luther says more than he ought to when he explains and illustrates the simple words of the commandments at such length. Not so! Just read Matthew 5-7, Jesus' Ser-

mon on the Mount, and you will notice that our Lord does the same. Luther followed the best of models.

But doesn't Paul say that Christians are free from the Law? From its curse, yes! but not from its commands. God's will does not change, and we who are believers want nothing more than, as Luther points out, "to direct our whole life and being according to God's Word."

"We have [in] the Ten Commandments," Luther states, "a compend of divine doctrine, as to what we are to do in order that our whole life may be pleasing to God, and the true fountain and channel from and in which everything must arise and flow that is to be a good work, so that outside of the Ten Commandments no work or thing can be good or pleasing to God, however great or precious it be in the eyes of the world."

A study of the Ten Commandments as expounded by Luther in his Small Catechism and his Large Catechism is not a waste of time. As long as we have an old Adam, we need his down-to-earth words and illustrations. And because we are believers, we want to know God's will and live according to it. Next to Scripture, Luther's words on the Ten Commandments bring us face to face with God's unchanging will.

His catechisms are gems to this day. If you don't have them, buy them — and then read them!

H. Wicke

## From Child Evangelist to Lutheran Missionary



It was a long way from a house ministry in Mexico City to Cristo Redentor (Christ the Redeemer) Church in Cd. Juárez. It was a distance not to be measured in miles, but in time and conviction. For a child it was a journey that started as a Pentecostal-type evangelist, led to the Evangelical Institute in Mexico City for basic Bible training, continued with pastorates in Mexico City and Tlaxcala among the Baptists and Methodists, but ultimately led to the Lutheran Church and further instruction at our Lutheran Seminary in El Paso, Texas.

This is the story that led up to the installation and ordination service for Candidate Josué Saucedo Ayala, held on April 1, 1979, at Cristo Redentor, Cd. Juárez, Mexico. On this day, as he stood before his seminary professor,



## Charlotte Albrecht Commissioned



Pastor A. Mennicke Commissioning Miss Albrecht

St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, was the setting, July 1, 1979, for the consecration service for Miss Charlotte Albrecht, R.N., as nurse at the Mwembezhi Lutheran Dispensary, Zambia.

The Reverend Robert J. Voss, executive secretary of the Commission on Higher Education, preached the sermon. Using as his text Proverbs 25:25, he spoke on "Pouring Out Cool Water For Weary Souls." In introducing the topic he said, "Among many bumper stickers there is an intriguing one which bids us 'Love a Nurse.' If you ever have been seriously ill, you can ap-

preciate that sticker. We are all here tonight because we love a nurse." In asking the question, "Just what will you be doing?" he answered, "We commission you tonight for the noble service of pouring out cool water for weary souls." In referring to numerous Old and New Testament illustrations he pointed out that cool water has been poured out in abundance for us through the redeeming love of our God assuring us of the good news that "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

the Rev. Rupert Eggert, and vowed faithfulness to the Word of God and the Lutheran Confessions, he became the fifth pastor of the Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Church in Mexico and the second man called to work among his countrymen in Mexico's fifth largest city.

The Rev. Vicente Guillén, pastor of Cristo Redentor, served as liturgist for the service. The Scripture lessons were read by Pastor Gary L. Pieper, Missioner to Mexico, and the sermon was preached by Pastor David Chichía, president of the CELC. Pastor Rupert Eggert performed the rite of ordination. Also present for the laying on of hands was Pastor em. Paul C. Eggert.

Choosing words from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (4:1ff), Pastor Chichía directed his message to

Candidate Saucedo and the congregation. He spoke of Candidate Saucedo as a follower of Christ and an ambassador of the mysteries of God, encouraging him to a faithful ministry in preaching Christ crucified for the salvation of lost souls.

Pastor Saucedo is married to the former Yolanda Roldán of Mexico City. They are the parents of four sons, Jonatán, Natanael, Josué and Enrique. Pastor Saucedo is called to preach the good news and gather a congregation of the faithful in two areas of Cd. Juárez: Colonia Altavista and Colonia Felipe Angeles.

May God bless the ministry of his servant who has been called to serve by sharing Christ with his countrymen as "the way, the truth and the life."

Gary L. Pieper

The speaker continued, "It is the need for this water that has led us to Africa. By God's invitation and direction and blessing we have taken the water of life to the weary there. What a great mission! Weary people drinking cold water!" Speaking to the nurse he said, "Now you have the privilege of joining that mission in a very special way. They are weary with physical problems. You will help them, giving them refreshing water. They will learn to 'love a nurse' as they experience your love. Moreover, their spiritual weariness will be met too. We are not there just for social welfare."

He illustrated this with the example of the poisonous serpents in the wilderness. "Look and live!" "The look of faith stopped the poison. The look of faith brought cool water to weary souls. Pouring out cool water for weary souls will be your privilege. That's good news from the United States through you to Africa." He concluded, "Good news will come to us from a distance through your reports and letters. Good news from a distance will come to you through our support and our prayers for your mission. Above all, good news through your mission will come from a distant land, from earth to heaven. He will watch over you and keep you and bless you."

Liturgist for the service was the host pastor, Ronald K. Heins. The nurse's father, James Albrecht, was the organist. The rite of consecration was read by Pastor Arnold L. Mennicke, chairman of the Executive Committee for Central Africa.

