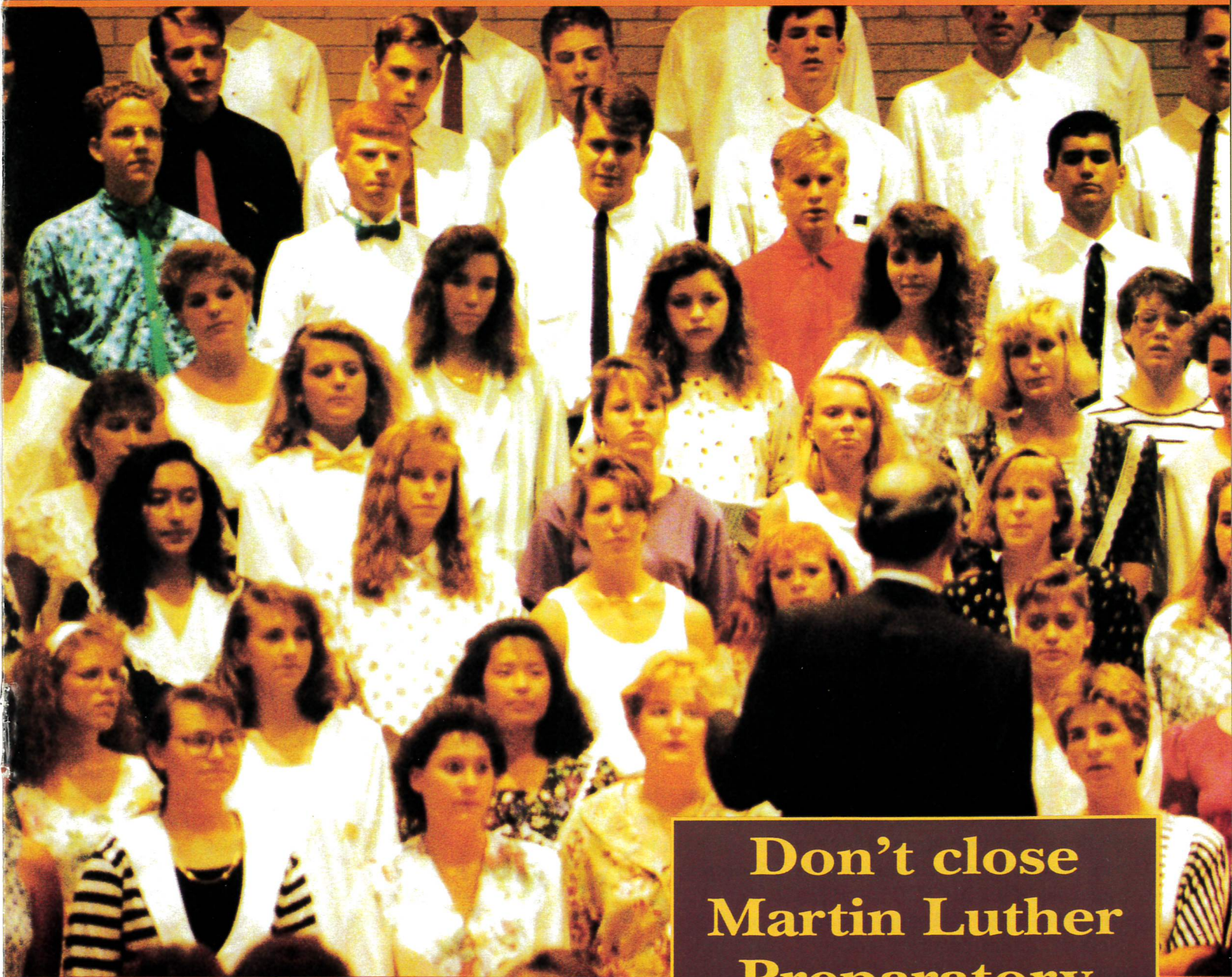


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Confrontation, confession, absolution

by Kurt F. Koeplin

"You are the man" . . . "I have sinned against the Lord" . . . "The Lord has taken away your sin" (2 Samuel 12:1-14).

Up to a few years ago many of us on the shady side of 40 never heard of the word "confrontation," but we saw it every Saturday afternoon at our local "Bijou." There in the classic westerns the hero had his showdown with evil, and the good guy always won. Evil was vanquished, good triumphed, and the hero rode off into the sunset.

How we loved it. It was the stuff of dreams. But it wasn't real life. It's different in the "big nasty." No one enjoys confrontation. Most folks prefer to compromise. If each side gives a little, neither party may be entirely satisfied, but neither is apt to get bruised, either.

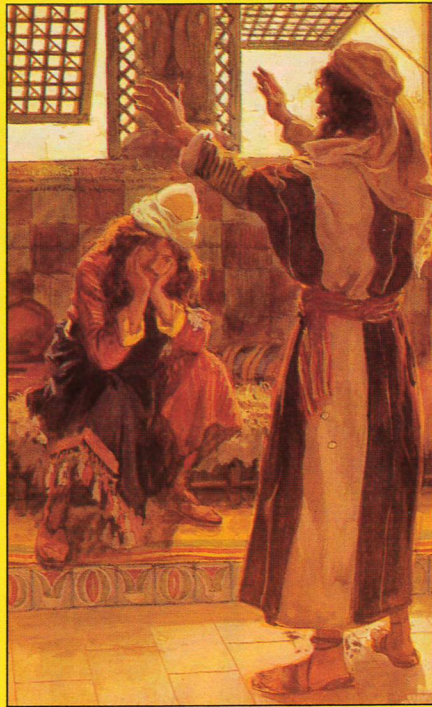
Compromise works most of the time in most social situations. Not so in most spiritual situations. When souls are at stake, when the difference is between good and evil, right or wrong, heaven and hell, there isn't much room for negotiations. When God says "do" or "don't," we can't say, "Wait a moment. Can't we talk this over and find a middle ground?"

That doesn't work. God cannot compromise with evil. And though it may be painful, there are times when laying it on the line is not only one way of doing things, it's the only way. King David found this out as he experienced confrontation, confession, and absolution.

Confrontation

All the sordid details of David's illicit liaison with Bathsheba, her husband's arranged death on the battlefield, David's lust, and his avoidance of Nathan, God's prophet, are chronicled in 2 Samuel. The unvarnished facts are that David had unresolved sins on his conscience and sought to hide from God.

Nathan, under cover of seeking David's judgment concerning a rich man stealing a sheep from a poor



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neighbor, uses David's outrage to bring the sinner face to face with God. "You are the man!" Nathan says to David.

Confession

To David's credit, he did not hide, or try to blame others. "I have sinned." All too often we try to blame others for our errors. "It's the church's / pastor's / wife's / husband's / kid's / society's / teacher's / government's fault." That won't wash. Confession is the sinner, stripped of excuses, saying, "It's my fault."

David could have said, "I've sinned against Bathsheba, Uriah, Nathan, the people of Israel whom I've disgraced," and it would all be true. But David confessed he had sinned against the Lord. First and

foremost we sin against God. When we hurt each other, we hurt God first.

Absolution

When David confessed his sin, he was forgiven. God didn't require a probationary period. Forgiveness was instantaneous and complete. The relationship between God and his believer was straightened out.

Thank God, we Christians also know that although forgiveness is easy, it is not cheap. The price of restoration was the innocent and substitutionary life and death of our Savior.

Like David, Christians respond with lives of thanksgiving and gratitude. Our reaction to the gospel's absolution is renewed vigor to follow God's will in lives which reflect his saving love.

In real life, confrontation with God's law is a reality; confession is a necessity; absolution is a certainty. In Christ, we too can ride off into the sunset knowing that eternal life is directly ahead.



