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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."*  
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# Siftings

BY THE EDITOR

The Christian Reformed Church has issued a warning to the boys of its denomination to keep out of the Boy Scout organization. At its annual meeting held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, the synod announced its policy in regard to the Boy Scout movement that "the Boy Scout movement with the committee entrusted with the investigation and study of the movement the "the Boy Scout movement lacks an 'adequate religious basis'." The Christian Reformed Church has its own youth organization and will attempt to get its boys into this organization. We would have preferred to read that the Boy Scout movement has a *false religious basis* instead of "no adequate religious basis" — but, then, the fact that the church recognizes the evil of the Boy Scout movement is enough. May other churches follow the example.

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Dr. George Crane, the well-known psychologist and columnist, has something to say about the atheists which is to the point. According to an 'Exchange' he exposes the fallacy of the atheists to deny the existence of God in order to remove all occasion for worry about sin. Dr. Crane is quoted to have said, "It isn't a simple job to deny God, for they always have difficulty selling themselves on the logic of their own arguments. As a result they feel impelled to deny God again and again, with much heat and vehemence, just to persuade their own conscience. They talk loudly and violently to drown out their own sunrise." Dr. Crane continues, "God's existence can be proved by logic. You don't have to invoke faith. Human experience has never given us one shred of factual evidence to support the creation of a machine by chance happening or cataclysm . . . All human experience which is the basis of science, there-

fore proves that a creator must always be behind a machine or synchronizing system. Since the universe is a synchronizing machine of such precise timing that we even set our watches by the movements of the heavenly bodies, then there must have been a Creator. That is the only logical deduction we can make." Read Romans 1, 19-20.

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Dr. Nau, aged 69 years, has set sail for India to begin mission work among the millions of Mohammedans. He was president of Immanuel Lutheran College of Greensboro, N. C. affiliated with our Negro mission of the South. Some years ago it was this same man who traveled to Nigeria to begin our mission work among the blacks of that country. Today, at his advance age, he is undertaking another mission effort. He calls India his "home." It was in India that he first began his career as a Christian missionary. Now he is returning "home" to bring Christ to the benighted Moslem. May God grant this courageous missionary a happy landing and success in his work among the followers of Islam.

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Enrollment in the nine United Lutheran seminaries has more than doubled during the last ten years. More than 1,300 young men are now in colleges or seminaries preparing for the ULCA ministry. The present supply of candidates for the ministry is sufficient to take care of the needs of the United Lutheran church. In fact, the supply is such it "will make it possible to maintain very high standards in selecting students for the ministry," reports the Lutheran.

When will we of the Joint Synod of Wisconsin be able to give our people such a cheering report? God speed the day.

# Beware Of False Prophets

Matthew 7, 15-20

MUCH caution is exercised in our day in matters pertaining to our physical life. Doctors recommend regular physical examinations and advise a checkup upon the first symptoms of any organic disorder. When a contagious disease breaks out the afflicted ones are isolated or at least a placard is put up to warn the healthy of the presence of the disease. Sanitation and health rules are taught to the children as soon as they enter school. Pure food laws and government inspection aim to provide us with wholesome food supplies.

In matters pertaining to the welfare of our souls the trend is, however, in the very opposite direction, away from caution. God's Word, which centers in the Gospel message of His grace in Christ Jesus, is still the only thing that can bring life, health, and well-being to our souls. Yet all about us we meet with much indifference in the matter of preserving God's Word in all of its truth and purity. All too readily the accusation of narrow-minded bigotry and loveless separatism is hurled against anyone who is still very sensitive about false doctrine, who warns against every departure from God's Word, who will not hold out the hand of fellowship to errorists or make common cause with their errors. Such accusations do not fail to make a disturbing impression upon us. More than ever do we therefore stand in need of pondering the Savior's earnest warning: "Beware of false prophets."

## Our Savior Bids It

*Whose Counsel Is Trustworthy* We are often faced with difficulties as we try to exercise caution in guarding our physical health. Authorities frequently disagree in what we ought to do. Often enough they contradict one another in the precautionary measures which they propose. How can we exercise proper care when we do not know whose advice to follow? Yet we need not be similarly perplexed in

exercising the proper care for our soul's welfare. There is only one Lord in the Church, only one Lord who provides and cares for our soul. It is our Savior Jesus Christ, who has redeemed us from sin, death, and hell, who in His Word extends and imparts full salvation to us as a pure gift of His grace. In Him we have a Lord who never errs, whose judgment is never faulty or out-dated. Whatever caution this Lord therefore urges us to exercise is ever trustworthy and full of blessing. It is He who earnestly warns us to beware of false prophets.

*Who Exhorts In Love* "... which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves."

With this description of the false prophets the Savior Himself points to the reason why we stand in great need of bewareing of them. False prophets are those who in their teaching deviate from God's holy Word, demand recognition for their errors, seek to spread them and win adherents for them. These false prophets come to us; they are not sent by God, for it is His desire that nothing but His pure Word be proclaimed to us. "If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God." Yet those who come to us as false prophets will not appear as such outwardly. They will come in sheep's clothing, looking much like the true members of Christ's flock. Often enough they are themselves deceived by their own sheep's clothing. For the false prophets which Jesus has in mind are those which arise from the midst of professing Christians. The name of Christ will be on their lips, the Bible will be in their hands. They may stand in high office in the visible church, they may be enjoying great renown as Christian teachers and be honored by a large following. Their activity will often have the appearance of unselfish zeal, of great love and piety. On another occasion Jesus points out that they "shall show great signs and wonders; inasmuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect."

*Against Langer* Yet in spite of their deceptive appearance they are in reality "ravenging wolves." They are that whether they are conscious of their false teaching or not. They threaten Christ's flock, His believers, with harm and destruction. Jesus would have us know that it is not a light and harmless thing to deviate from His Word. False doctrine undermines, breaks down, and destroys spiritual life. That the Lord in His grace often prevents it from becoming fatal, even in the false prophets themselves, is quite beside the point. In His Savior's love the Lord is seeking to preserve His precious Word for us and others, His Word which He has given to us as the Bread of Life, whereby alone faith is created, nourished, and preserved unto eternal life. Adulterate the Word by omitting something, changing something, adding something, or compromising any part of it, and faith is endangered. Hence the Savior bids us to beware of false prophets, bids us to detect them, to recognize them for what they really are, to mark them, to avoid them, and to have no fellowship with them, lest we suffer spiritual harm through their destructive activity. Yet how shall we be enabled to see through their sheep's clothing and recognize them as false prophets?

## Our Savior Himself Directs Us

*We Know Trees By Their Fruit* In doing so Jesus employs a new picture: "Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them." A tree cannot change its fruit. The fruit which you find on a tree once and for all decides its worth in the matter of offering wholesome, nourishing food. Though the leaves and blossoms of thorns and thistles may be ever so fine and appealing, no one who has examined the kind of fruit which they bear will let himself be deceived. No one

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# Editorials

**Getting No Wiser**      The wise of the world are making great promises again which proves that they are getting no wiser. We still remember that they told us with much melodrama that the radio would change the world and that the relation of the peoples of the world would be improved; they would get so close to one another that they would understand one another better. As a result wars and misunderstandings would be ruled out of the world. Their dreams did not materialize. The bloodiest wars have been fought since the radio came into general use, leaving ruin and devastation in its wake which stagger the imagination of man. The facts are that nations did not begin to understand each other better but that they became more suspicious of one another.

Now comes television. The wise of the world are again making fair promises that this latest invention will finally bring nations closer together and bring about a better understanding among men. "This is the golden age," they tell us. This instrument can not fail. If the peoples of the earth could meet together face to face and talk over their difficulties, look each other in the eye and discern the earnest desire to be understood and to understand, matters could be settled on a peaceful basis. This can be accomplished by television. It will make wars obsolete.

We could let these wise men of the world spout their wisdom without taking note of it if it were not for the fact that many people will believe them. The fact is that there were less wars when our intercommunication systems were more primitive and nations dealt with each other from a distance. The old proverb, "familiarity breeds contempt" is no less true, it seems, in the political world. Who stakes his hopes on television for a more peaceful world will be disappointed.