Miss Albrecht is the daughter of James and Helen Albrecht. She attended St. John's Lutheran School and Wisconsin Lutheran High School. Her desire to become a registered nurse was realized when in 1975 she was graduated from Milwaukee County School of Nursing. From August 1977 to February 1979, in preparation for work in an African setting, she was in the Frontier Nursing Service in the Appalachian Mountain country of southeastern Kentucky. On her way to Africa Miss Albrecht spent a week attending the Institute of Child Health in London, a seminar focusing on special pediatric problems in under-developed countries. She is serving at the Mwembezhi Lutheran Dispensary, Zambia.

A. L. Mennicke

# Milwaukee Hosts LWMS Convention

Wisconsin Lutheran High School, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, was the site of the 16th annual convention of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society on June 22-23, 1979. Hosting the convention were the members of the Milwaukee Metro-North and Metro-South Circuits. Also in charge of displays, they arranged presentations on the various mission fields and mission projects as beautiful as any seen at any previous conventions. And the Lord provided ideal weather.

## Opening Service

At the service on Friday evening, over a thousand voices joined in singing "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty." The guest speaker, Pastor Theodore Sauer, executive secretary of the Board for World Missions, used the convention theme, "They Went Everywhere Preaching the Word," as the basis for his inspirational address. As in the days of the Book of Acts, he stated, so God today scatters his Christians in all directions through job transfers, because of health problems, and for many other reasons. Our home mission fields and our world mission fields have grown substantially because God's people who move to other areas witness to their Christian faith. Not only our called missionaries but our WELS laypeople as well have been busy letting Christ shine forth in their lives and telling others of the joys of salvation and the hope of eternal life.

Liturgist for the service was Pastor James Westendorf, a member of the National LWMS Spiritual Growth Committee. Mrs. Hildegard Fischer served as organist. The Lutheran Chorale, under the direction of Pastor Kurt Eggert, added a special touch of beauty and inspiration to the service.

## Business Meeting

When the convention proper opened at 8:30 Saturday morning, the auditorium was filled to capacity. The overflow watched the proceedings over closed-circuit TV in the school gymnasium. Registrations numbered 1418, representing 42 circuits, 16 states, and two foreign countries. During the past year, 37 congregations have joined the

LWMS and two new circuits were created.

Mrs. Ralph Schmidt chaired the meeting and Miss Louise Tesmer, lawyer and legislator, served the convention as parliamentarian.

One of the highpoints of the convention was reached when it was announced that over the last year the members of the LWMS had contributed \$24,523.10 to the national projects through their mission boxes. Checks of \$12,261.55 each were presented to Pastor Norman Berg (Home Missions) for the Informational Outreach Program and to Pastor Theodore Sauer (World Missions) for the Latin American Mission. The offering at the opening service, in the amount of \$3,451.10, was designated for the Indonesian Equipment Fund. The delegates also voted to give the proceeds of the 1980 mission boxes to the Home Mission Canvass and Survey Fund and to the Language Study Grants Fund (World Missions).

## Elections and Reports

Reelected as president was Mrs. Ralph Schmidt, Oconomowoc, Wisconsin; as treasurer, Mrs. Harold Schmidt, Platteville, Colorado; and as Spiritual Growth Committee Pastor, Walter Westphal, Longmont, Colorado. Mrs. Thomas Litscher of Appleton, Wisconsin, was newly elected as Spiritual Growth Committee Laywoman.

Among other actions, the convention authorized the LWMS National Board to consider invitations to hold national conventions outside the Midwest at intervals of no less than every three

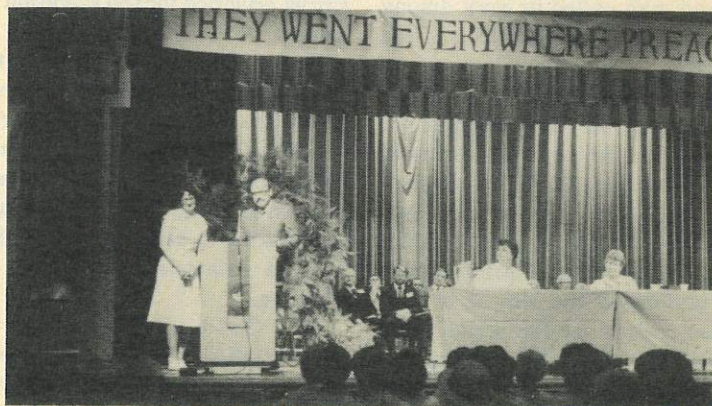
years. A committee is also being appointed to study the proposal to allow absentee voting for the national conventions.

The 1979 TOPICS, it was announced, would carry out the convention theme, "They Went Everywhere Preaching the Word." It will focus on the way Christian laypeople effectively serve the cause of missions when circumstances take them to new or strange areas of the world, as well as when they remain home on their own doorsteps.

Detailed reports, with slide-lectures, were given to the convention on the Mission to the Visually Handicapped, now housed in its permanent home in St. Paul, Minnesota, and on the LWMS Central Office, which uses a room in Good Shepherd's Lutheran School, West Allis, Wisconsin. A greater part of the day was also spent in receiving firsthand reports from three home missionaries and from four in the World Mission Field.

The closing vesper service was conducted by Pastor Larry Ellenberger, National Pastoral Advisor. Basing his word on a portion of 1 Thessalonians 1, he spoke on "Memories and Missions." The memories which the ladies are taking along with them from the convention, he stated, will indeed help keep them "United to Serve Jesus" and to carry out the objectives of the society: "To increase interest in and support mission endeavors which are a part of or in the interest of our Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod."

