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BRIEFS

by the Editor

"FOR YOUR TRAINING AS PASTOR OR TEACHER" is the wording you find on the cover of this issue. This is the title we have chosen for the four presentations on our Synod's schools which will appear in this and the three following numbers of *The Northwestern Lutheran*. Each presentation, as now planned, will take up three pages. As the title on the cover indicates, those who planned this series and worked at the preparation of lay-out and text had certain readers in mind. They were thinking of boys and girls in the seventh and eighth grade and of young men and women in high school or perhaps already out of high school. But if these articles are to get into their hands, it will be up to their parents to see to it, in most cases. The pastors and Christian day-school teachers and the teachers in the upper grades of Sunday school could be very helpful here, too.

The Committee on Manpower and the Board for Information and Stewardship collaborated with us in preparing these presentations. Naturally, these departments are interested in reaching a wider readership than that which can be provided by

THE NORTHWESTERN LUTHERAN. Therefore they are planning to have the four presentations bound in one booklet and making this available. They are convinced that a very effective use could be made of such a booklet by pastors in instruction classes and in young people's gatherings and by day-school and Sunday-school teachers in the upper grades. More details will be given in succeeding issues.

"FIRST STEPS" is the theme of the first presentation in this issue. It presents the work being done in our Synod's preparatory schools. It also shows how young people can take the first step by attending area Lutheran high schools. The next issue will bring "I WANT TO BE A TEACHER," devoted to the training of Christian day-school teachers at Doctor Martin Luther College and Milwaukee Lutheran Teachers' College.

If polls can be trusted, it seems that the Roman Catholic vote was decisive in the presidential election. A Gallup poll showed that there was not much of a change in the voting of Protestants. In 1952 and 1956 President

Eisenhower received 63% of the Protestant votes, while in the case of Mr. Nixon the figure was 62%. The poll asserted that many Roman Catholic voters, on the other hand, changed back to the Democratic column after voting Republican in 1952 and 1956.

A big "if" remains in the picture, however. How many of those who voted were neither Protestant nor Roman Catholic? One would have to know their number and how they voted, before one could declare that the Roman Catholic vote was decisive.

The current issue of MEDITATIONS, our Synod's devotional booklet, has been completely sold out. It was necessary to disappoint some who were late in renewing their subscription or in subscribing for the first time.

In every age the church bearing the name of Luther needs to hear and heed the following words of warning. Though Luther begins by addressing the Pope, it is evident that his real concern is with "us," with all Christians:

My dear pope, you must not lord it over Scripture, nor must I nor anybody else, according to our own ideas. The devil take that attitude! We should rather allow Scripture to rule and master us, and we ourselves should not be the masters, according to our own mad heads, setting ourselves above Scripture.

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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Editorials

Bridegroom and Bride

In Scripture and in sacred hymns the relation of Christ to His Church is sometimes likened to the relation that God has established between man and wife. Christ is the Bridegroom and the Church is His Bride. On the Day of Judgment the Bridegroom comes to claim His Bride. John the Baptist refers to the Messiah whom he is introducing to the world as the Bridegroom and to himself as the friend of the Bridegroom.

In the 45th Psalm we have the same picture. There the King is described as taking a King's daughter as His Bride. The Bride, the Church, is described in such terms as: The King shall greatly desire thy beauty (v. 11); The King's daughter is all glorious within, her clothing is of wrought gold (v. 13).

Luther has explained this inner glory of the Church, the Bride of Christ, in these terms. He says that by Baptism and through the Word of the Gospel Christ calls her, adorns her, and clothes her with mercy and forgiveness of her sins. That is what the Psalm means when it says: She stands at Thy right hand. No one stands closer to the Bridegroom than the Bride; that is her prize and her glory. It is an honor and a privilege of the highest order that the Church possesses everything that is Christ's and that the two become one body, so that what the Church has is Christ's, and what is Christ's belongs to the Church.

"But this," says Luther, "is too great a thing for us to express in human language or even to comprehend with our hearts."

E. E. KOWALKE

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The Spirit of Love When Jesus had been refused entry into a Samaritan village, James and John asked permission to call fire down from heaven to consume them. Jesus was outraged by the suggestion and replied: "Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of." He condemned as wicked the spirit which moved them. It was a spirit of hate and rancor instead of a spirit of love and loving concern for these erring Samaritans.

The same spirit often crops up in the controversies in which the Church becomes involved. There is a spirit of hate and animosity instead of loving concern for the erring soul. There is a desire to hurt and punish the offender. There is unholy glee over their lack of success and their failure to win others around to their way of thinking. There is rejoicing over the adversities which befall them and an eagerness to add to them. We are tempted to use force and political maneuvering to keep them in their place. Luther said: "We are to use only the Word, not the fist. But we are so minded that when a blasphemer gets into trouble, we are delighted and pleased."

Think of the ungodly methods which have been employed against the enemies of the Church. Think of the horrors of the Spanish Inquisition. Heretics have been jailed, tortured and burned at the stake to whip them back into line or to punish them. God does not want such methods of hate employed in the Church even against

the erring and the hardened. He wants us to be animated with the loving spirit of the Gospel.

If our hearts are full of hate and malice, we are in no mood to do the work of the Lord; we are unfit to deal with the erring. If your dealings with the erring are motivated by hate and malice and not love and loving concern for souls, you are not in a fit mood to do any admonishing and correcting, and you had better sit down first and get straightened out with God yourself. The spirit of Christ is the spirit of love, even toward the erring, as we were reminded when He added: "The Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them."

IM. P. FREY

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Matching Numbers The Rev. Dr. Blake's sermon in San Francisco recently has received a great deal of attention. His proposal that four major church bodies, the United Presbyterian Church (his own church body), the Episcopal Church, the Methodist Church, and the United Church of Christ, merge to form a mighty twenty-million-member super church has been widely publicized in the secular press and will be discussed in the religious press for a long time to come.

It is hardly the newness of the idea of a union of church denominations that has brought this sermon so much publicity. Ecumenicism (the movement toward a union of Christian churches), in principle and in practice, has been with us for a long time and has been influencing many Protestant bodies in the direction of union.

The scope of the proposal has, no doubt, caused some of the excitement. To effect a union of four sizable denominations, differing in backgrounds, policies, and practices, is something of a feat, even though doctrinal laxness has reduced the historic differences among them. Twenty million members in one Protestant body is an impressive figure, no matter how it is arrived at.

The fact that the proposal came only a month after a precedent-breaking election of a Roman Catholic to the Presidency of the United States also accounts for the attention it has been receiving. The election of a Catholic to the office of President was a blow to many American Protestants. In principle and in practice they were opposed to having a son of the Vatican in the White House, and they campaigned strenuously against the Catholic candidate.

