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*"The Lord, our God be with us, as He was with our fathers; let Him not leave us, nor forsake us." 1 KINGS 8:57*

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## THE SYNOD —

## "THE COUNSEL AND WORK IS OF GOD"

## — AT WORK

**W**ISE Gamaliel called for a closed meeting of the religious leaders in Jerusalem, and when the disciples of Christ were put forth, Gamaliel rose for a point of order: "Ye men of Israel, take heed to yourselves what ye intend to do as touching these men. — Refrain from these men, and let them alone: for if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to nought: but if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest happily ye be found even to fight against God." Acts 5, 35. 38. 39. Gamaliel's motion prevailed. "And to him they agreed."

Then and there the wisdom of Gamaliel was heard as a warning to every foe of Christ and His Gospel; here and now it is a word of encouragement to all friends of the Savior. Then and there the words of Gamaliel were addressed to the most powerful and influential men of the land who were breathing out threatenings against the followers of Jesus; here and now the words are addressed to the delegate convention of our Synod in session in the beautiful city of Saginaw, Michigan, to deliberate on the work of the church — and to all the members of our Synod who are to carry out the resolutions passed at this convention. Gamaliel's counsel in the assembly of the enemies of Christ was a red light, a sign to stop. We shall use it as a signal to — Go!

The words of Gamaliel are in themselves undebatable, an unshakeable truth. "If this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to nought: But if it be of God ye cannot overthrow it." — It is possible, however, that some will debate and question the meaning of the expression "The counsel and work of God." Gamaliel's companions knew the import of it. The revelation of the counsel of God was still ringing in their ears, and they had been made to hear and to see the work of God in Jerusalem until it irked them. Perhaps wise diplomacy suggested the choice of Gamaliel's words. But Peter and the other apostles leave no one in doubt as to the meaning of the counsel and work that is of God, for they answered and said, "We ought to obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree. Him hath God exalted with His right hand to be a Prince and a Savior, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins. And we are His witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey Him." Acts 5, 29-32. The Scriptures have no clearer and more forceful presentation of the counsel and work of God than is expressed in these words of Peter and the other apostles. Words born in the hour of persecution and whetted like a two-edged sword both for an attack upon the foe and in defence of the truth of the Gospel of Christ. But Gamaliel is no less a prophet of the most High and a wit-

ness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in his expression "This counsel and work is of God."

In the light of Peter's words, but not so much with the sword in hand, as with a trowel to strengthen and unite the members of our Synod in the work of our Synod, let us consider *the counsel and the work that is of God.*

## If It Be of Men it Will Come to Nought

This is an unshakeable truth. Wise Gamaliel only repeated what the Scriptures tell us, "All flesh is grass, and all the goodness thereof is as the flower of the field: the grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the Spirit of the Lord bloweth upon it: Surely the people is grass." Is. 40, 6. 7. Everything that is human, man at his best, every undertaking and achievement of man must finally come to nought. One little word sounds the death knell. One little word describes the deadly poison that has infected man and which works death, sometimes slowly and insidiously, sometimes quickly and violently. It is sin. Sin is the great destroyer. By sin man not only lost eternal life, but inherited eternal death. *We* may at times wink at sin, fools make a mock of sin, but sin is a terrible reality. It is more than ignorance, more than being out of joint with society; it is more than an offence against man and against society; sin is against *God*, an outrage against God, against the wisdom and holiness and love of God. And God hates sin. He visits sin in judgment and with condemnation. Because of sin all flesh is grass and doomed. "Wherefore as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." Man and every counsel and work of man must come to nought.

Remove the peril, the poison of sin and all perils have been removed. With sin removed man is saved, the home is saved, society is saved, and the world. —

## This is the Counsel and the Work of God

What sin did — God planned and undertook to undo. "Where sin abounded, grace did much more abound." The vilest sinner is to be saved, the foulest cleansed. "The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

## The Counsel of God

Peter stated it, "To give repentance and forgiveness of sins." God's plan of salvation included the *forgiveness* of sins. This is man's first great need. The *past* with all its sins and their guilt must be pardoned. Blessed is the man whose transgression is forgiven! But sinful man not only needs pardon for past sins, he must be





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saved "to sin no more." David did not only pray, "Blot out my transgressions," but he also cried, "Cleanse me from my sin. — Create in me a clean heart, O God." God's counsel of salvation also included that man should be saved from the *power* of sin.

#### The Counsel Revealed

And we were not to be left in doubt or fear regarding our salvation. It is true only God can forgive sin. Forgiveness is in the heart of God. But how were we to know that God is reconciled? In time God revealed His counsel of salvation. God promised the Savior. He promised that the seed of the woman should crush the serpent's head. The prophets foretold the coming of the Savior who was to be bruised for our iniquities and by whose stripes we were to be healed. And the Lamb that was slain before the foundation of the world, in the counsel of God, was named by the angel, "Thou shalt call His name Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins." And the Savior Himself introduced Himself to the world, "The Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." This is the revelation of the counsel of God. One voice still lingers in our memory in particular, "And His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor." The Savior Jesus Christ is indeed the Lord's counsel and answer to man's need. But if the counsel is wonderful what shall we say of *the work* of redemption!

"'Twas great to make a world from naught, 'twas

greater to redeem." God could easily create the world out of nothing, lead out the innumerable stars and call them all by their names. God can easily note the smallest sparrows fall and number the very hairs of your head; but He tells us in His word, "*Thou hast made me to serve with thy sins, thou hast wearied me with thine iniquities.*" And we see it in the terrible agonies of Gethsemane and of Calvary where He who knew no sin was made sin for us, and God condemned, scourged, and crucified sin in the Son of God who was made in the likeness of sinful flesh.

#### The Work is of God

"God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them." Where sin abounded, grace did much more abound. The wondrous saving power of the death of Christ is greater than the power of sin. The remedy is greater than the disease. Though your sins be as scarlet they shall be as white as snow. Christ is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. In Christ God's justice and mercy embraced each other. God's holiness is satisfied and God is just and "the Justifier of the ungodly." More, we were reconciled to God by the death of His son. The power of sin is broken. And we have not the spirit of bondage again to fear, but we have received the spirit of adoption whereby we cry: Abba, Father!

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## THE JOINT SYNOD MEETS IN SAGINAW

Pastor A. Westendorf, Bay City, Michigan

**S**AGINAW is Michigan's fifth largest city. Its population, including the area immediately adjoining, approaches the total of one hundred thousand. It is one link in the world famous chain of industrial cities extending along the Lake Huron shore of Michigan. The Saginaw River, flowing through the center of the city, provides the city with a water route that unites it with the Great Lakes and thus makes it an ideal location for industry. Coal and oil are found in considerable amounts in the vicinity, this fact also contributing in the city's favor. The principal industries are connected with the manufacture of automobiles. There are, however, also large wood-working establishments and industries of other nature.

The city began as a lumbering town. With the tributaries of its river reaching in every direction into the pine country, Saginaw and its sister city of Bay City became the focal point for the location of lumber mills and at one time were the greatest producers of lumber in the United States. When the lumberman's axe and great forest fires had devastated this once valuable country, the city for a time declined and threatened to share the fate of many other cities whose source of income was de-

stroyed. But the lumber industry had placed huge wealth into the hands of some men whose interest lay in the city's welfare. By investing this wealth in industries of a more permanent nature, these men laid the foundation for the present, more permanent prosperity. Saginaw has enjoyed a steady and healthy growth and today holds an important rank among the industrial communities of the United States.