Mrs. Doris Nehls, Reporter  
Watertown, Wisconsin



Pastor Borgwardt welcoming the convention

## Direct from the Districts

### MINNESOTA

Reporter Del Begalka

#### Groundbreaking in Bloomington

Bloomington Lutheran Church, Bloomington, Minnesota, broke ground for a new school building on May 24, 1979. The 19,250-square-foot building will contain eight classrooms, a gymnasium, a library, offices and a teacher's workroom.

The new school, located in southwest Bloomington, is 7.5 miles from the present church and school. This location was picked so that worship services could be provided to this rapidly expanding area of Bloomington. The new location will also give neighboring WELS congregations easy access to the school. Plans call for these congregations eventually to participate with Bloomington Lutheran in the operation of the school.

The new school is scheduled for completion by January 1, 1980. Worship services will be held in the school at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings.



Bloomington Groundbreaking

Participants in the groundbreaking are, left to right: Mr. Reuben Volk, member of the building committee; Lance Schwartz, CDS student representative; Mr. Kurt Schmidt, principal; Mr. Arvid Schwartz, chairman of building committee; Rev. Mark L. Liesener, pastor; and Mr. Charles Hunt, president of the congregation.

### NORTHERN WISCONSIN

Reporter Harlyn Kuschel

#### 50 Years in God's Service

The 50th year of ordination of Pastor Werner H. Franzmann was observed with a special afternoon service on June 17, 1979. The service was held at St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Montello, Wisconsin, where Pastor and Mrs. Franzmann are members. A son, Pastor Thomas Franzmann of Citrus Heights, California, preached on Isaiah 59:20,21, carrying out the theme: "50 Years — One Man's Ministry Under The Covenant." Another son, Pastor Curtis Franzmann, a professor at Michigan Lutheran High School, St. Joseph, Michigan, conducted the liturgy.

After the service a luncheon was served by the ladies of the congregation. The observance concluded with a program at which Pastor Martin Janke was the master of ceremonies.

Pastor Werner H. Franzmann, the son of Pastor and Mrs. William Franzmann, was born in Lake City, Minnesota, on August 11, 1905. He graduated

from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in 1929, with the last class that received its ministerial training at the Wauwatosa facility.

He was ordained in 1929. After a year as tutor at Northwestern College, he became pastor of Salem Lutheran Church in Coloma, Michigan. In 1942 he accepted a call as professor at Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Saginaw, Michigan, where he taught Religion, English, and Latin for 14 years. During this time he served the Michigan District in various offices.

In 1956 Pastor Franzmann became the first full-time literary editor at Northwestern Publishing House. On the instructions of the Publishing House Board, he organized and initiated the production of our Synod's own devotional booklet, *Meditations*, in 1957. From 1957 to 1968 he was also managing editor of *The Northwestern Lutheran*.

From 1968 to 1972 he served as pastor of Darlington Lutheran Church, Ann Arbor, Michigan. In 1972 he retired because of his wife's health. Since then he and Mrs. Franzmann have made their home near Westfield in central Wisconsin.

Pastor Franzmann has been a member of the Commission on Inter-Church Relations since 1970. Since his retirement he has been writing various

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## Our DMLC Auxiliary

### Evidence of God's Continuing Grace

This is the theme chosen for the 20th annual meeting of the Dr. Martin Luther College Ladies Auxiliary to be held on October 10, 1979, on the campus in New Ulm.

The meeting will begin with a coffee hour in the Luther Memorial Union at 9:30 A.M. The opening devotion will be in the chapel auditorium at 10:30 A.M., after which the business meeting will be held. Lunch will be served at noon followed by tours of projects that have been completed by the ladies' auxiliary. Special music has been written for the occasion, students will provide entertainment, recognition will be given to the past presidents of the auxiliary and Prof. D. Brick will have a short slide presentation of the past projects which total more than \$80,000. A special anniversary booklet has been prepared.

All members of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod are invited to attend this special anniversary meeting.

materials and doing considerable editorial work for the Board for Parish Education. He has also served on three synodical committees.

In 1931 he was united in marriage to Naomi Mayer. The Franzmanns have five children: Elsa (Mrs. Hance Russell), Robert, David, Thomas, and Curtis. They have 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

### A Special Tour

"The WELS Trippers" was the collective name 40 members of our congregations in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and northeastern Wisconsin gave themselves as they set out to learn more about their Synod via a bus tour. The idea was born in a Ladies' Aid meeting in Powers, Michigan. On June 10 and 11 an enthusiastic group of men and women from congregations in Calumet, Escanaba, Bark River, Powers, Menominee and Peshtigo logged 800 miles by Greyhound. The Trippers visited St. Mark's Church, Northwestern College, Trinity Church, Bethesda Home and the Octagon House in Watertown; the new campus of Martin Luther Preparatory School and the Villa Louis in Prairie du Chien; Northwestern Publishing House in Milwaukee; and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon. The trip was tiring: bus calls came at 6:00 A.M. the first day and 6:30 the second day. But all involved felt richly rewarded in being able to learn firsthand how their mission gifts are put to use and how the Lord is blessing us and our Synod through its institutions.

Pastor Philip Kuckhahn writes: "Our people were deeply impressed with the facilities, and with the present need for young men and women to prepare for the preaching and teaching ministries. We are thankful to those who took the time and effort to guide our tours. We especially thank them for stressing the reason for the existence of our WELS institutions — to serve the Lord in preparing workers for his kingdom."