They lost, and Protestants have been wondering why. Is Protestantism losing its strength and influence? Is Rome's organization more effective than that of the Protestants? Can Catholic influence in America, then, be contained by organization and marshaling of forces—matching members with members? The proposed merger of twenty million Protestants seems to embrace the hope that it can.

That is not the way to victory over Roman power and influence. It has never been so. Now, as in the days of the Reformation, it is a spiritual contest, not one of matching organizational moves and power blocs. If we are

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Studies in God's Word: Jesus, Savior of the African

And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert. And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship, was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet. Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot. And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest? And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him. And the place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth: in his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth. And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man? Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus (Acts 8:26-35).

At Christmas we sang, "Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel!" This agrees with the statement of the Bible that Jesus was born to be King of the Jews. As we continue reading the Gospels, we see that Jesus was and is more than Savior of just one nation. The Wise Men from the East were very likely the first Gentiles to come and worship Jesus as their God and Lord. Accordingly, Epiphany, which has as its Gospel reading the coming of the Wise Men,

has been referred to as the Christmas of the Gentiles. This should be appreciated by all who are not descendants of Abraham according to the flesh.

THE ETHIOPIAN

After the death and resurrection of Jesus, Philip was directed by the angel of the Lord to go south from Jerusalem to Gaza. It was God's specific intention that Philip should have opportunity to bring the Gospel to a Gentile, specifically an African. It was not just a matter of chance that Philip came upon an Ethiopian who was treasurer for Candace, queen of the Ethiopians. The man was acquainted with the writings of the Old Testament and was returning from Jerusalem, where he had gone to worship. He was reading from the Prophet Isaiah, chapter 53. "He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth." The Ethiopian asked, "Is Isaiah speaking of himself or is he speaking of someone else?" This gave Philip the opportunity to point out that Isaiah, speaking by prophecy, was speaking of Jesus. He was able to speak of the birth and life and death and resurrection of Jesus. He was able to point out that Jesus was and is the Christ for whom the Ethiopian had been waiting.

The Ethiopian responded to Philip's message. He desired to be baptized. He asked what might hinder his baptism. Philip responded by asking for a confession of faith. The Ethiopian confessed that "Jesus Christ is the Son of God." Upon hearing this confession, Philip complied with the request and gave the Ethiopian the strengthening of faith that comes to the adult through Christian Baptism. The Ethiopian went on his way rejoicing in his new-found faith.

THE NIGERIAN

God continues to direct His Christians toward Africa. Twenty-five years ago our own Synodical Conference be-

gan work in Nigeria in response to a direct call from certain Nigerians. They wanted the truths of the Bible. Like the Ethiopian, they recognized the need for someone to guide them. They specifically asked our Synodical Conference to come to Nigeria and teach them the truths of God's Word. These past 25 years many Nigerians have listened as our missionaries have told them of Jesus, who was born and lived and died and rose again for them. They have confessed their confidence in Jesus and have been baptized in His Name. They have gone on their way rejoicing in their Savior. They have shown their joy by themselves becoming missionaries to bring the Gospel to other Africans.

In addition to the missionaries from America, there are now in Nigeria 16 Nigerians who have completed the course of study at our Seminary there and have become pastors and missionaries to their own people. At this very moment, 40 young Africans are studying to prepare themselves for the office of the holy ministry. Others are preparing themselves to become teachers in our schools; still others are studying at our Bible Institute to become evangelists working under the direction of the missionaries to teach classes in religion and to do personal house-to-house witnessing for Jesus.

Through the work of the American and Nigerian missionaries, 2,734 children and 686 adults were baptized in 1959. In the same year, 551 children and 1,231 adults, having confessed their faith in Jesus, received the rite of Confirmation.

The Book of Acts says the Ethiopian went on his way rejoicing. We can be sure that Philip, too, went on his way rejoicing that God had used him to bring an African to the knowledge of Jesus, his Savior. We, the members of the Synodical Conference, can rejoice during this Epiphany Season that God continues to use us to bring the Nigerian to the knowledge of Jesus, Savior also of the African.

JOHN SCHAADT

Topic: **God's Will?**
Chance?
Fate?



A Lantern to Our Footsteps

God's Reply to Our Questions

"Would you say that what has happened is God's will?" What answer does Scripture give to a man who asks this question about an experience that caused him great heartache? Does anything happen by chance? Should we simply grin and bear everything with an attitude that says: Well, that's fate, and you can't do anything about it; all things happen as they should no matter what you do? Another may ask: If all things in my life happen according to the will of God, am I still responsible for any of my actions? What answer does Scripture give to these questions, all of which are related to one another?

Although it is impossible for us to enter in upon everything that Scripture tells us on this subject, our questions should be answered if we keep in mind three facts that Scripture teaches.

GOD DOES RULE

First, it is a fact that God does rule the world. Nothing happens by pure chance. Nothing happens without the will of God, without His permission. St. Paul preached, as recorded in Acts: "For in him (God) we live, and move, and have our being" (17:28). How true that is in every way! The forces of nature are under His control. "He causeth the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth; he maketh lightnings for the rain; he bringeth the wind out of his treasuries" (Ps. 135:7). Animals, birds, all created things are under His direction. "Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father" (Matt. 10:29). God directs the nations with the result that Moses could say to Israel: "The Lord shall bring a nation against thee from far, from the end of the earth" (Deut. 28:49). Yes, everything we as individuals plan will be carried out according to God's direction, as we read in Proverbs: "A man's heart deviseth his way: but the Lord directeth his steps" (16:9). This is true even in matters that to us seem very insignificant. "But the very hairs of your head are all numbered" (Matt. 10:30).

So there is nothing like pure chance. We may speak of something happening by chance when from our human point of view we see no causes that led up to a certain event. We may speak of "taking a chance" when we enter upon a course concerning whose outcome we may be doubtful and completely in the dark. But we recognize that there is nothing like pure chance. God's provident care and concern extends itself over all the world in every way.

GOD CARRIES OUT HIS PLAN

A second fact we as Christians will ever want to keep in mind in this connection is that God directs

all things in such a way that His plan for man and this world will not fail. And what is God's plan? It is the salvation of men. It is His will that the Gospel should be preached to the far corners of the earth before He puts an end to this present world (Matt. 24:14). For you as an individual Christian His will is that you be preserved in the faith unto salvation (Phil. 1:6). So He assures you: "All things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose" (Rom. 8:28). Even the evil actions of man can be used by God to serve His own ultimate good purpose. Joseph recognized that in regard to the crime his brothers committed when they sold him into slavery. He told them later: "But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good" (Gen. 50:20). God's gracious plan for this world of sin must be served.