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May the Lord our God be with us
as he was with our fathers;
may he never leave
or forsake us. 1 Kings 8:57

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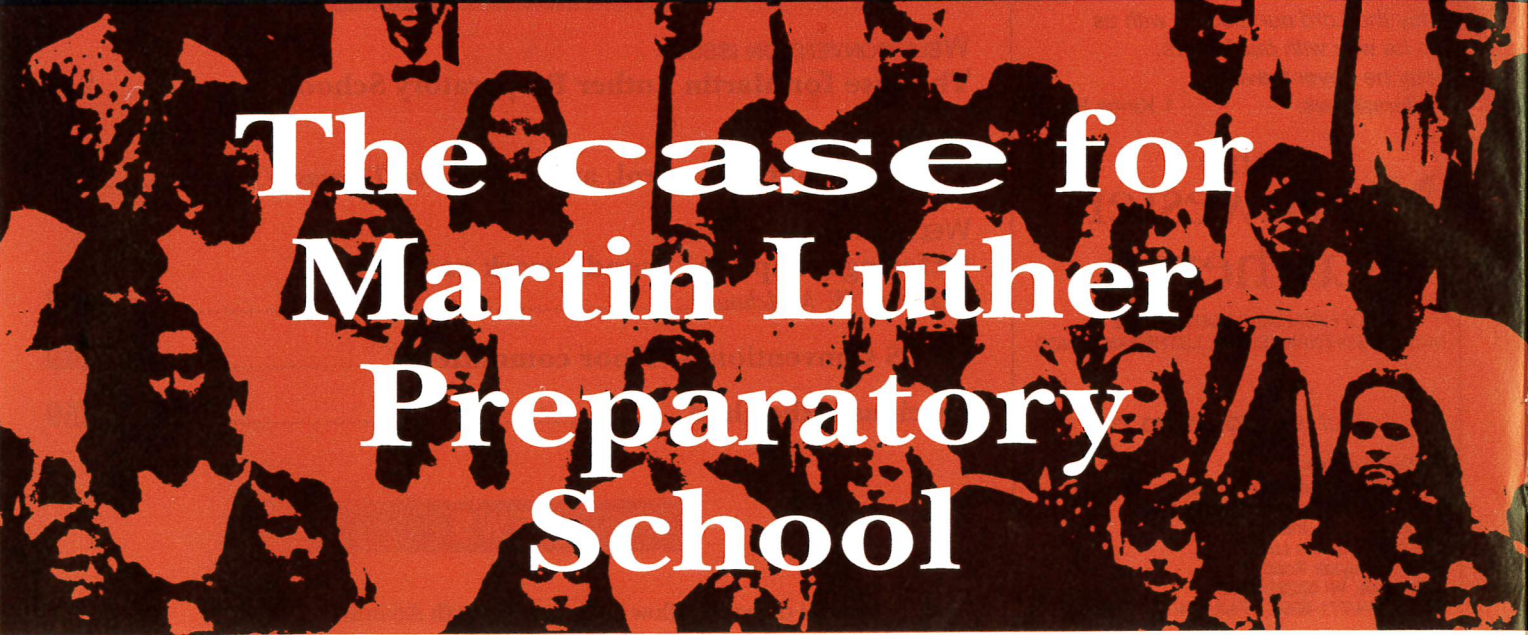
FORWARD

■ The 1991 synod convention will be the scene of discussion and debate on a number of important matters. Two are discussed in this issue: the synodical school structure and the funding of the synod's budget. The May 1 issue presented the Coordinating Council's reasons for the recommendation to consolidate schools by closing Martin Luther Prep School. In this issue the school's president, Theodore Olsen, speaks on behalf of keeping MLPS open. We received so many

letters on the question that the Letters column in this issue is expanded to two pages.

Another problem is the deficit in synodical funds, caused by a decrease in offerings. But the downward trend, says Daniel Malchow, "can be reversed. It must be reversed." These are only two convention issues which will affect the synod now and into the next century.

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The case for Martin Luther Preparatory School

The May 1 issue presented a series of questions and answers explaining why the Coordinating Council is recommending to the August synodical convention consolidating the prep system by closing Martin Luther Preparatory School at Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin. President Theodore Olsen of Martin Luther Preparatory School responds with some questions and answers of his own, making the case for the continuance of Martin Luther Prep School as a vital component in the synod's ministerial training system. Of course, only a convention of the synod can make the final decision.

Why are you answering more questions about synodical school structure and the Board for Worker Training report? After all, there was an article in the May 1 issue of the Northwestern Lutheran talking about this. Isn't it a "done deal"?

Only the synod in convention can make an issue of this magnitude and importance a "done deal." That will not happen until the synod convention August 5-9. Until that time it is necessary for all of us to get as much information as we can and to understand the implications regarding this matter. Then we can better advise our synod convention delegates as to our feelings and wishes on this issue.

No board or even several boards can make this decision. Only the members of the synod through their delegates can make the final decision.

What is the issue? I heard it was money.

This is a difficult question. While it is true that

as a synod we are experiencing financial difficulties and for some the way to solve this problem is to cut back on our worker training program, the issue is deeper than money. What we are dealing with is a proposal which would basically change the way we are currently training our future pastors and teachers.

How are we currently educating our future pastors and teachers?

At the present time we as a synod operate six schools. Dr. Martin Luther College (DMLC) in New Ulm, Minn., is the college from which we get our teachers. Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, Wis., is the school from which we get our pastors. To prepare for Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, our young men will attend Northwestern College (NWC) in Watertown, Wis.

Preparing young men and women for entrance into both NWC and DMLC are three synodical preparatory schools. They are Martin Luther Preparatory School (MLPS) at Prairie du Chien, Wis.; Michigan Lutheran Seminary (MLS) at Saginaw, Mich.; and Northwestern Preparatory School (NPS) at Watertown, Wis. (This school shares its campus with Northwestern College.)

In recent years these three prep schools have been providing 60 percent of the students for NWC and nearly one-third of the students for DMLC. Most of the remaining enrollees at the colleges come from area Lutheran high schools and public high schools.



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*When our Lord bids us to send out missionaries
he also means we are to educate them.*

Is this present delivery system good or bad?

It is as the church intended. Our church has always recognized the need for well-trained and qualified pastors and teachers. That is why the schools exist. Our synod has the strongest ministerial training program in the world today. This provides, under God's guidance and blessing, our church body with qualified, but even more important, confessionally sound pastors and teachers.

It is safe to say that what we have makes us the envy of church bodies all over the world. There are some church bodies who once had a system such as ours but since have lost it. There are some in those church bodies who feel that the loss of a strong worker training program has directly resulted in their confessional problems and difficulties.

Then the issue is bigger than money?

Yes. The proposal is to cut back on our ministerial schools, particularly the preparatory schools. It calls for two prep schools instead of three and one of the remaining two, MLS, would be structured as a school serving not only the worker training needs of the WELS, but also the general education needs of the Michigan District. This would leave us with only one prep school as we know it today and that one on a shared campus with a college. (What happens to our prep system when the college needs to be expanded?)

This is retrenchment. It is going backwards in a day when it appears that we should be redoubling our efforts to prepare well-trained and qualified candidates for the preaching and teaching min-

istry. It is paring back when there is evidence that in the near future we won't even be able to replace those pastors and teachers who retire or leave the public ministry, much less expand our efforts at home and abroad. It would appear that our efforts should be expended on recruitment and training and not on retrenchment.

Won't cutting a prep school give us more money to send out more missionaries?

No! No! No! First: The proposal calls for the closure of MLPS. Everyone agrees that in the short term there will be no savings. Savings in the long term are directly dependent upon disposal of the MLPS campus.

Second: Even if there are savings in the long term, this will not benefit the mission divisions; it will only allow the worker training division to bridge its projected financial gap.

Third and most important: When our Lord bids us to send out missionaries he also means we are to educate them — no education, no missionaries. It is not possible to have one without the other. Furthermore, one should not be pitted against the other. They are not mutually exclusive. To have well-trained and qualified pastors and teachers a strong educational system is needed. Prof. John Brug of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary also discusses this in an article titled "Worker Training vs Outreach." It can be found in the spring 1991 issue of the *Wisconsin Lutheran Quarterly* on pages 149-151.

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If we want to keep a strong and viable prep system, then we have to decide we will support that system.

Why not close MLPS?

While it is true that MLPS has had a declining enrollment since its opening in 1979 (although it experienced a slight increase this past school year) and thus the cost per student for the synod is more than at the other two prep schools, there are other factors to consider as well.

- During the decade of the '80s MLPS was the single largest supplier of students to our synod colleges (NWC and DMLC). Even though MLPS is young, it is still a vibrant and integral part of the ministerial education system.
- MLPS has constantly fought rumors about closure and even more so since the 1985 synod convention. In the midst of all this turmoil it will send some 60 per cent of its graduates on to DMLC and NWC.
- MLPS has 108 acres on one campus which would allow for an enrollment of nearly 600 students with only modest capital expenditures. MLPS has the space and thus the potential to expand well beyond that if that is what the Lord has in store for it. It has all the facilities for a high school in the next century.
- It is a school which is owned and operated by the synod (the synod determines what it has, what it does, and how it educates its future workers).
- It has in place a strong academic program, a strong music program, a strong interscholastic sports program, and a strong program for students who spend seven days a week at this

school. It has also embarked on a strong recruitment program which promises a growing enrollment. It is doing everything the synod has asked of it. It is a school of which our church body can be proud.

