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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 WORLD'S FIRST BLACKOUT"

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TEXT: EXODUS 10:21-23 . . . *There was darkness in the land of Egypt three days, but all the children of Israel had light in their dwelling.*

THE second World War has brought many changes in our way of living. I am not thinking so much of rationing, of curtailing our personal liberties; those inconveniences are not so serious and we can endure them for the sake of the greater good. But I am thinking of the disruption of home and family life. There is hardly a household where some member of the family is not far away from home. Some in Alaska, some in Australia, the South Pacific, Europe, far off China, etc., and the uncertainty which enters the hearts and minds of parents at home cannot be estimated as they wonder where their boys are, what dangers they are facing. Likewise those millions of men who are far away from home, who are facing danger and privation, are conscious of the change in their mode of living. They never thought three years ago that today they would be on foreign shores, and many a big question mark enters their minds as they pause and reflect. It is as I wrote to many of them in a personal letter after Christmas, "All things work together for good to those that love the Lord."

There is also another change which the second World War has brought and that is in our language, our mode of expression, our vocabulary. Many new words have been added to our daily speech and there is not a man, woman or child anywhere who does not know the meaning of the word "blackout." The people in our coastal cities know the fear of a blackout from actual experience, the people of Europe know the devastation and destruction of a blackout when hostile planes are hovering overhead in the inky blackness. The word has certainly become fixed in our minds and so we can bring you a vivid portrayal of our text by calling your attention to

"The World's First Blackout"

Let us consider

1. The nature of this blackout.
2. Some of the lessons we learn therefrom.

Our text takes us back to the days when the children of Israel were groveling in actual slavery and fear in the land of Egypt. Oppressed by the cruel and tyrannical Pharaoh they longed for deliverance from his despotic hand and cried unto the Lord. How long? In His own good time the Lord answered their prayers, and one day the 80-year-old Moses and his brother Aaron appeared at the throne of Pharaoh with the message, "Thus saith the Lord, let my people go." But Pharaoh hardened his heart and said, "Who is the Lord, whose voice I must obey, I will not let this people go." Thereupon plagues came upon the Egyptians, plagues which at the moment made them fear God, but which did not change the wickedness and hardness of their hearts. One of these plagues is described in our text. It is the plague of darkness and it came when Moses stretched out his hand toward heaven.

Pharaoh must have laughed when he saw this 80-year-old man stretch forth his hand toward heaven and say it would be dark. I can hear him say scornfully, "Do you think that you can obliterate the light of that golden orb called the sun. That light has never failed; why, we worship it as a God." Do you think that the movement of your hands can affect the course of the universe; go ahead and try it, you can't bluff me. And, even if you succeeded in blotting out the sun, I will command huge bonfires to be kindled throughout the land, and behold the lights in the palace will blaze forth from every window and the people will see that Pharaoh rules in Egypt."

But Moses paid no attention to the ravings nor to the arguments of this man. He had his command from God, it was for him to obey, so he stretched forth his hand and v. 22 there was a thick darkness over the land of Egypt. The sun lost its light, also the moon and the stars; it was not a dim-out, it was an absolute blackout. Not one light from heaven shone forth. But what about the torches in the homes, the beautiful chandeliers in Pharaoh's palace, were they blazing with light? Frantically the servants sought to ignite the lamps, frantically they sought to strike fire, but not so much as one spark could they produce. There was not a light burning in a single Egyptian home, not even in Pharaoh's palace formerly blazing with light. Why? Our text tells us. V. 21. "A darkness that may be felt." This darkness was heavy, it seemed to suffocate the people so that if they took a step they were exhausted and they just sat still and never moved from their place. The artificial light was smothered, a candle just could not burn. Some Bible students say that the darkness was like a heavy wet fog or blanket that hovered over the land and made light impossible. Everything dripped with moisture. It might have been like the chemical which a fireman sprays over a fire and smothers it out. The darkness was thick, it could be felt and not one light burned. So all of Pharaoh's boastfulness had failed, he sat there with his servants and never moved from his palace. Total blackout in Egypt, not for an hour, not for a day, but for three days; and those of you who have been in a man-made blackout during this past year know what a gruesome thing it is. We do not miss the light until it is totally taken away from us. What thoughts, what fears, what terror stalks

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Editorials

District Synods During the month of June, this year, the various Districts of our Synod held their biennial conventions. The Joint Synod itself will hold its next convention, God granting, in 1945.

The two kinds of conventions are differently constituted. The District conventions are composed of all pastors residing in the territory served by the District, of all male parochial school teachers, and of one delegate from each congregation, while the convention of the Joint Synod consists of representatives chosen from the three groups of men mentioned above, one out of every ten.

The business of the District is much more limited than that of the Synod. It is the whole Synod that carries on our mission work, be it Home Missions, or Indian Mission, or Poland Mission. — Negro Mission both in our country and in Africa is conducted by the Synodical Conference, of which our Wisconsin Synod is a member. — Again it is the whole Synod that maintains our institutions of higher education, our high schools in Saginaw and Moberg, our high school and college in Watertown, our high school and Normal College in New Ulm, and our Theological Seminary in Thiensville. The Synod operates a Home for the Aged in Belle Plaine, and a Publishing House in Milwaukee. The Synod makes provision for the support of incapacitated pastors and teachers and their dependents. Naturally, since these are endeavors carried on by the Synod as a whole, only the whole body is in a position to pass binding resolutions concerning them. The Districts, most certainly, are vitally interested, but since they do not carry the whole load, they cannot dispose of the matters in which the other Districts are equally involved. Each District gets a report on the progress of the work in the various departments, it rejoices in the success which God granted in the past. It is urged to implore His protection in cases of special difficulty or danger, and in general to pray for His continued blessing.

The Main Purpose of the District convention is the discussion of doctrinal essays. It is the Word of our God, the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, that unites hearts and hands in church work. The enemy, who knows full well the power of the Word of God, and that "one little word can fell him," ever tempts us to become indifferent in regard to doctrine. Just at present he tries to make us believe that the chief thing for Christians to do is to get busy with post-war and other problems, and suggests that for the time being we ought not to stress doctrinal matters, that conscientious concern about God's doctrine may be harmful in finding the proper solution for the practical problems that loom so large; in fine, that creeds and things connected with them really stand in the way of progress. Realizing the supreme importance of doctrine, our Districts devote a major portion of their sessions to the discussion of some article of faith or the study of some Scripture passage. In this way each individual member of the District receives personal benefits for his faith, and the spirit of the brotherhood is strengthened; and the whole District becomes better equipped to grapple with the difficulties that confront us.

A personal remark may be pardoned. Due to the accelerated course in the Seminary, the members of the faculty were not able to attend the forenoon sessions of their District. They had to meet their classes. But then they rushed to the station to catch the 11:50 inter-urban to Milwaukee in order to be present for the afternoon sessions. No one regretted this inconvenience, but we all did deplore the fact very much that we had to miss the morning sessions which were devoted to the doctrinal essays. Yet, refreshed spiritually by the deliberations in the afternoons we returned to our classes to share with them the blessings we had received. Our students are the men that are to carry on the work after us.

Great are the blessings to be received from church discussions for every one who attends and for those whom he represents and to whom he reports.

J. P. M.

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Filth — Again Filth, like the poor, we always have with us. We have it in the movies, magazines and newspapers at all times. Filth is one of the products of our care-free age which has broken down almost every barrier of decency and modesty in speech,

dress, decorum and the intermingling of sexes. Things that would have brought a blush to the face of our parents goes by our age unnoticed. The present world-condition has only tended to make bad worse. Today the frank and open treatment of subjects that formerly were discussed in vague terms, if discussed at all, is often shocking. Profanity, for one thing, in magazines and movies cause no general protest. The ears of our people seem to have become so callous that they hardly notice the use of profanity or recognize it as such. And small wonder. When one reads that a supposed minister of the Gospel at the recent Republican convention in Chicago, called a fellow-delegate to that convention, "A damn fool" just because this delegate insisted on his right to cast his vote as he wished — one seems to have found a good reason for the carelessness of speech among the people. If those who are supposed to be an example to others do such things what can be expected of those whom they are to lead? From profanity to filth is a small step — if profanity is not filth. One thing breeds the other. A very small hole in the dike if not immediately repaired is capable of inundating a great area. So too, filth in its seemingly most harmless form will breed filth in its most scandalous form.

The war has produced a new flood of slimy "realism" and publishers and producers of cheap reading matter for the public have not been slow to take advantage of this to fatten their purses. Breaking of the moral law, the behavior of a great many of our soldiers in barracks, the language used by a great many of our soldiers on the battle line — these things may be discussed in private by those whom it may concern and from a correct motive. But to set these things before the people and make every war story and every war picture and every war play reek with obscenity is filth in its crudest form, and debases and destroys body and soul. The fact that few protest against this kind of propaganda and the further fact that it is quite generally accepted as the order of the day makes this filth more dangerous.

The danger for the Christian youth in this filth ought to be very evident to all parents. And all parents ought to make it their serious concern, not only to warn their children, but more than ever do all within their power and ability to keep their children at home and make the home the social center of their life as God intended it to be. No better safeguard against the danger of absorbing this filth by the children could possibly be proposed and it is well within the God-intended sphere of Christian parents.

W. J. S.

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Winged Death Kill, kill! that is the order of the day. Man has invented a new engine of death. It wings its way through the skies untouched and unguided by human hands, and rains down upon the villages, towns and cities thousands of pounds of high explosives, leaving death and destruction in its wake. This is the "robot," invented by the Germans and unleashed against London during the past few weeks. It is a deadly thing and three to four hundred times cheaper to build than the airplane. The influence and effect this new thing of death may have on the war is a matter of conjecture. So much, however, may be said that these winged projectiles will certainly change the complexion of future wars, if not this one in its final stages. But doesn't this new instrument of death give new evidence of the fever heat that is driving the nations in this struggle to invent ever deadlier machines of death. In the laboratories of Germany, America, England, Japan and Russia the scientists are bending every effort to produce instruments of death, one more horrible than the other, with the ultimate aim of discovering the "atomic disintegrator" a weapon which will annihilate whole cities with one sweep and turn them to dust. That is the present business of the "master minds" of the world. One shudders to even think of the part these men are called upon to play on the stage of "civilization."

In this whole messy business, in this slaughter, the Christian sees the debris left by sin. The world refuses to be led by the Spirit of God, so it must submit to the leadership of hell. The world is flesh and the "carnal (fleshly) mind," says the Scripture, "is enmity (hatred) against God" and His laws. Where there is no love of God, there is no real love for man and fightings and wars result. Read James 34:1.

W. J. S.

STUDIES IN THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION

BY PROFESSOR JOHN MEYER

Article XVIII Of Free Will

Of Free Will they teach that man's will has some liberty to choose civil righteousness, and to work things subject to reason. But it has no power, without the Holy Ghost, to work the righteousness of God, that is, spiritual righteousness; since the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God, 1 Cor. 2, 14; but this righteousness is wrought in the heart when the Holy Ghost is received through the Word. These things are said in as many words by Augustine in his *Hypognosticon*, Book III: *We grant that all men have a free will, free, inasmuch as it has the judgment of reason; not that it is thereby capable, without God, either to begin, or, at least, to complete aught in things pertaining to God, but only in works of this life, whether good or evil. 'Good' I call those works which spring from the good in nature, such as willing to labor in the field, to eat and drink, to have a friend, to clothe oneself, to build a house, to marry a wife, to raise cattle, to learn divers useful arts, or whatsoever good pertains to this life. For all of these things are not without dependence on the providence of God; yea, of Him and through Him they are and have their beginning. 'Evil' I call such works as willing to worship an idol, to commit murder, etc.*

II

IN matters subject to reason also an unregenerate man has a certain freedom of choice and of action. It is even here only a very limited and restricted freedom, since he is in the bondage and servitude of sin. Yet he is able by his own efforts, unassisted by the

Holy Ghost, to achieve a certain degree of civic righteousness. He can do things that will stand in any human court, yes, he can do — and do it with a certain emotional satisfaction to himself — works of relief, befriend a

neighbor in his troubles, and support charitable endeavors in general.

Yet there is one sphere in which the will of natural man is completely helpless. That is the field of spiritual righteousness. *It has no power, says our Article, without the Holy Ghost, to work the righteousness of God, that is, spiritual righteousness.*

In order to make this a little clearer to ourselves, let us look a bit closer at the very heart of the situation. We will omit from consideration all outward forms of sin, because these are not the same in all men. For instance, not all men are money-mad misers; some may go to the other extreme and become dissolute spendthrifts. Men may also be induced by purely human arguments to shift from one to the other. A drunkard seeing the havoc that his passion for drink works on his health, on his

business success, on his family happiness, may decide to change his ways and may actually achieve his purpose by mere natural means and methods. He may thus "reform" himself and rejoice in the fact that he did.

We shall omit such matters from consideration; they will belong to externals, in which natural man has a certain degree of liberty. In order to understand natural man's real position in spiritual matters, we must look at the very heart of his attitude. We find that man in all his actions is dominated by a rigid legal opinion. Ethical and religious evaluation of any deed, thought, word, or action, for him is inseparably linked to the idea of retribution, even when he says that virtue should be its own reward, and should be practiced for virtue's sake. He cannot conceive of his relation to God in any other light than that of reward and merit. If God is to be favorably disposed toward him, he himself must merit His favor. On the other hand, if he has performed any deed which he thinks is ethically good, then God owes him a reward. Even if he does not succeed in doing a perfectly good work, God must acknowledge his good intentions and reward him for his efforts, though he failed in his attempt.

We Christians know how deep-rooted this law-idea is in us. We believe with all our heart that God forgives us our sins without any merit or worthiness on our part out of pure fatherly grace and mercy for Christ's sake. Yet, how often are we not troubled by the thought of retribution, as though we in some way had to make good for our sins ourselves, by extra works or by sufferings, or even worse, that by some insignificant little good work we had merited an extra favor from God!

However, it is not at all God's way to deal with men on the basis of their merits. It is His nature to show mercy. It is His nature to bless where there is no merit at all. It is an insult to Him if we assume that He would sell us His favor for a price. It is an insult to present our works to Him and demand a reward. What have we that we did not receive from Him? Whatever we may offer to give Him, He first gave us.

Yet natural man is altogether wrapped up in the idea of reward and merit. This idea governs all his religious thinking, in fact, this idea permeates all his religious notions. Any religious ideas not based on the merit system, he hates and condemns as the most destructive error. The Gospel of free grace is an abomination to him, foolishness and a stumbling block.

God wants mercy, and natural man wants merit. There is the clash. Can natural man produce anything that is spiritually good and acceptable before God? Whatever he may devise will from the very start be offensive to God. In order to produce anything spiritually good, man must first undergo a radical change, he must be born again, he must be made over into a new creature. Old things must pass away, all things must become new.

That then is the beginning of spiritual righteousness that a sinner resigns his own right-

eousness and accepts the righteousness purchased and won for him by the death of our Savior. This no man can do by his own reason or strength. It is the work of the Holy Ghost. No man can call Jesus his Lord and Savior except by the Holy Ghost. Jesus says, "Without me ye can do nothing." And Paul adds, "It is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure" (Phil. 2, 13). Again, "It is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that showeth mercy" (Rom. 9, 16).

Concerning natural man and his freedom of choice in spiritual matters the Scripture judgments admit of no modification: "The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of men to see if there were any that did understand and seek God. They are all gone aside, they are altogether become filthy, there is none that doeth good, no, not one" (Ps. 14, 2.3). "The imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth" (Gen. 8, 21). "The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned" (1 Cor. 2, 14). Scripture calls natural man "blind" and "dead in trespasses and sin." Wherever, then, spiritual righteousness is found in a man, it is there only because *it is wrought in the heart when the Holy Ghost is received through the Word.*

When the Holy Ghost has achieved this result in a sinner through the Gospel that in faith he accepts the righteousness of Christ as a free gift of God's grace, then — only then, but surely then — he has been restored to spiritual liberty. The fetters of sin and of the Law have been broken, the prison doors have been crashed. The man thus set free can think and choose things that are pleasing to God. It is true, the old law-idea still raises its ugly head within him, but he is no longer dominated by it. In the liberty to which the Holy Ghost has re-created him he can resist

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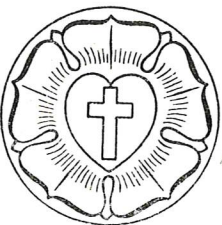
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SOUTHEAST WISCONSIN DISTRICT CONVENTION

SURROUNDED by the noisy hustle and bustle of a section of a great nation at war and plagued by withering heat and oppressive humidity, some 200 able-bodied men, pastors, teachers and congregational representatives of the Southeast Wisconsin District of the Joint Synod, and a goodly number of interested visitors, met in convention from Monday morning, June 26 till Thursday afternoon, June 29, in the midst of hospitable St. Matthew's Congregation in Milwaukee (A. F. Halboth, pastor), to consult with one another in Christian fellowship and jointly to resolve

urged to apply ourselves diligently to the war-effort, and absenteeism is frowned upon as being next to treason. But this vast throng diligently applied itself to the task at hand, unmindful of what men might think or say about their convention. They realized that they were commissioned by the Lord of lords and Master of all masters to do His urgent work assigned by Him to them. For orderly reasons a slate of officers had to be elected. The following will serve the District for the biennium, or longer when so specified: President, Arthur Voss; First Vice-president, Ph. H. Koehler; Second Vice-President, the retiring president, R. O. Buerger; Secretary, G. A. Thiele (the retiring secretary, Pastor W. Keibel, was appropriately honored for his long, faithful service); Treasurer, Mr. G. W. Sampe; Mission Board, re-elected the chairman, Pastor H. Shiley, Pastor H. Cares, Mr. G. Umbs (re-elected), Mr. G. Voigt. Pastor S. E. Westendorf is the remaining member continuing in office. A great number of other officers and committees were either elected or appointed, upon whom the District placed varying responsibilities.

