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BRIEFS

by the Editor

By all means, read the editorial on the opposite page, "Small Synoditis." It makes a point we all should ponder — and act on.

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We speak of our freedom of religion as something very precious. But how so, "precious"? Because we can worship our God according to our conscience? Yes. But nothing more? Read "God and History" on the page opposite.

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This issue carries the second installment of the letter which the Chairman of the Board for World Missions, Pastor Edgar Hoenecke, wrote to President Naumann from Japan. We are sure that you will find it as interesting and heartening as the first part.

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THE LUTHERAN EDUCATOR is a new publication that has recently appeared in our circles. It replaces THE LUTHERAN SCHOOL BULLETIN, which first appeared in mimeographed form. Since 1933, when it became an official publication of the Synod, it has appeared in printed form four times

a year. Its purpose was to "promote the cause of Christian education for our children through the establishment and maintenance of Christian day schools." It was directed especially to the day-school teachers and pastors. Its lifespan was about thirty years.

The new publication is approximately the size of the Reader's Digest, with twenty-four pages of reading matter. The editorial staff plans to bring a wide range of articles in each issue. The editor in chief is Mr. Adolf Fehlauer, the Assistant Executive Secretary of the Board of Education—Wisconsin Synod.

We wish THE LUTHERAN EDUCATOR well as it strives to carry out the purpose stated in Number 1: "THE LUTHERAN EDUCATOR wants to try, with the help of God, to do just a bit more to stir up each communicant in our Synod to work hard in this big field of Lutheran education. . . . If anyone has a divine call to do some real educating in this modern 'mixed-up' world, certainly our Evangelical Lutheran Church has that call as long as it operates with the Word in all its truth and purity."

In this issue we are trying to include a number of items that we have had to hold over for lack of space. We do not like to do this, since the news contained in them can easily become stale. However, the supply of material was so large that there was no help for it. In this issue we manage to include "Direct From the Districts" and a number of anniversaries and dedications. But some of the latter will have to wait for the next issue. Again we ask congregations and individuals who are involved to be patient and understanding.

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Figures on the enrollment in our synodical schools should be of interest. They follow.

Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary

Total in attendance	68
Serving as vicars	13
Studying elsewhere	1

Northwestern College

Total in attendance	427
In the high school department	247
In the college department	180

Dr. Martin Luther College

Total in attendance	518
In the high school department	253
In the college department	265

Milwaukee Luth. Teachers' College

Total in attendance	50
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Michigan Lutheran Seminary

Total in attendance	330
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Northwestern Lutheran Academy

Total in attendance	85
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The Lord our God be with us, as he was with our fathers: let him not leave us, nor forsake us. 1 Kings 8:57

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THE COVER — Lola Park Ev. Lutheran Church, Detroit, Michigan; Edward Zell, pastor.

Editorials

Weathercocks Near Manitowoc there are, or were, two country churches that were known throughout the neighborhood as "the first rooster church" and "the second rooster church." Since they stood at crossroads, directions to travelers used to be given to turn right at the first rooster church and left at the second rooster church, or the other way 'round. The churches got these names from the weathercocks that topped their steeples in place of the more usual cross.

The *Wisconsin Magazine of History* tells of a church in Kirchhayn, now no longer standing, one of the earliest churches to be erected in Wisconsin, that also had a weathercock perched on the tip of the steeple. The pastor of the church explained why he had this emblem placed so prominently on his new church building. He wrote: "Upon the steeple we have placed a gilded ball and on top of it a gilded cock, as a reminder that the Holy Christian Church must be ever watchful against insidious false doctrine and godless practice. The gilding is to signify that all things are to be done in the purity of faith."

So the weathercocks on this church and on the two rooster churches served a nobler purpose than just to show which way the wind was blowing. They were intended to remind the people of St. Paul's admonition not to let themselves be "carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness."

E. E. KOWALKE

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God and History When in Jerusalem the Jews were about to tear Paul limb from limb, the Roman military rescued him and took him into protective custody. The chief captain assumed that Paul was some sort of vicious criminal, and so gave orders that he be examined by scourging, that he be lashed with the Roman scourge in order to wring a confession from him. This was brought to a halt by the assertion of Paul that he was a Roman citizen.

God uses the prevailing political circumstances to protect His Christians and to promote the cause of His Church. History abundantly illustrates that. As you know, the British built up a great colonial empire a century or so ago in the unexplored regions of Asia and Africa. They expanded their power into regions unknown to the white man. And wherever British military power and business went, there Christian missionaries soon followed and brought the saving Gospel to the natives. British colonial expansion coincided with the expansion of Christian missions. God used the British to spread the saving Gospel, as in the apostolic age He used the Roman political power for the same purpose. The Romans were strong for law and order. They made traveling comparatively safe by land and sea and so paved the way for the great missionary journeys of St. Paul.

So we may be sure that God is also using the prevailing political situation among us today, though we may not see just how. We are living in a free country, under a government which guarantees to us freedom of religion. We are free to preach and spread the

Gospel without any governmental interference. We are free to establish new churches and new mission stations. We may be sure that God has His hand in all this and is using it for His gracious purposes. Thus God is giving the Church a great opportunity to carry out the great design which Jesus described in the words: "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come."

IM. P. FREY

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Small Synoditis Small synods can easily develop inferiority complexes. They see the grand scale on which larger church bodies carry out their projects, the impressive totals they run up, the variety and scope of their activities — and they feel like apologizing for their own efforts and achievements. How many books can they publish, how many periodicals can they issue, how large is their radio and television audience? How effective are their organizations, how many services can they provide for their members? The small synod seems to be the neighborhood grocery store comparing itself with the supermarket.

Synod members that constantly make unfavorable comparisons between the modest progress of their synod and the impressive accomplishments of a larger body, risk contracting the malady of defeatism. They are in danger of making only half-hearted efforts at furthering new undertakings; they may even lapse into a do-nothing attitude.

Young people have a more wholesome approach to things. A boy does not mope and pine because he cannot match his father's efforts. He sets his own standards and is content with his own achievements. The dam he builds over a brook gives him a sense of accomplishment as great as working on the Grand Coulee Dam gave his engineer father.

Our Wisconsin Synod is not a large church body, but it is large enough to move forward. It is large enough to do more and greater things in the kingdom of God than it has done in the past. And, under God, it will be more likely to accomplish them if it values the talent God has supplied to it than if it sighs for the ten talents it supposes God has given to another.

C. TOPPE

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*"The way to salvation, so slowly and with such difficulty prepared for us — slowly through the time of preparation in the old covenant — with difficulty, through the bitter suffering and death of Jesus; and yet so short and so pleasant for us to travel — short, for all that we need is to embrace the cross of Christ by faith — pleasant, for here we find remission of sins, life, and salvation."* (Karl Gerok)

# Studies in God's Word: Jesus Builds A Mature Faith

So Jesus came again into Cana of Galilee, where he made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman, whose son was sick at Capernaum. When he heard that Jesus was come out of Judea into Galilee, he went unto him, and besought him that he would come down, and heal his son: for he was at the point of death. Then said Jesus unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe. The nobleman saith unto him, Sir, come down ere my child die. Jesus saith unto him, Go thy way; thy son liveth. And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way. And as he was now going down, his servants met him, and told him, saying, Thy son liveth. Then enquired he of them the hour when he began to amend. And they said unto him, Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him. So the father knew that it was at the same hour, in the which Jesus said unto him, Thy son liveth: and himself believed, and his whole house. This is again the second miracle that Jesus did, when he was come out of Judea into Galilee (John 4:46-54).

Children of God often experience that God does not answer their prayers in the manner and at the time that they expect. Even though they approach Him in faith, God seems slow to hear; at times He even seems to say "No." Actually He is dealing with them in wisdom and love. Although they may not understand His ways at the time, He is refining them and building a more mature faith in them. The story of "Jesus Healing the Nobleman's Son" shows us how He does this.

## JESUS PURIFIES AN IMMATURE FAITH

A certain nobleman from Capernaum was in great trouble. His little

son was at the point of death. Believing that Jesus could heal his son, he appealed to Him for help.

The answer of Jesus sounded rather harsh. He said, "Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe." Many came to Jesus just for the purpose of seeing signs and wonders. Beyond that they were not interested in Him. Jesus, however, did not wish to be regarded as a Worker of miracles, but as the Savior from sin. He wanted the nobleman to know that He was able and willing to give Him much more than he had asked, that He had something to offer him even when there was no pressing bodily need which called for a miracle.

The nobleman accepted the rebuke. He was not discouraged. He repeated his prayer, but he still felt that Jesus would have to come to Capernaum to help. He also felt that help would have to come while his son was still alive. His faith was still weak and immature. But the merciful Savior does not break the bruised reed or quench the smoking flax.

## JESUS STRENGTHENS A WEAK FAITH

Jesus did not answer the prayer of the nobleman in the way that he had requested. He did not accompany him to Capernaum. If He had, the nobleman's faith would have remained weak. Instead, Jesus put his faith to a test. He asked him to believe without seeing, that is, without seeing any visible evidence that his request had been granted. He asked him to trust His word without any visible signs and wonders.