What is the solution to the dilemma?

First we must decide as a church body what we want. Do we want to send out well-trained and qualified pastors and teachers? If we do, then we have to decide how we will educate them. Do we want to proceed, under God, with a strong ministerial education system which has proven itself again and again, or do we want to pare back and rely on a new, unproven system? If we want to keep the blessing which we have had, a strong and viable prep system, then we have to decide we will support that system. How? Only with God's help and that he gladly and readily gives. When the Lord mandates, he also enables. He never gives us a task without providing what is needed to carry out that task.

He has called us and made us his very own children. He asks us to serve and he has given us the wherewithal to do that. He has given us our children who can prepare to serve him. He has given us more material blessings than any previous generation with which to support his work.

Since the Lord has given us all the tools needed to serve him, the question comes down to: Will we serve him?

LIFE

In or out of control

And yours?

by Thomas H. Trapp

Are you in control of your life? The late comedian John Belushi was not. A brief excerpt from the book *Wired: The Short Life and Fast Times of John Belushi* tells it this way:

John Landis, director of "The Blues Brothers," moved across the set in a rage. The filming was behind schedule and millions over budget. The crew had been in Chicago for 64 days and was anxious to head back to the coast. And now the star was keeping everyone waiting again, holed up in his private trailer when he should have been on camera for a few final scenes. Landis opened the door of the trailer and stepped inside. There sat John Belushi, a bloated ghastly parody of the Bluto character he had played in Landis' last movie, the hit comedy "Animal House." Belushi's curly black hair was disheveled, his gaze fixed at a point several feet in front of his eyes. Cognac had been spilled all over. There was urine on the floor. And on a table a mound of cocaine, piled high and white. "John, you're killing yourself!" Landis shouted. . . . "Don't do this to me. Don't do this to Judy [Belushi's wife]. Don't do this to yourself!" Belushi stared up, saying nothing.

Belushi was out of control.

How about you? Are you in control or out of control?

One of the twelve sons of Jacob, Joseph, was in control of his sexual desires. He resisted an invitation to sexual pleasure outside of the marriage bond.

Amnon, however, was out of control. He raped his step-sister Tamar (2 Samuel 13). What was the difference between Joseph and Amnon? Why did Joseph have the power to say "no" to temptation? Why did Amnon let lust take over? The answer is found in



SALLY SCHAEDLER

The fruit of self-control

Joseph's response to Potiphar's wife: "How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?" (Genesis 39).

Amnon looked to himself and lust controlled him. Joseph looked to God and love controlled him, God's love. "Christ's love compels us," the apostle Paul wrote (2 Corinthians 5:14). He also stated: "For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say 'No' to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope — the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ" (Titus 2:11-13).

Self-control for the Christian is Christ-control. The grace and love of Jesus Christ controls us, and not just our sex drive. He controls all of our passions: our anger, depression, addictions, and appetite. Jesus was crucified for our sins. He can also control us from falling into sin.

Whatever is getting out of control in your life, let Jesus Christ take control.

If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing (John 15:5).



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Offerings shape the synod's work program

by Daniel W. Malchow

What has happened to the synod mission offerings (SMO)? These are the offerings which congregations remit to support the mission and ministry of WELS. In 1990 the offerings amounted to \$15,607,607 or 75.7 percent of total WELS income.

Over the past decade the SMO increases have been falling considerably short of inflation. The impact of these shortages has been felt in all of synod's divisions, but perhaps most sharply in the division of worker training. This inability to meet inflationary pressures has resulted in staff reductions, kept maintenance work below minimum standards, curtailed recruitment expansion, and threatened basic programs.

In its report to the synod's 1991 convention the Board for Worker Training is calling upon congregations to consider at least a 5.5 percent increase in synod mission offerings.

Why 5.5 percent? Such an increase is anticipated as necessary simply to cover inflationary costs. A 5.5 percent increase would cover an anticipated 5 percent increase in consumer prices and an anticipated 15 percent increase in health care premiums. Forecasters are predicting that an annual 15 percent increase in health insurance will go on indefinitely.

It should be understood that such a 5.5 percent increase would allow for no recovery, growth, or expansion in any major synodical activity. It would simply keep the status quo. For world missions it would mean maintaining the current work force, and in home missions it would allow for two new openings, the number projected for 1991-92. To increase the number of budget-funded home mission openings to ten (half of the desired goal), synod mission offerings would have to show an increase of 7.6 percent. To that one can add about eight or nine openings expected to be funded by the Lift High the Cross offering.

How realistic is it to talk about a 5.5 percent or 7.6 percent increase in synod mission offerings? Through the eyes of God it is totally and unequivocally realistic. Our good and gracious God is capable of bringing about increases of such size and much more. Surely that leads us to prayer. We pray that God will open the hearts of WELS members and stir congregations to increase their financial support of

the mission and ministry of WELS. Never dare we cut short the arm of the Lord.

A look at recent history reveals a story of a different stripe. In its report to the 1991 convention the Commission for Communication and Financial Support states that over the past five years (1985-1990) cost of living increases rose by 22.4 percent. Over that same period congregation offerings for home purposes went up by 33.9 percent and for church related agencies by 25.1 percent. Synod mission offerings increased by a mere 10.6 percent. The average increase over the past five years has been only 2.0 percent.

A major part of the problem can be seen by analyzing subscriptions for 1991. Of the 1,251 reporting congregations 662 increased their subscriptions by a total amount of \$733,218, an increase of 7.6 percent. However, another 365 congregations with 1990 subscriptions of \$3,543,281 kept those subscriptions flat for 1991, bringing the percentage increase down to 5.6 percent. The most damaging factor was that 224 congregations lowered their subscriptions in a total amount of \$659,936, bringing the percentage increase down to 0.5 percent.

This is the basic problem. If 47 percent of our congregations either lower their subscriptions or show no increase, it becomes impossible for the remaining congregations to make up the difference. If 29 percent of our congregations submit no increase in their 1992 subscriptions and if another 18 percent lower their subscriptions of the previous year, then the increases required of the remaining congregations to reach 5.5 percent or 7.6 percent become almost astronomical.

Trends can be turned around. With the help of almighty God and with the gospel of his salvation stirring our hearts, the downward trend in synod mission offerings can be reversed. It must be reversed. To continue a sound worker training system and to maintain a vibrant home and world mission program, we must understand the importance of synod mission offerings.



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IN THE NEWS

Festival concert draws overflow audience

Almost 2000 people packed the auditorium of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, on April 21 to hear a concert by the Lutheran Chorale of Milwaukee, the Treble Choir of Dr. Martin Luther College, and the Seminary Chorus. Mequon police estimated that at least 500 more people never even made an attempt to enter the campus.

"The concert was the finale to an exciting weekend," said Prof. James Tiefel, director of the seminary choir. "Saturday was rehearsal from

early morning until late at night. On Sunday the treble choir sang in two services at Calvary Church. Two DMLC students, Laura Arnold and Elizabeth Sievert, presented an organ recital on the seminary's new chapel organ. The concert began 15 minutes later than scheduled because of the overflow crowd. It ended two hours later, but the strains of the music echoed in minds and hearts for days."

Besides Tiefel, directors were Prof. Joyce Schubkegel of DMLC and Pastor Kurt Eggert, director of

the Lutheran Chorale. An orchestra, gathered for the concert, accompanied some of the pieces. "The organizers of the concert apologize to those who were not able to find a seat or a parking space," said Tiefel. "A very good recording was made, however."

A cassette tape, "Let Every Instrument Be Tuned for Praise," is available for \$8.95 plus \$2.75 postage and handling from Northwestern Publishing House, 1250 N. 113 St., Milwaukee, WI 53226-3284.

North Atlantic District

On Jan. 13 the members of **Beautiful Savior, Fayetteville, N.C.** dedicated their new house of worship. A parsonage was also included in the construction. The congregation has worshipped in three places since its first service in 1986. Beautiful Savior serves military families from Fort Bragg and Pope Air Force Base as well as Marine and Navy families from Camp Lejeune and Cherry Point. . . . **Our Redeemer, Yorktown, Va.**, dedicated its first church home Dec. 9. Our Redeemer is only a few miles from historic Williamsburg, Yorktown, and Jamestown. With a large military presence in the area, the congregation's membership changes often.