### 90th Anniversary at Hurley

Ninety years of grace was the milestone observed by St. Paul's Congregation of Hurley, Wisconsin, on June 17. The Reverend Walter Hoepner, pastor of St. Paul's, reminded the congregation in the morning service to "Thank God for an Abiding Heritage." A

former pastor, Rev. R. C. Horlamus, conducted the afternoon service; another former pastor, Rev. Marvin Volkmann, used 1 Chronicles 29:10-13 to give "All Glory to God for 90 Years of Grace." The anniversary thank offering was designated for the WELS Committee on Relief.

In 1886, exploratory services that eventually led to the formation of St. Paul's were held in Ironwood, Michigan, by Pastor S. W. Dail. In the fall of 1888 an organizational meeting took place. In August 1889 candidate J. Porish was ordained and installed as the group's first resident pastor. When the Swedish Lutheran Church in Ironwood, which had been used for services, was no longer available, the little group in 1890 purchased the site in Hurley on which the present church is located. This site was chosen because if the church had been built in Ironwood no couple living in Wisconsin could have been married in the church according to the existing laws of Michigan. The church was dedicated in November 1890, rebuilt in 1927, and remodeled in 1967. A 90th anniversary project was the installation of new gas-burning furnace.

St. Paul's first synodical ties were with the Missouri Synod. These connections were severed in 1925. In 1928 the congregation joined the Wisconsin Synod, originally as a member congregation of the Western Wisconsin District. The switch to the Northern Wisconsin District was approved in 1942. Today St. Paul's forms a dual parish with Zion of Mercer.

Pastors who have served St. Paul's during its first 90 years include: J. Porisch; F. Randt; P. Kleinhans; H. Oldag; G. Schroedel; S. Rathke; R. Finster; L. AveLallemant; A. Lucas; E. Falk; C. Bolle; G. Marquart; R. Horlamus; R. Biesmann; A. Geiger; C. Schlei; M. Volkmann; E. Leyrer; T. Spiegelberg; R. Schmidt; and Pastor W. Hoepner since 1972. St. Paul's numbers 121 baptized members, 102 communicants.

SOUTH ATLANTIC  
Reporter Edward Schuppe

### A Ministry of 35 Years

On Sunday, May 6, 1979, Bay Pines Lutheran Church, Seminole, Florida, in

a special service praised God for the 35 years of ministry that he gave to the church at large through the person of Pastor Raymond Wiechmann. Preaching the Word for the occasion was Tampa Bay circuit pastor Joh. Meyer. He based his words on Acts 5:40-42 and asked both Pastor Wiechmann and Bay Pines Congregation: "Are you finding joy in your ministry?"

A fellowship hour followed the congregational meal in the newly erected Memorial Hall. Pastor Meyer served as master of ceremonies. Former vicars at Bay Pines had sent taped messages. The children of the Christian day school entertained with selections from "The Sound of Music."



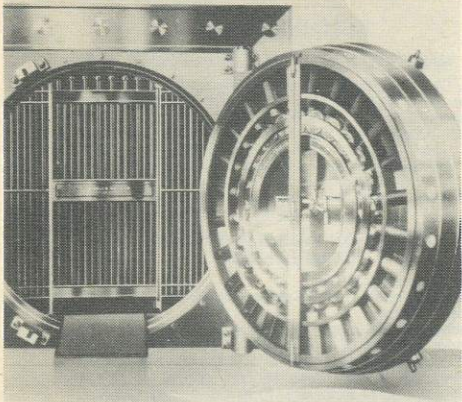
Pastor and Mrs. Wiechmann

The Lord has used Pastor Wiechmann's gifts and abilities particularly in two fields, Home Missions and Christian education. When he began his ministry in 1943 in Lawler, Iowa, he taught in the Christian day school there and started the ELS mission in the neighboring town of New Hampton.

Pastor Wiechmann was instrumental in reopening the Christian day school at Salem Congregation, then Granville, now Milwaukee, Wisconsin, during his pastorate there. He was pastor of St. Lucas Congregation in Milwaukee when that congregation dedicated its new 10-room school in 1962. He was also instrumental in opening Bay Pines Lutheran School in Seminole, Florida, in 1973.

Home Missions is probably the field of labor with which Pastor Wiechmann's name is most often associated. After founding the ELS mission in New Hampton, Iowa, he was called to Monticello, Minnesota, a congregation that attained self-support during his pastorate, 1944-47. After serving Salem (1947-59) and St. Lucas (1959-63), Pastor Wiechmann was called as the

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**Good News — Bad News**

American humor, it is said, runs in cycles. Current news, the latest fad, a popular personality, a "happening" all trigger a round of jokes which eventually subside as the next topic gains prominence. One series of stories currently making the rounds is the good news-bad news jokes. Like the frustrated golfer who is assured in a dream that his good news is that golf courses in heaven have wide fairways, no sand traps of water hazards and constantly sunny skies. The bad news, he is then told, is that he has a tee-time reservation for the following Thursday.

The economic situation in our country is a prime example of the good news-bad news syndrome. On the one hand inflation has caused the value of things we own to soar. On the other hand we all too often find it impossible to realize any benefit from this inflationary increase in value and, in many cases, we are penalized severely because this intangible "gain" is taxable when an asset is sold. There are a number of reasons for selling appreciated assets, such as a need for cash for living expenses or to pay taxes (especially estate taxes) or to buy another asset; to reinvest for higher yield or diversification; concern that the asset will fall in value; sale of a home to buy a larger one as the family grows — or on retirement to move to a different climate; or the sale of a business on retirement.