Bread of Life

That this was not a convention in the usual sense of the word was evident by the opening of all sessions with a stimulating devotion, led by the chaplain, L. Karrer. But not only did we begin our daily assignment in the name of the Lord Jesus. The sustaining Word was spoken by Pastor Ph. H. Koehler in the convention sermon Monday morning as he showed us from Mark 16, 15 what a church Synod really is and called attention to its blessings and advantages. Pastor G. Schmeling prepared the convention guests for a worthy reception of the Lord's body and blood in a well-attended communion service on Wednesday evening. We were further enriched and fortified for our Christian calling by the Word through the two timely convention essays, a thought-provoking treatise: "The Station of the Christian in the Natural World-Order," read by the Rev. Dr. Alfred v. Rohrsauer of Winona, Minnesota, and an equally important and interesting work on "Sanctification," delivered by Pastor H. J. Diehl of Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. Both essays were given the undivided attention of the large assembly, which speaks well of their worth.

Missions

A church or a Synod or a District could not conceivably exist if it were not actively engaged and wholeheartedly interested in mission work. The work within the District was vividly presented by its capable chairman. Progress all along the line was noted in all established stations. Even more encouraging was the birth of new missions in or about Milwaukee and in the vicinity of Chicago, Illinois. Gratifying likewise was the zeal displayed by our missions in all departments, notably by their contributions locally and synodically. Next in importance to missions is the cause of Christian education, as we were reminded by our Superintendent F. W. Meyer. The work of Synod at large was reviewed on the basis of the programs submitted to the Districts. Pastor A. E. Sitz of Tucson, Arizona, graphically illustrated the work as it was done in the Arizona Mission District.

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Finances

Both the retiring District Treasurer, Mr. Chas. Werner, and Pastor P. Pieper of the Board of Trustees, presented this important and welcome subject, each in his respective field. We noted with joy that we made steady progress upward on the scale of Christian giving, but also felt the prick of wholesome admonition by the fact that as a District we had not yet attained the coveted goal, though we are being spurred ever onward and upward toward this end by conscientious visitors.

Time passes on. The happy hours of our convention were no exception to this rule. We worked hard, but we enjoyed it. Now everyone is busy applying what he learned. Surely the rich blessing of our Lord rests upon our institution and our labors.

W. P. Holzhausen.

NORTH WISCONSIN DISTRICT CONVENTION

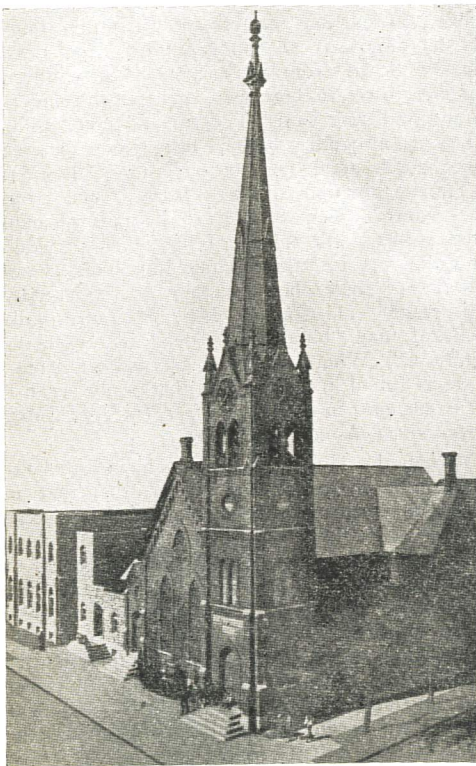
WHILE the destructive business of war claims the foremost attention of nations, our Synod was permitted to assemble in district conventions as heretofore to accord our King's Gospel the foremost concern becoming it. That, though often taken as matter of fact, is still the God-given privilege granted Christ's church in our land and enjoyed also by the North Wisconsin District of the Wisconsin Synod assembled in regular convention from June 19 to 23 in Trinity Lutheran Church at Neenah, Wisconsin.

President E. G. Behm preached the sermon (Jeremiah 32, 1-15) in the Holy Communion service opening the convention. The sermon presented "The Church In Time of National Emergency" showing that the church interprets the times and invests in God's promises. The organization of the convention revealed 96 pastors, 23 teachers and 75 lay delegates in attendance. President Behm appointed 14 committees to study various memorials, which also reported from time to time.

The following district officers were elected: E. G. Behm, president; F. M. Brandt, first vice-president; Dr. Henry Koch, second vice-president; F. Reier, secretary; W. Pless, recording secretary; H. Voecks, treasurer; Rev. P. Bergmann and Mr. Chas. Guenther, Home Mission Board; R. E. Ziesemer, Theo. Boettcher, E. R. Schneider, Student Support; John Behnke, A. J. Hermann, E. F. Schulz, Auditing Committee; H. Kleinhans, Arthur Boelter, M. Zahn, District Board of Support; L. Koeninger, Wm. Hellermann, Walter Schroeder, District School Committee.

The sessions of the second day were opened with a memorial service in which Pastor Harold Warnke preached the sermon (Genesis 5, 24) praising God for His favors granted the following brethren called to our eternal home since the last biennial convention of the District: Pastors C. W. Eppler, Menasha; Marcus Fleischer, Ripon; Henry Hopp, Daggett, Michigan; Theophil Brenner, Freedom.

Preparatory to the centennial of our Synod founded at Granville, Wisconsin, May 27, 1850, Pastor Paul Bergmann of Menasha read an historical, doctrinal essay entitled, "The First Synodical Convention as a Pattern for our Centennial Observance" basing his work on



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upon matters properly coming under their supervision. Twenty-seven years previously, in the same month and in the same hospitable surroundings the Southeast Wisconsin District was born when the old Wisconsin Synod in session there had by resolution disintegrated to re-form into three Districts. Each group thereupon met in its respective corner of the commodious St. Matthew's auditorium to effect a proper organization of the newly-formed Districts. Pastor C. Buenger of Kenosha was honored with the office of the presidency at that time, a position he then held for many succeeding terms. Mr. Chas. Werner was chosen to serve the District as treasurer, a position he held continuously for twenty-seven years until his voluntary retirement at this present meeting, a faithful service fitly acknowledged by the rising of the assembly.

Election

This vast reservoir of potential man-power might have been considered by some as unjustifiably wasted, when everywhere we are

Acts 15 and Galatians 2. The author's original, refreshing work will be made available to the public that all our members might have an additional opportunity both to know and to appreciate the special guidance of God and the struggles of our forefathers in making us a confessional and doctrinal church body.

Though financial matters as the synodical budget and debt retirement received ample consideration, by far the major part of the discussion centered upon the vital matters of the Synod's and District's mission endeavors and also the training of our youth as was evidenced by the motion to encourage the Mission Board to continue and to increase its efforts in founding Christian Day Schools in the mission congregations. With this went the hearty endorsement of the appeal of various synodical institutions that congregations and individual parents be encouraged to send their sons and daughters to our church schools to meet the emergency of a lack of workers which confronts our Synod and which may very likely increase.

The convention appreciated the opportunity to see the colored film on the Apache Indian Missions presented by Pastor Edgar Hoenecke of Plymouth, Michigan. On the same occasion Institutional Missionary R. Gose presented various films on the seventeen institutions in the Fox River Valley which he is now serving to the best of his ability and at great taxation of physical strength and health.

The District convention was also invited to participate in the jubilee service Wednesday evening at Hortonville, Wisconsin, to observe the fiftieth anniversary of Pastor G. E. Boettcher's ordination into the ministry. The jubilarian had served as secretary of the District since its organization 26 years ago. Pastor W. Pankow preached the jubilee sermon (Psalm 1, 3).

Appreciative of the hospitality of Trinity Congregation and its pastor, G. Schaefer, the convention closed Friday afternoon, the closing service having been held the evening previous when Pastor F. Uetzmann preached the sermon (John 17, 1-2 and 15-17).

W. F. Wichmann.

WESTERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT CONVENTION

MIDST sunshine, rain, and extremely hot weather the Western Wisconsin District of the Joint Synod of Wisconsin and Other States held its fourteenth biennial convention in St. Peter's Church, Schofield, Wisconsin, G. C. Marquardt, pastor, June 12 to 15. The pastors, teachers, and lay-delegates enjoyed the gracious hospitality of St. Peter's, Schofield, Salem, Wausau, and the new mission, Our Savior's, Wausau, whose members graciously provided lodging and breakfast.

Roll call was answered by 89 pastors, 14 teachers, and 60 lay-delegates.

The first session was opened Monday afternoon with a devotional service by the local pastor. The succeeding sessions were opened by the duly elected chaplain, Pastor R. W. Mueller. The District Convention was then duly declared in session by the District President, Pastor H. C. Kirchner.

Sermons

The key-note sermon was delivered by the District President Monday evening. He based his discourse on the words of our Lord: "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you. Let not your heart be troubled neither let it be afraid." John 14, 27, and showed how we Christians are called upon to deliver this Peace of Christ unto the world, a world at war, a war which is leaving its imprint on all of us, and which is making itself felt in all the affairs of men, causing the loosening of the moral fibres of the peoples of every nation, bringing disrespect for law and order, social and economic unrest, juvenile delinquency, greed for money and power and honor in its wake. In such troublesome times when the hearts of men are troubled and afraid, men's hearts failing them for fear, and looking after those things which are coming on the earth, the practical application of that peace which the world cannot give, the Gospel of Peace, the Peace which our Savior has established by His active and passive obedience, is needed as never before. This Message of Peace the Prince of Peace has entrusted to His disciples, the Christian Church, and has commanded that this Message of Peace be proclaimed in all the world as the only means of combating all evils and bringing peace of heart and mind and conscience to individuals as well as to nations, a peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ and peace between all men through a realization of the love of God for fallen men, of sins forgiven through the blood of Christ, and of salvation through faith in Christ. To proclaim this Peace is the duty of the Church today in a war-torn world.

Pastor A. L. Mennicke preached the Wednesday evening sermon in which service Holy Communion was administered. He based his sermon on the first words spoken by Jesus on record in Holy Scripture, when at the age of twelve years He answered His parents: "Wist ye not that I must be about My Father's business?" Luke 2, 49. In his discourse he pointed out that the business which devolved on Jesus was His Father's business and that it was a "Big Business." It was the business of saving souls. Jesus carried out His Father's business as our High Priest when He brought the supreme sacrifice on Calvary's Cross to redeem lost and condemned sinners from sin, death, and from the power of the devil; as Prophet He preached the Gospel of the Kingdom, the love of God, Himself as the promised Messiah who had come into the world, His sacrifice as made for man's redemption; as King He governs and protects His Church and leads it to glory.

Having completed His work that His Father had assigned to Him, before returning to His heavenly home to the right hand of His Father, He gave command that His disciples, the members of His Church which He had purchased with His own blood, should carry on His and their Father's "Big Business," the saving of souls, saying to them: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." He thus appointed His disciples His agents. As faithful believing children of God we also *must* be about *our* Father's Business. The Father's Business is urgent. The King's business requires haste. We must work while it is day ere the night cometh when no man can work. We must work while the Gospel light

shines about us. "*Now* is the accepted time, *now* is the day of salvation.

President's Report

The President's report showed that the work of the District was carried on without difficulty. A number of pastors and congregations had applied for membership in the District. Two congregations which had severed their membership with our Synod during the so-called "Protestant" upheaval have interviewed the officials for council and advice in view of re-establishing their fellowship with our Synod. One of these, Grace of Nelson, Wisconsin, has again established membership with us. A pastor has been called to serve this congregation and he is also serving a small group in Alma, Wisconsin, who have severed their affiliation with the former "Protestants."

Essays

Tuesday and Wednesday mornings were devoted to the discussion of essays submitted by Pastors Martin Nommensen and Arthur Dohberstein, respectively. The theme of the former was: "Mission Opportunities in 1944," and of the latter: "Ordination."

Missions

The missions of our District showed a healthy growth. The Lord had signally blessed our mission endeavors during the past biennium which is clearly shown from the fact that eight new stations had been opened giving us eighteen missionaries, twenty-eight organized congregations and eight preaching stations. Elroy has become self-supporting. The latest mission is in La Crosse which will be combined with Viroqua, Wisconsin. A pastor has already been called and will be installed shortly. Missionaries were given an opportunity to give information regarding their respective fields augmenting the general report by the Chairman of the District Mission Board. Pictures of all mission stations of the District were on display in the Wessex of the church.

Spiritual Welfare

The Spiritual Welfare Commission which provides for the spiritual welfare of our young men and women in the service of their country had its inception at the beginning of our present global struggle. Its office is in Milwaukee, Pastor John Raabe is the present Executive Secretary. Its program consists of encouraging and assisting the home congregation to maintain intimate contact with its own members; to provide continued communication with the men and women on file through the medium of an intensive mailing program; to station key pastors on a part-time basis wherever a concentration of men warrants it; to refer our men and women to the nearest Synodical Conference churches. At the present time there are 17,279 names of such members of our congregations on file in the office. This list is increasing daily. About one-half of these are now overseas. One hundred of our service men have been called into the Church Triumphant; fifty have been reported missing in action, and twenty are now prisoners of war. Twelve hundred have been given an honorable discharge from military service. Spiritual literature in the form of sermonettes and prayers are sent out to them at the rate of every two weeks. The expenditure to carry on this very

necessary and important work amounts to an average of \$3,500.00 per month. This cost of operation will, however, increase as more are being inducted daily. Let us support this work with our prayers and contributions.

Institutions

There were 64 students enrolled at the Seminary at Thiensville, Wisconsin; 207 at Northwestern College, Watertown, Wisconsin; 206 at Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota; 79 at Saginaw, Michigan; and 46 at Moberly, South Dakota. A sixth professor is to be called to the Seminary. Prof. Oswald has accepted the call to teach music at the Seminary and Northwestern College.

According to a new government regulation divinity schools must operate throughout the year or run the chance of having their students reclassified during the summer vacation months. The Seminary and the College Department at Watertown began new classes shortly after graduation. Students preparing for teachers in our parochial schools are transferred to Northwestern College during the summer sessions. Visiting pastors are requested to bring the proposed building program at Watertown to the attention of their respective congregations.

Reward Plan

After hearing and discussing the report of the committee on the proposed "Reward Plan" for the support of the retired and incapacitated servants of our Synod and their dependents, and the report of the committee on "Principles and Policy of Support," the motion prevailed to reject the Reward Plan. The District was of the opinion that since the Synod regularly appropriates sufficient funds to take care of this important phase of the Church's work the proposed plan would be superfluous.

Necrology

It has pleased Almighty God in His divine providence to call the following servants of the Church into their eternal reward: Teacher O. Boernecke, Pastor emeritus E. Zarembo, Pastor emeritus M. Tarras, Pastor Julius Klingmann. Their memory was honored by rising of all present.

Elections

The following officers of the District were elected for 1944-1946:

President: Pastor Herbert C. Kirchner, Baraboo, Wisconsin.

First Vice-President: Pastor L. C. Kirst, Beaver Dam, Wisconsin.

Second Vice-President: Pastor Wm. Nommensen, Columbus, Wisconsin.

Secretary: Pastor G. C. Marquardt, Schofield, Wisconsin.

Recording Secretary: Pastor A. G. Dornfeld, Marshfield, Wisconsin.

Treasurer: Mr. Herbert J. Koch, Columbus, Wisconsin.

Auditing Committee: H. Zeidler, H. Ihlenfeldt, W. Bock, Columbus, Wisconsin.

Committee on Student Support: Pastors M. Nommensen, Juneau, Wisconsin; H. Zimmermann, Randolph, Wisconsin; W. Zank, Waterloo, Wisconsin.

Mission Board: Pastors G. C. Krause (1950); A. L. Mennicke (1948); Theo. J. Mueller (1946). Laymen: Mr. A. Toepel, Mr. J. W. Jung.