Northern Wisconsin District

Bethany, Manitowoc, dedicated a new addition to the school in January. The addition includes three classrooms, a gym, storage and locker rooms, and an expanded kitchen. Much of the finish work was done by members. Bethany has 220 students in grades K-8 and a staff of 11 teachers. . . . The **Wisconsin Lutheran Radio Mission** of Oshkosh celebrated 20 years of broadcasts in April. A ministry to shut-ins, the broadcast originates from Bethlehem, Grace, or Martin Luther, all in Oshkosh. . . . **Martin Luther, Oshkosh**, will begin an elementary school in 1991 with pre-K and kindergarten classes. Plans are to add a grade each year until pre-K through grade 8 are available. . . . **Mrs. Verna Witt** of Grace, Oshkosh, retired after 38 years in the teaching ministry. A special observance was held May 5. . . . **Faith, Oshkosh**, celebrated its 40th anniversary April 21.

—Jan C. Eggert

South Atlantic District

Over 75 students from six Lutheran elementary schools in Florida gathered for their annual **"Sports Fun Weekend"** March 9-10 at Peace, Bradenton. The students participated in a host of events and also wrote and performed rap songs. The students spent the night with members of Peace and sang at Sunday morning's worship service. The weekend closed after lunch with awards presented to all participants. . . . On April 21 Ascension, Sarasota, hosted over 400 worshipers and singers at the first **Western Florida Song Festival**. Choirs from 14 congregations and the Florida Lutheran Chorale, directed by Pastor Raymond

Wiechmann, participated. Adding to the beauty of the service were the accompanists, Annie Meyer and Esther Huebner, and the trumpeters, Joel Huebner and Jorge Andros. . . . **Young people of Cutler Ridge, Miami**, won 16 blue ribbons when they entered the fishing gear competition at the Dade County Youth Fair and Exposition. The youth, taught by members of the congregation, entered five custom fishing rods and 11 decorated fishing hats. In addition two, of the rods received a special award — the Purple Rosette ribbon. After the fair the congregation held its first annual fishing tournament, using the rods and wearing the hats.

—Jonathan C. Voss

Obituary

Norbert M. Mielke 1910-1991

Pastor Norbert M. Mielke was born March 24, 1910, in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, and died March 21, 1991, in Loveland, Colorado.

He attended Michigan Lutheran Seminary; Concordia Lutheran College; and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, graduating in 1936. During his ministry he served congregations in Platte, S. D.; Broken Bow, Merna, and Rising City, Neb.; Kekoskee and Dundee, Wis.; and Fort Morgan and Hillrose, Col. He retired in 1982.

Survivors include his wife, Goldie; sons Norbert (Mary), Jonathon (Dawn), Daniel (Phyllis), and Nathan (Karen); daughters Clara (Verle) Nabor; Magdalene (Gary) Steinke; 20 grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. He is also survived by two brothers, Louis and Irvin. His son David preceded him in death.

THE BIBLE IN 365 READINGS

Continuing our program of reading through the complete Bible in one year, we list the eighth month of readings beginning August 1 and ending August 31.

August 1	2 Thessalonians; Philemon
2	Colossians
3	Revelation 1 — 5
4	Rv 6 — 11
5	Rv 12 — 16
6	Rv 17 — 20
7	Rv 21 — 22
8	Psalms 109, 94, 62, 47, 108
9	Job 1 — 5
10	Jb 6 — 8
11	Job 9 — 11
12	Jb 12 — 14
13	Jb 15 — 18
14	Jb 19 — 21
15	Jb 22 — 26
16	Jb 27 — 30:15
17	Jb 30:16 — 32:22
18	Jb 33 — 36:16
19	Jb 36:17 — 39:12
20	Jb 39:13 — 42:17
21	Ps 73; 1 Chronicles 1
22	1 Ch 2; Ps 104
23	1 Ch 3 — 4; Ps 19
24	1 Ch 5 — 6:49; Ps 134, 8
25	1 Ch 6:50 — 7:40; Ps 15, 52
26	1 Ch 8; Ps 76, 77, 124
27	1 Ch 9; Ps 97, 86, 82
28	1 Ch 10 — 12:22
29	1 Ch 12:23 — 16:6
30	1 Ch 16:7 — 18:17
31	Ps 55; 1 Ch 19 — 22:5



Northwestern College graduates 33

Commencement exercises were held May 15 at Northwestern College, Watertown, Wis., for the 33 graduates of the class of 1991. The two students honored as speakers for their class in the fields of humanities and religion respectively were Gregg Bitter of Oakfield, Wis., and Stephen Geiger of Belmont, Cal. The following received their bachelor of arts degrees:

Baur, Paul, New Ulm, Minn.
Bitter, Gregg, Oakfield, Wis.
Blaho, David, Lilburn, Ga.
Bode, Bradley, Prairie du Chien, Wis.
Bonack, Jeffrey, Mayville, Wis.
Dobberstein, Donn, Mequon, Wis.
Doletzky, Paul, Wayne, Mich.
Ewart, Michael, Broken Arrow, Okla.
Fanning, Paul, Jefferson, Wis.
Fleming, James, New Berlin, Wis.
Geiger, Stephen, Belmont, Calif.
Hansen, Erik, Schofield, Wis.
Kant, William, Rockford, Minn.
Kehren, Jonathan, Marshall, Minn.
Kieselhorst, Philip, Cedarburg, Wis.
Koeller, Daniel, Milwaukee, Wis.
Malchow, David, Watertown, Wis.
Melso, Stephen, Neenah, Wis.
Meyer, Ib, Watertown, Wis.
Nerby, Steve, Tucson, Ariz.
Otto, Joel, Milwaukee, Wis.
Pankow, Joel, Watertown, Wis.
Schleusener, David, Tomah, Wis.
Schlomer, Larry, El Paso, Tex.
Schneider, David, Savanna, Ill.
Schroeder, Daniel, Saginaw, Mich.
Schroeder, Paul, Oconomowoc, Wis.
Schultz, Thomas, Goodhue, Minn.
Talsma, Kurt, Bruce Crossing, Mich.
Turriff, James, Waukesha, Wis.
Vertein, Eric, Baraboo, Wis.
Wendt, David, Las Vegas, Nev.
Wright, Joseph, Ravenna, Mich.

Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary

The Conference of Presidents met at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, Wis., on May 13 and 14 to assign calls into the pastoral ministry to the 1991 graduates here listed.

Aufdemberge, Mark S., Flagstaff Ariz., to Prince of Peace, Mason City, Iowa.
Ehler, Leon R., Milwaukee, Wis., to St. Stephen, Beaver Dam, Wis.
Ewings, Brian E., Jim Falls, Wis., to Rock of Ages, Kansas City, Mo.
Glasgow, Robert G., West Allis, Wis., to Faith, Pittsburg, Kan.
Hanson, Jr., Virgil E., Waukesha, Wis., to Living Hope, Omaha, Neb.
Keller, Brian R., Menomonee Falls, Wis., to King of Kings, Little Rock, Ark.
Kennitz, Timothy J., Eldorado, Wis., to Shepherd of the Hills, Greeley, Col.

