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## Comments by the Editor

**Blessings in Mexico** — When the WELS Friendly Counselor to Mexico, Missionary R. A. Eggert, submitted the article on *VBS in Mexico* to The Northwestern Lutheran (see the issue of October 26), complete statistics were not as yet available. They have since been compiled and are a source of thanksgiving for us on the homebase as well as for the congregations in Mexico.

The vacation Bible school sessions were conducted at seven different locations. The total enrollment was 465, taught by 15 teachers. Offerings gathered amounted to \$706, of which the \$208 at Cristo Redentor in Ciudad Juarez was designated for foreign missions. Particularly encouraging for the Mexican congregations is the fact that 62 new contacts were made.

**Thank You, "Volunteers!"** — Many activities in our churches and associations depend greatly on volunteers. Since the work these volunteers are doing is the Lord's work, the volunteers also benefit spiritually, not only the churches and associations.

The August *Newsletter* of the Wisconsin Lutheran Child and Family Service (Milwaukee, Wisconsin) emphasized that when it reported: "One recent afternoon almost 40 teenagers gathered on one of our patios. They were our summertime 'volunteers.' In past years it had been our custom to bring the summer volunteer program to a close by giving the participants a little 'going-away picnic.' But this year, they chose to do something different. These teens decided to put in some extra effort, to pool their abilities, and to present a talent-show program for our residents. Puppet shows, and duets, and piano numbers! But one item was not on the printed program. At the end of it all they added the basic issue, the joint singing of 'May the good Lord bless and keep you.'

Amid more than a few farewell tears was the underlying faith: Children of all ages, we are the Lord's!"

**Thanks in Wyoming** — By the time congregations celebrate their 50th or 100th anniversaries — and many in our midst have done so — they have usually forgotten the struggles of their early years. Perhaps a reminder is in place so that we may remember our mission congregations in our prayers.

Appearing under the rubric "Exploratory" (page 388) is Casper, Wyoming. In submitting the notice, Pastor David P. Russow, who is in charge of the young mission, wrote: "Things are going well for our exploratory effort here in Casper, due to the Lord's rich and abundant blessing. We started out by worshiping in a room rented at the Casper Hilton Inn. That soon became too small. We moved to a Senior Citizen's Center, but could obtain only temporary permission for its use. The first Sunday in December we will move into the Casper Women's Club, when it is vacated by the mission of another denomination which is completing its own building. The Women's Club is a fine facility, roomy, and easily accessible. Thus we now have a semipermanent location to house our group until we reach mission status, find land, and build our own facility."

Join your fellow believers in Casper, Wyoming, in giving thanks to the Lord!

**Give Thanks** — The familiar prayer, "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever," is recorded by the Psalmist in Psalms 106:1; 107:1; 118:1,29; and 136:1. We today also have ample reason to make this word of thanks a prominent part of our prayers. We don't have to search far in our lives to recognize the Lord's goodness. Above all, there is the salvation he has won for us, which is ours through faith in him. Yes, he is good. He deserves our heartfelt thanks!

*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

St Paul's Ev Lutheran Church in Amherst is the first WELS congregation in New Hampshire. Its church was dedicated on October 6, 1980. Present for the occasion were WELS members from seven states. See page 382 for a full account. (Photo courtesy of *Nashua Telegraph*.)

THE NORTHWESTERN LUTHERAN

## Editorials

**Especial Thanks** According to the historian, barley and Indian corn were the only crops the Pilgrims raised that first year after the Mayflower landed on a "stern and rockbound coast" in New England in December 1620. The "pease were not worth gathering, for, as we feared, they were too late sown."

That first year they had staked and laid out two rows of huts for the families that composed the colony, but within the first year they had to make seven times more graves for the dead than houses for the living. Still, they felt that they had so much to be thankful for that they had to appoint "an especial day on which to give especial thanks for all their mercies."

This year, in Oklahoma, the crop losses were the worst in 10 years, with next year's grazing wheat "a total loss." In Texas, 190 of 254 counties have been declared disaster areas. Kansas losses in mid-August were estimated at 85 percent from lack of rain alone. It could be three to five years before the farmers in Arkansas recover. "Many Southern and Midwestern farmers are reaping little but dread and doubt." And in some states the drought continues, threatening next year's crop and especially the young farmers who are already being crushed by debt and high operating costs.

Among these drought victims will be those who will still be giving God "especial thanks" this disaster year. Too many of the rest of us to whom the year brought nothing but good things may not even muster up ordinary thanksgiving. Only those who know how dependent they are on the Lord's blessing can give "especial thanks."

Carleton Toppe

**The Right Question  
And The Right Answer** There is a question which our pastors hear more often than they would like.

In fact, they would just as soon not hear it at all. With minor variations in wording, it goes like this: "Where does your Synod stand on (here insert the term for a specific doctrine or practice)?" A related question, issuing from a similar kind of reasoning is, "Does your church allow . . . ?"

Martin Luther approached such questions from a different point of view, and we much prefer his approach because there is Scriptural precedent for it (Romans 4:3; Galatians 4:30). His approach was, "What saith the Scripture?" This has become the standard in historic Lutheran theology by which the truth is determined in matters of Christian faith and life.

It doesn't really make any difference what position the Synod or the local church takes on questions such as divorce and remarriage, abortion, church fellowship, membership in fraternal or character-building organizations, etc. People have their personal opinions and preferences in these matters, of course. But what we really need to know is what the will of God is in these matters. He is the ultimate source of truth, and he is finally the one to whom we are answerable.

For a church body to stamp its imprimatur on a given statement does not make it right. For a congregation to allow its members to engage in certain practices not allowed by other congregations is not tantamount to getting a dispensation from God. Truth and right are determined by God, not by human preference or ecclesiastical edict. To join a church or to affiliate with a synod because you happen to like what it teaches and what it allows or forbids may be complimentary to the organization, but it does nothing to establish divine truth and right.

Individuals hold opinions. Churches and church bodies take positions. But the last word hinges on the answer to the question, "What saith the Scripture?" That question directs you to the right person and the right answer.

Immanuel Frey

**Thanks From Outpost  
to Heartland** A most memorable event on our family's summer vacation jaunts occurred when at the close of a worship service in a New Jersey congregation of ours a member there gave us this order, "Tell the Wisconsin Synod Lutherans in the Midwest thanks for their help in enabling us to establish our congregation."

This writer is thankful for the opportunity he has in this avenue of "telling" many instead of a few. Here is a noteworthy instance — the one-in-ten person who puts the Thanksgiving holiday in perfect perspective.

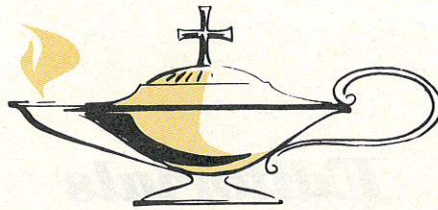
We have much to be thankful for. Sometimes the gifts come from afar and from an unseen giver. We can still be thankful and show our gratitude.

We have much to be thankful for. An endless list of earthly benefits could be listed. But there are other benefits far more precious. The gift of the Word and sacraments, the gift of the fellowship of the faith, the gift of salvation.

How can we demonstrate our thankfulness? Our members in New Jersey and in the Midwest know the answer.

