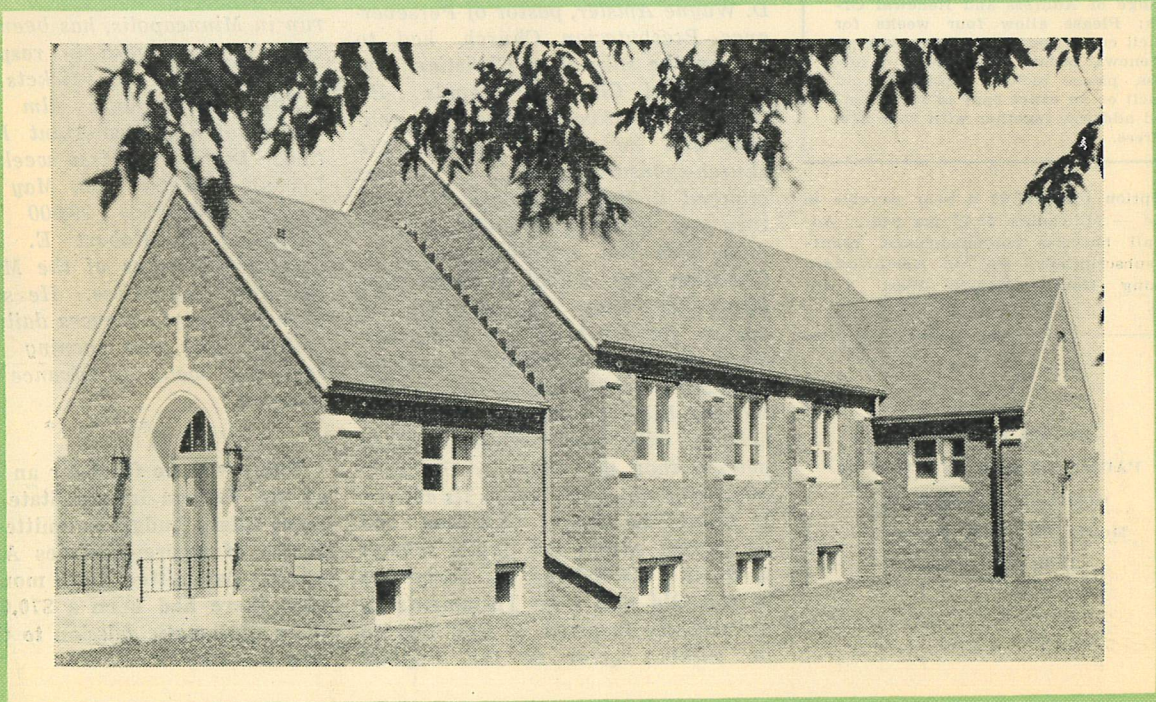


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*"The Lord our God be with us, as He was with our fathers; let Him not leave us, nor forsake us." 1 KINGS 8:57*



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# Siftings

We once heard it said that a Methodist sexton rang the Roman Catholic church bell for the service of an Episcopal church. We thought this to be a joke. But in North Dakota a similar thing has happened. A Lutheran layman, so the report has it, preached for the installation of a Community church pastor in which 13 denominations and laymen representing 8 denominations took an active part. The report claimed this to have been "an impressive and unusual service." We believe that. It was, perhaps more unusual than impressive. The installation was under the auspices of the North Dakota interchurch council. The church is located at Riverdale, North Dakota, near the U. S. government's huge Garrison Dam project. The building in which the Community Church holds its services was erected by the government. It is the only church in the town of some 5,000 inhabitants and is also used by the Roman Catholic church and the Lutheran church. There is no accounting for the vagaries of people.

Milwaukee's proposed interdenominational church school has made little headway recently. However, we are interested in what the Rev. D. Wayne Amsler, pastor of Perseverance Presbyterian Church, had to say on the subject of Christian education and Christian schools. He said: "Distinctive emphasis on religion can be taught only in the church-sponsored school. I am not opposed to public schools. I think they are doing a splendid job. I only wish the establishment of a Christian Day School in order that Milwaukee may be afforded an agency for teaching the distinctive emphasis of evangelical Christians. The public school is limited to teaching the Bible as mere literature. I believe, with most religious-minded people, that the Bible is the God-inspired Book, with God as its author. It should be taught that way, and we cannot expect the public schools to do it. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be verbally inspired of God and to be without error in the original

BY THE EDITOR

writings, the complete revelation of His will for the salvation of men, and the Divine and final authority for all Christian faith and life." Well said.

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A church poll taken in Finland indicates that only about 8 per cent of the people of Finland are church attenders. Ninety-five per cent of the 4 million population are members, or nominal members, of the Lutheran Church. The number who listen to radio broadcasts of Sunday services is five times as great as the number attending church. Polltakers were told that children are taught to pray in 85 per cent of the homes, and 63 per cent send their children to Sunday school. Twenty-two per cent of the Finns received Communion in 1952. Not a very good record, is it?

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If Congress will have its way, the words, "IN GOD WE TRUST" will appear on United States postage stamps after June 30. A bill now before the Senate and the House would bring this about.

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According to News Bureau (NLC) the world premiere of "Martin Luther," scheduled for a two-week run in Minneapolis, has been extended to three weeks in response to public demand for tickets to the full-length dramatic film on the leader of the Protestant Reformation. During its first week at the Lyceum Theater from May 4-9, the picture attracted 29,000 persons, according to Robert E. A. Lee, executive director of the Minnesota Premiere Committee. He said that nearly all performances daily — one matinee and two evening — were sold out well in advance of the showing.

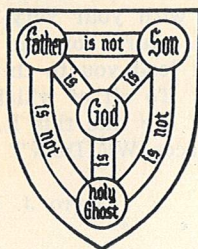
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There was no fund for an embassy at the Vatican in the State Department salary budget submitted to the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee last month. In 1952 there had been a \$70,000 item for a diplomatic mission to the Holy See.

# The Gifts Of The Father Of Lights

James 1: 16-21

ALL who brush aside the Scriptural truths about man's original perfection and his subsequent fall into sin, all who assert that man in the past was even more imperfect than he is now, openly lay the responsibility for human sin at the feet of the Divine Creator. Likewise do those stamp God as the source of evil who deny what His Word says about the origin of sickness, death, and every human woe,



who claim that these things have ever been a part of the natural order of things. Yet St. James writes: "Do not err, my beloved brethren." Therewith he warns against this very error of making God somehow responsible for temptation, sin, and evil.

The apostle bids us to see in God "the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." The Lord our God, who created also the sun, the moon, and the starry hosts and placed them in the firmament of heaven, Himself dwells in a far greater light of glory, a light which no man can approach unto, a light of perfect holiness and purity. As Lord of all He indeed rules and reigns also over all sin and evil, which Satan has brought into the world. Yet as God lets sin and evil run their course, He uses them for His just and His wholesome purposes, to punish the wicked and to purge and correct His believing children. Evil itself, however, does not have its source in Him.

### All Good Gifts Come From Him

*Earthly Blessings* "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights . . ." Countless already are the good gifts

which God showers upon us in the realm of nature. The air which we breathe, the water which we drink, the sunshine which we enjoy, the rain which moistens our fields, our food, our clothing, our bodies themselves with all their members and faculties, our family, our friends, everything wholesome and delightful that we have in this life is a good gift which comes down from above, from the hands of our beneficent Creator. Our life itself is one of His precious gifts. Even if our life in this sin-cursed world should be fraught with ever so many troubles and difficulties, it is still a good gift, because it is our time of grace.

*Gifts of Salvation* The gift of our life as a time of grace invariably reminds us that the good and perfect gifts of the Father of Lights are, above all, to be found in the realm of His saving grace. St. James sums up these blessings in the gift of His Word of Truth, saying: "Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth . . ." Through His precious Gospel, the Word of Truth, God has done what we ourselves could never do and what also nothing else could ever do. He has turned us sinners, who stood under His just wrath and condemnation, into His beloved children. Through His Word of Truth He sent His Holy Spirit into our hearts and kindled faith in His dear Son Jesus Christ as our Savior.

In such faith Christ's perfect righteousness has been imputed to us, so that our sins are covered, and we now appear blameless and holy in the sight of the Father of Lights. Having become His dear children we are heirs of eternal life and glory, and even now, while we still wait for the enjoyment of this inheritance, we are partakers of His heavenly love and comfort, of His almighty protection and care. For most of us it was in Holy Baptism that God's Word of Truth wrought this regeneration in us whereby we became His dear children by faith. This same Word of Truth, as it is

preached and taught to us from Holy Scriptures, as we read it ourselves, and as it is sealed to us in Holy Communion, now nourishes and preserves us in faith, so that we remain God's children in Christ Jesus. This gift of His Word of Truth and the full salvation that it brings to us make it quite evident that God does indeed not tempt to sin and evil, but that every good and perfect gift comes from Him, the Father of Lights.

### These Gifts Ought to be Reflected in Our Lives

*In Sincere Consecration To Him* "Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures." When the apostle wrote these words his Christian readers immediately grasped their meaning and implication. They knew that according to God's Old Testament law the firstfruits of every harvest, the first sheaves of wheat or barley, belonged to the Lord; they were dedicated to Him and brought to His sanctuary. Even so every Christian, having become God's dear child through His Word of Truth, has been set apart from the sinful world to be and to remain God's very own, to live for His glory and honor. His good gifts which He has lavished upon us, especially His gifts of salvation, constrain us to offer our hearts to Him and to let our eyes observe His ways.

*In Deep Appreciation Of His Word* "Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear . . . and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls." Mindful of the fact that we owe our blessed position as God's children to His Word of Truth, we shall want to hear ever more of this Word, finding it quite impossible to learn too much of its glorious message. Over against everything that this Word of Truth tells us we shall ever keep our proud reason in subjection. We shall be careful that we do not harden our hearts against this Word even when it has struck home and revealed our particular sins and weaknesses. We shall want to show ourselves humble hearers especially also on this point that no evil comes from God, but that under His guidance all things must work together for our good.