"We have a more sure Word of prophecy," the Bible. From it we learn that as the end of the world nears (and who would be so blind as not to see it?) there will "be wars and rumors of wars . . . Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom." (Matthew 24, 6 7.) This must be fulfilled and will be fulfilled and no wisdom or power of man shall be able to stay the hand and the judgment of God. The Christian will not permit himself to be beguiled by the fair words of the wise of this world. He knows, as Paul says Romans 1, 18, that "the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of man, who hold the truth in unrighteousness." He knows but one absolute truth — the Word of the everliving God. Men may glory in their inventions and wisdom; they may proclaim "a new era in the affairs of the nations." They may envision a new world of "peace" through man's efforts — but the Christian will not be carried away to doubt the Word of God. Let us be very certain about one thing — the world will get no wiser because it "lieth in darkness" and ever will.

W. J. S.

**Four Classes**      There are four kinds of members of a congregation.

The first class are those who attend services every Sunday. Rain or shine, winter or summer they occupy their accustomed place. A congregation could hardly continue to exist if it were not for them. The pastor knows that they have heard the sermon of the preceding Sunday and he can continue to build on it. These members make the pastor feel that his labor in the Lord is not in vain. It is an exceptional case when such do not grow in Christian knowledge. They are informed on all congregational affairs. The Spirit of God has the continued opportunity to keep them in the faith and to strengthen their faith. They are a blessing to a congregation and they receive a rich blessing through their congregational membership.

The second class are those who attend often, but not every Sunday. The sermon of the previous Sunday or two was missed. Perhaps they are able to deduct what was said the preceding Sunday. Each sermon is enough of a unit in itself that it can be followed with edification. But why does not the Word move them to hear it regularly? They must know that it is easier to find an excuse to miss divine worship the second time than the first, and instead of progressing in faith and sanctification they can so easily retrogress. Perhaps the service they missed presented the very truths they needed to meet their problems in life or keep them in the faith. The Spirit of God, working through the Word, can keep them in the faith, but if they have no valid excuse are they not tempting God the Holy Ghost?

The third class creates a greater problem, those who attend occasionally, perhaps at Christmas and Easter. If all members followed their example some Sundays would find the church completely empty. How can these occasional attenders follow a sermon? It is like reading every tenth page of a book. Such reading never creates interest and understanding. Now, in services the BOOK OF LIFE is read and explained. We wonder if these members understand and believe that faith cometh by hearing, and that we are saved by grace through faith. They regard church-going as a work of merit. God wants to serve them and he is speaking to them. If adversity comes, have they enough of the Word stored in their hearts to which they can cling and overcome unbelief and doubt?

When we come to the fourth class, those who attend but seldom, if ever, what shall we say? Why do they hold membership? Should they be continued as members indefinitely? But who can be sure who they are? If all members were like they are, there would be no churches. Would they care to live in such a country? A mere Christian burial will not open heaven for them. Do they believe the Bible, which says, "Whosoever despiseth the Word shall be destroyed?" Their God, in whom they claim to believe, invites them, but they refuse the invitation. Their fellow-members would walk the

way of the Lord with them, but they cannot be found. The pastor wants to bring them the truths which save, but they neglect to hear it.

If some one who but seldom attends service should read these lines we plead with you in the name of the Lord, repent and turn to the Word of His grace. He loves you. He gave His life for you. He wants to tell you of His love. Will you not hear Him? All your explanations that you can be as good a Christian as

those who go to church every Sunday you do not believe yourself. It is true, church-going may not save a man, but neglect of hearing the Word will surely condemn a man. What more can we say than this, "Blessed are they that hear the Word of God and keep it." We don't want you to miss this blessing. We are pleading with you for no personal reason, but for your own sake, that you might HEAR AND BELIEVE.

L. KOENINGER

## Closing Service

### THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Thiensville, Wisconsin

CHRIST taught us to pray the Father in heaven for laborers in the harvest, for the harvest is great, but the laborers are few. On May 31, we were again permitted to experience a visible answer to our prayers.

It was graduation day in the Seminary. A class of seventeen young men finished the prescribed courses and were presented with diplomas certifying them to the Church as candidates for the holy ministry. Fifteen were ready to enter the service of our church immediately, while two, who had since the time when they entered our Seminary expressed a desire to continue their studies for another year after completing their course here, now asked that their wish be granted.

The closing service proceeded in the usual manner, the undersigned addressing the graduating class on the basis of Phil. 3, 12-14. A great number of relatives of the graduates, and other friends of the institution filled our chapel and the annex to capacity. There were among the visitors people from as far away states as Missouri, Colorado, and California, not to mention Wisconsin and some immediately adjacent states.

On the evening before, the Seminary Chorus, under the direction of Professor Oswald gave its customary closing concert, which also was very well attended. Besides the songs by the chorus there were organ numbers rendered by a student of our Middle Class, Mr. Robert Kirst. The entire concert was very edifying.

The two members of the graduating class who plan to continue their studies elsewhere for a year are Mr.

Kosanke and Mr. Schumann. Of the remaining fifteen men four will serve as tutors: Harris Kaesemeyer and Bertram Sauer in New Ulm, Wilfred Wietzke in Mobridge, and William Wietzke in Watertown.

The other eleven men were given

calls by the Assignment Committee to the following places:

- Martin Bradtke, Brewster, Nebr.
- Archie Broitsman, Sheridan-Seaforth, Minn.
- Robert Demcak, Van Dyke, Mich.
- Daniel DeRose, Rising City, Nebr.
- Otto Eckert, Portland, Oreg.
- William Fischer, A mission in Milwaukee.
- Lloyd Huebner, Akaska, So. Dak.



Henry Juroff, Mound City, S. Dak.  
 Norval Kock, La Crosse, Wis.  
 Philip Press, Theresa, Wis.  
 Werner Wagner, Crivitz, Wis.

Besides, there were three tutors from former years, who were assigned as follows:

Jerome Albrecht, St. Paul, Minn.  
 Loyal Schroeder, Loganville, Wis.  
 Robert Voss, Fond du Lac, Wis.

We pray the Lord of the harvest, who has given us these laborers in answer to our prayers, that He will bless their labors to the salvation of the souls entrusted to their care.

J. P. M.

## Beware Of False Prophets

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will be so foolish as to turn to them for figs and luscious grapes. He will go to the fig tree and the grape vine which are known to bear wholesome figs and grapes.

*Prophets by Their Message* Just so, Jesus tells us, we may know false and true prophets by their fruits. A prophet is to bring a message from God. God's pure Word is the fruit which he will bear, if he is a true prophet. False prophets bring forth the fruit of human thoughts and ideas whereby God's Word is in some manner changed, perverted, and adulterated. If the teachings of a prophet are not the pure Word of God, he stands revealed as a corrupt tree, from whom our souls cannot pick wholesome, nourishing food. As a corrupt tree he falls under God's judgment, unless by God's grace his heart still clings to the saving truth which he is undermining with his errors.

*Tested by God's Word* Since Jesus directs us to recognize false prophets by their fruits, by doctrines which they teach, we are indeed able to beware of them, to mark and avoid them. For in the Holy Scriptures, His inspired Word, He has given all of His believers an infallible norm whereby we can test every doctrine and teaching that is set forth. Through the Psalmist He teaches us to say with assurance "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light upon my path." With the help of this Word every Christian is bidden to recognize the evil fruit, the false teach-

ings, of every false prophet in order to avoid them. Our Ascended Lord has, of course, given His church special gifts of pastors and teachers to build up its members in Christian faith so that they may not be "tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive."

Yet the function of those who are called to teach and to expound the Scriptures in the Church is not to bring clarity to the Scriptures but to lead their Christian hearers and readers to the clear Word, that they may base their faith and judgment upon the plain, simple, naked Word of God.