Edward Fredrich

## Studies in God's Word



### Gospel Gems from The Revelation to John

**And they sang a new song: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation" (Revelation 5:9).**

In the second and third chapters of the Revelation we learned that John was directed to write letters to seven churches in Asia Minor. In these letters he describes these churches as safe amid great dangers, safe because God himself is holding them in his protecting hand. That is a necessary assurance to us as members of the church struggling to survive in a hostile world.

In our weakness and fearfulness, however, we are all inclined to wonder: Will this present safety continue? Will the church survive? What about the future? In his tender concern for our weakness and littleness of faith the Lord gives us assurances also about the future. Through the eyes of John he gives us a glimpse into the throne room of heaven where the eternal counsels of God are worked out.

#### The Throne Room in Heaven

John says, "After this [i.e., after the revelation regarding the seven churches] I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, 'Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this'" (4:1). John is then transported to heaven and given a view of the Triune God. "There before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it," John tells us (4:2). That this is God the Father becomes apparent when he continues, "And the one who sat there

had the appearance of jasper and carnelian. A rainbow, resembling an emerald, encircled the throne" (4:3). Also the Holy Spirit is present, for "before the throne, seven lamps were blazing. These are the sevenfold Spirit of God" (4:5).

The Father and the Spirit are at the center of the scene, but "surrounding the throne were twenty-four other thrones, and seated on them were twenty-four elders" (4:4). In the Revelation the number twelve and multiples of twelves are regularly connected with the church. These 24 elders would therefore appear to be representatives of the Old and New Testament Church.

Somewhat more difficult is the interpretation of the next groups in attendance at God's throne. John continues, "In the center, around the throne, were four living creatures . . . covered with eyes, in front and in back," the first having the appearance of a lion, the second an ox, the third with the face of a man, and the fourth like an eagle (4:6-8). The number four seems to be connected with the earth and the four corners of the world. Perhaps as plausible an explanation as any is that the "living creatures" are cherubim representing all creation serving God in the new heaven and new earth (cf. Ezekiel 1 and 10).

#### The Scroll

Even if identifying the elders and the living creatures may give us some difficulty, there is no difficulty in recognizing the dominant figure in the scene. It is the Father seated on the throne and holding the sealed future in his hands. John says, "Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides and sealed with seven seals. And

I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?' " (5:1,2.) When no one could be found to open the scroll and disclose the future, John in his disappointment "wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside it" (5:4).

#### The Lamb

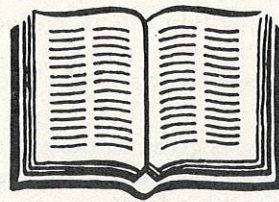
But help is near. One of the elders consoles John, "Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals" (5:5). And now we see the third member of the Trinity. Where we would have expected a strongman, an overpowering conqueror, it is rather an amazing sight that meets John's eye. He tells us, "Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing in the center of the throne. . . . He came and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne. And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders . . . sang a new song: 'You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth'" (5:6-10).

The Lamb of God, who by his death has taken away the sin of the world, is the One who controls the future. The Victim has become the Victor and now shares with us, his believers, the spoils of that victory. Such is the glorious vision which John saw in the throne room of heaven and which he now shares with us. To be sure, the imagery may be a bit strange to us, but there is here nothing other than what we have learned already from the Second Article. The slain Lamb who holds the future is none other than he who has purchased and won us, not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death, that we should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in *everlasting* righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. Ours is an everlasting heritage. Who would not feel secure with such a future!

Armin J. Panning

# Mining the Treasure of God's Word

Matthew 9:35,36;  
10:1-15; 11:1  
Mark 6:6b-13  
Luke 9:1-6



BY JULIAN G. ANDERSON

## Jesus Spreads the Good News

In our last lesson Jesus was back in Nazareth, his old hometown. Today we see that this was part of a larger plan, namely, a third tour of Galilee to bring the Good News to the people in the smaller towns. First

### Read Matthew 9:35,36

This little section has no parallels. As usual, Matthew compresses his account into a very few words (v. 35), but still he gives us a very complete picture of what Jesus did on this third tour. Hi-lite the three participles, *teaching* the Scriptures, *preaching* or spreading the Good News, and *healing* all sicknesses and diseases. It's a picture of Jesus solving all the important problems of the people of his day. Verse 36a gives us a priceless portrait of Jesus as a man of compassion, or pity, (hi-lite) for every person who was suffering or in trouble. And verse 36b gives us a view of Jesus' view of the world in general, where the Greek describes mankind as a flock of sheep who have been attacked and severely wounded because they have no shepherd, a picture of utter helplessness, weakness, and defenselessness. In Jesus' day it was the Jewish leaders, political and religious, the Sadducees and Pharisees, who had ravaged God's flock. And it was this which impelled Jesus to take his next action, described in

### Matthew 10:1-15 and 11:1

Here Jesus' action is related in verses 1a and 5a, but most of the section is

devoted to the necessary preparations. Verses 2-4 are a parenthesis in which Matthew lists the names of the 12 apostles, but we have already studied this list in the lesson of June 22. Now notice and hi-lite the word "authority" ("power") in verse 1, for this was the one necessary gift Jesus had to give his men to make their mission successful. This makes it clear that they were being sent out as Jesus' representatives. They were to do his work, and therefore he gave them his authority and power, so that they could cope with Satan and his minions and the results of sin in the world. And down through the years he has given this same power and authority to all who do his work. Remember also that the word "apostle" is derived from the verb "send out" (*apostello* in Greek).

Next he gave them their instructions (vv. 5b-15). Note first how he limited their field of work (vv. 5b,6). For all future work Israel had to be the base, and here he was laying the foundation. Verse 7 may be translated: "And as you go, keep on spreading the news that the kingdom of heaven is *here*." This was the message they were to deliver, and it meant that the Messiah had arrived.

Then he ordered them to use the authority he had just given them in verse 1b, the power to heal the sick and drive out demons and even raise the dead. These miracles would be their credentials that they were God's proph-

ets and his representatives, and that their message came from God. Note also that they were to take no money for their miraculous cures (v. 8b).

Then came the practical instructions for their trip (vv. 9-15). The fact that they were not to take an extra shirt or shoes indicates that this was to be a fairly short tour in which they would depend entirely on their hearers for food and shelter. Since in those days hospitality to strangers and travelers was a sacred duty, especially to those of the same nation or "family," they therefore would have no difficulties on this score. Jesus' instructions on this point are given in verses 11 and 12. A "worthy" man in verse 11 no doubt meant a man who could afford to give them food and lodging without suffering hardship. And the "worthy" or "deserving" house or household meant a home where the people were believers who shared their faith, the "right kind" of people, as we would say.

Finally Jesus reminded them that there would be towns in which the people would not welcome them or receive their message, just as there were towns which had not received him, like Jerusalem and Gerasa (Mark 5: 17). In each case of this kind they must leave that town and rebuke and warn the people as they left. The Jews had a very picturesque way of doing this, described in verse 14b. They went to the gates of the city and took off their sandals and clapped them together to shake off any remaining dust of the town, a dramatic way of saying, "We don't want anything to do with you!" This was to be their final testimony to them (Mark 6:11), along with a solemn warning (v. 15). Now read

### Matthew 11:1 and Mark 6:12, 13

After receiving their instructions, the apostles fanned out in six pairs, going in six directions, leaving Jesus to continue his preaching and teaching alone for a while (Matthew 11:1). By dividing into seven teams they were able to cover "all the towns and villages in Galilee" (Matthew 9:35) in one-seventh of the time it would have taken working as one group. Here Jesus, as the chief executive, was developing an efficient strike force. And Mark's summary of their work indicates that they did exactly what Jesus had commanded them to do.