MAN IS RESPONSIBLE TO GOD

But there is a third fact that Scripture teaches that we must also keep in mind, lest we become fatalists, lest we say to ourselves: "If God directs and rules over all things, then I am not responsible for anything that happens in my life, for anything I do." Scripture clearly teaches that man is responsible to God in all things. We cannot blame God for our sins. Although what happens is used by God for His own good purpose, that does not excuse man's sin that is involved. It was determined of God that Jesus should suffer and die for the sins of the world, that He should be betrayed and crucified. But that does not excuse those men who brought it about from responsibility for their sinful actions. Jesus said: "And truly the Son of man goeth, as it was determined: but woe unto that man by whom he is betrayed!" (Luke 22:22.) The sin involved in any human act or word or thought does not have its origin with God, but, as Jesus says, even in regard to "every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment" (Matt. 12:36).

We realize that the above three Scriptural facts may not answer all questions that natural reason may want to ask. But they do guide our thinking as Christians, so that when we sin, we know that we cannot blame God for that. We cannot say that that was fate that we should act thus. God holds us accountable. We shall need His gracious forgiveness. On the other hand, when we experience heartaches, trials, afflictions, we can assure ourselves that God is in control and not mere chance or some impersonal fate, and that He will direct all things for our ultimate good, our eternal salvation.

A. SCHUETZE

Prophecy And Fulfillment

Radical Change in the Hebrew Alphabet

When we today wish to study the very words of an Old Testament prophet, we open a printed copy of the Hebrew Old Testament. Here we read the text in the familiar "square letter" of the Hebrew alphabet used since the days of our Lord, and we find the text printed on paper and the separate sheets bound together in a book.

When a member of the Israelite People, in the days of their slavery in the land of Egypt, wished to read or write, he was met by a Hebrew alphabet that had an altogether different look from the one familiar to us, and the page he handled was quite a different one from the printed page of our present-day Hebrew Bibles.

"Writers" Before the Exodus

The first Israelites of whom the Bible tells us that they wrote, lived in Egypt before the Exodus. They were the Israelite "officers" placed over their own people but responsible directly to the Egyptian "taskmasters" (Exod. 5:6, 10). These "officers" were held to see to it that the orders regarding brickmaking passed down from the Pharaoh were carried out. They reported to the Egyptian "taskmasters," and the latter checked on their reports and on the work done to be sure that the orders of the Pharaoh had been performed according to his wishes. Thus these Israelite "officers" were put into a position between their own people and the Egyptian overlords.

Now the word used by Moses for these Israelite officers is *schoterim*, which means "writers." And in the Egyptian bureaucracy as we know it for that time, it would have been strange indeed if a good deal of bookwork had not been involved in any government project, such as the brickmaking on the part of the Israelites certainly was. These "officers" therefore were called upon to do a considerable amount of writing as part of their duties: keeping the lists of the workers, tabulating the statistics on the amount and quality of the work done, and keeping the kind of records that government bureaus

down to the present day are noted for. It apparently was nothing unusual at all that a considerable number of men able to fill the position of "officer" among the Israelites should be sought after and that they should quite readily be found. For in the days of the sojourn in Egypt, the People of God already knew and practiced the art of writing.

Writing at the Time of Moses and Later

Frequent reference is made to the writing and inscribing required and done in the days when Moses was put into a position of leadership over the Chosen People. But not only Moses and the other leaders of the people were able to write: it is taken for granted, for instance, in Deuteronomy 24:1 that the ordinary man of the people could and would make use of the art of writing. The young man of Succoth (Judg. 8:14) who was required by Gideon to account for the seventy-seven princes and elders of Succoth is said, in the Hebrew text, to have "written unto him the princes of Succoth and the elders thereof." In Judges 5:14 Deborah called the leader of the army a "writer," no doubt because his was the responsibility for gathering and mustering the troops. By the days of King David, reading and writing had become the common accomplishment of all classes of people. We read that at this time and in the years thereafter, in the ordinary course of events, letters were written (II Sam. 11:14; I Kings 21:8, 11; II Kings 10:1) and dispatches were sent (II Chron. 30:1); bills of sale and other legal papers were executed (Jer. 32:10), and, as we have them in the writings of the prophets and holy singers of our Lord, entire books were written.

Origin of the Hebrew Alphabet

We have already noted that the type of alphabet that was used in the days when the prophets and poets of the Old Testament lived was quite a different one from that which our Lord Jesus Christ knew and the one we use today. When Jesus in Matthew 5:18 calls the "jot" the smallest let-

The Art and Materials of Writing in the Days of Israel's Prophets

ter in the alphabet, he is speaking of the Hebrew letters in use today. A number of centuries before His time, a different alphabet was in use, one in which the "jot" was not the smallest letter. The same Hebrew language was being written, but the several letters had a different appearance. Strangely enough, this Old Hebrew alphabet and the one we are reading on this very page have the same origin, since both of them are related to the old alphabet of the Phoenicians. From the Phoenicians the Greeks borrowed their alphabet, and we eventually got ours from the Greeks. And from these same Phoenicians the old Hebrews borrowed their alphabet, those letters in which the books of the Old Testament were first written. Quite a few examples of the Old Hebrew script have been preserved, and can be read and studied and compared today. It took several hundred years to make the complete change from the Old Hebrew script to the type of Hebrew "square-letter" alphabet that we use today, but apparently by the time of Jesus the process had pretty well been completed.

The Paper That Was Used

And what kind of "paper" did these old Hebrews and Egyptians and Phoenicians write on? On a variety of materials, though naturally not on the kind of paper we are accustomed to today. First of all, they had material very much like our paper; in fact, it bore the same name: *papyrus*. This was a kind of writing material made from the pith of the stalk of the papyrus plant that grew in various parts of the Mediterranean world. This pith was cut into thin strips, and the strips were then laid on top of one another in two layers, one laid vertically and the other horizontally, and the entire sheet was pressed and dried. After this had been polished smooth, it made an excellent writing material and was used throughout the ancient world, though Egypt, where the papyrus plant grew in great abundance on the banks of the Nile River, was the natural home of the papyrus industry.

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Rededication Services At Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, South Milwaukee

As a fitting climax to more than a year of work, and at the beginning of the new church year, Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, 900 Michigan Avenue, South Milwaukee, Wisconsin, held rededication services and open house Sunday, November 27, 1960.