C. J. L.

## Closing Days At Northwestern College

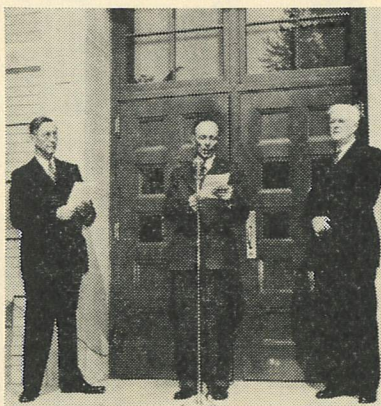
THE day before commencement at Northwestern was in many ways much the same as in years gone by. A free and relaxed feeling pervaded the student body. Cramming and final exams were over. The sad or joyful news of the test marks for a certain Latin class were posted on the bulletin board. The bare, stripped mattresses in some bedrooms gave evidence that some chose not to wait for the formal closing festivities and already were at rest or at work in fields or factories. Musical organizations are having last minute rehearsals.

But there was also something very different about the day before commencement this year. It was dedica-

tion day for the long and sorely needed library-administration building. At the service held at 2 P. M., June 6, the Rev. Gerhard Pieper, chairman of the Northwestern College Board served as liturgist. Along with the singing of the assembly the Male Chorus sang fitting selections.

The sermon of dedication was delivered by the Rev. John Brenner, president of the Joint Synod of Wisconsin and Other States. He began by taking note of the fact that at this joyful time of dedication of the first completed building of our centennial projects we ought to be humbly aware that the total collection is not yet finished. Our fourth project at Mobridge is still waiting for the necessary funds. But, he continued, the lack of money is not the most serious matter. Rather let us confess that the real need is for deeper repentance and stronger faith. Then on the basis of his text, John 8, 31-32, he dwelt upon the fundamental purpose of our college and emphasized that it does not exist to grope for the truth but rather to teach the truth which God has given to us in His Word. Then it was pointed out that it is only this God-given truth that has the power to make men free — not in the worldly sense of freedom which is often confused with civil and political ideas, but in the true sense of being able to come freely to our heavenly Father as believers in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Following the service the faculty together with board members and others closely connected with the construction of the building formed a procession from the gym to the new building. The structure is placed directly east of the old recitation building and behind the residence that is probably best remembered by many as Dr. Ott's home (now Prof. Sievert's). The length of the building runs parallel to Western Avenue,

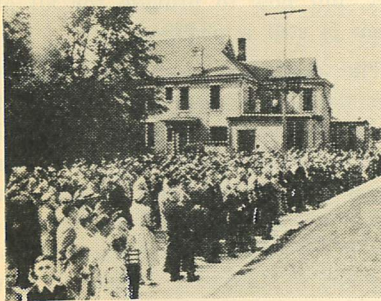


Left to Right: PRES. J. BRENNER  
 PROF. E. KOWALKE  
 PASTOR G. PIEPER

tion day for the long and sorely needed library-administration building. At the service held at 2 P. M., June 6, the Rev. Gerhard Pieper, chairman of the Northwestern College Board served as liturgist. Along with

but the main entrance is on the north side away from the street. Here space is provided for a lawn making a pleasant approach from the other buildings on the campus. There are also entrances at both ends of the building and it was at the west entrance that the key to the door was formally presented to Director Erwin Kowalke. Following the reading of the 24th Psalm Director Kowalke unlocked the door and declared the building open for use to the glory of the Triune God.

The many visitors were then invited to inspect the building. The Chemistry and Biology section is a strikingly modern improvement over



*Part of Crowd at Dedication*

the old facilities, but the room that seemed to fill most visitors with fond thoughts of studying at Northwestern was the spacious, bright, and beautifully furnished library reading room.

It was twenty years ago that an architect made the first sketch of the proposed new library building. In October, 1949, the sum of \$583,000 was released from the Centennial Building Fund by the Board of Trustees of our synod so that con-

struction could begin. The following additions and changes, designed to make our college function more efficiently and to enlarge its teaching facilities have been made:

The library-administration building containing:

A library reading room, stack room, bookstore, and library work-room;

Biology and chemistry laboratories and a science lecture room;

Four classrooms;

A president's office, bursar's and registrar's office, faculty room and conference room;

A projection room, boys' room and girls' room;

An enlarged stage and auditorium in the gymnasium, and, in addition to improved athletic facilities, a new heating and ventilating system, and a tunnel to the boys' dormitory;

A new central heating plant, housed in a separate building;

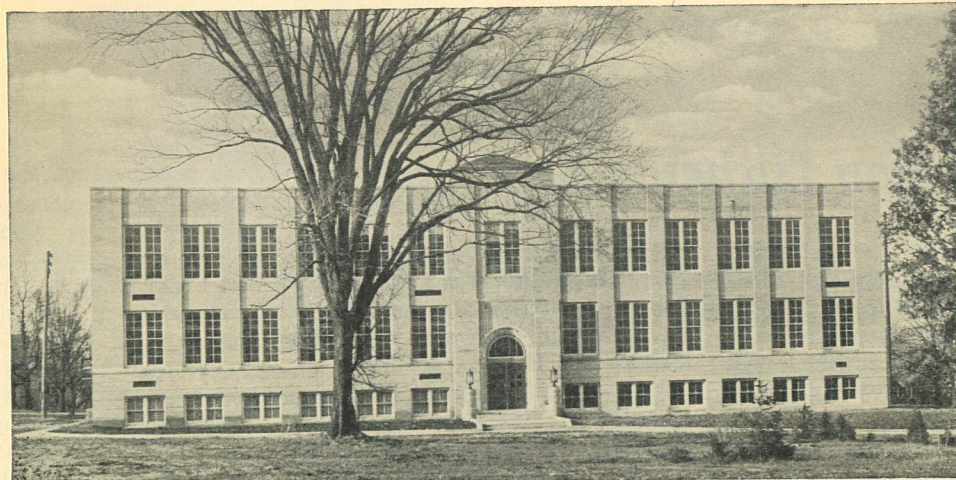
A new heating system in the original buildings.

Later in the afternoon the alumni meeting was held and at 6 o'clock there was the alumni dinner. Although it had no official weight, many present will not soon forget the after dinner speech of the spokesman for the tenth year jubilee class of '41. With a touch of humor Pastor G. Franzmann patterned his speech after the response of general Mac Arthur to the Congress and pointed out that a realistic educational policy for the future of our Synod means the building of additional dormitory facilities at Northwestern.

The concert in the evening was excellently presented by the various choruses under the direction of Prof. H. Oswald. A piano solo was also ably played by Herbert Jaster. However, at least a few of those present missed the variety of the final concerts of years gone by when the instrumental organizations were also represented.

At 10 o'clock the next morning 33 college seniors and 37 finishing the prep years marched with the faculty into the gym to the eightieth annual commencement at Northwestern. The Rev. R. Mueller of Jefferson assisted by giving the opening prayer and the benediction. The German oration, "Unser Verhaeltnis zu den Deutschen Missionsgesellschaften vor 1865" was delivered by Martin Westerhaus of Watertown. Richard Frohmader of Jefferson spoke on "Luther and Henry VIII."

"Education ought to prepare for life and not merely for making a living." Pres. E. Kowalke began his address by pointing out that many in the world today are beginning to agree with that statement. But having such a slogan does not solve anything unless certain basic questions are answered. He then proceeded to speak of those questions and their answers. I. What is life? Life means many certainties and possibilities that are not only pleasant but also unpleasant. II. When can we say that a man is prepared for life? When he is prepared to meet all the certainties and possibilities of life as did the Apostle Paul — knowing that through his Savior Jesus Christ he is able to face, enjoy, or endure all things and be content,



*New Administration Building*

having no fear of death and judgment. III. What means are available to prepare for life? We have the physical means of our school building and equipment, but most important we have the Word of God which is the only real means of truly preparing for life.

In closing Director Kowalke stated that God has given us the means and willingness to prepare for life. May

He also grant us ability and success in doing it.