*In Love Toward The Neighbor* "Let every man be . . . slow to speak, slow to wrath: for the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God. Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness . . ." Also in our conduct over against our fellowmen we shall want

to show richly that we are firstfruits consecrated to the Lord, thankfully bound to do what is pleasing in His sight. We shall make every endeavor to guard our tongue, lest out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. Though we have great provocation to anger, bitterness, and wrath, we shall as grateful children

of God draw strength from His grace to purge these sinful passions from our heart, lest we say or do what would harm and injure our neighbor. In like manner we will seek to put away every rank growth of wickedness, everything that is filthy and unclean in the sight of the Father of Lights. C. J. L.

## Editorials

**Flying Saucers?** One of the most comforting statements concerning the future glory of our flesh or body comes to us from the lips of one whose body was smitten with sore boils from the sole of his foot to his crown. That one is Job who uttered the words: "I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another." Job 19. 25-27.

By taking out just one little word, the word "in," and putting the word "without" in its place the Revised Standard Version of the Bible eliminates any reference to a physical resurrection from verse 26 and makes it speak only of a spiritual seeing of God. It translates, "without my flesh shall I see God." No one will deny that there is a seeing of God according to the soul only, without the flesh or body, such as seeing things in your dreams without your bodily eyes. Paul speaks of such a perception out of the body II Cor. 12, 3-4 where he tells us that he doesn't know whether he was in or out of the body when he heard the unspeakable words in paradise. But the question here is does THIS passage speak of such a thing?

The Hebrew preposition here translated by "without" can mean "from out of," "away from," or sometimes "without." That it here means "from out of my flesh I shall see God" is certainly very clear from the following verse which says, "Mine eyes shall behold." How could one's very eyes behold God if one were not in the flesh? Or are we to think of our eyes floating around in the air like miniature flying saucers seeing God while we are without the rest of our bodies? And are not our eyes part of our body and must we therefore conclude that if our eyes are restored on the last day the rest of our body will be restored too? We could ask many, many more questions concerning this translation which is made in utter disregard not only of the following verse but also of what the Scriptures so plainly teach regarding the resurrection of the body in many other places. So, my friend, if you come across this mutilation of a good old translation in the Revised Standard Version be not perturbed, for regardless of how anybody translates, rest assured that the afflicted Job with all his boils and festering sores is still standing before you in this passage to say to you, "Don't worry my friend! No matter how much your body may be afflicted now, how weak it may get, or even if it

sinks in death and returns to the dust, it will come back again! You'll come out of that grave of yours and see your Lord in glory with your very eyes and in your very body when He returns on the last day. Don't let this new translation lead you to think that I meant to say anything else!" To all of which we say, "Amen, Job, we're with you! We like this R. S. V. in many places; but in some places WE DON'T LIKE IT AT ALL."

OTTO J. ECKERT.

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**A Pagan Bishop** Dr. Ernest Barnes, Anglican Bishop of Birmingham, England, doubts the virgin birth and the bodily resurrection of Christ and all men. In regard to the virgin birth of Christ he says: "The story has a pagan background. The mistranslation turned the word meaning, 'young woman' in the original Hebrew text into 'the virgin' of Matthew's Gospel. And Christ's miracles and bodily resurrection and of all men is scientifically untrue. Man is naturally superstitious, but science has proved that nothing can happen to the Laws of Nature. The time has come when the mistaken assumption of the pre-critical era must be repudiated." How can a man holding the high position of bishop in the Anglican Church of England doubt the clear Word of God in regard to the virgin birth of Christ so clearly expressed in Matthew 1: 18-20 and 22-23?

The Word of God states clearly that Jesus Christ was conceived in the womb of a Jewish virgin called Mary, by a supernatural insemination of the Holy Ghost, wholly and apart from any generation by a human father. In the mind of a humble believer there is no doubt about it, there can be no doubt.

No other doctrine of the Bible has been more persistently attacked than the doctrine of the Virgin Birth and the resurrection of Christ and that of all men. With the denial of either of these doctrines the whole structure of our Christian faith and life must fall. The devil knows this and therefore his most insidious attack is levelled against these two truths of the Scripture. Deny or destroy either one of them and the whole Christian faith becomes an empty shell. Destroy the virgin birth and you destroy Christ Himself, and our salvation. For if the sinless virgin-born Son of God found His end in the tomb in the garden, then we have no hope and we are of all men the most miserable. But thank God He is risen. 1 Cor. 15:3-4; 12-19.

Bishop Barnes is guilty of undermining the whole Christian faith in denying the Virgin Birth and the resurrection of Christ and all men. He is a pagan and has read himself out of the Christian Church. So do all who do not believe these fundamental truths.

J. B. BERNTHAL.

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**Pentecost** The third great Christian holiday is near at hand, Pentecost, commemorating the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The Son of God was born once into the world. The Christ died and rose but once. He ascended into heaven once. Thus also the Pentecostal outpouring of the Holy Spirit is not repeated, but He is ever active in the world through the Word and the two Sacraments.

Pentecost is the festival of the Spirit. With every recurring Pentecost the Church of God reviews again the well-known story of the outpouring of the Spirit upon the first disciples. Two thousand years have passed since then. But we still live in the age of the Spirit and under His dispensation of grace.

We would naturally think, then, that the Holy Spirit lives and moves among us, and that we are on terms of intimacy with Him. But dare we say this is the case? Dare we maintain that our times deserve to be called the age of the Spirit? There is, to say the least, much room for improvement. So many of our deeds, so many of our words, so many of our thoughts are not prompted by the Spirit of God, but still come from the flesh. So very often we resist the promptings of the Spirit of God.

Since we are not only baptized in the name of the Father and the Son, but also in the name of the Holy Ghost, we have the God given right to claim that we have the Spirit of God. All the blessings of the Spirit are ours by faith. But so much of our spirit remains, so much carnal-mindedness. It would often appear as if we can discover no spiritual life in ourselves, nor see it in our fellow church-members. We cling to the precious promises, but earnestly desire that more spiritual life would be manifest in this our day and age. True spiritual life is worked in us by the very Spirit poured out at Pentecost dwelling in us. True spiritual life is not doing things, nor saying things which appear to be right and in accordance with God's Law, but thoughts, words, and deeds which result from Spirit-worked faith in the Savior and Lord.

What can we do to produce more spiritual life? The miracles of Pentecost in Jerusalem almost two thousand years ago will not be repeated. However, if we hear the Word of God, and that Word of God controls us, and if we are not hearers of the Word only, but doers of the Word, then we are led by the Spirit.

Let our Pentecostal prayer be: Lord Jesus, overcome the opposition of our own will, that would hinder us from receiving Thee and walking in the way of truth. Bow our hearts in submission to Thy Word. For as we cling to that Word in faith and are obedient to that Word by faith, the Spirit of Thy Father dwells within us. This Thou hast promised us. Lord, grant us Thy Spirit. Amen.

L. KOENINGER.

## Guidance In Godliness

### THE MIRACLE OF THE CHURCH

**T**HE work of the Church goes on. That is a miraculous thing, considering with what kind of laborers in His vineyard the great King and Lord carries on His work. If it were not His work and His Kingdom, the Church would have been long overwhelmed by the old evil foe. When one looks back over the rough and rocky road that His church had to travel from the gates of Paradise to this moment, and when one looks about him with eyes sharpened by the spiritual vision that alone His Word can give, and sees the mighty forces of corruption and evil arrayed against the Anointed of the Lord, one cannot help but confess that the very existence of the Church is a miracle of God. Kingdoms have arisen and fallen in all these centuries, kingdoms that were founded and built up by mighty men of wisdom and valor, but the Kingdom of God, the Church, also seemingly built up by men, still stands to this day.

The men, indeed, whom our Lord employs, or as 1 Cor. 3:9 has it,

with whom He works, are but weak and sinful men. But the tools that He has given into their hands are mighty and shall prevail. These tools are none other than His Word and Sacraments, the means of grace. It is true that we are often misled into the mistake of believing that it is we who uphold the Church. This error is shown in our forgetting the power of His Gospel as the only mighty power that brings spiritual life, builds, protects, and maintains His Church.

Have we not observed and experienced this very thing in our time? How often have not many among us said of the work of the Church which the Lord has committed to us, that it can't be done, we don't have the men, we don't have the money, and similar blue notes that emanated from the hearts and throats of chronic complainers. And then the Lord put us to shame by granting progress in spite of our often deliberate attempts and efforts at retrenchment.

The humiliating thing for us is not only the evidence of our weak-

ness, our sinfulness, our neglect of duty, in short our unfaithfulness, but what is a great deal more harmful to our work in the Church, our mistrusting the power of our King's sceptre with which He rules the Church and guards it from its enemies — the everlasting rock of His Word.

To trust implicitly in that Word, to rely completely upon it, to expect all success, all life, all progress from it alone, that is the part of every faithful member of the Church. The Church cannot fail or fall as long as we use this pure Gospel faithfully. The gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

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### DOST THOU BELIEVE ON THE SON OF GOD?

"For he that believeth on the Son of God hath everlasting life," John 3:36.

"He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself," I John 5:10.

"He that believeth on Me shall never thirst," John 6:35.

"He that believeth on Me, believeth not on Me, but on Him that sent Me," John 12:44.

"He that believeth on Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live," John 11:25.

"He that believeth on Him is not condemned," John 3:18.

"He that believeth on Me, the works that I do, shall he do also," John 14:12.

"He that believeth on Him shall not be confounded," I Peter 2:6.

"He that believeth on Me, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water," John 7:38.

"Whosoever believeth on Me shall not abide in darkness," John 12:46.

"Whosoever believeth on Him shall not be ashamed," Rom. 9:33.

"Whosoever believeth on Him shall not perish, but have eternal life," John 3:15.

"Whosoever believeth in Him shall receive remission of sins," Acts 10:43.

"Whosoever believeth in Me shall never die," John 11:26.

BUT —

"He that believeth not is condemned already," John 3:19.

"He that believeth not God, hath made Him a liar," I John 5:10.

"He that believeth not shall be damned," Mark 16:16.

"He that believeth not the Son, shall not see life," John 3:36.