But that powerful Word of Jesus also enabled the nobleman to do what it asked him to do. It strengthened his faith. He believed the word that Jesus had spoken to him. He did not insist that Jesus come with him. He left alone, fully confident that his son was well again. He did not insist on a sign. The word of Jesus was sufficient.

## JESUS CONFIRMS A TRUSTING FAITH

On the way home his servants met him with the good news that his son had fully recovered. When he asked the hour in which the change had taken place, he learned that it was at the exact time in which Jesus had given promise of recovery.

Now his faith in Jesus had been vindicated. Now he knew from personal experience that the Lord keeps His word. Now he was certain that he could safely believe the word of Jesus without signs and wonders.

By His wise and loving manner of dealing with the nobleman, Jesus actually gave him more than he had asked. Now he was not only convinced that Jesus was able and willing to help in every bodily need; he also believed that Jesus was the promised Messiah, the Savior whom God had sent. And his household believed and rejoiced with him.

Do you suppose this would have happened if Jesus had not answered the nobleman's prayer in His own way and at His own time?

What comfort is there for our own faith in this incident? Luther has summarized it well: "Thus the Lord God deals also with us, in order to make us more perfect and place us into a higher station. If we pass through such experiences, then we gain knowledge and become sure of our faith."

C. MISCHKE

*Increase my faith, dear Savior,  
For Satan seeks by night and day  
To rob me of this treasure  
And take my hope of bliss away.  
But, Lord, with Thee beside me,  
I shall be undismayed;  
And led by Thy good Spirit,  
I shall be unafraid.  
Abide with me, O Savior,  
A firmer faith bestow;  
Then I shall bid defiance  
To ev'ry evil foe. Amen.*

Lutheran Hymnal 381:2

# News FROM OUR Missions



## Chairman Hoenecke Writes From Japan Second Installment

After a most inspiring and instructive visit of almost a week, we left the friendly Poetter home and the Mito field to return to Tokyo by the fast express train. At the station to see us off were five of our Japanese friends, including the teacher and the superintendent of the high school.

We were eager to return to Tokyo to spend more time with our two missionaries, now resident there. Pastor Richard Seeger arrived about three years ago, engaged for almost two years in intensive language studies, and is now doing full-fledged work in Japanese for over a year. It is remarkable how well he has mastered this very difficult tongue in such a short time.

Pastor Weindorf and his family are also living in Tokyo, where this missionary will get basic Japanese through the Missouri Synod language school from the same teacher who also taught Pastor Seeger. This is important because it will be necessary for him to acquire the correct theological terminology before he can preach in Japanese. He and his wife are good friends of the Seegers and will surely appreciate the help which this association will give them in learning their way about. The Weindorfs will have a Japanese girl living with them for some time to be able to do their shopping and to make other contacts. This girl is now being instructed in Christian doctrine by Pastor Weindorf and interprets for him.

Pastor Seeger's field stretches from Tokyo up to Utsunomiya near the famous Nikko Shrine, and over to Tsuchiura and Oyama toward the sea.

It may be found advisable to keep a man in Tokyo, even though we concentrate on the Ibaraki Prefecture. There is much mission's work to be done in this, the world's largest city, now numbering over nine million people, even though it has about twice as many Protestant missionaries as the national average. Many people of our outlying churches move down into the Tokyo area, and these would be given an opportunity to find a church of their own Lutheran Synod. Also, there are many transactions which must be taken care of in Tokyo. The final decision will be reached by the Japan Committee and the World Board.

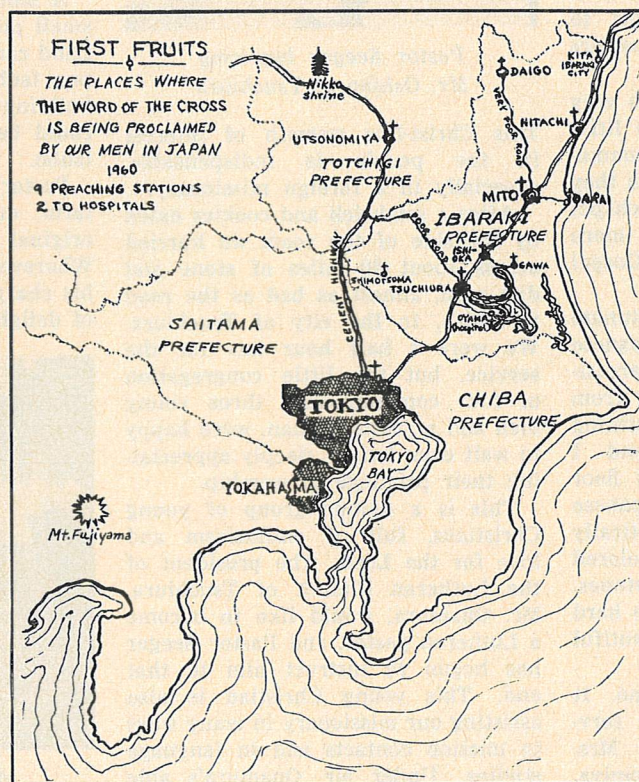
We accompanied Pastor Seeger on a weekend circuit of his preaching places in the north. On Saturday

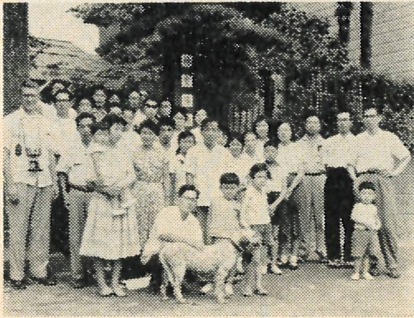
afternoon he conducted an instruction class in the home of two prospective members south of Utsunomiya, Mr. and Mrs. Adachi. The man is a day laborer who regularly must take time off from his road-building job to attend the classes and services. Since the work goes on seven days a week, this amounts to quite a sacrifice on his part. Because there was no other place to meet, these new Christians also made their humble home available to the missionary.

The little house was spotless for the service. The tatami mats in the little room were cleaned and polished, and the sun was streaming in through the open sliding wall sections as we sat down for the service. The lady of the house is struggling to learn how to play the portable organ for the singing which opens every gathering. In this way the people soon learn the liturgy and the hymns.

Sitting cross-legged behind the low table Pastor Seeger then proceeded with instruction of the six people present. There was rapt attention, as he spoke to them and asked them to read the proof-texts out of their Japanese Bibles. Several of the class inquired more fully into some point of doctrine, and a lively discussion ensued. The entire atmosphere of the class was so friendly and so earnest that it did one's heart good to witness it and to realize that the prayers and sacrifices of our people at home are supporting this blessed work.

As always, we were asked to address a few words to the people. After all, up here in this out-of-the-





*Group which attended  
Summer Bible Camp  
(Pastor Seeger at left)*

way farm district we were a distinct curiosity. And we were the direct representatives of the good people across the sea who had out of love for their Savior and for the Japanese people sent their beloved missionaries to them with the Word of life and hope in Christ. Both Pastor Shiley and I were very deeply moved by the joy and devotion of this little group of Lutheran laborers and peasants at Utsonomiya, and we expressed the hope that one day you could visit Japan again in person to see how the Lord has answered our prayers.

We gave this group, as all the others, your message of greeting in the name of our Lutheran Church, and assured them of the continued prayers and support of the work until they themselves would be able to carry it through their own pastors independently.

In this connection it was also very encouraging to learn that this little group at Utsonomiya has accumulated a building fund with which they hope one day to erect a modest chapel so that they might become more effective in the spread of the Gospel in their area.

That night we were fortunate enough to put up at a real Japanese hotel. Aside from a few embarrassments and difficulties resulting from cramped muscles, it was a charming experience. Pastor Shiley and I shared a room on the second floor overlooking the lovely Japanese garden with its pool, its artistically pruned trees and its crimson-colored arched bridge and stepping stones. We didn't sleep too well on the hard tatam<sup>7</sup> mats, but we had a beautiful view.

The next day was a busy one. It began with a Japanese church service in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Adachi just south of Utsonomiya.

Although we were unable to understand the words, we could follow the liturgy very well. Singing the English words of the order of service and the well-known hymns, and following the English text of Pastor Seeger's sermon, we derived almost the full benefit from the service without seriously disturbing these devout people.

This is one thing which impresses us here in Japan: the unusually quiet and devout attitude of both children and adults in the services and classes. Pastor Seeger speaks the language like a Japanese, with the peculiar intonation and feeling of urgency which seems so well suited to the Japanese temperament. Several people told us that they enjoyed listening to him because of this and because of his friendly, understanding approach.



*Pastor Seeger baptizing  
Mr. Oshino at Tsuchiura*

This Christ-like warmth of interest in the people is indispensable, especially in a foreign missionary.

After a sandwich and cookies eaten by the side of the road, we hurried across about 40 miles of stone and dirt road, almost as bad as the road to Daigo, to the city of Tsuchiura. We were a half hour late for the service, but the little congregation of four communicants, three young men and a young woman, were happy to wait even longer, deeply appreciating their privilege to worship.