Saginaw has a strong Lutheran element in its population. In the city itself there are five congregations of the Missouri Synod, five of the American Lutheran church, two independent Lutheran congregations, and three of the Wisconsin Synod. Practically the entire country-side round about Saginaw is Lutheran. This fact is attributable to the strong immigration of Bavarian and North German Lutherans in the middle of the nineteenth century. These people chose the Saginaw Valley for their home and established the Lutheran church here. These congregations of the Saginaw Valley have furnished some notable leaders to the Lutheran church and have made their influence strongly felt on the development of Lutheranism in the United States.

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## THE CONVENTION

### The Hosts

**T**HIS year's Synodical Convention was unique in that it had two hosts, both of whom made every effort to make those in attendance comfortable and thus to add to the enjoyment of their stay in Saginaw. All joint meetings were held and all services conducted in the spacious church of St. Paul's Congregation, Pastors O. and O. J. Eckert. Here also the main meals of the day were served to the delegates and visitors, an undertaking in which the ladies of St. Paul's Church were assisted by ladies of other congregations of our Synod in and near Saginaw. These other congregations also cooperated with St. Paul's in providing quarters for the delegates. The other host to

the convention was our Michigan Lutheran Seminary. Here alone about sixty of the delegates were quartered and enjoyed the hospitality and congeniality of the steward and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Zessin. Most of the committee meetings of the convention were held in the recitation hall of the Seminary, many of them running into the late hours of the night.

### The Personnel

According to the constitution of the Synod each of our eight Districts is to be represented at a Joint Synodical Convention as follows: One pastor for every ten pastors of the District, one teacher for every ten teachers, and one



layman for every ten congregations. These are the voting delegates. The roll call at this convention showed the following numbers of such delegates present: 54 pastors, 20 teachers and 35 laymen, a total of 109. Besides these our constitution requires the presence as advisory delegates of the officers of the Synod, the presidents of the Districts, the heads as well as the chairmen of the board of regents of our educational institutions and the chairmen of the various other boards and commissions. A total of approximately 40 of these were in attendance at Saginaw, making a total number of delegates of about 150. Including the visitors, some of whom came from afar, it is safe to say that the average attendance at the meetings was approximately 300. Special mention is herewith made of the visitors from our sister Synod of Missouri, which included the following: Dr. L. Fuerbringer, President of the Synodical Conference, Dr. W. Arndt, Prof. F. Mayer, and the Pastors L. A. Wisler, A. F. Bernthal, L. F. Weber, O. Sohn, E. H. Voss, A. Zelle, F. Bickel.

### Meetings

As usual, all available time was utilized for meetings. A total of 15 meetings were held, two of which were evening sessions. Pastor G. E. Bergemann of Fond du Lac, Wis., former President of the Synod, served as chaplain.

### Services

Five services were held during the course of the convention. At the opening service on Wednesday evening, at which Holy Communion was celebrated, Pastor Brenner, President of the Synod, preached on Phil. 1, 27—2, 4, the admonition of the Apostle to "*let your prayerful and constant endeavor be that the Gospel may be glorified in you,*" which means 1) "that your conversation be as it becomes the Gospel of Christ," 2) "that with one mind you strive together for the faith of the Gospel," 3) "that you are faithful in the fellowship of the Gospel."

The service on Friday evening was dedicated to the cause of our Christian Day Schools. Pastor John Plocher of St. Paul, Minn., chairman of our Synod's School Board, who delivered the sermon, made a strong plea for the cause of the Christian training of the young.

Our missions were brought to the attention of the convention at the two services conducted on Sunday morning. The speaker in the German service was Pastor E. Walther of Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., Secretary of the General Mission Board, who based his words on Is. 43, 21: "This people have I formed for myself; they shall show forth my praise." The sermon in the English service was delivered by Pastor E. Sprengeler, missionary among the Apaches stationed at Bylas, Arizona. Using as text the well-known words of Paul, Rom. 10, 12-15, Pastor Sprengeler urged his hearers to support our mission work, particularly that among the Apaches, and for our encouragement cited examples from his experiences, which

prove beyond all doubt that here too the Lord has not withheld His blessings, but has fulfilled His promise that His Word will not return unto Him void.

The educational institutions of our Synod were the topic for the services on Monday evening. Prof. E. E. Kowalke, president of our Northwestern College at Watertown, Wis., speaking on Titus 1, 7-9, stressed the necessity of giving our future pastors and teachers a thorough training, not only in the doctrines of Holy Writ, but also in the secular branches of learning, in order that they may be amply fortified "both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers."

### Doctrinal Essays

Two doctrinal essays were read to the Convention, one by Dr. Paul Peters of our Seminary at Thiensville, Wis., the other by Pastor Walter Schumann of La Crosse, Wis.

Dr. Peter's paper, which was read in the German language, dealt with *the danger in the Church of becoming lax in doctrine and practice*. He treated the matter from three angles, pointing out 1) In what respect and to what extent we have reason to speak of this danger in our Lutheran Church; 2) The causes or tendencies which make this danger such a threatening one; 3) The proper manner in which these dangers can be met.

Pastor Schumann presented a study of Romans 16, 17, 18: "Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned, and avoid them. For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple." The essayist first thoroughly examined and expounded the text and then applied it to the present union movements in the Church.

### MISSIONS

The chairman of the General Mission Board, Pastor Wm. Roepke, presented the report of his Board. Following his introductory remarks, he called upon Pastor E. R. Blakewell, Executive Secretary of the Synod's Spiritual Welfare Commission, to give a report on its work and problems.

### Spiritual Welfare Commission

Pastor Blakewell then read a summary of the minutes of all the meetings of the Spiritual Welfare Commission since its inception in October of 1940, thus establishing the historical background necessary for an understanding of the policies adopted to date as well as the problems confronting the Commission. This was followed by a presentation of the findings of the Commission in its re-study of the Chaplaincy Question and the Watertown Resolution on Chaplains of 1939. These findings were supported by three essays which approached the question from the point of the "Call," Separation of Church and State," and "Unionism." These essays consisting of



twenty mimeographed pages were distributed to all delegates and visitors to the Synod for study before the matter came up for public discussion. The subject having been presented and discussed at length, it was assigned to a Committee for further study and consideration. The Committee supported the Commission's findings and the Synod reaffirmed its stand of 1939. The detailed report of this Committee and the Synod's resolutions regarding the same will appear in a later issue of the *Northwestern Lutheran*. The Spiritual Welfare Commission's request that \$25,000.00 be appropriated for the continuance of its work was allowed and incorporated in the Synodical budget. Since the work of the Spiritual Welfare Commission is a department of Missions, an urgent plea for increased mission contributions was made, so that this emergency obligation of the Church might continue unhampered by lack of funds.

*The Poland Mission* was represented by Executive Secretary Maas and Superintendent Bodamer. Letters from our churches in the now Warthegau report that they are working without hindrance. Until now it has been possible to forward the subsidy to them.

*The Indian Mission.* Chairman Edgar Hoenecke reported on the work and presented its needs. The Convention voted the funds that were requested. A plan for improvement in the educational work among the Apaches will be considered by the Executive Committee. Superintendent Uplegger also took the floor in the interest of this Mission.

Resolution, "That all Apache missionaries, active and retired, be requested by the General Mission Board to submit documents, pictures, and other pertinent data to the Executive for Indian Missions for use as the Executive may see fit for an observance of the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Apache Mission. This material will be given into the hands of the committee which is to make the necessary plans for the observance of this jubilee."

*The two general missionaries* of the Synod, Pastor Im. Frey and Pastors F. E. Stern, spoke to the convention on their work in their respective fields of Colorado and Arizona.

*General Resolutions.* A proposal to raise the salaries of the unmarried Missionaries to a minimum of \$75.00 a month was approved. On account of the urgent need, the Board was authorized to apply the \$25,000 Expansion Fund to the erection of chapels for our Missions as far as this proves necessary. The request for a General Missionary for each District was tabled.