District Board of Support: Pastor O. Kuhlow, Jefferson, Wisconsin; Teacher O. Jungkuntz, Jefferson, Wisconsin.

District School Board: Pastor Wm. Baumann, Neillsville, Wisconsin; Teacher E. Sievert, Neillsville, Wisconsin; Layman J. Kletzke, La Crosse, Wisconsin.

Vote of Thanks

A vote of thanks was extended to the essayists, the host congregations and their pastors, and the ladies who so generously provided for the bodily needs of the delegates, the retiring secretaries and the chairman of the District Mission Board. After a few remarks by the District President in which he expressed his gratitude and appreciation for the confidence the District had placed in him in his re-election, and assuring the District to render service according to the ability God will grant him in the future, the convention closed with the Lord's Prayer and the Common Doxology.

R. P. K.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT CONVENTION

JUNE 12 TO 16, 1944

BY PASTOR H. L. ENGEL,
Saline, Michigan

"REDEEMING the time, because the days are evil." These words of the Apostle Paul to the Ephesian Christians sounded the tone that rang through the sessions of the seventy-second convention of the Michigan District, assembled in St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Wayne, Michigan, the Rev. G. Press, pastor. Failing health hindered the venerable president of the District, the Rev. J. Gauss, from presenting his biennial report in person. It was the first time in fifty-one years that he had missed a District Synod. Written by Pastor Gauss while bed-ridden and read to the convention by Pastor Karl Krauss the President's Report forcefully pointed out the evils of our time in every field of human endeavor and the decadence of a great part of the Church on earth in spiritual matters, including the unionistic tendency of our time which emphasizes an external union at the expense of spiritual and doctrinal unity. The report urged the members to bury themselves in the Scriptures, to seek the Truth as it is in Christ Jesus, our Savior, to hold fast unto sound doctrine and the confessions of our faith without wavering, and to expend themselves in bringing the Gospel of Christ to perishing sinners in an evil day. The statistical report which had been compiled by Pastor K. Krauss at President Gauss' request was then read.

In the convention communion service on Monday evening Pastor R. Koch delivered the confessional address basing his words on the text: Isaiah 1, 18. In the sermon on the text: Eph. 5, 16 Pastor Karl Krauss vividly described the evils of our day. Ominously dark are these days of global warfare. Man's pas-

sion for power, prestige, possessions; the envy, lust, and hatred of men have built a fence of skulls and skeletons around this world. The moral, social, and educational standards are falling. Ours is a day of daring defiance of God. Sin has been painlessly extracted from man's vocabulary. Opposition and enmity against the true disciples of Christ is mounting. The days are evil. Our duty as the ambassadors of Christ is to redeem the time. This we may do by contending for truth and righteousness with lip and life. Without Christ men are in peril; they are wanderers, under the curse, dead in trespasses and sins, dead branches fit only for the fire. With Christ they are fit to be called the sons of God and heirs of eternal life. This is our faith and this faith we must confess and proclaim as never before. The evils of our day are a challenge to our missionary spirit. Furthermore, this faith we are to preserve in the face of opposition, wide-spread indifference to Truth, and the passion of some for earthly greatness and popular acclaim to be attained by sacrificing what they are pleased to call non-fundamental doctrines. Against all open and hidden foes we must stand firm lest we lose our glorious, God-given heritage. To do so may bring us disagreeable hours. It will irk the flesh to see others basking in the sunlight of popular publicity. But let us carry reproach and isolation with courage and confidence, and leave the rest to Him who doeth all things well. From His throne on high His glorious promise still resounds: "Fear not, little flock." "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." As men upon men went to the communion rail after the sermon one could not help but think of the words of Isaiah: "He shall see the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied."

From the second day on, various matters of the Kingdom of Christ crowded each other for time. Committee reports began flowing in. We heard, debated, corrected, adopted.

On Thursday evening Pastor A. Westendorf of Bay City preached a sermon on Christian education pointing out how indispensable Christian Day Schools are in these evil days. God's Word makes the education of children a duty of Christian parents first of all. But it also makes the church responsible in this important matter. The church is not charged with this duty secondarily, as though she were to function only to offset the failure of parents; rather, her duty is coordinated to that of parents. The ideal is the intimate cooperation between parents and the church. If the failure of parents is a harmful thing, the failure of the church is equally harmful. If the Christian education of youth calls for diligence, prayer, and sacrifice on the part of parents, then the church dare not be remiss in this respect. To establish a thorough program of education, to improve upon it continually, to provide the best, even at a sacrifice, is clearly what our Lord expects of His church to whom He has committed the feeding of His lambs. The best solution of this problem lies in the Christian Day School and the subsequent education in Christian schools of higher learning. Every other method which the church has devised for the education of her youth is very inadequate. It ought to be the ideal of every congregation, striven after with prayerful zeal, to provide for her children a Christian schooling.

The Convention Essay

The evils of our day were furthermore brought to light by a thought-provoking essay prepared and read to the convention by Dr. Paul Peters of our Theological Seminary at Thiensville, Wisconsin. Dr. Peters pointed out that in times of upheaval men seek to establish a new order of things. To do so men call into play all their knowledge and supposed knowledge. They adduce moral and spiritual values, aspire to a better knowledge of God; religion and morality are termed as of the utmost importance to solve the problems of the world. Though natural man does have a knowledge of God through the Law inscribed in the heart of man, and though man can and does develop a civic righteousness, yet man cannot come to a saving knowledge of God without the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and hence cannot walk in a righteousness that is recognized by God. When men strive to set the world aright through ideals born of their natural knowledge of God, they shall always fail. In the present upheaval men are putting pressure on the church to help better world conditions. This presents a major problem for us. Dr. Peters ably carried out that finally the world will charge us with isolationism for separating the functions of State and Church, and for refusing to unite with others in world-betterment attempts. This reproach we must bear with patience and fortitude. The District went on record asking that this essay be printed in either our church papers or in pamphlet form for further study.

Elections

Because of failing health the convention refrained from burdening Pastor J. Gauss with the heavy duties and responsibilities, now aggravated by evil days, of the presidency. The new president is Pastor Karl Krauss of Lansing. Other elections resulted as follows: Pastor Edgar Hoenecke, first vice-president; Pastor Alfred Maas, second vice-president; Pastor A. W. Hueschen, secretary; Mr. Alwin Burkhardt, Saline, Michigan, treasurer; Prof. W. Schaller, essay recorder; Mission Board (for a term of six years): Pastor R. Hoenecke, Mr. L. Ott; School Board: Pastor B. Westendorf, Mr. W. Stindt, Mr. F. Hirth; Student Aid: Pastor O. Eckert; Board of Support: Pastor Kenneth Vertz, Mr. J. Gehm, Mr. B. Ruffer. The District thankfully acknowledged the diligent work of the retiring president and also the retiring treasurer, Pastor Emil Wenk, for their many years of faithful service.

Missions

The Chairman of the District Mission Board, Pastor M. C. Schroeder, gave a comprehensive and encouraging mission report. To redeem the time by sending out the Gospel of Christ is a matter of vital concern to the child of God. To this end the General Mission Board and the Synodical Committee granted the request of our District for an itinerant missionary. We now have a missionary who will give his undivided attention to the survey of new

fields, especially in the crowded industrial centers where the fields are ripe unto the harvest. By the grace of God three new missions were opened since January of this year. They are located in Ann Arbor, Dexter, and Darlington-Platt. It was also reported that six older mission congregations became self-supporting by the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Others showed a wholesome growth. Some few in out-lying fields reported losses to the centers of flourishing war industries. The District petitioned that freedom of action within an allotted budget be granted to all District Mission Boards.

An ever growing branch of our mission work, that of the Spiritual Welfare Commission, received considerable attention. Approximately 18,000 names are now on file in the commission's office. It was gratifying to hear that pastors and laymen of other religious denominations are asking for our spiritual literature; and that divine services are being conducted for war prisoners within Michigan, among them a camp near Owosso.

The Executive Secretary for Indian Missions reported that a new chapel has been built by Missionary Guenther at McNary at no cost to the Synod. The missionaries and teachers in Apacheland are carrying on the work of the Lord with zeal. Slowly but accurately the New Testament is being translated into the phonetic language of the Apache Indian that the Truth of God in Christ might be brought to him in his own tongue, a procedure necessary even to this day. Indian interpreters and cowboys from the range ride in to help the missionaries translate so that no false shade of meaning is incorporated into the new translation.

Christian Education

The various educational institutions of Synod received due consideration. The delegates deplored the fact that the faculties and students at Dr. Martin Luther College, Northwestern College, and the Theological Seminary were compelled by the time to continue the school year throughout the hot summer months. We pray God that this arrangement may soon be terminated. The dire need of new buildings at Northwestern College and Michigan Lutheran Seminary, and the housing problems at the Academy in Mobridge and at Saginaw brought forth lively discussion. All recognized the need of new buildings. Some delegates expressed the thought that the congregations should begin at once to raise funds for a post-war building program even though the Synod has no definite plans at present. To keep our school at Saginaw ever before us the District recommended that the Visitors again appoint contact men who are to provide us with up-to-the-minute information. They are also to provide bulletins for general distribution. The film of Michigan Lutheran Seminary is recommended to those of our congregations that have not yet seen it. The subject of Christian Day Schools brought home the thought again that the days are evil. The evil results of modern education cry out to us to redeem the time quickly.

Finances

The Chairman of the Finance Committee reported that contributions to the amount of \$80,168.59 had been remitted to the treasurer in the past year. This figure represented a nice increase over last year. The amount allocated to our District was \$61,128.00.

In the dying hours of the convention business moved along rapidly. The hospitality of St. John's Congregation and pastor was thankfully acknowledged. With the time extended a half day in order to complete the business the convention closed late Friday afternoon with the Savior's immortal prayer and Aaron's benediction. May the Head of the Church, Christ the Lord, grant us grace and wisdom, strength and zeal to redeem the time for His Kingdom.

A MISSION LETTER

Every pastor may have for the asking, in as great a quantity as he may desire, a letter to be mailed to each communicant of his congregation to stimulate interest in Missions. The letter is loaded with Mission information and is well able to serve the purpose of informing your people in regard to the Mission work carried on by our Synod.

Order from the Northwestern Publishing House. Letter and envelopes will be sent free of charge.

STUDIES IN THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION

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the lusts of his flesh, and can, though with difficulty and with frequent faltering, make his decisions and choices in accordance with God's gracious will. "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty," says St. Paul in 2 Cor. 3, 17. "If the Son shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed," is the promise of Jesus Himself, John 8, 36.

This freedom is, as a rule, endangered most for Christians by the activities of false brethren, who pose as zealous disciples of Jesus but surreptitiously try to reintroduce into our Gospel of freedom the old fallacy of the retribution idea. In the Epistle to the Galatians Paul speaks of "false brethren unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus," and warns his readers to "stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free."

To sum up: in spiritual matters natural man has no liberty whatsoever, his will being held captive in the law-idea (which God abhors), until the Holy Spirit through the Gospel, God's grand proclamation of liberty, creates him into a new man and restores him to the freedom which Christ has purchased and won for him with His own precious blood.

There remains to be considered the negative part of Article XVIII, in which heresies are mentioned that threatened to adulterate, yes to overthrow in the church altogether, the Scripture doctrine of the enslaved will of natural man, and of the liberty regained for us alone and in its entirety by Christ, our Savior.

Siftings

BY THE EDITOR

We Have Heard Much Of The Bombing of Europe but just how much damage was done to buildings in London and especially to the churches in London has never been revealed. Here and there we were told that this or that church had been hit and badly damaged but beyond that we had very little information. It now appears that considerable damage has been done to churches. According to a reliable report 160 Congregational Churches in London out of a total of 225 have suffered damage from bombing; 60 of them have been completely destroyed. From this report one may be able to judge the extent of damage done to the many churches of the Church of England, the Episcopal Churches. No less damage has been done to churches in Germany especially those of Berlin and in the cities along the Rhine Valley. Thus the Church, though not involved in the war, is paying.

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Not Lipstick Only ought to be avoided by communicants, says a correspondent. Agreeing readily with all that was said about lipstick on the chalice our correspondent also calls attention to other habits that offend. We quote from the letter: "How many pastors have stopped to consider that it might also be unpleasant and revolting for ladies to receive the wafer from the nicotine stained hands of the pastor — and many of our pastors are heavy cigarette smokers. Have they stopped to consider how obnoxious it is to partake of the same cup from which the filthy juice of tobacco is dripping? Many a 'cud' is removed at the church door." If and where such things are done they certainly ought to be discontinued. Let pastors as well as the communicant, and the pastors especially, give diligent heed to themselves lest they offend in this matter. If at any time then surely at communion one ought to be considerate of the other in love.

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Beatification Of Pope Pius X is going on apace. The body of Pope Pius X who died in 1914 was taken from its resting place and placed in the "Chapel of Relics" in the Basilica of St. Peter's on June 27 in conformity with the ritual of beatification. Fifty days ago the body was removed from the cathedral crypt for purposes of identification and public unveiling. Thus the first step has been taken in canonization of Pius as a saint. Beatification "is predicated on at least two miracles to be determined by the Congregation of Rites, which serves as a jury and passes on the subject's writing and acts while alive and on the testimony of people who knew him. There is also 'a devil's advocate' or opposing attorney, who makes searching analysis of all claims. Pope Pius XII ultimately will pass on the judgment of the Congregation of Rites." Beatification is the first step towards canonization. On Thursday the body will be returned to the crypt. We wonder at the credulity of people in this "enlightened" century. Many will be misled to believe all this.

The Report Of The Federal Bureau Of Investigation (FBI) on the criminals of today may well cause us to stop and ponder seriously the moral condition of our fair land. According to the FBI the average age of the criminal is about 17. The youthful criminal committed 27.7% more crimes than in the year past. The most appalling aspect of that report, however, concerns the girls. In 1942 130% more girls were arrested under the age of 21 than in 1941. The so-called V-girls are the source of greatest trouble for the FBI. These are mostly *young* girls who consider it the height of patriotism to cast themselves at the soldiers and sailors. Such shocking reports ought to put every mother and father on guard to use every means possible to safe-

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"THE WORLD'S FIRST BLACKOUT"

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through the mind. Pharaoh could not help thinking, he had three days of blackout in which to think, and there they sat, the Egyptians, surrounded by darkness, everything blacked out, even their hopes.

But another peculiar thing about the nature of this blackout is found in this verse, v. 23, "but all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings." God was still the master of the universe. He can make it dark or light at will. The same atmosphere that smothered out the lights in Egypt allowed the candles and torches of the children of Israel to burn. They did not step out of their houses, for the darkness covered the land, but they were not seriously inconvenienced, for they could sit in their dwellings and enjoy the light which must certainly have been appreciated by them. Verses 22-23.

Some of the Lessons We May Learn

Such was the nature of this darkness, now let us learn a few of the lessons it portrays. It takes us back to that portion of eternity when darkness hovered over the face of the deep, when all was a void and empty space. And then the voice of God broke the silence and pierced the darkness with the stirring command, "Let there be light." God is a God of light and all of His works are done in the light. He did not fashion the world in darkness, He created the world in light and never has that light failed. With such regularity that men set their watches by it, the day and the night appear. The universe obeys the law of darkness and light, God separated the light from the darkness and there was day and night in regular occurrence, but let us always remember that He can change it as He did when the hearts of Pharaoh and his people became stubborn and hardened.

As God brought light into the darkness of this world when He said, "Let there be light,"

guard their children in these perilous times. Christian parents will know whence cometh their help. They will gird their children with the sword of the Spirit, the Word of God, wherewith they will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.

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The Formation Of The Canadian Council Of Churches took place on June 20 when the new body accepted a constitution. The first session of this newly formed union will be held some time and some where in the month of September. The church bodies making up this new union are the Church of England in Canada, the United Church of Canada, the Presbyterian Church of Canada, the United Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces, the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec, the Canadian Conference of the Evangelical Church and the Church of Christ (Disciples) in Canada. Each body will be represented by four men which number will constitute the Council. An additional representative will be allowed each body for every 25,000 members or a fraction thereof. The functions of this body will be only "advisory." The *Christian Century* which reports this eventful happening sees in it "one of the clearest signs so far that Protestantism is truly in earnest about girding itself for its united postwar task." There may be outward advantages in such a union, over against the word, perhaps, but before God, it is a sign of deepest decay and a seeking for strength in themselves, in men, in great numbers. What if *men* will be more inclined to listen to such a group? Wouldn't it be better to make sure that God will hear them? Elijah had but God on his side and all Israel and a mighty and subtle king and queen against him, yet Elijah was the stronger and the victor. Let us continue to look to God alone in all emergencies. He is our help and our shield.

so He brought light into the darkness of sin. When man disobeyed God, when sin entered into the world and blackened the heart of man so that he lied, deceived, and made excuses, God had pity on this spiritual darkness and He said, "I will put enmity between thee and the woman, between thy seed and her seed." He sent His Son into the world to bring light where the blackness of sin once ruled and when Jesus came into the world He said, "I am the light of the world." That brings us to the subject of our Epiphany texts, for Epiphany means to shine forth, to bring the light, the manifestation of dazzling brightness. That is seen in Jesus and we see that especially when we behold the spiritual darkness in which Satan holds his slaves captive, and then look to the light of liberty in which the followers of Christ walk. But all the children of God have light in their homes.