At a cost of more than \$90,000.00, the church has been completely renovated. New lighting, public-address system, and carpeting were installed; the entire interior was redecorated; the chancel was remodeled by moving the altar and pulpit and installing a new communion rail; a new brass cross was placed on the altar; and another stairway was built from the narthex to the basement. In the basement, new washrooms were built in the old stage area; the kitchen was completely remodeled and enlarged and the floor tiled. The exterior of the church was tuck-pointed and painted; a new church sign is being erected; new railings have been placed on both the front and side entrances; the sidewalk was repaired and asphalt paving placed between church and sidewalk and curb.

The school was expanded by the addition of a kindergarten room, with the church office as part of the new addition. In the basement, washrooms were remodeled and church council, Sunday-school and storage rooms arranged. A new roof was put on the school as well as on part of the church.

In addition, the teacherage at 904 Michigan Avenue was remodeled and a new furnace installed in the teacherage at 2435 S. Chicago Avenue.

Prof. Gerhard W. Franzmann of Northwestern College, Watertown, Wisconsin, was the guest speaker in the three services, at 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 A.M. Pastor Mentor Kujath and Vicar David Schmeling served as liturgists for the three communion services. In the afternoon from 2:00 to 4:00 o'clock, open house was held to tour the remodeled and expanded church and school. The Ladies' Aid and Guild served light refreshments to all members and guests in the church basement.

As Prof. Franzmann so aptly said in his sermon: "Zion rejoices that these renovated and expanded facilities will enable her to better serve the Lord." To Him alone be glory!

MEMORABLE MOMENTS

In My Parish Ministry

(This feature is the sixth in this series)

A CHERISHED LETTER

I have a letter which I cherish very much. It is from a girl I instructed last year. This girl is being raised by her grandparents, since she was deprived of her parents, who were killed in separate accidents when she was very young. She attended our Christian day school and was our highest-ranking eighth grader last year. Her understanding was amazing, and her desire to learn more encouraging. The letter which I received from her on the day of her confirmation reads:

Dear Rev. F—:

You, with the help of God, have led me to a knowledge of the Scriptures.

I would like to thank you for this, but our English language is sadly lacking in words of thanks.

Perhaps the best way I can thank you is to, with the Lord's help, continue steadfast in His Word and faith unto the end.

My prayers will always be with you that you may continue in the Lord's work for many years to some.

Yours in faith and spirit,

Sharon—

It is significant that she gave me, as a gift of appreciation, a check from her own trust account.

Her letter has been a real blessing to me.

This I Remember

FROM MY TEACHING MINISTRY

(This is the fourth in this series)

A particular third-grade teacher found that her pupils were so quiet and cooperative right up until the time of the Christmas vacation, although they had reasons to be excited. This touched her so much that tears of joy flooded her eyes. She thanked the children for their kind consideration. The children, as do adults, associate tears with sadness. They asked the teacher if she felt sad because they had been so quiet. Here was her opportunity to tell them that some people shed tears when they are pleased about something. The children soon caught the meaning, for several of them had tears rolling down their faces. They were pleased because they had pleased their Savior and their teacher. The teacher thanked them again. For a minute or two not a word was spoken; silent prayers were going up to God. We were standing on "holy ground," and the children seemed to sense this, too. Children can easily be led into deep reverent worship. A child is a great imitator; we all are aware of that. We joined in singing, "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow." This was the best Christmas present the teacher received, outside of the precious gift of God. This is a Christmas gift that will never fade away or go out of style. Only a teacher in a Christian day school could experience such a joy. Thank God for Christian schools where precious little ones can be brought into a close relationship with their Savior.

Direct from the Districts

Michigan

This report is restricted to our Florida field. This should warm you, and not only because it is winter here in the north. Peace Lutheran at Bradenton, James L. Vogt, pastor, now has a complete working plant. The new chapel, which seats about 200 people, was dedicated October 30. President Oscar Naumann was the guest speaker. A parsonage was purchased a year ago.

Mt. Calvary at Tampa has a new address. Pastor E. C. Renz and his wife moved into the new parsonage at 2828 West Kirby, Tampa, on Thanksgiving Day. Dedication followed on December 4. Although not elaborate, this parsonage is attractive and practical. Tampa still needs a chapel to complete the working plant it needs.

Bay Pines has been listed in the past as St. Petersburg. With the dedi-

cation of its new parsonage on July 31, the address of Bay Pines became 11335 77th Avenue North, Largo, Florida. This mission broke ground for its new chapel on November 13. In early December, the floor had been poured and sidewalls were being laid. It is hoped that this building, with seating for 300, will be ready for dedication by the end of February. This building will complete the working plant here. Howard Kaiser is the pastor of Bay Pines.

Faith Lutheran at St. Petersburg finds expansion plans gradually being forced on it, both for its Sunday-school department, as well as for church building, to accommodate attendance. This is seen and felt especially in the winter season when northern visitors are in evidence.

A special request for our Florida congregations. Too often pastors in Florida are not notified about our Wisconsin Synod Lutherans moving

to Florida. The more sincere will find their way to our Florida congregations, but some do not. Would it not be practical if our fellow Christians up north would send addresses of their relatives and friends to:

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He in turn would then know where these people live and would turn the names and addresses over to the nearest Wisconsin Synod pastor. Often this is left to the pastors, and too often the pastors have neither the addresses nor the time to send information. Such information would help our men in Florida to do their work more efficiently. This holds true also of other faraway fields. It is rightly called "soul stewardship" and should be practiced, as well as wished.

HANS SCHULTZ

† Mrs. Walter C. Voss †

On May 17, 1960, it pleased our Father in heaven to call into His heavenly mansions the soul of Mrs. Amanda Emma Voss nee Lange, wife of Pastor Walter Voss of Sebewaing, Michigan. The deceased was born at Bay City, Michigan, on November 26, 1904, a daughter of Frederick and Emma Lange. Shortly after her birth, she became a child of God through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, administered in Bethel Lutheran Church at Bay City, Michigan, by Pastor F. Thrum. By the rite of confirmation, taking place in 1918 in Bethel Lutheran Church at Bay City, Michigan, and administered by Pastor Carl F. Rutzen, she became a communicant member of the Lutheran Church. By the grace of God, abundantly bestowed on her, she was enabled to keep her baptismal and confirmation vows faithfully throughout her life.

On November 30, 1928, she was joined in marriage with Pastor Walter C. Voss in Bethel Lutheran Church, Bay City, Michigan, Pastor Paul Naumann officiating. The Lord blessed this happy marriage with four

sons and three daughters, all of whom survive their departed mother.

Very faithfully and ably she served her family as wife and mother, and so she also served the Lord's cause in the various congregations which came under the care of her husband. Faithfully and conscientiously she made use of God's Word, reading, hearing, learning, and applying it in her daily life as a humble handmaid of her Lord.