## Seven New Christian Day Schools

The following WELS congregations opened Christian day schools this fall: St. Stephen's, Fallbrook, California; Shepherd of the Valley, Westminster, Colorado; Sola Scriptura, Decatur, Georgia; Good Shepherd, Burnsville, Minnesota; Shepherd of the Hills, Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota; Shepherd of the Mountains, Reno, Nevada; and St. Mark's, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

In this issue we shall read about three of these schools. The others will appear in the next issue.

In the November 9 issue information was given on the new schools in Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota; Green Bay, Wisconsin; and Decatur, Georgia. Here follow accounts of the other four.

### Burnsville

### Minnesota

## Good Shepherd Lutheran

The words of the aged, mature Apostle Peter, "Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen" (2 Peter 3:18), have taken on a special meaning for the members of Good Shepherd in Burnsville, Minnesota. Mr. Wayne Zarn, chairman of the Christian education committee, cited these words of the apostle on Sunday, November 18, 1979. On this occasion he outlined the plan of action the Christian education committee was pursuing with the goal of opening a Christian day school in the fall of 1980 for the children of the congregation to "grow" spiritually on a daily basis.

The plan of action called for permission from the voters' assembly to conduct a series of cottage meetings which would determine the number of children who desired to enroll and would measure the level of financial support from each of the 125 families of the congregation. Permission was granted, and over a six-week period the Christian education committee brought their information to the members of Good Shepherd. On Sunday, February 24, 1980, in a specially called voters' meeting the committee reported that between 17 and 23 children desired to attend and that more than \$25,000 had been committed over a two-year period to initiate this venture of Christian faith. After thorough discussion, the voters by a margin of 22 to 10 approved the recommendation of the Christian education committee to open the doors of Good Shepherd Lutheran School in

the fall of 1980 to children in kindergarten through grade four, adding a grade each year thereafter.

The next step was the calling of an experienced teacher. On March 9 the voters extended a call to Miss Linda Ekhoﬀ of Christ Lutheran, Grand Island, Nebraska, and the Good Shepherd led her to accept the call. She was installed on June 29.

The opening of a Christian day school, however, usually covers more than the span of one year. So at Burnsville. Early in the 1970s thoughts were already expressed that the congregation provide daily Christian education for its children. The Lord answered this prayer through the aid of a sister congregation, Bloomington Lutheran of Bloomington. Each year this con-

gregation willingly opened the doors of its school to the children of Good Shepherd. In the spring of 1977 a Christian-day-school survey conducted at Good Shepherd revealed ample interest in a school but questioned whether the congregation could support a Christian day school using its existing facilities. A building program was inaugurated at the same time that provided an enlarged house of worship and a two-level educational wing with 6,800 square feet of floor space. The enlarged facility was dedicated in June 1978.

The last step of the plan of action was accomplished on September 2, 1980, when Good Shepherd Lutheran School opened its doors to 20 children in K to 4, with eight children attending Bloomington Lutheran in the upper grades. The Lord is continuing to cultivate a concern for his work and implanting the willingness in the hearts of many to make sacrifices of time, talent, and treasure.

The words of 2 Peter 3:18 will long be remembered by the members of this flock. They are words that not only provide direction, "That They May Grow," but contain a beautiful doxology as well, "To Him Be Glory Both Now And Forever." How unfathomable is God's love for children! How great is his mercy for them! It is a joy to observe his congregation and children each day "growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!"

David A. Tiarks



Teacher Linda Ekhoﬀ and her pupils

## St. Stephen Ev. Lutheran

St. Stephen Ev. Lutheran Church is located in Fallbrook, a growing community of 20,000 about midway between Los Angeles and San Diego. The nucleus of St. Stephen's Congregation is made up of former LC-MS members who had organized an FAL congregation. When the pastor of the small flock defected, St. Stephen's applied for membership in the Wisconsin Synod and called S. Kugler as its first WELS pastor in 1976. Its church, parsonage, and educational unit were dedicated on December 3, 1978. The congregation is self-supporting, except for interest subsidy from the church extension fund.

From the beginning, the members of St. Stephen's expressed the thought that what was really needed was a Christian day school. They recognized the importance of indoctrinating the next generation and also looked upon the school as a fine tool for outreach in the community. There is no other day school of any denomination within a radius of 20 miles.

On December 1, 1979, St. Stephen's reached the required membership of 90 communicants considered desirable for starting a Christian day school. With the blessing of the General Board for

Home Missions and the District Mission Board, St. Stephen's immediately began to acquire the needed school equipment. Most of the desks and cabinets were donated by a former independent Lutheran church in the Los Angeles area. Books and materials were supplied by WELS day schools throughout the Synod, and the local public-school district also donated many surplus books. Above all, God opened the hearts of the members of St. Stephen's to contribute most liberally both in money and in man-hours.

Mr. Patrick Walker was installed on July 20, 1980, as St. Stephen's first

teacher and principal. He came to St. Stephen's from St. John's in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin.

On September 9, 1980, St. Stephen's opened its doors to 13 children in grades one to seven. About half of the children are from member families; the rest represent mission prospects. Grade eight will be added next year, and kindergarten will be added as soon as a second teacher is called.

The Lord's blessing on this endeavor became evident already before the school opened its doors. Adults of four nonmember families who have children enrolled have joined the pastor's adult information class. Several other inquiries have also been made and are in various stages of resolution. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

S. Kugler



Teacher Patrick Walker and his class

### Reno

## Shepherd of the Mountains

By the grace of God, the "Biggest Little City in the World" now has the biggest little school in Nevada. Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran School, the only WELS school in the state of Nevada, opened its doors on September 2 with 19 pupils in grades 1 through 8.

From the very beginning of the congregation in July of 1975, there was deep interest in starting a Christian day school. A number of the charter members were former day-school teachers, and the rest of the members, whether they had children or not, saw a need for a Christ-centered education for chil-

dren in a world that was growing away from God and Christ. The first building was constructed with a school in mind. The fellowship hall on the lower level was already then spoken of as the first classroom for a school. Even before the dedication of the building in June of 1978, a board of education and long-range planning committee were formed, specifically to study the feasibility and possibility of beginning a Christian day school. At one of its first meetings in the fall of 1978, the board of education set the fall of 1979 as a target date to shoot for.

The board began work in earnest. It

### Nevada



Church and school at Reno

distributed the packets that the Synod Board for Parish Education supplied, arranged for a presentation by a representative of the District Board for Parish Education, surveyed the congregation, and conducted "cottage meetings"

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A good time on the playground

to explain the details about the school. A special voters' meeting in January 1979 failed to pass the motion to begin a Christian day school in the fall of 1979. However, a motion passed unanimously to continue studying the matter.

This time the board of education

produced a promotional booklet which was distributed to all the members and discussed openly at a number of meetings after services on Sunday. At another special voters' meeting on August 26, 1979, the motion to begin a Christian day school in the fall of 1980 was passed. The General Board for

Home Missions approved the request and work for the school was off and running.

In February 1980 the congregation called Mr. Ronald Kallies as the first teacher and principal. In July, he arrived to begin his duties. Teacher, pupils, and building were ready to begin class in September. Mr. Kallies is assisted by Pastor David Palmquist, who teaches the religion classes in the upper four grades, and by several members of the congregation assisting as teacher's aides.