K. F. K.



*"Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."*

MATTHEW 28, 20

#### NEW FOREIGN MISSION ENDEAVOR LAUNCHED

##### The Great Commission

AS we write this mission news, it is the week of Christ's Ascension in heaven. We cannot help but reflect, that all the acts of the apostles, all the preaching of repentance and remission of sins in Jesus' name among all nations, even to this hour when our missionary to Northern Rhodesia, Africa and his helper are mid-way across the Atlantic — all this mission news can be traced to these words of our Lord and King spoken in His Great Commission — "Ye shall be witnesses unto me . . . unto the uttermost part of the earth."

To begin our mission story we take you to Redeemer Lutheran Church in Hastings, Nebraska. You see the congregation as they were assembled for their pastor's farewell. This was the second Sunday in February, also the ninth anniversary of his installation.

From this day on his thoughts could be wholly given to his call to Northern Rhodesia. Two months were needed to prepare for this trip to our new foreign mission field. With Cedarburg, Wisconsin as headquarters, the mission supplies and equipment, foodstuff and medicine were purchased. Not the least among so many things to be done were the many immunization shots,

so necessary for foreign travel and living. Because of several special donations from members of the Synod some extra equipment such as guns, cameras and a tape recorder could be purchased. By these latter means we can expect to be well supplied with visual reports of our

missionaries', and the mission's, progress.

##### Commissioning Service

Zebaoth Church of Milwaukee was selected for the commissioning service because Pastor Habben had served here as assistant for eight



ZEBAOOTH LUTHERAN CHURCH — MILWAUKEE



FAREWELL SERVICE — REDEEMER CONGREGATION  
Pastor and Mrs. Habben, front, center aisle

months after his graduation from the Seminary. The special mission truck was on display in front of the church for all to inspect. A large mission-minded congregation had quickly assembled from near and far to fill the spacious church. As they united to sing the mission hymns, to hear the Word, the appropriate and well rendered choir anthems, to join in prayer, to witness the commissioning, yes, every part of this divine service reflected that this was indeed an historic mission event — To launch our Synod's first independent foreign mission endeavor.

Pastor L. A. Tessmer of Milwaukee, who preached the sermon, encouraged all of us in this undertaking on the basis of Rev. 7, 9-12. Trials and tribulations, heartaches and disappointments will surely face our missionaries in Northern Rhodesia. "But the Lord of the Church," our speaker reminded us, "who called our missionaries to come to this African Province was already there, waiting for them." AND, LO, A GREAT MULTITUDE, WHICH NO MAN COULD NUMBER, OF ALL NATIONS, AND KINDRED, AND PEOPLE, AND TONGUES, STOOD BEFORE THE LAMB, CLOTHED WITH WHITE ROBES, AND PALMS IN THEIR

HANDS. This picture of the Church Triumphant in heaven was ever to give them cheerful confidence in their soul-saving mission — To go with God to preach the Gospel in



Milwaukee Journal Photo  
OUR MISSION TRUCK AND LIVING QUARTERS  
The Paul Ziegler family with Missionary and Mrs. Habben

Northern Rhodesia for the Wisconsin Synod.

Mr. Paul Ziegler, who will direct the building of the necessary physical plant and dwellings of the African compound, was the first to step to the altar to be inducted into his office. Pastor A. L. Mennicke, Secretary of our Rhodesian Board had charge of this part of the service. Thereupon Pastor A. G. Wacker, chairman of this Board and one of the two who had several years ago explored mission possibilities in Southern Africa, then commissioned Pastor A. B. Habben as director of our Northern Rhodesian Mission. With the laying-on of the hands by all the participating pastors, our new foreign mission endeavor and its success were commended to the Lord of the Church.

**Ask and It Shall Be Given  
Unto You**

Pastor Arthur Tacke of Zebaoth, liturgist for the service, led the congregation in praying that the Lord would hold His protecting hand over our newly commissioned missionary — about to travel thousands of miles by water and land in His name and our name to bring the Gospel to pagan and heathen people in the dark continent. He prayed

further: "Grant him courage, strength and devotion to the arduous task. Give him wisdom from on high to solve the many problems which will comfort him in establishing this Mission, that his decisions may redound to Thy Glory and the eternal welfare of many, many benighted people."

Zebaoth's pastor also petitioned the Lord to bless Mr. Ziegler, who had volunteered his talents for the benefit of this new mission. To imbue him with knowledge and foresight that, though he will have very primitive conditions to contend with, he may nevertheless, be able to plan and construct whatever buildings are necessary for this new mission.



FROM THENCE TO NORTHERN RHODESIA

Pastors A Tacke and A. Habben  
Checking Supplies

Because the wives of these two men will leave for Africa on July 1, with Missionary Drevlow and his wife, a prayer was also made for the safety of their journey and a joyful reunion with their husbands before many months. Since you and I are a vital part of this undertaking, we, too, were mentioned in this concluding petition: "We also pray Thee to fill the hearts of all the members of our congregations throughout the Synod with true zeal for mission work. Grant that these, who are leaving for distant lands, will not be forgotten by them, that they will include them in their prayers and give them the assurance that the necessary funds needed to carry out

the mission program of the Synod, which includes this African Mission, will be there when needed, so that the work of our Missions, also this one in Northern Rhodesia, Africa, may never suffer because of lack of funds. This vouchsafe unto us for Thy name and for Thy glory's sake. Amen."

On the following morning the mission "power wagon" was loaded and readied for the long journey. The truck had to be driven to New York harbor where they were first scheduled to leave on April 20. Necessary repairs on the ship delayed their departure to April 24. They experienced a heavy sea, Pastor Habben reports, along the Atlantic to Charleston, South Carolina. Another stop was made at Georgetown and then on to Savannah, Georgia. From here they headed across the Atlantic to Walvis Bay in

South Africa. At this writing the S. S. African Crescent ought to be in mid-ocean. They hoped to reach Capetown by the 18 and to disembark at Durban, Port Natal, on the 22 of May. From here they will travel 1,200 miles north in their special truck with living quarters, and hope to reach their destination, Lusaka, N. R. in early June — perhaps even now as you read this Mission news.

In His great commission our Lord and King underwrites the success of His: GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD AND PREACH THE GOSPEL, with His promise: LO, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, EVEN UNTO THE END OF THE WORLD. There is one King who never sends His ambassadors alone! May this truth ever encourage the missionaries and us in the Synod's first independent foreign Mission endeavor.

W. R. HOYER.

## In The Footsteps Of Saint Paul

DR. HENRY KOCH, MORRISON, WISCONSIN

### Paul And Silas Depart For Berea

FROM Philippi Paul and Silas had been able to depart in broad daylight, from Thessalonica they were forced to flee by night. We read (Acts 17:10): "The brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto Berea: who coming thither went into the synagogue of the Jews." Berea was located inland about fifty miles to the southwest of Thessalonica. It was not on the Egnatian Road, on which our missionaries had traveled up till now in Macedonia. The town got its name from its founder Pheres. It has been surmised that the Macedonians found it difficult to pronounce the Ph and therefore changed the name to Berea. In modern Greek it is called Verria. The memory of the visit of Paul to Berea has been retained there. A cluster of stones forming a flight of steps in a park bear the name of Paul and are known as Paul's Pulpit. Legend has it that Paul preached from it to the inhabitants. Today the little city of Berea or Verria has about 20,000 inhabitants and is the seat of a modest bishopric.

#### Leaving Thessalonica

What must have been the thoughts of Paul and Silas, when they were forced to leave Thessalonica by night? In Philippi Gentiles had shown their hostility against the Gospel, here Jews. And yet it was the Lord's will that they leave. He suffered it to happen. Paul had to learn to pray as did His Master: "Not my will, but Thy will be done!" Readily Paul and Silas submitted to the Lord's will. Jason had given the politarchs security. It would have been extremely unwise for our missionaries to remain in Thessalonica and thereby arouse suspicion and opposition on the part of the rulers of the city also. The brethren in Thessalonica had been founded and strengthened in their faith sufficiently so as to warrant their departure. The Lord would protect His young flock as He had promised.

#### Road to Berea

Various conjectures have been offered, why Paul and Silas did not follow the Egnatian Road till Pella and then turn off to Berea. Surely



the fact that Pella happened to be the birthplace of Alexander the Great could not serve as a magnet for Paul. There was no synagogue in Pella, a customary steppingstone for the apostle. There was one in Berea. In all likelihood Paul and the brethren in Thessalonica deemed it wise to look for a town with a synagogue off the beaten road of travel, which could not be detected so easily by the antagonistic Jews. We see in it the guiding and protecting hand of divine Providence. In a vision Paul had received the divine call to come to Macedonia. In Philippi he had brought the Gospel to the metropolis of the first district of Macedonia, in Thessalonica to the second. Berea lay in the third district. From all of these missionary centers the Gospel could and did radiate into the whole province of Macedonia and very soon Paul would carry it into Achaia or Greece. Paul started the great work of missions in various centers. Their first love prompted the Christians to spread it as quickly as possible.

#### Paul Not a Coward

Hostile criticism of Paul and his work has endeavored to call the flight of Paul from Thessalonica to Berea an ignoble one, comparing it with that of the Roman Piso, of whom Cicero writes (mentioned by Lewin in his *Life of Paul*, Vol. I, p. 236): "You came to Thessalonica . . . by night: and when you could not . . . endure the storm of complaints, you stole away to the secluded town of Berea." The traveled route is a mere coincidence. The antagonistic Jews might have spoken thus, but Paul's flight from Thessalonica surely was not an ignoble one. He was no coward. On the contrary, in his First Epistle to the Thessalonians he mentions that he tried to return to Thessalonica to strengthen them in their faith (I Thess. 1: 17-18): "We brethren, being taken from you for a short time in presence, not in heart, endeavored the more abundantly to see your face with great desire. Wherefor we would have come unto you, even I Paul, once and again; but Satan hindered us." We are not told, in which way Satan hindered Paul from returning, but apparently the persecution against the Christians there had not subsided. From Paul's Epistles to the Thessalonians

we must rather assume that it increased. Nevertheless the Lord held His protecting hand over the congregation in Thessalonica and it was His will that Paul rather go from place to place, sow the Gospel on virgin soil, and then let it sprout and spread.