An individual who finds himself in this situation often feels locked in. However, through wise planning capital gains can sometimes be unlocked with little or no tax — or the tax can be spread over a number of years. There are particular incentives for the Christian steward. Every good steward will want to include in his or her estate plan a provision that directs a portion of his *accumulated* worldly goods to be used to support the work of the church just as he or she does with *disposable* income. By using appreciated property to make what are called Life Income Gifts, the wise planner can assure a meaningful gift and at the same time retain generous benefits for himself and his other heirs. There are three types of Life Income Gifts: 1) the Charitable Gift Annuity, 2) Charitable Remainder Trusts, and 3) Pooled Income Fund gifts. Each of these methods has certain unique advantages and disadvantages depending upon the needs of the person involved. They are not for everybody but, for those whose circumstances make consideration of Life Income Gifts feasible, the advantages are so great that, as one person put it, "even the atheists should use them."

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**Dedication of Martin Luther Preparatory School  
Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin  
October 14, 1979**

**Schedule for the Day:**

*Morning services* in the chapel — 8:00 (for students), 9:30, and 11:00.

*Noon lunch* in the cafeteria — available at cost.

*Guided tours* — 1:00 to 3:00 and 5:00 to 7:00 P.M.

*Cafeteria supper* — freewill offering — 5:00 to 7:00 P.M.

**DEDICATION SERVICE — 4:00 P.M.**

Preacher — President of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

Liturgist — Chairman of the Commission on Higher Education

Dedicator — Chairman of the MLPS Board of Control

**Please note:** Motels and campsites are available in the Prairie du Chien area as well as in the La Crosse, Wisconsin, and Dubuque, Iowa, areas. It is suggested that reservations be made at an early date. — No accommodations will be available for guests in the school dormitories.

## Districts (continued)

first Executive Secretary of Home Missions. In 1966 he accepted the call to Bay Pines in Seminole, Florida. Bay Pines has since become self-supporting and has started daughter missions in Clearwater and Holiday, Florida. When the Gulf-Atlantic Mission District was formed in 1969, Pastor Wiechmann was elected chairman of the new mission board. He served in that office until elected president of the newly formed South Atlantic District in 1973.

In 1945 Pastor Wiechmann married Miriam Schaefer. The Lord has blessed them with four children: Tim, Philip, Joel and Peggy.

The Lord has richly blessed Pastor Wiechmann during the 35 years of his ministry and has richly blessed the church through that ministry. That men hear that gospel and are converted and made heirs of eternal life is not the achievement of a man, but the work of the Holy Ghost as he uses men to proclaim that gospel. That is what gives joy in the ministry!

M. Boehme

**WESTERN WISCONSIN**  
Reporter Harold Sturm

### Teacher E. Wehausen 40 Years in Teaching Ministry

On Ascension Day, May 24, 1979, Pastor Donald Bitter reminded his congregation, St. Paul's of Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin, of the ascended Lord's promise in Ephesians 4:7-12 to provide pastors and teachers for his church. He then led his congregation in thanking God for fulfilling this promise in the person of Mr. Edgar Wehausen, who served the Lord for 40 years in the teaching ministry.

Mr. Wehausen was born May 19, 1918, to John Wehausen and his wife Louise Manske in the Town of Liberty, Manitowoc County, Wisconsin. Mr. Wehausen is a graduate of Dr. Martin Luther High School, New Ulm, Minnesota, and of Dr. Martin Luther College.

Mr. Wehausen has had the privilege of feeding God's lambs at Immanuel Lutheran, Kewaunee; St. Peter's Lutheran, Fond du Lac; and St. John's Lutheran, Fox Lake, Wisconsin. He began teaching at St. Paul's, Fort Atkinson, in 1944.

On June 11, 1955, he was united in marriage with Shirley Fandrei. The Wehausens have two children, Martin and Margaret.

St. Paul's Congregation is sincerely grateful to God for the gift he has given in the person of Edgar Wehausen. Dedicated to his calling of leading little ones to the Lord, Mr. Wehausen has carried out his work conscientiously. The members of St. Paul's have been greatly blessed by sitting at the feet of this Christian teacher. God bless him and his family!

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## NOTICE

The regular plenary session of the Board of Trustees scheduled for September 10-11, 1979 has been canceled.

The next regular plenary session of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for

October 15-16, 1979.

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

## CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES

### DAKOTA-MONTANA

#### EASTERN FALL PASTORAL CONFERENCE

**Date:** October 16-17, 1979; 10:00 a.m.  
**Place:** Faith Lutheran Church, Huron, South Dakota.

**Preacher:** G. Johnson; E. Gieschen, alternate.  
**Agenda:** Exegesis of Titus 1: D. Linn; Exegesis of Psalm 2: T. Zurling; Isagogical Study of Hosea: W. Rouse; Homiletical study of Revelation 22:6-21: R. Gurge; Original Sin and Free Will in Reference to Articles I and II of the Formula of Concord: W. Allwardt; The Sanctity of the Divine Call: D. Hayes; Historical Background to the Apostles' Creed: E. Gieschen.

**Note:** Any requests for accommodations should be sent to the host pastor.

D. Schmidt, Secretary

#### DISTRICT TEACHERS' CONFERENCE

**Date:** October 10-12, 1979; 1:00 p.m.  
**Place:** St. Paul's Lutheran School, Stevensville, MI  
**Service:** 7:30 p.m. Thursday, October 11, at St. Paul's, Stevensville.

**Agenda:** **Wednesday:** Devotion; Business Meeting; Teaching Good Study Habits: Dr. Harry Gudmundson; Reports. **Thursday:** Devotion; Business Meeting; Seminars; Choir Rehearsal. **Friday:** Devotion; Business Meeting; What Is the Place of Women in the Church? Prof. W. Gawrisch.