Until a school building becomes feasible, classes are being held in the lower level of the church, making Shepherd of the Mountains the only WELS school heated geothermally. Property adjoining the church has already been purchased as a school site and is being used as a playground area until that time.

The only WELS school in the "Silver State" has much more to offer than mere silver or other earthly riches. It offers God's Word and a truly Christ-centered education for his lambs.

David Palmquist  
Ronald Kallies

## Westminster

## Colorado

# Shepherd of the Valley

"Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain" (1 Corinthians 15:58).

From the time of its organization as a congregation with 45 communicants and 31 children in June 1974, Shepherd of the Valley Ev. Lutheran Church of Westminster, Colorado, had always stood firm in its commitment to the cause of Christian education, with the earnest hope and prayer one day by the grace of God to have a Christian day school of its own.

Following a possibility/feasibility study conducted by the board of education in 1978-79, the congregation realistically projected the fall of 1980 as the opening date for its school, with 1979-80 to be used as a time to promote a recognition of the blessings of full-time

Christian education among the members of the congregation.

As a direct result of these efforts, the congregation in October 1979 gave its unanimous approval to opening a Christian day school in the fall of 1980. After receiving authorization to do so, the members of Shepherd of the Valley proceeded boldly with the task ahead of them. Encouraged by the words of the Apostle Paul, the members of Shepherd of the Valley, like the great Rocky Mountains which are ever visible to them, were steadfast and unmovable in carrying out the work to which they had committed themselves.

Mr. Jason Nelson of Carlsbad, California, was called to serve as teacher and principal. The Nelson family arrived in late June and immediately began work among God's people in Westminster, Colorado. Initially, that work was focused upon visiting all of the families in the congregation with school-age children. God has blessed

Shepherd of the Valley with a large number of children, nearly 50 of which are of school age.

Despite the number available for school, the early spring preregistration resulted in only 18 students committed to attending the school. It appeared that the fellowship hall would serve as one classroom and the faculty would consist of one teacher. But as summer progressed, God touched the hearts of more and more parents. Week by week the enrollment increased. By midsummer 30 students had enrolled. It was decided that should the enrollment exceed 30, a second teacher would be called. This decision had many serious implications for the congregation and its total work program. Yet, the members stood firm.

When the enrollment did exceed 30 students, and it soon became clear that the enrollment might reach 40, a great deal of work had to be done in a very short time. More desks sanded and painted. More textbooks ordered. The fellowship hall divided into two classrooms. A second teacher called in the person of Miss Cynthia Fischer of



Appleton, Wisconsin, who teaches kindergarten through third grade.

When classes began on September 3, 40 students walked through the school's doors and into the arms of their loving Savior to be embraced in the teaching of his Word. Not long after school started, student 41 was added to the enrollment.

At present a three-classroom addition is being planned and, the Lord willing, will be ready for use in the fall of 1981. Serious thought is being given to adding ninth grade to the existing K-8 program. And if the Lord provides sufficient more students, a third teacher will need to be called. In all of this the congregation remains steadfast and unmovable, committed to the cause of Christian education.

Jason M. Nelson  
James P. Kuehl



Teachers, pastor, and pupils at Westminster

## Believe . . . . . and Confess Boldly!

A recent visit with an old friend is worth sharing. The visitor was a man who has served as a lay member on various boards and committees of our Synod for nearly half a century. His primary synodical interest has been in the area of mission work. His support of this work over the years has been considerable, both in its interests here at home as well as in sizable contributions for its program overseas.

Our conversation included much reminiscing. As our visitor recalled the events of his life, one fact was especially noteworthy. Personal experience was paired with Scripture. In one year, for example, tragedy struck both his family and his business. He associated this year with a sermon he had heard based on Psalm 121. His special interest in mission work was connected with a text from Ezekiel. Sermons heard years ago were vividly recalled. At the same time a passage of Scripture read yesterday offered guidance and strength for the day. The Bible lived in what he believed. This faith was active in a real concern for the spiritual welfare of others, for sharing the blessings of God's grace with them.

### True Mission Motivation

What happened on this visit illustrates a truth which is very important for a proper understanding of true mission motivation. Mission work is a fruit of our faith. It is confessing boldly what we believe. We declare this openly, in word and in deed. David wrote in Psalm 116: "I believed, therefore have I spoken." Paul echoed that statement in his Second Letter to the Corinthians: "With that same spirit of faith we also believe and therefore speak." Peter and John declared before the hostile Sanhedrin: "We cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard."

In this perfectly natural way the Word of the Lord grows. In our computerized age we can so easily get caught up with all sorts of methods and strategies. These can help us, however, only when the proper motive is there. Faith will speak out boldly. It shares generously. Where the Word is firmly planted in the heart, the fruits will follow. A visit with an old friend once more called this to mind.

### A Real Concern

Our visitor could not leave without voicing a concern. As a successful businessman he felt that following a course of deficit spending was poor stewardship. As a reader of *The Northwestern Lutheran* he could see from the reports on its back page that the Synod's operating loss was increasing steadily. "What's going to happen to our Synod's mission outreach?" was his question.

His concern was not so much that our people lacked the monetary resources to carry on what needed to be done. He was more concerned about whether or not the conviction was still there to do this in spite of some difficulties. Would a solid Scripture-based faith still show itself in an aggressive mission program? Or would budgetary cutbacks, some of which seemed inevitable, lead to a curtailment of this work?

Not many years ago our Synod incorporated in its convention theme the words of Paul: "We also believe and therefore speak." Those were prosperous days. Times and conditions have changed some since then. The Lord's command and encouragement, however, have not changed. Faith leads to bold confession. "The redeemed of the Lord," as the Psalmist declared, must "say so." In the year of the Book of Concord we as Lutherans have special reason to remember this.

E. H. Wendland

## First WELS Church in New Hampshire

On October 6, 1980, Wisconsin Synod Lutherans from congregations in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Virginia, Vermont and Michigan joined the members of St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church of Amherst, New Hampshire, in a service of thanksgiving to God for permitting them to dedicate their new church home, the first WELS church building in the state of New Hampshire.

Pastor Walter Beckmann, chairman of the Colonial Mission District Mission Board, was the guest speaker. He addressed the 90 worshippers on God's words to Abraham in Genesis 12:1-7, reminding them that it is the Lord who has brought St. Paul Congregation to this point and will continue to bless them here.

The building the congregation was permitted to dedicate is not one which they built with their own hands. Last February the congregation purchased the former Souhegan National Bank

branch office in Amherst. This former storehouse of earthly treasures was then remodeled into a building which will now dispense the spiritual riches of God's grace. In addition to a worship area seating 70 people, the church also has two vaults which have been converted into Sunday-school classrooms, a kitchen, fellowship area, and pastor's study. The building was purchased along with three acres of land, thereby permitting future expansion of the facility when congregation growth so dictates.

St. Paul Congregation began holding services in Nashua, New Hampshire, in June 1975. Services were initially conducted at the Red Cross Center but were later moved to the Greenbriar Terrace Healthcare Center. David Clark was the first resident pastor of St. Paul Congregation, serving from January 1976 to August 1979. During his pastorate the congregation sought

an appropriate church site in Nashua. This, however, did not prove to be part of the Lord's plan for the congregation. In mid-1979 Pastor Clark came upon the bank building in Amherst which was on the market due to relocation by



Sanctuary at St. Paul's

the bank. An offer to purchase was presented to the bank and approvals sought from the town of Amherst. Closing on the bank property finally took place in February 1980 in the week prior to the installation of Pastor

## Thanks for an old friend

As we visit various churches of our fellowship, we notice a change taking place in the worship services. We hear the Gospel, Epistle and sermon text in modern English. The New International Version, An American Translation, the New American Standard Bible and other modern translations are receiving wide attention.

