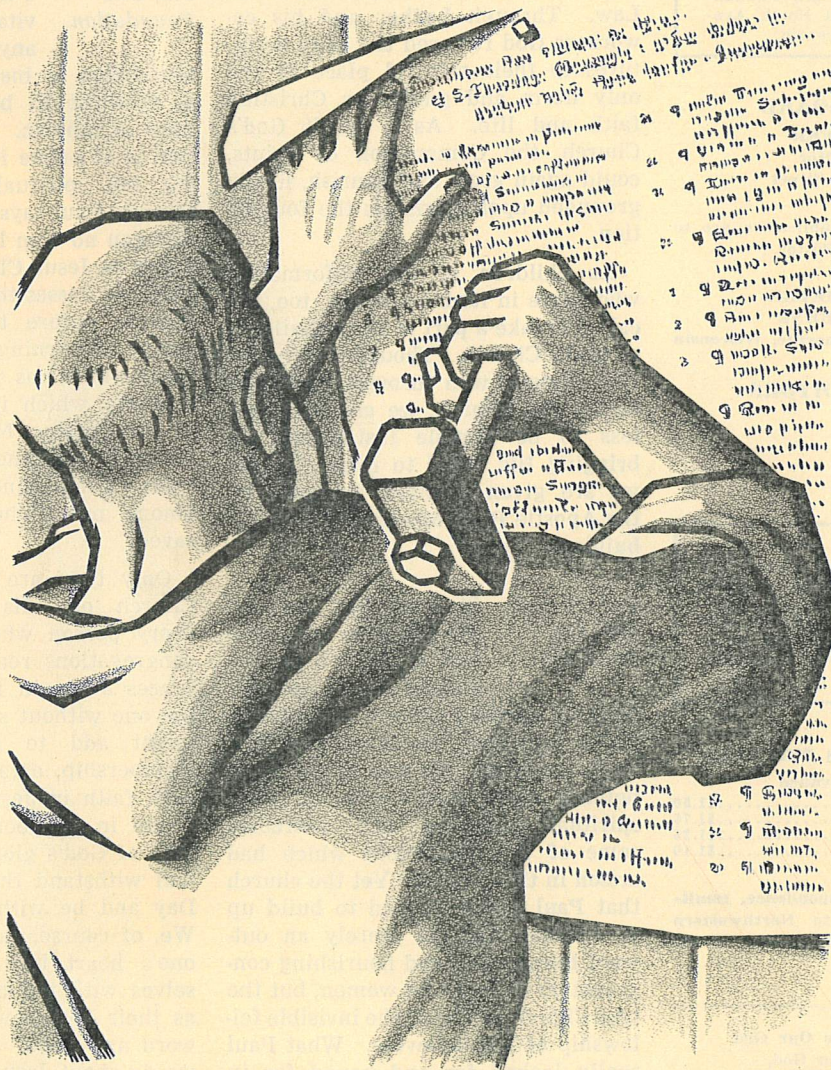


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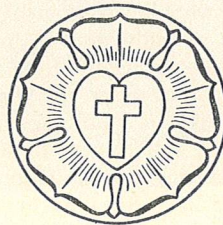
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Building The Church Of God

1 Cor. 3: 11-15

IT is quite natural that the Reformation Festival should lead us to think of the building of God's Church. Through Luther and his faithful co-workers God let His Gospel be proclaimed anew, the blessed message



that salvation is God's free gift through the Savior Jesus Christ, that man is justified by faith without the deeds of Law. Through Luther and his co-workers God restored the Holy Scriptures to their rightful place as the only norm and guide for Christian faith and life. As a result God's Church, the Communion of Saints, could again grow and flourish, firmly grounded upon Christ as the foundation.

As children of the Reformation who share in its blessing we, too, are called to take a part in the upbuilding of God's Church. Though it is really God Himself who through His Word builds His Church, we are nevertheless to be humble instruments in bringing His Word to men. In this we are given inspired guidance by the Apostle Paul, one of God's master builders.

The Church We Are To Build St. Paul had founded the Christian congregation at Corinth and remained deeply interested

in its spiritual welfare and growth. As he addressed this inspired epistle to its members, he was intent upon helping them solve some of their spiritual problems and overcome some of the dissensions which had arisen in their midst. Yet the church that Paul really desired to build up at Corinth was not merely an outward harmonious and flourishing congregation of men and women, but the true Church of Christ, the invisible fellowship of His believers. What Paul really looked for and hoped for in Corinth was that also here ever more souls might be brought in faith to Christ and His salvation, and that they together with those who already

believed might be further enlightened, strengthened, comforted, and sanctified in faith. We, too, need to keep in mind that it is really this Church which we are to build up as we gather together in individual Christian congregations and engage in all kinds of church activity, that our thought be not merely that of forming and preserving an outwardly harmonious, numerically imposing, and financially prosperous society of men, women, and children.

The One Foundation The foundation is vitally important in any building. If its foundation is insecure, the building is destined to become a worthless heap of rubbish. Just so the foundation is of prime importance in building the spiritual temple of God's Church. Paul says: "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." The Apostle Peter expresses this same truth in his defense before the Jewish council, saying concerning Jesus: "This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

Only then are we building God's Church on this foundation when every person whom we add to our congregations really knows and embraces Jesus in faith as his Savior. Anyone without such faith whom we might add to our congregational membership, or anyone who has lost such faith in Jesus whom we might retain in membership will not be a part of God's glorious Church which will withstand the fire of Judgment Day and be with the Lord forever. We, of course, cannot look into anyone's heart but must content ourselves with the confession of Christ as their Savior which men make in word and deed. Yet, knowing what we do about Jesus Christ as the only foundation of the Church we will be concerned about providing for a thorough instruction of our youth and of the adults whom we receive

into our Christian congregations, that through such instruction faith in Christ and His free gift of salvation be built up. We will see to it that in our public worship every sermon, hymn, and prayer be centered in the Gospel to nourish faith in Christ as the only Savior of sinners.

The Fitting Superstructure The Christians who have been brought to Christ in faith are now to be perfected as the glorious temple of God. They are to be deepened in Christian knowledge and understanding. They are to be made patient and courageous through the assurance that they rest securely in their heavenly Father's love and that they have access to all of His love and power in prayer. They are to grow in the joy and hope of their heavenly inheritance. Through the Gospel their thankful love toward their Lord and Savior is to become ever more ardent and their child-like awe and reverence before Him ever deeper. They are to be sanctified in their Christian living so that they become more richly adorned with every virtue and more fully dead to every sinful desire and act.

The Proper Material As we build on Christ the foundation, we are exhorted by St. Paul: "Let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon." And again: "Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is." The inspired apostle instructs us as builders of the Church to perfect this holy temple with solid and lasting materials, with gold, silver, and precious stones. Meant are the true teachings of Holy Scriptures. By them alone can Christians be enlightened in their faith and be led deeper into Christian knowledge and understanding. Only through the gold and silver and the precious stones of God's pure Word can their lives be made rich in prayer, joyful in hope, beautiful in good works, patient in true comfort, and steadfast in the assurance of God's love and power. Only what we build up through the pure Word of God will stand in the fire of Judgment Day to praise and glorify the Lord and His grace forever.

Unworthy Material Some builders of God's temple use wood, hay, and stubble, adding human errors in their proclamation of God's Word. They build up hopes, assurances, and convictions which will not stand on Judgment Day and which on that day will praise neither the builders nor God in whose name they did such building. It may be that with the wood of human fancy such unwise builders erect a false hope of a millennial reign of Christ which will be swept away as utterly vain in the fire of Judgment. It may be that they misdirect people to build their assurance of salvation not upon God's firm Word but upon an uncertain emotional experience. It may be that with the hay and stubble of an appeal to human pride and honor or to mere congregational loyalty they call forth lavish church contributions and intense church activity and also a life that bears the outward marks of Christian virtues. Yet these are not true fruits of faith,

glorifying the power of the Savior's grace and will not stand the test of eternity.

That such unwise building is not a light matter is evident from the judgment pronounced by the Apostle upon those who endeavor to build God's Church not only with gold, silver, and precious stones, but also with wood, hay, and stubble. Paul says: "If any man's work shall be burned he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire." In His mercy God will save even such builders insofar as they are still Christians clinging to Christ as their Savior in spite of their errors, but they will be like persons that have escaped with only their life from a fire that threatened complete destruction. They will forfeit the joy and the gracious commendation that they might have realized upon their labors, if they had built wholly with the gold and silver and the precious stones of God's pure Word.

C. J. L.

Guidance In Godliness

DON'T WORRY SO!

TAKE no "anxious thought" for tomorrow, is the meaning of the words Jesus spoke from the mount: "Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof" (Matt. 6:34). "Let not your heart be troubled," Jesus told His disciples, "neither let it be afraid" (John 14:27).

Everyone has some perplexities in life, but most of us make them worse by "borrowing trouble." We do not trust enough to God's care. We are like Thomas Carlyle who had a reputation for "nerves." It seemed that when he lived in London, a neighbor of his had a coop of chickens whose male member disturbed the famous man's slumber by his loud crowing. When Carlyle complained to the owner about it, the owner replied that there ought not to be any complaint, "as the cock crew but three or four times during the night." "That may be," replied Carlyle, "but if you only knew how I suffer *waiting* for him to crow."

That is the way with us. We think too much of what is going to trouble us. We imagine things worse than

they really are. We talk of our trials, we coddle them, we advertise them. We wonder, though, if we could dump our worries in one large heap, and then go to the pile and pick the trial we chose, whether most of us would not scratch around until we found the same old burden again. People are like that. We cast our burden on the Lord — but we keep on worrying as though He could not help us.

Martin Luther described a little robin who reminded him of God's loving care. He said: "I have one preacher that I love better than any other on earth; it is my little tame robin, who preaches to me daily. I put his crumbs upon my window sill. He hops up on the window sill when he is hungry and takes what he wants. Then he goes over to a little tree near by, lifts up his voice to our heavenly Father, and sings his carol of praise and thanksgiving. Then he tucks his little head under his wing, goes fast asleep, and leaves tomorrow to look after itself. He is the best preacher that I have on earth."

Jeremiah asks this rather pointed question: "If thou hast run with the footmen, and they have wearied thee,

then how canst thou contend with horses? and if in the land of peace, wherein thou trustedst, they wearied thee, then how wilt thou do in the swelling of Jordan?" (Jer. 12:5).

The story is told of a battle against cannibals which was won by the use of tacks. The savages had come on board a whaling vessel and bound the man who had been left on guard. When the crew returned and saw the situation, they scattered tacks on the

deck, which penetrated the bare feet of the savages and sent them howling into the sea. They were ready to meet gun and sword, but could not overcome the tacks.

It is so with us. We brace ourselves against great calamities, but the little tacks of life, scattered along our way, give us pain and are hard to bear. Really it is easier to dispose of great questions which cover the world than it is to meet and success-

fully overcome the little worries which present themselves day by day.

"Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:6-7).

K. F. K.

Editorials

How Much Can We Take? There is hardly a congregation in which there have not been members who, as soon as the going got a little rough, quit the church altogether or sought to escape the unpleasantness by transferring to another congregation. It is a sad but true fact that there is at times strife and dissension within Christian congregations, which is easily explained by the fact that they are made up not of perfect "saints" but weak, sinful human beings. It was that way already in the days of the apostles. If ever there was a congregation split into cliques and parties and torn asunder by improper behavior of members toward one another, it was the Corinthian congregation, so that Paul had to devote a large part of his letter to correcting this state of affairs. In fact, in reading that letter one wonders how that congregation survived and was not blown sky-high.

The actions of those who cause such disturbances certainly are not to be condoned, but it is another matter if members because of such personalities just run away from the church into which God has placed them. That does not take much courage but rather is an act of selfishness. That remains true whether those who run away were originally in the right or in the wrong. What does the kingdom of God gain by our running away? Nothing. That usually is not the consideration at all but rather an expression of spite and a desire to get out from under.

What if Jesus had been like that? In Hebrews 12:3, 4 we read: "Consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds. Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin." He was exposed to innumerable contradictions which were altogether unjustified. But did he quit and leave us to our own devices? That would have been a whole lot more pleasant for Him but certainly fatal for us. He was not thinking of Himself but of us, even of those who wrongly accused Him and agitated against Him.