Pastor P. Pieper, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, was empowered to make write-offs to the amount of some \$30,000 on Church Extension indebtedness of seven mission congregations.

## EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

The representatives of our Educational Institutions reported at length regarding their respective schools. These reports were most informative and indicative of a most gratifying supervision of all departments. Budgetary needs were presented and studied and in most instances allowed. Of special interest was the allowance of a professor of music to serve Northwestern College and the Theological Seminary. The former institution was also granted the sum of \$5,100.00 for an addition to the refectory providing the budget for the fiscal year is not exceeded. The request of Dr. Martin Luther College for another professor was granted effective next year, when the addition of another year to the Normal Department is anticipated. The request of Michigan Lutheran Seminary for another professor in lieu of one of the present tutors was also granted.

### The Synod's School Board

Pastor J. Plocher of St. Paul, Minn., Chairman of the School Board, presented the report. Budgetary requests of the board were allowed. Recommendations pertaining to committees on pending state legislation were adopted. Executive Secretary of the School Board, Mr. F. W. Meyer, Milwaukee, Wis., reported on the work of the committee which is preparing a new Sunday School course. The recommendations of the committee were adopted. The School Board and the Northwestern Publishing House Board were authorized to publish the proposed Sunday School course and manual. The Synodical Committee was asked to consider the following proposal: "That the School Board be instructed to obtain a census of children of school age in our Synod, and that the Board prepare an all-inclusive, integrated educational program for the children not in our school." The general committee will report back to the Synod at a later convention.

### Lutheran Church Union

Much time was devoted to this matter. The report of the Committee on Lutheran Church Union was referred to a committee and was thoroughly discussed in committee and on the floor of the convention, two official representatives of the Honorable Missouri Synod being present. The following resolution was adopted, "That the Synod's standing committee on union matters continue its work on the basis of the Watertown resolutions, 1939, as indicated in its report."

### Elections

Thanks to the efficiency of the committee, the elections did not consume too much of the time of the convention. The results were as follows:

President: Rev. John Brenner, Milwaukee, Wis.  
 First Vice-President: Rev. E. Benj. Schlueter, Oshkosh, Wis.  
 Second Vice-President: Rev. W. Schumann, La Crosse, Wis.  
 Secretary: Rev. K. Krauss, Lansing, Mich.



Recorder: Rev. O. Hoyer, Winneconne, Wis.  
 Trustees: Wm. Mehlberg, Rev. J. Schulze, Hutchinson, Minn.,  
 Mr. Wm. Mueller, Watertown, Wis.  
 Members of School Committee: Prof. A. Schaller, Prof. E.  
 Kowalke, Rev. H. Gieschen, Prof. W. Manthey.  
 Directors of Northwestern Publishing House: Rev. P. Pieper,  
 Rev. A. Voss, Mr. O. Schmeling.  
 Members of Board of Support: Rev. M. Schuetze, Mr. B.  
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 Chronicler: Prof. M. Franzmann.  
 Statistician: Rev. G. Boettcher.  
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 Thiensville Seminary: Rev. G. E. Bergemann, Rev. Wm.  
 Mahnke, Dr. H. Scholz.  
 Northwestern College: Rev. G. Pieper, Rev. H. Nitz,  
 Mr. E. Boldt.  
 Dr. Martin Luther College: Rev. E. G. Fritz, Rev. G.  
 Hinnenthal, Mr. J. Wirth, Mr. Henry Deck.  
 Michigan Lutheran Seminary: Rev. R. Koch, Mr. E.  
 Kirschke, Mr. Wm. Fritz.  
 Northwestern Lutheran Academy: Rev. H. Lau, Mr. E.  
 Mischke.  
 Home for the Aged: Rev. A. Ackermann, Mr. C. Quandt.

ACCEPTED BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 1941-1942

General Administration .....		\$ 28,881.00
Educational Institutions .....		181,947.83
Theological Seminary .....	28,458.83	
Northwestern College .....	72,590.00	
Dr. Martin Luther College .....	50,054.00	
Michigan Lutheran Seminary .....	18,975.00	
Northwestern Lutheran Academy .....	11,870.00	
Home for the Aged .....		9,660.00
Missions .....		278,382.30
Indian Mission .....	37,961.64	
Negro Mission .....	20,000.00	
Home Mission .....	158,139.66	
Pacific Northwest .....	13,505.96	
Nebraska .....	30,928.86	
Michigan .....	20,714.44	
Dakota-Montana .....	25,711.92	
Minnesota .....	8,900.00	
North Wisconsin .....	15,408.04	
West Wisconsin .....	14,801.24	
Southeast Wisconsin .....	23,139.20	
Colorado-Arizona .....	5,030.00	
Poland Mission .....	10,856.00	
Madison Student Mission .....	1,425.00	
Expansion Fund .....	25,000.00	
Spiritual Welfare Commission .....	25,000.00	
General Support .....		24,220.00
Indigent Students .....		5,000.00
School Supervision .....		3,335.00
TOTAL BUDGET FOR 1941-1942 .....		\$531,426.13

This same budget with the necessary changes in accordance with the resolutions of the Synod was allowed for 1942-1943.

## THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF OUR SYNOD

By Pastor Paul Pieper, Chairman of the Board of Trustees

### Why a Board of Trustees

ACCORDING to law a group cannot hold property or sign legal papers unless it is incorporated. The Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Wisconsin and Other States is a body incorporated under the laws of the state of Wisconsin. This necessitates a corporate body which is the Board of Trustees. As the legal representatives of our Synod the Board of Trustees holds title to all property of the Synod, all moneys, all legacies,

and whatever assets may come into possession of our Synod.

### Its Function

The Board of Trustees is to administrate all property and money of the Synod within the limitation and under the direction of the Synod proper. Contrary to common opinion the Board of Trustees is not the producing but rather the spending body of the Synod. It disposes of the money contributed by our congregations for Synodical



purposes according to the direction of the Synod by the budget which the Synod adopts.

### The Present Personnel

Each of our eight Districts is represented on this important board by one member, who may be either a pastor or a lay member. The representation of pastors and laymen should be as nearly equal as possible. As a result of the elections at the recent convention in Saginaw, the Board at present consists of five pastors and three laymen. They are: Pastor L. Koeninger of Manitowoc, Wis.; Mr. B. E. Mayerhoff of Appleton, Wis.; Mr. Wm. Mueller of Watertown, Wis.; Pastor John Gauss of Jenera, Ohio; Pastor E. J. Hahn of Gresham, Nebraska; Mr. Wm. Mehlberg of Raymond, South Dakota; Pastor J. W. Schulze of Hutchinson, Minn., and the undersigned of Milwaukee, Wis. The President of the Synod is a member ex officio.

### How Elected

The District nominates three candidates for the office of its retiring member at the District convention and the Joint Synod in the following year at its biennial convention elects one of these candidates for the Board of Trustees. The term of office is six years, with the term of two, respectively three, expiring each biennium.

### Organization

As soon after the election as possible the board organizes by electing a chairman, a vice-chairman, a secretary and an Executive Committee. It also appoints a treasurer, who, however, must not necessarily be a member of the Board of Trustees. Our present treasurer is Mr. Carl J. Niedfeldt, who took office on June 1 of this year. He succeeds Mr. Theo. H. Buuck, who served our Synod in this capacity faithfully and efficiently for over twenty years and who was called to his reward in January last. Our new well appointed office is located at 7485 Harwood Ave., Wauwatosa, Wis.