This made us take stock of a fact of life today. Whether we like it or not, the King James Version of 1611 is gradually fading from the picture. The KJV, also known as the Authorized Version, is no longer the preeminent Bible in worship services. It is no longer the top-selling Bible. Its quotations no longer dominate the pages of religious publications.

This is reality. And it carries some sadness, especially for those of us who grew up on the KJV. It was from the King James Version we learned our

Catechism verses. The first Bible we owned was a KJV. We used it, and grew to love its beautiful language as well as its message. Let's face it, the Twenty-third Psalm will never be the same for us without its old pronouns and verb endings. "... Thou preparest a table before me. ..."

Though the King James Version is no longer being as widely used as previously, its influence will not cease to be felt. After all, no other book in all history has enjoyed such wide printing. No other book has left as deep an impression on the English language. Everyday expressions like "filthy lucre" and "apple of his eye" come from the KJV. And no other book has brought the good news of salvation to so many millions of people. Surely this translation has been a gift of God to all English-speaking people.

Another mark of the KJV's continu-

ing influence is the fact that many of the modern versions consciously try to capture the beauty of the King James Version. Often they imitate its very wording. We can see this when we compare verses from the New International Version with the same verses in the King James Bible. Psalm 73:26 is a good illustration: "My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion forever" (KJV). "My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever" (NIV). Similar passages are easy to find. How many other 370-year-old books exert such profound influence on both the thought and language of today?

Certainly we will continue to read, study, love and treasure the majestic King James Version. But we can't make it to be something it's not — namely, the book that will single-handedly carry the gospel in English into the twenty-first century. Let other, newer translations share in that distinction.

Richard H. Schleicher as the new shepherd of St. Paul Congregation.

The members of the congregation did a great deal of the remodeling work themselves, like removing the teller cages, old carpeting, wallpaper and preparing the walls for painting. New draperies for the building were made by Mrs. Sandra Budnik, and the altar furnishings were designed and built by Pastor Schleicher.

On Sunday, August 10, the congregation assembled for a private dedication service. Pastor Schleicher addressed the members of the congregation on the Lord's words in Matthew 6:19-21, encouraging them to deposit their treasures here for safekeeping and for dispensing to others.

The members of St. Paul Congregation are deeply thankful to their brothers and sisters in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod for assisting them in establishing this first permanent worship facility of our Synod in the state of New Hampshire. Through their offerings to the Lord and their investments in the Church Extension Fund this day became a joyful reality.

Richard H. Schleicher



Shouldn't it be our hope that God will use these new translations as he has the KJV? May he use them, too, for bringing the gospel to the English-speaking world. The interest they have already aroused is in itself a hopeful sign. In the end, of course, it is God's message that comes through the words of these translations. When they faithfully convey the sense of the original text and clearly present it in the language of the people, they are tools of the Holy Spirit.

As for all the King James Version has done, and continues to do, we say, "Thank you!" Thank you, Lord, for our dear old friend.

Roland Cap Ehlke

#### HANDBELL FESTIVAL

A handbell festival is being planned for April 25-26, 1981, at St. John's Lutheran Church, Burlington, Wisconsin. (Note correction of date!) All WELS and ELS children and adult handbell choirs are invited to participate.

For information write: Mrs. Harvey Schall, c/o St. John's Lutheran Church, 198 Westridge Avenue, Burlington, Wisconsin 53105.

## Fifth Annual Counselors' Workshop

Gone are the days when the church was the center of social life in the community. Here are the days when youth, in spite of inflation, have money, mobility and opportunity to pursue a wide variety of activities and interests. In spite of changing times, however, certain characteristics of adolescents remain the same. As a child enters adolescence, his ties with home begin to lessen in favor of ties with his peer group. During the adolescent years, perhaps no one has more influence on an adolescent than his peers. In view of these facts the Committee on Youth Ministry, a subcommittee of our Synod's Board for Parish Education, is convinced that the congregational youth group can still be a very effective way of ministering to youth. However, in view of the fact that youth have so many social and recreational options open to them, it is important that the congregational youth program for adolescents be a well-balanced program which meets the needs of the youth. A well-balanced program which meets the needs of the youth will stand a better chance of becoming a priority among the many options which youth have for spending their time.

### Meeting the Need

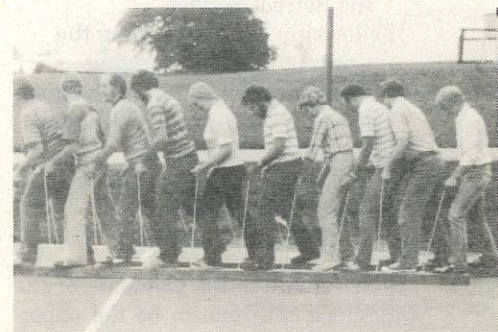
Providing a well-balanced program of education, worship, service, recreation and fellowship requires the expenditure of a great deal of time and effort. Unless he is willing to sacrifice some other area of his ministry, the average parish pastor does not have sufficient time to look after all the details involved in a well-balanced program. The answer, the Committee on Youth Ministry feels, is the use of well-trained lay counselors.

In an effort to assist in the training of lay counselors, the Committee on Youth Ministry has conducted an annual fall Youth Counselors' Workshop for the past five years. The most recent was held the weekend of September 19-21 at Kettle Moraine Youth Camp near Campbellsport, Wisconsin.

In the beautiful setting of Kettle Moraine State Park, 52 pastors, teach-



Mealtime is discussion time



"Big Foot," a group recreational activity



Testing

ers and lay counselors from Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Oklahoma and Wisconsin participated in an intense weekend of workshoping. Besides listening to presentations, the participants also had opportunity to establish objectives and do some long-range planning for a youth group, to test some of the educational methods and recreational ideas suggested, to plan a worship service for a weekend retreat and to plan a major service project.

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## Topics Studied

Topics covered during the course of the seminar included the following:

- Mixers, Purpose and Examples
- Overview of the Five-Point Program for Youth Ministry
- How Do You Do Youth Ministry without Enough for a Group or with Non-Joiners?
- Recreation, Theory and Examples
- Education, Theory, Methods, and Workshopping
- Establishing Objectives for a Youth Group
- Starting or Re-activating a Youth Group
- Importance of Long-Range Planning
- Worship, Understanding the Concept and Planning the Retreat Service
- Fellowship, Understanding the Concept and Encouraging Its Expression in the Youth Group
- The Importance of the Counselor
- Principles of Counseling
- The Value of Lay Counselors
- Service, Purpose, Ideas and Planning a Project

Some of the finest moments of the workshops continue to be the opportunities for sharing difficulties and successes during scheduled discussion periods or free time and the opportunities for corporate worship in the daily devotions and the Sunday morning service.

Because there appears to be a continuing demand for this workshop, the Committee on Youth Ministry will be deciding in the near future when and where the next annual workshop will be held. Watch *The Northwestern Lutheran* and *Youthink*, the newsletter for youth counselors published by the Committee on Youth Ministry and the Board for Parish Education, for the announcement.