As the crowd came out of the gym there was the usual pleasant lingering to visit at least briefly with old friends. But by mid-afternoon the exodus from the campus was almost complete and by evening a strange quietness filled the dormitory. Another school year at Northwestern was finished.  
A. D. LAPER.

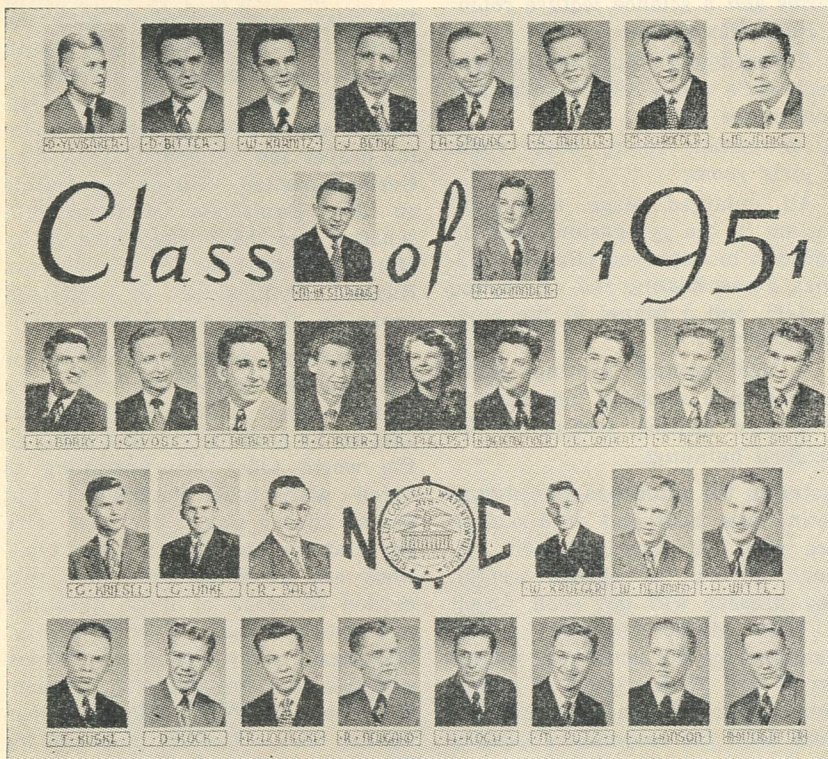
Word of Truth which our school proclaims may bear much fruit both in the school and in the congregations in which its graduates will one day serve as pastors.

For the coming year we are confronted with a problem for which as yet we have found no solution. We are now supplied with sufficient classroom space, but the dormitory and dining hall are too small to provide for the old students who will return in fall and for the new students who have already applied for admission. We are assigning quarters in the dormitory only for those who intend to prepare for the ministry, but how to provide for all of them is still a problem.

The dormitory was built to accommodate about 180 boys; last year it housed 238; next year even more will have to be crowded into it. Since the dormitory was built in 1905 the Synod has increased greatly in number of members and congregations, interest in Christian education has increased; and many parochial schools have been established. A corresponding increase in the number of boys wishing to prepare for the ministry was to be expected.

The new school year will begin on Monday, September 10. That is the Monday after Labor Day. Opening exercises will be held in the gymnasium at two o'clock in the afternoon of opening day. The dormitory will be ready for occupancy on September 9, but no meals will be served until September 10.

E. E. KOWALKE



Graduating Class at Northwestern College

The 86th year of Northwestern college, came to a close on June 7. It was a memorable year because it marks the completion at this institu-

tion of a work that our Synod began many years ago and in which every congregation by its contributions has taken part. May God grant that the

## Michigan Lutheran Seminary

ON the evening of June 5, the last of the comparatively small classes was graduated when 24 boys and girls received their diplomas. At this writing eight of them will continue their studies at Watertown and New Ulm.

The graduation service as usual was attended by a large crowd of friends of the institution and friends

and relatives of the graduating class. The main speaker was Pastor Harold Eckert of Milwaukee. Speakers for the graduating class were Rolfe Westendorf and Erhardt Schultz.

The date of dedication of our new building has been set for Sunday, September 9, the day before the opening of the new school year. A representative dedication committee

has been chosen. It is made up of two members of the Board of Regents, two members of the Faculty and one pastor from each of the three conferences comprising the Michigan District. The committee is hard at work and will in the near future bring detailed information to your attention through the pages of the Northwestern Lutheran. In this connection we are happy to be able to announce that President John Brenner has accepted our invitation to be the festival speaker.



As the construction of the new building nears completion, our deep appreciation goes out to those loyal members of the Wisconsin Synod who out of love for their Savior have made it possible for us to be in a position to train our boys and girls more efficiently for service in the Lord's Vineyard.

Church, a trend that became apparent three years ago when larger classes began to enroll. Eighteen members of next year's graduating class plan to continue studies at New Ulm while eight others intend to go on to Watertown. That this "feeder" institution of the Synod is serving in ever greater measure its primary

and wholly agreeable experience it is for the wanderer of life to come again, after long years of forgottenness, to the old hills and horizons of eternal truth!

It has been said that distant pastures are always greener — as long as they are distant. And many are the men and women who, going forth into the byways of earth, have sought, and are today seeking, to make these expected joys their own.

Yet how soon does the lure of the distance fade! How quickly is the charm of far places broken! The miles which once seemed so few and short — how strangely long, how accountably lonely, how impossibly difficult, they have become! And at last, in exhaustion and frustration of defeat, the unwelcome admission is forced from our unwilling lips: Nought but a lie was the dream! Nought but wasted have been the years! And suddenly, in the despair and desolation of that moment, we remember and want to go back.

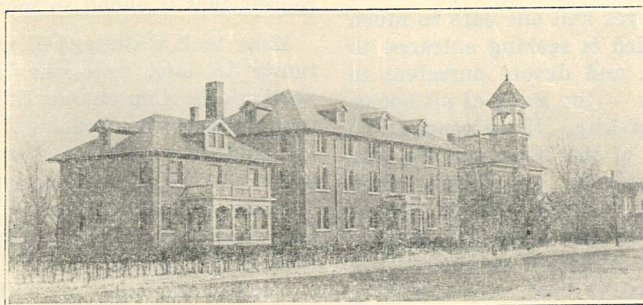
And when we have come again to the little valley above the bridge, how familiar, how just as they were, are the hills of home! And how good they look to our tired eyes!

For all who are tempted to put behind them the old landmarks of eternal truth, these words of warning have been written: "O that they were wise, that they understood this, that they would consider their latter end!" (Deut. 32, 29).

And to those who have gone astray, who grope now in the cheerless and comfortless wastes of disobedience — to these there is yet extended the gracious entreaty: "I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto Me; for I have redeemed thee" (Isaiah 44, 22).

Friend, if something distant from obedience and contentment has overpowered your senses, remember that behind the lush greenness is treachery and deceit; that beyond the bright sunshine which gladdens your eyes are the black shadows of doubt and hopelessness; that what you discern to be promise is only illusion. Away from the old hills and the ancient landmarks of God's presence, promise, and power, is only a dark, dismal, dreary, desolate desert.

If you have left your Father's house, come back! The hills of home await you in the quiet valley upriver from the bridge. The sweep-



As applications for the new school year continue, we again are seeing the fruits of the efforts of our pastors and teachers to encourage young boys and girls to prepare themselves for work in the Church. If we are able to accommodate them all, our total enrollment may exceed the 200 mark. By far the large majority intends to prepare for work in the

purpose can be seen from the fact too that ten of the teachers assigned this past May and six of the pastoral candidates were graduates of this institution. We trust that the Lord will continue to move the hearts of our young people to prepare themselves for His service. May He whom we love and serve, bless our every effort in these trying days.

CONRAD FREY.

## Guidance In Godliness

### The Hills of Home

THE lone man in the noisy old car turned left at the bridge and headed up the valley. He drove slowly, with more than usual interest in the fields and skyline ridges which surrounded the flatlands along the river. It was so good to be back! So good after all the hard years in the far places of earth!