Kempf, Jay P., Viroqua, Wis., to St. Matthew, Iron Ridge, Wis.
Koehler III, Ronald G., Owosso, Mich., to Martin Luther Preparatory School, Prairie du Chien, Wis.
Kolander, Jonathan F., Montello, Wis., to Our Savior, Gaylord/ Hope, Indian River, Mich.
Landvatter, Neil R., Oconomowoc, Wis., to Gethsemane, Omaha, Neb.
Lindemann, Michael A., Watertown, Wis., to Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minn.
Luchterhand, Stephen M., Dale, Wis., to new mission, Spooner, Wis.
Mohler, Howard O., Rochester, Minn., to Lutheran Church of Central Africa, Lusaka, Zambia.
Nelson, Kenneth S., Bismarck, N.D., to St. Paul, Livingston, Mont.
Qualmann, John D., Iron Ridge, Wis., to Northwestern College, Watertown, Wis.
Raddatz, Stephen H., New Ulm, Minn., to Nebraska Lutheran High School, Waco, Neb.
Rauh, Matthew C., Benton Harbor, Mich., to

Also in the news

Pastor Kenneth Gawrisch of Franklin, Wis., has been appointed to the Board of Trustees of Northwestern College and Preparatory School to replace Pastor Alan Siggelkow who has accepted a call to Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. . . . Aid Association for Lutherans has set aside a grant of \$850,000 to enable its 7700 branches to **honor a single volunteer, a specific service group, or all the volunteers of a congregation.** "Volunteers recognized could include trustees, librarians, church cleaning crews, altar guilds, flower committees and many, many more," according to Delores Kaiser, benefit specialist for AAL. . . . The synod has received a grant of \$50,000 from Lutheran Brotherhood to fund the office of "**parish planner**" in the Parish Services Division. This position helps congregations understand their mission, helps them identify ministry needs, and helps develop resources and provide models which will help parishes in their strategic planning. . . . In order to assist congregations in creating high quality Christian **early childhood programs** the Board for Parish Education has established a standing committee which will provide services and coordinate efforts of these programs. . . . Luther High School, Onalaska, Wis., hosted the annual **WELS Lutheran High School Principals' Conference** in March. The conference gives principals from the synod's 20 Lutheran high schools and three preparatory schools an opportunity to share information and discuss common concerns. . . . **Sarah Raabe, Joe Champion, and Chad Hilke**, all of Wisconsin Lutheran High, Milwaukee, won gold awards in the annual Milwaukee Journal student art calendar competition. Their work will appear on the Journal Student Art Calendar which is distributed to the paper's subscribers in December by the carriers. The students are in Jerome Harders' painting class at the school. His students regularly score in competition. . . . Pastor Ron Roth, director of the **Lift High the Cross** offering, reports that as of May 1, gifts and commitments amount to \$7.1 million. Stanley Bauer of Spokane, Wash., is the new chairman of the Pacific Northwest District for the Lift High the Cross offering. Former chairman Karl Kuckhahn has moved to Florida for health reasons.

call assignments

Zion, Denver, Col.
Roekle, John D., Saginaw, Mich., to St. John, Florence, Wis.
Schleg, Frederick B., Grayslake, Ill., to Redeemer, Edna, Tex.
Schmeichel, Duane C., Freeman, S.D., to Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Saginaw, Mich.
Schoch, Wayne D., Oakley, Mich., to National, Calumet, Mich.
Schulz, James R., West Allis, Wis., to Christ Our Redeemer, Aurora, Col.
Schwarz, Bryan E., Mt. Prospect, Ill., to Christ, Lodi, Cal.
Sluke, Gregory S., Pigeon, Mich., to Our Savior, Pomona, Cal.
Steinbrenner, John W., Fond du Lac, Wis., to

Good Shepherd, Burnsville, Minn.
Tessmer, Paul C., Mukwonago, Wis., to Good Shepherd, Omaha, Neb.
Ungemach III, Edward C., Kenosha, Wis., to exploratory mission, Carmel, Indiana
Vieths, John A., Rochester, Minn., to Calvary, Dallas, Tex.
Voss, Paul D., Libertyville, Ill., to Salem, Edmonds, Wash.
Wessel, Keith C., New Ulm, Minn., to Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Saginaw, Mich.
Wierschke, David D., Green Bay, Wis., to St. Paul, Gladstone/ St. Martin, Rapid River, Mich.
Zuberbier, Michael J., Milwaukee, Wis., to Good Shepherd, Beaverton/ St. John, Gladwin, Mich.

Note

Twelve seminary graduates still await assignment. With more than 40 vacancies they should be in place soon. Eight vicar requests, however, could not be filled. All women teachers were assigned and only four men from this year's class plus several others from previous years are still available to fill the more than 15 teacher vacancies that remain. A mini-session of the Assignment Committee is scheduled for July 10.

Dr. Martin Luther College call assignments

The Conference of Presidents met at Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minn., May 9-10 to assign calls into the teaching ministry to the 1991 graduates here listed. The assignments also include graduates from previous years.

Arndt, Jodi, Menasha, Wis., to Christ, Eagle River, Wis.
Arnold, Laura, Bay City, Mich., to St. Paul, Appleton, Wis.
Avery, Christopher, Salem, Wis., to Salem, Colorado Springs, Col.
Bame, Kristin, Stone Mountain, Ga., to Divinity, St. Paul, Minn.
Biedenbender, Beth, Benton Harbor, Mich., to Trinity, Marinette, Wis.
Brandt, Kathleen, Readfield, Wis., to Mt. Calvary, Redding, Cal.
Brown, Eric, Fort Atkinson, Wis., to Beautiful Savior, Cincinnati, Ohio
Butler, Harmon, Bancroft, Mich., to Mt. Calvary, Redding, Cal.
Callaway, Kurt, Pulaski, Wis., to St. John, Princeton, Wis.
Carter, Sharon, East Jordan, Mich., to Martin Luther Preparatory School, Prairie du Chien, Wis.
Duehlmeyer, Mary, Caledonia, Minn., to Centennial, Milwaukee, Wis.
Fastenau, Rebecca, Lakeville, Minn., to Lord of Life, Friendswood, Tex.
Gregorius, Justin, Iron Ridge, Wis., to Northwestern Preparatory School, Watertown, Wis.
Gurgel, Ann, Lake Mills, Wis., to Christ, North St. Paul, Minn.
Hackbarth, Todd, Onalaska, Wis., to Lincoln Heights, Des Moines, Ia.
Hensler, Becky, Freeland, Mich., to Our Savior, Zion, Ill.
Herman, Laura, Apple Valley, Minn., to Sts. Peter and Paul, Hopkins, Mich.
Hoenecke, Henry, Thousand Oaks, Cal., to Our Savior, San Antonio, Tex.
Holz, Kay, Belle Plaine, Minn., to Zion, Moberg, S.D.
Jensen, Vicki, Burlington, Wis., to Gloria Dei, Belmont, Cal.
Kaiser, Mark, Colorado Springs, Col., to Palos, Palos Heights, Ill.
Karnopp, Albert, Kewaunee, Wis., to Our Savior, Longmont, Col.
Kiekbusch, Jill, Winona, Minn., to Peace, Green Lake, Wis.
Klatt, Joy, Hazel, S.D., to Trinity, Johnson, Minn.
Klatt, Russell, Menomonie, Wis., to Our Redeemer, Madison, Wis.
Kober, Heather, Bay City, Mich., to St. Paul, Round Lake, Ill.
Kroening, Jean, Benton Harbor, Mich., to St. John, Baraboo, Wis.
Krueger, Faye, Rockford, Ill., to St. Mark, Watertown, Wis.
Lindholm, Lisa, Winona, Minn., to St. Paul, Columbus, Ohio
Lober, Matthew, Jackson, Wis., to Immanuel, Hutchinson, Minn.
Maaske, Shelley, Roseville, Mich., to St. John, Milwaukee, Wis.
Malchow, Timothy, New Berlin, Wis., to Nebraska LHS, Waco, Neb.
McGhghy, Julia, Williamston, S.C., to St. Paul, Algoma, Wis.
Mielke, Tammy, Loveland, Col., to St. Paul, Columbus, Oh.
Miller, Jennifer, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., to St. Paul, Riverside, Cal.
Myers, Elisabeth, Bloomington, Minn., to Ocean Drive, Pompano Beach, Fla.
Naumann, Michael, Snohomish, Wash., to St. John, Lake City, Minn.
Neubert, Karrie, Appleton, Wis., to Grace, Alma, Mich.
Oelhafen, Kris, Flint, Mich., to Ocean Drive, Pompano Beach, Fla.
Olson, Christopher, LaCrosse, Wis., to St. John, Dowagiac, Mich.
Pasbrig, Jonathan, Phoenix, Ariz., to Nebraska LHS, Waco, Neb.
Prost, Matthew, Swartz Creek, Mich., to King of Kings, Maitland, Fla.
Rabe, Jodi, Valders, Wis., to Lola Park, Redford, Mich.
Romain, Ann, Saginaw, Mich., to Apostles, San Jose, Cal.
Russ, Todd, Minocqua, Wis., to Ocean Drive, Pompano Beach, Fla.
Schalow, Karen, Marshfield, Wis., to Star of Bethlehem, New Berlin, Wis.
Scharf, Rebekah, Oakfield, Wis., to Northwestern Preparatory School, Watertown, Wis.
Schroeder, Laura, Pocatello, Ida., to Nozomi, Tsuchiura, Japan
Seiltz, Rachel, Egg Harbor, Wis., to St. Stephen, Beaver Dam, Wis.
Sievert, Denell, Tempe, Ariz., to St. John, Manitowoc, Mich.
Sievert, Elizabeth, Janesville, Wis., to Bethlehem, Hortonville, Wis.
Stroschine, Lee, Colome, S.D., to Sts. Peter and Paul, Hopkins, Mich.
Thomas, Margaret, Augusta, Ga., to Gloria Dei, Belmont, Cal.
Turretta, Lisa, Concord, Cal., to St. Paul, Arlington, Minn.
Vanderheyden, Derek, Green Bay, Wis., to St. Peter, Weyauwega, Wis.
Veach, Nathan, Omaha, Neb., to Pilgrim, Minneapolis, Minn.
Vogel, Lisa, Zion, Ill., to Evergreen LHS, Kent, Wash.
Voigt, Timothy, Beaver Dam, Wis., to Shepherd, Albuquerque, N. M.
Warner, Juliene, Livonia, Mich., to St. John, Watertown, Wis.
Weigand, Jennifer, Theresa, Wis., to St. John, Fairfax, Minn.
Westendorf, Karis, Milwaukee, Wis., to Lola Park, Redford, Mich.
Westra, Karla, Beaver Dam, Wis., to Immanuel, Hutchinson, Minn.
Wycherley, Debra, Deltona, Fla., to St. Peter, Kekoskee, Wis.
Witt, Steven, Sleepy Eye, Minn., to Peace, Reedsburg, Wis.
Zarnstorff, Larry, Whitewater, Wis., to New Salem, Sebawaing, Mich.
Zenda, Amy, Fall Creek, Wis., to Trinity, Belle Plaine, Minn.
Zimmermann, Natalie, Lakeside, Ariz., to Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Saginaw, Mich.