Staff members at this year's workshop were: Pastor James Aderman of Englewood, Florida; Lay Counselor Dave Bunnow of Appleton, Wisconsin; President John Lawrenz of Saginaw, Michigan; Teacher Max Schram of Benton Harbor, Michigan; Pastor Richard Stadler of St. Paul, Minnesota; and Prof. Allen Zahn of Watertown, Wisconsin.

Committee on Youth Ministry

## Direct from the Districts

### MICHIGAN

Reporter Edward Schaeve

#### Land Purchased in West Virginia

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Beckley, the only Wisconsin Synod Church in West Virginia, has purchased a 3.3-acre tract of land for its first permanent facility. A worship-educational-fellowship unit will be designed as Good Shepherd's first building.

The members of Good Shepherd thank the rest of the members of the Synod for their support through the Church Extension Fund. It will certainly help us to "Build our House."

Robert L. Hoepner is pastor of Good Shepherd Congregation. The congregation is temporarily worshipping at the Rural Acres Garden Club, 521 Rural Acres Drive, in Beckley.

### MINNESOTA

Reporter Del Begalka

#### Groundbreaking in St. Louis County

Groundbreaking for the new sanctuary and fellowship hall of Martin Luther Ev. Lutheran Church, 10151 Sappington Road, St. Louis County South, was held on Sunday, September 7, 1980. Pastor Roger Zehms conducted the rite in the presence of the assembled congregation.

The new church sanctuary will be attached to the present church building erected in 1970. It will seat 300 persons and was designed to complement the present church structure. The lower level of the building will be used for fellowship and Sunday-school space.

The additional building is necessary because of the continuing growth of the congregation. Martin Luther is the only congregation of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod in the South County area and draws members from several miles in all directions. The congregation presently numbers almost 300 members.

#### Trinity of Saint Paul Celebrates 125th Anniversary

On September 14, 1980, Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Saint Paul, Minnesota, was privileged to celebrate the 125th anniversary of its founding. Pastor George W. Boldt, first vice-president of the Synod, was the guest speaker. Using 1 Thessalonians 2:8-13 as his text, he exhorted the congregation to give thanks to God for the 125 years of grace extended to it, to continue to show this gratitude by clinging to Scripture as the inerrant Word of God, and to let that Word be their guide in all aspects of life. After the service, which featured many hymns and sacred songs, plus choirs and trumpets, a brunch was served to all in attendance in the dining hall of the church. Members and guests were also invited to view the memorabilia which had been gathered for the occasion and which were advantageously displayed in the fellowship hall of the church.

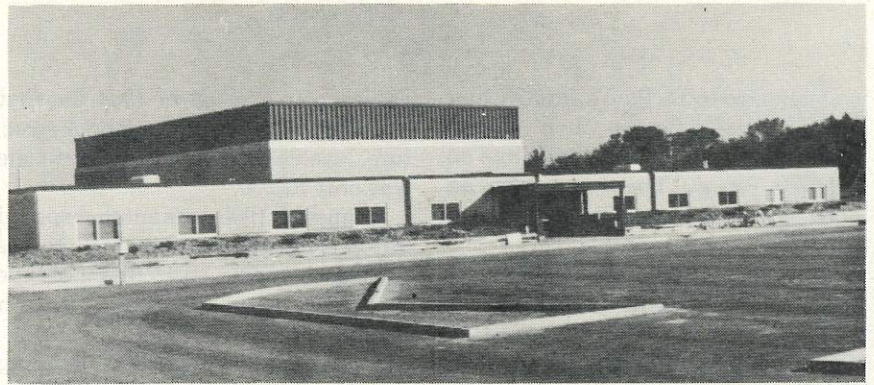
Trinity can trace its beginnings to September 14, 1855, when the congregation was formally organized and when it called W. Wier as its pastor. During the century and a quarter of its existence Trinity has been served by nine pastors, three of them serving in the twentieth century: Pastor A. Schroedel until 1909, Pastor A. C. Haase from 1910 until 1956, and Pastor E. A. Knief since 1957.

After worshipping in quarters furnished by others for three years, Trinity over the years built and dedicated three church edifices. The first was used from 1858 to 1886, the second from 1886 to 1951, and the third since 1951.

To Trinity Congregation Christian education has always been important. It opened its own Christian day school in 1858. Because of the church's location it no longer conducts a school of its own, but has called a male teacher to the staff of St. John Lutheran School in St. Paul and sends its students there. Trinity is also a charter member of the Twin City Lutheran High School Association that manages and supports St. Croix Lutheran High School.

Some seventy years ago Trinity was a congregation of well over a thousand

communicants. Because of drastic population shifts in the area where the church is located, the congregation today has to be content with a considerably smaller membership. However, the members know that a gracious God is watching over their congregation and, trusting in his help and guidance, they face the future with confidence.



School and Parking Lot

### New School at Bloomington

Bloomington Lutheran Church dedicated its new Christian-day-school building on September 21, 1980. Pastor Elton Huebner preached the sermon in the morning services, and Prof. Lloyd Huebner preached the afternoon dedication sermon.

The new school is located at 10600 Bloomington Ferry Rd., seven and one-half miles southwest of the church. This location was chosen because additional property could not be obtained next to the church and because the southwest area of Bloomington is rapidly expanding. The location is midpoint between Bloomington Lutheran and Christ Lutheran Church, started in Eden Prairie by Bloomington Lutheran in 1976.

The new school building has an area of 19,250 square feet and was erected at a cost of \$600,000. Included in the building are eight classrooms, a library, offices, a gym and storage rooms. The building was designed to be energy efficient: all exterior walls are bermed and all ceilings insulated.

The cost of the building was reduced by donations and volunteer work on the part of the congregation. Contracts were let only for the cement and block work, electrical and plumbing, plus all roof systems.

Bloomington Lutheran is thankful to WELS for making this project possible by cosigning for a loan, thus enabling the congregation to obtain the needed financing, and especially to the Lord for moving the hearts and minds of our people to work physically, mentally and financially to erect this structure so that people of all ages could learn of him who alone saves.

Services are being held in the new building every Sunday at 9:15 A.M. We invite all who live in this new area of Bloomington, or who find themselves



Miss Kathleen Stind and Grades 3 + 4

in Bloomington on a weekend, to worship with us and to see firsthand what God has done in our midst.

Mark L. Liesener

### WESTERN WISCONSIN Reporter Harold Sturm

#### Pastor Gerhardt F. Cares 25 Years in the Ministry

On September 14, 1980, the members and friends of Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Columbus, Wisconsin, joined Pastor Gerhardt Cares in offering thanksgiving to God for granting him 25 years of service in the ministry. Pastor Donald Bitter of Fort Atkinson was the guest speaker for the special morning service. Choosing 2 Samuel 7:18, Pastor Bitter spoke about how humble and honored a pastor should feel when he remembers that God has chosen him for this calling. A dinner and program followed in the afternoon, at which Prof. Cyril Spaude, a classmate of Pastor Cares, was the guest speaker.

Gerhardt Cares was born at Hartford, Wisconsin, on April 3, 1931, the son of Pastor Hermann W. Cares and his wife Leona. He prepared for the ministry by attending Northwestern

Prep, Northwestern College, and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, graduating in 1955.