In Berea we find Paul and Silas heading for the synagogue on the Sabbath Day, after they had found lodging and a place to weave tents. Here too we can imagine Paul, availing himself of the opportunity as a visitor and a rabbi, addressing the Jews and interpreting the Messianic portions of the Psalms and the Prophets to them and calling their attention to the fact that their promised Messiah had come and had fulfilled these prophecies to the very letter. On Golgatha the redemption of Israel and the world had taken place.

#### The Noble Bereans

The Jews in Berea were a rare exception in the experiences and trials of Paul. Luke writes of them: "These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether these things were so." The Jews in Berea proved to be more open-minded. They immediately began to search the Scriptures. They were limited in their copies of the Old Testament. Every synagogue possessed the Old Testament in Hebrew. Besides that several copies of the Greek translation known as the Septuagint may have been in their possession. Such examination must have taken time. They searched daily. Every one in turn wanted to be convinced of the truth of Paul's interpretations concerning the coming Messiah. They were not as fortunate as we are in our day to have perhaps not only one, but several copies of the Bible in our homes. They did not take the word of Paul for granted just because he had spoken so convincingly. They did not accept his teachings by a majority vote either, because the majority soon became convinced of the truth of his preaching. Individually they wanted to be convinced from Scriptures alone, whether these things were so. The devil surely said to them: "Should God have said this?" When they had searched the Scriptures and were

convinced, they frankly admitted: "The things are as Paul has preached them to us. We believe him, because his preaching is proven to be true by Scriptures."

#### Search the Scriptures

Here we have a wonderful example of the right and duty of private judgment. The Bereans did not sit in judgment over Scriptures as some would like to view the right of private judgment, but they reserved for themselves the right to judge everything in the light of Scriptures. As soon as Scriptures had verified Paul's statements, they were ready to accept them, but not before. Our Christians of today and of all times should take the same stand. This is both their privilege and duty as members of the royal priesthood of all believers. The Pope has tried to usurp this right for himself, claiming that the Christians in general are unable to interpret Scriptures correctly and that he alone is infallible in his judgment and explanation of Scriptures and of every doctrine. It was Luther, who on the basis of Holy Writ alone contended for the right of private judgment as a privilege and duty of the royal priesthood of all believers.

The noble example of the Bereans should be imitated and followed by all Christians. Whether the church or the pastor claims something, we are only then to accept it, if it is in full agreement with the Word of God. Christians and Christian congregations on the other hand are also to refrain from doing things, if they are contrary to God's Word. If the pastor warns them, they are in like manner to examine it in the light of the Word of God and heed it, if it is forbidden in Holy Writ. The right of private judgment applies to all, to congregations, and Christian laymen, and to churches and individual pastors. Even after 1900 years the example of the Bereans is a shining light. Luther reserved the right of private judgment for himself at Worms, when he confessed: "I am overcome in Scriptures quoted and bound in the Word of God. Therefore I can and will retract nothing, for it is neither safe nor wholesome to act against conscience. Here I stand, I cannot do otherwise." Let us ever do likewise.

## DEDICATION OF TEACHER'S DWELLING

Bethany Lutheran Church  
Kenosha, Wisconsin

On April 19, between the two morning services Bethany Lutheran Church was permitted to dedicate its new teacherage to the service of the



congregation. The new home was built at a cost of \$11,150.00 on a lot immediately adjoining the parsonage which had been purchased for this purpose many years ago.

The home is a one and one-half story frame building and has a living room, kitchen, breakfast nook, bathroom, and two bedrooms on the first floor. The upstairs, which at the present is unfinished, will in the future provide for additional bedrooms.

May the Lord bless both the occupants and their work.

F. A. NAUMANN.

## CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES

### ST. CROIX DELEGATE CONFERENCE MINNESOTA DISTRICT

The St. Croix Delegate Conference will meet Tuesday, June 9, 1953, at Christ Church, Helen and 17th, North St. Paul, H. A. Sauer, pastor. Communion service at 9:00 a. m. Preacher: P. R. Kurth; alternate: C. P. Kock.

ROBERT L. SCHUMANN, Secretary.

### WESTERN DELEGATE CONFERENCE DAKOTA-MONTANA DISTRICT

The Western Delegate Conference will meet on June 23 and 24, 1953, at Northwestern Lutheran Academy, Mobridge, South Dakota. The conference will begin at 10 a. m. with a communion service, G. Boldt, speaker (G. Baer, alternate).

The essayist will be W. Schuetze.

Lodging will be provided in the dormitories; guests will bring their own bedding. Meals are not provided.

G. S. BAER, Secretary.

### MICHIGAN DISTRICT PASTORS' AND TEACHERS' CONFERENCE

The Michigan District Pastors' and Teachers' Conference will meet at the Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Saginaw, June 16-18. Sessions will begin June 16, 1:30 p. m.

Conference Services Wednesday evening at St. Paul's Church, E. Wendland, speaker.

Program: A conducted study of the program for Synod's Convention in August "A Restudy of Ordination and Installation," E. J. Berg; "How are Members of our Congregations who Adhere to False Doctrine to be Dealt with?" W. C. Voss; "A Homiletical-Exegetical Study of Matthew 10, 16-22," R. Gensmer.

R. O. FREY, Secretary.

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### NEW ULM DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Place: St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, New Ulm.

Time: June 9, 9:30 a. m.

Papers: Verbal Inspiration, Prof. H. Birkholz, The Possibility of Establishing Lutheran High Schools, Prof. M. Albrecht.

E. C. SCHMELZER, Secretary.

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### PASTORAL DELEGATE CONFERENCE DAKOTA-MONTANA DISTRICT EASTERN CONFERENCE

Place: Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Elkton, South Dakota, Rev. Wm. Lindloff, host.

Time: June 17, 1953, 9:30 a. m.

H. A. HEMPEL, Secretary.

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### CROW RIVER VALLEY DELEGATE CONFERENCE MINNESOTA DISTRICT

Place: Salem Ev. Lutheran Church, Greenwood, W. P. Haar, pastor.

Date: June 23-24; sessions beginning at 10:00 a. m. on June 23.

Essays: To Whom can we Give a Christian Burial? W. P. Haar; Should the Women of the Congregation be Invited to any Congregational Meetings, and to What Extent May They Participate? P. R. Kuske; Christian Stewardship of Possessions, M. Kunde.

Preacher: J. Raabe; alternate: H. Mutterer. Kindly make your requests for lodging to the host pastor.

P. R. HANKE, Secretary.

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### SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT PASTORAL CONFERENCE

The Southeastern Wisconsin District Pastoral Conference will meet D. v. Monday and Tuesday, June 22-23, 1953 at Christ Lutheran Church, 23rd Street and Greenfield Avenue, Milwaukee, the Rev. Herman Cares, pastor.

The conference will begin with a communion service at 10:00 a. m. Monday, June 22, at which Pastor H. Vogel will deliver the sermon.

The conference paper is entitled "The Implications of the Doctrine of the Holy Trinity for the church of today" and will be read by Pastor Arnold Koelpin of Caledonia, Wisconsin.

The ladies of Christ Lutheran Church will serve dinner on both days at moderate prices.

All pastors and male teachers of the District are expected to attend and should announce themselves to the local pastor, The Rev. Herman Cares, 2221 West Greenfield Avenue, Milwaukee 4, Wisconsin.

On Monday evening, June 22, at 7:30 o'clock, an illustrated lecture on our Christ Lutheran Church, 23rd and Greenfield Ave. by Prof. Norbert Reim, now home on furlough from his work at our Seminary in Nigeria.

HEINRICH J. VOGEL, Secretary.

## The Northwestern Lutheran

### RED WING DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: June 2, 1953.

Time: 9:00 a. m.

Place: First Lutheran Church, La Crescent, Minnesota, E. G. Hertler, host pastor.

The Conference begins with the celebration of Holy Communion. Speaker W. Voigt (Alternate, Theo. Albrecht).

An essay on Christian Stewardship by Pastor H. Muenkel will be read at this conference.

Synodical business will be closely studied. Complete reports on the various phases of the Synod's work will be given by the proper synodical representatives.

Please notify the host pastor of your intended presence, together with the number of delegates coming with you.

NORMAN E. SAUER, Secretary.

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### EASTERN DELEGATE CONFERENCE

The Eastern Delegate Conference of the Southeastern Wisconsin District will be held at the Bluemound Lutheran Church, 724 N. 112th Street, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, on June 8, 1953, at 8 p. m.

P. BEHN, Visitor.

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### PASTORAL CONFERENCE OF THE WESTERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT

A Pastoral Conference of the Western Wisconsin District will be held at Northwestern College, Watertown, Wisconsin, on June 16 and 17, 1953.

The first session will begin at 10:00 o'clock on Tuesday, June 16. Dinner and supper on Tuesday, and breakfast and dinner on Wednesday will be available in the dining hall of the College.

Sleeping room will be provided in the dormitory. Sleepers will have to bring their own bedclothes.

A Communion Service will be held at the Gymnasium of the College on Tuesday evening. Pastor Kurt Timmel of Trinity Church, Watertown, will be the host pastor. Vice-President R. W. Mueller will preach the sermon.

The following papers will be read: An Exegesis of the Epistle of St. Jude, by Prof. W. A. Schumann. An Evaluation of the Revised Standard Version, by Pastor Walter Wegner. Practical Application of our Royal Priesthood, by Pastor E. H. Kionka. "Abound in This Grace Also," by Vice-President J. C. Dahlke. Report of the Meeting of the General Synodical Committee.

Registration should be sent to Prof. E. W. Tacke.

G. C. MARQUARDT, Secretary.

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### NEBRASKA DISTRICT PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: June 23-25, 1953.

Time: 9:30 a. m.

Place: Churches of the Denver, Colo. area: Tuesday, Mt. Olive Luth. Church, Pres. Im. P. Frey, pastor, S. Elizabeth and E. Arizona.

Wednesday, St. Luke's Church, V. Tiefel, pastor, W. 39th Ave. and Winona.

Thursday, St. James Church, H. Schulz, pastor, Golden, Colorado.