Generic prayers, still a confusing issue

The Providence, R.I. School Committee is asking the U.S. Supreme Court to ease its restrictions against prayers in public schools. President Bush supports the committee.

The committee's appeal contends that there is nothing wrong with a prayer at a public school ceremony thanking God "for the legacy of America where diversity is celebrated" or for "having endowed us with a capacity for learning."

That seems innocuous enough. President Bush agrees. He wants the court to change the hardline ruling it has employed for the past two decades to determine what constitutes an unconstitutional establishment of religion. He'd like to see the establishment of religion test replaced with a new one that decides the question by asking whether anyone who participates in such prayers feels coerced.

Media treatment of this issue usually falls into one of two camps. Neither camp sees the issue clearly. Either they favor public school prayer as a tonic for a nation that is losing its moral moorings. Or they oppose it as part of a fundamentalist plot to advance Christianity as the civil religion.

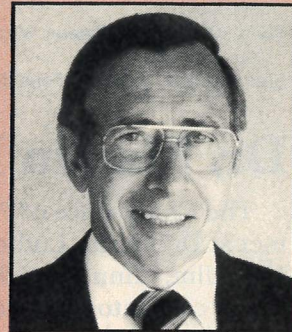
A recent editorial in the *Sacramento Bee* (4/27/91) brings a breath of fresh air to the debate. Editorialist Peter Schrag writes, "In Providence, a majority of the students are black, Hispanic, or Asian, and many are Buddhist, Muslim, or Jewish. Which deity (God, Allah, Buddha) should the prayers be directed to? Should Baptists bow to Mecca?"

Even more cogently he points out that "the greatest potential offense of secular prayers sponsored by the schools is not that they will offend nonbelievers, but quite the opposite: that in order to be acceptable to the diverse majority they will become so nondenominational as to offend precisely those who take religion seriously. Does a perfunctory prayer at a secular exercise really enhance respect for religion or is it more likely to do quite the opposite?"

Thank you, Mr. Schrag.

We wish more people who are committed to the propagation of biblical truth would see the pros and cons of this issue as clearly he does.

Joel C. Gerlach



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is pastor of St. John,
Wauwatosa, Wisconsin.*

Decision-making in the family

by Virginia DeMarce

A Northwestern Lutheran editorial (Nov. 15) referred to a poll taken by an evangelical organization that indicated many women who subscribed to the headship of the husband in the family nevertheless disagreed that the husband should bear sole responsibility "for all major decisions in the family." These negative replies were interpreted to mean that Christian wives do not practice what they preach.

Is this necessarily the case? In that question, there are three points at which a woman who fully subscribes to the headship of her husband could well reply "No."

The husband does not have sole responsibility

The question did not ask if the wife agreed that her husband bore *final* responsibility for decisions, but whether he bore *sole* responsibility for them. This is not the same thing.

Four years ago we purchased a new station wagon. My husband outlined the general qualities wanted (manual transmission, four doors, moderate price), but I was the one who took the time to research the automotive magazines and make a list of makes and models which seemed to fit the criteria. We visited the dealerships, he chose a car, and we bought it.

He did not bear sole responsibility for this decision. Had I misinformed him in some way about the qualities of one of those station wagons, the responsibility would have been mine, not his. If a wife is in fact supposed to help her husband (rather than sit around like the proverbial bird in the gilded cage), the responsibility for her input is hers, not his.

The husband does not make all decisions

The question did not ask if the wife agreed her husband was responsible for setting the parameters for decisions which fall to her. It asked if she agreed he was responsible for making all of them himself.

When our son was five years old, he fell and broke his arm. My husband was not home, nor could he be reached by phone. By the time he got home I had chosen a hospital and an orthopedist and agreed to a proposed course of treatment, and the child was headed for surgery. I did not leave the kid lying on the floor in pain until my husband came home to decide on hospital, doctor, and treatment. I doubt that any mother would leave her child lying there

under similar circumstances or that her husband would want her to, and I suspect it was this kind of reservation which led a lot of wives to answer the question, "No."

The husband does not make all the important decisions

We've all read the old joke in which the husband claims he makes all the important decisions, such as the role of American foreign policy, while the wife makes the unimportant ones, such as buying a new house. We know it's a fraudulent definition of importance. Yet in any family many decisions are delegated to the wife.

Again, an example: My husband observed that our 35-year-old refrigerator had endured as long as could be expected and should be replaced. I went to the appliance stores to compare models and report back on the best buy. Report filed and accepted, I made the purchase and arranged for delivery. I decided on the color; the manufacturer; the interior arrangement; whether the freezer would be top, bottom, or side. Were the decisions I made, by definition, unimportant?

Every day a wife and mother makes a myriad of decisions pertaining to purchases, to discipline, to activities and schedules. Then a polltaker comes along and asks whether she agrees that her husband bears sole responsibility for all the important decisions. May she not ask herself, "Should I accept that put-down of everything I do, all day every day? Should I agree with this pollster that my life's work is unimportant?"

If we are serious about telling girls there is no career for a woman more important than wifehood and motherhood, we should be very wary of implying the job we are encouraging them to undertake is insignificant.

Is a husband solely responsible for all major decisions in the family? A Christian woman could legitimately have serious doubts about answering yes. Other Christians should put the best construction on the negative answers that were recorded. Maybe the responders just gave a serious, considered answer to the question after considering a variety of its implications.

Virginia DeMarce is a member of Grace, Falls Church, Virginia.

The prep school debate

A major issue at the synod's convention in August will be the recommendation that our preparatory schools be consolidated by closing Martin Luther Preparatory School (MLPS) in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin. "Prep schools: To close or not to close" (May 1) brought a large number of responses from our readers. Below are excerpts from a number of them.

Martin Luther Prep School was purchased to bring the school to a more central location, and Northwestern Prep (NPS) was to be relocated to MLPS. That plan encourages the majority of prep school students to use the biggest campus which is best suited for a prep school's needs. Closing MLPS at this time is only a quick fix to a temporary problem. . . .

Wasn't MLPS to be a central location for students from Wisconsin and Minnesota? Wasn't Northwestern Lutheran Academy in Mobridge, S.D., closed because it was too remote, and wasn't Martin Luther Academy in New Ulm, Minn., relocated for reason of centralization?

. . . With the shortage of pastors becoming more critical, the synod should intensify recruiting efforts for MLPS and also have as its goal the filling of the entire campus of Northwestern College with college students preparing for the ministry.

*Ellard F. Reckzin
Nepean, Ontario*

Eliminating the best feeder school for pastor and teacher colleges is not consistent with the Mission Vision 2000 statement. . . . The money shortage is not solely an education problem. All aspects of the synod's budget should be evaluated to determine the best use of limited funds. . . . Clearly, the best solution is for all of us to review what the Lord has done for us and return appropriate firstfruits to him.