K. C. Kasten, Secretary

## MINNESOTA

### MANKATO PASTORAL CONFERENCE

**Date:** October 2, 1979; 9:00 a.m. Communion service.  
**Place:** St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, St. Clair, Minnesota.  
**Preacher:** P. Hanke; alternate, L. Holz.  
**Agenda:** Exegesis of 1 Corinthians 3 (completion); T. Kutz; The Doctrine Of The Universal Priesthood Of All Believers As It Applies To Organized Lay Evangelism: V. Voss; Casuistry.  
**Note:** Please excuse full or parttime to the host pastor, Wernor E. Wagner, Secretary

### REDWOOD FALLS PASTORAL CONFERENCE

**Date:** October 2, 1979.  
**Place:** St. John's, Lake Benton, Minnesota; P. Alliet, host pastor.  
**Preacher:** R. Hellmann; O. Lemke, alternate.  
**Agenda:** *Formula of Concord*, Art. V.; R. Schwerin; Exegesis of 1 Corinthians 1:1-31; O. Lemke; The Relation of the Public Ministry to the Universal Priesthood of Believers: Prof. T. Hartwig; Conference Business.

R. Hellmann, Secretary

### RED WING PASTORAL CONFERENCE

**Date:** October 16, 1979; 9:00 a.m.  
**Place:** Immanuel, La Crescent (South Ridge), Minnesota; J. J. Ruppel, host pastor.  
**Preacher:** R. Frenz; M. Doelger, alternate.  
**Agenda:** Exegesis of Romans 2:17-29; R. Kuznicki; Exegesis of Zechariah 10: W. Hoyer; Dr. Francis Schaeffer: A. Kienetz; Jehovah's Witnesses: L. Hohenstein.

R. Kuznicki, Secretary

### DISTRICT TEACHERS' CONFERENCE

**Date:** October 18-19, 1979; 9:30 a.m.  
**Place:** Trinity, Nicollet, Minnesota.  
**Agenda:** Use of the Catechism: T. Hartwig; Charismatic Movement: O. Lindholm; Counseling in the Elementary School: B. Staab; Education Sectionals: Science, Music, Bible Translations, Sports, Kindergarten, Learning Centers.

B. Leier, Secretary

## NEBRASKA

### FALL COLORADO PASTORAL CONFERENCE

**Date:** October 2-3, 1979.  
**Place:** Shepherd of the Hills, Greeley, Colorado; L. Lemke, host pastor.  
**Preacher:** H. Hagedorn; N. Mielke, alternate.  
**Agenda:** Tract Ministry: W. Goehring; An Exegetical Study of Acts 19:1-7; R. Kaiser; An Isagogical Study of Revelation 19-22; J. Jaeger; Reports.  
**Note:** Please send requests for lodging to the host pastor.

M. Cares, Secretary

### ROSEBUD PASTORAL CONFERENCE

**Date:** October 9, 1979.  
**Place:** St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Brewster, Nebraska; T. Wendt, host pastor.  
**Preacher:** D. Waage.  
**Agenda:** A Doctrinal Examination of 20th Century Methodism: T. Wendt; An Exegesis of 1 Corinthians 11:11-16: D. Kolterjahn.

T. Wendt, Secretary

### NEBRASKA-DAKOTA-MONTANA TEACHERS' CONFERENCE

**Date:** October 11-12, 1979.  
**Place:** St. Paul's Lutheran, Rapid City, South Dakota.  
**Agenda:** The Application of the 9th and 10th Commandments to the Lives of the Children: Pastor D. Weiser; Discipline in the Christian Day School: Prof. J. Isch (DMLC); Sectionals: Kindergarten in the Multigrade Classroom: Mrs. R. Freese; Newspapers as a Teaching Tool in the Classroom: F. Horn; Teaching the Remedial Child, Methods and Resources: F. Haferman and J. Hewitt; Reports; Conference Business.

F. Haferman, Secretary

## PACIFIC NORTHWEST

### JOINT PASTOR-TEACHER CONFERENCE

**Date:** October 10-12, 1979.  
**Place:** Vancouver, British Columbia; host: WELS Mission; S. Korth, pastor.  
**Communion Service:** Thursday at 10:00 a.m.  
**Preacher:** R. Gerke; alternate, B. Goldbeck.  
**Agenda:** Pastors: Homiletical Study of Matthew 22:34-46; G. Peters; Exegetical Study of Galatians: M. Teske; How Should We Respond to the Theology of Hollywood and TV? D. Bruemmer; Teachers: The Changing Role of Kindergarten: L. Lobeda and C. Butler; Paper on Social Studies: Guest Speaker; Joint: How Involved Should a Spouse Be in Her Husband's Ministry? N. Meier; What Makes a Good Devotion? W. Lemke.

**Note:** Please let host pastor know of your lodging needs; excuses are to be sent to him also.

J. Enstad and G. Ditter, Secretaries

## NORTHERN WISCONSIN

### MISSIONARIES' CONFERENCE

Date: October 1-2, 1979.

Place: University Lutheran Chapel, Houghton, Michigan; M. Hanneman, host pastor.

Preacher: K. Kuenzel; D. Fleming, alternates.

Agenda: Lay Evangelism: M. Hanneman; Hospital Ministry: I. Boettcher.

Note: Contact host pastor for lodging.

T. Trapp

## SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN

### WISILLOWA PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: October 1-2, 1979, noon to noon.

Place: Beautiful Savior, Marquette Heights, Illinois.