This must have been very clear to the children of Israel as they sat in their well lighted homes. I say, "Well-lighted" even though it was a tiny candle. For the more intense the

Darkness appears, the brighter a tiny flame gleams. Surely they could see that God is good, that He will never forget His people. Those children of Israel were not so wonderful in themselves. There were hearts among them just as stubborn as the heart of Pharaoh. They were not without sin, evil stalked their ways, just as the Egyptian's and they were without excuse for they should have known better. God did not give them this light in their dwellings because of their superior lives. He gave them the light because they were His people. He said, "I have chosen them." He said to Moses, "Tell Pharaoh to let my people go." That is the lesson we want you to learn above all. Be a child of God, be one of God's chosen people and you have the light in the midst of the world's spiritual blackout. God has chosen you in Christ, as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. As many of you as say, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God" have found light in your hearts. The world still wanders in darkness, the world sits still when it comes to seeking and finding God. The world with all its advancements is still dark in heavenly things for the world will not accept the Bible, the only revelation of the light of God. When God has chosen you, then there is light, and this light is not confined to our homes, let your light so shine among men that they see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Let me tell you of a very happy young married couple, who, however lived very worldly and without thought of God. They were not a wicked couple, they were very happy, but neither of them knew anything about the Bible, the Church, the true God. The young wife took sick and it was fatal. Calling to her husband she cried out, Where am I going? What is going to happen, what will come after death? He did not know. She cried out, it is getting dark, is there no light? He could answer her nothing. She died in spiritual ignorance, she had only darkness surrounding her. Soldiers on the battlefield are dying, there are many who have no light, they do not know where they are going, they do not know the Savior. Darkness is surrounding them, they have no light of the world. Oh, we must carry the light, we must let that light shine, we cannot let up even on the battlefields. The light is in our church, in our homes, in our hearts. Give, give the light to the world, to all who sit in darkness.

A king had a court jester who was to entertain the king and he was a good jester. One day the king gave him a golden scepter and said to him, "This is yours, but when you find a bigger fool than you are, you must give it to him." One day the king became ill. He summoned the jester and asked him to cheer him up. This he did for several days, but one day the king said, "I am going on a far journey." The jester asked, "Where are you going?" "I do not know," said the king. "Have you made any preparations for the journey?" "No," said the king. "Are you coming back?" "No," said the king. "Did you know you were going to take this journey?" "Yes," replied the dying king. "I knew it for years." The fool said, "You knew that you were going to take that journey, would never come back, and made no preparation and do not even know where you are going — take the scepter, you

are a bigger fool than I am!" "The fool hath said in his heart there is no God." Ps. 14.

Let us pierce the blackout of this world, with the light of God's word which shows us Jesus the only true light who shines in our hearts and lights them up with the forgiveness of sins. Amen.

ANNIVERSARIES

GOLDEN JUBILEE

PASTOR G. E. BOETTCHER

On Wednesday evening, June 21, 1944, the Fox River Valley Pastoral Conference and the members of the Bethlehem Ev. Lutheran Church, Hortonville, Wisconsin, gathered together for a special service at the Bethlehem Ev. Lutheran Church in recognition of the fiftieth anniversary of Pastor G. E. Boettcher's ordination to the holy ministry, which took place on July 1, 1894, at Hortonville, Wisconsin. Many members of the North Wisconsin District, then convening in Neenah, Wisconsin, were also present for the celebration.

The jubilee sermon was preached by Pastor W. Pankow of New London, Wisconsin, and the liturgical part of the service was conducted by the undersigned. Pastor Paul Oehler of Kaukauna, Wisconsin, President of the Fox River Valley Pastoral Conference, presented Pastor Boettcher with a gold cross in the name of the Conference. Pastor E. Behm spoke a few words on behalf of the North Wisconsin District. After the service a reception was held for the jubilarian in the church parlors.

Pastor G. E. Boettcher spent his entire ministry in Hortonville, Wisconsin. He retired in 1939 after 45 years of blessed service and was succeeded by the undersigned. Next to God the congregation at Hortonville owes its growth as a congregation and its fine parochial school to Pastor Boettcher's faithful service in its midst. During the forty-five years spent in the active ministry in Hortonville. Pastor Boettcher preached about 5,000 sermons, performed 641 baptisms, 674 confirmations, 187 marriages, and 282 burials. For many years he also taught in the parochial school of the congregation.

Pastor Boettcher also was very active in the work of Synod. He served the Fox River Valley Pastoral Conference as chairman for many years. He was secretary of the North Wisconsin District from the time the districts were organized until this year. At present he is serving Synod as its Statistician.

May God reward Pastor Boettcher for his many years of faithful service in the Lord's vineyard and may He also be with him during the remaining years of his sojourn here on earth.

Harold E. C. Wicke.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF CHURCH DEDICATION

ZION LUTHERAN CONGREGATION

Broomfield, Isabella County, Michigan

Sunday, June 11, Zion's Lutheran Congregation of Broomfield, Isabella County, Michigan, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of the dedication of its church. Rev. W. Strandes of Reed City preached the festival sermon.

D. Metzger.

SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

MR. AND MRS. JOHN MUELLER

On June 11, 1944, Mr. and Mrs. John Mueller, members of Salem's Ev. Lutheran Church, Veeffkind, Wisconsin, were privileged to celebrate their silver wedding anniversary. A special anniversary service was held Sunday evening. The pastor spoke on the basis of 1 Sam. 7, 12.

A thank offering of \$10.00 was given by the celebrating couple for the spiritual welfare of our boys in the armed forces as an expression of gratitude for the many blessings received during their married life. L. Lambert.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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Milwaukee 3, Wisconsin.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

To fill the vacancy in the Visitation of the Rhinelander Conference caused by the removal of Pastor Lemke into another district, I have appointed Pastor Fred Bergfeld to this office.

E. G. Behm, President,
North Wisconsin District.

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Members of the Nebraska District will kindly note the name and address of the new District Treasurer: Mr. F. A. Swoboda, 408 S. 15th Street, Norfolk, Nebraska.

LIST OF CANDIDATES FOR A PROFESSORSHIP AT OUR THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

The following have been nominated for a professorship at our Theological Seminary at Thiensville, Wisconsin:

Prof. F. E. Blume
Werner Franzmann
Paul Gieschen
Waldemar Gieschen
J. H. Gockel
Irwin Habeck
Walter Hoepner
Gerald Hoenicke
Wm. Kennell
Dr. H. Koch
Prof. E. Kowalke
Carl Lawrenz
Geo. Luedtke
Prof. D. Rohda
Erwin Scharf
Wm. Schink
Walter Schumann
A. P. Voss
Venus Winter

The Seminary Board of Control will hold its meeting for electing a professor from these candidates, D. v., August 7, 1944, at 10:30 A. M., at the office of Grace Lutheran Church, 270 East Juneau Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

All communications regarding those nominated should be in the hands of the undersigned by that date.

E. Ph. Dornfeld, Secretary,
212 East North Avenue,
Milwaukee 12, Wisconsin.

A CALL FOR CANDIDATES

Professor Oswald of Northwestern College has accepted the call as Professor of Music. There exists, therefore, a vacancy on the Watertown faculty. The Board herewith asks the brethren to submit nominations for this position. The man called is to teach English. Qualifications for library work will also be considered. Nominations will be received until August 1 by the Secretary,
Kurt A. Timmel,
612 5th Street,
Watertown, Wisconsin.

ORDINATIONS AND INSTALLATIONS

Authorized by President A. Ackermann the undersigned ordained and installed R. L. Wiechmann as pastor of St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church at Monticello, Minnesota, on the third Sunday after Trinity, June 25. May God bless the pastor and his people.

Address: Rev. R. L. Wiechmann, Monticello, Minnesota.

E. R. Berwald.

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Upon authorization of President W. T. Meier the undersigned ordained and installed Clarence Koepsell as pastor of the congregations at McIntosh, Watauga, and Morrystown, South Dakota, on June 25.

Address: Pastor Clarence Koepsell, Morrystown, South Dakota.

Prof. K. Sievert,
Pastor H. E. Rutz.

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Authorized by President W. T. Meier of the Dakota-Montana District, the undersigned installed Dietrich Kuehl as pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Clear Lake, South Dakota, on July 25.

Address: Pastor Dietrich Kuehl, Clear Lake, South Dakota.

R. A. Kettenacker.

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Authorized by President W. T. Meier of the Dakota-Montana District, the undersigned ordained and installed Candidate Dietrich Kuehl as pastor of St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church of Altamont, South Dakota, on Sunday, June 25.

Address: Rev. Dietrich Kuehl, Clear Lake, South Dakota.

William Lange.

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Authorized by President E.G. Behm and assisted by the Pastors Wm. Franzmann and G. E. Boettcher the undersigned ordained and installed Gerhard Franzmann as assistant pastor in Emanuel Lutheran Church at New London, Wisconsin, on the fourth Sunday after Trinity, invoking the blessing of the Lord upon his labors.

Walter E. Pankow.

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Upon authorization of President H. Kirchner, the undersigned installed Otto A. Pagels as pastor of the newly established mission of the synod in La Crosse, Wisconsin, on June 25. Pastors Walter E. Gutzke and Theodore J. Mueller assisted.

Address: Pastor Otto A. Pagels, R. 1, 3124 Losey Boulevard, South, La Crosse, Wisconsin.

Walter A. Schumann.

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Authorized by President E. Behm and assisted by Pastors E. Redlin and A. Geiger, the undersigned installed Pastor Walter Hoepner as pastor of St. Peter's Church in Town Freedom, Wisconsin, on the second Sunday after Trinity.

Address: Rev. Walter Hoepner, R. 3, Appleton, Wisconsin.

Walter E. Pankow.

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Authorized by President Arthur Voss of the Southeast Wisconsin District the undersigned installed Mr. Martin O. Rauschke as teacher of St. Lucas Lutheran School, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on July 2, 1944.

Address: Mr. Martin O. Rauschke, 2344 South Logan Avenue, Milwaukee 7, Wisconsin.

Philip H. Koehler.

NOTICE

Any mission congregation desiring used pulpit and altar coverings, wine color, together with the symbols may have the same gratis by writing

Rev. Harold Grunwald,
Kiel, Wisconsin.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Rev. Johannes Karrer, 2648 North Holton Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

MEMORIAL WREATHS

Memorial Wreath for Mr. George Kirmis, Jamestown, South Dakota, donated by:

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Groth and Verna.....	\$ 1.00
Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Huether.....	2.00
Mrs. Julius Kermis.....	4.00
Mary, Marjorie, Naomi Kermis.....	2.00
Members of Peace Congregation.....	7.50
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	\$16.50

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Memorial Wreath for Mrs. Fred Hartsel, Altamont, South Dakota, St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church.....\$ 6.00

S. E. Johnson, District Treasurer.

MISSION FESTIVALS

St. John's Church, Caledonia, Minnesota.
Offering: \$660.00. R. Jeske, pastor.

Trinity Sunday

Zion's Church, Hokah, Minnesota.
Offering: \$96.00. E. G. Hertler, pastor.

First Sunday after Trinity

Peace Lutheran Church, Echo, Minnesota.
Offering: \$244.05. Theodor Bauer, pastor.
St. John's Church, Omro Twp., Yellow Medicine Co., Minnesota.
Offering: \$387.50. A. W. Fuerstenau, pastor.

Second Sunday after Trinity

Immanuel Ev. Luth. (South Ridge), La Crescent, Minnesota.
Offering: \$340.00. E. G. Hertler, pastor.

Third Sunday after Trinity

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Hadar, Nebraska.
Offering: \$618.81. H. H. Spaude, pastor.
St. John's Church, Lewiston, Minnesota.
Offering: \$617.88. Rud. P. Korn, pastor.

WESTERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT

January, February, March, 1944

Reverend	Budgetary		
G. F. Albrecht, Ixonia.....	\$ 508.96	E. E. Kolander, Marathon.....	43.50
H. F. Backer, Chaseburg.....	92.31	R. P. Korn, Lewiston.....	259.80
H. F. Backer, T. Hamburg.....	72.18	G. O. Krause, Little Black.....	8.90
J. C. Bast, McMillan.....	50.00	G. O. Krause, Stetsonville.....	107.94
J. C. Bast, March.....	26.00	W. R. Krueger, Friesland.....	65.96
Wm. Baumann, Neillsville.....	183.93	H. Kuehahn, St. Charles.....	121.45
H. E. Bentrup, Wilson.....	335.93	O. P. Kuehl, Cambria.....	34.60
H. E. Bentrup, Ridgeway.....	144.85	O. P. Kuehl, Indian Creek.....	32.20
Arthur Berg, Sparta.....	362.87	O. P. Kuehl, Hustler.....	143.22
Alvin Berg, Madison.....	52.96	O. Kuhlow, Jefferson.....	29.35
C. E. Berg, Ridgeville.....	77.50	C. F. Kurzweg, Cream.....	1,500.00
L. C. Bernthal, T. Trenton.....	102.15	C. F. Kurzweg, Cochrane.....	43.45
J. B. Bernthal, South Milwaukee.....	5.00	Phil. Lehmann, Ableman.....	46.14
R. C. Biesemann, Rib Falls.....	54.80	W. C. Limpert, Altura.....	15.75
L. M. Bleichwehl, Onalaska.....	209.55	F. W. Loeper, Whitewater.....	87.62
A. H. Dobberstein, Tackertown.....	21.00	A. W. Loock, Prairie du Sac.....	159.50
A. H. Dobberstein, Lime Ridge.....	11.73	Theo. Mahnke, Madison.....	50.00
A. G. Dornfeld, Fox Lake.....	772.90	G. C. Marquardt, Ringle.....	224.85
A. C. Dornfeld, Marshfield.....	85.65	A. L. Mennicke, Winona.....	23.96
F. F. Ehlert, Eitzen.....	118.50	F. H. Miller, Platteville.....	431.85
A. J. Engel, Pardeeville.....	260.99	J. Mittelstaedt, Menomonie.....	66.48
Otto Engel, Hubbleton.....	36.41	R. W. Mueller, Medford.....	200.00
S. Fenske, Bruce.....	102.31	T. J. Mueller, La Crosse.....	263.10
Gerhard Fischer, Mosquito Hill.....	73.30	F. A. Naumann, Nelson.....	224.12
Gerhard Fischer, Savanna.....	425.00	F. A. Naumann, Alma.....	10.13
E. C. Fredrich, Helenville.....	329.38	H. W. Neubauer, Whitehall.....	6.25
G. H. Geiger, Shennington.....	23.97	H. W. Neubauer, Arcadia.....	26.83
G. H. Geiger, T. Lincoln.....	52.10	H. C. Nitz, Waterloo.....	56.85
G. H. Geiger, T. Knapp.....	24.91	H. Nommensen, Fountain City.....	523.20
Henry Geiger, Leeds.....	146.18	M. J. Nommensen, Juneau.....	68.95
G. Gerth, Caledonia.....	5.00	Wm. Nommensen, Columbus.....	701.98
Henry Gieschen, Fort Atkinson.....	894.63	E. J. Otterstatter, Tomahawk.....	1,162.77
W. E. Gutzke, La Crosse.....	228.63	E. J. Otterstatter, Tripoli.....	121.59
John Henning, Wausau.....	186.80	A. W. Paap, Johnson Creek.....	10.43
M. J. Hillemann, Marshall.....	70.89	H. A. Pankow, Poplar Creek.....	188.32
R. C. Hillemann, Norwalk.....	73.02	H. A. Pankow, Iron Creek.....	48.90
R. C. Hillemann, Wilton.....	45.65	J. H. Paustian, Barre Mills.....	10.00
O. E. Hoffmann, Rib Lake.....	155.75	N. E. Paustian, Oconomowoc.....	308.84
O. E. Hoffmann, T. Greenwood.....	26.00	W. A. Paustian, West Salem.....	94.85
R. C. Horlamus, Hurley.....	197.86	E. E. Prenzlau, Cornell, Keystone and Birch Creek.....	392.68
R. C. Horlamus, Mercer.....	53.51	J. M. Raasch, Lake Mills.....	209.45
R. Jungkuntz, Janesville.....	53.37	S. Rathke, Barron and Cameron.....	320.80
Wm. Keturakat, Sun Prairie.....	121.76	E. M. Schroeder, Ixonia.....	33.50
Wm. Keturakat, Cottage Grove.....	82.87	A. W. Sauer, Winona.....	347.33
H. C. Kirchner, Baraboo.....	652.91	H. Schaller, Tomah.....	393.79
L. C. Kirst, Beaver Dam.....	996.68	E. C. Schewe, T. Buckeye.....	42.85
J. Klingmann and W. Eggert, Watertown.....	455.25	E. C. Schewe, Brodhead.....	89.50
L. J. Koenig, Wausau.....	45.90	R. Schoeck, Rice Lake.....	15.30
L. J. Koenig, Mosinee.....	30.60	F. A. Schroeder, Stoddard.....	204.10
O. W. Koch, Lowell.....	1,064.48	F. A. Schroeder, Bad Axe Valley.....	49.65
Robert Koch, Brush Prairie.....	44.63	F. A. Schroeder, Viroqua.....	19.06
Robert Koch, Auburn.....	87.85	H. C. Schumacher, Milton.....	508.08
		A. Schumann, Globe.....	44.51
		W. A. Schumann, La Crosse.....	881.06
		C. W. Siegler, Bangor.....	2.00