In 1950 the deceased was stricken by a serious heart embolism, leaving its effects with her in the ensuing years; but with undaunted courage and devotion to her Lord, her family, and the Church, she zealously continued her activities with the same diligence which she had previously manifested. About a year ago she experienced another similar seizure which left its weakening effects with her in an increasing measure. On May 15, 1960, she was stricken again and hospitalized at Pigeon, Michigan. It seemed as though she was recovering from this attack, but our good Lord had decreed it otherwise, for on May 17 He delivered her from all evil by calling her soul to His heaven-

ly mansions. Her span of earthly life thus came to 55 years, 5 months, and 23 days.

She is survived by her husband, Pastor Walter C. Voss; four sons: Pastor Carl Voss of Green Bay, Wisconsin, Paul, of Stevensville, Michigan, John, a student at Northwestern College, Watertown, Wisconsin, and David, a student at Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Saginaw, Michigan; three daughters: Mrs. Howard Rauch, Appleton, Wisconsin, Mrs. Kenneth Wells, St. Paul, Minnesota, and Rhoda, a student at Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Saginaw, Michigan; seven grandchildren; a sister: Mrs. Herman Mueller, Bay City, Michigan; and five brothers: Elmer, Fred, and Harvey Lange, all of Bay City, Michigan, Vernon Lange, Galesburg, Michigan, and Waldemar Lange, Utica, Michigan.

Funeral services were held in New Salem Lutheran Church, Sebewaing, Michigan, on Thursday, May 19, and in Bethel Lutheran Church, Bay City, Michigan, on Friday, May 20, whereupon interment was made in Green Ridge Cemetery at Bay City, Michigan.

M. SCHROEDER

By the Way

By H. C. Nitz

Sin and Political Freedom

Have pastors the right and/or duty to instruct their parishioners how to vote? An editorial in *Saturday Review* (Dec. 3, 1960) deals with this question under the heading "Sin and Political Freedom." With the permission of the publisher, we quote the following excerpts:

"An attempt to set aside this right [of free, popular elections] was made by the Catholic Church in Puerto Rico during the recent election contest for the Governorship. Members of the Catholic Church were forbidden to vote for the incumbent Governor, Luis Muñoz Marin. . . . It has now been declared that Catholics who voted for Governor Muñoz Marin committed a sin. They have been ordered to confess or face punishment. Priests have been instructed not to administer sacraments to those prohibited from receiving them. Some reference has also been made to excommunication in certain instances. . . .

"Bigotry takes various forms. One form of it would be to deprive a man of public office because of his religion. Another form of it would be to deprive a citizen of his right to vote on religious grounds, or of freedom of electoral choice. But is not an act of bigotry to take note of the fact that a religious group is engaged in a violation of the United States Constitution, if such is the case. It is not an act of bigotry to pay attention to the fact that American citizens are being subjected to religious coercion in political matters, if such is the case. It is not an act of bigotry to face up to the issue, as must be the case."

The concluding paragraph says: "The question now before us is not whether the Catholic Church of the United States is involved in an unconstitutional practice. Cardinal Spellman, as already stated, has put himself on record against the action in Puerto Rico. The question is whether the Catholic Church of Puerto Rico, a commonwealth associated with the United States, can deprive American citizens of an important part of their political freedom. How a particular denomination may define sin is its

own business. When that definition obstructs the functioning of a free society, it becomes everyone's business."

Referring to the Puerto Rican bishops' pastoral letters, the editor of *Operation Understanding* (a Catholic Action weekly) says: "I believe quite strongly they acted not only where they are permitted to act but where they are obliged to act. When the Puerto Rican Popular party made even more specific its plan for government sponsored birth control and sterilization programs, it became absolutely necessary for the bishops to speak.

"This is not the clergy mixing in politics but it is the clergy protesting the government's mixing in the field of morals."

By way of a footnote we add a paragraph of the Encyclical of Pope Leo XIII of November 1, 1885, as quoted in *The Convert* (Dec. 1960): "All Roman Catholics must make themselves felt as active elements in daily political life in the countries where they live. They must penetrate, whenever possible, in the administration of the civil affairs. All Roman Catholics should do all in their power to cause the constitution of the states and legislation to be modeled on the principle of the true [Roman Catholic] Church."

Notes on the Jewish Scene

"Jews run to get new Testaments," is the heading of an announcement of Million Testaments Campaigns, Inc. The announcement continues:

"The apparently impossible is happening in the land of Israel today. It is the eagerness of the Jews to read the New Testament — the story of Jesus Christ. It is a modern miracle in answer to prayer. A missionary in Israel writes: 'The Jews run after us breathlessly to get New Testaments.'

"A missionary who has been distributing our Testaments in the land of Israel for many years writes: 'It seems like a dream to see such eagerness on the part of the Jews to receive the Word of God. Even truck drivers stop along the highways and ask for the Book.'"

In contrast to this, Wilbur Smith reports in *The Sunday School Times*: "Jews, many of them without any real faith at all, showing no interest in the religion of the Patriarchs and of Moses, but very jealous of the reputation of Judaism and its members, are bringing increasing pressure upon various and great institutions in the western world to change this program or that."

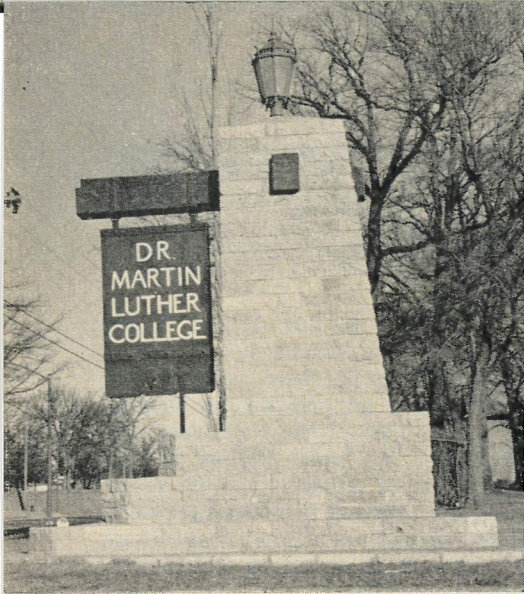
He goes on to deplore Jewish pressure against the use of the Bible in public schools and their fight against laws against closing of stores on Sunday. In this the writer reveals his Reformed bent.

But he adds this interesting note: "Now we are informed that those who have charge of the Oberammergau Passion Play have appointed two German authors to rewrite the play for its next production in 1970, and to radically change its portrayal of the crucifixion of Christ, eliminating any action of the Jews that places the guilt for Christ's crucifixion upon them, as certainly the New Testament places it upon them."