It took the best part of an hour to drive the twelve miles from the bridge to the head of the valley, and for that long the elderly man kept up a steady flow of remarks and exclamations. A new house here; a new barn there; a new name on the white mailbox at the S turn; the charred remains of a burned home. Bumper crops on one farm, weedy neglect on the adjoining acres. The oldness and the newness, the sameness and the strangeness, of home

after years of absence. And around and above all else, the great saddle ridges, high and bold against the autumn sky.

At the foot of the hill where the road began to climb to the pass, the driver halted and summed up his feelings. "There have been a lot of changes — new buildings put up, old ones torn down, new names come, old names gone. Some of the big claims have been cut into smaller places. The old growth timber has been logged off. Yes, the valley has changed a lot. But the hills and ridges haven't changed a bit. They're still the same. And it's still the prettiest valley in the world!"

It is an understandable experience, eagerly anticipated and highly satisfying, this coming back to the shapes and sounds of the old home scene. And what a reviving and inspiring

ing vistas of faith and hope and peace are there still. And so also are the broad meadows of contentment, assurance, happiness, and love.

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**By These We Live**

The Christian's life is not a slight modification or improvement, but a complete transformation of his nature. This means a death to self and sin, and a resurrection to a new life as a new man in Christ Jesus.

The heart of the Christian becomes the dwelling place of Christ by faith. Thus it is that Christians have the companionship of His divine presence, and it is only as we realize that presence that "our thoughts are brought into captivity to Jesus Christ," and our habits of life made to conform to the divine standard.

Spiritual life is maintained by spiritual food. The habit of devotional Bible study and prayer must be maintained if we are to grow in holiness. In a time when a great flood of reading matter pours forth from printing presses everywhere, when the very ether is filled with thousands of voices, pleading for a hearing, it is incumbent upon us to close our eyes and our ears to much of that which is seeking entrance to our minds, and devote ourselves to God's Book — the Book of all books, the Book of Life. If we cease to be the people of the Book, we are lost, and our mission has failed. Only as we daily talk to God in prayer and listen to His voice speaking to us from the Bible can we hope to live the life that is "hid with Christ in God."

K. F. K.

was finished, and by early afternoon our campus looked rather lonely, some having departed for their homes and others for Watertown to be present there for another eventful day or two.

For some of us, the commencement season is rather hectic, but after it is over we invariably have regrets that it ended so soon.

Many took advantage of the opportunity to look over our buildings, particularly Centennial Hall. Even though these were "packing" days for the students — and every one knows what that does to a room — the general impression gained was a favorable one. This building will be dedicated on Sunday, August 12, at 3 o'clock, and once more there will be open house. We hope that many will take advantage of it.

Our graduates will teach at the places opposite their names.

- Robert Eberhardt,  
Town Freedom, Wisconsin.
- Leroy Greening,  
Jamestown, North Dakota.
- Harold Hosbach,  
Helenville, Wisconsin.
- Robert Landvatter,  
Fairfax, Minnesota.
- Robert Otterstatter,  
Reedsville, Wisconsin.

# Commencement

## Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota

**B**ECAUSE of the dedication of the new classroom building at Watertown on June 6, we moved our closing exercises to the beginning of that week. On Monday evening, June 4, perfect weather and an overflow audience greeted our choirs and our band. Several classes had reunions, and others spent the day and a few hours after the concert in visiting with old acquaintances. Some of them come back year after year, and we look forward so much to meeting them here that we should be solely disappointed if we failed to see them.

But for one group that concert evening means work. Our college sophomores were busy into the early morning hours, and again very early in the morning, getting the hall ready for the commencement exercises on Tuesday, June 5, at 10 o'clock. Professor Emil D. Backer played the processional while twenty-seven Normalites and sixty-seven from our high school department filed down the aisles and then up on the stage, where mottoes and flowers and a wealth of other decorations helped to express the affection of the students who remain for those who had "run the course." Pastor Arthur

F. Halboth, the president of our Southeast Wisconsin District, delivered the address. By 11:30, all



Graduating Class at Dr. Martin Luther College

- Ronald Pape,  
Omaha, Nebraska.
- Fred Radtke,  
Glendale, Arizona.
- Robert Scherzer,  
Snoqualmie, Washington.
- Ursel Seidl,  
Thiensville, Wisconsin.
- Gerhard Voigt,  
Town Helen, Minnesota.
- William Winterstein,  
Hortonville, Wisconsin.
- Ruth Albrecht,  
Caledonia, Minnesota.
- Rhoda Arndt,  
Mobridge, South Dakota.
- Joanne Draeger,  
Winona, Minnesota.
- Dorothy Drost,  
Gibbon, Minnesota.
- Margaret Gamm,  
New London, Wisconsin.
- Lillian Gutknecht,  
Hustisford, Wisconsin.
- Rhoda Lau,  
La Crosse, Wisconsin.
- Caroline Lehrke,  
Gresham, Nebraska.
- Lois Miller,  
Wrightstown, Wisconsin.
- Doris Pankow,  
Winona, Minnesota.
- Lois Prueter,  
Red Wing, Minnesota.
- Marie Roeckle,  
Flint, Michigan
- Marillyn Watchke,  
Waterloo, Wisconsin.
- Ruth Werner,  
Clatonia, Nebraska.
- LaVerne Zastrow,  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
- Marion Wolf,  
West Bend, Wisconsin.

Our prayers and good wishes go with them.

CARL L. SCHWEPPE.

† GILBERT UMBS †

Our departed Christian brother, Gilbert Umbs, was born in Milwaukee on November 3, 1899, and shortly after his birth, he was received into the Kingdom of God by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. After due instruction in the principle and chief parts of the Christian Religion, he was confirmed at the altar of God in Faith Lutheran Church. On October 21, 1925, he was united in marriage in St. Stephen's Lutheran Church with Miss Madeline Dannenhauer with whom he shared the joys and sorrows of life for over 25 years.

In the year 1933 he and his wife became associated with St. Lucas Lutheran Church, in which congregation he served as moderator and financial secretary for a long period of time. Gilbert Umbs was very much concerned over the welfare of his own congregation and was always ready and willing to devote his time and his money toward the support of his own congregation. Brother Umbs died very suddenly and unexpectedly on Saturday evening, April 28. Burial service took place in St. Lucas Lutheran Church on May 2. Pastor Herbert Koehler preached the sermon and Pastor Eugene Hinderer officiated at the cemetery. He attained the age of 51 years, 5 months, and 23 days.



Not only was our brother a business man of sterling qualities, but by the Grace of God, he was also concerned about the business of Jesus Christ and His glorious Kingdom, devoting many hours to the business of his own church, school, Synod and other charitable organizations within the Church. By God's grace Gilbert Umbs was called by the Lord to serve the Church at large in the capacity of mission board member of our Southeastern Wisconsin District. As a member of this Board, which guides and supervises the mission activities within our District, our departed brother took a keen and lively interest in our missions and in the expansion of our mission program and in the establishment of new mission stations and the erection of chapels and schools. His Christian judgment and understanding in mission problems confronting not only our own District, but our entire Synod, was appreciated by all members of our Mission Board.

Gilbert Umbs served as a member of our Mission Board for 11 years, and during this time he also served as its Secretary. He was a member of our General Mission Board and

he also served on the Board of our Refugee Mission.

As a District we shall distinctly miss the willing and devoted services rendered in the Name of Jesus Christ to our District and to our General Synod. But the Lord of Life and Death, our blessed Savior Jesus Christ, called this consecrated layman into His Kingdom of glory and said to him: Well done, thou good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord, Matt. 25, v. 21. Our Lord Jesus Christ, whose child and servant he was by grace alone, preserved and kept him in this Christian faith until the time of his departure, and for this we too, his co-workers and fellow-laborers in the Lord's vineyard, bless the name of our gracious Savior. Our friend was taken from this church militant into the church triumphant and even now has granted unto his precious and immortal soul the gift of eternal life. Our departed fellow-Christian will now exclaim with the Apostle Paul: "I have fought a good fight, I have kept the faith and I have finished the course. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous Judge shall give me at that day, and not to me only, but unto all of them that love his appearing."