O. A. Sommer (A. Berg), Cataract.....	91.08
O. A. Sommer (A. Berg), Pumiceville.....	12.00
E. A. Toepel, Lebanon.....	76.05
K. A. Timmel, Watertown.....	697.20
I. G. Uetzmann, Watertown.....	117.05
M. W. Wahl, Cambridge.....	175.98
M. W. Wahl, Cold Spring.....	33.81
E. Walther, Wisconsin Rapids.....	668.44
H. M. Warnke, Doylestown.....	77.19
H. M. Warnke, Fountain Prairie.....	42.56
W. Weissgerber, Minocqua.....	112.57
W. Weissgerber, Woodruff.....	77.15
E. H. Wendland, Washington, Iowa.....	28.16
E. H. Wendland, Sigourney, Iowa.....	66.99
A. A. Winter, Mauston.....	229.77
A. A. Winter, New Lisbon.....	118.47
L. A. Winter, Eau Galle.....	65.90
L. A. Winter, Plum City.....	80.16
L. A. Winter, Prairie Farm.....	295.40
L. A. Winter, T. Dallas.....	55.11
L. A. Winter, Elmwood.....	88.38
L. A. Winter, Ellsworth.....	12.19
L. A. Witte, Kendall.....	143.39
L. A. Witte, Dorset Ridge.....	58.15
W. E. Zank, Newville.....	128.50
W. E. Zank, T. Deerfield.....	153.81
Theo. Zarembo, Spirit.....	29.70
Theo. Zarembo, Prentice.....	33.50
H. R. Zimmermann, Randolph.....	166.47
G. W. Zunker, Elroy.....	70.76

Mrs. Albert Rohde.....	G. Gerth, Caledonia.....	5.00
Irwin J. Wild.....	L. M. Bleichwehl, Onalaska.....	7.00
Mrs. Mary Kolbe.....	E. E. Kolander, Marathon.....	10.00
Carl Pagel.....	E. E. Kolander, Marathon.....	10.00
W. Schulz.....	J. C. Bast, McMillan.....	5.00
Mrs. M. Busche.....	J. C. Bast, March.....	1.00
Fred Gross.....	C. E. Berg, Tomah.....	2.00
Pvt. Alvin Schultz.....	R. C. Biesmann, Rib Falls.....	37.30
Mrs. Helena Riemer.....	R. C. Biesmann, Rib Falls.....	17.50
Mrs. August F. Kumrow.....	Hy. Gieschen, Ft. Atkinson.....	3.00
Wm. A. Borchardt.....	J. Henning, Wausau.....	6.50
Norman Beilke.....	J. Henning, Wausau.....	10.90
Rev. M. Taras.....	Wm. Eggert, Watertown.....	5.00
Mrs. Theodore Zeichert.....	H. Nommensen, Fountain City.....	2.25
E. Buroff.....	Wm. Nommensen, Columbus.....	3.00
Mrs. Krueger.....	Wm. Nommensen, Columbus.....	3.00
Rev. M. Taras.....	Wm. Nommensen, Columbus.....	1.00
John Lau.....	Wm. Nommensen, Columbus.....	2.50
Rev. Emil Zarembo.....	E. E. Prenzlow, Cornell.....	1.00
August Kohls.....	E. E. Prenzlow, Cornell.....	3.00
Mrs. Dr. Karl Ernst.....	W. A. Schumann, La Crosse.....	5.00
Ferdinand G. Schnick.....	W. A. Schumann, La Crosse.....	25.00
Albert Tesch.....	E. A. Toepel, T. Lebanon.....	3.00
Rev. M. Taras.....	E. A. Toepel, T. Lebanon.....	8.00
Emil Walther, Sr.....	E. Walther, Wisconsin Rapids.....	40.00

H. J. KOCH, Treasurer.

Total for January, February, March, 1944.....\$ 26,735.20

NEBRASKA DISTRICT

January, February, March

Memorial Wreaths		
In Memory of	Reverend	Amount
Frank Hering.....	A. Berg, Sparta.....	14.00
Manley Stenzel.....	A. G. Dornfeld, Fox Lake.....	15.00
Paul Koeppel.....	E. C. Fredrich, Helenville.....	2.00
Mrs. Pahl.....	S. H. Penske, Bruce.....	5.00
Mrs. Elizabeth Kammer.....	Hy. Gieschen, Fort Atkinson.....	6.50
Mrs. Ermandine Pagels.....	Hy. Gieschen, Fort Atkinson.....	15.00
Mrs. Gust Wittlief.....	Hy. Gieschen, Fort Atkinson.....	10.00
Gustave Kussman.....	W. E. Gutzke, La Crosse.....	3.00
Christ Limpert.....	W. E. Gutzke, La Crosse.....	10.00
Mrs. Anna Randt.....	John Henning, Wausau.....	1.00
Fred Markgraf.....	R. C. Hillemann, Norwalk.....	4.25
Wm. Krueger.....	O. E. Hoffmann, Rib Lake.....	4.75
Mrs. Wilhelmina Asmus.....	W. A. Eggert, Watertown.....	5.00
Mrs. Emilie Hafermeister.....	W. A. Eggert, Watertown.....	3.00
Mrs. Emilie Hafermeister.....	J. Klingmann, Watertown.....	3.00
John Stille.....	R. J. Koch, Auburn.....	35.25
Rev. E. Zarembo.....	L. J. Koenig, Wausau.....	24.50
Mrs. Gustav Ahlquist.....	E. E. Kolander, Marathon.....	4.00
Frank Hering.....	A. L. Mennicke, Winona.....	2.00
August Krumheuer.....	J. Mittelstaedt, Menomonie.....	4.25
Mrs. Wm. Quilling.....	J. Mittelstaedt, Menomonie.....	3.00
Miss Lydia Jentsch.....	R. W. Mueller, Medford.....	20.75
Wm. Beitz.....	H. C. Nitz, Waterloo.....	6.00
Lt. Erwin Yuds.....	Wm. Nommensen, Columbus.....	2.00
Mrs. Edw. Halpin.....	H. A. Pankow, Poplar Creek.....	38.80
August Abraham.....	H. A. Pankow, Poplar Creek.....	10.10
A. Herman.....	S. Rathke, Cameron.....	2.00
Fred Sonnenberg.....	H. Schaller, Tomah.....	6.00
Mrs. Fred Feyerherm.....	H. Schaller, Tomah.....	2.00
William Komrath, Sr.....	R. Schoeneck, Rice Lake.....	10.00
John A. Jaeger.....	E. M. Schroeder, Ixonia.....	17.00
Charles Mueller.....	K. A. Timmel, Watertown.....	2.00
Aug. Dornfeld, Sr.....	E. A. Toepel, Lebanon.....	29.00
Mrs. Chas. Frank.....	C. Toppe, Elmwood.....	3.00
Mrs. Caroline Foll.....	W. E. Zank, T. Deerfield.....	23.50
Mrs. Magdalena Dierson.....	F. F. Ehler, Eitzen.....	55.50
Mrs. Chris. Krueger.....	J. Klingmann and Wm. Eggert.....	3.00
Paul Zastrow.....	J. Klingmann and Wm. Eggert.....	8.55
Ruben Wittchow.....	J. Klingmann and Wm. Eggert.....	14.00
Mrs. Theresa Wohatsch.....	E. E. Kolander, Marathon.....	10.00
Eileen Ann Luhmann.....	R. P. Korn, Lewiston.....	28.00
Mrs. Aug. C. Bobholz.....	W. R. Krueger, Friesland.....	3.00
Mrs. Christ Limpert.....	W. C. Limpert, Altura.....	5.00
Mrs. Henrietta Ziebel.....	F. W. Loeper, Whitewater.....	3.00
Mrs. Augusta Wittlief.....	F. W. Loeper, Whitewater.....	6.00
Robert Schrap.....	M. J. Nommensen, Juneau.....	7.50
Harry Wiekling.....	W. A. Paustian, West Salem.....	14.00
Hannah Boese.....	E. E. Prenzlow, Cornell.....	3.00
Peter Buchholtz.....	E. E. Prenzlow, Cornell.....	5.00
Mr. Hermann.....	S. Rathke, Barron.....	2.00
Mr. Schwartz.....	H. Schaller, Tomah.....	6.00
Mrs. Fred Feyerherm.....	H. Schaller, Tomah.....	7.00
Philip Gruetzmacher.....	F. A. Schroeder, Stoddard.....	3.00
Patricia Ann Ristow.....	F. A. Schroeder, Stoddard.....	19.25
Mrs. August Herman.....	A. Schumann, Globe.....	26.00
Theodore Kalson.....	W. A. Schumann, La Crosse.....	2.00
Rev. Wm. T. Naumann.....	W. A. Schumann, La Crosse.....	4.00
Mrs. Dora Niggli.....	I. G. Uetzmann, Watertown.....	3.00
Charles Vorlob.....	I. G. Uetzmann, Watertown.....	4.00
Minna Ulrich.....	E. Walther, Wisconsin Rapids.....	5.25
Mrs. Rose Dickman.....	E. Walther, Wisconsin Rapids.....	16.00
Ardy Johnson.....	L. A. Witte, Kendall.....	50.00
Mrs. Pauline Doms.....	L. A. Winter, Prairie Farm.....	38.00
Mrs. Geo. Kohl, Sr.....	A. Berg, Sparta.....	5.00
Mrs. John Bacon.....	J. Henning, Wausau.....	1.00
Rev. E. P. Zarembo.....	P. Lehmann, Ableman.....	15.75
Mrs. Hulda Steinhorst.....	E. C. Schewe, Brodhead.....	5.00
Mrs. Arthur Werner.....	C. KIRST, Beaver Dam.....	10.00
Robert Wussow.....	C. KIRST, Beaver Dam.....	6.00
Frank Hering.....	C. KIRST, Beaver Dam.....	2.00
Mrs. Fr. Frederick.....	C. KIRST, Beaver Dam.....	4.50
Mrs. Ed. Callies.....	C. KIRST, Beaver Dam.....	6.00
Mrs. Emil Lehmann.....	C. KIRST, Beaver Dam.....	2.00
Carl Gensch.....	C. KIRST, Beaver Dam.....	7.00
John Messer.....	C. KIRST, Beaver Dam.....	22.00
Adolph Wendlandt.....	J. H. Paustian, Barre Mills.....	18.00

Dakota Conference			
Reverend	Budgetary	Non-Budgetary	
Hugo Fritze, Zion, Valentine.....	\$ 71.81	\$ 24.53	
L. F. Groth, Rosebud Conference Pastors.....		18.00	
S. Kugler, Burke.....	12.43		
S. Kugler, Carlock.....	12.09		
S. Kugler, Herrick.....	58.04		
W. J. Oelhafen, Winner.....	207.56	5.00	
W. J. Oelhafen, Witten.....	28.75		
R. Stiemke, Mission.....	106.75		
R. Stiemke, White River.....	20.00		
R. Stiemke, Wood.....	13.75		

Central Conference

R. F. Bittorf, Hoskins.....	128.92	35.68
W. W. Gieschen, Norfolk.....	750.00	2.00
H. Hackbarth, Stanton.....	722.41	58.50
N. M. Mielke, Merna.....	48.62	
N. M. Mielke, Broken Bow.....	12.80	
N. M. Mielke, Brewster.....	47.80	
L. Sabrowsky, Sioux City.....	140.50	
H. Spaude, Hadar.....	92.12	

Southern Conference

E. A. Breiling, Geneva.....	14.69	
A. T. Degner, Plymouth.....	200.00	137.75
Gus. B. Frank, David City.....	46.21	
Gus. B. Frank, Surprise.....	58.05	
L. Gruendeman, Lincoln.....	42.57	
E. J. Hahn, Gresham.....	58.36	
E. F. Hy. Lehmann, Firth.....	92.25	15.00
E. C. Monhardt, Clatonia.....	158.25	
J. Raabe, Shickley.....	48.00	
R. H. Roth, Grafton.....	102.61	61.10

Colorado Conference

A. C. Bauman, Sugar City.....	247.31	
A. C. Bauman, Cowens.....	15.00	
J. B. Erhart, Grace, Pueblo.....	29.91	
Im. P. Frey, Mt. Olive, Denver.....	25.00	
O. Kreia, Golden.....	6.26	
W. A. Krenke, Cortez.....	12.42	
W. A. Krenke, Dolores.....	5.00	
W. A. Krenke, Mancos.....	29.75	
W. A. Krenke, Ignacio.....	10.09	
W. H. Siffring, Our Savior, Pueblo.....	3.15	
M. Weishahn, Hillrose.....	37.56	
M. Weishahn, Ft. Morgan.....	25.00	18.50
H. Witt, Lamar.....	39.04	
	\$ 3,807.89	\$ 376.06

Of the Non-Budgetary \$76.25 is for Church Extension and \$299.81 for Non-Synodical purposes.

Memorial Wreaths

(Included in Above Monies)

In Memory of	Reverend	Amount
Mrs. Louis Dommer.....	W. W. Gieschen.....	\$ 2.00
Rev. A. Wantoch.....	R. F. Bittorf.....	3.00
Eva Boeckner.....	A. T. Degner.....	24.50
L. B. Koenig.....	A. T. Degner.....	37.75
Mrs. Bertha Feyerherm.....	H. Hackbarth.....	23.50
Martin Nielson.....	L. Gruendeman.....	5.00
Marilyn Ahlman.....	H. Hackbarth.....	49.50
Mrs. Arthur Heckman.....	H. Spaude.....	10.00
Henry Ertzner.....	W. W. Gieschen.....	2.00
Mrs. Louis Wachter.....	W. W. Gieschen.....	7.00
Paul Kugler.....	Pastors of Rosebud Conference.....	18.00

C. G. FUHRMANN, Cashier.

MINNESOTA DISTRICT

March, April, May, 1944

Red Wing Conference

Reverend	Budgetary	Non-Budgetary
A. W. Blauert, Austin.....	\$ 225.00	
Theo. Haar, Bear Valley.....	91.00	
E. G. Hertler, Brownsville.....	32.00	
R. Jeske, Caledonia.....	770.20	1.00
H. F. Muenkel, Dexter.....	320.00	
Karl A. Nolting, Frontenac.....	4.00	
T. E. Kock, Goodhue.....	284.75	46.50
F. W. Weindorf, Goodhue, Grace.....	58.56	
F. W. Weindorf, Goodhue, St. John.....	147.13	24.00
E. G. Hertler, Hokah.....	163.15	
E. G. Hertler, La Crescent.....	125.15	1.00
T. H. Albrecht, Lake City.....	2,354.56	113.86
Theo. Haar, Mazepa.....	140.00	
T. E. Kock, Minneola.....	168.67	
H. J. Anger, Nodine.....	185.00	
N. A. Reinke, Oronoco.....	208.05	
N. A. Reinke, Poplar Grove.....	26.00	
Geo. W. Scheitel, Potsdam.....	42.70	
J. R. Baumann, Red Wing.....	50.00	
E. G. Hertler, South Ridge.....	141.75	
R. Jeske, Union.....	104.75	
Paul E. Horn, Zumbrota.....	400.00	

Mankato Conference

Fred L. Precht, Alma City.....	133.40	
W. Schuetze, Belle Plaine.....	411.57	
H. H. Schaller, Helen.....	376.50	
L. F. Brandes, Jordan.....	405.00	21.00
A. Martens, New Prague.....	220.80	
O. K. Netzke, Madison Lake.....	12.15	
A. Ackermann, Mankato.....	874.59	35.00
R. A. Haase, North Mankato.....	150.00	20.00
A. H. Mackdanz, St. Clair.....	243.53	
O. K. Netzke, Smith's Mill.....	12.00	20.00