Can't we display some of that spirit in the cause of His kingdom? How can we in the face of the unselfish spirit which He showed be so thin-skinned and run away because our pride is hurt or because it would mean facing some unpleasantness, as we often must in the cause of Christ? Let us be willing to face the music.

Jesus did. The Church of Christ will never be built by those who are sensitive to all insults and injuries and always look for the easy way out. Let us be willing to take some unpleasantness into the bargain in the work which our Lord has called us to do.

I. P. F.

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Knowledge Tempered By Christian Love There is a widespread misconception that the Christian religion merely involves doing certain things and not doing other things. By such the Christian religion is reduced to a set of rules and regulations, and, after the manner of the Pharisees in Christ's day and Paul's day, many of those rules and regulations have no Scriptural basis but are entirely man-made.

How many religious fanatics there have been whose religion found expression in such prohibitions as: Don't smoke, don't drink, don't play cards, and the like. St. Paul in his Epistle to the Colossians speaks disapprovingly of those whose religion was summed up in the regulations: "Touch not, taste not, handle not." The Christian religion has to do with higher things than that and leaves room for the exercise of a great deal of Christian liberty. We have such statements of Scripture as: "The kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. — All things are yours. — I know and am persuaded by the Lord Jesus, that there is nothing unclean of itself."

God is so good to us that He lets us enjoy many good things which this life has to offer and permits us to partake of enjoyable food and drink. Such things fall into the sphere of Christian liberty, which we may do or not do, partake of or not partake of unless other considerations play in.

But the right intellectual knowledge of what lies in the sphere of Christian liberty is not enough. Scripture tells us in effect: "Don't just insist upon your rights, the full exercise of your Christian liberty. Don't just say: 'God has not forbidden it, and, therefore I am going to do it, and no one is going to stop me.' But rather consider how your action will affect the faith of others. Let your exercise of Christian liberty be tempered by brotherly love and consideration."

If you will study the eighth chapter of the First Epistle to the Corinthians, you will get what is meant. Paul there speaks of the eating of meat which had been offered in sacrifice to heathen idols, which was not wrong in itself. But it was wrong if the heathen got the impression that the Christians by eating with them of that meat were joining in idol worship and that such idol worship was all right. That would be making themselves partakers of other men's sins and encouraging them to continue on the way to perdition. If the understanding was that it was an act of worship, to participate in it was equivalent to the denial of their Christian faith.

Another thing to be taken into consideration was the effect upon weak Christians. If by their eating of that

meat, weak fellow-Christians were persuaded to eat of it too in violation of their conscience, believing it to be a sin, then brotherly love demanded that they abstain themselves rather than to give offence and to throw a stumbling block in their path.

In the exercise of our Christian liberty we are not only to ask: Is it wrong in itself? but also: How will it affect the faith of others, unbelievers and believers alike? Right knowledge of what is forbidden and not forbidden, a correct understanding of what constitutes Christian liberty is a precious thing. But correct intellectual or theoretical knowledge by itself is worth nothing. It must be tempered by Christian love.

I. P. F.

From A Wider Field

BY and large, the essays and discussions that took up the time of the recent Assembly of the World Council of Churches at Evanston produced much that was instructive and revealing.

We take as an example the following portion of an address delivered by Ervind Berggrav, Bishop of the Lutheran Church of Norway. He said:

"Our unity in Christ does not call upon us to become one uniform church. Divisions in thought or tradition, as well as those divisions provoked because *truth* has been revealed to us differently, do not in themselves cut us off from each other if we are in this unity of Christ. It would not be according to the New Testament if we aimed at one uniform Christian Church. God loves differences and nuances quite as much as he puts judgment on isolationism (as opposed to fellowship and communion) as well as on self-complacency. This then means that we have to stick to the truth as revealed to each of us. 'Let every one of you be fully convinced in his own mind' (Rom. 14:5). But: 'Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls' (Rom. 14:4).

"Remember: The spirit of Christ never is a spirit of discord. Where black discord enters into the churches' mutual relationship, there the power of the unity in Christ is at once paralyzed. But it does *not* become paralyzed by differences in attitude or even in creed as long as the love of Christ guides our hearts."

It might well be impossible to find a similar quotation anywhere that better expresses, in so short a space, the real spirit of the modern ecumenical movement. Consider the way of thinking that is here revealed, and the manner in which God's Word is handled.

Dr. Berggrav is not only defending doctrinal differences as wholesome, speaking elsewhere in his essay of "God's enjoying healthy differences," he presumes to find their origin in the Holy Ghost. For he claims that such divisions are "provoked because *truth* has been revealed to us differently." Reflect for a moment upon what that means. Since according to Christ's promise it is the Spirit of Truth who "will guide you into all truth" (John 16:13), we must suppose, according to Dr. Berggrav, that God's Holy Spirit deliberately uses the Holy Scriptures to spread confusion among the hearts of men. For he teaches one heart this truth, another the opposite. In Mt. 16:18, for example, He teaches some to believe that the pope is the vicar of Christ on earth, but confirms others in the conviction that the pope is the Antichrist who uses this passage falsely in support of his claim. In Eph. 1:3-6 the Holy Ghost allegedly persuades some to believe in the election unto faith, others to insist upon an election in view of faith.

We are asked to believe that God the Holy Ghost thus plays fast and loose with the immutable divine Truth and amuses Himself by sowing the seeds of contradiction. Why are we asked to suppose this? Because it is the only way in which the argument for false ecumenicity can be

justified. One must finally explain how men can worship and work together in apparent unity while they preach against each other's teachings. The answer seems to be that the Holy Ghost is busily conducting a sham battle. He awakens and confirms opposing convictions in the hearts of men and encourages them to argue the truth, because he "loves differences." Let Christians agree to disagree, therefore; not with "black discord," but in amiable fellowship.

In support of such views the bishop naturally wishes to cite the Scriptures, and offers us Romans 14, verses 4 and 5. It seems unbelievable that a responsible churchman would resort to such measures; but that is the immoderate and immodest way of "ecumenicity." If the reader will look up the passages listed and read them in their connection, he will quickly note that in this chapter of Romans, the Apostle is not writing of doctrine or doctrinal differences, but of Christian liberty and love in matters not decided by God's Word, such as food, drink, and the observance of certain days as holy days. The Word of God expressly states that the Christian has freedom in such matters and that we ought not judge one another's practices in this respect (Col. 2:16-17). It is not the Word of God, but the bishop who extends this principle into the field of doctrine and makes of God's Word a waxen nose to be shaped and twisted at will.

It must be supposed that, in Dr. Berggrav's view, the following Scripture passages and others of the same nature no longer apply at all and must be discarded: John 8:31-32 (for how can we ever be sure of the real truth?); Gal. 2:14; 1 Tim. 4; 2 Thess. 3:6 (for how can one exhort to pure doctrine when the Holy Ghost gives

each one the "truth" differently?); Rom. 16:17; Titus 3:10; 2 John 9-11 (when causing divisions is pleasing to God).

The ecumenical movement of our day supports itself by vast human arrogance and lives by blasphemy; and there is no "love of Christ" in this. Yet while we are compelled to pass this judgment upon it, we do well to remember that it would be not one whit less evil to maintain a church unity with those who insist upon their right to differ with us in so-called non-fundamental doctrines or in practice based upon doctrine. In every case where doctrinal differences are regarded as non-divisive, a destructive offense is committed against the integrity of the Holy Spirit and the authority of the inspired Word.

How true are these words of Dr.

F. Brunn in his explanatory comments on the Third Petition:

"Just at the present day we experience that the world and our flesh would more readily put up with a bit of Christianity and Christian doctrine if only God's Word alone would not count so wholly, and all honor and wisdom of one's own would not have to be denied thereby; if instead reason and human science could at the same time preserve a bit of their supposed right and honor. It is just this that is the real spirit of our whole present newer theology, and characteristic of today's unionism. . . . That is why, precisely in our times, we see no one hated or shown ill will anymore except the few who resist this false spirit of unionism and faithfully cling to the pure, unadulterated doctrine of the Word of God."

E. S.

ETERNITY

Christ's Return for Judgment

(Fourth continuation)

THE date on the *Northwestern Lutheran* in which this installment is to appear will be the 31st of October, the anniversary date of the Reformation. It was the 31st of October, 1517, when Luther nailed his 95 Theses against the abuse of indulgences on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg.

Did that act have anything to do with Christ's return for judgment? Is there any connection between the Papacy and the Reformation on the one hand, and the end of the world on the other? We interrupt our regular series of studies to take up this particular question on the anniversary day of the Reformation.

The Papacy and the Reformation with reference to Christ's Return for Judgment

Our study will be based on 2 Thess. 2, in which chapter Paul speaks about the coming great Antichrist, a prophecy which stands fulfilled in the Roman Papacy.

Paul in the very beginning of the chapter places the appearance of Antichrist on the scene of church history in connection with Christ's return for judgment. He says: "Now

we beseech you, brethren, by (that is, concerning) the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by (again: concerning) our gathering together unto him." On the basis of some false revelation, or some wild rumor, or some forged letter from Paul, Christians in Thessalonica had become excited as though the day of the Lord were at hand. In their excitement some went so far that they dropped their regular daily work and made a nuisance of themselves by going about pestering the people to get ready for the event. Paul expressed his warning in these words: "That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand."

Why is Paul so sure that Christ's return is not immediately at the door? He says that Christ's return will not take place "except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition." — When Paul here speaks of a "falling away" he does not mean the falling from faith of some individuals. Such falling away had been going on from the beginning of the Church. He means a general apostasy (that is the Greek word which he uses) which will affect the whole

visible church. Up to the time of Paul's epistle the church had been expanding outwardly and growing in knowledge inwardly. Although some individuals deserted her, or caused trouble here and there, no general defection had as yet taken place. But according to Christ's prophecy that many false prophets and false Christs would arise and cause disturbance so that the elect could be saved only with difficulty, a general falling away had to be expected before Christ's return.

Paul then describes the Antichrist, who will be connected with this falling away: "Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God." The temple of God are the hearts and consciences of Christians. Here Antichrist, or the Opponent as Paul calls him, will crowd out God and will usurp His throne.

We quote the concluding sentence of the bull *Unam sanctam*, issued by Pope Boniface VIII in November, 1302: "Finally we declare, state, define, and pronounce to every human being that to be subject to the Roman Pontiff is altogether a matter of necessity for salvation." — And what is it that he demands of every man as necessary for his salvation? In Rom. 3: 28, Paul sums up Christ's way in these words: "Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law." The Opponent says: "If any one saith, that man is truly absolved from his sins and justified, because that he assuredly believed himself absolved and justified, or that no one is truly justified but he who believes himself justified, and that by this faith alone absolution and justification are effected: let him be anathema" (Council of Trent, 6th Session, Canon XIV). — Here we have the identification of the Papacy with the Antichrist.

Our Lutheran Confession

When Luther in 1517 published his Theses and continued to preach justification by faith, he expected support from the head of the church. Instead, about three years later, the Pope excommunicated him. Luther got to feel in his body the spirit of Antichrist. Luther and his followers did not break away from the Roman church, they were forced out. — In

the Apology of the Augsburg Confession (1531) Melancthon said no more than: "If the adversaries defend these human services as meriting justification, grace, and the remission of sins, they simply establish the kingdom of Antichrist. . . . Thus the Papacy also will be a part of the kingdom of Antichrist if it thus defends human services as justifying" (Art. XV, 18).

Six years later, when the Papacy refused to heed this call to repentance, Luther wrote in the Smalcald Articles, and the Lutherans that were present at Schmalkalden agreed: "This teaching shows forcefully that the Pope is the very Antichrist, who has exalted himself above, and opposed himself against Christ" (Part II, Art. IV, 10).

Luther wrote these words as an article of faith. His instructions were to write "which he is determined to adhere to . . . upon his departure from this world and before the judgment of Almighty God." And he himself said in the conclusion: "These are the articles on which I must stand, and, God willing, shall stand to my death. . . . If any one wishes to yield anything, let him do it at the peril of his conscience" (Part III, Art. XV, 3).

History of the Antichrist

Paul, next, in a brief outline presents the development of the Opponent. "For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth (that is checks it) will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked (one) be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming."

This mysterious iniquity was already at work in Paul's day, only it did not yet come out into the open because somebody checked it. Who was that? In v. 10 Paul says that God will send Antichrist because people "received not the love of the truth." As long as people love the truth, Antichrist's chances are slim; but when the love of the truth begins to fade, then Antichrist will reveal himself and come out into the open. Compare the bull of Boniface (above).