This is a unique group of young Christians, full of enthusiasm and love for the Lord. The president of the Lutheran Church of Tsuchiura, Mr. Onamura, would like to become a Lutheran pastor, and Pastor Seeger has begun to instruct him to that end. This young Christian is also assisting our missionary in many ways in mission contacts and in language studies. Under Mr. Onamura's able

leadership the four members want to become independent and build themselves a modest chapel to work more effectively.

At present they worship in a small rented room, located above a malodorous canal and separated by a thin sliding door from a place of ill repute, and directly across a narrow alley from a geisha temple. One could hardly imagine a less suitable place for worship. The noise of the doleful samosen, played by some geisha, drifts across the alley and the raucous din of a Japanese radio, emitting bawdy songs, comes from the room behind the sliding doors. Here the little group valiantly tries to hold its church services. We partook of Holy Communion with them in a very simple, but impressive service despite the disturbing noises from outside.

Self-evidently, we are doing what we can to encourage them to remove to a more edifying place, since they have already pledged to contribute 25,000 yen (about seventy dollars) for a building fund per year. Considering that one of them is a factory laborer who receives about thirty-five dollars a month, this a considerable effort on their part.

The only woman in the group is the daughter of the widow of a farmer who still owns valuable property near the city, but opposes her daughter's becoming a Christian.

A modest chapel can be built on a small piece of land for about \$3,000. Land can be had for about ten dollars per tsubo (36 square feet), and a building of very light construction could be set up for about \$100 per tsubo.

Pastor Seeger serves two TB sanatoria out near Tsuchiura and his original small group in Tokyo also. Wherever we went with him to visit his charges, we found the same spirit of delight and devotion in the people

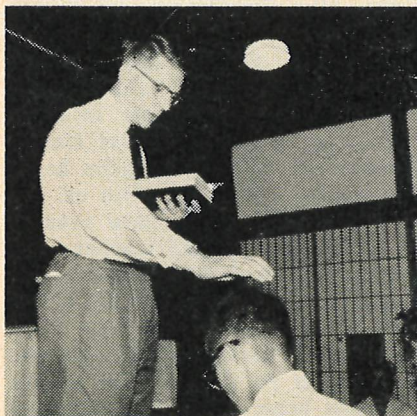


*After baptism service*

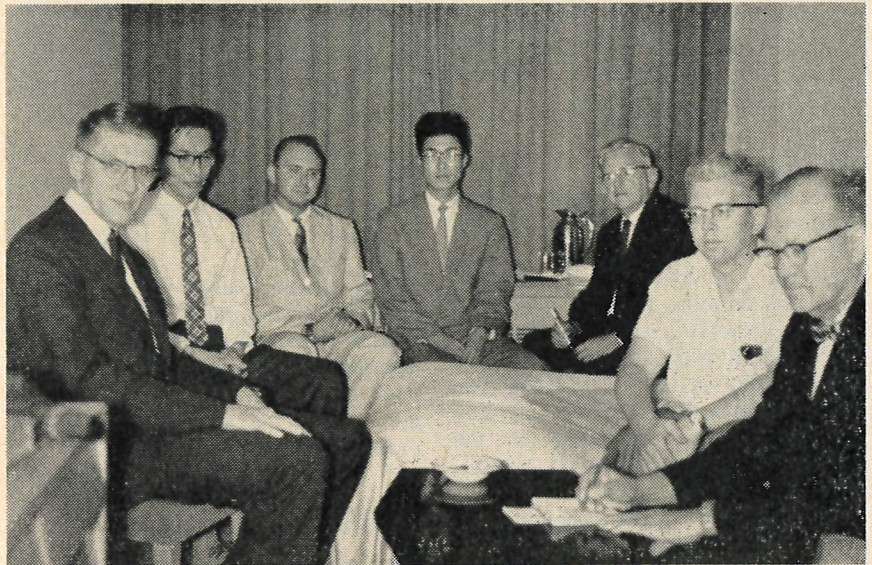
over the Good News he brought to them. As the TB patients are discharged from the sanatorium, they invariably ask for classes and services in the place where their families live. And so the opportunities increase and the work continues to spread gradually, but surely, as Christ said it would when He compared His kingdom with leaven in a lump of meal or to the mustard tree in whose branches the birds of the air would find shelter.

We have discussed all the matters which were on the minds of our missionaries both privately with them in the bosom of their homes and families, as well as in three meetings which we have held, at one of which the Japanese representatives were invited and took active part in the discussions. To our great joy we find that our two men, Pastors Seeger and Poetter, are working in great harmony. They are both dedicated to the one thing for which they were sent, that is to preach Christ crucified and resurrected to the people of Japan, and to do this according to the plan outlined above. Pastor Luther Weindorf has been welcomed by both of our men as a most eagerly awaited and valuable helper in the program which already more than taxes the capacity of three men, making it necessary to hold off doing intensive work in such places as Hitachi on the sea and others. Pastor Weindorf has the happy personality, the drive, and the warmth which will fit very well into the setup here in Japan. He will work intensively at language study for the next year and will then be given charge of his territory, very likely at Hitachi.

Our missionaries, but especially their wives, said that they missed very seriously the Sunday services



*Pastor Seeger baptizing  
Mr. Onamura at Tsuchiura*



*Conference: Japan Staff and Visitors, Tokyo (Nikkatsu Hotel)  
Left to Right: Missionary Richard Seeger; Mr. Igarashi, Literary Assistant; Missionary Luther Weindorf; Mr. Onamura, Assistant and Theological Student; Chairman Hoenecke; Missionary Richard Poetter; Executive Secretary Shiley.*

with a congregation worshipping in the English language. To respond to this need, we conducted several devotions and two full English services, in which we delivered reassuring and encouraging sermons.

A final English service was held Friday morning at the home of Pastor and Mrs. Seeger in which we all partook of Holy Communion.

It occurred to me during the service that it must have been a most reassuring contrast for Seegers to compare their service in which our workers and their families, in all, partook of the Sacrament, with the first service in the Yokohama Hotel bedroom, which you also attended. The Lord has indeed blessed and established the work of our hands upon us in His grace.

After church a sumptuous Thanksgiving dinner was served, pictures were taken, and an enjoyable afternoon was spent in good fellowship.

Because of furloughs and other considerations, we may find it wise to ask for another man to prevent too many setbacks in the program until we have trained our first national pastors. We therefore earnestly request that all of our members would keep our Japanese Mission before the eyes of our Savior in daily prayer for blessing and prospering of our humble efforts in His name.

The other mission we had undertaken was that of responding to the

request for help from Mr. Peter Chang at Hong Kong. Our inquiries resulted in our findings that Mr. Chang cannot continue his present evangelistic work without a proper call or training as a pastor, and that, since he is actually a member of the Missouri Synod, he ought to return to the work he has begun for that body. He declared himself ready to do this, also to get more training. We found the men of the Missouri Synod very cordial in their reception of us.

Like Berlin for East Germany, so Hong Kong has become a city of refuge for the hundreds of thousands of Chinese who escape regularly from the mainland. The housing blocks built for these refugees which we visited several times, are teeming with them. One block, and there are an estimated hundred of them, contains between 2,500 and 3,000 refugees in all kinds of conditions of misery and squalor. It is among these that Peter Chang has worked especially. If we could find it in our heart to do so, here is another spot to which we could send men with the love and hope in Christ with a rich promise and success for our effort.

We dare not relax in our world mission program, Brother Naumann. The time is becoming shorter and shorter, and the vast, untouched, and unwashed areas are calling us as

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# Direct from the Districts

## Michigan

The filling of three vacancies can be reported. The Rev. Kermit Biedenbender was installed as pastor of Our Shepherd Lutheran Church, Warren, Michigan, on June 12, 1960. The Rev. Martin Bradtke was installed as pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Jenera, Ohio, on August 28, 1960. The Durand-Swartz Creek Parish will soon be installing a new pastor in the person of the Rev. Erhardt Schultz, who has accepted their call. In the same breath, we must announce two new vacancies. They are Bethany Lutheran Church, Saginaw, Michigan, whose pastor, the Rev. Paul Wilde, has accepted a call to Minnesota, and Trinity Lutheran Church, Elkton, Michigan, whose pastor, the Rev. Edmund Leyrer, has accepted a call to Wisconsin.

Zion Lutheran, Monroe, Michigan, has recently purchased a ten-acre plot of land with two dwellings. The dwellings will be used as teacherages. The land will be used for future expansion purposes.

HANS A. SCHULTZ

## Nebraska

Calls in great abundance have been received by the pastors of this District. Many have chosen to remain in their present parishes or we would have a great number of vacancies. Pastor Wayne Bartelt of Batesland-Martin, South Dakota, has accepted a call to Sturgis, Michigan. Pastor E. Kitzerow of Colome, South Dakota, has accepted a call to Crivitz, Wisconsin.

Redeemer of Council Bluffs, Iowa, has begun building its new parsonage. Since much of the labor will be donated by members, the time of construction may be quite long, as the members can work only when they have time off from their regular work.