St. Croix Valley Conference

O. P. Medenwald, Amery.....	150.00	
E. W. Penk, Baytown.....	204.50	
Otto Klett, Bay City, Wis.....	51.75	1.00
A. W. Saremha, Cady.....	68.87	
F. A. Werner, Centuria.....	60.00	
O. P. Medenwald, Clear Lake.....	58.65	
E. H. Bruns, Delano.....	306.40	30.00
L. W. Meyer, Farmington.....	91.50	
P. R. Kurth, Hastings.....	170.24	
R. J. Palmer, Minneapolis.....	80.03	
Paul C. Dowidat, Minneapolis.....	968.15	103.00
R. C. Ave Lallemand, North St. Paul.....	125.00	
A. H. Leerssen, Nye.....	14.00	
A. H. Leerssen, Osceola.....	106.91	
Otto Klett, Prescott.....	83.48	
F. A. Werner, Rock Creek.....	46.02	
F. H. Tabbert, St. Croix Falls.....	35.61	
C. F. Bolle, St. Paul.....	288.25	
G. A. Ernst, St. Paul.....	180.00	
A. C. Haase, St. Paul.....	487.56	
J. Plocher, St. Paul.....	190.32	19.00
A. W. Koehler, So. St. Paul.....	355.65	429.60
J. W. F. Pieper, Stillwater.....	188.91	
A. W. Saremha, Weston.....	426.50	10.00
H. E. Lietzau, Woodburg.....	53.00	
Im. W. Bade, Woodville.....	103.88	

Redwood Falls Conference

J. G. Bradtke, Arlington.....	1,235.34	66.50
A. C. Krueger, Cedar Mills.....	125.36	173.38
W. J. Schmidt, Danube.....	468.03	
Theodor Bauer, Echo.....	394.08	
I. Lenz, Vacancy, Emmet.....	113.91	
G. F. Zimmermann, Essig.....	41.12	
Im. F. Albrecht, Fairfax.....	336.00	76.25
M. J. Wehausen, Vacancy, Flora.....	244.21	18.00
G. F. Zimmermann, Ft. Ridgely.....	18.33	
Hy. Boettcher, Gibbon.....	171.22	66.50
E. R. Gamm, Marshall.....	198.61	
E. R. Becker, Milroy.....	144.30	
M. J. Wehausen, Morton.....	371.03	
I. F. Lenz, Olivia.....	252.00	
A. W. Fuerstenau, Omro.....	387.70	
Edw. A. Birkholz, Redwood Falls.....	363.49	
W. F. Dorn, Renville.....	243.00	
E. G. Fritz, Wellington.....	724.50	7.00
C. W. A. Kuehner, Winthrop.....	217.54	1.00
F. E. Traub, Wood Lake.....	251.60	38.59

Crow River Valley Conference

W. G. Voigt, Acoma.....	367.49	
E. R. Berwald, Buffalo.....	186.54	
F. R. Weyland, Crawford's Lake.....	90.00	9.50
M. Schuetze, Ellsworth.....	165.00	
Harold Hempel, Glenwood.....	37.85	
Elmer J. Zehms, Graceville.....	114.70	
H. C. Duehlmeier, Hancock.....	127.38	
W. J. Schulze, Hutchinson.....	765.61	32.50
P. R. Kuske, Hutchinson, Trinity.....	38.26	
Chr. Albrecht, Johnson.....	192.97	63.50
Karl J. Plocher, Litchfield.....	555.79	
W. P. Haar, Loretto.....	376.85	35.00
E. A. Binger, Lynn.....	143.30	
M. J. Lenz, Monticello.....	47.82	
F. R. Weyland, Montrose.....	67.05	42.95
H. C. Duehlmeier, Morris.....	100.00	
W. C. Nickels, Pelican Lake.....	513.59	35.37
S. Bauer, Rockford.....	331.12	

New Ulm Conference

H. C. Sprenger, Balaton.....	227.25	
M. C. Kunde, Brighton.....	69.34	
L. W. Schierenbeck, Butterfield.....	53.54	
M. C. Kunde, Courtland.....	34.05	
L. W. Schierenbeck, Darfur.....	65.50	
H. A. Scherf, Eden.....	140.00	
Dr. Paul W. Spaude, Lake Benton.....	211.96	
G. Hinnenthal, New Ulm.....	1,336.48	83.00
E. Schaller, Nicollet.....	805.25	
R. Schierenbeck, Sanborn.....	680.00	
G. Theo. Albrecht, St. Peter.....	288.67	
Wm. C. Albrecht, Sleepy Eye.....	638.64	74.50
R. F. Schroeder, Tyler.....	38.87	
Dr. Paul W. Spaude, Verdi.....	202.13	
Karl Brickmann, Vesta.....	360.88	
Totals.....	\$ 29,191.42	\$ 1,698.50

Memorial Wreaths

In Memory of	Reverend	Amount
Helen Ann Schroeder.....	R. Jeske, Caledonia.....	\$ 19.00
Mrs. Caroline Peters.....	Karl A. Nolting, Frontenac.....	4.00
Mrs. John Bolland.....	T. E. Kock, Goodhue.....	30.50
Henry Korsten.....	F. W. Weindorf, St. John, Goodhue.....	58.50
Mrs. John Wiebusch.....	T. H. Albrecht, Lake City.....	21.00
Mrs. Marie Oelkers.....	J. R. Baumann, Red Wing.....	24.50
Mrs. Minnie Deden.....	J. R. Baumann, Red Wing.....	5.50
Mrs. Fred Sielaff.....	W. Schuetze, Belle Plaine.....	13.50
Christ Gerdes.....	Otto Klett, Bay City, Wis.....	3.00
Mrs. A. Werner.....	F. A. Werner, Centuria, Wis.....	9.00
Mrs. John Schmidt.....	Otto Klett, Prescott, Wis.....	7.00
Mrs. A. Werner.....	F. A. Werner, Rock Creek, Wis.....	5.00
Carl Rueckert.....	I. F. Lenz, Olivia.....	25.00
Carl Doering.....	I. F. Lenz, Olivia.....	26.00
Wm. Binger.....	I. F. Lenz, Olivia.....	6.00
Mrs. E. G. Fritz.....	A. W. Fuerstenau, Omro.....	31.50
Mrs. E. G. Fritz.....	E. G. Fritz, Wellington.....	245.75
Mrs. E. G. Fritz.....	E. G. Fritz, Wellington.....	1.25
Henry Roth.....	G. Hinnenthal, New Ulm.....	5.00
Mrs. Chas. Woelandt.....	G. Hinnenthal, New Ulm.....	50.00
Frederick Roloff, Sr.....	G. Hinnenthal, New Ulm.....	31.00
Ernest F. Riess, Past. Em.....	G. Hinnenthal, New Ulm.....	5.00
Walter Muesing.....	G. Hinnenthal, New Ulm.....	5.00
Frank Tietz.....	R. Jeske, Caledonia.....	19.50
Fred Kruckow.....	R. Jeske, Caledonia.....	162.00
Mrs. Wm. Pickavance.....	T. E. Kock, Goodhue.....	37.00
Mrs. Geo. Richter.....	T. E. Kock, Goodhue.....	58.50
Mrs. Katherine Hertler.....	E. G. Hertler, Hokah.....	8.00
Mrs. Katherine Hertler.....	E. G. Hertler, La Crescent.....	5.00
Mrs. Katherine Hertler.....	E. G. Hertler, S. Ridge.....	30.00
Emil Born.....	P. E. Horn, Zumbrota.....	5.00
Heinrich Gruenhagen.....	H. H. Schaller, Helen.....	64.50
Reuben C. Micke.....	R. A. Haase, North Mankato.....	30.00
Mrs. A. Werner.....	F. A. Werner, Centuria, Wis.....	9.00
Mrs. Louis Bauer, Sr.....	E. H. Bruns, Delano.....	48.00
Mrs. Burch.....	F. A. Werner, Rock Creek, Wis.....	16.50
Miss Marie Manske.....	J. Plocher, St. Paul.....	20.50
Miss Marie Manske.....	J. Plocher, St. Paul.....	16.00
Mrs. Elizabeth Frink.....	August Saremha, Weston.....	24.00
Mrs. J. Zlier.....	J. G. Bradtke, Arlington.....	14.00
Mrs. Jacob Zlier.....	J. G. Bradtke, Arlington.....	6.00
Mrs. Gustav Penk.....	J. G. Bradtke, Arlington.....	54.50
Fred Quast.....	J. G. Bradtke, Arlington.....	29.00
H. Bethke.....	I. F. Albrecht, Fairfax.....	3.50
Robert Black.....	Hy. Boettcher, Gibbon.....	58.25
Henry Albrecht.....	Hy. Boettcher, Gibbon.....	63.50
Herman Kohls.....	C. Wm. A. Kuehner, Winthrop.....	7.50
John Riedel.....	C. Wm. A. Kuehner, Winthrop.....	22.50
Mrs. N. P. Mecklenburg.....	H. C. Duehlmeier, Hancock.....	12.00
Mrs. Jul. Dysterheft, Mpls.....	R. Schierenbeck, Sanborn.....	27.50
Mrs. Geo. Richter.....	T. E. Kock, Goodhue.....	.25
Rev. Otto F. Kock.....	E. G. Hertler, Hokah.....	2.50
Mrs. Minnie Fischer.....	E. G. Hertler, Hokah.....	8.50
Mrs. Martha Gelle, Osseo.....	T. H. Albrecht, Lake City.....	1.00
Mrs. Fred C. Fick.....	T. H. Albrecht, Lake City.....	10.00
Christian W. Pruter.....	T. H. Albrecht, Lake City.....	25.00
Mrs. G. H. Lange.....	T. H. Albrecht, Lake City.....	2.50
Christ Sprick.....	T. H. Albrecht, Lake City.....	2.50
Mrs. Mathilda Peters.....	T. H. Albrecht, Lake City.....	16.00
Cord Brinkman.....	T. H. Albrecht, Lake City.....	1.00
Mrs. Anna Abraham.....	O. K. Netzke, Smith's Mill.....	32.00
Albert Wojahn.....	A. C. Krueger, Cedar Mills.....	24.00
August Kurth.....	A. C. Krueger, Cedar Mills.....	90.00
E. Hindermann.....	I. F. Albrecht, Fairfax.....	19.00
Mrs. J. Schumacher.....	I. F. Albrecht, Fairfax.....	81.50
Mrs. J. Schumacher.....	I. F. Albrecht, Fairfax.....	5.00
Dennis G. Studeman.....	I. F. Albrecht, Fairfax.....	28.50
Lt. Clarence Housman.....	M. J. Wehausen, Vacancy, Flora.....	68.00
Herman Galow.....	Im. F. Lenz, Olivia.....	25.00
John Meinke.....	A. W. Fuerstenau, Omro.....	78.90
John Jarcho.....	W. J. Schulze, Hutchinson.....	4.00
Robert Prieve.....	W. J. Schulze, Hutchinson.....	60.50
Otto Fuhrmann.....	W. J. Schulze, Hutchinson.....	14.50
George T. Duin, Sr.....	Chr. Albrecht, Johnson.....	11.50
Wm. Tobeck.....	Chr. Albrecht, Johnson.....	67.50
Hy. Ross.....	Karl J. Plocher, Litchfield.....	50.00
Mrs. K. Hertler, Saline, Mich.....	F. R. Weyland, Montrose.....	1.00
Mrs. Herman Duske.....	F. R. Weyland, Montrose.....	45.50
Mrs. Wm. Seeger.....	W. C. Nickels, Pelican Lake.....	93.00
Fred Manteufel.....	H. C. Sprenger, Balaton.....	21.25
Julius Stroschein.....	G. Hinnenthal, New Ulm.....	25.00
Mrs. August Nehls.....	G. Hinnenthal, New Ulm.....	5.50
Ernest Holzinger, Chicago.....	G. Hinnenthal, New Ulm.....	13.00
Carl Reinke.....	Wm. C. Albrecht, Sleepy Eye.....	2.00
Mrs. Martha Lecy.....	Karl Brickmann, Vesta.....	25.50

H. R. KURTH, District Treasurer.

NORTH WISCONSIN DISTRICT

January, February, March, 1944

Fox River Valley Conference

Reverend	Budgetary	Non-Budgetary
Loepel, K. F., St. Paul, Algoma.....	\$ 214.50	
Weyland, V. J., St. Paul, Angelica.....	46.76	2.00
Hallemeier, D. E., Bethany, Appleton.....	614.66	9.50
Ziesemer, R., Mt. Olive, Appleton.....	154.71	
Johnson, S., St. Matthew, Appleton.....	1,200.00	
Brandt, F. M., St. Paul, Appleton.....	44.20	
Masch, John, Immanuel, Black Creek.....		
Kuether, W. A., St. Peter, Carlton.....		
Werner, A., St. John, Center.....	206.37	2.00
Kaspar, L., Immanuel, Clayton.....	98.47	
Reim, Norbert, St. Paul, Dale.....	152.66	
Thierfelder, F., St. John, Dundas.....	127.84	
Henning, Carl, Trinity, Ellington.....	238.47	
Hinnenthal, E., Immanuel, Forestville.....	96.15	6.00
Brenner, Theo., St. Peter, Freedom.....	111.94	
Lederer, R., Erste Ev. Luth., Green Bay.....	516.24	105.00
Voigt, A. W., St. Paul, Green Bay.....	350.58	
Croll, Melvin W., St. Paul, Greenleaf.....	36.20	
Kaspar, L., Immanuel, Greenville.....	568.71	
Weyland, V. J., Friedens, Hartland.....	92.28	.50
Wicke, Harold, Bethlehem, Hortonville.....	258.58	2.00
Senger, F. H., Zion, Jacksonport.....	2.00	
Croll, Melvin W., Bartholomew, Kasson.....	83.81	
Oehlert, Paul Th., Trinity, Kaukauna.....	729.03	
Pussehl, Henry E., Immanuel, Kewaunee.....	393.75	
Wichmann, W. F., Mt. Calvary, Kimberly.....	106.02	
Boettcher, Imm. P., Immanuel, Maple Creek.....	176.00	3.00
Kneuppel, F. C., Salem, Nesevaupsee.....	181.81	5.00
Pankow, W. E., Immanuel, New London.....	732.95	2.50
Baganz, Theo., St. Peter, Sawyer.....	635.58	
Henning, Carl J., St. Paul, Stephenville.....	60.06	
Boettcher, Imm. P., Grace, Sugar Bush.....	966.80	100.00
Henning, Otto C., St. John, Valmy.....	105.02	
Reier, F. A., Immanuel, Waupaca.....	75.00	
Uetzmann, F. C., St. John, Wrightstown.....	278.33	40.25
Fox River Valley Pastoral Conference.....	5.00	
Conference Total	\$ 9,640.48	\$ 277.75

Lake Superior Conference

Eggert, Paul C., Friedens, Abrams.....	\$ 27.60	
Henning, Carl J., St. John, Athelstane.....	28.05	
Fuhlbrigge, W. G., St. Matthew, Beaver.....	31.56	15.00
Eggert, Paul C., St. Paul, Brookside.....	47.79	
Kuschel, Bernard G., St. Mark, Carbondale, Michigan.....	197.75	
Fuhlbrigge, W. G., Trinity, Coleman.....		
Schlavensky, Norman, Grace, Crivitz.....		
Tiefel, Geo., Zion, Crystal Falls, Michigan.....	69.45	
Kuschel, B., Holy Cross, Daggett, Michigan.....	147.00	10.00
Lutz, W. F., Salem, Escanaba, Michigan.....	40.15	
Kahrs, H. A., St. John, Florence.....	8.00	3.52
Hoffmann, Theo., St. Paul, Gladstone, Michigan.....	35.75	
Roepke, W., St. Paul, Green Garden, Michigan.....	347.08	
Schlavensky, Norman, St. John, Grover.....	49.22	
Koepsell, W. J., Trinity, Hermansville, Michigan.....	63.75	
Schabow, Alvin, St. Paul, Hyde, Michigan.....		20.00
Lederer, K., Our Saviour, Lena.....	39.10	
Eggert, Paul C., St. John, Little Suamico.....	287.23	
Gentz, A. A., Trinity, Marinette.....	39.35	
Roepke, W., Trinity, Marquette, Michigan.....	268.48	
Thurow, Theodore, Christ, Menominee, Michigan.....	50.00	
Geyer, K., Zion, Peshtigo.....		
Fuhlbrigge, W. G., Pound.....	35.00	
Koepsell, W. J., Grace, Powers-Spalding, Michigan.....	37.80	
Hoffmann, Theo., Martini, Rapid River, Michigan.....	14.50	
Zarling, Frederic H., Emanuel, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.....		
Tiefel, Geo., St. Peter, Stambaugh, Michigan.....	15.65	
Kahrs, H. A., St. Paul, Tipler.....		
Conference Total	\$ 1,880.26	\$ 48.82