The third thing which Paul mentions is that "the Lord shall consume Antichrist with the spirit of his mouth," with the living and powerful

word of the Gospel. This happened when Luther again brought the Gospel to light in the Reformation.

Yet Antichrist survived. When the secular princes used the newly revealed Gospel as a football which they kicked around in the political field, then the blessings of the Reformation were squandered. The Papacy continued and, as we observe today, constantly increases in strength and influence — till Christ's return.

What shall we do? recant or tone down our opposition? That would be fatal.

In 1932 the Missouri Synod adopted and published a document known as the *Brief Statement*. To be sure that we make no mistake about the content and importance of this document, we print here also the rest of the title: *A Brief Statement of the Doctrinal Position of the Ev. Luth. Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States*. (A German-English edition abbreviated the title to *Brief statement of the Doctrinal Position of the Missouri Synod*.) This document contains a lucid confession on *The Antichrist*. It is #43, from which we quote the first sentence, and the last: *As to the Antichrist we teach that the prophecies of the Holy Scriptures concerning the Antichrist, 2 Thess. 2:3-12, 1 John 2:18, have been fulfilled in the Pope of Rome and his dominion. . . . Hence we subscribe to the statement of our Confessions that the Pope is 'the very Antichrist' (Smal. Art. Triglot, p. 475, #10).*

Yes, WE TEACH. This paragraph on the Pope as being the prophesied Antichrist is part of the *Doctrinal Position* which the Missouri Synod held in 1932.

The next paragraph (44) adds this remark: "Not to be included in the number of open questions are the following: the doctrine . . . and of the Antichrist, these doctrines being clearly defined in Scripture."

In July of the present year the Missouri Synod sent out *A Fraternal Reply*. This document faults the writer of Tract No. 9 (The Antichrist) as having committed an inaccuracy in the following statement: "The Brief Statement considers the tenet that the Pope is the Antichrist a doctrine 'clearly defined in Scripture.'" In support of this charge the paper quotes the sentence from # 44 which we mentioned above, adding: "The Brief Statement therefore does

not say that 'the tenet that the Pope is the Antichrist is a doctrine clearly defined in Scripture. — It says that the doctrine of the Antichrist is a doctrine 'clearly defined in Scripture.'"

No. 43 of the Brief Statement, which confesses that the Pope is the very Antichrist, is thus ignored and practically canceled out; and we who still confess it are faulted with an inaccuracy for finding it in the Brief Statement. With the Brief Statement we include it in our Doctrinal Position. We teach it, and with the help of God will continue to teach it.

As clearly as we love the Gospel of the free forgiveness of our sins for Christ's sake, so firmly must we reject the Pope as the Antichrist.

God help us. Christ's return is drawing nigh.

J. P. M.

(To be continued)

THIRTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

On the 7th of September, 1954, the First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Lake Geneva festively observed the 35th anniversary of the pastorate of the Rev. H. J. Diehl in its midst. Pastor Walter Diehl of Phoenix, Arizona, son of the jubilarian, conducted the altar service, while the undersigned preached the sermon on 2 Cor. 4:7.

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TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

Pastor W. F. Zink

His congregation having made all arrangements, Pastor Waldemar Zink of Immanuel Congregation, Kewaunee, Wisconsin, celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination on Sunday evening, September 26. Numerous fellow pastors, relatives, and friends were present on invitation by the congregation, to celebrate with the jubilarian "this grace . . . to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ." Conference Visitor, Edw. Krueger, Green Bay, conducted the service of thanksgiving. W. W. Gieschen, Manitowoc, a class-mate, preached on the text Ephesians 3:8. At a subsequent luncheon expressions of esteem and gifts were lavished upon the pastor. Rev. Zink upon graduation from the Seminary, was tutor at Saginaw, Michigan, and had served St. Paul's Congregation, Dale, Wisconsin, before coming to Immanuel's, Kewaunee, in 1944.

DR. MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE

The seventy-first school year at Dr. Martin Luther College began in the usual fashion. The opening service was held on Tuesday, September 7, at 8:30, and, in addition to the students and the faculty, a large number of visitors and friends also attended the forty-five minute devotion. Except for a few late-comers, registration had been completed on the day before so that by 10 o'clock all classes were in session.

Professor Martin Galstad and Professor Harold Kaiser were duly installed by the chairman of our Board, Pastor Egbert Schaller of Nicollet, Minnesota. The former was called to fill the vacancy created by the re-



PROF. M. GALSTAD

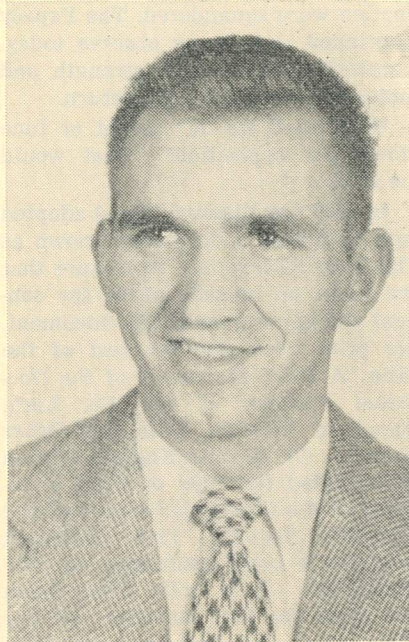
tirement of Professor R. M. Albrecht, and he will therefore devote most of his time to our Department of Education. Professor Kaiser is our physical education director, replacing Professor John Oldfield, who will now teach science and mathematics. The latter will also act as bursar, relieving Professor H. Klatt, who held that office for many years.

Professor Galstad, after completion of his theological training, served as pastor in the State of Washington and then in Iowa. For the past eight years he was on the teaching staff of Bethany College, Mankato, Minnesota. Professor Kaiser had his training at LaCrosse Teachers College, and after service in the armed forces resided in Milwaukee until this summer, where he was a member of Jerusalem Congregation.

Our two assistant instructors are Mr. Alvin Spaude and Mr. Edwin Biebert, both graduates of our theological seminary at Thiensville.

Our dormitories are again filled to the limit. We have enrolled 483; of

these, 181 are in our college section. We had to reject a large number of applications because of lack of room. Some are housed in the city, but this kind of arrangement in most instances appeals neither to the students nor to the parents nor to us.



PROF. H. KAISER

During the summer all scheduled repairs and alterations were taken care of. Nearly all of these were of a routine and minor nature. The two new residences on our campus are still in need of a few finishing touches, but Professor E. Sievert has moved into the one and Professor M. Albrecht into the other.

Our school drew on us for 62 teachers for this present school year. More than that we were not able to supply. Our fourth-year class now consists of 11 men and 5 women.

We have 115 applications on file for 1955-'56. All who plan to come at that time should try to get their names on our lists as soon as possible. This plea applies especially to those who are now attending one or the other of our synodical institutions or one of our Lutheran high schools. We want to accommodate as many as we can.

We have been permitted to make a good beginning. May the Lord continue to bless us and keep us.

C. L. S.

The Northwestern Lutheran**† PASTOR SAMUEL RATHKE †**

Samuel Rathke, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church of Cameron, Wis., from 1927 until his retirement four years ago, died at his home in Cameron September 1, after a lengthy illness. He was 84.

Funeral services were held from St. John's Church on September 5, with Pastor C. R. Rosenow officiating, and the sermon delivered by Pastor W. Hannemann of Fisher, Minn., a former member of one of Pastor Rathke's confirmation classes.

Samuel Rathke was born June 8, 1870, in the Crimean Black Sea village of Rosenberg, the youngest child of Erdmann and Renata Rathke, and came with his parents to Yankton, S. D., in 1877.

He attended Concordia Theological Seminary at Springfield, Ill., and did parish work at Adair, Iowa, and Argenta, Ill., during his student years. After ordination in June of 1893, he was installed in his first charge near North Platte, Nebr., and in the same year was married to Miss Helen Michels of Ida Grove, Iowa, on Oct. 25, 1893.

In later years he served parishes at McCook and Beemer, Nebr., Villard, Minn., and Hurley, Granton, and Kellner, Wis., before accepting a call to the Camaron-Barron-Sumner parish in 1927. He retired from the ministry at the age of 80, in 1950.

Survivors include his wife and 13 children; Samuel of Evanston, Ill., Paul of Holland, Mich., and Timothy and Cornelius of Cameron, Mrs. Renata Rickman of Saginaw, Mich., Miss Julia Rathke of Rochester, Minn., Mrs. Pauline Henke and Mrs. Lydia Witte of Wisconsin Rapids, Mrs. Ruth Rockhoff of Two Rivers, Wis., Mrs. Helen Holmen of Barron, Mrs. Victoria Holmen of Watertown, S. D., Mrs. Dorothy Straw of Chippewa Falls, Wis., and Mrs. Myra Smith of Cornell, Wis.; 20 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

C. R. ROSENOW.

† MRS. LOUISA H. HILLEMANN †

Louisa Henrietta Hillemann, nee Ulrich, was born Oct. 3, 1869, in Grafton, Wis., a daughter of the late Dr. Wm. Ulrich and his wife Frederika, nee Schlenvot.

She spent her childhood in Waukesha, Wis., and as a young woman she was active as a nurse at the Waldheim Sanatorium at Oconomowoc, Wis., and also in Chicago, Ill.

She was united in marriage Nov. 26, 1896, to Pastor Martin J. Hillemann of Bethany, Minn. This marriage union was blessed with three children, Mrs. Ruth Gieschen of Fort Atkinson, Wis., Miss Leona Hillemann of Madison, Wis., and Pastor Roland C. Hillemann of Savanna, Ill.

She was a true help-meet to her husband as he served pastorates first at Bethany, Minn., and then in Wisconsin at Green Bay, Medford, and Marshall. Upon retirement of her beloved husband from the ministry in June 1945, the departed and her husband lived at Norwalk, Wis., till the time of her death, Sept. 25, 1954, a period of 9 years. During this time she was a faithful member with us here at St. Jacob's Church, Norwalk.

She is survived by her husband, her three children, eight grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. She departed this life at the age of 84 years, 11 months, 22 days. The funeral service was held at St. Jacob's Church of Norwalk on Tuesday, Sept. 28, the words of comfort being based on Psalm 116:15: "Precious in the sight of God is the death of his saints." The body was laid to rest the same day in Prairie Home Cemetery, Waukesha, Wis.

R. C. BIESMANN.

† MRS. FRED ZARLING †

Marie, the beloved wife of the Rev. Fred C. Zarling of Iron Ridge, Wisconsin, was called home by our heavenly Father on Monday, August 16, 1954. She was the daughter of John Dietrich Roepke and his wife Anna, nee Wernecke, born on September 14, 1881, in Manitowoc County. The sainted Prof. August Pieper confirmed her at St. Mark's and spoke the words of blessing at her wedding in Jerusalem Church in Milwaukee.

She made a host of good friends in the congregations and surrounding areas where her husband served in Woodville and Cudahy, Wisconsin; in Rockford, Zumbrota, and Renville, Minnesota; and in Iron Ridge. Besides being a thrifty and fastidious manager of her household affairs and an able helper to her husband in bringing up their children in a manner which has served to glorify the Lord's name and add honor to their own, she spent many hours in special service to the Church of our Lord. Her outstanding quality, to which all who knew her will readily agree, was

her ready cheerfulness. Even in the last years, when illness was her daily companion, and in the last months, when her fatal illness made life very difficult, this buoyant quality cheered those who lived with her as well as those who visited her.

Of the six children given them by the Lord their son, Edgar, predeceased her. Her mortal remains were laid to rest in St. Matthew's churchyard at Iron Ridge, on August 20. The children that mourn are Lillian of Green Bay; Irene and her husband, the Rev. Erwin Scharf of Rhinelander; the Rev. and Mrs. Frederick H. Zarling of Hartland; the Rev. and Mrs. Waldemar Zarling of Newburg; Anita and her husband, the Rev. George Barthels of Red Wing, Minnesota; and her 13 grandchildren. The brother and sisters are Mr. and Mrs. Carl Roepke of Birnamwood; Lillie and her husband, the Rev. H. J. Diehl of Lake Geneva; Miss Bertha Roepke; and Margaret and her husband, Mr. A. A. Zache of Milwaukee.