Mt. Olive of Denver is completing the addition to the front of its church. Work was begun in July. This addition of 12 feet by 28 feet provides a new entry hall, mothers' room, organ and choir loft, stairways, basement classroom, auxiliary furnace, and large tower with lighted cross. Sounds as if they are getting a lot of use out of the little extra space! Contract price is \$10,300. During the

construction work Mt. Olive is holding services in Pilgrim Lutheran Church, which has a pastoral vacancy at present. I. P. Frey is the pastor of Mt. Olive.

Mrs. Oscar Zander of Stanton is teaching at Hoskins as the new second teacher; total enrollment is 25. A number of other new teachers have been added to the District, but the names are not available to me at present.

F. WERNER

## Pacific Northwest

### Progress In Building Projects

Grace of Yakima, Washington, has virtually completed its extensive project of relocating church, school, and parsonage. The inclusion of the parsonage in the program was made possible by the sale of its former property.

Trinity of Eugene, Oregon, hopes to begin building its first chapel shortly. Final plans and specifications are being drawn up.

Woodland Park of Portland, Oregon, continues its work on preliminary plans for a chapel to replace inadequate facilities.

Grace of Zillah, Washington, is eagerly awaiting approval of its parsonage plans by the Parsonage-Teacherage Committee of the Synod.

### Property Improvements

Volunteers, gathering together for work parties, have effected improvements at several stations.

Good Hope of Ellensburg, Washington, finished installing new floor tile at its church in time for the dedication service of its new organ. A new Baldwin organ was dedicated in September.

Salem of Mountlake Terrace, Washington, replaced a section of deteriorated sidewalk with new concrete work and at the same time added concrete walks at both chapel and parsonage. New landscaping at the chapel will complete the present project.

Faith of Tacoma, Washington, at the same time was laying concrete walks at its chapel and constructing a covered breezeway at a side entrance of the chapel which serves as the main entrance for the basement schoolroom.

## Reopening of A New Field

The West Portland, Oregon, field, left vacant by the untimely death of Missionary Julius Young last year, will soon be reopened by Missionary A. Habben, who has accepted the call of the District Mission Board.

## Southeastern Wisconsin

### News from Our High School and the Teachers' College

Wisconsin Lutheran High School began its new school year with a record enrollment of 666. Together with the enrollment for the new Milwaukee Lutheran Teachers' College, temporarily using the facilities of the High School, the total enrollment is over 700. This is very near capacity for the school. A faculty of 37 takes care of the instruction. From last year's senior class, 21 are preparing themselves for work in the Church. On September 18, seven new instructors were installed in a service at Atonement Church, Milwaukee. The seven instructors installed by Pastor Robert Voss, chairman of the Board of Directors, were: Emmanuel Arndt, Gerhard Gilbert, Mervin Ingebretson, Pastor Thomas Kraus, Pastor Norman Schlavensky, Kermit Stevenson, and Miss Dorothy Grundmann. With the installation of these teachers all positions on the staff had been filled.

According to the unsearchable wisdom of God, however, Miss Dorothy Grundmann was fatally injured in an automobile accident on the morning of September 28. Funeral services were conducted on Saturday, October 1, at Trinity Church, Waukesha, by Pastor Clayton Krug. Miss Grundmann, an alumna of Wisconsin Lutheran, graduated in June from Stout State College, Menomonie, and was called to the High School as instructor in home economics. Principal Robert Krause commented, "Miss Grundmann began the 1960-61 school year with us, and in a few short weeks gave promise of becoming a superb teacher. She was a fine Christian influence on her pupils, and we considered her a real asset to our school." And the *Pilot*, the High School's paper, adds the comment of St. Paul, full of all our Christian hope: "For if we be dead with Him, we shall also live with Him."

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# MEMORABLE MOMENTS

## In My Parish Ministry

### HOW BEAUTIFUL — THE WORK OF A PASTOR

An old grandmother lay critically ill. A lifelong, faithful member of her church, she had always enjoyed comparatively good health. Now she faced a crisis.

Her pelvis was fractured, her aged heart was weak, she was experiencing piercing pain. Should surgery be attempted? Could her heart survive the shock? Should she be left to suffer, without benefit of surgery? This was the doctor's dilemma. Finally, after days of agony, the decision was made, to offer whatever help might be given through surgery. Whether it would be life or death, was the Lord's decision.

The crisis had come. The pastor stood at the bedside. Beside him were the members of the family. All realized, including the grandmother, that life and death were in the balance.

The pastor offered the "balm of Gilead." He had chosen an applicable word, "Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine." Surely the Gospel would offer comfort, courage, and confidence.

Then it happened. The tables were turned. Someone else was to receive much needed encouragement; someone else was to be strengthened for his work. Slowly, the aged grandmother reached for the pastor's hand. Her grasp was weak, but her faith was strong. Faintly, but clearly she uttered: "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation."

There were tears in the eyes of the children. Mist beclouded the eyes of the pastor, too. Life as a pastor was worth living! What a wonderful work to which the Lord had called him! What strength to go about that work with renewed zeal!

The grandmother is with her Savior, but her memory lingers on.

### "THEY SHALL RECOVER"

"Please tell John Horger that his wife has only three months to live. I got the laboratory reports, and they don't miss."

At first I was too shocked to reply when the doctor called me with this terrible news. Recovered from my shock somewhat, I told him that we still believed that prayers are answered by our Lord, even though it would take a miracle.

He answered, "Well, it will surely be a miracle if she recovers. These specialists don't miss."

We prayed. We prayed at the bedside; we prayed in church in keeping with the Lord's promise. Speaking the Lord's blessing over the sick woman, I laid my hand upon her head and prayed the Lord to heal her, if it was His will.

Today, many, many years later, Mrs. Horger is hale and hearty, and so is the child born to her about a year after her crisis. The experts still insist on thorough annual checks and examinations, because they cannot understand her "spontaneous" healing.

But we know. The age of miracles is not past, for Lord has spoken, "The effectual fervent prayer of the righteous availeth much." — "They shall lay their hands upon the sick, and they shall recover."

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This feature is the first in a series which we will publish. We hope that the parents of possible "recruits" for the ministry in parish or mission field will read these true stories. We hope that many of our young people will read them, perhaps at the suggestion of their parents. We know that many pastors will be interested readers of these experiences which will reflect their own.—Ed.

### Direct from the Districts

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#### A Devout Christian Dies at 102

In August, Mrs. Caroline Luck, the oldest resident of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, died at the age of 102. Funeral services were conducted at St. Stephen's Church by Pastor Leonard Kirst. She was, a correspondent writes, a faithful member of our Synod and a devout Christian to the end of her 102 years. She could well bequeath her motto to the rest of us: "God has work for me to do." Besides two sons and two daughters, she was survived by 15 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren.

#### Joint Reformation Service

A joint Reformation service, sponsored by the Milwaukee Federation of Wisconsin Synod Churches, was held at the Wisconsin Lutheran High School Auditorium on October 30. Pastor Richard Mueller, Jefferson, president of the Western Wisconsin District, was the guest speaker. A joint choir of men, women, and children, numbering over 600 voices, provided special music. The choirs were under the direction of Alfons Woldt and Martin Roehler. Pastor Arnold Schroeder was the liturgist.

#### Church Music Workshop

The fifth annual Church Music Workshop was held at Gethsemane, Milwaukee, October 14 and 15. On Friday evening, the 70-voice Lutheran Chorale under the direction of Pastor Kurt Eggert gave a concert on the theme: "The Story and Glory of Christian Song." On Saturday the program included the following

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speakers: Professor Gerhard Franzmann, Chris Kock, and S. J. Bergemann. Henry J. Engelhardt conducted a chorale reading session of new music for the church choir. A lecture-demonstration on the children's choir in the Lutheran congregation was given by Pastor Kurt Eggert. The attendance included pastors, teachers, choir directors, and organists.

### An Important Step for Bethesda Lutheran Church

At a meeting in September, Bethesda of Milwaukee voted to relocate in some other area of the city. A committee, headed by Wallace Krueger, was instructed to investigate financing, disposal of the present property, and new sites. Bethesda, being in the "inner city," has been faced in the last years with a changing neighborhood. Since the neighborhood is adequately covered by other Lutheran churches, especially by St. Philip's, the decision to relocate was overwhelmingly favored.

### Church and School Dedications

Zion, Bristol, Pastor Reinhard E. Bittorf, dedicated its new church on Sunday, October 9. The church of contemporary design seats 280 and cost \$83,000 complete with furnishings. Dedication speakers were Pastor Arthur Halboth, president of the District; Pastor Edwin Jaster, former pastor; Pastor Alfred Maaske, a son of the congregation; and Professor Carl Lawrenz, Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. The congregation, founded in 1806, numbers 310 communicants.

Mt. Lebanon Church, Milwaukee, Pastor Jonathon Mahnke, dedicated its \$220,000 school on October 23. Pastor Wilbert Neumann, former vicar at the congregation, was the guest speaker. The new school contains six classrooms and one all-purpose room. The new school is already operating at capacity with 250 pupils. The 1,000-member church three years ago completed a \$350,000 church.