Manitowoc Conference

Siegler, Victor, Trinity, Brillion.....	\$ 211.55	\$ 5.00
Braun, M. A., Parochie, Cleveland.....	207.90	
Schwartz, H. Marcus, St. Peter, Collins.....	669.00	
Stuebs, Arden, Immanuel, Eaton.....	19.50	
Stuebs, Arden, Christ, Pontenoy.....	92.80	
Pussehl, Henry E., St. John, Gibson.....	130.40	5.10
Schink, W. F., St. Peter, Haven.....	40.70	
Kuether, H. A., St. Paul, Town Herman.....	146.44	
Zell, Ed., Jumbo Creek Lutheran, Jumbo Creek.....	11.41	
Grunwald, Harold O., Trinity, Kiel.....	356.76	
Schroeder, E. C., Trinity, Liberty.....		
Grunwald, Harold O., Zion, Louis Corners.....		
Roekle, Armin, Bethany, Manitowoc.....	90.00	
Koeninger, L. H., Erste, Manitowoc.....	1,757.00	
Koch, Henry, Grace, Manitowoc.....	366.64	
Struck, Gerhard, St. John, Maribel.....	241.00	
Zell, Ed., St. Peter, Mishicot.....	75.00	
Gladosch, Br., Zion, Morrison.....	321.73	
Kionka, Ed. H., St. John, Newton.....	386.35	
Kionka, Ed. H., St. Paul, Newton.....	39.50	
Thurow, Carl M., St. Paul, Pine Grove.....	28.00	
Eckert, Harold H., St. John, Reedsville.....	496.46	8.90

Zell, Ed., Rockwood Lutheran, Rockwood.....	14.40	
Ehlike, Roland, St. John, Sandy Bay.....		
Thurow, Carl M., Immanuel, Shirley.....	263.08	
Pussehl, Henry E., St. John, Two Creeks.....	70.12	3.05
Haase, W. G., St. John, Two Rivers.....	340.45	30.00
Conference Total	\$ 6,376.19	\$ 51.15

Rhineland Conference

Gieschen, Walter, Friedens, Argonne.....	\$	\$
Bergfeld, Fred, Bethany, Bruce Crossing, Michigan.....	77.22	
Gieschen, Walter, St. Paul, Crandon.....	45.11	
Krubsack, J., Christ, Eagle River.....		
Lemke, H. J., St. John, Enterprise.....	51.33	
Gieschen, Walter, Christ, Hiles.....	5.55	
Raetz, F. W., St. John, Laona.....	17.32	
Lemke, H. J., Grace, Monico.....	5.94	
Gieschen, Paul J., Zion, Rhineland.....	446.72	135.29
Lemke, Herbert, Starks.....	12.25	
Krubsack, J., Grace, Three Lakes.....	7.85	
Raetz, F. W., Trinity, Wabeno.....	30.71	10.00
Conference Total	\$ 700.00	\$ 145.29

Winnebago Conference

Weyland, F. C., St. John, Caledonia.....	\$ 15.05	
Strohschein, Walter, Immanuel, Campbellsport.....	99.09	
Strohschein, Walter, Trinity, Dundee.....	95.29	
Schneider, A. E., St. John, E. Bloomfield.....	323.00	1.00
Wojahn, W. A., St. Paul, Eldorado.....	58.00	
Wojahn, W. A., St. Peter, Eldorado.....	17.42	
Pless, W. O., Redeemer, Fond du Lac.....	189.71	
Pieper, G., St. Peter, Fond du Lac.....	1,131.63	300.00
Behm, E. G., St. John, Forest.....	41.60	
Behm, E. G., St. Paul, Forest.....	8.00	
Pankow, E. P., Friedens, Green Lake.....	34.00	
Kaniess, G., St. Luke, Kewaskum.....	571.39	
Sommer, Orvin A., Zion, Kingston.....	57.76	
Wadzinski, Wm., St. Paul, Manchester.....	121.62	
Kobs, Geo., St. John, Markesan.....	150.00	100.00
Wadzinski, Wm., St. Paul, Marquette.....	19.63	
Kleinhaus, Harold O., Trinity, Mears Corners.....	69.65	
Hartwig, Wm. J., Immanuel, Mecan.....	139.01	
Bergmann, P. G., Trinity, Menasha.....	431.22	
Hartwig, Wm. J., St. John, Montello.....	325.25	
Geiger, Adalbert F. W., Martin Luther, Neenah.....	116.43	
Schaefer, Gerhard A., Trinity, Neenah.....	1,035.70	
Lawrenz, Carl, St. Paul, No. Fond du Lac.....	199.80	
Dowidat, John, St. Luke, Oakfield.....		
Hoyer, O., Zion, Town Omro.....	86.85	
Schlueter, E. B., Grace, Oshkosh.....	296.94	1.00
Mittelstaedt, T. J., Immanuel, Oshkosh.....	101.00	
Kleinhaus, Harold O., Martin Luther, Oshkosh.....	229.50	50.25
Siegler, O., Grace, Pickett.....	2.00	
Warnke, Harold, St. John, Princeton.....	56.50	
Weyland, F. C., Zion, Readfield.....	30.70	
Engel, Armin L., Trinity, Red Granite.....	8.01	
Krug, Clayton, E., Zion, Ripon.....	63.65	
Sommer, Orvin A., St. John, Salemville.....	37.96	
Engel, Armin L., St. Paul, Seneca.....	109.00	
Schulz, J., Zion, Van Dyne.....		
Redlin, T. W., Friedens, Wautoma.....	310.58	
Habeck, Irwin J., St. Peter, Weyauwega.....	623.22	
Weyland, F. C., St. Peter, Winchester.....	10.00	
Hoyer, O., St. Paul, Winneconne.....	250.92	
Conference Total	\$ 7,446.88	\$ 452.25
District Total	\$ 26,043.81	\$ 975.26

Memorial Wreaths

In Memory of	Reverend	Amount
Infant child of Mr. and Mrs.		
Ray Atkinson	E. Benj. Schlueter, Oshkosh.....	1.00
Gustave Ballwanz	D. E. Hallemeier, Appleton.....	2.00
John Bartels	A. A. Gentz, Marinette.....	29.50
John Bartels, Marinette	Irwin J. Habeck, Weyauwega.....	2.00
Herman Bees	Victor J. Siegler, Brillion.....	5.00
Mrs. Behlke	T. W. Redlin, Wautoma.....	7.00
John Braemer	Karl F. Toepel, Algoma.....	35.50
Mrs. Chr. Brandt	A. W. Voigt, Green Bay.....	2.50
Mrs. Rob. Bubolz	Harold H. Eckert, Reedsville.....	5.00
Emil H. Buch, Tawas City, Michigan	Norman Schlavensky, Grover.....	4.00
Mrs. Albert Buchholz	Wm. J. Hartwig, Town Mecan.....	7.00
Mrs. Sophia Buck	Harold E. C. Wicke, Hortonville.....	4.00
Mrs. Fred Budde	Orvin A. Sommer, Salemville.....	4.75
Ewald Buetow	Geo. Kobs, Markesan.....	25.00
Mrs. E. Doell	L. Kaspar, Greenville.....	24.50
Henry Eichhorst	D. E. Hallemeier, Appleton.....	1.00
Henry G. Eichhorst	Victor J. Siegler, Brillion.....	11.50
Fred Feyerherm	H. Marcus Schwartz, Collins.....	1.00
Reuben Fitzlaff	Th. Hoffmann, Gladstone, Mich.....	3.50
Bertha Freitag	A. A. Gentz, Marinette.....	4.00
Carl Gather	H. Marcus Schwartz, Collins.....	18.00
Mrs. A. Giesregen	W. Roepke, Green Garden, Mich.....	4.00
Mrs. A. Giesregen	W. Roepke, Marquette, Mich.....	5.00
Edward Glocke	W. E. Pankow, New London.....	33.50
N. P. Hanson	Paul J. Gieschen, Rhineland.....	17.75
Emma Harpt	A. A. Gentz, Marinette.....	9.00

John Hoffmann	Th. Hoffmann, Gladstone, Mich.	4.50	E. Kasischke, Bay City	513.90
Mrs. Julius Kath	F. C. Kneuppel, Nasewaupée	7.50	J. Vogt, Bay City	51.74
Edward Kelm	Wm. Wadzinski, Manchester	5.00	R. Hoenecke, Chesaning	155.37
Mrs. Louisa Kienbaum	Harold H. Eckert, Reedsville	4.00	R. Hoenecke, Brady	104.86
Ed Kitchenreiter	L. Kaspar, Greenville	5.00	E. Leyrer, Clare	106.47
Mrs. E. Krause	R. Lederer, Green Bay	1.00	E. Leyrer, Hamilton	17.69
Mrs. Carl Krause	Karl F. Toepel, Algoma	2.00	M. Toepel, Elkton	144.80
Ione Carol Krowas	F. H. Senger, West Jacksonport	2.00	B. Westendorf, Flint	262.91
Mrs. Fred Krueger	W. G. Haase, Two Rivers	1.00	V. Winter, Flint, from Sunday School	16.37
Mrs. J. Krueger	T. W. Redlin, Wautoma	42.00	A. Kehrberg, Frankenmuth	520.15
Paul Kugler	F. C. Kneuppel, Nasewaupée	5.00	W. Kehrberg, Hale	32.00
Henry Laurenz	Karl F. Toepel, Algoma	24.00	W. Steih, Kawkawlin	209.30
Leo Leitzke, Sheboygan	Norman Schlavensky, Grover	4.00	E. Rupp, Manistee	15.45
Phillip Luedtke	Harold O. Kleinhans, Oshkosh	15.00	E. Rupp, Sheridan	32.85
Mrs. Albert Manthey	E. Benj. Schlueter, Oshkosh	1.00	W. Voss, Owosso	723.13
Mrs. Alb. Miller	W. A. Gieschen, Crandon	3.00	A. W. Hueschen, Pigeon	155.82
Mrs. Ferd. Miller	E. C. Hinnenthal, Forestville	22.00	D. Metzger, Remus	59.10
Ida Minzlafl	A. A. Gentz, Marinette	3.00	D. Metzger, Broomfield	15.80
Clara Mueller	W. G. Haase, Two Rivers	2.00	O. Eckert and O. J. Eckert, Saginaw	1,789.44
Edwin Mueller	Karl F. Toepel, Algoma	50.00	H. Eckert, Saginaw	197.65
Mrs. Louisa Phillipson	Harold O. Kleinhans, Oshkosh	1.00	G. Schmelzer, Sebewaing, including \$15.00 from Ladies' Aid	179.18
Mrs. Gust. Prochnow	Harold H. Eckert, Reedsville	3.00	J. Zink, Sterling	35.00
Mrs. C. F. Rietz	T. W. Redlin, Wautoma	12.00	C. Leyrer, St. Louis	134.10
Wm. Ristow	W. E. Pankow, New London	8.00	G. Cares, Swan Creek, including \$16.65 from Sunday School	160.00
Mrs. Wm. Roepcke	Paul J. Gieschen, Rhinelander	13.50	J. Roekle, Tawas City	267.32
Harry Rosin, Jr.	W. Roepcke, Green Garden, Mich.	2.00	A. Schwerin, Tittabawassee	184.50
Herman Salzwedel	O. J. Siegler, Pickett	2.00	A. Voges, Vassar	111.86
Paul G. Schlei	Gerhard Pieper, Fond du Lac	6.00	A. Voges, Mayville	45.45
Paul G. Schlei	Karl F. Toepel, Algoma	6.00	A. Voges, Silverwood	20.42
Mrs. Bertha Schmidt	L. H. Koeniger, Manitowoc	7.00	R. Koch, Zilwaukee	202.63
Mrs. Wilhelmina Schmidt	W. G. Haase, Two Rivers	6.50		
Mrs. Gladys Schneider	E. Benj. Schlueter, Oshkosh	1.00		
Mrs. Alb. Schoettler	A. A. Gentz, Marinette	3.00		
Mrs. Lena Schulze	L. Kaspar, Greenville	8.00		
Mrs. Chas. Schunk	R. Lederer, Green Bay	7.00		
Charles H. Smith	F. H. Zarling, Sault Ste Marie	2.00		
Mrs. F. Sonnenberg	W. Roepcke, Marquette, Mich.	17.00		
Joy Ann Sorenson	W. G. Haase, Two Rivers	1.00		
Ernst Tabbert	W. G. Haase, Two Rivers	6.50		
Mrs. Wm. Tornow	R. Lederer, Green Bay	5.00		
Herman Verch	Harold Warnke, Princeton	3.50		
Harry Walter	E. Benj. Schlueter, Oshkosh	2.00		
Herman Wenzel	Victor J. Siegler, Brillion	3.50		
Mrs. Rev. A. Werner	Theo. Brenner, Freedom	12.00		
Mrs. Rev. A. Werner	F. M. Brandt, Appleton	3.00		
Mrs. Rev. A. Werner	Fox River Valley Pastoral Conf.	5.00		
Mrs. Rev. A. Werner	A. H. J. Werner, Center	119.50		
Robert Zempel	Irwin J. Habeck, Weyauwega	10.00		
25th Wedding Anniversary of Max and Alma Hellermann	A. A. Gentz, Marinette	5.00		

HERBERT VOECKS, Treasurer.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT

January 1 to March 31, 1944

Southwestern Conference		Budgetary	Non-Budgetary
Reverend			
L. Meyer, Allegan		\$ 84.65	
H. C. Haase, Benton Harbor		250.00	10.00
R. Gensmer, Coloma, including \$10.00 from Sunday School		125.70	10.00
C. Kionka, Dowagiac		205.61	
N. Engel, Eau Claire		96.04	
E. T. Lochner, Hopkins		148.60	
E. T. Lochner, Dorr		59.08	
A. Hoenecke, Muskegon Heights		116.36	
A. Fischer, Sodus		209.35	
W. Westendorf, South Haven		247.14	
H. Hoenecke, Sturgis		113.01	

Southeastern Conference

A. Baer, Adrian	489.63	13.00
J. Martin, Belleville	93.03	
H. Heyn, Detroit	511.87	
C. Frey, Detroit	333.72	
E. Frey, Detroit	138.78	
K. Vertz, Detroit	245.93	8.00
W. Valleskey, Detroit, including \$29.60 from Sunday School	193.99	
R. Frey, Findlay, Ohio	52.00	
J. Gauss, Jenera, Ohio, including bequest of \$100.00 by Miss Lavohn von Stein	658.43	
K. Krauss, Lansing	799.85	
E. Hofmann, Lansing	89.83	
T. Sauer, Livonia, including \$5.38 from Sunday School	167.84	
H. Zapf, Monroe	121.60	15.00
G. Ehnis, Monroetown	79.00	9.00
A. Maas, Northfield	174.07	
A. Maas, South Lyon	49.98	
E. Hoenecke, Plymouth	282.87	
C. Schmelzer, Riga, including \$20.00 from Ladies' Aid, \$21.12 from Sunday School and \$2.00 from Mrs. Herman Goetz	534.73	35.12
H. Engel, Saline, including \$1.48 Bapt. Coll. Romanowicz	194.54	
A. Wacker, Scio, including \$5.10 Bapt. Coll. M. Schaible	207.27	6.10
J. de Ruiter, Tecumseh	46.41	
G. Luetke, Toledo, Ohio, including \$10.00 from Sgt. Arthur Poupard, \$5.00 from Lt. D. Sydleske, \$5.00 from Pvt. Edw. Sevenhof, \$5.00 from Eda Pirwitz and \$5.00 from Carl Wisniewski	115.00	
R. Timmel, Toledo, Ohio	200.00	
F. Zimmermann, Toledo, Ohio	138.83	
P. Heyn, Van Dyke	95.94	
H. Muehl, Waterloo	83.90	
G. Press, Wayne	325.63	

Northern Conference

M. Schroeder, Bay City	427.72	5.00
A. Westendorf, Bay City	2,000.00	3.00

J. Vogt, Bay City	51.74
R. Hoenecke, Chesaning	155.37
R. Hoenecke, Brady	104.86
E. Leyrer, Clare	106.47
E. Leyrer, Hamilton	17.69
M. Toepel, Elkton	144.80
B. Westendorf, Flint	262.91
V. Winter, Flint, from Sunday School	16.37
A. Kehrberg, Frankenmuth	520.15
W. Kehrberg, Hale	32.00
W. Steih, Kawkawlin	209.30
E. Rupp, Manistee	15.45
E. Rupp, Sheridan	32.85
W. Voss, Owosso	723.13
A. W. Hueschen, Pigeon	155.82
D. Metzger, Remus	59.10
D. Metzger, Broomfield	15.80
O. Eckert and O. J. Eckert, Saginaw	1,789.44
H. Eckert, Saginaw	197.65
G. Schmelzer, Sebewaing, including \$15.00 from Ladies' Aid	179.18
J. Zink, Sterling	35.00
C. Leyrer, St. Louis	134.10
G. Cares, Swan Creek, including \$16.65 from Sunday School	160.00
J. Roekle, Tawas City	267.32
A. Schwerin, Tittabawassee	184.50
A. Voges, Vassar	111.86
A. Voges, Mayville	45.45
A. Voges, Silverwood	20.42
R. Koch, Zilwaukee	202.63

Total \$ 16,813.59 \$ 282.64
NOTE: Of the Non-Budgetary money there were \$157.50 for Church Extension and \$125.14 for Non-Synodical activities.