Pastor Wm. Schink conducted the family service. At the church Pastor W. P. Sauer preached on John 11:35 in English and Pastor Herman Cares on Romans 8:16 in German. The committal service was read by Pastor W. Reinemann.

W. P. SAUER.

† REV. ADOLPH DASLER †

The Rev. Adolph Dasler was born in Lodz, Russian Poland, on May 29, 1873. Here he was baptized and confirmed. At the age of 16 he came to America and then entered Northwestern College and later graduated from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Wauwatosa, now located at Thiensville, Wisconsin. His first pastorate was at Rapid River, Michigan. Then he was called to a congregation at St. James, Minnesota. When he accepted the call to Scranton, Pennsylvania, he preached in Polish, German, and English. This was also the case at Westfield and Mt. Thom, Massachusetts. His next call brought him back to Wisconsin, to Kingston in Green Lake county. From there he returned to Poland as superintendent of our Polish mission. Two years later he returned to the United States and accepted a call to Fox Lake, Wisconsin, where he served until his retirement in 1938. Since that time he has been a resident of Madison.

Mr. Dasler was united in marriage with Miss Melanie Agather. Their marriage was blessed with six sons, two of whom died in infancy. Surviving are his wife, four sons: Dr. Adolph of Muskegon, Michigan; Dr. Waldemar of Chicago, a bio-chemist; Dr. Theodore of Milwaukee and Dr. Herbert of Amery, Wisconsin. Also surviving are the daughters-in-law, 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

After several years of infirmity, death came quietly on Friday afternoon, September 10, at about five o'clock. The mortal remains were laid to rest in Forest Hill Cemetery to await the day of Resurrection. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."

EDWARD W. WESSLING.

† PASTOR LOUIS WITTE †

To be able to lead others to heaven is a gracious privilege indeed. But to receive heaven yourself as a reward of grace — that surpasses all understanding.

Pastor Louis Witte was born at Lebanon, Wis., on April 9, 1879. Early in life God so led him that he was minded to enter the holy ministry. His training was received at Concordia, Milwaukee, at Northwestern College, Watertown, and at the Lutheran Seminary, Wauwatosa, Wis.

Ordained in 1907, he held pastorates in Daggett and Escanaba, Mich., and at Louis Corners and Kiel, Cornell and Kendall, Wis. His ministry extended over 45 years.

Early in his ministry he entered holy wedlock with Lucille Kuhlow. With her, due to declining health, he sought retirement from the ministry two years ago. They made their home at Rockford, Ill. The Lord called his servant on Sunday morning, Sept. 5.

Those who in hope mourn his departure are: the widow, a son Oliver of Mauston, Wis.; two daughters, Mrs. Lucile Mayhew of Parks Air Force Base, California, and Mrs. Ruth Rehwald of Rockford, Ill.

Dr. Marvin Fritz officiated at the Poorman Funeral Home of Rockford. Pastor W. Schulz of Wonewoc, Wis., preached the sermon at St. Mark's Church, Watertown, Wis. The undersigned acted as liturgist and Rev. Max Stern had the committal service.

May he who found joy in serving his Lord on earth find everlasting joy in serving Him who is from everlasting to everlasting.

G. REDLIN.

† PASTOR ARTHUR BERG †

Arthur August Berg, son of Edward Berg and Catherine nee Seebach, was born March 29, 1888, at Husher, Wis. After his confirmation he entered Northwestern College at Watertown, graduating on June 20, 1911. He received his theological training at the Lutheran Theological Seminary, then located at Wauwatosa, Wis. On Aug. 16, 1914, he was installed in his first charge at Bay City, Wis. Two years later he accepted the call of Zion Lutheran Church at Elroy, Wis. In September, 1921, he became pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church at Sparta, Wis. This congregation he served faithfully for a third of a century. At various times Pastor Berg served his conference as visitor or chairman and our Synod as a member of the Lutheran Spiritual Welfare Commission.

Pastor Berg was united in marriage with Esther Henschel of Hustisford, Wis., on June 30, 1915. Their union was blessed with two daughters: La Verne and Florence.

For some months Pastor Berg's health was failing. He suffered a stroke and was taken to the hospital Sept. 1. He bore suffering and pain patiently, trusting in the grace of his Savior, and prepared to leave this world of tears. On Sept. 29, the Lord called his faithful servant home at the age of 66 years and 6 months.

His departure is mourned by the widow, Mrs. Esther Berg; two daughters: Mrs. Charles Wallace of Janesville, Wis., and Mrs. Earl Hafermann of Wisconsin Rapids, Wis.; six grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Ida Krenzke of Racine; two brothers: Pastor C. E. Berg of Tomah, and Fred Berg of Wauwatosa; an aunt, Mrs. Bertha Seebach of Red Wing, Minn.; nieces and nephews; and the members of St. John's Church.

Funeral services were held at St. John's Lutheran Church, Sparta, Wis., Oct. 2, 1954, at 2:00 p. m. Pastor A. Werner of Cataract preached on Hebrews 12:6. Prof. C. Schweppe of Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minn., had the altar service. The body was laid to rest in the Lutheran

cemetery at Sparta to await the resurrection on the Last Day.

A. WERNER.

FIFTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

On August 15 Pastor emeritus and Mrs. John Reuschel were privileged to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. In the anniversary service, attended by their children and their families, as well as friends and fellow-members of St. Paul Congregation, Pastor Hugo Fritze, Des Moines, Iowa, a son-in-law of the celebrating couple, addressed them on the basis of the words: "Lord, abide with us." The undersigned served as a liturgist in the service.

After the service a reception was given for the pastor and his wife.

May our gracious Lord continue to hold His guiding and guarding hand over this aged couple in the future as He has so visibly done in the past.

W. W. WESTENDORF.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

Teacher Martin Roehler

Sunday evening, June 20, 1954, St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Wayne, Michigan, observed the 25th anniversary of Martin W. Roehler as Christian Day School teacher. During the first half of his teaching ministry Mr. Roehler served Good Shepherd Church at Wauwatosa, Wisconsin; and the past twelve years, St. John's Church at Wayne, Michigan. Here, through his faithful and energetic efforts, he experienced the joy of the expansion of a 30-pupil, one-room school, to a capacity enrollment of 160 pupils in a modern four-room, brick-veneer, fire-proof school building erected on a four-acre site purchased especially for that purpose. For this service the congregation was duly grateful and gave thanks to God in a special service for which many relatives, contemporaries in office and a former pupil, Pastor Clifford Kipfmiller of Hopkins, Michigan, to occupy the pulpit, were invited. At a social hour after the service Mr. Roehler was remembered with a generous gift.

While not originally included in the plans, this occasion also served as a farewell for Mr. Roehler and his family. As preparations for the anniversary were in progress he received a call from Zion Lutheran Church, South Milwaukee, Wisconsin, which

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he felt he should accept. Deferring to his judgment the congregation bade him Godspeed and assured him of its prayers for future blessings through his work in the Church.

GERHARD L. PRESS

FIFTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Prange, members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Millersville, Wisconsin, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary in the company of their family and friends on September 26. The sermon was based on Proverbs 10:22: "The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it."

O. W. HEIER.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

Pastor N. Schlavensky

On October 3, Ephrata Congregation of Milwaukee celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of the ordination of their pastor, Norman Schlavensky. A great number of relatives, friends, and neighboring pastors were also present. Pastor Arthur Tacke was the liturgist and Pastor G. Schmelting delivered the anniversary sermon. The celebration closed with a reception for Pastor Schlavensky. May the Lord continue to bless and keep His servant.

JAMES P. SCHAEFER

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. Fred W. Hagedorn

On Wednesday evening, September 1, 1954, St. Paul's Congregation, Town of Forest, Wis., commemorated the 25th ordination anniversary of its teacher, Mr. Fred W. Hagedorn. Following his graduation from Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minn., Mr. Hagedorn first taught the three upper grades of the Lutheran Indian Mission School at Gresham, Wis. Thereupon he served as teacher at St. Peter's Lutheran School, Town Granville, Milwaukee County, after which he taught at St. Matthew's Lutheran School, Milwaukee, for a period of ten years. Since 1946 Mr. Hagedorn has been the principal of St. Paul's School, Town of Forest, where he is teaching the five upper grades at the present time. On the occasion of the anniversary celebration, a special evening service was held, whereupon the congregation members, relatives, fellow teachers, and pastors assembled in the church

basement to extend their best wishes to the jubilarian. May God's blessing continue to rest upon Mr. Hagedorn's work among the children of our Church!

OSCAR SIEGLER.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Since the General Synodical Committee through the General Mission Board has placed the Florida Mission into the hands of the Michigan Board of Missions, the undersigned secretary of said Board hereby requests that the members of Synod send him the names and addresses of all persons either vacationing or living in Florida.

Address: Pastor Kenneth W. Vertz
616 N. Park Street
Owosso, Michigan

The mailing address of Pastor William Steih, Synod's first missionary to Florida is:

Pastor William Steih
c/o Mr. William Boeder
4527 25th Ave., N.
St. Petersburg 4, Florida

ANNOUNCEMENT

ARIZONA-CALIFORNIA PASTORS

Will the congregations and pastors of the Arizona-California District kindly note that the collection slip designated for the Visitor is to be sent to the following:

1. For the Tonto Rim Conference — to Rev. E. E. Guenther, Whiteriver, Arizona;
2. For the Gila Valley Conference — to Rev. A. M. Uplegger, San Carlos, Arizona;
3. For the Salt River Valley Conference — to Rev. I. G. Frey, 1634 W. Encanto Blvd., Phoenix, Arizona;
4. For the Gadsden Conference — to Rev. Robert Hochmuth, 3626 E. Pima St., Tucson, Arizona.

I have appointed Pastor E. E. Guenther, Whiteriver, Arizona, as Visitor of the Tonto Rim Conference in place of Pastor Karlheinz Neumann, who has accepted a call into the Missouri Synod.

E. ARNOLD SITZ, President.

CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES

LUTHERAN TEACHERS' CONFERENCE ARIZONA

The Arizona Lutheran Teachers' Conference will convene for its seventh annual meeting at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Tucson, Arizona, on November 4-5.

Kindly announce your need for lodging to the host pastor, R. Hochmuth, 3626 E. Pima St.

KURT R. PETERMANN, Secretary.

NEW ULM PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Wednesday, November 3, 1954.

Time: 9:30 a. m.

Place: St. John's, New Ulm.

Essays: Church Life in Apostolic Times According to Acts, A. Birner; Letters to the Seven Churches in Asia Minor, P. Nolting; Exegesis of the Epistle for the Fourth Sunday after Trinity, Romans 8:18-23, M. Albrecht; Isagogical Treatment of the Prophet Amos, D. Brick.

Preacher: Prof. H. Birkholz (Prof. M. Albrecht).

E. HALLAUER, Secretary.

FOX RIVER VALLEY PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Conference will meet on Tuesday, November 16, 1954, at Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Kaukauna, beginning with Confessional Service and Holy Communion at 9:00 a. m.

Conference Program:

Exegesis of Ephesians 1 — H. Pussehl; Character Study of Rebekah — F. Heidemann; "The Church, The Kingdom of God, The Kingdom of Heaven — Are These Terms Identical?" — R. Waldschmidt; A Comparative Study of the "Brief Statement" with our Lutheran Confessions — H. Warnke.

Prepared alternate papers:

Isagogics of Matthew — W. Pankow; The Origin and Doctrinal Position of the United Brethren — A. Voigt; How can the Office of Conference Visitor be best Utilized to Benefit both our Pastors and Congregations?" — F. Reier.

Sermon: I. Boettcher (F. Brandt).
Please notify the host pastor, P. Oehlert, if you will be unable to attend.

THEO. HARTWIG, Secretary.

EASTERN PASTORAL CONFERENCE DAKOTA-MONTANA DISTRICT

Place: Willow Lake, South Dakota.

Time: November 3-4, 1954, 10:00 a. m.

Preacher: Wm. Lindloff.

Papers: Jude, Winkel; Apocrypha, Reede;

Titus 1:5-9, F. Nitz; 2 Tim. 3, Birner.

For overnight accommodations write host Pastor A. Wood, Willow Lake, South Dakota.

H. WINKEL, Secretary.

MANITOWOC PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Time: November 23, 1954, 9 a. m.

Place: Trinity Lutheran Church, Brillion,

Wisconsin; V. J. Siegler, pastor.