### An Interesting Booklet

"Historic Wisconsin Architecture" is the name of a booklet, recently published, authored by Richard W. Perrin. The booklet contains pic-

tures of over 20 Wisconsin churches which are of historical interest. A picture of David Star Church, Kirchhayn, one of the oldest congregations in our Synod, is also included in the collection. Mr. Perrin is a member of St. Marcus Church, Milwaukee, and director of the Housing Authority of Milwaukee. In the current issue of the *Wisconsin Magazine of History*, Mr. Perrin also has written "A Fachwerk (half-timber) Church in Wisconsin," which is a detailed description of the building of the first permanent church at Trinity, Freistadt. The booklet is available at the Milwaukee Journal Service Desk for one dollar.

### This and That

On September 25, David Star Church, Kirchhayn, observed the tenth anniversary of Pastor Paul Gieschen's ministry in the congregation. Pastor Henry Gieschen, Fort Atkinson, preached the sermon. . . . The 25th anniversary of Pastor Alfred Schewe in the ministry was celebrated by St. John's, Milwaukee, on October 9. . . . St. Matthew's Church, Iron Ridge, Wisconsin, celebrated its 75th anniversary on October 30. . . . A 65th anniversary was celebrated by St. Andrew's, Milwaukee, on September 25. . . . Pastor Philip R. Janke has accepted the call to the newly organized mission in Menomonee Falls.

JAMES P. SCHAEFER

## Western Wisconsin

### Conferences

On September 12, a group of Synodical Conference pastors of the north-central Wisconsin area met for an all-day mixed conference at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Bloomer. The morning sessions were devoted to a discussion of "Pastoral Responsibility in Implementing Synodical Stewardship Programs." The afternoon was given over to an open discussion of "Neo-orthodoxy, the Scriptures, and the Lutheran Church." In the afternoon business meeting Pastor Ira Grimm (Mo. Synod) was elected chairman of the Conference. The undersigned, the host pastor, was elected secretary. It was decided that meetings of the Conference would be held biannually.

The Chippewa River Valley Delegation Conference met at St. John's Lutheran Church, Rice Lake, on Sunday afternoon, September 11. A re-

port of the Synodical Conference meeting was given by Pastor Karl Kuske of Elmwood. The afternoon was profitably spent in viewing a film, "One Love — Conflicting Faiths," and in discussing the mixed marriage problem on the basis of the "antenuptial agreement."

At the meetings of the joint Wisconsin River-Chippewa River Valley Pastoral Conference, held at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Schofield, on September 20 and 21, Conference members were favored with the appearance of Synod President O. Naumann, District President O. Siegler, and Prof. Carl Lawrenz, members of the Synodical Study Committee. Their presence gave the brethren of the Conference opportunity for firsthand information on the present state of affairs in the intersynodical situation.

On Monday, October 3, a meeting of the Western Wisconsin District Council (Praesidium, Conference Visitors and District Mission Board Chairman) was held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Tomah. The day was spent in discussing synodical and District matters as they relate to the conferences and parishes of the District.

### Youth Activities

The Wisconsin Synod Youth League of the north Wisconsin area has just completed the printing of the Rhodesian catechism. Miss Marjorie Kunkel of the McMillan parish did the typing; Pastor G. C. Marquardt, of Schofield, handled the business and printing arrangements. The cost of the project was nearly \$500. About 2,000 copies of the catechism will be shipped to Northern Rhodesia in the near future.

### From Our Churches

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Oconomowoc, recently voted by unanimous ballot to begin construction of a new school building. Construction of the new \$142,000 building, which will have four classrooms and a multi-purpose room, will start as soon as contracts can be let. It is hoped that the building will be completed by September of 1961.

The cornerstone for the addition to the school at St. John's, Waterloo, was laid on September 11. Pastor Lloyd Huebner, principal of Lakeside Lutheran High School, was the guest speaker at the special services. The new 98' x 64' wing will have four classrooms. A full basement will pro-

vide space for a kitchen and dining room. Overall cost will be about \$130,000.

Salem Lutheran Church, Barron, held groundbreaking services on July 31 for its new church, educational unit and social hall. The \$110,000 building will be located in a newer area of the community. The 38'x80' sanctuary, it is expected, will seat about 300. A 44'x80' educational unit-social hall will have nine classrooms for Sunday school plus a kitchen. It is expected that the block and brick-veneer constructed building will be completed by spring.

St. John's Lutheran Church, Neillsville, reports the successful completion of a debt liquidation campaign. The mortgage on the school building was burned on July 31. Two special services of thanksgiving were conducted on that day with the former pastor, A. Schewe, delivering the message of thanks. Although \$12,600 was needed, the Lord moved the congregation to contribute over \$15,000!

#### Anniversaries

Sunday, September 11, Trinity (Salem) Lutheran, Mt. Carroll, Illinois, observed the eightieth anniversary of its organization and church dedication. In observance of the occasion, a new electronic organ and a new pulpit were dedicated. Mr. Gordon Follendorf of LaCrosse, Wisconsin, a former music pupil of the resident pastor, Theo. H. Mahnke, served as guest organist for a special service of music on Sunday evening, August 28. The Rev. E. Wiedbusch, former pastor of the congregation from Bettendorf, Iowa, and the Rev. D. Hoffmann of Elizabeth, were guest speakers on the day of dedication. In connection with the anniversary observance, the interior of the church was completely remodeled and redecorated.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Degner, members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Wonewoc, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on July 31, 1960. On August 14, 1960, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Talg, also of the Wonewoc congregation, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage. Pastor W. E. Schulz spoke appropriate words of thanksgiving at each occasion on Psalm 23:6 and Psalm 103:1-5.

#### Schools and Teachers

Mr. G. Pape of Our Savior's, Wausau, having accepted another call, will

be replaced by Mr. Harold Goede of St. John's, Milwaukee (Root Creek).

Leland Dahlberg, formerly of St. Paul's, Menomonie, has accepted the call to Palos Heights, Illinois.

Mr. Elmer Jirtle of St. Paul's, Wonewoc, has accepted the call as director of Christian education at Big Bend, Wisconsin. Mr. James Raabe of St. Peter and St. Stephen Lutheran School, Milwaukee, will be the new principal at St. Paul's, Wonewoc.

Miss Dorothy Russell rounds out the teaching staff for 1960-61 school year at St. John's, Neillsville.

Miss Patricia Federwitz replaces Mrs. Robbert on the faculty of St. Paul's at Tomah. Mrs. Robbert, the former Miss Sharon Wolff, will be teaching at North Trinity, Milwaukee, this year.

Four laymen of the Tomah (St. Paul's) congregation intend to purchase a "Microbus" (VW) and transport Lutheran students from the Tomah area the 42 miles to Luther High, Onalaska. Dependent on final arrangements, pupils will be transported for \$1.00 per day, per student.

Luther High, Onalaska, began its fourth year of operation in September. Prof. Wayne Schmidt, principal, reports: "The class of freshmen who entered for the first time in the new school back in 1957 will be seniors. The first graduating class will number 19. About 100 students will be enrolled in the four-year program this year. The faculty consists of six full-time members and three part-time members. Mr. Norbert Manthe, teaching mathematics, history and book-

keeping, is the new addition to the faculty this year." The building at Luther High, Onalaska, which was dedicated last November, will accommodate about 150 students. It includes the usual academic wing and a spacious gymnasium.

#### Dedications

St. Peter's Lutheran Church, McMillan, held special services on September 18 to dedicate a new organ, built by the Paige Organ Co. of Jim Falls, Wisconsin. The Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Grambow Memorial Chimes were also dedicated in this service. Along with the new organ and chimes, considerable renovation work was done in the church interior.

Pastor Roland C. Hillemann, missionary of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Beloit, informs us that the congregation dedicated its new chapel-school building at 2427 Park Avenue this past spring. The 56'x65' building is of block construction with brick facing. It contains two large classrooms and a multi-purpose room, which is being used for the chapel. The total cost of the building was about \$43,000, not representing a great amount of donated labor on the part of the members of this growing flock. The new school opened in September with Miss Joanne Pieper, formerly of Van Dyne, Wisconsin, as teacher. Pastor R. W. Mueller, District president, and Pastor Karl Bast, District Mission Board chairman, were guest speakers at the dedication of Good Shepherd's building.

E. J. C. PRENZLOW, JR.

## Fiftieth Anniversary Service At Michigan Lutheran Seminary

The celebration of the golden jubilee of Michigan Lutheran Seminary as a preparatory school reached its climax in the anniversary service held at the Seminary auditorium on September 18, 1960. During the service praise, glory and thanksgiving were given to our Lord for all of the benefits and blessings which He bestowed upon the Seminary during the past 50 years.

President Oscar J. Naumann, who delivered the sermon, very appropriately spoke on the words of Psalm 96, pointing out the reasons for rejoicing and the giving of thanks and glory to God on this festive day.