*Richard A. Brucker
Boulder, Colorado*

Consolidating MLPS with NPS would result in significant closing costs on the Prairie du Chien campus, as well as sizeable building expenditures on the Watertown campus to accommodate the increased enrollment.

More important, closing MLPS would diminish the potential for recruiting future pastors and teachers. . . . Both prep schools and area high schools are needed if we are going to serve present congregations and open new mission fields. Supporting both is feasible if we are aware of the urgent needs we face. How can we not respond out of love for the Lord and his great commission?

*Jon Kuske
Richmond, Virginia*

. . . The first school that should be closed should be Northwestern Prep. . . . Having both prep and college level schools on the same campus robs our children of that feeling of achievement of having completed their high school studies.

. . . We should not only encourage area high schools, but also operate a preparatory school . . . to prepare young people for the parish ministry, for the teaching ministry, and to give a Christian education to our young people who do not feel the call for entering the ministry but who will become valuable lay members of our congregations.

. . . Dr. Martin Luther College and its board followed the directive of the synod and moved their prep department to the Prairie du Chien campus. Northwestern College, on the other hand, did not. The NWC board . . . apparently was looking, not at what was good for the synod as a whole, but rather the advantage of having a prep school within commuting distance.

*Herman J. Meyer
Bay City, Wisconsin*

. . . It is always difficult to close something or take something away. The convention delegates will have some very difficult choices to make.

*Jeff Scheibe
Milwaukee, Wisconsin*

Haven't the officials of WELS gotten the message regarding our prep school system? The 1989 synod convention authorized calling recruiters to increase enrollment at the synod schools, including MLPS. In 1990 the majority of the districts recommended that the present system be maintained for at least six years to give the recruiters' efforts a chance to bear fruit. . . .

Would it be good stewardship to leave millions of dollars worth of investment at Prairie du Chien stand empty or cost thousands of dollars a year to maintain until a buyer could be found?

MLPS is the one school with room and facilities to accommodate the increased enrollment hoped and prayed for to meet the goals of Mission Vision 2000.

. . . The members of WELS have spoken in 1989 and again in 1990. It is an affront to past delegates to burden the 1991 convention with this matter.

*Richard H. Reese
Goodhue, Minnesota*

. . . The majority of districts voted to wait at least six years before we acted [to close any prep schools]. . . . Recruitment is working well. MLPS has more students enrolled for next year now than they had at this time in past years.

. . . NPS does not have the facilities or space to take in many new students. Their campus is already crowded. . . . MLPS has the facilities to house new students and the room to build new buildings if need be.

*Katrina Hummel
Daykin, Nebraska*

. . . This is not so much a financial crisis as a possible problem with our priorities. Our number one mission as a church must always be the preaching of the pure gospel, and this requires well-trained and qualified workers.

MLPS has sent more students to DMLC and NWC than any other school. It is unrealistic to expect the same from the area Lutheran high schools because their purpose is not the same. . . . Let's not close a school that is serving the WELS so well.

*Laura Moldenhauer
West Bend, Wisconsin*

. . . Another option exists. Michigan Lutheran Seminary has for all intents and purposes become an area Lutheran high school. . . . Deed Michigan Lutheran Seminary to the Michigan District, allowing the synod to focus its attention on our future ministerial needs on the two schools now doing the best job, Northwestern Prep and Martin Luther Prep. . . . To mitigate the financial shock this option would place on the Michigan District, a decreasing subsidy to MLS could be granted. The advantage lies in not forcing closure anywhere with the attendant costs of maintaining facilities and support staff as well as relocating the faculty.

*John P. Brandt
Readfield, Wisconsin*

Cooperation, not competition

This year Northwestern College will send barely more than 30 men to enter the seminary. The WELS could profitably pay attention to an article by Prof. John Brug in the spring '91 *Wisconsin Lutheran Quarterly*. A few sentences:

"When a person listens to different voices from around the synod, it is easy to come away with the impression that some people feel that worker training and gospel outreach must compete with each other for a limited number of resources. At least some have expressed the feeling that mission outreach can be increased by scaling back the proportion of our synodical resources we commit to worker training. . . .

"The time is close at hand when the number of new pastors available may well be only half of the number of a decade or so ago. . . . We cannot maintain our midwestern base nor our nationwide outreach without an increase in the number. . . .

"There are many questions before us as a synod in which there is room for considerable difference of opinion about the best course of action. But there are two conclusions which we would hope are beyond debate. Our highest priority should be to seek solutions which promote unity and cooperation, not rivalry, between participants in the work of the church. We also need to seek solutions which are addressed more to our long-term mission than to immediate problems."

*Paul E. Eickmann
Watertown, Wisconsin*

What we can do

The need for more pastors and teachers is becoming critical. Graduating classes at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary and Dr. Martin Luther College are shrinking. What can we do about it?

Take it to the Lord in prayer. He alone gives workers to his church. Encourage young people to study for the public ministry. Congregations can help by providing financial assistance. Pastors and teachers can do more to present the public ministry as the joyful calling and privilege it is. Full-time recruiters at all our synod schools would be a big help.

Closing prep schools, the major feeders to our colleges and seminary, will only increase the need for workers. Also, let's seriously consider moving prep schools closer to the outlying districts. Area high schools and Wisconsin Lutheran College may be able to do more to encourage students to prepare for the ministry.

*Keith C. Kruck
Madison, Tennessee*

Correction

It was reported in the 6/1 issue that Pastor Waldemar Loescher was installed as the first resident Wisconsin Synod pastor in Canada in late 1964. This is not correct. The first resident Wisconsin Synod pastor in Canada was seminary graduate Paul Eckert who was installed at Our Savior's, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, in the summer of 1957. Our Savior's has since been closed.

NOTICES

Notices are printed in the first issue each month. The deadline for submitting items is five weeks before the date of issue.

AMERICAN FAMILY VIDEO SERIES

The American Family Album video series presents a historical look at the American family. This 4-hour, Bible-based series addresses materialism, aging, death, peer groups, human sexuality, and family relationships. Study materials are included. Available for \$49.50 from Wisconsin Lutheran Child and Family Service. Write WLCFS — The American Family Album, P.O. Box 23980, Milwaukee WI 53223-0980.

VACATIONING IN THE BLACK HILLS?

These South Dakota churches invite you to worship: Shepherd of the Hills in Custer; Grace in Hot Springs; St. Paul in Rapid City; Hope in Spearfish; Trinity in Sturgis. Call for addresses and times of service.

NORTHWESTERN PUBLISHING HOUSE Summer Store Hours

The summer hours for the NPH store from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend are as follows: Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The hours for the office are the same as before: Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 a.m.

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CHURCH LIBRARY ORGANIZATION PLANNED

Plans are being made to form an organization for church librarians. The group will share recommendations for books or other materials for a church library, methods of record-keeping and funding, and ideas for ways to let church members know what is available in the church library.

Spearheading the plans are two church librarians, Barbara Koch and Joanne Weber. For more information, contact them at the following addresses: Barbara Koch, 152 Hoyt St., Fond du Lac, WI 54935; 414/922-1097; Joanne Weber, S90 W13322 Boxhorn Dr., Muskego, WI 53150; 414/425-4225.

BUSINESS COORDINATOR WANTED

Lakeside Lutheran High School seeks candidates for the position of coordinator of business affairs. The position requires an attitude of ministry, understanding of the biblical principles of stewardship, and commitment to Christian education. The coordinator should have demonstrated competence in business, finance, or administration. Position begins Aug. 1. Send resumes to Principal Jason Nelson, Lakeside LHS, 231 Woodland Beach Rd., Lake Mills WI 53551; 414/648-2321.

CESE LEARNING WORKSHOP

Christian Educators for Special Education presents its summer conference Aug. 13, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Silver Spring Country Club, N56 W21318 Silver Spring Dr., Menomonee Falls, Wis. Dr. Richard Teller of UW-Whitewater will speak on study strategies and helping students take charge of their own learning. Registration (including buffet lunch) before Aug. 1: \$15.00 for member/student; \$20.00 for nonmember; late registration, \$25.00. Please send check (payable to CESE) to CESE, Wisconsin Lutheran College, 8830 W Bluemound Rd, Milwaukee WI 53226.

BIBLE CAMP IN CALIFORNIA

Tree of Life Lutheran Bible Camp is a one-week summer camp Aug. 4-10 for young people in grades 4-12. Our campus is in the Sierra foothills east of Sacramento. The program features Bible study, fellowship, and fun in God's great outdoors. Contact Timothy Mann, 723 Marsh Rd #3, Menlo Park CA 94025; 415/328-6122 or 415/853-2224.