Conference Work: All unfinished assignments.

Preacher: F. C. Knuettel; alternate: R. G. Koch.

V. J. WEYLAND, Secretary.

WINNEBAGO PASTORAL CONFERENCE

The Winnebago Pastoral Conference will meet November 29, 1954, at Trinity Church, Dundee, Wisconsin. Service at 9 a. m. with the celebration of Holy Communion. Preacher: W. Wadzinski, alternate: H. Wickel.

R. REIM, Secretary.

WISCONSIN STATE TEACHERS CONFERENCE

God willing, Jerusalem Ev. Lutheran Church at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, L. M. Bleichwehl, pastor, will be host to the eighty-third annual convention of the Wisconsin State Teachers' Conference of the Ev. Lutheran Joint Synod of Wisconsin and Other States.

The Conference will meet in convention on Thursday and Friday, November 4 and 5, in the church. Sessions will begin at nine o'clock in the morning.

Principals, please collect the conference dues of \$1.50 and 50 cents for the Lutheran School Bulletin from each of your teachers and pay this at the registration desk at Jerusalem School.

Jerusalem Ev. Lutheran School is located at 3012 North Holton St.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

First Session

Thursday Morning

9:45-10:45 The Doctrine of the Ministry as Applied to the Christian Day School Teacher, Pastor Gerhard Horn, Chaseburg, Wis.

10:50-11:05 Recess

11:05-11:55 The Practical Application of the First Commandment, Mr. John Bushman, Marinette, Wis.

Second Session

Thursday Afternoon

1:45- 1:55 Devotion
1:55- 3:30 Releasing the Originality of the Child Productively, Moderator, Mr. E. Arndt, Winona, Minn.

3:30- 4:00 Business Meeting
4:00- 5:00 Choir Rehearsal, Mr. Henry Krenz

Third Session

Friday Morning

9:00- 9:10 Devotion
9:10- 9:45 New Ulm Period
The Story of the Major Premise Through the Ages, Prof. H. Klatt, New Ulm, Minn.

9:45-10:20 Comments, Mr. E. Trettin, Milwaukee, Wis.

10:20-10:30 Recess
10:30-11:10 An Evaluation of the R. S. V., Prof. E. Blume, Thiensville, Wis.

11:10-11:55 Business Meeting

Fourth Session

Friday Afternoon

1:45- 1:55 Devotion
1:55- 3:30 Sectional Meetings:
One-room School,
Mr. Ray Behmer, Reedsville, Wis.

Kindergarten, Mrs. B. Diefenthaler, West Allis, Wis.

Grades 1 and 2, Miss Victoria Schuetze, Burlington, Wis.

Grades 3 and 4, Miss A. Elizabeth McFarland, Milwaukee, Wis.

Grades 5 and 6, Mr. E. Wehausen, Fort Atkinson, Wis.

Grades 7 and 8, Mr. Arnold Lober, Columbus, Wis.

ARNOLD C. MEYER, Secretary.

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Anyone having old Concordia Picture Rolls or small chairs for use in a mission Sunday School, please contact:

Rev. L. Neuman
734 West Franklin Street
Kenton, Ohio

ORDINATIONS AND INSTALLATIONS

(Authorized by the Proper Officials) Installed

Pastors

Hanson, Clarence, as pastor of St. Paul's Congregation, Henry, S. D., by H. E. Rutz, September 26, 1954.

Hein, William K., as pastor of First English Church, Dupree, and of St. Paul Church, Faith, South Dakota, by Stanley Holt; Fourth Sunday after Trinity, July 11, 1954.

Hoenecke, Hugo H., as pastor of Paul The Apostle Lutheran Church, Detroit, Michigan, by G. L. Press; assisted by Pastors Herman Brauer, Jack deRuiter, Edgar Hoenecke, Kurt Lohrmann, John Westendorf, and Edward Zell, on October 3, 1954.

Nommensen, Martin J., as pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Hillsboro, Wisconsin, by W. B. Nommensen; assisted by Henry Meyer and Carl Nommensen; on the Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity, October 3, 1954.

Teachers

Rost, Wayne, as teacher of St. John's Ev. Lutheran School, Omro Township, Boyd, Minnesota, by W. H. Zickuhr; September 5, 1954, Twelfth Sunday after Trinity.

Bradtke, Edward T., as principal and upper grade teacher in St. John Church, Wayne, Michigan by G. L. Press, on August 8, 1954.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Professor

Voss, Arthur P., Box 203, Thiensville, Wisconsin.

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Nommensen, Martin J., 571 S. High Ave., Hillsboro, Wisconsin.

Voss, Robert James, 1002 McEwan Street, Clare, Michigan.

Baur, R. N., 642 S. 9th Street, Broken Bow, Nebraska.

Teacher

Bradtke, Edward T., 33933 Glover Street, Wayne, Michigan.

MISSION FESTIVALS

St. Peter Church, Badger Twp., South Dakota.
Offering: \$78.12. H. E. Rutz, pastor.

Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Zion Church, Stetsonville, Wisconsin.
Offering: \$554.04. W. P. Holzhausen, pastor.

Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Immanuel Church, Medford, Wisconsin.
Offering: \$1,995.49. A. J. Engel, pastor.

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity
 St. John Church, Neillsville, Wisconsin.
 Offering: \$869.90. Alfred Schewe, pastor.
 St. Paul Church, Marquette, Wisconsin.
 Offering: \$155.65. Wm. Wadzinski, pastor.

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity
 St. John Church, Tp. Bridge Creek, Eau Claire Co., Wisconsin.
 Offering: \$245.50. Alfred Schewe, pastor.
 St. John Church, Platteville, Colorado.
 Offering: \$256.44. W. H. Siffring, pastor.
 Zion Church, Colome, South Dakota.
 Offering: \$245.54. M. Volkmann, pastor.

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity
 St. Paul Church, Norfolk, Nebraska.
 Offering: \$1,850.65. Hugo Fritze, pastor.
 St. Paul Church, Colome, South Dakota.
 Offering: \$191.71. M. Volkmann, pastor.
 Christ Church, Morristown, South Dakota.
 Offering: \$532.26. G. Birkholz, pastor.

St. Paul Church, McIntosh, South Dakota.
 Offering: \$170.86. G. Birkholz, pastor.

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity
 St. Peter Church, Balaton, Minnesota.
 Offering: \$800.00. H. C. Sprenger, pastor.
 Zion Church, Tp. Schleswig, Manitowoc Co., Wisconsin.
 Offering: \$455.07. Wm. J. Hartwig, pastor.
 Zion Church, Chesaning, Michigan.
 Offering: \$666.55. H. A. Schultz, pastor.
 Trinity Church, Hendricks, Minnesota.
 Offering: \$532.44. F. H. Nitz, pastor.
 St. Paul Church, Hillsboro, Wisconsin.
 Offering: \$401.46. H. G. Meyer, vacancy pastor.
 Trinity Church, Elkton, Michigan.
 Offering: \$158.91. E. C. Leyrer, pastor.
 Zion Church, Cambria, Wisconsin.
 Offering: \$448.80. M. C. Smith, pastor.
 St. John Church, Lannon, Wisconsin.
 Offering: \$507.70. L. Hallauer, pastor.

Trinity Church, Johnson, Minnesota.
 Offering: \$627.81. P. R. Janke, pastor.
 Zion Church, Bonesteel, South Dakota.
 Offering: \$523.00. Martin Bradtke, pastor.

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R. A. FENSKE.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT

July 1, 1954 to September 30, 1954

Receipts

Cash Balance July 1, 1954.....	\$ 92,902.11
Budgetary Collections	\$258,044.02
Revenues	94,218.87
Total Collections and Revenues.....	\$352,262.89
Non-Budgetary Receipts:	
Luth. S.W.C.—Prayer Book....	36.28
Bequest	3,000.00
Total Receipts	355,299.17
	\$448,201.28

Disbursements

Budgetary Disbursements:	
General Administration	\$ 26,865.85
Theological Seminary	28,996.81
Northwestern College	41,994.52
Dr. Martin Luther College	56,976.51
Michigan Lutheran Seminary	29,450.26

Northwestern Luth. Academy	14,235.45
Home for the Aged	7,554.94
Missions—Gen. Administration	95.89
Indian Missions	33,754.99
Colored Missions	9,136.22
Home Missions	134,288.17
Refugee Mission	11,970.45
Madison Student Mission	1,050.86
Rhodesia Mission	20,499.21
Luth. Spiritual Welfare Comm.	2,589.81
Japan Mission	8,279.36
Winnebago Luth. Academy	750.00
General Support	21,683.00
Board of Education	1,866.75

Total Budgetary Disbursements..... 452,039.05

Cash Deficit September 30, 1954..... \$ 3,837.77

P. S. The September report of Revenues and the Requisition from the Northwestern Lutheran Academy were not received in time for this report.

C. J. NIEDFELDT, Treasurer.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF BUDGETARY COLLECTIONS AND DISBURSEMENTS

For period of July 1, to September 30

	1953-54	1954	Increase	Decrease
Collections	\$231,303.98	\$258,044.02	\$ 26,740.04	
Disbursements	438,428.24	452,039.05	13,610.81	
Operating Deficit	\$207,124.26	\$193,995.03		\$ 13,129.23

ALLOTMENT STATEMENT

July 1, 1954 to September 30, 1954

District	Comm.	Receipts	Allotments	Deficit	Per-cent
Pacific Northwest	1,340	\$ 1,471.79	\$ 3,350.01	\$ 1,878.22	43.93
Nebraska	6,622	9,575.16	16,554.99	6,979.83	57.83
Michigan	22,062	27,338.49	55,155.00	27,816.51	49.56
Dakota-Montana	7,080	10,442.97	17,700.00	7,257.03	58.99
Minnesota	37,806	46,058.10	94,515.00	48,456.90	48.73
Northern Wisconsin	45,462	52,534.68	113,655.00	61,120.32	46.22
Western Wisconsin	48,534	47,774.25	121,335.00	73,560.75	39.37
Southeastern Wisconsin	47,098	58,471.79	117,744.99	59,273.20	49.65
Arizona-California	2,516	3,332.72	6,290.01	2,957.29	52.98
Totals	218,520	\$256,999.95	\$546,300.00	\$289,300.05	47.04

C. J. NIEDFELDT, Treasurer.

DONATIONS SENT DIRECTLY TO TREASURER'S OFFICE
For September
For Rhodesia Mission

Table listing donations for Rhodesia Mission: Mrs. F. C. Gade, Milwaukee, Wisconsin \$ 10.00; Mr. Wm. J. Miller, Paullina, Iowa 5.00; Mt. Zion Sunday School, Kenosha, Wisconsin 6.35; Total \$ 21.35

For Special Building Collections

Table listing special building collections: Memorial Wreath in memory of Prof. H. Fleischer, by the children of Rev. F. E. Stern \$ 10.00; Memorial Wreath in memory of Charles F. Born, given by Mrs. H. H. Kirckpatrick 2.00; Thankoffering by Rev. and Mrs. J. Reuschel, Holland, Michigan, on 50th wedding anniversary 10.00; Memorial Wreath in memory of Rev. Louis Witte, given Trinity Luth. Church, Kiel, Wisconsin 25.00; Bequest from Estate of Adolph P. Tessmer 2,000.00; Wm. J. Miller 5.00; N. N. Wauwatosa, Wisconsin 100.00; Wm. J. Miller, Paullina, Iowa 5.00; Total \$ 2,157.00

For Lutheran Spiritual Welfare Commission

Table listing donations for Lutheran Spiritual Welfare Commission: Memorial Wreath in memory of Richard Lenz, given by Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Benike and family \$ 2.00; Mr. Wm. J. Miller, Paullina, Iowa 5.00; R. G. Brain, Cedar Falls, Washington 2.00; Total \$ 9.00

For Home Mission

Table listing donation for Home Mission: Mrs. Loyce P. Cates, Paullina, Iowa \$ 25.00

For Foreign Mission

Table listing donations for Foreign Mission: Mrs. Loyce P. Cates, Paullina, Iowa \$ 25.00; Wm. J. Miller 10.00; Memorial Wreath in memory of Owen Barr, given by Rev. H. E. Rutz 17.50; Memorial Wreath in memory of Charles Born, given by Rev. H. E. Rutz 11.00; Rev. F. G. Kosanke 15.00; Total \$ 78.50