And unto our heavenly Father we say: "Lord, Thou hast done all things well. In Thy great Love Thou has redeemed and saved the precious soul of our brother through Christ, and Thou hast now taken him out of his home and out of our midst to Thee, and to Thy gracious will we submit with filial obedience. Comfort with thy Word and with Thy spirit all who mourn his sudden departure, his wife and relatives, and show them by thy precious Word that all things work for spiritual good who love Thee and Thy Word. Let us all take cognizance of the fact that death can come upon us suddenly and unexpectedly. Grant us, therefore, true repentance of our many sins, and a strong and fervent faith in Jesus our Savior, Who is the Life and the Way and the Resurrection. And finally when our last hour draws near, O Father, grant us a blessed end and receive us into thy kingdom of glory, for Christ our Savior's sake." Amen.

A. F. HALBOTH.

### GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

#### Mr. and Mrs. Charles Weber Elmwood, Wisconsin

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Weber, Elmwood, Wisconsin, members of Zion Church, T. Eau Galle, Wisconsin, were privileged to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary Sunday, May 20. A thanksgiving service was held as part of the regular Sunday morning service in the same church in which Mr. and Mrs. Weber were married fifty years ago. The words of the pastor were based on Psalm 107, 1: "O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever."

JOHN SCHAADT.

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#### Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Stuewer Bonduel, Wisconsin

Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Stuewer, members of Friedens Church near Bonduel, were privileged by the grace of God to observe their fiftieth anniversary on May 20, 1951. The undersigned addressed them on this occasion on the basis of Ps. 9, 1, 2. May the Lord continue to abide with them with His grace and bless them in the evening of their lives.

J. J. WENDLAND.

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#### Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kasten Maribel, Wisconsin

On May 24 Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kasten of Maribel, Wisconsin, lifelong members of St. John's Church, were privileged to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary at St. John's School in the midst of their children, relatives and a large company of friends. The pastor delivered a brief address on John 1, 15, and the choir sang two appropriate hymns, one written by the pastor. A thankoffering for our Northwestern Lutheran Academy at Mobridge, South Dakota, was given by the guests and jubilarians.

May the gracious Lord continue to bless the jubilarians and grant them His peace in the evening of their lives.

R. G. KOCH.

### TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

#### Mr. Paul G. Kolander Waterloo, Wisconsin

St. John's Church, Waterloo, Wisconsin, held a special service of thanksgiving on the evening of May 27, 1951, to mark twenty-five years of service on the part of Mr. Paul G. Kolander, who has been principal and teacher of its parochial school for a quarter of a century. Mr. Leonard Beyer, a member of the school board, presented a purse in the name of the congregation. Pastor Walter E. Zank preached the sermon. Mr. Emil Trettin was present and voiced the congratulations of the Board of Education — Wisconsin Synod.

H. C. NITZ.

### TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

In a well attended evening service on the first Sunday in June, St. Paul's Congregation of Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin, celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of Miss Viola Schlueter as a teacher in the primary grades of the congregation's Christian day school. The entire twenty-five years that Miss Schlueter has taught were spent in the congregation at Fort Atkinson. The envelope offering in the service was presented to Miss Schlueter as a token of appreciation by the congregation. A Lutheran teachers' choir, the mixed choir, and the pupils of the school rendered appropriate selections. After the service a social gathering was held on the school play ground.

May the Lord also in the future richly bless the work of Miss Schlueter upon the hearts and souls of the little ones in our school.

HENRY GIESCHEN.

### GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

On Trinity Sunday, May 20, Mr. and Mrs. August Gensmer, Sr. Town Norton, Winona County, Minnesota, had the rare privilege of observing their golden wedding anniversary. After the close of the regular service a special service was held for them, which was followed by a luncheon, the whole congregation participating. Mr. and Mrs. Gensmer have been lifelong members of our Trinity Church. May the peace of the Lord abide with them.

A. HANKE.

### The Northwestern Lutheran

### SPECIAL CONVENTION OF THE WESTERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT

Satan suffered a sharp defeat at Watertown on June 12 and 13; as, indeed, he always must when Jesus, the Lord of the Church, takes the field against him. Nor could it have been otherwise at this special convention of the Synod's Western Wisconsin District. For that the living Savior was present and actively engaged in the defense of His Bride, the Church, was assured through the means of grace, the Word and Sacrament, about which the members of the convention gathered and which formed the center of all their activity.

Called to consider the *Common Confession* of the Missouri Synod and the American Lutheran Church, the convention opened with the celebration of Holy Communion in St. Mark's Church. President H. C. Nitz preached the sermon on Proverbs 23, 23: "Buy the truth, and sell it not." The sermon, as well as the brief meditations with which the individual sessions were begun, emphasized the Church's prime responsibility of loyalty to the revealed Truth of God.

The immediate practical concern of the convention was aptly stated by one of the essayists when he declared that our purpose in studying the various articles of the *Common Confession* was to further the unity of the Synodical Conference by restating the common ground on which we have stood for over seventy-five years, and evaluating this new confessional document to see if that common ground is maintained.

It was in this spirit that all the essays were presented and received. Wherever the *Common Confession* clearly sets forth Scriptural truth, this fact was gladly noted. On the other hand, its inadequate treatment of doctrines hitherto in controversy was no less clearly pointed out. Chief among the exceptions taken to the *Common Confession's* wording were: the ambiguity of the statement on inspiration; the lack of a straightforward acceptance and definition of objective justification; the failure to state clearly that God's eternal election is *unto* faith; and the omission of a statement that the means of grace, while constituting the infallible marks of the Church, are not a

part of her essence, nor to be spoken of as her "visible side."

Very properly, no resolutions were passed by the convention, since the Synod itself is to take official action on the *Common Confession* in August, while the object of this meeting was only to give information, to study, and to discuss.

Essayists for the convention were President H. C. Nitz, Professor E. Reim, Pastors W. Wegner, Emil Toepel, G. Franzmann, and Professor E. E. Kowalke. Chaplains for the opening devotions were Pastors Arthur Berg, Harold Backer, Frederick Naumann, and Oscar Lemke. A total of 231 laymen, teachers, professors, and pastors of the district attended the sessions.

RICHARD JUNGKUNTZ.

**3,000 SERVICES**

Mr. E. J. Claussen, a member of our Grace Lutheran Church in Sioux City, Iowa, recently completed his fiftieth year of service as a church organist. During those fifty years, Mr. Claussen dedicated his talents to the worship of his Lord in an estimated 3,000 church services.



This all began when the J. H. Claussen family of twelve moved to a farm near Paullina, Iowa. Zion Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod) was established soon after, and son Ernest assumed the duties of organist in 1900. Twenty-five years later, when Grace Church was organized in Sioux City, Mr. Claussen became a charter member and, quite naturally, the organist (as well as Sunday School Superintendent). In this church his half-century of Christian service was completed.

We feel that this news item should be of general interest and value. It may well encourage more of us to devote our talents, whatever they may be, to the service of our Lord — the kind of service which seeks no reward, yet never fails to find one.

R. A. R.

**ORGAN DEDICATION AND 70TH ANNIVERSARY**

**Immanuel's Ev. Lutheran Church  
West Florence, Goodhue Co., Minn.**

On May 6, 1951, Exaudi Sunday, Immanuel Congregation, West Florence, Goodhue County, Minnesota, was privileged by the grace of God to celebrate a twofold festival: The 70th anniversary of its founding and the dedication of a new Consonata, two manual, electronic organ to the

service of the Triune God. The dedication of the organ took place in the morning service. The undersigned preached the sermon, basing his words on Psalm 100. Teacher Adelbert Voigt, Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, served as organist and director of the choir.

The anniversary service was held in the afternoon. Pastor Th. H. Albrecht, Lake City, Minnesota, was the guest speaker, basing his sermon on Mark 1, 21ff.