## THE BUDGETARY DEPARTMENT

### How We Arrive at a Budget

In its expenditures for the great work we as a Synod are carrying on, the Board of Trustees is guided by the budget adopted by the Synodical convention. Each department of our Synod, our Educational Institutions, our Mission Boards, our Board of Support, our Board for Indigent Students, our Board for the Home of the Aged, and of most recent date our Spiritual Welfare Commission for our Men in Military Service, each through a local board sets up an estimate of the requirements for its respective department, which then is placed before its whole board for scrutiny. The various budget requirements are then submitted to the General Synodical Committee and then to the Board of Trustees. The budget is now presented to the Synod at its convention. After final approval and adoption of the budget by the Synod the Board of Trustees is bound to keep the expenditures for

the various departments of our Synod within the limits of this adopted budget. Only in extraordinary cases may the Board of Trustees exceed the budgeted amounts, but it is held to give an account of the excessive expenditures to the next Synod convention.

### How We Operate

In order to enable the Board of Trustees to operate the congregations of the Synod must place the necessary funds at the disposal of the Board of Trustees. If sufficient funds are available our work is a delight. The first to receive their checks each month are our indigent retired pastors and teachers and their dependents. The pittance they receive must get first consideration; the next in line are our missionaries, and finally the requisitions for our educational institutions are paid.

### Difficulties

The worries of the Board of Trustees begin when the needed funds are not in the treasury. The Board is permitted to make temporary loans to conduct its business during the year. By the end of the biennium, however, these loans must all be repaid. Synodical resolutions forbid the Board of Trustees to spend more money than it receives or to make new debts. Hence it must operate on a balanced budget.

### What is the Situation

Sad to say, as a rule sufficient funds are not on hand to pay the needed requirements. This condition of our treasury delays the payment of our monthly checks and quite evidently places the men, who have a right to expect their honest pay, in dire straits. This condition must be corrected, and the only way it can be corrected is that our Christians throughout our Synod make more liberal contributions to the cause. There were only a few occasions during the past biennium when we were able to pay on time. Special appeals had to be made by the President of our Synod to avert a catastrophe. The appeals were not without effect, for we were able to close the biennium on June 30 not only without a deficit but with a cash balance of \$7,000, which gave us a start for the lean summer months which are, but should not be, so unproductive.

### Our Sincere Wish

The members of the Board of Trustees hope and pray for the day when sufficient funds are placed at its disposal at all times so that it may pay the men on the Synod's payroll regularly and promptly. If all members of our Synod knew of the hardships among our men in service, hardships caused by our delinquency in supplying the needed funds as the Board of Trustees is made to see them, they would remedy this situation at once. God speed the day!

### Our Synod's Debt

The Board of Trustees is glad to report that our Synodical debt, which stood at \$640,000 in 1935, has been



reduced to \$217,000. This reduction was due to the Debt Retirement program, the Jubilee collection and returns from our Church Extension Fund debtors. While we are grateful for this fine reduction we are looking forward to a speedy liquidation of the remaining indebtedness. The goal is surely in sight. With a small effort on the part of our 184,000 communicant members the debt could easily be wiped out in a short time. The Board of Trustees will not make *new debts*. But we certainly must all realize what a blessing it would be if we were to shake off the shackles of this debt which has so seriously hampered our work all these years.

### Our Performance

We did not raise the proposed budget for the past year. The reason why we could close the year with a balance is that the various boards of our Synodical departments did not use all the funds allotted to them. The sum of \$450,000 was budgeted for the past year, however it used only \$418,108.86. By collections the Synod raised \$366,930.91. Revenues from our Educational Institutions, from our Funds, from the Northwestern Publishing House, and from other sources amounted to \$67,160.05, making the total receipts for the year, \$434,090.96. From the difference of about \$16,000 between receipts and disbursements, about \$9,000 had to be applied against a small deficit of the year before and the money sent through the regular channels for debts had to be credited to that department, leaving a cash balance in the budgetary department of \$7,000.

### Other Departments

Another large department handled by the Board of Trustees is the Church Extension Department with its adjunct, the so-called Chapel Fund. We could also report on our Synod and College Funds and our Fixed Assets. We shall, however, postpone this to some future number of the *Northwestern Lutheran*.

## The Synod At Work

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### The Synod at Work

Peter said, "And we are His witnesses of these things." — "And they ceased not to teach and to preach Jesus Christ." Acts 5, 42. The Church's work has been and will continue to be the teaching and preaching of the counsel and work of God — preaching the Gospel. The convention at Saginaw has its order of business. The delegates, according to the program for the convention, will hear the reports of the Synod's officers and committees on the various departments of our synodical work. Missions head the list, the synodical institutions follow, the report of the board of trustees, including the proposed budget for the next two years, will be considered. But every department of our work comes under the heading "Preaching the Gospel." In our synodical institu-

tions young men are prepared for the preaching and teaching of the word of reconciliation. Missions are the channels through which we reach the unchurched and bring them the Gospel of salvation from sin. The budget covers the cost of maintaining our institutions and missions. — We have been hearing much of late about our national defense program and the huge sums necessary to carry out this program. We have been advised that in due time the defense program will reach into our individual purses and take what is necessary from each individual. The Lord tells us, "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's." — But will we give to Caesar and let the King of kings go begging? (It has been done.) Will it be a case of dollars for national defense and pennies for the salvation of precious souls? —

After our delegates have accepted the proposed program and the budget at the convention in Saginaw let us go to work in carrying out the proposed program with the assurance that the counsel and the *work is of God*, and that we are building not for time, but for eternity, that we are defending and building not an earthly kingdom which must come to nought but the eternal kingdom of Christ.

A. P. V.

## ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY

"WE have thought of Thy loving kindness, O God, in the midst of Thy temple."

On the sixth Sunday after Trinity, July 20, 1941, the members of St. Jacob's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Waterloo, Michigan, assembled in their house of God in two special services to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of their congregation. Pastors Emil Wenk and Karl F. Krauss were the guest preachers.

St. Jacob's congregation was organized by the Rev. Frederick Schmidt, pioneer missionary of the Lutheran Church in the state of Michigan, who was sent to Ann Arbor in 1833 by the so-called Baseler Mission Society, Basel, Switzerland. After establishing St. Jacob's church he continued to serve the congregation once every three or four weeks on week-days until 1858, when the first resident pastor was called in the person of the Rev. Christian F. Spring, who served until 1865.

Pastors having served the congregation since then are: J. Schladermundt, 1865-1868; Geo. Tuerk, 1869-1874; Christian Metzger, 1875-1888; W. Linsenmann, 1888-1891; R. Mueller, 1891-1896; Emil Wenk, 1896-1902; C. M. L. Otzman, 1903-1910; E. Stevens, 1911-1920; G. C. Haase, 1920-1926; R. G. Koch, 1926-1934; E. C. Leyrer, 1934-1940; the undersigned since 1940.

May the Lord our God be with us as He was with our fathers; may He never leave us nor forsake us, according to His promise: "In all places where I record My name I will come unto thee, and I will bless thee," for "where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them."

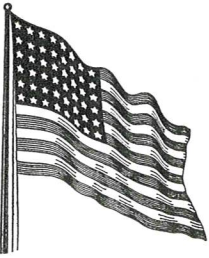
H. A. Muehl.



## SPIRITUAL WELFARE COMMISSION

### For Our Men in Military Service

#### CONVENTION NOTES FROM SAGINAW



**A** GREAT deal of time and thought was devoted to the spiritual welfare of our men in the armed forces of the nation. The subject brought about expression of deep concern for the well being of the men in the service because it was evident to all that they are confronted with unusual temptations and that the church has a distinct obligation over against them. It was also apparent, however, that all the delegates were desirous of meeting this obligation in the best possible manner. This can also be noticed from the fact that while economy was often expressed in connection with other proposed projects not one voice was raised in support of the idea to keep the expenditures of the Spiritual Welfare Commission at minimum.