Contribution for Board of Information

Table listing contribution for Board of Information: Paul R. Rohrke \$ 75.00

For Church Extension Fund

Table listing donations for Church Extension Fund: Memorial Wreath in memory of Rev. Julius Lenz, given by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Seekel \$ 2.00; Mr. Georges Herning 3.00; Memorial Wreath in memory of Mrs. Marie Zarling, given by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Geisler, Mr. and Mrs. E. Wernecke, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wernecke, Mrs. Etta Reich, Mr. and Mrs. H. Wernecke, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wernecke, and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Schroeder 7.00; Memorial Wreath in memory of Owen Barr, given by Rev. H. E. Rutz 17.00; Memorial Wreath in memory of Charles Born, given by Rev. H. E. Rutz 10.00; Memorial Wreath in memory of Mrs. M. J. Hillemann, given by Rev. and Mrs. Paul J. Gieschen 2.00; Total \$ 41.00

C. J. NEIDFELDT, Treasurer.

NORTHERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT
July, August, September, 1954
Fox River Valley Conference

Table listing congregations and their budgets: Congregation - Pastor Budgetary Special Building; Algoma, St. Paul, Schabow, A., Toepel, K. \$ 30.00 \$ 460.00; Appleton, Bethany, Hallemeyer, D. E., 160.60; Appleton, Mt. Olive, Ziesemer, R. E., 1,281.19; Appleton, Riverview, Hartwig, T. J., 391.85; Appleton, St. Matthew, Johnson, S., 671.10; Appleton, St. Paul, Brandt, F. M., 2,910.00; Black Creek, Immanuel, Thierfelder, F. E., 845.25; Bonduel, Friedens, Schewe, Erwin, 6.00; Carlton, St. Peter, Kuether, W. A., 120.00; Center, St. John, Bergholz, H., 183.80; Clayton, Immanuel, Sommer, O. A., 322.00; Dale, St. Paul, 320.00; Ellington, Trinity, Waldschmidt, R., 559.96; Freedom, St. Peter, Zehms, E. J., 491.25; Green Bay, First, Krueger, E. H., 814.95; Green Bay, St. Paul, Voigt, A. W., 1,159.86; Greenleaf, St. Paul, Croll, Melvin W., 465.75; Greenville, Immanuel, Sommer, O. A., 10.00; Hortonville, Bethlehem, Froehlich, E., 537.77; Kasson, Bartholomew, Croll, Melvin W., 1,099.72; Kaukauna, Trinity, Oehlert, Paul Th., 291.45; Kewaunee, Immanuel, Zink, Waldemar F., 334.00; Kimberly, Mt. Calvary, Habermann, Elwood Kolberg, Emanuel, Zell, Wm., 209.01; Liberty Grove, Christ, Fuhlbrigge, W. G., 673.40; Maple Creek, Immanuel, Nommensen, W. B., 4,884.69; Nasewaupae, Salem, Stern, Theo., 85.55; New London, Emanuel, Pankow, W., Heidemann, F., 761.00; Stephenville, St. Paul, Waldschmidt, R., 108.53; Sturgeon Bay, St. Peter, Baganz, Theo., 52.00; Sugar Bush, Grace, Nommensen, W. B., 47.00

Table listing donations for Lake Superior Conference: Valmy, St. John, Henning, Otto C. 308.65; Waupaca, Immanuel, Reier, F. A. 203.86; West Jacksonport, Zion, Fuhlbrigge, W. G. 146.10; Woodville, St. John 74.00; Wrightstown, St. John, Pussehl, Henry E. 522.71; Zachow, St. Paul, Schewe, Erwin 562.06; Conference Total \$ 21,029.53 \$ 8,097.50

Lake Superior Conference

Table listing donations for Lake Superior Conference: Abrams, Calvary, Scherf, H. 364.70; Bark River, Mich., St. Paul, Henning, Walter 70.65; Beaver, St. Matthew, Pingel, Louis 40.50; Carbondale, Mich., St. Mark, Schaller, Gilbert 203.95; Coleman, Trinity, Pingel, Louis 86.50; Crivitz, Grace, Mueller, Richard 145.65; Daggett, Mich., Holy Cross, Schaller, Gilbert 260.00; Escanaba, Mich., Salem, Lutz, Wm. F. 87.45; Florence, St. John, Zaremba, Theo. 45.00; Gladstone, Mich., St. Paul, Hoffman, Theo. 183.95; Green Garden, Mich., St. Paul, Albrecht, E. 70.65; Grover, St. John, Hellmann, A. A. 792.98; Iron Mountain, Mich., Mt. Olive, Zaremba, T. 358.39; Lena, Our Savior, Walther, H. 518.20; Marinette, Trinity, Gentz, A. A. 82.00; Marquette, Mich., Trinity, Albrecht, E. 25.00; Menominee, Mich., Christ, Thurow, Theo. 15.00; Oconto Falls, St. Paul, Walther, H. 301.75; Peshtigo, Zion, Geyer, Kurt 89.00; Powers, Mich., Grace, Dobratz, Franklin C. 82.15; Rapid River, Mich., St. Martin, Hoffmann, T. 92.52; Sault St. Marie, Mich., Emanuel, Koenig, L. J. 196.83; Stambaugh, Mich., St. Peter, Tiefel, George 293.18; Tipier, St. Paul, Zaremba, Theo. 24.00; Conference Total \$ 4,116.85 \$ 1,792.50

Manitowoc Conference

Table listing donations for Manitowoc Conference: Brillion, Trinity, Siegler, V. J. 550.00; Cleveland, St. John, St. Peter, Bode, Elden N. 502.00; Collins, St. Peter, Weyland, V. J. 10.00; Denmark, Christ, Wadzinski, A. 600.00; Gibson, St. John, Mattek, John W. 600.00; Haven, St. Peter, Pankow, Wm. F. 54.80; Henrysville, Immanuel, Wadzinski, A. 126.35; Kiel, Trinity, Behm, E. G. 975.36; Liberty, Trinity, Kugler, S. 500.00; Manitowoc, Bethany, Roekle, Armin 300.00; Manitowoc, First German, Koeninger, L. H. 1,954.00; Manitowoc, Grace, Gieschen, W. W. 215.25; Maribel, St. John, Koch, R. G. 10.00; Millersville, St. Paul, Heier, Otto 827.00; Mishicot, St. Peter, Zell, Ed. 258.85; Morrison, Zion, Koch, Henry A. 608.10; Newtonburg, St. John, Kneuppel, F. C. 414.25; Pine Grove, St. Paul, Maas, Gale 246.00; Reedsville, St. John, Wendland, J. J. 525.00; Rockwood, Rockwood Luth., Zell, Ed. 149.00; Town Schleswig, Zion, Hartwig, Wm. J. 208.50; Shirley, Immanuel, Maas, Gale 67.00; Two Creeks, St. John, Mattek, John W. 307.04; Two Rivers, Our Savior, Thurow, Carl M. 67.00; Two Rivers, St. John, Haase, W. G. 307.04; Conference Total \$ 8,162.35 \$ 10,707.35

Rhineland Conference

Table listing donations for Rhineland Conference: Argonne, Peace, Bunde, Gilbert 10.25; Bruce Crossing, Mich., Bethany, Bergfeld, F. 100.00; Crandon, St. Paul, Bunde, Gilbert 108.25; Eagle River, Christ, Schumann, W. 97.65; Enterprise, St. John, Weyland, F. C. 12.25; Hiles, Christ, Bunde, Gilbert 163.16; Hurley, St. Paul, Schlei, Chas. 225.25; Mercer, Zion, Schlei, Chas. 150.00; Minocqua, Trinity, Bauer, Paul 25.00; Monico, Grace, Weyland, F. C. 51.10; Phelps, St. John, Bergfeld, Fred 854.20; Rhineland, Zion, Scharf, Erwin 1,345.74; Wabeno, Trinity, Raetz, F. W. 90.79; Woodruff, First, Bauer, Paul 80.25; Laona, St. John, Raetz, F. W. 66.50; Conference Total \$ 2,171.29 \$ 1,275.70

Winnepago Conference

Table listing donations for Winnepago Conference: Caledonia, St. John, Engel, Armin L. 173.70; Campbellsport, Immanuel, Kahrs, H. A. 10.00; Dundee, Trinity, Kahrs, H. A. 219.25; E. Bloomfield, St. John, Schwartz, H. Marcus 319.94; Eldorado, St. Paul, Wojahn, W. A. 200.50; Eldorado, St. Peter, Wojahn, W. A. 157.14; Fond du Lac, Faith, Voss, Robert J. 37.00; Fond du Lac, Good Shepherd, Pless, W. O. 265.59; Fond du Lac, Redeemer, Reim, R. 249.70; Fond du Lac, St. Peter, Pieper, Gerhard 406.06; Forest, St. Paul, Siegler, O. 1,681.62; Green Lake, Peace, Krug, Clayton L. 225.55; Kewaskum, St. Lucas, Kaniess, G. 883.55; Kingstons, Zion, Petrie, J. R. 261.83; Manchester, St. Paul, Wadzinski, Wm. 172.42; Markesan, St. John, Kobs, George 374.62; Marquette, St. Paul, Wadzinski, Wm. 251.00; Mears, Corners, Trinity, Hartwig, Paul G. 251.00; Mecan, Emanuel, Oelhafen, W. J. 1,211.54; Menasha, Bethel, Tiefel, Arnold 284.97; Montello, St. John, Oelhafen, W. J. 284.97; Neenah, Grace, Wichmann, W. F. 284.97

Neenah, Martin Luther, Hartwig, Paul G. . .	400.74	—
Neenah, Trinity, Schaefer, G. A.	2,270.41	60.00
N. Fond du Lac, St. Paul, Kuschel, B. G. . .	390.70	24.50
Oakfield, St. Luke, Koepsell, Clarence	—	—
Omro, Zion, Ziesemer, R. D.	—	—
Oshkosh, Faith, Kaiser, Howard	76.95	15.00
Oshkosh, Grace, Lehninger, E.	1,260.89	2,517.75
Oshkosh, Immanuel, Mittelstaedt, T. J. . . .	456.20	530.55
Oshkosh, Martin Luther, Kleinhans, Harold O.	—	—
Princeton, St. John, Strohschein, Walter . .	1,054.03	2,160.50
Readfield, Zion, Engel, Armin L.	333.25	14.00
Red Granite, Trinity, Eggert, Paul C.	—	—
Ripon, Mt. Zion, Ziesemer, R. D.	—	—
Salemville, St. John, Petrie, J. R.	91.30	18.00
Seneca, St. Paul, Eggert, Paul C.	—	—
Van Dyne, Zion, Weissgerber, W.	270.17	20.00
Wautoma, Peace, Laper, A. D.	418.00	—
Weyauwega, St. Peter, Wicke, Harold	2,518.97	—
Winchester, St. Peter, Engel, Armin L. . . .	263.63	—
Winneconne, St. Paul, Grunwald, Harold . . .	452.85	1,698.50
Conference Total	\$ 18,241.66	\$ 9,003.98
District Total	\$ 53,721.68	\$ 50,876.83