On the vitality of modern Judaism we are also indebted to Wilbur Smith in his report on the growth of Israel's Hebrew University in Jerusalem. He writes: "When one remembers that at the beginning of this century there was no university in all of Palestine, he can understand with greater appreciation the fact that today the Hebrew University, located in Jerusalem, with a branch at Tel Aviv, has grown into an institution of 7,000 students. This year 700 students will be awarded degrees at the University's 30th annual graduation ceremonies. Since its establishment the University has given degrees to 5,411 men and women. Without any doubt, this university and its faculty exercise a greater influence today than any educational institution east of Greece."

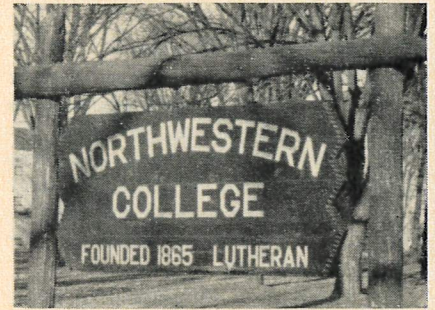
The Fascination of Whirling Wheels

Some years ago we saw a church bulletin which listed almost a solid page of "standing committees." Since it was a medium-sized congregation, we wondered where they found
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FIRST STEPS

The first steps taken in any venture are important ones. Our Synod has always recognized this fact in its efforts to recruit and train young people for public work in Christ's Church. Therefore, from the very earliest days of our Synod provision has been made for adequate training at the high-school level for possible future pastors and teachers.

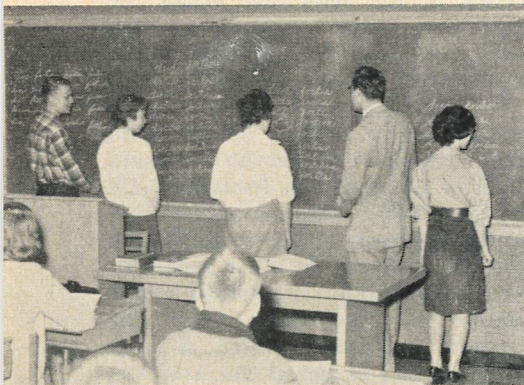


At present our Synod has four coeducational preparatory schools:

- Northwestern Lutheran Academy, Moberg, South Dakota
- Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Saginaw, Michigan
- Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota
- Northwestern College, Watertown, Wisconsin

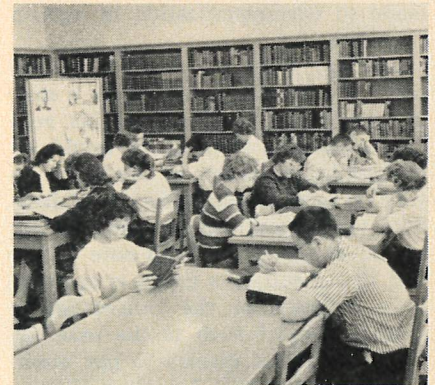
In addition, area Lutheran high schools supported by congregations of our Synod provide the courses which will enable students to take the first steps towards public service in the Church.

FIRST STEPS IN HIGHER EDUCATION



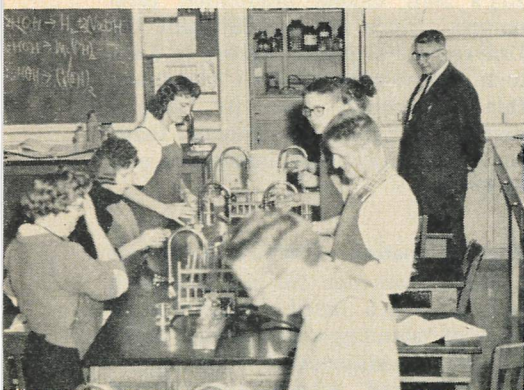
A Latin Class (N.W.C.)

Our Synod has the prime purpose of preaching the Gospel "to every creature." To do this, the training of educated, Spirit-enlightened pastors and teachers is an essential prerequisite. This is the primary purpose of our preparatory schools. Well qualified teachers staff the faculties at all our schools. Conscious of their responsibility to God, who has called them, they continue their education to be better equipped to train their pupils.



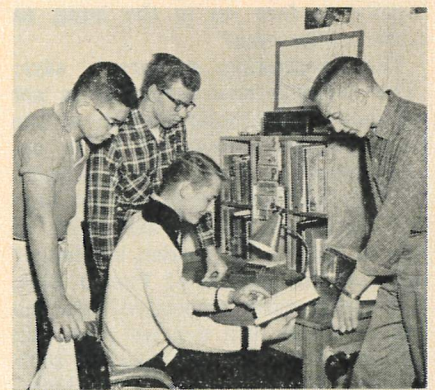
In the Library (M.L.S.)

The courses given are designed, not merely to turn out "specialists" in theology, but to give each boy and girl a well-rounded education, fitting them for a proper view of life and a wide range of opportunities. But the outlook of the child of God is emphasized in all fields and governs all instruction.



Science Lab (N.L.A.)

Ample study periods, especially in the dormitories, give a faithful student the opportunity to master his various subjects. Private tutoring is available from older students who serve as room monitors or from dormitory supervisors.



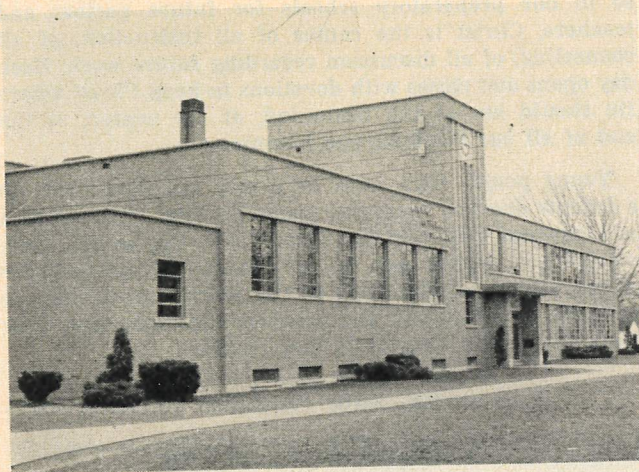
A Study Room Scene (D.M.L.C.)

AT OUR SCHOOLS

**Northwestern
Lutheran
Academy
Mobridge
South Dakota**



**Michigan
Lutheran
Seminary
Saginaw
Michigan**



These schools can be the **FIRST STEPS** to a full and most abundant life, to a most satisfying and rewarding career—that of full-time service in the Lord's work in the Church. They could be the first steps for you—for your child, your nephew, your granddaughter—for a willing, young fellow member of your congregation who may need your financial aid.