While all felt that we surely can have a good deal of confidence in the ability of our boys to stand fast in the faith and to abide by the doctrine which they have learned there was not even a suggestion that we let matters rest just with that conviction. Our boys in the service too will appreciate that the Synod at this convention gave them so much of its time, and certainly also many a prayer was offered in their behalf. They should feel that they are still very much a part of our Synodical family and that we want to do all that we can to keep this family intact. This is readily seen from the resolutions that were adopted.

The Spiritual Welfare Commission was instructed to continue to provide spiritual care:

1. By a continuous communication
  - a) through their local pastor and congregation;
  - b) through the office of the Executive Secretary.
2. By sending pastors where feasible to camps and bases where larger groups of men from our circles are stationed.
3. By directing our men to pastors near the camps wherever this is possible.

Detailed information regarding the above will appear from time to time. This policy is flexible enough to adjust itself to changing conditions.

It should be remembered, however, that the Spiritual Welfare Commission works under the direction of the General Mission Board and that the entire program comes under the heading of Missions. There will be no special fund; this is a part of our Mission program. It is necessary therefore that we increase our contributions for missions if we wish to carry out this work in a manner worthy of the opportunity and of the obligation which we have. Synod has voted to make special offering envelopes available for all congregations who wish to have them. Orders for several thousand were received during the sessions of Synod. These will be printed immediately and all further orders should be placed with the Executive Secretary, 1916 East Thomas Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

There were also expressions of joy over an invitation from the Army and Navy Commission of our sister Synod of Missouri regarding a willingness to effect a more coordinated program between the two bodies and efforts will be made to bring this about. This certainly is our hope because it would bring about a more complete and efficient coverage of the many camps in which our men are stationed.

C. L. SCHWEPPE.



## MISSION WORK OF THE JOINT SYNOD

**T**HE life of any church body revolves about its missions. A church body that neglects to do mission work has lost its right of existence and life. The great command of the Savior, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature" is the Church's charter, her one purpose for existing. Let a church body, any local church, or an individual Christian forget this and they have forfeited their Christianity.

How many missionaries and missions are supported and conducted by the Joint Synod? Have you ever thought about this? Have you ever been interested enough to ask some one to tell you? You ought to be informed. Not that it would make any difference to a Christian's contribution to the cause of missions whether we support

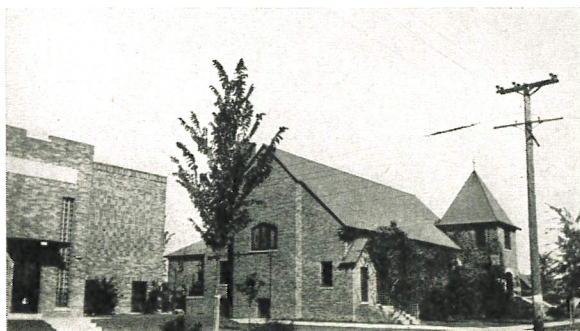


Winthrop Chapel with Pastors Sydow and Amacher

twenty or one hundred — if we are doing all that we are able to do — but it will increase his joy to know the extent of synod's mission activity.

### Some Figures

In the Home department synod is at the present time supporting 149 missionaries and 244 missions. These missions are in various stages of development. Some are quite large and very near the point of self-support; others have reached the half-way mark in their self-support, while others are able to contribute very little. Some have a very respectable looking property, while others, still in the formative years, use a chapel or some vacant building conveniently located. The amount of support granted a mission often is determined by the location.



Atonement Church and School, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

As a rule it is costlier to conduct the mission of the cities than those located in smaller towns or the rural sections of our land.

Nor are the Christian schools neglected in the mission fields. Whenever and wherever possible Christian day schools are established with the opening of a mission and sometimes not, depending on local conditions. Thus our synod's missions have twelve day schools where 620 pupils are enrolled. The Sunday school enrollment is 4,956.

Our missionaries minister to 27,319 souls; 15,766 of these are communicant members. During the last two years 1,784 were confirmed. Of this number more than one-third were adults — 615, to be exact. This fact ought to open our eyes as to the opportunities for gathering the straying.

Our Board of Missions reports, "in the past two years twelve churches and eight parsonages were built. One store building was made into a church and parsonage. There are at present four fields vacant. The number of prospective new fields is twenty-six."

### Let Us Rejoice

Who can read such a report and not rejoice with his whole heart over the success that the Lord in His mercy has granted us and who would not be ready to contribute to the extent of his ability that this blessed work may never suffer for want of financial support. As the individual Christian of our synod reads these words he must be conscious of the fact that he, by the grace of God, has made all this possible; that these missions are the results of his prayers and contributions — they are his in a special sense of the word; He is part owner with the other brethren of synod and His God. God is working through him and with him and in him — he is working together with God. Oh, that is, indeed, an exalted position and great mercy. Let us realize this and be grateful.



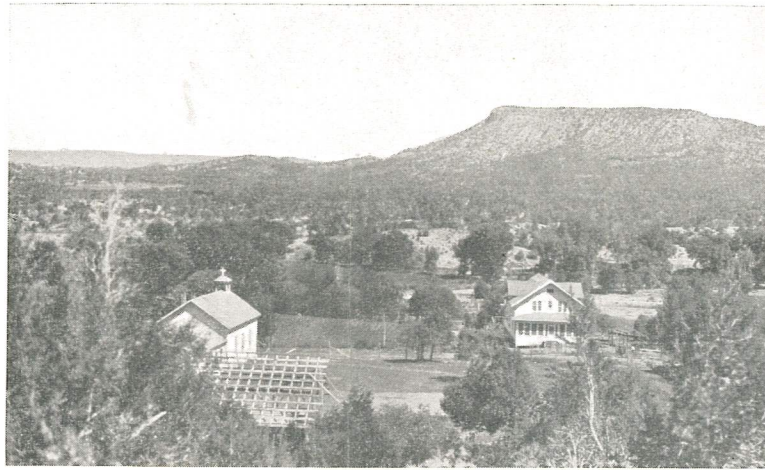
Our Missionaries In Poland



### Indian and Poland Mission

Who of our synod is not acquainted with these missions. The Indian mission is the older of the two. Our mission field is Arizona. This work among the Indians of that state was begun more than forty years ago. Today eight missionaries are laboring among these people, six teachers and four native helpers. In five day schools 259 pupils are being instructed. He who knows the Indian knows and can understand the difficulties attached to this work.

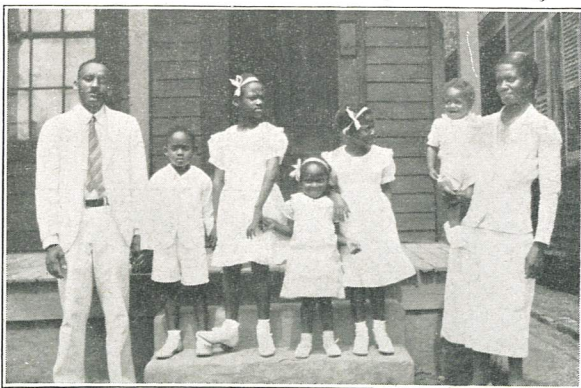
In Poland we are supporting seven missionaries, eleven congregations and many other stations. It is difficult at this time with the war raging in this section of Europe to give details, but our missionaries assure us that they are able to carry on their work without disturbances.



Mission at East Fork, Arizona

### Negro and African Missions

This work among the negroes in our country and in Africa is a joint venture. Together with the Missouri Synod we are supporting 54 workers in 19 states. In Africa 3 missionaries "many native workers at 45 congregations" are laboring for us. That field is so vast and the opportunities so great that one is hardly able to gain



a faint picture of it. Not many years ago was this work begun and today we have 7,073 baptized and 2,676 communicant members with 1,453 pupils in our schools. A field white unto harvest, indeed.