Immanuel Congregation at West Florence was organized January 21, 1881, by Pastor Christ Bender. During the 70 years the congregation has been served by six pastors: Christ Bender, 1881-1890; Wm. Haar, 1890-1900; Wm. Franzmann, 1900-1922; Th. H. Albrecht, 1923-1928; Karl A. Nolting, 1928-1949; W. G. Voigt, since October, 1949.

**LIST OF DELEGATES — JOINT SYNOD CONVENTION — 1951**

**DAKOTA-MONTANA DISTRICT**

Pastors		Alternates-at-large			
R. Reede		H. Rutz			
W. Ten Broek		H. Hempel			
A. Walther		K. Bast			
K. Sievert		H. Ellwein			
R. Steffenhagen		E. J. Otterstatter			
Congregations		Delegates		Alternates	
First Lutheran, Gary, South Dakota		Arnold Moeller		Otto Baer	
Willow Lake Lutheran, Willow Lake		A. Taschner		K. Taschner	
Alternates-at-large					
St. Paul's, Henry, South Dakota		M. Lohmiller		H. Schmidt	
Peace, Clark, South Dakota		Ed. Seefeld		B. J. Wackenfuss	
Zion, Ipswich, South Dakota		W. Wietgreffe		C. Meyer	
Trinity, Terry, Montana		W. Stepper		R. Biberdorf	
Trinity, Flasher, North Dakota		F. Wenger			
St. Paul's, McIntosh, South Dakota		F. Bieber			
Alternates-at-large					
Zion, Burt, North Dakota		O. Kibbel		J. Bieber	
St. John's, Bowdle, South Dakota		E. Schumacher			
Immanuels, Trail City, South Dakota					
St. Paul's, Roscoe, South Dakota					

**MICHIGAN DISTRICT**

Pastors		Alternates			
E. Wendland		W. Westendorf			
J. Brenner		W. Krueger			
F. Schroeder		A. Gallert			
H. Buch		A. Bloom			
A. Tiefel		E. Frey			
P. Heyn		E. Fredrich			
M. C. Schroeder		T. Frey			
W. Franzmann		O. Frey			
W. Kehrberg		E. Renz			
R. Frey		K. Vertz			
Teachers		Alternates			
W. Arras		E. Humann			
W. Luehring					
D. Zimmermann					
Congregations		Delegates		Alternates	
1. Grace, Benton Harbor		Alfred Cereska		Richard Jung	
1a. St. Paul's, South Haven		Oscar Radtke		W. Wank—J. Harsch	
2. St. John's, Sturgis		Melby Rice		August Siefert	
2a. Emanuel, Lansing		Carl Pingel			
3. Zion, Monroe		Walter Niedermeier		Karl Stasne	
3a. St. Stephen's, Adrian		Edwin Duerr		Otto Hannewald	
4. St. Peter's, Plymouth		Joseph Rowland		Jacob Brinks	
4a. Paul the Apostle, Detroit		Hugo Peters		Edward Abrahms	
5. Salem, Scio Township		Julius Schabbe		Otto Schabbe	
5a. Darlington, East Ann Arbor					
6. Christ, Saginaw		Carl Oldenburg		Paul Kutsch	
6a. St. John's, Zilwaukee					
7. St. John's, Bay City		Fred Rutzen		Carl Miller	
7a. St. Paul's, Remus		Theo. Diehm		Wm. Diehm	
8. Emanuel, Flint		Herschel Anderson		Otto Wiebeck	

At present Immanuel's at West Florence numbers 38 voting members, 200 souls, 145 communicants.

May our gracious Lord continue to bless this congregation with the pure Gospel and Sacraments in the future as in the past to the salvation of souls and the glory of His holy name.

W. G. VOIGT.

**JOINT SYNOD CONVENTION**

The Thirty-first Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Wisconsin and Other States will assemble at Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota. The opening day is August 8. Divine service with Holy Communion at 10 A. M. in St. Paul's Church. First session in the auditorium of the college at 2 P. M. The elected delegates, pastors, teachers and laymen, are certified to the general secretary by the eight District secretaries. Credentials of lay-delegates are to be sent to the District secretaries as soon as possible. Pastor and teacher delegates are certified through their election at the conventions as on record with the District secretaries. District secretaries will please send complete lists (with the name of lay-delegates and their alternates) to the General Secretary for publication in the periodicals. Names of Advisory Delegates will be taken from the official list in the 1951 Annual. District secretaries are asked to notify the General Secretary of any change which may have occurred in this list.

Delegates will find lodging in the dormitories of the institution. The delegates are required to bring along blankets, sheets, pillows, towels, etc. These articles may be sent by parcel post to the college before the convention. Lodging and meals will be provided for the accredited delegates and such as are required to attend the convention in an official capacity. Visitors will be taken care of at cost as far as facilities permit. Delegates are required to send their announcements to Prof. R. Hoenecke not later than July 21.

PROF. WINFRED SCHALLER,  
Secretary,

84 North Park Avenue,  
Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

**ATTENTION, DELEGATES  
TO JOINT SYNOD**

The housing committee of Dr. Martin Luther College requests the following information from all delegates: 1. Age. 2. Occupation. 3. Preference of partner for lodging. Write this information on penny post card and address to: Prof. Roland Hoenecke, College Heights, New Ulm, Minnesota. Please act **at once**.

PROF. W. SCHALLER, Secretary.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

Gerlach, A. E., 414 South Franklin Street,  
New Ulm, Minnesota.

**ORDINATIONS AND  
INSTALLATIONS**

(Authorized by the Proper Officials)  
Installed

**Pastor**  
Press, Philip, in St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Theresa, Wisconsin, by his father, G. Press; assisted by Pastors A. Halboth, Dr. Paul Peters and Pastor Ad. V. Rohr; on Sunday, July 1.  
A. F. HALBOTH.

**MINNESOTA DISTRICT**

**Pastors**

H. Scherf  
E. F. Peterson  
R. F. Schroeder  
J. Bradtke  
W. Geiger  
E. R. Berwald  
L. W. Meyer  
E. Penk  
M. Lemke  
M. J. Lenz

**Teachers**

H. Luehring  
A. Glende  
R. Schierenbeck

**Professors**

E. Sievert  
R. Janke

**Congregations**

1. Trinity, Route 4, Lake City
- 1a. First Lutheran, LaCrescent
2. St. Paul's, Austin
- 2a. Cross, Charles City, Iowa
3. Immanuel, Mankato
- 3a. Friedens, New Prague
4. St. John's, Lake Benton
- 4a. Zion, Sanborn
5. St. John's, Fort Ridgley
- 5a. Emanuel, Wellington
6. St. John's, Sheridan
- 6a. Peace, Echo
7. St. Peter's, Monticello
- 7a. Mt. Olive, Graceville
8. Salem, Woodbury
- 8a. St. John's, St. Paul
9. Grace, South St. Paul
- 9a. Redeemer, Amery, Wisconsin
10. Trinity, St. Paul
- 10a. Mt. Zion, Highwood, St. Paul
11. St. John's, New Ulm
- 11a. St. Matthew's, Butterfield
12. St. Paul's, Montrose
- 12a. Courtland Lutheran
13. Grace, Oronoco
- 13a. St. John's, Red Wing

**Pastors**

E. J. Dreyer  
R. H. Vollmers  
H. Lietzau  
N. Mielke

**Delegates-at-large**

D. Grummert  
N. Luedke

**Teachers**

Wm. Neujahr

**Congregations**

1. Lincoln Heights, Des Moines, Iowa
- 1a. Trinity, Hoskins, Nebraska
2. Mt. Olive, Lamar, Colorado
- 2a. Mt. Olive, Denver
3. St. Paul's, Batesland, South Dakota
- 3a. Zion, Mission, South Dakota
4. Mt. Olive, Lincoln, Nebraska
- 4a. Redeemer, Hastings, Nebraska