**Memorial Wreaths
3rd Quarter—1954**

	Amount
In Memory of — Pastor	32.00
Mrs. Margaret Becher—P. Th. Oehlert, Kaukauna.	2.00
Rev. G. E. Bergemann—Theo. Thurow, Menominee.	1.00
Arnold R. Dalum—W. E. Pankow, New London.	5.00
Alfred Dorow, Sr.—E. Albrecht, Marquette.	5.00
Mrs. Fred Ebert—H. Wicke, Weyauwega.	11.00
Mr. Chas. Gast—P. Th. Oehlert, Kaukauna.	2.00
John Giese—W. A. Kuether, Carlton.	4.00
Mrs. Wm. Gleff—P. Th. Oehlert, Kaukauna.	8.50
Ernest Huber—W. E. Pankow, F. Heidemann, New London	4.00
Mrs. Art. Huntley—W. E. Pankow, F. Heidemann	2.00
New London	2.00
Fred Knolle—W. A. Kuether, Carlton.	24.00
Fred Knolle—O. W. Heier, Millersville.	12.00
Mrs. Augusta Krueger—A. Sippert, Woodville.	2.50
Mrs. Gusta Krueger—P. Th. Oehlert, Kaukauna.	2.50
Mr. and Mrs. Herman Krueger—P. Th. Oehlert, Kaukauna.	100.25
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lustin—P. Th. Oehlert, Kaukauna.	4.00
Helen Lutz—Wm. F. Lutz, Escanaba.	6.00
Frank Mahnke—L. H. Koeniger, Manitowoc.	1.00
Henry Meier—Edw. Zell, Rockwood.	8.00
Mrs. E. Mellen—H. Wicke, Weyauwega.	5.00
Frank Paap—W. Pankow, F. Heidemann, New London	2.00
Irvin Prinsen—W. Pankow, F. Heidemann, New London	8.00
Reinhold Propp—W. A. Kuether, Carlton.	1,000.00
Mrs. John Robe—W. Pankow, F. Heidemann, New London	13.00
Selma Roloff—W. Pankow, F. Heidemann, New London	25.00
Rudolph Schorer—O. W. Heier, Millersville.	3.00
Levi Schroeder—R. E. Ziesemer, Appleton.	28.00
Howard Schroeter—W. F. Pankow, Haven.	3.00
Leo Sibilsky—A. Schabow, K. Toepel, Algoma.	5.00
Augusta Struck—W. A. Kuether, Carlton.	5.00
John E. Sulzle—O. W. Heier, Millersville.	25.00
Walter and Sandra Tesch—Wm. F. Lutz, Escanaba.	46.00
Rev. L. A. Witte—Wm. F. Lutz, Escanaba.	2.00
Mrs. Henry Woldt—Melvin Coll, Kasson.	5.00
Geo. Wolfschmidt—V. J. Siegler, Brillion.	2.00
Mrs. Fred Wolter—R. E. Ziesemer, Appleton.	2.00
Fred Zastrow—A. A. Schabow, K. F. Toepel, Algoma.	1.00
Rev. John Zink—W. A. Kuether, Carlton.	1.00
Rev. John Zink—Theo. Thurow, Menominee.	5.00
Herman Zschaechner—O. A. Sommer, Greenville.	—
Total	\$ 1,421.75

GERALD C. HERZFELDT, District Treasurer.

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT

**Memorial Wreaths
August, 1954**

	SYNOD	OTHER
In Memory of — Sent In By	Budgetary	Special CHARITIES
Mrs. John Gentz—G. Bradtke.	\$	\$ 66.00
Ervin Kehl—Herman Cares.		37.00
Martin Roenisch—Herman Cares	2.00	
Henry L. Spielvogel—J. Brenner		6.00
Carl Gretenhardt—H. P. Koehler		3.00
Eugene Lehmann—H. P. Koehler		10.00
Herman Horn and Mrs. Theo. Hill		
—H. P. Koehler.		2.00
Arthur Clauer—H. P. Koehler.		3.00
Baby son Ethier—Paul Pieper.		25.00
	\$ 2.00	\$ 8.00 \$ 144.00

September, 1954

Louis Zirbel—Ad. von Rohr.	\$	\$ 60.50
Mrs. Johana Pusch—Ad. von Rohr		3.00
Mrs. Gust Pieper—Ad. von Rohr		9.00
John E. Schwartz—E. P. Pankow		5.00
Mrs. Marie Zarling—F. Zarling	4.00	13.00
Mrs. Ida Nicolaus—P. J.		
Gieschen		10.00
Mrs. Clara Schachtschneider—		
Jon. Mahnke		3.00
Rev. Eugene Hinderer—So. East		
Wis. District Mission Board—		
Jon. Mahnke		20.00
Edwin Voeltner—R. Ehlke.		14.00
Mrs. Hilda E. Rupp—R. Ehlke.		8.00

Wm. Siegesmund—C. A. and		63.00
K. J. Otto		
George Nebel—C. A. and		5.00
K. J. Otto		2.00
Mrs. L. Kopp—G. E. Schmeling	5.00	
Ervin Kehl—Herman Cares	10.00	
John C. Hesselbach—E. H.		9.00
Huebner	30.50	
Rev. H. Brueggemann—		
Rev. E. H. Huebner		2.00
Henry J. Spielvogel—		
John Brenner		30.00
Mrs. Emilie Eckhoff—H. P. Koehler		5.00
Mrs. Hilda Rupp—H. P. Koehler		5.00
Mrs. Fred Zarling—H. P. Koehler		4.00
George Kenneth Hoehn—		
E. Ph. Dornfeld		3.00
Mrs. Alvin Woldt—		
E. Ph. Dornfeld	5.00	
Mrs. Fred C. Meyer—		
E. Ph. Dornfeld		2.00
Mrs. Ida Johlke—A. F. Halboth.		3.00
Mrs. Augusta Zimdars—		
A. F. Halboth		19.00
Emil Moegenburg—P. Pieper		10.00
Mrs. Lydia Schewe—P. Pieper	116.00	6.00
Erwin Guse—P. J. Burkholtz		3.00
John Hahn—P. J. Burgholtz		2.00
	\$ 4.00	\$ 204.50 \$ 283.50

Donation for Church Extension Fund

Donated by Mr. and Mrs. John Metzger—\$200.00—St. James, Milwaukee
Donated by Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Brunner—\$50.00—Grace, Milwaukee
G. W. SAMPE, District Cashier.

MINNESOTA DISTRICT

July, August, September 1954

Crow River Valley Conference

Congregation — Pastor	Budgetary	Special Charities
	Synod	Other
Buffalo, St. John's, E. R. Berwald.	\$ 1,049.46	\$ 340.50 \$ 25.00
Crawford Lake, Trinity, M. H. Hanke.	222.07	316.32
Delano, Mt. Olive, M. J. Lenz.		
Glenwood, Calvary, F. E. Stern.	188.65	
Graceville, Mt. Olive, H. A. Mutterer.	393.77	
Hancock, St. John's, H. C. Duehlmeier.	621.87	30.00 30.00
Hutchinson, Grace, H. A. Hempel.	67.25	
Johnson, Trinity, Philip Janke.	881.79	
Litchfield, St. Paul's, John Raabe.	1,175.41	259.25
Loretto, Salem, W. P. Haar.	292.72	
Monticello, St. Peter's, L. Schaller.	79.81	
Montrose, St. Paul's, M. H. Hanke.	795.46	50.00 50.00
Morris, St. Paul's, H. C. Duehlmeier.		
Pelican Lake, Immanuel,	887.55	20.00
Gerhard H. Geiger.	43.50	214.25 9.00
Rockford, Cross, N. W. Kock.	123.00	118.00
T. Ellsworth, St. Peter's, M. C. Kunde	813.15	20.00
T. Acoma, Immanuel, Otto Engel.	543.90	260.00 50.00
T. Lynn, Zion, Martin Lemke.		
T. Malta, Bethany, H. A. Mutterer.		53.00
Hutchinson, West Lynn, Zion.		
Totals	\$ 8,179.36	\$ 1,661.32 \$ 184.50

Mankato Conference

Alma City, St. John's, E. E. Kolander	759.58	64.00
Belle Plaine, Trinity, R. A. Gurgel.	289.95	90.00
Jordan, St. Paul's, L. Brandes.	400.00	350.00
Le Sueur, Grace, M. J. Wehausen.	13.36	121.00
Mankato, Immanuel, G. W. Fischer.	1,781.56	510.00 6.40
North Mankato, St. Paul's, R. A. Haase	980.91	
West Mankato, St. Mark's, M. Birkholz	140.56	
New Prague, Friedens, A. Martens.	1,019.81	
St. Clair, St. John's, A. P. C. Kell.	725.47	
St. James, St. Paul's, E. F. Peterson.		
St. Peter, St. Peter's Luth. G. Albrecht		
Shakopee, Mt. Olive, Kenneth Roeber.	138.55	11.00
Smith's Mill, Trinity Theodor Bauer.	30.00	
Home for the Aged, Belle Plaine.		
Totals	\$ 6,279.75	\$ 1,146.00 \$ 6.40

New Ulm Conference

Balaton, St. Peter's, H. C. Sprenger.	238.09	
Butterfield, St. Matthew's, R. Unke.	226.30	
Courtland, Courtland Luth., E. Hallauer		
Darfur, St. John's, Ralph Unke.		12.00
Lake Benton, St. John's, A. H. Birner	356.45	
Morgan, Zion, W. Frank.		247.75
New Ulm, St. John's, Rollin Reim.	1,012.82	
New Ulm, St. Paul's, W. J. Schmidt.	1,871.19	
Nicollet, Trinity, E. Schaller.	1,931.76	
Sanborn, Zion, Walter P. Scheitel.	381.03	
Sleepy Eye, St. John's, P. F. Nolting.	1,583.76	19.00
T. Brighton, Zion, E. Hallauer.	226.77	
T. Eden, Immanuel, W. Frank.	300.00	
T. Island Lake, Zion, R. F. Schroeder		
T. Verdi, Immanuel, A. H. Birner.		
Tyler, Immanuel, R. F. Schroeder.	55.00	
Totals	\$ 8,183.17	\$ 259.75 \$ 19.00

Red Wing Conference

Austin, St. Paul's, L. W. Schierenbeck			
Bear Valley, St. John's, Theo Haar....	272.00		
Bremen, Trinity	190.18		
Brownsville, Emanuel, E. G. Hertler...	70.00		
Caledonia, St. John's, Karl A. Gurgel..	2.00		
Cannon Falls, St. Paul's, K. A. Roever..	53.90		
Charles City, Cross, W. A. Geiger.....			
Frontenac, St. John's, W. G. Voigt.....			
Goodhue, St. Peter's, Carl Mischke....	161.00	36.00	25.00
Hokah, Zion, E. G. Hertler.....	438.50		
LaCrescent, First Luth., E. G. Hertler	203.50		
Lake City, St. John's, T. H. Albrecht..	620.27		23.00
Lake City, Lincoln Trinity, E. Scharle-			
mann			
Mapleview, Calvary, L. W. Schierenbeck			
Mason City, Bethlehem, C. A. Hinz....	537.53		
Mazepa, St. John's, Theo Haar.....	379.00		
Nelson, Grace, D. H. Hoffmann.....	85.56		
Nodine, St. John's R. A. Kettenacker..	1,109.63	200.00	
Oronoco, Grace, Gordon Fuerstenau...			
Poplar Grove, St. Peter's, G. Fuerstenau			
Red Wing, St. John's, Geo A. Barthels	550.95	177.89	36.00
South Ridge, Immanuel, E. G. Hertler..	477.50		
T. Dexter, Trinity, N. E. Sauer.....	488.24		
T. Goodhue, St. John's, Chr. Albrecht..	677.70	112.50	37.00
T. Goodhue, Grace, Chr. Albrecht.....	306.90		2.00
T. Minneola, St. John's, Carl H. Mischke	346.00		18.00
T. West Florence, Immanuel, W. G. Voigt	656.72		6.00
T. Union, St. Peter's, F. Ehlert.....	110.35		
Wabasha, Our Redeemer, D. H. Hoffmann	87.46		35.50
Zumbrota, Christ, H. F. Muenkel.....	1,850.00		
Totals	8,674.89	\$ 587.89	\$122.00

Redwood Falls Conference

Arlington, St. Paul's, J. G. Bradtke....	310.13		3.00	25.00
Danube, St. Matthew's, H. C. Schnitker	951.08			
Echo, Peace, Herbert Hackbarth.....	241.50	104.00		29.00
Essig, Zion, Dr. Paul W. Spaude.....				
Fairfax, St. John's, W. F. Vatthauer..	1,446.13		12.90	
Gibbon, Immanuel's, H. H. Kesting....	20.00	352.00		43.00
Marshall, Christ, E. R. Gamm.....	4.00			
Milroy, St. John's, Geo W. Scheitel....				
Morton, Zion, S. Baer.....	199.15			
Olivia, Zion, Im. F. Lenz.....	16.05			
Redwood Falls, St. John's,				
Edw. A. Birkholz.....	1,118.75		35.00	
Renville, St. John's, W. F. Dorn.....	666.00			
Seaforth, St. Paul's, Alvin E. Schulz...				
T. Emmett, Bethany, O. K. Netzke....	304.10			
T. Flora, St. Matthew's, O. K. Netzke..	318.16			
T. Helen, St. John's, Karl J. Plocher..	411.00			
T. Omro, St. John's, W. H. Zickuhr....	533.00			
T. Ridgely, St. John's, Dr. Paul W.				
Spaude	149.17			
T. Sheridan, St. John's, Alvin E. Schulz				
T. Wellington, Emanuel, G. F. Zimmer-				
mann	123.00		3.50	
T. Winfield, St. Luke, W. F. Dorn.....				
Vesta, St. John's, Walter Nommensen..	295.80			
Winthrop, Zion, C. Wm. A. Kuehner..				
Wood Lake, St. John's, John W. Stehr	879.18	502.50		25.60
Totals	\$ 7,987.10	\$ 961.50		\$174.00