### Spiritual Welfare Work

This is the newest department of our mission work. This work pertains to the young men from our synod in

the military service. At the present time we are serving more than 1,300 enlisted and drafted men in 193 camps and stations throughout our land.

### The Sum of the Matter

That is the picture of our mission work as a synodical body. Who will say, in the face of these facts and figures that he and his contributions are not needed or that the synod can get along without his help? Surely no one! Rather, the Christian, knowing what work the Lord in mercy granted him to do will cast off the sloth of the flesh and be ready to serve the Lord in these missions of synod with fervent spirit according to the ability that the Lord has granted him.

W. J. S.

### The Joint Synod Meets in Saginaw

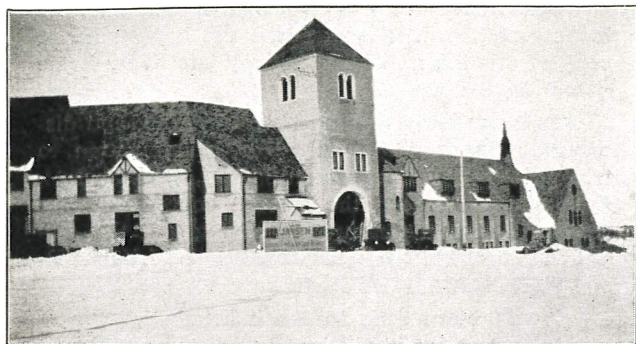
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Saginaw is the spiritual center of our Wisconsin Synod in Michigan. It became this center mainly through the work of Pastor Christian Eberhardt and the establishing of the theological seminary of the Michigan Synod here. Pastor Eberhardt was called to be the pastor of St. Paul's in 1861 after years of strenuous mission work in all parts of Michigan. He was beyond a question the outstanding figure in the early history of the Michigan Synod whose influence in the development of the Michigan Synod was considerable. He was largely instrumental in the founding of the theological seminary. Probably it was his influence more than anything else that caused the Michigan Synod to choose Saginaw as the permanent site for its Seminary. This Seminary was the source of supply for pulpits of our Synod in Michigan for several decades. It was housed at first in one building.

After the union between the Michigan Synod and the Synod of Wisconsin had been effected, the Seminary was changed into a preparatory school and has served the Synod as such since. New buildings were added in the course of time. The original building now serves as a recitation hall. A modern dormitory for boys and a refectory were later added. There are also four residences for the professors that teach here.



## OUR COLLEGES CALL OUR YOUNG PEOPLE



### THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

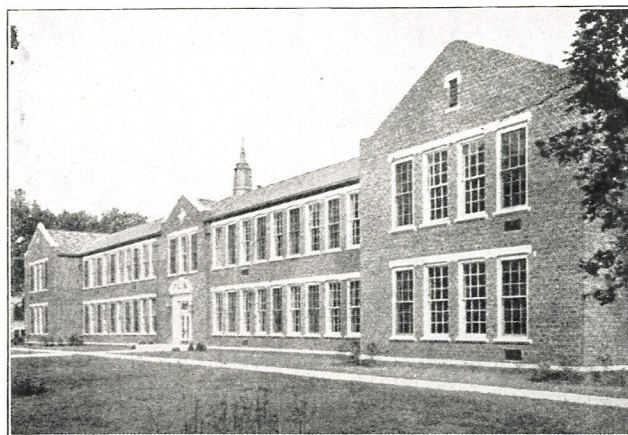
The new school year will be opened, God granting, with a special service in the Seminary chapel on Tuesday, September 9, 1941, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

For further information, address the undersigned:

Joh. P. Meyer,  
Box 934,  
Thiensville, Wisconsin.

transcript of credits sent from the school they have been attending. Graduates from the eighth grade need to bring only their last eighth grade report card. There will be no entrance examinations.

E. E. Kowalke, President,  
814 Richards Avenue,  
Watertown, Wisconsin.



### DR. MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE

The new school year at Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota, will begin on Wednesday, September 3. The opening service will be held at 8:30. All communications with reference to entrance requirements and dormitory accommodations may be directed to:

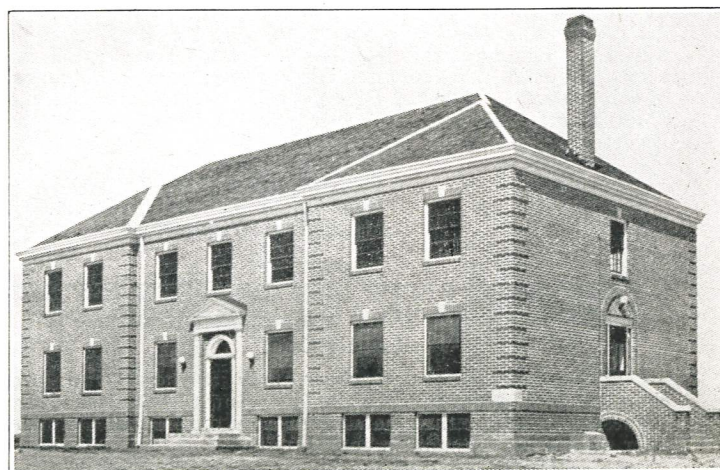
Carl L. Scheweppe,  
New Ulm, Minnesota.



### MICHIGAN LUTHERAN SEMINARY

The new school-year at Michigan Lutheran Seminary will be opened on September 2. Please, announce new scholars as early as possible. For catalogs, application blanks and information apply to:

Otto J. R. Hoenecke, President,  
2204 Court Street,  
Saginaw, Michigan.



### NORTHWESTERN LUTHERAN ACADEMY

Applications for entry to be accompanied by a testimonial of the student's pastor. Address all communications to:

R. A. Fenske, President,  
Northwestern Lutheran Academy,  
Mobridge, South Dakota.



### NORTHWESTERN COLLEGE

The fall term at Northwestern College will begin on Wednesday, September 3, with opening exercise at nine o'clock. New students are requested to announce their intention of entering to the undersigned as soon as possible. Those that expect to enter an advanced class should have a

### WINNEBAGO LUTHERAN ACADEMY

Fond du Lac, Wisconsin

The new school year will begin Tuesday, September 2. We offer classical, academic and commercial courses. For the Freshman Class the tuition is \$27.00 per year; for the other classes \$30.00. Typewriting fee \$10.00.

For students from beyond Fond du Lac board and lodging may be obtained in good Christian homes at rates averaging about \$1.00 a day.

G. E. Bergemann.



**NORTHWESTERN LUTHERAN ACADEMY**

Mobridge, South Dakota

The new school year of this institution will begin with an opening service on Tuesday, September 2, at 11 A. M. Registration and other preliminaries will be cared for during the rest of the day. Class work begins 8:30 A. M., Wednesday, September 3.

All applications for enrollment should be sent in on time. Pastors can be of great help in this. Will you kindly assist?

For further information apply to

R. A. Fenske,  
Box 60,  
Mobridge, South Dakota.

**BETHANY LUTHERAN COLLEGE**

Mankato, Minnesota

Bethany Lutheran College, an accredited school, owned and operated by the Norwegian Synod of the Synodical Conference, invites our Lutheran boys and girls to pursue their academic training in its midst. The regular High School and Junior College curricula are offered, as well as commercial subjects and music.

The faculty of Synodical Conference Lutherans insures Christian instructors, Christian discipline, and Christian relationships.

Students who wish to enter should send their previous school records to the registrar before the opening of school.

Registration will take place on Tuesday, September 2. Opening exercises will be held on Wednesday, September 3, at 10:30 A. M.

For further information address:

Dr. S. C. Ylvisaker, President,  
Bethany Lutheran College,  
Mankato, Minnesota.

**LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL**

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

God willing, the new school year of our Milwaukee Lutheran High School will begin Tuesday, September 2. In the last school year 369 students enjoyed the blessings of a Christian training in this institution. The school offers four-year academic and commercial courses; also mechanical drawing, sewing, physical training, and musical, athletic, and other school activities. For further information address the Director,

E. H. Buerger,  
Lutheran High School,  
1859 North Thirteenth Street,  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

**NOTICE — DIRECTORY LIST OF NORTHWESTERN  
LUTHERAN ANNUAL AND GEMEINDEBLATT  
KALENDER**

Pastors, professors, teachers, lady teachers, who have changed their address since the last Annual was issued are requested to report their new address by the first of October; later corrections cannot be considered.

In reporting correction use a postal card and state —  
Your full name.

Whether you are pastor, professor, etc.

Your place of residence (street and number if possible).

Your post-office.

R. F. D. No.

County and State.

Of which synod are you a member?

Do you reside in a rural district?

If the latter is the case, which is the nearest city?

In which direction is it from your place of residence?

How far is it away?

This notice also applies to such as have so far not held office and were therefore not listed.

Northwestern Publishing House,  
935-937 North Fourth Street,  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

**ATTENTION PLEASE!**

This issue of the "Northwestern Lutheran" is being sent to you without cost. We hope that one copy of this issue will find its way into every home within the Synod.

To help defray the expense of printing and distributing this issue we ask every congregation to take up a special collection on Sunday, September 14, if possible, and send the amount collected to the respective district treasurer specifying that this collection is for "THE NORTHWESTERN LUTHERAN SYNODICAL ISSUE."

It will mean little to the individual congregation to do this but it will mean much to the "Northwestern Lutheran."

May we hope for your hearty cooperation?

**CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES****MISSISSIPPI VALLEY DELEGATE CONFERENCE**

The Mississippi Valley Delegate Conference will convene in Immanuel's Lutheran Church, La Crosse, Wis., W. Gutzke, pastor, Tuesday, August 26, 9:00 A. M. Pastor Reginald Siegler will deliver the inspirational address. Reports from delegates to the Joint Synod and election of conference officers will be the order of business.

Rud. P. Korn, Sec'y.

**SOUTHWESTERN DELEGATE CONFERENCE**

The Southwestern Delegate conference will meet with Rev. H. Schaller, Tomah, Wisconsin, August 26, 1941. Opening devotional begins at 9:30 A. M. Professor Scheweppe of New Ulm will read an essay on "Education." Delegates to the convention of the Joint Synod are to deliver reports.

Frederic Gilbert, Sec'y.

**CHIPPEWA VALLEY DELEGATE CONFERENCE**

The Chippewa Valley Delegate Conference will meet Sunday afternoon, September 7, at 2 o'clock at Rice Lake, Wisconsin. Rev. R. Schoeneck, pastor.

Essays: J. Mittelstaedt: Report of Convention of Joint Synod; J. Henning, Jr.: The Measure of Christian Giving.

Please announce before September 2 and state the number of delegates coming.

E. E. Prenzlow, Sec'y.

**MIXED CONFERENCE OF  
WEST CENTRAL MINNESOTA**

The Mixed Conference of West Central Minnesota meets at Holloway, Minn. (R. Langhans, pastor), August 26 and 27. Essayists: Affeldt, Duehlmeier, Hilgendorf, Lenz, Traub. Communion service on Tuesday evening. Preparatory sermon: Bauer (Brickman); pastoral sermon: Engelhardt (Faedtke). Please announce to host-pastor whether you will be present or not.

H. Brammeier, Sec'y.

**MANITOWOC PASTORAL CONFERENCE**

The Manitowoc Pastoral Conference will meet at Two Rivers, Wisconsin (W. Haase, pastor), on September 9 and 10.

Sermon: H. Kuether (Dr. H. Koch). (No confessional address).

Papers: Are Open Questions Divisive of Church Fellowship (W. Schink); Melancthon's Part in the Reformation (M. Sauer); The Patriotism of Jeremiah (H. Kuether); Argumentation of the Book of Job (E. Zell); Unworthy Eating and Drinking, 1 Cor. 11, 23ff (A. Voigt); Continuation of 1 Tim. (E. Froehlich); Historical Treatise on Sponsorship and Vow (G. Struck); Continuation of Work (E. Kionka); Isa. 40, 9-11 (W. Schink); Isa. 40, 12-14 (H. Eckert); Gal. 2, 15 — assigned to Conference.

Please announce in time.

H. H. Eckert, Sec'y.



**RED WING DELEGATE CONFERENCE**

The Red Wng Delegate Confreence will meet for a one day conference at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Town Goodhue, Minnesota, F. W. Weindorf, pastor, on September 9, 1941. Sessions begin at 9 A. M. Essays: Scriptural and Lutheran Practice in the Calling of Pastors, Theo. Kock; What, According to the Scriptures, is the Duty of Christians Over Against the Sinful Dance, Karl Nolting. Also the delegate's report of Joint Synod's Convention at Saginaw, Mich.

Please announce intended presence or absence to Pastor Weindorf.  
Rud. F. Schroeder, Sec'y.

**LAKE SUPERIOR DELEGATE CONFERENCE**

The Lake Superior Delegate Conference will meet at Coleman, Wisconsin (Wm. Fuehlbrigg, pastor), on Tuesday, September 9. The opening service will be held at 9:00 A. M. with Pastor K. Geyer preaching the sermon.

Each congregation of the Lake Superior Conference is asked to send at least one delegate.

Please announce to Pastor Wm. Fuehlbrigg in advance.  
H. A. Kahrs, Sec'y.

**LAKE SUPERIOR PASTORAL CONFERENCE**

The Lake Superior Pastoral Conference will meet in Immanuel's Church, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, F. H. Zarling, pastor.

Time: Monday, September 15, 6:30 P. M., E. S. T., to Wednesday noon, September 17, 1941.

Preacher: K. Geyer (H. Hopp).

Conference Papers: The Doctrine of Election with Reference to the Lutheran Hour, Th. Thurow; The Prophet Micah, H. Hopp; The Pastor at the Sick-Bed, K. Geyer; Isagogical Survey of Galatians, C. Henning; Catechesis: Introduction to the Ten Commandments, G. Tiefel; Exegesis 1 Cor. 7, L. Lehman; Exegesis 1 Cor. 9, W. Lutz.

Carl J. Henning, Sec'y.

**INSTALLATIONS**

Authorized by President Walther Pankow of the North Wisconsin District the undersigned on the 8th Sunday after Trinity, August 3, installed Herbert J. Lemke as pastor of the parish Grace, Monico, and St. John's, Enterprise, Wis. The Pastors W. Koepsell and J. Krubsack assisted. May the Lord richly bless shepherd and flock.

Address: The Rev. H. J. Lemke, Pelican Lake, R. R. 2, Wis.  
Paul J. Gieschen.

Authorized by Rev. K. F. Krauss, president of the Michigan District, the undersigned installed the Rev. Alvin H. Baer as pastor of St. Stephen's Ev. Lutheran Church of Adrian, Michigan, on the seventh Sunday after Trinity, July 27, 1941. The Pastors H. Engel and N. Engel assisted.

Address: Rev. A. H. Baer, 242 Finch Street, Adrian, Mich.  
R. W. Scheele.

Authorized by President A. Ackermann of the Minnesota District, the undersigned installed Candidate Norbert Reinke as pastor of St. Peter's Luth. Church at Poplar Grove, Pine Island, Twp., Minnesota, on the fourth Sunday after Trinity, July 6. The Pastors T. Kock, P. Horn, Geo. Scheitel assisted.

Address: Rev. Norbert Reinke, Oronoco, Minnesota.  
Theo. Haar.

**MISSION FESTIVALS****First Sunday after Trinity**

Grave Ev. Luth. Congregation, Goodhue, Minn.  
Offering: \$83.86. F. W. Weindorf, pastor.