From 1955 to 1960 Pastor Cares served a triparish at Elgin, Burt, and Leith, North Dakota. In 1960 he accepted the call to serve St. John-St. Peter Ev. Lutheran Church, in Cleveland, Wisconsin. Six years later Pastor Cares was called to Columbus, Wisconsin, where he has served for the past 14 years. During his ministry he has served in various Synod and District offices, including 10 years as circuit pastor.

Pastor Cares was married to Marri- anne Uetzmann on June 19, 1955. They have three children: Cathryn, is a graduate of DMLC and presently teaching at Peace Lutheran School in Granger, Indiana; John is a student at the University of Wisconsin — Madison; Carla, pursuing her studies at the University of Wisconsin — Stevens Point.

#### School Centennial at Wonewoc, Wisconsin

On August 10, 1980, St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Wonewoc, Wisconsin, celebrated the centennial of its Christian day school in three festival services. Special music for the occasion

was supplied by St. Paul's Junior Choir and St. Paul's Senior Choir. Guests were treated to a potluck dinner and an evening repast. There was also an open house at the school throughout the day.

St. Paul's Lutheran School first opened its doors to the precious blood-bought lambs of Christ on August 23, 1880. Pastor Christian Sauer served as the first teacher, and the pastors continued to do the teaching until 1906.

From 1880 to 1904 the parsonage served the double purpose of providing a home for the pastor and his family and a classroom for the congregation's

children. In the fall of 1904 the first school building, a two-story brick structure, was dedicated. Its cost complete was only \$2,000.

August 26, 1906, was another special day of joy for the members of St. Paul's as they installed their first full-time teacher in the person of Mr. Herman Kroll.

St. Paul's present school building was erected in 1954, and in 1971 two classrooms and two locker rooms were added. Presently St. Paul's School has an enrollment of 150. The teaching staff consists of Pastor LeRoy Martin, Principal Earl Brassow, Miss Sandra

Wilkes, Mr. Randall McBain, Miss Valerie Patnode, Mrs. Esther Nommensen, and Mrs. Sharon Martin.

St. Paul's Lutheran School has been richly blessed throughout the past 100 years. As it enters its second century, it relies on the abiding grace of the Good Shepherd.

#### NOTICE

The next regular plenary session of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for  
December 9-10, 1980

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  
Richard K. Rankow, Secretary  
Board of Trustees

## Nebraska Lutheran High School Dedicates Dormitory

Over 400 people were in attendance on Sunday, August 24, 1980, at the dedication of Nebraska Lutheran High School's new dormitory in Waco, Nebraska. Using Ephesians 2:20-22 as his text, District President Gerald E. Free addressed the worshipers on the theme, "Building for Life." He reminded his listeners that our "Building for Life" needs to be founded on Christ Jesus, in whom is life. He also emphasized that being founded and grounded in Christ our Savior means living for him.

The new dormitory, which has a boys' wing and a girls' wing, can accommodate 64 students and is de-

signed so that it can easily be expanded. At the present time, several of the rooms have been adapted for office space and as piano practice rooms. In addition, the dormitory contains kitchen and dining facilities, an apartment for supervisory staff and a room which is currently being used as the school's library.

Construction of the dormitory began in November 1979, and was sufficiently completed to allow dedication and occupancy by the time school opened during the last full week in August. Wilkens Steel Building Company, Inc., of Geneva, Nebraska, was the general contractor. The contract price for the

dormitory proper was \$358,885. An additional \$48,350 has been expended for kitchen construction, kitchen equipment, dining and dormitory furnishings, and landscaping. God has graciously moved the hearts of many members and friends of the Nebraska Ev. Lutheran High School Association to support the cost of construction with gifts and loans so that only \$135,000 of the construction cost needed to be borrowed from a bank.

Nebraska Lutheran High School is in its second year of operation and has an enrollment of 41 students in grades 9-11. Mr. Karl Blauert is the administrator. Four additional full-time instructors and one part-time instructor make up the rest of the faculty. May God be praised for the wonderful blessings showered upon this school!



Dining Hall



Typical Girls' Room

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Northwestern College  
Watertown, Wisconsin

The members of the Synod are invited to place in nomination the names of men qualified to fill the Greek professorship vacated by Prof. G. Baumler's acceptance of the call to serve as recruitment director at Northwestern College. Nominations, including pertinent information, should be in the hands of the secretary no later than December 2, 1980.

W. A. Schumann, Secretary  
612 S. 5th Street  
Watertown, WI 53094

## CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES

### MINNESOTA

#### MANKATO PASTORAL CONFERENCE

**Date:** December 2, 1980; 9:00 a.m. Communion service.  
**Place:** St. John's, Glencoe, Minnesota; T. Kutz, host pastor.

**Preacher:** D. Lindloff; alternate, R. Polzin.

**Agenda:** An Analysis of the Synoptics as Viewed by the Men at Semine; W. Wagner; Exegesis of 1 Corinthians 4:11ff.; Conference Business; Casuistry.

**Note:** Please excuse to the host pastor.

W. E. Wagner, Secretary

## INSTALLATIONS

(Authorized by the District Presidents)

### Ordained and Installed

#### Pastors:

**Heiges, William D.**, as missionary at Calgary, Alberta, Canada, on October 12, 1980, by R. Beyer (Dak.-Mont.).

**Renz, James A.**, as pastor of Trinity Lutheran, Wilson, Minnesota, on August 3, 1980, by D. Fischer (WW).

#### Installed

#### Pastor:

**Zickuhr, Walter H.**, as pastor of Trinity Lutheran, Hendricks, Minnesota, on October 12, 1980 by D. Linn (Dak.-Mont.).

#### Teachers:

**Jungen, Scott E.**, as teacher at Resurrection, Virginia Beach, Virginia, on August 10, 1980, by J. Luetke (Mich.).

**Nass, Jonathan R.**, as teacher at St. Paul's, Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin, on August 24, 1980, by Wm. Lange (WW).

**Otto, William B.**, as teacher at St. John's, Baraboo, Wisconsin, on August 31, 1980, by E. Toepel (WW).

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## AUDIO VISUAL AIDS

### STRANGE SOUNDS IN A STRANGE LAND (FS-80-SSS) 1980 T or C & M 12 min. color

Our present mission effort in Japan began in 1957. Since that time our American missionaries and Japanese Christians have devoted many hours of labor, love and prayer for the building of God's kingdom in this Oriental land. This film-strip tells the story of that work, so that Wisconsin Synod Christians can also rejoice "over the one sinner that repenteth" through their mission efforts.

### INTERNATIONAL YOUTH RALLY (S-16-YR) 1980 C & M 14 min. color

The Synod's Committee on Youth Ministry sponsors an annual youth rally which attracts teenagers from all over the United States and Canada. These slides tell the story of these rallies, emphasizing a five-point youth program: worship, fellowship, education, service and recreation. These slides are shipped in a carousel. Care should be taken that they are kept in proper sequence.

Order from: AUDIO—VISUAL AIDS  
3624 W. North Ave.  
Milwaukee, WI 53208

## Dr. Martin Luther College

New Ulm, Minnesota

### REVISED SECOND SEMESTER CALENDAR For 1980-81

- January 7, Wednesday  
Classes begin.
- February 27, Friday  
Midterm. Midwinter vacation begins after classes.
- March 10, Tuesday  
Classes resume.
- April 15, Wednesday  
Easter recess begins after classes.
- April 21, Tuesday  
Classes resume.
- May 8, Friday  
Last day of classes.
- May 9, Saturday  
1:00 p.m. Senior examinations begin.
- May 11, Monday, through May 15, Friday, 12:00 noon. Examinations.
- May 15, Friday  
8:00 p.m. Commencement concert.
- May 16, Saturday  
10:00 a.m. Commencement service.