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Camp Lor-Ray has 30 fully developed campsites nestled among pine trees on a private lake. It is owned by an association of WELS and ELS congregations. Camping is available for overnight or week-long stays from Memorial Day through Labor Day. For further information contact Milt Karnitz, 5281 Russell Rd., Twin Lakes, MI 49457; 616/766-3152.

HISTORICAL MATERIALS WANTED

The WELS Board for Parish Education has commissioned Prof. em. Morton A. Schroeder to write a history of elementary and secondary education in the WELS.

Please send material such as school or teacher anniversary pamphlets, booklets, monographs, books, biographical data and/or sketches of Lutheran educators, pictures, or newspaper clippings, to him at Lynncroft, 94 Lynn Dr., Appleton, WI 54915-3026. Material not requested to be returned will be sent to the synod archives.

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AIDS is a debilitating disease that leads to certain death. Interviews with AIDS victims and their families demonstrate the dangers of having sex outside of marriage. Rental: \$5.00.

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This collection of interviews demonstrates that people who have been hurt by past experiences can with God's help recover and lead productive lives. This useful video would be even stronger if it had been put together from a Lutheran perspective. The presenter should be prepared to supply the emphasis that nothing heals broken lives like the love of God. Rental: \$5.00.

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ANNIVERSARIES

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WINONA, MINNESOTA — Trinity (125th), July 6, banquet/program; July 7, 10 a.m. service followed by meal; 2 p.m. service followed by luncheon.

GUEST PREACHER WANTED

Parsonage available in exchange for preaching

BILLINGS, MONTANA — July 21, Aug. 25. Contact Elroy Conrad, 625 32nd St W, Billings MT 59102, 406/656-2613.
FAIRPORT, NEW YORK — Aug. 4, 11, or 18 (your choice). Near the Finger Lakes recreation area and the Adirondacks. Contact Adam Horneber, 716/223-6730.

CHANGES IN MINISTRY

PASTORS:

Baumann, John C., from Our Savior, Freeport, Ill., to Shepherd of the Hills, Duluth, Minn.
Baur, Ralph N., to Courtland/Zion, New Ulm, Minn.
Biedenbender, Thomas W., from Grace, Glendale, Ariz., to Mt. Olive, Detroit, Mich.
Haag, David E., from Good Shepherd, Beaverton, Mich., to California LHS, Huntington Beach, Cal.
Hensellin, Philip J., from Faith, Columbus, Miss., to Messiah, South Windsor, Conn.
Kock, Norval W., from St. John, New Ulm, Minn., to retirement
Kruschel, Christopher P., from Beautiful Savior, Petoskey, Mich., to exploratory, Brandon, Fla.
Marshall, Daniel R., from Prince of Peace, Mason City, Iowa, to St. Paul, Cudahy, Wis.
Martin, Leroy A., from St. Paul, Menomonie, Wis., to exploratory, Port Charlotte, Fla.
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Spaude, Milton P. from Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Saginaw, Mich., to retirement
Staudte, Steven O., from Bethany, North Fort Meyers, Fla., to First, LaCrosse, Wis.

TEACHERS

Bain, Gary, from Salem, Colorado Springs, Col., to Cross of Christ, Coon Rapids, Minn.
Balge, Lois, from Calvary, Thiensville, Wis., to retirement
Beyer, Charlene, to St. Paul, Algoma, Wis.
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DeNoyer, Kirk, to Wisconsin LHS, Milwaukee, Wis.
Envoild, Tammy, to Wisconsin Lutheran College, Milwaukee, Wis.
Goodger, Janice, from inactive to St. Marcus, Milwaukee, Wis.
Hensler, Vicki, from St. John, Manitowoc, Wis., to St. Stephen, Beaver Dam, Wis.
Hohler, Anne E., from St. John, Dowagiac, Mich., to St. John, Newark, Del.
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Kaniess, Gerhard J., from Fox Valley LHS, Appleton, Wis., to retirement
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Laabs, Winnifred E., from Emmanuel, New London, Wis., to retirement
Lange, John, from Abiding Word, Houston, Tex., to St. Luke, Vassar, Mich.
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Straseske, Tiffany M., from Bethel, Menasha, Wis., to St. Lucas, Milwaukee, Wis.

ITEMS AVAILABLE

COMMUNION RAIL — blond, two 75" sections, one 5' center section, brown kneeling pads, for cost of shipping. Contact Bethany Lutheran Church, 530 W Parkway Blvd, Appleton WI 54911; 414/733-9561.

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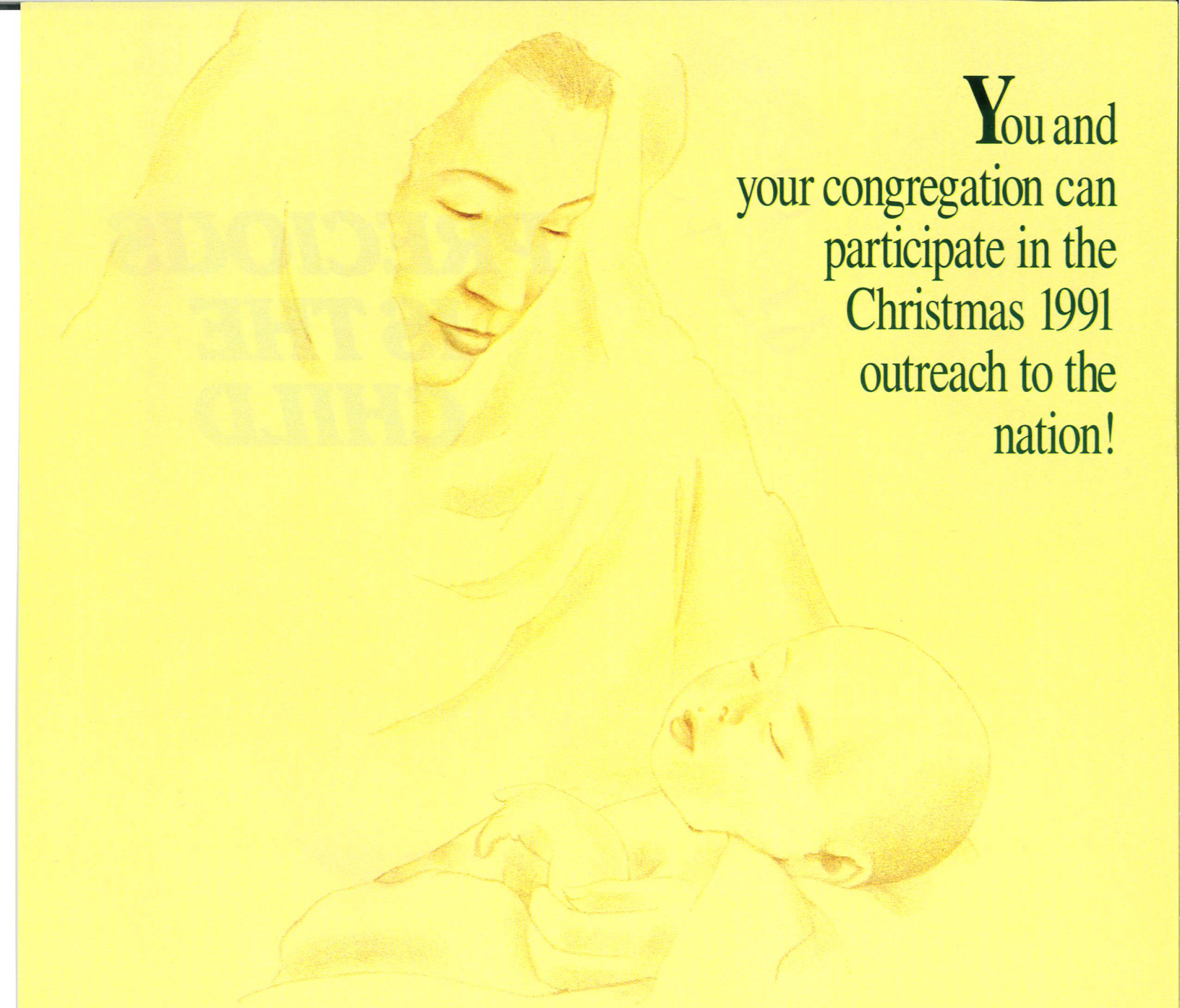


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