Assignments: Hebrews 11, H. Lietzau; Matthew 19, 9, E. C. Birkholz; Exegesis on Psalm 24, M. Burk; Planned Families Examined in the Light of Scripture, L. Hanke; The Preaching of the Unconditioned Gospel, F. Werner; A Reevaluation of Homiletical Principles in the Light of 1 Corinthians, E. Dreyer; Romans 9, 14-15, Im. P. Frey.

Speaker: W. Hoyer, (A. W. Furstenaue). Please announce to N. Luetke.

MILTON F. WEISHAN, Secretary.

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### REDWOOD FALLS DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: June 16, 1953.

Place: St. John's Lutheran Church, Vesta, Minn., Pastor R. Bretzmann.

Time: 2 p. m. to 9 p. m.

Work: Our Stewardship of Money, Pastor W. Vatthauer; Report on Our Synod Mission Work, Pastor W. Dorn; Report

on Our Synod Educational Institutions, Pastor G. Zimmermann; Report on Our Synod Charities, Pastor H. Schnitker; Report on Inter-Synod Matters, Pastor E. Gamms, Pastor Edw. Birhkolz, Alternate.

All congregations in any way affiliated with the conference are reminded, according to our custom, to try to send two voting delegates. Please, notify the host pastor if you are unable to attend.

G. ZIMMERMANN, Secretary.

**ARIZONA-CALIFORNIA PASTORAL DELEGATE CONFERENCE**

The Annual Spring Sessions of the Arizona-California Pastoral Delegate Conference will be held on the Campus of the East Fork Lutheran Apache Mission (Address Whiteriver, Arizona) June 2, 3, and 4, 1953.

Besides the general work of the Conference, reports will be given by the California Missionaries, the Spanish Missionary and other Committees. Interesting and enlightening papers will be delivered by pastors and teachers of the Conference.

We welcome visiting pastors and friends who might be in the vicinity at the time of our sessions. However, please notify Pastor E. Sprengler, East Fork Mission, Whiteriver, Arizona or the undersigned if you plan to be with us.

ARTHUR A. GUENTHER, Secretary.

**Northwestern Lutheran Academy**

Closing exercises: Friday, June 5, 10:30 a.m. Guest Speaker: Rev. Roy Reede, White, South Dakota.

Commencement Concert: Thursday, June 4, 8:00 p.m.

Both the closing service and the concert will be held in the new auditorium. All are heartily invited to attend.

R. A. FENSKE.

**Dr. Martin Luther College**

Commencement exercises at Dr. Martin Luther College are set for 10 o'clock on Friday, June 5. Pastor H. C. Nitz of Waterloo, Wisconsin, will deliver the address. The concert on the evening before will begin at 8:15. We extend a cordial invitation to all.

CARL L. SCHWEPPE.

**Northwestern College**

The annual commencement exercises at Northwestern College will take place on Thursday, June 11, at ten o'clock.

**CANDIDATES FOR THE PROFESSORSHIP AT DR. MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE**

The following names have been placed in nomination in response to the call for candidates for the new professorship at Dr. Martin Luther College:

1. Rev. E. J. Berg, Benton Harbor, Michigan
2. Rev. Leonard G. Bernthal, Elroy, Wisconsin
3. Rev. A. H. Dobberstein, Clarkston, Washington
4. Prof. Martin Garbrecht, Mankato, Minnesota
5. Rev. Paul J. Gieschen, Rockfield, Wisconsin
6. Rev. Frederick Heidemann, New London, Wisconsin
7. Rev. Gerhard A. Horn, Chaseburg, Wisconsin
8. Rev. Lloyd Huebner, Akaska, South Dakota
9. Rev. E. H. Klonka, Wausau, Wisconsin
10. Dr. H. A. Koch, Greenleaf, Wisconsin

11. Prof. Robert Krause, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
12. Rev. Karl Mischke, Goodhue, Minnesota
13. Rev. Frederick Nitz, Hendricks, Minnesota
14. Rev. W. O. Pless, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin
15. Rev. Theodore Sauer, Livonia, Michigan
16. Rev. Egbert Schaller, Nicollet, Minnesota
17. Rev. Edwin Schmelzer, Butterfield, Minnesota
18. Rev. Victor J. Weyland, Chilton, Wisconsin
19. Rev. G. F. Zimmermann, Fairfax, Minnesota

The Board of Control will meet on Monday, June 1, 1953, at 10:00 a.m., at which time a selection will be made from the above list. Correspondence concerning any of these candidates must be in the hands of the Secretary by that date.

The Board of Control  
Dr. Martin Luther College  
A. E. Gerlach, Secretary  
414 S. Franklin  
New Ulm, Minnesota

**PASTORS' INSTITUTE**

The Pastor's Institute will be held at the Theological Seminary at Thiensville, Wisconsin, August 24-28. Details regarding costs, courses, and lecturers will be announced at a later date.

HEINRICH J. VOGEL, Secretary.

**MICHIGAN LUTHERAN SEMINARY**

Michigan Lutheran Seminary will conclude its forty-third school year with a graduation service in the school auditorium, Thursday, June 4, at 7:30 p.m. The usual field events and alumni baseball game will be held during the morning and afternoon of the same day. The annual alumni meeting will be held at 4:30 p.m.

CONRAD FREY.

**NOTICE**

The thirty-second biennial convention of the Ev. Luth. Joint Synod of Wisconsin and Other States will be held at Watertown, Wisconsin, using the facilities of Northwestern College. The dates for the convention are August 5-12, 1953.

Pastor and teacher delegates to the convention will be certified by the District Presidents to the District Secretaries. Lay delegates certifications must be signed by the pastor, president and secretary of the congregations from which they are chosen; this certification is also to be sent to the District Secretaries. The latter will send the complete list of delegates and alternates to the undersigned. The dead-line for these lists is June 1, as the same must be published in three successive issues of the Northwestern Lutheran.

All delegates will have their quarters in the college dormitory. The housing committee at the college will use the official printed list to make their arrangements. Delegates desiring to commute every day will please notify the housing committee to that effect. Delegates are to provide their own bedding; pillow, pillow case, sheets and blankets. These may be mailed to the college and will be available upon the arrival of the delegates.

The delegates register upon their arrival and will receive their room assignment, meal tickets and information on the convention program.

The first convention service will be held at St. Mark's church at 10 a.m. on August 5. The first session begins at 2 p.m. on the same date in the college gymnasium. PROF. WINFRED SCHALLER, Secretary.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

Pastor Henke, Howard, Rt. 1, Box 232, Des Plaines, Illinois

**ORDINATIONS AND INSTALLATIONS**

(Authorized by the proper officials) Installed

Pastor Lindloff, Norman W., in Trinity Church, Wilson, Minnesota, by R. A. Kettenacker; assisted by Rud P. Korn, Art. Hanke, Paul Hanke, J. B. Erhart, Wm. Lange, Carl Mischke and W. G. Hoffmann; Cantate Sunday, May 3, 1953.

**NOTICE**

For sale, or will donate as need is shown, stained glass windows, Gothic, good condition, installed in 1939; six large, two medium, two small. Other furnishings. Write Peace Lutheran Church, Green Lake, Wisconsin. C. E. KRUG.

**BOOK REVIEW**

Die Bekenntnisschriften der evangelisch-lutherischen Kirche, herausgegeben im Gedenkjahr der Augsburgischen Konfession, 1950. 2. verbesserte Auflage. Vandenhoeck und Ruprecht, Goettingen. XLVI and 1225. 9 1/2 x 6. DM 26 (about \$6.25).

One need not justify the appearance of a second edition of the confessional writings of the Lutheran Church in this Jubilee Edition. This splendid edition places at the disposal of the student the results of scholarship at its best. The Latin and German texts appear on one page together with any previous material which has a bearing on the text. In the *Augustana*, for example, the pertinent Schwabach and Marburg Articles are also included. To this throughout is added a copious textual apparatus and footnotes to the text, precious not only for their scholarship but for their brevity as well. The four indices are no mean contribution to the value of the work. The Jubilee Edition can be easily used in conjunction with the *Triglotta* since both carry page references to the Walch and Mueller editions. Never, it seems to us, has so much been sold for so little. JAMES P. SCHAEFER.

Zion on the Mississippi. Walter O. Forster. Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, Missouri. X and 606. 6x9. \$4.00 net.

Dr. Forster, Associate Professor of American History at Purdue University, herewith traces the Saxon emigration from its beginnings in Saxony to its final reorganization in 1841. The bulk of the 660 odd pages is concerned with the years 1837 to 1841. One of the most valuable contributions is the brief but satisfying treatment of the emigration's Saxon background and the survey of the American scene into which it was projected. From the opinion that religious considerations were not the only factors to be considered in the Saxon emigration to the author's re-appraisal of Stephan and Stephanism the book calls for some revision of the popular history of that period. But Dr. Forster is not a debunker; he has the happy knack of getting the facts to speak for themselves. He does not obscure facts by gloss; nor by a judicious selection of his source material does he attempt to prove or disprove a previous notion. The book is factually written and heavily documented; in fact, to our way of thinking, Dr. Forster has produced one of the finest monographs published in many a year. We wish it well. JAMES P. SCHAEFER.