**Delegates-at-large**

First Lutheran, Aurora, Nebraska  
Zion, Colome, South Dakota

**NORTHERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT**

**Pastors**

M. Croll  
C. Henning  
W. Zink  
Th. Thurow  
N. Schlavensky  
W. Weissgerber  
W. Wojahn  
H. Grunwald  
W. Schaller  
H. Kleinhans  
C. Thurow  
V. Siegler

**Teachers**

F. Hagedorn  
H. Schnitker  
Theodore Lau  
F. Manthey

**Congregations**

1. St. John's, Town Center
- 1a. St. Paul, Stephenville
2. Peace, Bonduel
- 2a. Immanuel, Forestville
3. St. Peter's, Town Carlton
- 3a. W. Jacksonport, Zion

**Alternates**

Carl Mischke  
M. J. Wehausen  
W. P. Scheitel  
H. Kesting  
H. C. Schnitker  
P. Kuske  
F. Werner  
P. Dowidat  
N. Reinke  
F. H. Tabbert

**Alternates**

E. Kionka  
G. Bunkowski  
A. Brueshoff

**Alternates**

H. Sitz  
R. Hoenecke

**Delegates**

Walter Wempner  
Herman Cibrowski  
Ernest Jacob  
Ervin Neubert

**Alternates**

John Heins  
Arthur Meyer

Albert Mielke

Herman Bielenberg

Charles Bester

Carl Vollbrecht  
Ingwald Herseth

Theo. Kowalke

E. Spletstoeszer

**NEBRASKA DISTRICT**

**Alternates**

G. Fuerstenau  
E. C. Kuehl  
A. Hertler  
S. Kugler

**Alternates**

F. W. Eggers

**Delegates**

Orville Sill  
Arthur Behmer  
Wm. Kern  
George Stolte  
Lester Goransen  
Roy Holle  
Bernard McVey  
J. Paterson

Theo. Pries  
Emil Steinke

**Alternates**

O. Henning  
D. Hallemeier  
H. Bergholz  
T. Zarembo  
A. Schabow  
F. Bergfeld  
G. Kobs

G. Kaniess  
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G. Heckmann

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**Pastor**  
**Griffin, William H.**, Trinity, Selma, Alabama, by Walter H. Ellwanger, on Sunday, July 1. The ordination was authorized by Dr. G. Chr. Barth, president, Lutheran Synodical Conference. Rev. Wm. Griffin in a Negro.  
 W. H. ELLWANGER.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

The dedication of Centennial Hall, the new dormitory for girls at Dr. Martin Luther College, will take place on Sunday, August 12. The service will begin at 3 o'clock. Professor J. P. Meyer will deliver the sermon. We extend a hearty invitation to all of our friends.

CARL L. SCHWEPPE.

**PROFESSOR'S CONFERENCE**

Date: August 6, 1951.  
 Time: 1:30 P. M.  
 Place: Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota.  
 Reservations: To be made with Prof. R. Hoenecke; bring towels and bed clothes.  
 C. J. TRAPP, Secretary.

**CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES**

**RHINELANDER DELEGATE CONFERENCE**

The Rhinelander Delegate Conference will meet Sunday afternoon, July 29, at 2:30 P. M., at the First Ev. Lutheran Church, Woodruff, Wisconsin, W. Weissgerber, pastor.  
 LAURITZ B. NELSON, Secretary.

**MISSISSIPPI VALLEY DELEGATE CONFERENCE**

The Mississippi Valley Delegate Conference of the Western Wisconsin District will meet at St. Martin's Church, Winona, Minnesota, on Sunday, July 29 at 2:30 P. M.  
 A. HANKE, Chairman.

**LAKE SUPERIOR DELEGATE CONFERENCE**

The Lake Superior Delegate Conference will meet at Hyde, Michigan, on the 21st of August, beginning at 9:30 A. M. (C.S.T.). Kindly announce to the host pastor, A. A. Schabow.

F. C. DOBRATZ, Secretary.

**CENTRAL DELEGATE CONFERENCE OF THE WESTERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT**

The Central Delegate Conference of the Western Wisconsin District will be on Tuesday, July 24, 1951, beginning at 9:00 A. M., at St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Watertown, Wisconsin. Program for the day: Stewardship, Pastor R. Mueller; Discussion of program for the General Synod Convention; Conference business.  
 Meals will not be furnished.

OTTO A. PAGELS, Secretary.

**MISSION FESTIVALS**

**First Sunday after Trinity**

St. Luke's Church, Tp. Knapp, Wisconsin. Offering: \$107.00. August Saremba, pastor.

**Third Sunday after Trinity**

St. Paul's Church, Tp. Eldorado, Wis. Offering: \$149.22. W. A. Wojahn, pastor. St. Peter's Church, Elmwood, Wisconsin. Offering: \$210.00. John Schaad, pastor.

**Fourth Sunday after Trinity**

St. John's Church, Rib Falls, Wisconsin. Offering: \$303.78. Oscar Lemke, pastor. St. Mark's Church, Warrens, Wisconsin. Offering: \$80.00. August Saremba, pastor. Trinity Church, Clear Lake, S. Dakota. Offering: \$163.00. F. C. Schulz, pastor.

**Fifth Sunday after Trinity**

Zion Church, Tp. Rib Falls, Wisconsin. Offering: \$228.00. Oscar Lemke, pastor. Trinity Church, Kiel, Wisconsin. Offering: \$300.48. E. G. Behm, pastor. Zion Church, Tp. Eau Galle, Wisconsin. Offering: \$188.31. John Schaad, pastor.

4. Immanuel, Sault Ste. Marie
- 4a. St. Paul's, Tipler
5. Christ, Hiles
- 5a. St. Paul's, Hurley
- 6a. St. Paul's, North Fond du Lac
6. St. John's, Forest
7. Zion, Readfield
- 7a. Trinity, Menasha
8. St. Paul's, Town Seneca
- 8a. Zion, Town Omrc
9. Zion, Kingston
- 9a. Emmanuel, Mecan
10. Christ, Denmark
- 10a. Trinity, Kiel
11. St. John's, Reedsville
- 11a. Rockwood Lutheran, Rockwood

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| E. Schulz             | <b>Delegates</b>  |
|                       | A. M. Johnson     |
| <b>Congregations</b>  | Fred Matthews     |
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| 2. Faith, Tacoma      |                   |

**SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT**

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| H. E. Rosin     |                   |
| N. Berg         |                   |

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 H. Diersen  
 M. Timmermann  
 G. Gilbert  
 H. O. Ihlenfeldt  
 A. Meier

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- 1a. St. John's, Lomira
2. St. John's, Woodland
- 2a. Kripplein Christi, Town Herman
3. St. John's, Newburg
- 3a. St. Paul's, Cudahy
4. St. John's, Root Creek
- 4a. St. Paul's, East Troy
5. St. John's, Wauwatosa
- 5a. St. Paul's, Town Franklin
6. Grace, Milwaukee
7. Zebaoth, Milwaukee
8. Gethsemane, Milwaukee
9. St. James, Evanston
10. Bethany, Kenosha
11. Zion, Phoenix, Arizona

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 R. H. Sievert  
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**Congregations**

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2. St. Matthew's, Oconomowoc
3. St. Paul's, Marshall
4. St. John's, Pardeeville
5. St. John's, Rice Lake
- 5a. St. Paul's, Prairie Farm
6. Trinity, Goodview, Minnesota
- 6a. Grace, LaCrosse
7. Immanuel, North La Crosse
- 7a. Christ, Cochrane
8. Zion, Elroy
9. St. Paul's, Hustler
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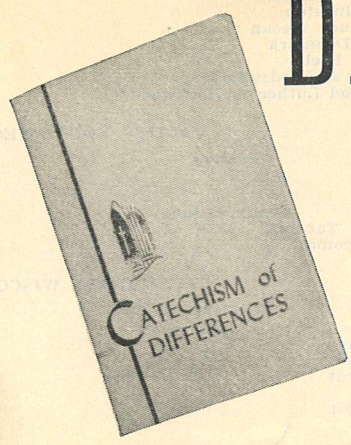
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