Pastor Gerhard Press, president of the Michigan District, served as liturgist. A mass choir from the neighboring congregations, numbering over 200 voices, sang to the Lord when it presented, under the direction of Prof. Meilahn Zahn, the beautiful arrangement of "Oh, That I Had A Thousand Voices" by Markworth-Wacker. Another majestic hymn of praise, "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty," a chorale concertato by Paul Bunjes, was sung by the audience and the Michigan Lutheran Seminary Choir, accompanied by organ and trumpets. Surely, such words and music as were heard and

sung by the audience during this service very fittingly carry out the exhortation contained in the jubilee motto, "Declare His works with rejoicing" (Ps. 107:22).

And indeed it was a day of rejoicing; for the history of the Seminary during its 50 years of existence as a preparatory school clearly reveals the work of the Lord: He caused the Seminary to grow and prosper until, at the present time, it has reached a capacity enrollment of close to 350 students, of whom a higher percentage than ever is preparing for work in His kingdom. May the Lord of the Church continue to bless Michigan Lutheran Seminary, as He has in the past 50 years, in its noble work of preparing and training future pastors and teachers!

M. SPAUDE

### Seventy-fifth Anniversary Wood Lake, Minnesota

June 19 was a day to be well remembered by the members of St. John's Lutheran Congregation at Wood Lake, Minnesota. On this day they gathered in their house of worship to remember the Lord's grace and faithfulness enjoyed by their church for 75 years. Many friends and confirmands of former years came to join them in their jubilee festivities.

Large audiences were on hand at all four jubilee services arranged to praise and thank the Lord. At the morning anniversary services Pastors J. Stehr and G. Zimmermann, former pastors of the congregation, delivered the festival messages. In the afternoon Reunion of Confirmands service Prof. Orville Schlenner, a son of the congregation, spoke the Word. There also was an evening service of praise at which President O. J. Naumann preached the sermon inspiring the worshipers also to render a true thanksgiving to the Lord.

On June 26 the congregation observed Rededication Sunday at special services with Holy Communion. Prof. Lloyd Huebner, the former pastor of the church, was the guest preacher.

St. John's Congregation was organized on January 13, 1885. During its 75 years it has been served by these 10 pastors: William Scheitel, August Arndt, Justus Naumann, J. Hinck, Carl Schmidt, F. Traub, G. Zimmermann, J. Stehr, Lloyd Huebner, and the undersigned.



FACULTY — MICHIGAN LUTHERAN SEMINARY

Left to right, standing: Thomas Kriewall, Darwin Raddatz, Robert Krueger, Harris Kaesmeyer, William Arras, Paul Kuske, Conrad Frey, Edward Fredrich, Armin Schultz.

Seated: Meilahn Zahn, Milton Spaude, Martin Toepel, Lloyd Thompson.

The congregation has maintained its own school since its early days. At first the teaching was carried on largely by the pastors. George Kiecker was called to be the first permanent teacher in 1927. Others who have served in the school are Alma Sievert, E. H. Sorgatz, R. Duehlmeier, H. Engelhardt, Clarence Radl, Herbert Grams, June Lothert, and Marlene Schimke. On the teaching staff at present are John Schultz and Darlene Jenni. A new two-room school building was erected in 1953. Here 57 children are now receiving a Christian day-school education.

Membership with the Wisconsin Synod has been maintained since 1905. At present the congregation numbers 980 souls, 630 communicants, and 163 voters.

For the privilege of celebrating its diamond jubilee St. John's membership joins the Psalmist in declaring, "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad" (Ps. 126:3). It also beseeches the Lord's continued presence and blessing through His pure Word and Sacraments, that it may remain steadfast in the true faith and in Christian service.

NORVAL W. KOCK

### FESTIVALS AT PEACE EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, HARTFORD, WISCONSIN

On June 12, 1960, Peace Ev. Lutheran Congregation at Hartford, Wisconsin, dedicated a new church building to the glory of the Triune God. The preachers on this occasion were

President O. Naumann, President A. Halboth, and Pastor A. Schewe.

On September 11, 1960, Peace Congregation observed the 50th anniversary of the Rev. A. von Rohr as their pastor. The sermons were delivered by the undersigned.

The following pastors served this congregation: Pastor P. Denninger, 1867-1874; Pastor P. Opitz, 1874-1881; Pastor C. Probst, 1881-1910; Pastor A. von Rohr, since 1910.

Peace Congregation was organized in 1864. The first church, dedicated in 1866, was destroyed by fire in 1897. In 1897 the second church, which has served the congregation for more than 62 years, was erected and dedicated.

May the Lord of the Church bless pastor and flock in the future also as He has done in the past!

WALTHER M. H. KEIBEL

### † PASTOR ORVAL W. B. KREIE †

The Lord called one of His humble servants home to Him on August 15, 1960. After a lingering illness of over eight months, death came to Pastor Orval Kreie. Funeral services were held on August 18, in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Belleville, Michigan, where Pastor Kreie had faithfully served the Lord during the last 10 years of his ministry. The Rev. W. Valleskey called the attention of the mourners to the Word of God as it is recorded in Matthew 6:9, 10. President G. Press spoke on behalf of the Michigan District. The altar service and the graveside service at Glen Eden Lutheran Cemetery, Livonia,

Michigan, were conducted by the undersigned.

Pastor Kreie, the son of Herman and Elizabeth, née Mahnke, Kreie, was born on May 4, 1910, in Manitowoc, Wisconsin. He received his elementary schooling at the First German Ev. Lutheran School in Manitowoc. In preparation for the holy ministry, he attended the Northwestern preparatory and college departments in Watertown, Wisconsin, after which he studied at the Theological Seminary in Thiensville, Wisconsin, graduating in 1935.

He was ordained and installed as assistant pastor of the First German Ev. Lutheran Church, Manitowoc, in January of 1936, where he also served as a Christian day-school teacher. He then held pastorates at Hillrose, Colorado; Golden, Colorado; and Belleville, Michigan. In addition to his pastoral ministry, he also served on the Apache Mission Board from 1952 to 1959.

In April, 1937, Pastor Kreie was united in marriage with Myrtle Smalley of Manitowoc. Their marriage was blessed with one son and four daughters.

The surviving relatives who in hope mourn his departure are: his wife, Mrs. Myrtle Kreie; his children, Robert, Joanne, Elizabeth, Kathleen, and Joyce, all of Belleville, Michigan; his father and stepmother; two brothers, Norman and Carl; a stepbrother, Milton Bruns; a sister, Clarabee; and a stepsister, Mrs. Marian Stanzel, all of Manitowoc, Wisconsin

ROBERT A. BAER

### LAKE SUPERIOR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS' CONVENTION

The thirty-first annual Lake Superior Sunday School Teachers' Convention was held at St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Wallace, Michigan, on Sunday afternoon and evening, September 18, 1960.

Ninety-eight pastors and teachers and 22 guests were in attendance. Opening and closing devotions were conducted by the host pastor, H. A. Scherf. Mr. Robert Moldenhauer, principal of Trinity Lutheran School, Marinette, Wisconsin, presented a paper on "How to Prepare the Teacher for the Sunday-school Lesson." A group discussion following this presentation.

A business meeting was then held with Pastor D. D. Laude of Coleman, Wisconsin, presiding.

MRS. JOHN KALLMANN, Secretary

### ANNOUNCEMENT

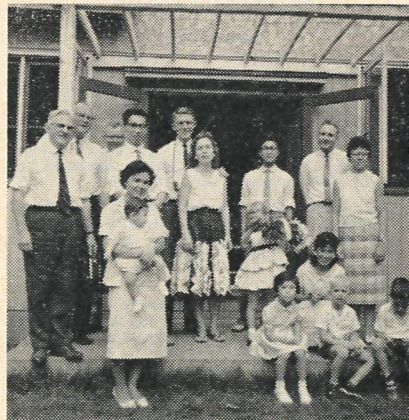
The Board of Control of Dr. Martin Luther College of New Ulm, Minnesota, herewith invites the members of Synod to submit the names of women teachers, presently serving in Wisconsin Synod Christian day schools, for the position of supervisor and homeroom teacher in grades one and two and for the position of supervisor and homeroom teacher in grades three and four of its practice school.

The Board of Control hopes to use these names in establishing a "call list" of individuals who might qualify for one or the other of the above-mentioned positions. In submitting your recommendations, kindly indicate the grades for which the individual would, in your opinion, be best qualified as supervisor and homeroom teacher. Names and other pertinent information should be in the hands of the undersigned by November 30.

ARTHUR GLENDE, Secretary  
17 South Jefferson Street  
New Ulm, Minnesota

### News From Our Missions

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Farewell gathering at Seeger's in Tokyo, on September 16, 1960

never before to bring the Gospel of forgiveness and hope in Christ to His elect before it is too late.

With the best wishes of Pastor Shiley and myself for the Lord's continued blessing on your difficult work at headquarters.

I remain most cordially yours,  
(Signed) Edgar Hoenecke

EDGAR HOENECKE, Chairman  
Board for World Missions

### GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

A beautiful fall Sunday added to the joy of all present when on October 2, 1960, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Baer, members of St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church of Roscoe, South Dakota, were privileged by the grace of God to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary.

The occasion was observed with a service in church at 2:30 P.M. in both the German and English languages, in which their pastor addressed them on the basis of I Corinthians 15:10a. Open house was held in the church parlors following the service.