**TREASURER'S STATEMENT**

July 1, 1952 to April 30, 1953

	Receipts	
Cash Balance July 1, 1952		\$ 110,643.86
Budgetary Collections	\$ 1,198,593.69	
Revenues	204,871.16	
<b>Total Collections and Revenues</b>	<b>1,403,464.85</b>	

**Non-Budgetary Receipts:**

U. S. Govn. Bonds matured	49,892.50
Reimbursement of Budget from Gerdt's bequest	2,425.50
Luth. S. W. C. —	
Prayer Book	781.00
From 'Africa Still Calls'	6,000.00

Bequests .....	2,839.98
Miscellaneous .....	416.50
<b>Total Receipts .....</b>	<b>\$ 1,465,820.33</b>
	<b>\$ 1,576,464.19</b>

Home Missions .....	372,390.43
Madison Student Mission .....	6,254.19
Luth. Spiritual Welfare Commission .....	20,590.87
Paid to Church Extension Fund .....	50,000.00
Winnebago Luth. Academy .....	2,500.00
General Support .....	62,590.60
Indigent Students .....	695.50
Board of Education .....	10,019.11

**Disbursements**

**Budgetary Disbursements:**

General Administration.....\$	60,008.70
Theological Seminary .....	73,667.10
Northwestern College .....	135,385.31
Dr. Martin Luther College .....	160,664.42
Mich. Luth. Seminary .....	110,775.79
Northw. Luth. Academy .....	36,552.43
Mobridge Building Fund .....	90,000.00
Home for the Aged .....	26,001.85
Missions —	
Gen. Administration .....	3,180.10
Indian Missions .....	103,120.87
Colored Missions .....	48,753.27

<b>Total Budgetary Disbursements .....</b>	<b>\$ 1,409,566.69</b>
<b>Non-Budgetary Disbursements:</b>	
Notes Payable paid .....	1,600.00
U. S. Govn. Bonds purchased .....	149,438.17
<b>Total Disbursements .....</b>	<b>\$ 1,560,604.86</b>
<b>Cash Balance April 30, 1953 .....</b>	<b>\$ 15,859.33</b>

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF BUDGETARY COLLECTIONS AND DISBURSEMENTS**

For period of July 1 to April 30

	1951-1952	1952-1953	Increase	Decrease
Collections .....	\$ 1,021,195.96	1,400,566.69	175,149.22	
Disbursements .....	1,234,417.47	\$ 1,198,593.69	\$ 177,397.73	
<b>Operating Deficit .....</b>	<b>\$ 213,221.51</b>	<b>210,973.00</b>		<b>\$ 2,248.51</b>

**ALLOTMENT STATEMENT**  
July 1, 1952 to April 30, 1953

District	Comm.	Receipts	Allotment	Deficit	Surplus	Per-cent
Pacific Northwest .....	1,274	\$ 9,760.52	\$ 8,493.30		\$ 1,267.22	114.92
Nebraska .....	6,181	42,518.37	41,206.70		1,311.67	103.18
Michigan .....	21,175	139,035.97	141,166.70	2,130.73		98.49
Dakota-Montana .....	7,031	47,960.73	46,940.00		1,020.73	102.17
Minnesota .....	36,968	211,195.48	246,453.30	35,257.82		85.69
North Wisconsin .....	44,193	245,166.34	294,620.00	49,453.66		83.21
West Wisconsin .....	48,767	239,681.98	325,113.30	85,431.32		73.72
Southeast Wisconsin .....	48,826	259,803.86	325,506.70	65,702.84		79.81
<b>Totals .....</b>	<b>214,425</b>	<b>\$ 1,195,123.25</b>	<b>\$ 11,429,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 234,376.75</b>		<b>83.60</b>

C. J. NIEDFELDT, Treasurer.

**DONATIONS SENT DIRECTLY TO TREASURER'S OFFICE**  
For Spiritual Welfare Commission

Walmer Baehman, Hortonville, Wisconsin .....	\$ 1.00
Memorial Wreath in memory of Mr. William Schweitzer from Lyndell and Mrs. Smith, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan .....	10.00
Cpl. Gilbert D. Tvers, Japan .....	10.00
Memorial Wreath in memory of Mrs. Louise Raether, from Rev. A. Schabow, Algoma, Wisconsin .....	3.00
Memorial Wreath in memory of Frank J. Harder, given by Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Neubert and family .....	10.00
	\$ 34.00
<b>Mission</b>	
Memorial Wreath in memory of Mrs. Herman Boness, given by Melvin Heyroth, Harry Gesell, and Fred Griep .....	5.00
	\$ 5.00
<b>Refugee Mission</b>	
Peter Midolla, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin .....	10.00
	\$ 10.00
<b>African Mission</b>	
Memorial Wreath in memory of Elaine B. Geiger, given by Emil C. Martin .....	10.00
Children of St. Paul's School, St. James, Minnesota ..	19.00
Memorial Wreath in memory of Mrs. Elaine Geiger given by Mrs. Fred Neitzel .....	5.00
	\$ 34.00

**Church Extension Fund**

Memorial Wreath in memory of Rev. William Eggert given by N. N. ....	5.00
Memorial Wreath in memory of Mrs. August Rettke given by Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Kirkpaterick .....	2.00
Memorial Wreath in memory of Rev. Wm. A. Eggert given by Rev. G. J. Ehlert .....	3.00
	\$ 8.00

C. J. NIEDFELDT, Treasurer.

**SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT**  
**Memorial Wreaths**  
April, 1953

	SYNOD	OTHER
In Memory of — Sent In By	Budgetary	Special CHARITIES
Margaret Gunst—W. Reinemann\$	\$ 2.00	\$ 34.00
Berthold Schaefer—F. Zarling..		7.00
August Neitzel—H. Heckendorf.		55.50
Mrs. Minnie Westphal—E. Ph. Ebert .....	7.00	13.50
Eugene Burnell—E. Ph. Ebert	5.00	
Martha Swoboda—E. Ph. Ebert	23.50	66.00
Henry Hoffmann—E. Ph. Ebert		5.00
Maria Vogel—P. J. Gieschen...		5.00
Ferdinand Fredricks—M. Liesener .....		4.00

Rev. W. A. Eggert—H. W. Woyahn .....		5.00	
Mrs. Augusta Kloehn—W. Keibel .....	5.00		5.00
Albert Knueppel—W. J. and J. P. Schaefer .....			3.00
Rev. Wm. Eggert—W. J. and J. P. Schaefer .....		50.15	
Mrs. Emil Arndt—G. E. Schmeling .....			5.00
Mrs. Wm. Rusch—G. E. Schmeling .....			5.00
Mrs. Randall Krueger—G. E. Schmeling .....			3.00
Alvina Gauger—H. Cares .....			6.00
Herman Johansen—J. G. Jeske .....			10.00
T. Witt—A. P. Voss .....			5.00
Harry Fabian—H. P. Koehler .....			3.00
Albert Knueppel—H. P. Koehler .....			4.00
Henry Helm—H. P. Koehler .....			7.00
Duane Maus—H. P. Koehler .....			2.00
Edwin Buss—H. P. Koehler .....			3.00
Rev. G. Vater—E. Ph. Dornfeld .....		10.00	
Walter Schroeder—E. Ph. Dornfeld .....			5.00
Mrs. Thekla Gruenzel—E. Ph. Dornfeld .....			3.00
Mrs. Emma Mundstock—A. F. Halboth .....			15.00
Mrs. Frieda Sommer—A. F. Halboth .....			10.00
A. Knueppel—J. A. deGalley .....			4.00
Mrs. Ella Buchholz—P. Pieper .....			3.00
Bernard Nuechterlein and Doris Nuechterlein—E. Jaster .....			10.00
	\$ 40.50	\$ 67.15	\$ 277.00

G. W. SAMPE, District Cashier.

**MINNESOTA DISTRICT**

July 1, 1952-April 1, 1953

**Crow River Valley Conference**

Congregation—Pastor	SYNOD		OTHER
	Budgetary	Special	CHARITIES
Buffalo, St. John's, E. R. Berwald .....	\$ 2,295.76	\$ 118.90	\$ 89.00
Crawford Lake, Trinity, M. H. Hanke .....			
Delano, Mt. Olive, M. J. Lenz .....	2,566.09		
Glenwood, Calvary, F. E. Stern .....	472.07	2.00	
Graceville, Mt. Olive, H. A. Mutterer .....	571.50		
Hancock, St. John's, H. C. Duehlmeier .....	1,620.12	183.00	11.00
Johnson, Trinity, P. R. Kuske .....	1,767.15		159.37
Litchfield, St. Paul's, J. Raabe .....	1,847.90		47.61
Loretto, Salem, W. P. Haar .....	1,835.03	4.00	5.00
Monticello, St. Peter's, P. R. Hanke .....	624.56		
Montrose, St. Paul's, M. H. Hanke .....	303.01		
Morris, St. Paul's, H. C. Duehlmeier .....	1,013.78	66.25	6.00
Rockford, Cross, T. E. Kock .....	840.76		
T. Acoma, Immanuel, O. Engel .....	2,041.35	20.00	88.53
T. Buffalo, Immanuel, P. R. Hanke .....	1,841.46		
T. Ellsworth, St. Peter's, M. C. Kunde .....	521.61		
T. Lynn, Zion, M. Lemke .....	1,082.55	875.00	220.00
T. Malta, Bethany, H. A. Mutterer .....	212.52		
Edmund Zabel .....		50.00	10.00
Total .....	\$ 21,454.82	\$ 1,519.15	\$ 634.56

**Mankato Conference**

Alma City, St. John's, E. E. Kolander .....	1,728.51	66.52	22.00
Belle Plaine, Trinity, G. Radtke .....	1,817.83		124.25
Jordan, St. Paul's, L. Brandes .....	2,507.00	4.00	
Le Sueur, Grace, M. J. Wehausen .....	493.77		
Mankato, Immanuel, G. W. Fischer .....	5,209.14	7,619.00	158.46
N. Mankato, St. Paul's R. A. Haase .....	2,892.15	14.50	30.50
W. Mankato, St. Mark's M. Birkholz .....	669.90		
New Prague, Friedens, A. Martens .....	1,194.61		
St. Clair, St. John's, A. P. C. Kell .....	1,653.54		61.00
St. James, St. Paul's, E. F. Peterson .....	1,497.00		5.00
St. Peter, St. Peter Lutheran, G. Albrecht .....	1,578.11	15.00	
Smith's Mill, Trinity, T. Bauer .....	1,068.99		
Home for the Aged Belle Plaine .....	52.00		
Total .....	\$ 22,362.55	\$ 7,719.02	\$ 399.21