St. Croix Valley Conference

Amery, Redeemer, Kenneth G. Seim..	571.18	529.46		
Centuria, St. John's, Frederick Kempfert				
Clear Lake, Grace, Kenneth G. Seim..		194.00		
Ellsworth, Good Shepherd, F. Mutterer				
Hastings, St. John's, LeRoy Ristow....	231.42		10.00	
Hersey, First Lutheran, Paul E. Horn	151.70		76.00	
Highwood Park, Mt. Zion, G. J. Ehlert	50.00			
Minneapolis, Bloomington Luth.,				
J. G. Hoenecke.....	163.16			
Minneapolis, Pilgrim, R. J. Palmer....	438.68			
Minneapolis, St. John's, P. C. Dowidat..	326.00			
North St. Paul, Christ, H. A. Sauer....	230.00	321.85		
Nye, Grace, John H. Lau.....				
Oscola, Trinity, John H. Lau.....	58.15			
Prescott, St. Paul's, F. Mutterer.....	80.35	16.00		1.00
Rock Creek, Redeemer, F. Kempfert....				
St. Croix Falls, Eng. Luth.,				
F. H. Kempfert.....				
St. Louis Park, Timothy, R. Schumann	39.70		5.00	
St. Paul, Emanuel, L. M. Voss.....	954.07			
St. Paul, Mt. Olive, C. P. Koch.....	20.00	238.00		65.05
St. Paul, St. James, Carl F. Bolle.....	1,375.49		100.00	
St. Paul, St. John's, Naumann-Albrecht	706.19	491.05		22.00
St. Paul, Trinity, A. C. Haase.....	10.00			
St. Paul Park, St. Andrew's, G. J. Ehlert	72.40			
South St. Paul, Grace, A. G. Eberhart..				
Stillwater, Salem, P. R. Kurth.....	23.00	414.13		
T. Baytown, St. John's, E. W. Penk....				
T. Cady, St. Matthew's, Karl A. Nolting				
T. E. Farmington, Zion, Louis W. Meyer				
T. Grant, St. Matthew's, E. W. Penk..				
T. Weston, St. John's, Karl A. Nolting	20.00			
T. Woodbury, Salem, F. Mutterer.....	232.34			
Woodville, Immanuel, P. E. Horn.....				
Minnesota District Convention Collection		106.51		
Totals	\$ 5,753.83	\$2,402.00		\$188.05
District Totals	46,058.10	7,018.46		693.95

R. O. SCHWEIM, District Treasurer.

Memorial Wreaths

In Memory of — Sent in By	Synod	Budgetary	Special	Other
				Charities
A. J. Steinbring—H. C. Duehlmeier..	15.00	\$	30.00	\$ 30.00
Gerald Boettcher—H. C. Duehlmeier..			50.00	50.50
Mrs. Herman Mutterer—N. W. Kock..	8.00		190.00	9.00
Mrs. Alb. Holtz—O. Engel.....				20.00
Dennis Leopold—W. P. Scheitel.....				2.00
Wm. Pieper—K. A. Gurgel.....	2.00			
William Schultz—C. H. Mischke.....	46.00		36.00	25.00
Albert Oelkers—G. A. Barthels.....	32.00			24.00
Deborah Kay Martin—G. A. Barthels	1.00			
Christian Bender—G. A. Barthels....	3.00			
Mrs. Claus Duden—G. A. Barthels....	4.00		25.00	12.00
John Riebesell—C. Albrecht.....			2.00	1.00
Mrs. Marvin Ulrich—C. Albrecht.....			4.00	
Rebecca Riercks—C. Albrecht.....			108.50	37.00
Wilhelm Hadler—C. H. Mischke.....	21.00		18.00	
Rudolph Stock—J. G. Bradtke.....				25.00
Charles Meyer—J. G. Bradtke.....	1.00		3.00	
Philipp Theodor Remmele—Hackbarth	9.50		104.00	29.00
Mrs. Anna Albrecht—W. F. Vatthauer	7.00			
John Hanslick—H. H. Kesting.....	10.00		5.00	4.00
Elizabeth Tester—H. H. Kesting.....	10.00			9.00
August Stelter—E. R. Gamm.....	4.00			
Otto H. Radatz—E. A. Birkholz.....				35.00
Mrs. Alwina Hanke—J. W. Stehr.....	.50		6.50	4.50
Otto Jeseritz—J. W. Stehr.....	31.50		6.00	21.10
Louis Teffs—F. Mutterer.....			7.00	1.00
Mrs. A. Heinz—F. Mutterer.....			9.00	

MICHIGAN DISTRICT

July 1, 1954 to September 30, 1954

Southwestern Conference

	Budget	Bldg. Fund	Church Ext.	Non-budget
L. Meyer, Allegan	\$ 124.93	\$ 60.00	\$	\$
H. Juroff, Battle Creek	93.43			
E. Wendland, Benton Harbor	572.30			
R. Schaller, Coloma	903.70	140.50		
C. Kipfmiller, Dorr	240.00			
G. Struck, Dowagiac	352.11	51.00		
W. Krueger, Eau Claire	460.05			
J. Thrans, Muskegon	101.51			
L. Meyer, Otsego	38.65	23.00		
W. Westendorf, South Haven	300.65			
H. Zink, Stevensville	492.88	136.00		
H. Hoenecke, Sturgis	136.77			

Southeastern Conference

A. Bear, Adrian		291.39	4.00	
East Ann Arbor	52.11			
O. Kreie, Belleville	331.53			
O. Schlenner, Detroit, including				
\$7.05 from Sunday				
School	256.03	15.00		
W. Valleskey, Detroit	466.09			
E. Zell, Detroit	340.68			
E. Fredrich, Detroit	211.95			
J. DeRuiter, Detroit	209.41			
L. Rasch, Detroit	51.75			
W. Wagner, Findley	249.30	182.31		.25
E. Schmelzer, Flat Rock	15.70			
H. Buch, Greenwood	147.80	154.25		
K. Krauss and L. Koeninger,				
Lansing	1,449.84			
F. Zimmerman, Lansing	71.00			
J. Westendorf, Livonia	92.95			
T. Sauer, Livonia	460.55			
E. Schmelzer, Monroe	22.80			
Monroe, Zion	952.32			
A. Schultz, Monroe town	246.90	50.10		
A. Walther, Northfield	206.64			50.00
E. Hoenecke, Plymouth	531.33	65.00		
C. Schmelzer, Riga				10.00
H. Engel, Saline	2,549.04			
A. Wacker, Scio, including				
\$100.00 from Jacob Schairer				
Estate	1,993.00			
A. Jeschke, Tecumseh	233.80			
W. Koelpin, Toledo	775.00			
R. Scheele, Toledo	95.00			
I. Weiss, Van Dyke	172.93	60.50		
L. Rasch, Warren	63.40	22.00		
A. Bloom, Waterloo, including				
\$7.30 Sunday School and				
\$10.00 Ladies Aid	466.26			
G. Press, Wayne	1,160.29	5.00		
K. Koelpin, Williamston	201.05			
H. Buch, Yale	130.75	52.00		
M. Schroeder, Bay City	483.85	20.50		
J. Brenner, Bay City	1,000.00	550.25	2.00	
E. Kasischke, Bay City	377.80	319.00		
H. Schultz, Brady	76.75	42.00	3.00	
H. Schultz, Chesaning	842.44	326.11		
N. Maas, Durand	57.75			
E. Lyrer, Elkton	187.85			
B. Westendorf, Frank	815.20	649.00		
A. Kehrberg, Frankenmuth..	178.95			99.75
Hamilton	31.00			
Hemlock	262.90	218.40		
W. Steih, Kawkawlin	251.75			
H. Lemke, Lincoln	140.43			

A. Maaske, Manistee	176.41	305.50		
Mayville	79.55			
M. Koepsell, Itemus	289.24	12.43		
O. Frey, Saginaw	302.50	11.00		
O. Eckert, R. Gensmer, Saginaw	1,228.85	48.00		
E. Renz, Scottville	258.90			
C. Miller, Sebewaing, Includ- ing \$30.00 from Ladies Aid	561.50	10.00		
E. Renz, Sheridan	337.08			
C. Leyrer, St. Louis	37.60			
N. Maas, Swartz Creek	115.91	25.00		
P. Heyn, Tawas	746.56	64.00		14.00
R. Frey, Vassar	58.13			
T. Horneber, Zilwaukee	225.30			351.44
Totals	\$ 27,338.49	\$ 3,909.24	\$ 9.00	\$ 525.44

Non-budget monies sent direct to institutions.

Memorial Wreaths

(Included in above monies)

In memory of — Sent in by	Amount
Mrs. Gisela Matzke — Frankenmuth.....	\$ 40.50
Mrs. Anna Roth — Frankenmuth.....	3.00
Alex Lohagen — Frankenmuth.....	7.00
Pvt. Willard Bernthal — Frankenmuth.....	12.00
Mrs. Gertrude Frank — Frankenmuth.....	1.00
Wm. Loesel, Sr. — Frankenmuth.....	10.00
Mrs. Mary Bierlein — Frankenmuth.....	13.25
Mrs. Gertrude Weber — Frankenmuth.....	3.00
Mrs. Agnes Nuechterlein — Frankenmuth.....	1.00
Melchior Zehnder — Frankenmuth.....	2.00
Mrs. Regina Knack — Frankenmuth.....	7.00

ALWIN R. BURKHARDT, Treasurer.

**NEBRASKA DISTRICT
July 1 to September 30, 1954**

Central Conference

Congregations	Budgetary	Special	Other
Good Shepherd, Cedar Rapids ..	\$ 21.00	\$	\$
Redeemer, Council Bluffs	100.91		
Lincoln Heights, Des Moines ..	90.88		
Grace, Fort Madison	29.60		
Bethany, Grinnell	15.00		
Immanuel, Hadar	1,082.30		
Trinity, Hoskins	556.00		
Grace, Newton	100.65		
St. Paul, Norfolk	287.60	90.00	
Memorial—Herbert Lehman ..			4.00
Memorial—Herbert Wachter ..			8.00
North Side, North Platte	49.51		
Gethsemane, Omaha	67.14	16.50	
Good Shepherd, Omaha	60.00	125.50	
Grace, Oskaloosa	45.33		
Grace, Sioux City	284.75		
St. John, Stanton	630.77	241.50	
Immanuel, Washington	46.72		

Colorado Conference

Redeemer, Cheyenne	49.06		
Mt. Olive, Denver	28.39		
Pilgrim, Denver	69.34		
St. James, Golden	200.87		
Trinity, Hillrose	269.32		
St. Matthew, Loveland	36.00		
St. John, Platteville	264.79	93.10	

Rosebud Conference

St. John, Brewster	39.66		
Grace, Burke	299.30	115.50	
Peace, Carlock	297.61		
St. Paul, Colome	34.05	93.00	
Zion, Colome	245.54		
St. John, Herrick	84.95		
Calvary, Valentine	20.00		
Zion, Valentine	177.43		
Trinity, Winner	423.09	225.00	
St. John, Witten	187.23	100.00	
St. Peter, Wood	30.72		

Southern Conference

First, Aurora	493.67	10.00	
Christ, Beatrice	72.50		
Emmaus, Beatrice		15.00	
Memorial—Henry Maschmeier		100.00	
Zion, Clatonia			
Memorial—Clara Heller	80.50		
Zion, David City	564.29	96.59	
St. John, Firth	100.00		
Grace, Geneva	83.24		
St. Paul, Gresham	533.72		
Redeemer, Hastings	361.85	105.50	
Memorial—William Reis	40.00		
Memorial—Peter Klein	47.00		
Grace, Milford		22.75	
Calvary, Osceola	45.50		
St. Paul, Plymouth	240.65	299.47	
St. John, Rising City	526.96		
St. Mark, Sutton	159.72		

Totals

\$ 9,575.16	\$ 1,749.41	\$ 12.00
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NORRIS KOPMANN, District Cashier.

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