May our gracious Lord, who has helped them hitherto, continue to bless and sustain them during the evening of their life!

MARTIN JANKE

### CALL TO NORTHWESTERN COLLEGE ACCEPTED

Pastor William Zell, associate pastor of Emanuel Lutheran Church, St. Paul, Minn., has accepted the call as professor of German at Northwestern College.

K. TIMMEL, Secretary  
The Board of Regents

### HELP WANTED

The Missionary Board of the Lutheran Synodical Conference is in need of a business manager for its Nigerian field. If interested, kindly forward to the address below your accounting background, other qualifications, experiences, and biographical sketch.

Dr. Karl Kurth, Executive Secretary  
Lutheran Building, 210 N. Broadway  
St. Louis 2, Mo.

### HELP WANTED

We need house-parents (male and female) in our indoor or institutional program of treatment of emotionally disturbed boys.

House-parents perform the duties of a substitute parent in a Christian manner, in caring for and guiding a group of boys in an institution. They need to have more than a baby-sitting job in mind. They should genuinely like children individually and in groups, and be able to express this not only in words, but also by their actions.

Any people in our congregations interested in becoming house-parents should contact Mr. Gary Kirst, Institutional Director, Lutheran Children's Friend Society, 8138 Harwood Ave., Wauwatosa 13, Wis.

HERBERT P. KOEHLER

### COMMUNION RAIL — AN OFFER

Solid oak communion rail with hinged gate, available for transportation cost. For particulars write:

The Rev. Menthor Kujath  
2300 Ninth Ave.  
South Milwaukee, Wis.

### RESULT OF COLLOQUY

The outcome of a colloquy held on October 18, 1960, is that Pastor Karl F. Hering, P.O. Box 7, Ely, Iowa, has been found to be in agreement with us in doctrine and practice and is declared eligible for a call into the public ministry in our Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod.

First Vice-President Irwin J. Habeck  
Professor Heinrich J. Vogel  
District President Hugo Fritze

**NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL**

Notice is herewith given that Prof. Norbert Reim has withdrawn his membership in our Synod, because of our Synod's continued fellowship with The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

OSCAR SIEGLER, President  
Northern Wisconsin District

**CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES**

**ARIZONA-CALIFORNIA**

**LUTHERAN TEACHERS' CONFERENCE**

Date: Nov. 10, 11, 1960.  
Time: 9:00 a.m.  
Place: Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Mar Vista, Calif.  
Speakers: Mr. A. Fehlauer; Dr. J. Jarolimek.  
NANCY COLE, Secretary

**MICHIGAN**

**MICHIGAN DISTRICT MISSIONARY CONFERENCE**

Place: Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1360 Pauline Blvd., Ann Arbor, Mich.  
Time: Monday, Nov. 7, 1960; 10:00 a.m.  
PAUL HOENECKE, Secretary

**MINNESOTA**

**NEW ULM PASTORAL CONFERENCE**

Date: Nov. 9, 1960.  
Time: 9:30.  
Place: St. Paul's, New Ulm, Minn.  
Agenda: Isagogical and Exegetical Study of Jude, A. R. Kienetz; Of the Free Will, Prof. L. Hahnke; Doctrine of the Church and Ministry and How it Affects the Intersynodical Controversy.  
Confessional Speaker, G. Birkholz (alternate, Prof B. Backer).  
ALVIN R. KIENETZ, Secretary

**NEBRASKA**

**MISSIONARY CONFERENCE**

Time: Nov. 15, 16, 1960, beginning at noon.  
Place: Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Omaha, Nebr. (F. Werner, pastor).  
Speaker: V. Schultz.  
Program: Finding and Following Leads, Wm. Wietzke; Keeping Adequate Congregational Records, F. Werner; Organizing and Conducting Sunday School, J. Martin; Round Table Discussion (W. Wichman); The Missionary and His Stewardship Life. Should Polemics Be Used in Our Sermons?  
Please announce to host pastor.  
MILTON F. WEISHAN

**NORTHERN WISCONSIN**

**MANITOWOC PASTORAL CONFERENCE**

Date: Monday, Nov. 14, 1960, 9:00 a.m. with Communion service.  
Place: Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, Manitowoc, Wis.; Max Herrmann, pastor.

Preacher: Phil. Press (alternate: A. Roekle).  
Please announce absence to host pastor.  
J. J. WENDLAND, Secretary

**FOX RIVER VALLEY PASTORAL CONFERENCE**

Date: Nov. 15, 1960.  
Time: 9:00 a.m.  
Place: Bethany, Appleton, Wis., L. Koenig, pastor.  
Preacher: H. Bergholz (F. Brandt, alternate).  
Agenda: Exegesis: Eph. 1 (continued) H. Pussehl; Eph. 5 (continued), I. Boettcher; Eph. 6, H. Bergholz; Hebrews 1, G. Zimmermann.

Exegetical-Homiletical Study of Mark 12:18-27, H. Warnke; Suggestions for Hymnal Revision Committee, R. Ziese-mer; A Study of Fellowship Principles, J. Manteufel; Separation of Church and State According to Scriptures and According to Our Federal Constitution, P. Eggert; A Pastor's Avocations—Benefits and Dangers, C. Schlei.  
C. SCHLEI, Secretary

**LAKE SUPERIOR PASTOR CONFERENCE**

The Conference will meet, D.v., at Abrams, Wis., Nov. 15 and 16, 1960. The first-day sessions begin at 10:00 a.m. (CST). If lodging is desired, please make reservation with the host pastor, R. C. Biesmann, by Nov. 12.  
HENRY JUROFF, Secretary

**SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN**

**JOINT MEETING OF THE NORTH AND SOUTH METROPOLITAN CONFERENCES of Milwaukee, Wis.**

This joint meeting will be held on Nov. 28, 1960, at North Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, 5375 N. 37th St., Milwaukee, the Rev. M. Liesener, host pastor.  
There will be a communion service at 9:00 a.m. Speaker: W. Franzmann (Paul Gieschen, alternate).  
H. KRUSCHEL

**INSTALLATIONS**

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Kitzerow, Eugene, as pastor of Grace, Crivitz, and of St. Matthew's, Town Beaver, by R. C. Biesmann; assisted by D. D. Laude; Oct. 2, 1960.  
Siegler, Victor J., as pastor of St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, T. Omro, Boyd, Minn., by G. P. Eckert; assisted by W. Nommensen; Oct. 16, 1960.  
Volkman, Marvin, as pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, Waukesha, Wis., by C. E. Krug; assisted by F. Gilbert, R. Kleist, M. Stern; Sept. 11, 1960.

**Professors**

Pieper, Edgar, as professor of mathematics and as athletic coach at Northwestern College, Watertown, Wis., by C. Toppe; Sept. 7, 1960.  
Zell, William, as professor of German at Northwestern College, Watertown, Wis., by C. Toppe; Sept. 27, 1960.

**Teacher**

Pape, G. E., as day-school teacher in Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minn., by R. Palmer; Sept. 18, 1960.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

**Pastors and Professors**

Bradtke, Martin T., Box 2, Jenera, Ohio  
Pieper, Edgar, Prof., 801 Richards Ave., Watertown, Wis.  
Zell, William, Prof., 905 8th St., Watertown, Wis.

**Teacher**

Pape, G. E., Mr., 4603 Wentworth Ave. S., Minneapolis 9, Minn.

**ADDRESSES CHANGE AT WISCONSIN LUTHERAN SEMINARY**

Prof. F. E. Blume, 11812 N. Seminary Drive 65 W, Mequon, Wis.  
Prof. G. Hoenecke, 11821 N. Seminary Drive 65 W, Mequon, Wis.  
Prof. Carl Lawrenz, 11822 N. Seminary Drive 65 W, Mequon, Wis.  
Prof. Joh. P. Meyer, 11754 N. Seminary Drive 65 W, Mequon, Wis.  
Dr. Paul Peters, 11805 N. Seminary Drive 65 W, Mequon, Wis.  
Prof. Armin Schuetze, 11844 N. Seminary Drive 65 W, Mequon, Wis.  
Prof. Heinrich J. Vogel, 11757 N. Seminary Drive 65 W, Mequon, Wis.  
Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, 11831 N. Seminary Drive 65 W, Mequon, Wis

**MISSION FESTIVALS**

**September 11, 1960**  
Trinity Church, Terry, Mont.  
Offering: \$464.10. L. Wurster, pastor.

**September 18, 1960**  
Immanuel Church, T. Verdi, Minn.  
Offering: \$526.15. G. W. Birkholz, pastor.  
St. Paul Church, Plymouth, Nebr.  
Offering: \$85.09. H. C. Schnitker, pastor.  
St. John Church, Lake Benton, Minn.  
Offering: \$526.15. G. W. Birkholz, pastor

**September 25, 1960**  
Trinity Church, Ekalaka, Mont.  
Offering: \$58.36. L. Wurster, pastor.  
St. John Church, Waterloo, Wis.  
Offering: \$2,606.50. H. C. Nitz, pastor.  
Trinity Church, Jenera, Ohio.  
Offering: \$1,751.53. M. T. Bradtke, pastor.