**New Ulm Conference**

Balaton, St. Peter's, H. C. Sprenger .....	2,068.90		44.00
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Butterfield, St. Matthew's, E. C. Schmelzer .....	406.28		
Courtland, Courtland Lutheran E. Hallauer .....	290.84		21.62
Darfur, St. John's, E. Schmelzer .....	229.73		
Lake Benton, St. John's, A. H. Birner .....	746.60		
Morgan, Zion, W. Frank .....	724.08		15.00
New Ulm, St. John's, R. A. Gurgel .....	2,032.73		
New Ulm, St. Paul's, W. J. Schmidt .....	8,475.35	35.50	12.00
Nicollet, Trinity, E. Schaller .....	4,661.98	138.00	2.00
Sanborn, Zion, W. P. Scheitel .....	921.53	22.00	14.00
Sleepy Eye, St. John's, P. F. Nolting .....	5,419.30		184.00
T. Brighton, Zion, E. Hallauer .....	673.86		24.22
T. Island Lake, Zion, R. F. Schroeder .....	271.00		15.00
T. Eden, Immanuel, W. Frank .....	623.00		
T. Verdi, Immanuel, A. H. Birner .....	355.46		
Tyler, Immanuel, R. F. Schroeder .....	384.00		5.00
Total .....	\$ 28,264.64	\$ 195.50	\$ 334.84

**Red Wing Conference**

Austin, St. Paul's, L. W. Schierenbeck .....	731.48		
Bear Valley, St. John's, T. Haar .....	635.00		20.00
Bremen, Trinity, O. Klett .....	247.84		
Brownsville, Emanuel, E. G. Hertler .....	110.50		
Caledonia, St. John's, K. A. Gurgel .....	2,411.65		54.40
Charles City, Cross, W. A. Geiger .....	361.12		
Frontenac, St. John's, W. G. Voigt .....	429.50		52.00
Goodhue, St. Peter's, C. Mischke .....	850.00		
Hokah, Zion, E. G. Hertler .....	883.75		
La Crescent, First Lutheran E. G. Hertler .....	640.50		
Lake City, St. John's, T. H. Albrecht .....	4,302.59		322.00
Mapleview, Calvary, L. W. Schierenbeck .....	56.85		
Mason City, Bethlehem, C. A. Hinz .....	400.00		
Mazeppa, St. John's, T. Haar .....	877.00		
Nodine, St. John's, R. A. Kettenacker .....	2,336.32		
Oronoco, Grace, N. A. Reinke .....	1,208.46		10.00
Poplar Grove, St. Peter's, N. A. Reinke .....	222.00		
Red Wing, St. John's, G. A. Barthels .....	2,671.11	9.00	51.50
South Ridge, Immanuel, E. G. Hertler .....	829.00		
T. Dexter, Trinity, N. E. Sauer .....	1,210.24	10.00	52.00
T. Goodhue, Grace, C. Albrecht .....	962.12	3.00	77.00
T. Goodhue, St. John's, C. Albrecht .....	1,736.11		
T. Lincoln, Trinity, E. Scharlemann .....	728.80	727.50	
T. Minneola, St. John's, C. H. Mischke .....	838.03	11.00	6.00
T. West Florence, Immanuel, W. G. Voigt .....	1,042.41		15.00
T. Union, St. Peter's, F. Ehlert .....	200.61		
Wabasha, Our Redeemer, H. Scherf .....	141.40		5.00
Zumbrota, Christ, H. F. Muenkel .....	4,495.50	528.25	175.50
Total .....	\$ 31,559.89	\$ 1,288.75	\$ 840.40

**Redwood Falls Conference**

Arlington, St. Paul's, J. G. Bradtke .....	4,401.02	9.00	789.55
Danube, St. Matthew's, H. C. Schnitker .....	2,264.97		62.50
Echo, Peace, H. Hackbarth .....	1,716.81		14.25
Essig, Zion, Dr. P. W. Spaude .....	343.97		
Fairfax, St. John's, W. F. Vatthauer .....	3,053.41	3.00	138.50
Gibbon, Immanuel, H. H. Kesting .....	3,724.35	45.00	195.50
Marshall, Christ, E. R. Gamm .....	1,571.47		
Milroy, St. John's, G. W. Scheitel .....	275.75		
Morton, Zion, S. Baer .....	978.74	8.00	27.68
Olivia, Zion, Im. F. Lenz .....	1,222.44		5.00
Redwood Falls, St. John's, E. A. Birkholz .....	2,320.97		61.11
Renville, St. John's, W. F. Dorn .....	2,215.00		12.00
Seaforth, St. Paul's, A. Broitsman .....	300.00		
T. Emmett, Bethany, O. K. Netzke .....	606.54		
T. Flora, St. Matthew's, O. K. Netzke .....	490.93		1.00
T. Helen, St. John's, K. J. Plocher .....	1,654.35	2.00	81.10
T. Omro, St. John's, W. H. Zickuhr .....	1,111.90	5.50	21.50
T. Ridgely, St. John's, Dr. P. W. Spaude .....	373.95		14.00

T. Sheridan, St. John's, A.			
Broitsman	159.58	1.00	
T. Wellington, Emanuel, G. F.			
Zimmermann	1,451.95	149.75	183.00
T. Winfield, St. Luke, W. F. Dorn	500.00		
Vesta, St. John's, R. E.			
Bretzmann	1,800.61	15.00	24.50
Winthrop, Zion, C. Wm. A.			
Kuehner	1,510.26	1.00	69.45
Wood Lake, St. John's, J. W.			
Stehr	2,551.12	109.75	259.45
Mrs. Im. F. Albrecht Memorial		24.00	
Total	\$ 36,560.12	\$ 449.75	\$ 1,968.12

**St. Croix Valley Conference**

Amery, Redeemer, O. P.	854.81		
Medenwald	178.85		
Centuria, St. John's, F. Kempfert			
Clear Lake, Grace, O. P.	469.53		
Medenwald			
Ellsworth, Ellsworth Lutheran	70.69		1.90
F. Mutterer			
Hastings, St. John's, L. Ristow	1,355.95	12.00	48.60
Hersey, First Luth. P. E. Horn	63.37	5.00	
Highwood Park, Mt. Zion, G. J. Ehlert	188.37		
Minneapolis, Bl. Lutheran, J. G. Hoenecke	219.79		
Minneapolis, St. John's, P. C. Dowidat	2,556.92	700.00	
Minneapolis, Pilgrim, R. J. Palmer	3,084.59		
N. St. Paul, Christ, H. A. Sauer	1,735.00		
Nye, Grace, L. Schaller	268.25		
Osceola, Trinity, L. Schaller	447.25		
Prescott, St. Paul's, F. Mutterer	626.58	85.80	
Rock Creek, Redeemer, F. Kempfert	171.58		
St. Croix Falls, English Lutheran	496.60		
F. Kempfert			
St. Louis Park, Timothy, R. Schumann	94.53	1.50	
St. Paul, Emanuel, L. M. Voss	3,563.97	883.35	
St. Paul, Mt. Olive, C. P. Koch	1,796.83	106.00	39.30
St. Paul, St. James, C. P. Bolle	5,684.81	400.00	
St. Paul, St. John's, Naumann-Albrecht	5,429.78	100.00	180.00
St. Paul Trinity, A. C. Haase	1,021.27	192.15	
St. Paul Park, St. Andrews, G. J. Ehlert	515.77		
South St. Paul, Grace, A. G. Eberhart	5,628.88	475.01	
Stillwater, Salem, P. R. Kurth	2,481.90		
T. Baytown, St. John's, E. W. Penk	901.40	19.00	
T. Cady, St. Matthew's, K. Nolting	176.20	47.20	
T. E. Farmington, Zion, L. W. Meyer	2,426.00		
T. Grant, St. Matthew's, E. W. Penk	358.64	22.00	
T. Weston, St. John's, K. Nolting	479.94	68.65	
T. Woodbury, Salem, F. Mutterer	408.37	5.00	16.00
Woodville, Immanuel, P. E. Horn	463.65	50.00	
Harold Kuether Memorial		13.00	
Treasurer of Minnesota District			
Missouri Synod		1.00	
Total	\$ 39,780.07	\$ 292.00	\$ 3,180.46
District Total	\$ 179,982.09	\$ 11,264.17	\$ 7,357.59

R. O. SCHWEIM, District Treasurer.

**Memorial Wreaths**

In Memory of — Sent In By	SYNOD		OTHER
	Budgetary	Special	CHARITIES
Henry Oberdick—E. C. Schmelzer	\$	\$	\$ 34.50
E. W. Mumm—H. C. Duehlmeier		183.00	11.00
Fred Stotts—H. C. Duehlmeier	60.00	61.25	5.00
August Luedtke—O. Engel		20.00	20.00
John Krautbauer—E. E. Kolander	10.00	15.00	22.00
Mrs. Augusta Syndergaard—G. W. Fischer			1.00
Mrs. Wilhelmina Fischer—G. W. Fischer	14.00	5.00	
Mrs. Walter Seppman—G. W. Fischer	8.00	1.00	2.00
Carl Vosbeck—G. W. Fischer			7.00
Lester A. Gluth—W. Frank	5.00		
Mrs. Geo. Gieseke—E. Hallauer	3.00		
Mrs. T. H. Dewitz—K. A. Gurgel	112.00		2.00
Mrs. Herman Heinz—K. A. Gurgel	30.00		6.00
Henry Meerkins—T. H. Albrecht			23.00
Mrs. Fred Heise—T. H. Albrecht			10.00
Donald Henry Hoef—T. H. Albrecht			72.00
Henry Lutjen—T. H. Albrecht			7.00