## TAPED SERVICES PROGRAM

### General Board for Home Missions

What happens when members move away from their home churches? Some receive taped services from their own congregations. Some affiliate with another WELS congregation in the new area. Some drive hundreds of miles to worship at the nearest WELS church. Still others go without Word and sacrament and say nothing, hoping that they'll be able to move again soon. Some, unfortunately, affiliate with churches not of our fellowship.

Is there any solution? A partial solution is the Home Mission Taped Services Program. To satisfy the spiritual needs of WELS members who cannot worship together with their fellow WELS members because of distance or disability, tape-recorded worship services can be obtained from the office of the General Board for Home Missions at 3512 W. North Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53208. These tapes are prepared for specific Sundays matching the church year. All that a person needs to play them is a good cassette player. It is suggested that, where possible, two or more families gather together for worship in this manner.

If you know of some family or some individual who could or would make use of these services, please write to the General Board for Home Missions at the above address. These requests must come with the knowledge and consent of the people who will receive the tapes, and the tapes must be returned for reuse.

The project is supported entirely by gifts and offerings, and receives no support from the Synod budget. A great portion of the funding needed for this mission effort is supplied by the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society. We are truly grateful for their support.

## RADIO AND TV MINISTRY

The Milwaukee Federation of WELS Churches, Inc., has been active in a radio and TV ministry for more than four years. Its Radio & TV Committee is in a position to offer your congregation or groups of congregations the following aids for a radio or TV ministry in your area.

Available for your use are three professionally produced television "spots" of 30-second, 20-second, and 10-second duration. They are written so that they can easily be identified with the congregation using them. They have been field-tested in the Milwaukee TV market and have been played as public service announcements at no cost.

Also available are two radio programs: the 15-minute "Music For The Master" and the 30-minute "The Message From The Master." Both have been well received in the Milwaukee and St. Croix areas. Radio programs for your area can be provided within six weeks after your decision to begin airing. Sample cassettes are available at \$2.00.

For information please write to:

The Radio & TV Committee  
Milwaukee Federation WELS  
111 E. Oak Street  
Oak Creek, WI 53154

## NEW WELS CHURCHES

### Names Requested

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

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

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

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| Alaska .....         | Kenai                 |
| Arizona .....        | Deer Valley           |
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| Florida .....        | Brooksville*          |
|                      | Daytona Beach*        |
|                      | Keystone Heights      |
|                      | Leesburg              |
|                      | Lehigh Acres*         |
|                      | Melbourne             |
|                      | Zephyrhills           |
| Georgia .....        | Augusta               |
|                      | Warner/Robbins/Perry* |
| Illinois .....       | Sandwich/Plano*       |
| Kansas .....         | Topeka                |
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|                      | Charlotte*            |
| Ohio .....           | Englewood             |
| Oregon .....         | Gresham*              |
|                      | Medford*              |
|                      | Pendleton*            |
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|                      | Port Washington       |
|                      | Rice Lake             |
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| Alberta .....        | Calgary*              |
| Ontario .....        | Toronto*              |

\*Denotes exploratory services.

## EXPLORATORY

### NOVI, MICHIGAN

WELS exploratory services are being held in the Novi, Walled Lake, Wixom area near Detroit, Michigan, on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. Novi Area Lutheran Church offers worship services followed by Sunday school in the Novi Middle School NORTH on Taft Road near 11-mile. Send names of interested people to Pastor David J. Farley, 24260 Hampton Hill Road, Novi, Michigan 48050; phone: 313/340-0565.

### ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

The Rochester exploratory group meets on Sundays at the Marriott Hotel-Airport, 1890 West Ridge Road, in Rochester, New York. We conduct Sunday school and Bible study at 9:30 a.m. and the worship service at 10:30 a.m. Please join us when you are in town. Also, send names of WELS members living in the area to Pastor Mark D. Gieschen, 64 Alden Road, Rochester, New York 14626, or call 716/227-6444.

### MEDFORD, OREGON

Exploratory services are being held every Sunday in Medford, the recreational hub of southern Oregon. Currently we meet in downtown Medford at the Labor Temple, 24½ S. Grape Street (the corner of Grape and 8th). Adult Bible class and Sunday school begin at 9:30 a.m. Divine worship is conducted at 10:30 a.m. To obtain or forward information contact Pastor Edward Zell, 916 Murphy Road, Medford, Oregon 97501; phone: 503/773-5962.

### CHARLOTTE AREA, NORTH CAROLINA

WELS exploratory services are presently being held in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg area. Services are held every Sunday at the Harris Branch YMCA, 5900 Quail Hollow, Charlotte, at 7:00 p.m. For more information, call Mr. Donald Wisch, 704/365-2821, or Pastor Jon Guenther, 704/697-1261. Please send names and referrals to Pastor Jon Guenther, 2206 Evergreen Drive, Hendersonville, North Carolina 28739. Neighboring communities served include Monroe, Matthews, Pineville, Rock Hill (SC), and Gastonia.

### CASPER, WYOMING AND AREAS NORTH AND WEST

The WELS Casper Mission is conducting weekly services, Sunday school, and Bible classes on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. at the Casper Women's Club, 136 E. 6th Street, Casper, Wyoming. For referrals or information, contact Pastor David P. Russow, 416 S. 5th Avenue, Casper, Wyoming 82601; phone 307/235-2770.

Names of WELS or ELS members who have settled in or near Gillette, Riverton, Thermopolis and Douglas should also be sent to Pastor Russow.

## TIME AND PLACE

### NEW YORK CITY

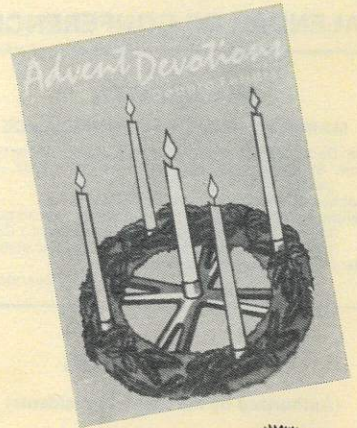
Sunday worship services are being held in Manhattan at 675 West End Avenue, Apartment No. 6A. The apartment is located between 92nd and 93rd Streets and is conveniently situated three blocks south of the 96th Street IRT Broadway-7th Avenue Subway stop. For time of service please contact locally Mr. John Bills, phone 212/865-4844, or send names to Pastor David F. Pagel, 218 E. Crescent Avenue, Ramsey, New Jersey 07446; phone 201/825-3816.

### AMHERST, NEW HAMPSHIRE

St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church formerly of Nashua, New Hampshire, is now worshiping in its own building on Craftsmen Lane in Amherst, New Hampshire. The time of service is 9:30 a.m. with Sunday school and Bible class at 10:30 a.m. For more information, please contact Pastor Richard H. Schleicher, Naticook Road, Merrimack, New Hampshire 03054; phone 603/889-3027.

### AVAILABLE: CHURCH FLAGS

A set of flags, both a Christian flag and an American flag, including poles and stands is available to any mission congregation for the cost of transportation. Used, but still usable. Contact Pastor L. J. Wendland, 571 High Avenue, Hillsboro, Wisconsin 56434; Phone: 608/489-2189.



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