Preacher: D. Kolosovsky.

Agenda: The Higher Critical Method of Bible Interpretation: C. Sievert; Uniformity of Practice in Our Congregations: R. Kogler; Exegesis of 2 Timothy 3: K. Kratz; Isagogical Study of Obadiah and Jonah.

J. Kutil, Secretary

## WESTERN WISCONSIN

### CENTRAL PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: October 16, 1979; 9:00 a.m.

Place: Salem Lutheran, Lowell, Wisconsin.

Preacher: H. Sturm.

Agenda: Confirmation Instruction for the Mentally Retarded: R. Uhlhorn and P. Eickmann; Counseling Parents of the Mentally Retarded: J. Juern.

Note: Please excuse to the host pastor.

P. Ziemer, Secretary

## ORDAINED AND INSTALLED

(Submitted through the District Presidents)

### Ordained and Installed

#### Pastors:

**Baldauf, Paul R.**, as pastor of Trinity, Coleman, Wisconsin, on August 5, 1979, by W. Steffenhagen (NW).

**Bater, Michael C.**, as pastor of St. Paul's, Neosho, Wisconsin, on July 29, 1979, by E. Weiss (SEW).

**Grant, Cary P.**, as pastor of Faith, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, on July 22, 1979, by E. Schmelzer (MI).

**Kujath, Timothy M.**, as associate pastor of Emanuel, St. Paul, Minnesota, on July 29, 1979, by M. Kujath and F. Kogler (MN).

**Lehmann, Richard W.**, as associate pastor of St. Paul's, Hales Corners, Wisconsin, on July 29, 1979, by R. Zink (SEW).

**Naumann, Paul S.**, as pastor of St. John's, Hemlock, Michigan, on July 22, 1979, by W. Borgwardt (MI).

**Otto, Stephen J.**, as pastor of St. Peter's, Dorr, Michigan, on July 22, 1979, by D. Westendorf (MI).

**Pavia, George R.**, as pastor of Calvary, Santa Clarita Valley, California, on July 29, 1979, by L. Weindorf (A-C).

**Wendland, Paul O.**, ordained and commissioned in Atonement, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, as missionary to Zambia, Africa, on July 8, 1979, by A. Mennicke (SEW).

**Zindler, Ronald F.**, as pastor of Lamb of God, Muncie, Indiana, on July 29, 1979, by R. Rathje (SEW).

#### Installed

#### Pastors:

**Lehninger, Paul D.**, as pastor of Prince of Peace, Yuma, Arizona, on July 22, 1979, by E. Lehninger (A-C).

**Schoeneck, Gregg P.**, as pastor of St. James, Prairie du Sac, Wisconsin, on August 12, 1979, by H. Juroff (WW).

**Terrell, Brian S.**, as pastor of St. John's, Redwood Falls, Minnesota, on August 12, 1979, by J. Stellick (MN).

**Varnum, Neil R.**, as pastor of Immanuel, St. Joseph, Missouri, on August 5, 1979, by R. Zehms (MN).

#### Teachers:

**Bakken, Richard**, as principal and teacher at St. John, Mishicot, Wisconsin, on July 29, 1979, by P. Dammrow (NW).

**Bauer, Paul A.**, as principal and teacher at Trinity, Hoskins, Nebraska, on August 12, 1979, by W. Bruss (NE).

**Greschner, Allen A.**, as teacher at New Salem, Sebewaing, Michigan, on August 12, 1979, by P. Huebner (MI).

**Heckmann, Gerald**, as principal and teacher at St. Paul, East Troy, Wisconsin, on August 5, 1979, by D. (SEW).

**Hewitt, James**, as principal and teacher at Grace, Pueblo, Colorado, on August 12, 1979, by C. Found (NE).

**Karnitz, David**, as teacher at St. John's, Dakota (Nordine), Minnesota, on July 22, 1979, by E. Carmichael (MN).

**Kuether, Lynn F.**, as principal and teacher at Pilgrim, Mesa, Arizona, on August 5, 1979, by D. Schultz (A-C).

**Luehring, Frederick M.**, as teacher at Good Shepherd, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, on August 12, 1979, by D. Hays (M).

**Pederson, Bradley J.**, as principal and teacher at Zion, Valentine, Nebraska, on August 19, 1979, by D. Waage (NE).

**Schramm, Darwin**, as instructor at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School, Jackson, Wisconsin, on May 20, 1979, by P. Pankow (SEW).

**Siegler, Richard R.**, as teacher at St. Paul's, Sodus, Michigan, on August 19, 1979, by H. Peter (MI).

**Storm, Jay S.**, as teacher at St. Mark, Eau Claire, Wisconsin, on August 1, 1979, by H. Prah (WW).

**Zahn, Ronald**, as principal and teacher at Good Shepherd, Downers Grove, Illinois, on July 15, 1979, by D. Rutschow (SEW).

**Zimmer, Ronald C.**, as principal and teacher of Shepherd of the Valley, Fresno, California, on July 29, 1979, by W. Warnke (A-C).

## ALTAR — PULPIT

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## EXPLORATORY

### DECATUR, ILLINOIS

WELS exploratory services are being conducted Sundays at 12 noon in Decatur, Illinois, at the Ambassador Hotel, corner of southbound US 51 and West Wood Street. Please send names or information to Pastor Philip Schupmann, 1304 Townley Drive, Bloomington, Illinois 61701, or call: 309/663-1843.

### HENDERSONVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

Exploratory services are being held in the YMCA at Hendersonville, North Carolina, each Sunday at 10:30, with Sunday school at 9:30. Please send the names of people who should be informed about our services to: Pastor Jon E. Guenther, 2206 Evergreen Drive, Hendersonville, North Carolina 28739, or call 704/697-1261.

### EAST EL PASO, TEXAS

Exploratory services are now being held on the east side of El Paso, at the East Valley YMCA, 2044 Trawood Dr., El Paso, Texas. The time of worship on Sundays is 10:30 a.m. Please submit the names of interested parties to the pastor of this new WELS mission. He is Pastor Steven Blumer, 3017 Gaston Dr., El Paso, Texas 79935; phone: 915/594-0556.

## TIME AND PLACE

### STRONGSVILLE, OHIO

Please note that the time of worship for Our Savior Ev. Lutheran Church of Strongsville, Ohio, has been changed. Services are now being conducted at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays. Worship is being held at the Center Junior High, 13200 Pearl Road. David Schultz is the pastor.

### SE KANSAS CITY, MO

Gethsemane Mission has recently changed worship facilities along with the hours of service. The congregation now worships at the Grandview Manor Care Center, 5301 East 125th, Grandview, Missouri. Divine worship is at 9:15 a.m. with Bible class and Sunday school at 10:30 a.m. Pastor of the congregation is the Rev. Elton C. Stroh (phone: 816/765-0624).

### COLUMBIA, MISSOURI

Grace Ev. Lutheran Church of Columbia, Missouri, is no longer conducting services at the Ramada Inn but in the congregation's new parsonage/chapel at 4530 Oakland Gravel Road (on the northeast side of town). Bible class and Sunday school are at 9:30 a.m. and worship at 10:30 a.m. For information call Pastor Loren L. Lucht, 314/474-8755.

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

A new mission of the Wisconsin Lutheran Synod is serving our members in the booming and rapidly expanding Santa Clarita Valley just over the pass north of the San Fernando Valley. We meet each Sunday morning, with worship at 9:30 a.m., and Sunday school at 10:30 a.m., at the Courtney Club, 26525 Golden Valley Road (Hope Way exit on Soledad Canyon Rd), Saugus, California. Our doors stand open to welcome all, especially fellow WELS and ELS members. For more information please contact Pastor George Pavia, 18046 Beneda Ln., Apt. No. B207, Canyon Country, CA 91351, phone: 805/252-2697.

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# Treasurer's Report

## PREBUDGET SUBSCRIPTION PERFORMANCE

Seven months ended July 31, 1979

	Subscription Amount for 1979	7/12 of Annual Subscription	Subscription and Pension Offerings	Per Cent of Subscription
Arizona-California . . . . .	\$ 520,133	\$ 303,411	\$ 295,519	97.4%
Dakota-Montana . . . . .	259,965	151,646	142,815	94.2
Michigan . . . . .	1,378,318	804,019	739,889	92.0
Minnesota . . . . .	1,485,854	866,748	837,548	96.6
Nebraska . . . . .	291,629	170,117	162,425	95.5
Northern Wisconsin . . . . .	1,582,176*	922,936	826,486	89.5
Pacific-Northwest . . . . .	141,983	82,823	75,762	91.5
Southeastern Wisconsin . . . . .	1,879,771	1,096,533	1,004,675	91.6
Western Wisconsin . . . . .	1,780,763	1,038,778	963,732	92.8
South-Atlantic . . . . .	135,469	79,025	70,602	89.3
Total — 1979 . . . . .	\$9,456,061*	\$5,516,036	\$5,119,453	92.8
Total — 1978 . . . . .	\$8,810,655	\$5,139,519	\$4,936,995	96.1

\*Adjusted 6/79

## CURRENT BUDGETARY FUND

### Statement of Income and Expenditures

Twelve months ended July 31, 1979 with comparative figures for 1978

Twelve months ended July 31

	1979	1978	Increase of (Decrease)	
			Amount	Per Cent
<b>Income</b>				
Pre-Budget Subscription Offerings	\$ 9,255,527	\$ 8,769,449	\$ 486,078	5.5%
Pension Plan Contributions . . . . .	77,445	72,780	4,665	6.4
Gifts and Memorials . . . . .	204,782	234,621	(29,839)	(12.7)
Bequests . . . . .	152,361	101,665	50,696	49.9
Earnings from Fox Estate . . . . .	67,230	64,961	2,269	3.5
Other Income . . . . .	11,580	22,749	(11,169)	(49.1)
Transfers from Other Funds . . . . .	102,965	135,005	(32,040)	(23.7)
Total Income . . . . .	\$ 9,871,890	\$ 9,401,230	\$ 470,660	5.0
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
Worker Training . . . . .	\$ 3,734,337	\$ 3,078,628	\$ 655,709	21.3
Home Missions . . . . .	2,016,574	1,846,601	169,973	9.2
World Missions . . . . .	1,946,594	1,448,434	498,160	34.4
Benevolences . . . . .	1,090,004	1,052,880	37,124	3.5
Administration and Services . . . . .	965,204	857,042	108,162	12.6
Total Operations . . . . .	\$ 9,752,713	\$ 8,283,585	\$ 1,469,128	17.7
CEF — Interest Subsidy . . . . .	785,141	696,891	88,250	12.7
Appropriations — Bldg. Funds . . . . .	257,979	235,833	22,146	9.4
Total Expenditures . . . . .	\$ 10,795,833	\$ 9,216,309	\$ 1,579,524	17.1
Operating Gain (Loss) . . . . .	\$ (923,943)	\$ 184,921		

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