Connie Lutjen—T. H. Albrecht			5.00
Clarence Holst—T. H. Albrecht			10.00
Mrs. Cord Von Holmst—T. H. Albrecht			4.00
Richard Jeck—N. E. Sauer	11.50	10.00	
Mrs. Katherine Ehlers—C. Albrecht	34.00	1.00	63.00
John Tiedemann—H. F. Muenkel	3.50	60.00	4.00
Mrs. Adelherd Sommers—H. F. Muenkel	20.00	35.50	4.00
Mrs. Augusta Wemlier—J. G. Bradtke		24.00	
Reinhold Boettcher—J. G. Bradtke	9.00		17.00
Mrs. Clarence Renneke—H. Hackbarth			19.00
Herm Barth—W. F. Vatthauer	43.00		21.00
Hy Thiem—H. H. Kesting	5.00	8.00	5.00
Fred Grewe—H. H. Kesting	2.00	17.00	37.00
Mrs. Harry Lehman—H. H. Kesting	5.00	7.00	26.00
Gust Kraemer—E. A. Birkholz	1.00		
Laura Hausman—O. K. Netzke	33.00	1.00	
Mrs. W. Geiger—W. H. Zickuhr	3.00		
Mrs. Robert Bleick—Dr. P. W. Spaude	3.00		7.00
Fred Gilb—R. E. Bretzmann	11.00		4.00
Adam Naab—R. E. Bretzmann	8.00		20.50
Ludwig Lentske—J. W. Stehr	5.00	14.00	16.50
Edward Funtke—J. W. Stehr	89.50	40.00	43.50
Albert Werner—J. W. Stehr	15.75	26.00	20.25
Mr. and Mrs. L. Nelson—P. E. Horn		5.00	
Mrs. Anna Oehlke—F. Mutterer	3.00		16.00
Total	\$ 547.25	\$ 531.75	\$ 565.25

**PACIFIC NORTHWEST DISTRICT**

January to March, 1953

	Budgetary	Non-Synod
St. John, Clarkston, L. Bernthal	\$ 96.05	\$
Good Hope, Ellensburg, G. Sydow	77.25	
Trinity, Omak, E. Zimmermann	21.00	
Gethsemane, Opportunity, R. Dommer	69.60	
Peace, Orofino, Ida., L. Bernthal	32.75	
St. Paul, Palouse, M. Witt	25.00	
Zion, Rainier, E. Kirst	17.25	
Grace, Seattle, G. Franzmann	68.35	
Salem, Seattle, E. Schulz	147.47	
Snoq. Valley, Snoqualmie, W. Lueckel	35.25	
Good Faith, So. Cle Elum, G. Sydow	11.25	
Shadle Park, Spokane, N. Menke	40.42	
Trinity, Spokane, M. Witt	503.41	
Faith, Tacoma, E. Kirst (Vacancy Pastor)	33.80	
St. Paul, Tacoma, W. Amacher	277.90	
Withrow Lutheran, V. Greve	40.30	
Grace, Yakima, T. Adascheck	541.77	39.50
Redeemer, Yakima, G. Frey	149.15	
Totals	\$ 2,187.97	\$ 39.50

FRITZ PETERSON, District Treasurer.

**NEBRASKA DISTRICT**

January to March, 1953

**Central Conference**

	BUDGET	SPECIAL	OTHER
St. Paul, Broken Bow	\$ 51.17	\$	\$
Redeemer, Co. Bluffs	5.50		
Lincoln Heights, Des Moines	131.31		
Grace, Fort Madison	34.45		
Christ, Grand Island	480.46		
Immanuel, Hadar	222.77		
Trinity, Hoskins	411.65		
Immanuel, Merna	62.75		
Grace, Newton	65.67		
Gethsemane, Omaha	259.66		
Grace, Oskaloosa	30.58		
Grace, Sioux City	586.95		1.00
St. John, Stanton	1,057.71		
Immanuel, Washington	7.40		

**Colorado Conference**

Redeemer, Cheyenne	60.82		
Mt. Olive, Colorado Springs	8.00	51.50	
Zion, Fort Morgan	131.43		
St. Luke, Denver	42.00		
Mt. Olive, Denver	169.43		
St. James, Golden	137.20		
St. Matthew, Loveland	25.11		
St. John, Montrose	54.50		
St. John, Platteville	50.13	14.41	
Grace, Pueblo	74.90		
Our Savior, Pueblo	24.00		
Grace, Sugar City	20.00		

**Rosebud Conference**

St. Paul, Batesland	500.00		
Zion, Bonesteel	30.15		
St. John, Brewster	79.25		20.25

Grace, Burke	56.39	
Peace, Carlock	65.85	
St. Paul, Colome	104.50	
Dunning Luth. Mission, Dunning	17.88	
St. John, Herrick	539.78	
Our Redeemer, Martin	100.00	
Zion, Mission	273.02	41.25
St. Paul, Naper	549.45	
St. Paul, White River	69.75	
Trinity, Winner	425.20	62.25
St. John, Witten	93.51	15.00
St. Peter, Wood	21.43	

**Southern Conference**

First, Aurora	216.26	
Memorial, Elizabeth Tolard	3.00	
Memorial, Henry Schroeder	1.00	
Christ, Beatrice	163.41	
Emmaus, Beatrice	66.67	
Zion, Clatonia	216.46	
Zion, David City	89.19	
Memorial, John Heins	10.00	
St. John, Firth	197.68	
Memorial, Margaret Steffen	17.00	
Grace, Geneva	518.29	10.15
Memorial, Miss Kiekbusch	23.00	23.00
Trinity, Grafton	117.41	
St. Paul, Gresham		1.00
Redeemer, Hastings	115.82	49.00
Grace, Milford	41.11	102.50
St. Paul, Plymouth	428.08	
Memorial, Henry Schroeder		50.00
Memorial, Louise Ruppel		12.00
St. John, Rising City	186.03	71.00
Memorial, Mrs. A. Kath	288.25	11.84
Memorial, Mrs. John Kopke	5.00	
Memorial, Harry Bagnall	5.00	
Memorial	10.00	
St. Marks, Sutton	63.50	

Total .....\$ 9,250.43 \$ 253.06 \$ 305.09

HERBERT J. RIECHERS, Treasurer.

**MICHIGAN DISTRICT**

January 1, 1953 to March 31, 1953

**Southwestern Conference**

Reverend	Budget	Non-Budget
L. Meyer, Allegan	423.70	
J. Brenner, Battle Creek	60.65	
E. Berg, Benton Harbor	400.00	
E. Wendland, Benton Harbor	870.51	
R. Gensmer, Coloma	603.00	52.00
G. Struck, Dowagiac	598.25	
W. Krueger, Eau Claire	146.59	
C. Kipfmiller, Hopkins	400.00	
R. Beismann, Muskegon	134.61	
L. Meyer, Otsego	73.10	
A. Maas, Sodus	424.23	
W. Westendorf, South Haven	712.80	
H. Zink, Stevensville	420.57	
H. Hoenecke, Sturgis	108.39	

**Southeastern Conference**

A. Baer, Adrian	548.06	
East Ann Arbor	37.37	
O. Kreie, Belleville	243.80	
O. Schlenner, Detroit, Including \$10.07 from Sunday School	255.95	
W. Valleskey, Detroit	510.83	
E. Zell, Detroit	202.54	
E. Frey, Detroit	328.41	
E. Fredrich, Detroit	345.91	
J. DeRuiter, Detroit	393.95	
A. Gallart, Findlay	257.74	
H. Buch, Greenwood	161.95	
Kenton, Ohio	91.69	
W. Voss, Jenera	300.00	
K. Krause, Lansing	5,850.94	
F. Zimmerman, Lansing	252.38	
T. Sauer, Livonia	671.83	
S. Westendorf, Monroe	2,133.07	
A. Schultz, Monroetown	126.05	
A. Walther, Northfield	349.96	
E. Hoenecke, Plymouth	105.71	
C. Schmelzer, Riga, Including \$5.00 from Ladies Aid and \$150.00 from Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Rehklau	790.20	220.00*
H. Engel, Saline	433.27	61.50
A. Wacker, Scio, \$10 from Ladies Aid and \$10 from Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Frey, Thanks offering second child	46.00	20.00
A. Walther, South Lyons	98.70	
H. Wilde, Tiffin	13.95	16.00*
R. Timmel, Toledo	1,000.00	
W. Koelpin, Toledo	510.00	
R. Scheele, Toledo	790.70	
R. Demcak, Van Dyke	106.61	
L. Rasch, Warren	38.35	
A. Bloom, Waterloo	80.60	
G. Press, Wayne	966.39	
J. Westendorf, Williamston	69.30	
H. Buch, Yale	161.21	

**Northern Conference**

M. Schroeder, Bay City	584.33	
J. Vogt, Bay City	252.12	
A. Westendorf, Bay City	1,850.00	
E. Kasischke, Bay City	1,293.98	
H. Schultz, Brady	165.45	10.00
M. Koepsell, Broomfield	79.25	
H. Schultz, Chesaning	154.45	15.00
E. Leyrer, Clare	144.85	
N. Maas, Durand	38.69	
J. Roekle, Elkton	70.71	2.00
B. Westendorf, Flint	700.67	
R. Holtz, Flint	194.04	
A. Kehrberg, Frankenmuth	290.80	76.50*
A. Schwerin, Freeland	579.35	
G. Schmelzer, Hale, Including \$5.00 from Sunday School	91.47	15.00*
R. Frey, Hemlock	440.20	
W. Steih, Kawkawlin	245.00	5.00
H. Lemke, Lincoln	138.64	13.00
A. Maaske, Manistee	172.91	
R. Schaller, Mayville	124.75	
R. Schaller, North Branch	50.00	
K. Vertz, Owosso	1,500.00	
F. Schmelzer, Pigeon, Including Ladies Aid \$25 and 40th wedding anniversary Mr. and Mrs. Frank Einhardt \$10	209.60	13.00
M. Koepsell, Remus	156.11	
O. Frey, Saginaw, Including \$50 from Ladies Aid	572.50	
H. Eckert, Saginaw	370.41	
O. Eckert, Saginaw	2,320.63	
E. Renz, Scottville	31.04	
C. Miller, Sebawaing	650.00	
E. Renz, Sheridan	39.18	
T. Frey, Sterling	170.05	
C. Leyrer, St. Louis	101.62	26.20*
G. Cares, Swan Creek	266.20	
N. Maas, Swartz Creek	81.29	
P. Heyn, Tawas City	512.07	94.03
W. Kehrberg, Vassar	173.78	and 56.00*
T. Horneber, Zilwaukee	392.35	2.00
Members of Northern Conference	14.00	43.25
		17.00

Totals .....\$ 36,872.11 \$ 757.48

\* Represents money sent directly to institutions. Of the non-budget there was \$5.00 for Bldg. Fund, \$252.75 for Church Extension, and \$90.03 for War sufferers.

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