Memorial Wreaths

(Included in Above Monies)

In Memory of	Sent In By	Amount
Samuel Arras	Bay City (Bethel)	\$ 5.00
Mrs. Florentine Borkhardt	Bay City (St. John)	3.00
Mrs. Carrie Beiswanger	Adrian	13.00
Ideth Schultz	Benton Harbor	5.00
Alfred Wagner	Benton Harbor	5.00
S. Peiter	Detroit (Mt. Olive)	1.00
Mrs. Minnie Penner	Detroit (Mt. Olive)	8.00
Mrs. W. Brohm	Flint (Immanuel)	5.00
Mrs. Frank La Haine	Flint (Immanuel)	5.00
Armin Conzelmann	Frankenmuth	22.00
John Trump	Frankenmuth	1.00
Michael List	Frankenmuth	1.00
Mrs. John Heinlein	Frankenmuth	1.00
Mrs. Augusta Beatron	Frankenmuth	2.00
Mrs. Louise Roth	Frankenmuth	6.00
Mrs. Geo. Geiger	Frankenmuth	2.00
Mrs. Barbara Roth	Frankenmuth	5.00
Mrs. Mary Buerkel	Frankenmuth	2.00
Mrs. Peter Schem	Frankenmuth	7.00
John F. Kern	Frankenmuth	4.00
Baby Weber	Frankenmuth	2.00
Margaretha Leidel	Frankenmuth	1.00
Peter D. Heldman	Jenera	21.00
Baby Stephen Neff	Jenera	18.00
Miss Lavohn von Stein	Jenera	140.00
Mrs. John G. Boehm	Jenera	100.00
Miss Barbara Kuener	Monroe	15.00
Mrs. Walter Jarmuth	Monroetown	9.00
Mrs. C. Carpenter	Owosso	5.00
Mrs. G. Strauch	Owosso	5.00
Miss Lena Bock	Owosso	7.00
Mrs. Louise Diehm	Remus	22.00
Fred Rossien	Saginaw (St. Paul)	5.00
Mrs. F. Hahn	Saginaw (St. Paul)	5.00
Mrs. Henrietta Mueller	Saginaw (St. Paul)	2.00
Martha A. Bauer	Saginaw (St. Paul)	5.00
William Rehbein	Sebewaing	4.00
Mrs. Friederica Killinger	Sebewaing	3.00
William Irion	Sebewaing	5.00
Edward Daus	Sebewaing	6.00
August Schoening	Sebewaing	2.00
Frederick Deeg	Sebewaing	2.00
L. Stieve	South Haven	5.00
Richard Born	Swan Creek	3.00
Mrs. Franz Koerner	Tawas City	13.00
Emil Buch	Tawas City	45.50
Marie Henkel	Toledo (Zion)	20.00
Mrs. Martha Peth	Toledo (Zion)	30.00

E. WENK, Treasurer.

NORTH WISCONSIN DISTRICT

April, May, June, 1944

Fox River Valley Conference		Budgetary	Non-Budgetary
Reverend			
Toepel, K. F., St. Paul, Algoma		\$ 1,274.85	
Weyland, V. J., St. Paul, Angelica		70.09	40.00
Hallemeier, D. E., Bethany, Appleton		129.52	
Ziesemer, R., Mt. Olive, Appleton		1,260.54	4.00
Johnson, S., St. Matthew, Appleton		245.93	
Brandt, F. M., St. Paul, Appleton		1,100.00	
Masch, John, Immanuel, Black Creek		188.52	5.00
Kuether, W. A., St. Peter, Carlton			
Werner, A., St. John, Center		183.72	
Kaspar, L., Immanuel, Clayton		41.90	
Reim, Norbert, St. Paul, Dale		200.81	10.00
Thierfelder, F., St. John, Dundas		180.61	

Jenning, Carl, Trinity, Ellington.....	217.78	
Innenthal, E., Immanuel, Forestville.....	97.55	
Redlin, Emil, St. Peter, Freedom.....	217.12	30.50
Lederer, R., Erste Ev. Luth., Green Bay.....	292.46	
Voigt, A. W., St. Paul, Green Bay.....	167.40	
Croll, Melvin W., St. Paul, Greenleaf.....	50.45	
Kaspar, L., Immanuel, Greenville.....	188.56	
Weyland, V. J., Friedens, Hartland.....	114.25	
Wicke, Harold, Bethlehem, Hortonville.....	207.27	
Senger, F. H., Zion, Jacksonport.....	286.10	5.00
Croll, Melvin W., Bartholomew, Kasson.....	38.64	
Dehlert, Paul Th., Trinity, Kaukauna.....	745.48	
Zink, Waldemar F., Immanuel, Kewaunee.....	826.11	
Wichmann, W. F., Mt. Calvary, Kimberly.....	85.45	8.00
Boettcher, Imm. P., Immanuel, Maple Creek.....	23.71	2.00
Knueppel, F. C., Salem, Nasewaupsee.....	113.58	2.00
Pankow, W. E., Immanuel, New London.....	722.54	
Baganz, Theo., St. Peter, Sawyer.....	485.67	
Henning, Carl J., St. Paul, Stephenville.....	55.11	
Boettcher, Imm. P., Grace, Sugar Bush.....	246.96	
Reier, F. A., Immanuel, Valmy.....	32.00	
Uetzmann, F. C., St. John, Wrightstown.....	151.40	20.00
Fox River Valley Pastoral Conference.....	10.00	
Conference Total	\$ 10,229.68	\$ 126.50

Lake Superior Conference

Eggert, Paul C., Friedens, Abrams.....	\$ 62.60	\$
Henning, Carl J., St. John, Athelstane.....	75.70	
Fuhlbrigge, W. G., St. Matthew, Beaver.....	47.10	
Eggert, Paul C., St. Paul, Brookside.....	95.73	
Kuschel, Bernard G., St. Mark, Carbondale, Michigan.....	236.90	
Fuhlbrigge, W. G., Trinity, Coleman.....	128.85	
Pope, Reinhart J., Grace, Crivitz.....	32.00	
Tiefel, Geo., Zion, Crystal Falls, Michigan.....	168.95	
Kuschel, B., Holy Cross, Daggett, Michigan.....	253.10	
Lutz, W. F., Salem, Escanaba, Michigan.....	112.67	
Kahrs, H. A., St. John, Florence.....	98.69	
Hoffmann, Theo., St. Paul, Gladstone, Michigan.....	152.71	
Roepke, W., St. Paul, Green Garden, Michigan.....	27.72	
Schlavensky, Norman, St. John, Grover.....	147.68	
Koepsell, W. J., Trinity, Hermansville, Michigan.....	15.95	
Schabow, Alvin, St. Paul, Hyde, Michigan.....	19.65	
Lederer, K., Our Saviour, Lena.....	469.66	
Eggert, Paul C., St. John, Little Suamico.....	290.45	
Gentz, A. A., Trinity, Marinette.....	275.84	
Roepke, W., Trinity, Marquette, Michigan.....	425.00	
Thurow, Theodore, Christ, Menominee, Michigan.....		
Geyer, K., Zion, Peshtigo.....		
Fuhlbrigge, W. G., Pound.....		
Koepsell, W. J., Grace, Powers-Spalding, Michigan.....	37.68	
Hoffmann, Theo., Martini, Rapid River, Michigan.....	43.70	
Zarling, Frederic H., Emanuel, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.....	151.44	
Tiefel, Geo., St. Peter, Stambaugh, Michigan.....	29.43	
Kahrs, H. A., St. Paul, Tipler.....		
Conference Total	\$ 3,379.20	\$

Manitowoc Conference

Siegler, Victor, Trinity, Brillion.....	\$ 476.97	\$
Braun, M. A., Parochie, Cleveland.....	390.00	
Schwartz, H. Marcus, St. Peter, Collins.....	32.80	
Stuebs, Arden, Immanuel, Eaton.....	185.95	
Stuebs, Arden, Christ, Fontenoy.....	171.05	
Pussehl, Henry E., St. John, Gibson.....	216.21	
Schink, W. F., St. Peter, Haven.....	9.50	
Kuether, H. A., St. Paul, Town Herman.....	141.46	
Zell, Ed., Jumbo Creek Lutheran, Jambo Creek.....	257.68	
Grunwald, Harold O., Trinity, Kiel.....	484.79	
Schroeder, E. C., Trinity, Liberty.....	150.00	
Grunwald, Harold O., Zion, Louis Corners.....	1,715.50	
Roelke, Armin, Bethany, Manitowoc.....	125.70	
Koeninger, L. H., Erste, Manitowoc.....	492.77	
Koch, Henry, Grace, Manitowoc.....	75.00	
Struck, Gerhard, St. John, Maribel.....	431.91	
Zell, Ed., St. Peter, Mishicot.....	251.55	
Gladosch, Br., Zion, Morrison.....	25.60	
Kionka, Ed. H., St. John, Newton.....	821.93	2.00
Kionka, Ed. H., St. Paul, Newton.....	53.05	
Thurow, Carl M., St. Paul, Pine Grove.....	30.00	
Eckert, Harold H., St. John, Reedsville.....	30.00	
Zell, Ed., Rockwood Lutheran, Rockwood.....	80.78	
Ehlke, Roland, St. John, Sandy Bay.....	519.50	
Thurow, Carl M., Immanuel, Shirley.....		
Pussehl, Henry E., St. John, Two Creeks.....		
Haase, W. G., St. John, Two Rivers.....		
Conference Total	\$ 7,139.50	\$ 2.00

Rhineland Conference

Gieschen, Walter, Friedens, Argonne.....	\$ 34.99	\$
Bergfeld, Fred, Bethany, Bruce Crossing, Michigan.....	63.16	
Gieschen, Walter, St. Paul, Crandon.....	56.98	15.00
Krubsack, J., Christ, Eagle River.....	142.81	
Lemke, H. J., St. John, Enterprise.....	38.08	
Gieschen, Walter, Christ, Hiles.....	7.50	
Raetz, F. W., St. John, Laona.....	27.00	
Lemke, H. J., Grace, Monico.....	7.50	
Gieschen, Paul J., Zion, Rhineland.....	425.14	1.75
Lemke, Herbert, Starke.....		
Krubsack, J., Grace, Three Lakes.....	46.92	
Raetz, F. W., Trinity, Wabeno.....		
Conference Total	\$ 852.88	\$ 16.75

Winnebago Conference

Weyland, F. C., St. John, Caledonia.....	\$ 35.62	\$
Strohschein, Walter, Immanuel, Campbellsport.....	67.79	
Strohschein, Walter, Trinity, Dundee.....	281.36	

Schneider, A. E., St. John, E. Bloomfield.....	200.21	
Wojahn, W. A., St. Paul, Eldorado.....	109.65	
Wojahn, W. A., St. Peter, Eldorado.....	117.15	
Pless, W. O., Redeemer, Fond du Lac.....	111.50	
Pieper, G., St. Peter, Fond du Lac.....	782.47	5.00
Behm, E. G., St. John, Forest.....	75.09	
Behm, E. G., St. Paul, Forest.....	350.78	
Pankow, E. P., Friedens, Green Lake.....		
Kaniess, G., St. Luke, Kewaskum.....	195.46	
Sommer, Orvin A., Zion, Kingston.....	154.24	
Wadzinski, Wm., St. Paul, Manchester.....	310.43	
Kobs, Geo., St. John, Markesan.....	45.27	
Wadzinski, Wm., St. Paul, Marquette.....	78.07	
Kleinbans, Harold O., Trinity, Mears Corners.....	300.26	
Hartwig, Wm. J., Immanuel, Mecan.....	274.52	150.00
Bergmann, P. G., Trinity, Menasha.....	774.13	
Hartwig, Wm. J., St. John, Montello.....	138.40	
Geiger, Adalbert F. W., Martin Luther, Neenah.....	1,005.79	
Schaefer, Gerhard A., Trinity, Neenah.....	526.47	
Lawrenz, Carl, St. Paul, No. Fond du Lac.....	59.85	
Dowdlat, John, St. Luke, Oakfield.....	24.08	
Hoyer, O., Zion, Town Omro.....	267.11	
Schlueter, E. B., Grace, Oshkosh.....	201.00	
Mittelstaedt, T. J., Immanuel, Oshkosh.....	3.00	
Kleinbans, Harold O., Martin Luther, Oshkosh.....	50.20	
Siegler, O., Grace, Pickett.....	1,199.42	
Warnke, Harold, St. John, Princeton.....	41.55	
Weyland, F. C., Zion, Readfield.....	15.64	
Engel, Armin L., Zion, Ripon.....	76.53	
Krug, Clayton E., St. John, Salemville.....	21.40	
Sommer, Orvin A., St. Paul, Seneca.....	180.50	
Engel, Armin L., Zion, Van Dyne.....	517.45	5.00
Schulz, J., Zion, Van Dyne.....	390.52	
Redlin, T. W., Friedens, Wautoma.....	24.77	
Habeck, Irwin J., St. Peter, Weyauwega.....	184.10	
Weyland, F. C., St. Peter, Winchester.....		
Hoyer, O., St. Paul, Winneconne.....		
Conference Total	\$ 8,784.98	\$ 160.00

District Total	\$ 30,386.24	\$ 305.25
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Memorial Wreaths

In Memory of	Reverend	Amount
Mrs. Anna Baermann	A. W. Voigt, Green Bay.....	\$ 24.50
Helena Bauman	Karl F. Toepel, Algoma.....	20.00
Edward Blakewell	Gerhard Pieper, Fond du Lac.....	5.00
Herman F. Bohm	V. J. Weyland, Angelica.....	40.00
William Boldt	W. Roepke, Green Garden, Mich.....	2.50
William Boldt	W. Roepke, Marquette, Michigan.....	23.50
Carl Bollow	L. H. Koeninger, Manitowoc.....	20.00
Rev. Theo. Brenner	F. M. Brandt, Appleton.....	5.00
Rev. Theo. Brenner	Fox River Valley Pastoral Conf.....	5.00
Rev. Theo. Brenner	Br. Gladosch, Morrison.....	2.00
Rev. Theo. Brenner	Fox River One Day Conference.....	5.00
Rev. Theo. Brenner	W. E. Pankow, New London.....	2.00
Rev. Theo. Brenner	A. Werner, Center.....	10.00
Caroline A. Bruemer	Karl F. Toepel, Algoma.....	27.00
Ralph Bubolz	Harold H. Eckert, Reedsville.....	11.05
Edward Buchholz	H. J. Lemke, Enterprise.....	3.00
Wm. Fraedrich	Gerhard Pieper, Fond du Lac.....	5.00
Ed. Galz	Harold Warnke, Princeton.....	5.00
August Gaulke	Karl F. Toepel, Algoma.....	5.50
Chas. Gocht	Reinhart J. Pope, Crivitz.....	5.00
Caroline Hafemann	Karl F. Toepel, Algoma.....	8.60
Mrs. Nels Hansen	W. G. Fuhlbrigge, Coleman.....	7.50
A. Hutchinson	Harold O. Kleinbans, Oshkosh.....	3.00
Bernhard Jacob	L. H. Koeninger, Manitowoc.....	6.00
Pastor J. Klingmann	L. H. Koeninger, Manitowoc.....	3.00
Mrs. Wm. Koehn	A. W. Voigt, Green Bay.....	1.00
Fred Konrad	Paul Th. Oehlert, Kaukauna.....	27.50
Fred Krahn	Harold H. Eckert, Reedsville.....	1.00
Gustav Kringel	John Masch, Black Creek.....	24.00
Paul Kugler	F. C. Knueppel, Nasewaupsee.....	2.00
Mrs. Jul Kunde	W. Roepke, Green Garden, Mich.....	9.00
Mrs. Mary Landskron	G. A. Schaefer, Neenah.....	13.75
Emma Lange	L. H. Koeninger, Manitowoc.....	17.00
Augusta Meuler	Norbret Reim, Dale.....	10.00
Ernest Mundt	A. W. Voigt, Green Bay.....	8.25
Herman Pagel	Karl F. Toepel, Algoma.....	15.00
Albert Polfuss	Harold E. Warnke, Princeton.....	9.00
Fred Rockhoff	L. H. Koeninger, Manitowoc.....	4.50
Albert Rosenthal	A. W. Voigt, Green Bay.....	2.50
Mrs. R. Schroth	G. Kaniess, Kewaskum.....	1.00
Lt. Sgt. Elton Schulteis	F. C. Knueppel, Nasewaupsee.....	3.00
Wm. Seefeldt	G. Kaniess, Kewaskum.....	1.00
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