**October 2, 1960**  
St. Peter Church, Mishicot, Wis.  
Offering: \$567.25. David Worgull, pastor.  
Rockwood Church, Rockwood, Wis.  
Offering: \$76.70. David Worgull, pastor

**October 9, 1960**  
St. Paul Church, Roscoe, S. Dak.  
Offering: \$2,360.58. M. Janke, pastor.  
Darlington Lutheran Church, Ann Arbor, Mich.  
Offering: \$146.00. Robert Baer, pastor.

**October 16, 1960**  
Good Shepherd Church, Benton Harbor, Mich.  
Offering: 323.42. W. J. Zaring, pastor.

**TREASURER'S STATEMENT**

July 1, 1960, to September 30, 1960

|                                            |                     |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Receipts</b>                            |                     |
| Cash Balance July 1, 1960.....             | \$ 64,128.64        |
| Budgetary Collections .....                | \$431,974.43        |
| Revenues .....                             | 140,822.98          |
| <b>Total Collections and Revenues.....</b> | <b>\$572,797.41</b> |
| <b>Non-Budgetary Receipts:</b>             |                     |
| Payments on Accounts                       |                     |
| Receivable .....                           | 780.00              |
| Lutheran S.W.C.—Prayer Book                | 12.88               |

|                                             |                     |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Bequests .....                              | 3,999.73            |
| Miscellaneous .....                         | 2,392.20            |
| <b>Total Receipts .....</b>                 | <b>\$579,982.22</b> |
| <b>Disbursements</b>                        |                     |
| <b>Budgetary Disbursements:</b>             |                     |
| General Administration .....                | 31,395.09           |
| Board for Information and Stewardship ..... | 12,619.56           |
| Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary .....           | 35,825.51           |
| Northwestern College .....                  | 79,549.07           |
| <b>Total Disbursements .....</b>            | <b>\$644,110.86</b> |

|                                 |            |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| Dr. Martin Luther College ..... | 114,308.44 |
| Michigan Lutheran Seminary..... | 68,759.71  |
| Northwestern Luth. Academy..... | 28,136.61  |
| Milwaukee Lutheran Teachers     |            |
| College .....                   | 74.63      |
| Academy Subsidies .....         | 7,800.00   |
| Winnebago Teacher Program.....  | 4,168.58   |
| Home for the Aged .....         | 12,567.71  |
| Missions —                      |            |
| General Administration          |            |
| Home Board .....                | 11.34      |
| Board for World Missions        | 4,489.16   |
| Indian Mission .....            | 33,076.85  |
| Colored Mission .....           | 15,224.28  |
| Home Missions .....             | 143,476.13 |
| Refugee Mission .....           | 21,215.88  |
| Madison Student Mission .....   | 63,501.79  |

|                                   |            |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Northern Rhodesia Mission .....   | 8,191.77   |
| Luth. Spiritual Welfare Comm.     | 2,065.68   |
| Japan Mission .....               | 6,195.40   |
| Spanish Mission .....             | 2,218.00   |
| Winnebago Lutheran Academy        | 750.00     |
| General Support .....             | 24,159.50  |
| Student Aid .....                 | 2,165.62   |
| Board of Education .....          | 5,306.78   |
| Teacher Certification .....       | 587.00     |
| Depreciation on Inst. Bldgs. .... | 35,803.53  |
| Revenues designated for           |            |
| Special Building Fund .....       | 125,187.88 |

Total Budgetary Disbursements..... \$888,831.50

Deficit Balance  
September 30, 1960..... \$244,720.64

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF BUDGETARY  
COLLECTIONS AND DISBURSEMENTS**

For period of July 1, 1960, to September 30, 1960

|                         | 1959-60             | 1960-61             | Increase            | Decrease |
|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------|
| Collections .....       | \$364,301.28        | \$431,974.43        | \$ 67,673.15        |          |
| Disbursements .....     | 810,193.18          | 888,831.50          | 78,638.32           |          |
| Operating Deficit ..... | <u>\$445,891.90</u> | <u>\$456,857.07</u> | <u>\$ 10,965.17</u> |          |

**ALLOTMENT STATEMENT**

| Districts                   | Comm.          | Receipts            | Allotment           | Deficit             | Percent of Allot. |
|-----------------------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Pacific Northwest.....      | 1,387          | \$ 2,507.74         | \$ 5,201.25         | \$ 2,693.51         | 48.21             |
| Nebraska.....               | 6,893          | 19,357.45           | 25,848.75           | 6,491.30            | 74.89             |
| Michigan.....               | 26,030         | 45,768.55           | 97,612.50           | 51,843.95           | 46.89             |
| Dakota-Montana.....         | 8,040          | 14,114.69           | 30,150.00           | 16,035.31           | 46.81             |
| Minnesota.....              | 39,286         | 85,764.15           | 147,322.50          | 61,558.35           | 58.22             |
| Northern Wisconsin.....     | 48,129         | 80,269.99           | 180,483.75          | 100,213.76          | 44.47             |
| Western Wisconsin.....      | 50,004         | 77,771.71           | 187,515.00          | 109,743.29          | 41.47             |
| Southeastern Wisconsin..... | 50,004         | 100,048.70          | 197,515.00          | 87,466.30           | 53.36             |
| Arizona-California.....     | 3,584          | 5,870.34            | 13,440.00           | 7,569.66            | 43.68             |
|                             | <u>233,357</u> | <u>\$431,473.32</u> | <u>\$875,088.75</u> | <u>\$443,615.43</u> | <u>49.31</u>      |

C. J. NIEDFELDT, Treasurer

**CONTRIBUTIONS SENT DIRECTLY TO TREASURER'S OFFICE**  
For "Books for Missions"

|                                                                                           |                 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Children of St. Michael's Ev. Lutheran S.S., Fountain City, Wis. ....                     | \$ 25.00        |
| Pupils of Salem Ev. Lutheran S.S. and Vacation Bible Class, Mount Lake Terrace, Wash..... | 20.00           |
|                                                                                           | <u>\$ 45.00</u> |

For Apache Indian Mission

|                                                                             |       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| E.T.S.N. Robert R. Goetz, Great Lakes Training Station, Waukegan, Ill. .... | 50.00 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|

For Lutheran Spiritual Welfare Commission

|                                                  |       |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Mr. and Mrs. John H. Dreier, Green Bay, Wis..... | 25.00 |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------|

For General Relief Committee

|                                                      |       |
|------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| St. Paul's Lutheran Congregation, Appleton, Wis..... | 51.00 |
|------------------------------------------------------|-------|

For Rhodesia Mission

|                                                                               |      |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| Pupils of Grace Ev. Lutheran Vacation Bible School, Benton Harbor, Mich. .... | 9.95 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|

For Missions

|                                                                                       |                 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Delegates of Southwestern Conference of the Western Wisconsin District .....          | 54.15           |
| Memorial wreath in memory of Mrs. Caroline Luck by Alvin Braatz, Beaver Dam, Wis..... | 3.00            |
|                                                                                       | <u>\$ 37.15</u> |

For Church Extension Fund

|                                                                                       |       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Southern Conference of Southeastern Wisconsin District..                              | 25.00 |
| Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Barg, Baldwinsville, N.Y.....                                  | 20.00 |
| Memorial Wreaths —                                                                    |       |
| In memory of Erich Schroeder sent in by Milwaukee Metropolitan South Conference ..... | 10.00 |

|                                                                                                                                                    |                  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| In memory of Rev. Henry Wojahn sent in by Milwaukee Metropolitan South Conference.....                                                             | 10.00            |
| In memory of Albert Vander Kamp by Mr. and Mrs. Levi L. Knobloch, Peter and Margie Anna Knobloch, Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Knobloch, Allegan, Mich..... | 5.00             |
| In memory of Mrs. Anna Lenser, by Mrs. Gustav Wachter and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Dettman, Manitowoc, Wis.....                                          | 3.00             |
|                                                                                                                                                    | <u>\$ 73.00</u>  |
|                                                                                                                                                    | <u>\$ 271.10</u> |

C. J. NIEDFELDT, Treasurer

**MEMORIAL WREATHS  
SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT**

July—August—September  
1960

| In Memory of — Sent in by Pastor        | Budgetary       | Church Ext. Fund |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Gerhard Beilke — M. Westerhaus.....     | \$              | \$ 5.00          |
| Larry Nickel — W. T. Krueger.....       |                 | 7.00             |
| Mrs. Augusta Wetzel — A. Tacke.....     | 26.00           |                  |
| Herbert H. Henning — E. A. Toepel.....  |                 | 15.00            |
| Henry Braatz — W. O. Pless.....         |                 | 5.00             |
| ..... — F. C. Knueppel.....             | 25.00           |                  |
| Rev. Louis Mahnke — W. O. Pless.....    |                 | 5.00             |
| Mrs. G. Adascheck — W. O. Pless.....    |                 | 5.00             |
| Florence Hoehne Quintmeyer—A. C. Schewe |                 | 20.00            |
| Rev. Louis Mahnke — A. B. Koelpin....   |                 | 2.00             |
|                                         | <u>\$ 51.00</u> | <u>\$ 62.00</u>  |

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