**Third Sunday after Trinity**

First Luth. Church, Gary, So. Dak.  
Offering: \$49.60. William Lange, pastor.

**Fourth Sunday after Trinity**

St. John's Church, Lewiston, Minn.  
Offering: \$600.00. Rud. P. Korn, pastor.

**Fifth Sunday after Trinity**

St. Paul's Church, Manistee, Mich.  
Offering: \$87.46. E. E. Rupp, pastor.  
Emmanuel's Church, Grover, So. Dak.  
Offering: \$288.50. W. F. Sprengeler, pastor.

St. John's Ev. Luth. Congregation, Goodhue, Minn.  
Offering: \$181.00. F. W. Weindorf, pastor.

**Sixth Sunday after Trinity**

Trinity Church, Mears' Corners, Oshkosh, Wis.  
Offering: \$37.63. H. O. Kleinhans, pastor.

**Seventh Sunday after Trinity**

Zion Congregation, Allenton, Wis.  
Offering: \$101.00. Geo. A. Barthels, pastor.  
Courtland Ev. Lutheran Church, Courtland, Minn.  
Offering: \$100.98. M. C. Kunde, pastor.

**Eighth Sunday after Trinity**

Mission at Garden City, So. Dak.  
Offering: \$9.58. H. E. Rossow, pastor.  
St. Matthew's Church, Oconomowoc, Wis.  
Offering: \$235.00. N. Paustian, pastor.  
St. John's Church, Caledonia, Minn., and St. Peter's Church, Union, Minn.  
Offering: \$315.00. R. Jeske, pastor.

**NOTICE**

To fill the vacancy on the Mission Board of the Southeast Wisconsin District I have appointed Mr. Henry Kaul of Thiensville, Wisconsin.  
R. Buerger, President.

**HYMN BOOKS WANTED**

Our Mission Station at Spirit, Wisconsin, is badly in need of hymn books. Will some congregation that has introduced the New Hymnals remember our mission at Spirit, Wisconsin, and give us their old hymnals? We would prefer the old Missouri Hymnal, with music, if possible. Any church interested in this appeal is asked to address its communication to  
T. E. Zaremba,  
Prentice, Wisconsin.

**REQUEST**

If there is any congregation that has German hymnbooks (Wisconsin Synod) which it does not use any more and would like to dispose of them, kindly notify the undersigned.

Adalbert F. W. Geiger,  
279½ Sawyer Avenue,  
Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND THANKS**

Relatives and friends of the late Harold Seehusen donated a memorial wreath in the amount of \$26.00 to the library of Dr. Martin Luther College. This amount has been added to the permanent fund of the library.

E. R. Blieferricht, Librarian.



## THE CONVENTION

(Continued)

*Home for the Aged at Belle Plaine, Minn.* — A report on this institution was presented by the Chairman of the Board, Pastor A. Ackermann, and the Superintendent, Pastor L. F. Brandes. — Resolved, that the Synod's Trust Fund Committee be instructed to release a sum of money not to exceed \$40,000 for the remodeling and enlarging of the present building.

This institution has a trust fund of more than \$79,000.

## Further Items in Brief

*The Colorado and Arizona Conferences* were re-organized with a view to greater efficiency in their missionary work. The details of the organization will appear in the Report.

*A committee will be appointed* to make plans for the observance of the Synod's Centennial in 1950.

*A committee to be appointed* is to submit a plan for a better mode of conducting the elections.

*The question of a pension plan* is to be considered by a committee, which is to report in 1943.

*Another committee* is to study the liturgical part of the divine service and also the matter of a new agenda for the Synod.

*For the present*, superannuated professors are to be supported to the extent of \$75.00 per month.

*The revised Constitution for the Districts* was adopted.

*The two essays* are to appear in the *Quartalschrift*.

*The Convention voted* to recommend the adoption of the revised Constitution for the Synodical Conference of North America.

*Seven congregations* and twenty-seven pastors were admitted as members of the Synod.

## Miscellaneous

*Pastor L. Wisler*, Executive Secretary of the Board for Negro Missions of the Synodical Conference of North America, spoke to the Convention of this mission, describing the conditions in both the home and the Nigerian fields.

*Greetings were received* from the Hon. Missouri Synod, and the Secretary was instructed to convey our thanks to the sister-synod.

*The death of Mrs. Hoenecke*, the wife of Director O. J. R. Hoenecke of Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Tuesday afternoon cast a shadow on the spirits and the Convention extended its sincere sympathies to Director Hoenecke and his family.

*The Convention rejoiced* with Superintendent Pastor F. Uplegger, who at this time completed his fiftieth year in the ministry, and former President Pastor G. E. Bergemann, who on Saturday celebrated his 79th birthday.

*The weather was generally favorable*, though there were some hot spells, and a fine spirit prevailed. It was a pleasant dwelling-together as brethren to which all who attended will think back with joy. Several subjects required and were given much time, but the committees and the assembly applied themselves to their task so diligently that the Convention was able to adjourn at about two o'clock on Wednesday afternoon with a few closing remarks by the President and the singing of the doxology.

## BOOK REVIEW

**America Awake or Perish!** by Paul S. Rees, D. D., Pastor, The Covenant Tabernacle Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota. 14 pages, paper cover. Price 15c. Zondervan.

A plea for a spiritual revival in America. We fear the author does not fully appreciate the words of Christ, "My Kingdom is not of this world." "The Kingdom cometh not with observation."  
A. P. V.

**The Mystery and Miracle of the New Birth** by Harry W. Von Bruch, Evangelist Long Beach, Winona Lake. 16 pages, paper cover. Price 15c.

The author is an evangelist who also wrote "The Devil Goes Afishin'." We can recommend neither style nor contents of his preaching.  
A. P. V.

**Preaching the Gospel** by Lewis Sperry Chafer, D. D., President, Dallas Theological Seminary, Dallas, Texas. Ten pages, paper cover. Price 15c. Zondervan.

The book contains three chapters. Under one heading the author lists common errors in Gospel preaching. Prayer, he claims, is the most effectual method of all soul winning work. Why then speak of preaching the Gospel?  
A. P. V.

**The Conflict of the Ages** by Wilbur M. Smith, Professor, Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Editor and Author. Sixteen pages, paper cover. Price 15c. Zondervan.

An essay on the conflict between God and Satan forcefully written, but, and we find an old error, "Satan is preventing God from establishing a visible Messianic kingdom here on earth." Christ has said "My kingdom is not of this world."  
A. P. V.

**Russellism Exposed.** An examination of the doctrine of "Jehovah's Witnesses" by Paul Edward Hewitt, Evangelist, Philadelphia, Pa. Sixty pages, paper cover. Price 35c. Zondervan.

The writer thoroughly exposes Russellism and refutes the doctrines of the International Bible Student, but he is himself a millennialist.  
A. P. V.

**Lessons from the Book of Joshua** by Ralph E. Stewart, Associate Director, Moody Bible Institute, Chicago. Fifteen pages, paper cover. Price 15c. Zondervan.

The writer states that there are many other lessons in the great book of Joshua. We agree. The author is an apt teacher.  
A. P. V.

**How to Discuss the Story Intermediate II**, by Dr. M. Roy. Lutheran Book Concern. 698 pages. Price \$2.00.

An explanation and a guide for the discussion of more than eighty Bible stories from the Old and New Testament arranged with a view to the church year, from the first Sunday in Advent through the twenty-second Sunday after Trinity. These lessons help offer a wealth of sound Scriptural material to the Sunday School teacher of Intermediate II. The captains frequently tell the story, e. g., "Jesus ascends into Heaven in order to be With Us Always," "Jesus sends the Holy Spirit Who Shall Lead Us to Jesus."  
A. P. V.

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