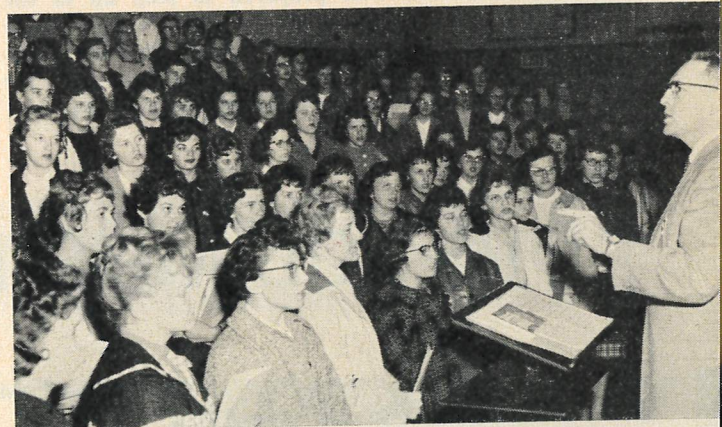
FIRST STEPS IN WORKING WITH PEOPLE

The Christian's Spirit-born concern for people and their interests is evident in the life at our Synod's preparatory schools. Preparing for life as a future pastor or teacher means taking the first steps in learning to work well with and for people. This makes social life and social groups essential in our Synod's schools.

Extra- and co-curricular activities are numerous in the fields of music, dramatics, clubs, literary publications, athletics, and service groups. Choral groups heighten interest in our musical heritage and also afford opportunities for choir tours. The bands give training in harmonious cooperation. Publication of school papers serves the interest of all the students. Athletic contests in a wide range of sports stimulate teamwork, as well as afford welcome recreation.

Life on a Christian campus is fun; it is lively and truly satisfying. Although parents and young people may not realize it, the powerful bond of a common faith and of a common goal is an important factor in developing personal stability and successful group living.

Prep Choir Rehearsal (D.M.L.C.)



"All work and no play . . ."



Football Action (M.L.S.)

FIRST STEPS IN DECIDING LIFE'S GOAL



A Chapel Scene (N.L.A.)

Our graduates are well prepared to step up to the next level in their preparation for work in the public service of the Lord. Your pastor is eager to help in enrolling any young person to take the first step on the path of becoming one of Christ's public workers.

As in our homes, our day schools, and our churches, so in our preparatory schools for future pastors and teachers, Christ is the center of all instruction, of all counseling, of all discussion regarding future work. Each day opens and closes with devotions to keep Christ where He should be—at the beginning, at the center, at the end of all our thinking and planning.

Young people who come here may not have come to a definite decision regarding their life's use of the mental and physical gifts God has given them. But in the counseling they receive and in the atmosphere and purpose of the school lies the force of the Spirit urging them to consider very carefully the possibility of dedicating their work-life to the Church of their Savior.

A Counseling Scene (Wisconsin Lutheran High)



DID YOU MISS THE FIRST STEP?



The President Welcomes a Transfer Student (M.L.S.)

We hope that many of you young people will consider attending one of our preparatory high schools. But perhaps you are already in a public high school, or have even finished high school. Is it too late to take steps towards becoming a pastor or a teacher?

NO—you may very likely qualify to transfer to one of our prep schools as many have done. Or you may make up some academic deficiency by means of a remedial program offered in our colleges. So, even if you missed this first step, it is possible for you to take the next step on the path to a God-blessed career as a pastor or teacher.

NOTE: Do you say, "How do I find out about the next step?" Then read the next two issues of this paper.

January 29—How future teachers continue their training at Doctor Martin Luther College or Milwaukee Lutheran Teachers' College

February 12—How future pastors further prepare for the Lord's work at Northwestern College.

—The Editor

By the Way

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enough people to make up the committees, when they found time to "sit," and where they found places to meet. A little probing revealed that the spiritual level of this church was not above average and that the other achievements of the congregation did not warrant the conclusion that the "whirling wheels" of many committees make for outstanding efficiency.

It is, of course, true that a larger deliberative assembly is often faced with a problem which demands calm and thorough study by a smaller group. It is then wise to appoint a committee.

But is the appointing of a committee sometimes not a subterfuge to avoid facing an issue? And when the committee finds the matter too "hot" to handle, does it not sometimes resort to the further subterfuge to appoint a subcommittee?

We have been in meetings where chairman after chairman of "standing committees" took up valuable time of a convention by reporting at great length self-evident and even trivial matters which in a very short time could have been disposed of by a printed sheet handed to the delegates. It has happened that tedious and practically needless reports took up so much time that really important matters had to be tabled because it was "time for adjournment."

Someone has defined a committee as a "group of people who individually can do nothing, but collectively are able to decide that nothing can be done." There is enough truth in this facetious definition to make it uncomfortable.

† Mrs. Walter Krenke †

Mrs. Margaret Krenke was born on November 8, 1905, at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to her parents, Otto and Ella Wesotzke.

In earliest infancy, her parents brought her to a gracious Lord through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. This covenant of grace she reaffirmed through the rite of confirmation in the year 1918, in Bethel Ev. Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, the Rev. Walter Hoenecke serving as her pastor.

She received her parochial training of eight years in a church school affiliated with Bethel and attended West Division High School.

On August 15, 1925, she was united in holy matrimony to the Rev. Walter Krenke of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, and ten days later established her home at McIntosh, South Dakota, where her husband took charge of his first pastorate.

In 1928, she moved with her husband to a new parish in the State of Nebraska, where he served Trinity Lutheran Church of Grafton in southeastern Nebraska. In 1939, 11 years later, she went with her husband to Mancos, Colorado. There her husband served the parishes of Mancos, Cortez, Ignacio, and Delores; thence after five years to Colorado Springs, where Pastor Krenke established Mount Olive Lutheran Church in 1944. Here the departed had made her home for the past 16 years. For many years she had served as organist of her church and as Sunday-school teacher.

Mrs. Krenke enjoyed moderately good health throughout her lifetime, being stricken on the 10th of October of this year. After a month of grave illness at Memorial Hospital, a gracious and kind Lord called her to Himself in heaven on November 11, 1960. She had attained the age of 55 years and 3 days.

In the funeral service on November 14, Pastor Victor Tiefel, of Denver, served as liturgist, and Pastor Carl Thurow, of Lamar, Colorado, preached the sermon.

Surviving to mourn her passing are: Her husband, the Rev. Walter Krenke, pastor of Mount Olive Lutheran Church; her daughter, Mrs. Don Strever of Pueblo, Colorado; a sister, Mrs. Louise Hoeft of Johnson Creek, Wisconsin; a grandson, Mark Thomas Strever of Pueblo; two nephews, Captain Karl Kuckhahn of Omaha, Nebraska, and the Rev. Philip Kuckhahn, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church of Hillrose, Colorado.

"Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: for mine eyes have seen thy salvation" (Luke 2:29, 30).

LIST OF NOMINATIONS

Members of Synod have submitted the following nominations for professorship in the field of history and religion at Dr. Martin Luther College:

Rev. Lyle E. Albrecht, Viroqua, Wisconsin
Mr. Donald Bartell, Neillsville, Wisconsin
Rev. Le Roy Boerneke, La Crosse, Wisconsin

Rev. W. F. Dorn, Minneapolis, Minnesota
Rev. Paul Eickmann, Crete, Illinois
Prof. Edward Fredrich, Saginaw, Michigan
Rev. Richard Frohmader, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan
Rev. Harold Gawrisch, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Rev. Karl Gurgel, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin
Rev. Benjamin Hahm, Theresa, Wisconsin
Mr. Hans Jackson, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin
Rev. Herbert Jaster, Doylestown, Wisconsin
Rev. Harold Johne, St. Paul, Minnesota
Rev. Theodore Jungkuntz, Jefferson, Wisconsin
Mr. Gerhardt Kaniess, Appleton, Wisconsin
Rev. Myron Kell, Toledo, Ohio
Rev. Thomas Kraus, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Mr. Henry Krenz, Watertown, Wisconsin
Mr. Gerhard Kriesel, Summit, South Dakota
Rev. Paul Manthey, Aurora, Nebraska
Rev. Carl Mischke, Juneau, Wisconsin
Rev. Winfred Nommensen, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Rev. Victor Prange, Janesville, Wisconsin
Rev. Martin Petermann, St. Paul, Minnesota
Rev. Reinhard Pope, Racine, Wisconsin
Rev. Merlin Rehm, Watertown, Wisconsin
Rev. James Schaefer, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Prof. Ervin Scharf, Watertown, Wisconsin
Rev. Robert Schumann, Balaton, Minnesota
Rev. Walter Schumann, Watertown, South Dakota
Prof. Kurt Sievert, Mobridge, South Dakota
Rev. James Thrans, Janesville, Wisconsin
Rev. George Tiefel, Bonesteel, South Dakota
Rev. Irvin Weiss, Warren, Michigan
Rev. Ernest Wendland, Benton Harbor, Michigan
Rev. Frederick Werner, Omaha, Nebraska
Rev. Alvin Werre, Greensboro, North Carolina

Correspondence regarding these nominations must reach the secretary by January 25, 1961.

Arthur Glende, Secretary
17 South Jefferson Street
New Ulm, Minnesota

Prophecy and Fulfillment

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In addition, among a variety of other things, people commonly wrote on pieces of broken pottery. Every household and business establishment had a pile of broken jugs, pots, and jars, all of which had "gone to water" until they had "broken." But the material left over from these minor tragedies was then not carted off to the village or city dump: it was broken into the size needed for the particular writing job to be done and made a handy and durable writing material.

Another popular, though more expensive, kind of writing material was made from the skins of a variety of animals. These were tanned and especially treated and thus became the famous "parchment" on which most of our great and valuable old copies of the Bible have been preserved for us to the present day.

FREDERIC E. BLUME

Editorials

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disturbed about the growth of the Roman Church's influence, let us remember that Romanism will not be de-

Golden Wedding Anniversary

On November 6, 1960, Mr. and Mrs. William Rose, members of Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Rockford, Minnesota, were privileged by the grace of God to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary. The occasion was observed during one of the morning services with the pastor addressing them before the congregation on the basis of Psalm 92:1. Relatives and friends joined with them at an open house in the afternoon.

Truly, "it is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord" for blessings of the past and for the knowledge that the Lord, as He has promised, will remain with them in the days yet to come in the evening of life.

W. E. NEUMANN

Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary

October 9, 1960, was a special and blessed occasion in the life of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Tessmer, for on this day they were privileged to celebrate in God's house their sixtieth wedding anniversary. They were addressed during the regular service on the basis of God's Word as recorded in I Chronicles 16:8-11. Relatives and friends joined them in their celebra-

tion at an open house in the afternoon.

It is not often that the Lord in His grace gives those who have been united in marriage the blessing of 60 years of life together and it certainly is fitting that thanks be raised unto His name and His wondrous grace in their lives be acknowledged. May the Lord grant them His continued grace in the remaining days of their life on this earth!

W. E. NEUMANN

Golden Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. J. Kershman

November 26, 1960, was a memorable day in the lives of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Kershman of St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church of Naper, Nebraska. On that day, midst relatives and friends, they were privileged to observe their golden wedding anniversary. Their pastor used the words of II Samuel 7:18 to remind them of the great mercy of the Lord, who had brought them to this milestone in life.

May our gracious Lord continue to guide them in the future as He has done in the past!

KENNETH W. STRACK

feated except by the hammer of the Word and the sword of the Spirit. But it doesn't appear likely that many American Protestants have the spiritual clarity and strength to wield these weapons anymore.

C. TOPPE

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY THANK-OFFERINGS

By Mr. and Mrs. John Bellman, members of St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Fort Atkinson, Wis., at the occasion of their 51st wedding anniversary on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 24, 1960. For Mission: \$50.00 (second anniversary gift of \$50.00 for Mission in two consecutive years).

By Mr. and Mrs. Ben Lemke, also members of St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Fort Atkinson, Wis., at the occasion of their 41st wedding anniversary on Sunday, Nov. 27, 1960: For the Church Extension Fund: \$100.00 (for the third consecutive year).

H. GIESCHEN

ESSAY AVAILABLE

"Blessings of Church Fellowship," an essay by Pastor John Raabe, prepared in catechetical form and delivered at the recent convention of the Minnesota District, is available in a 40-page booklet at a cost of 25 cents per copy plus postage. Congregations, church boards, or individuals desiring it for study may send their orders, enclosing the necessary remittance, to

Prof. M. Albrecht
43 Waldheim Dr.
New Ulm, Minnesota

IN NEED OF PEWS

St. Timothy, a small congregation, is sorely in need of church benches. These should be at least 10 feet wide. Any con-

gregation having benches available contact Pastor H. G. Walther, 3360 Nebraska Ave., Toledo 7, Ohio.

HELP NEEDED

Single persons, married couples, to be house-parents, drivers, maintenance men, etc. Please write Bethesda Lutheran Home, Box 296, Watertown, Wis.

FRED L. NIENO, Business Manager

RHODESIAN MEDICAL MISSION

Names of Nurses Wanted

Synod endorsed the establishment of a dispensary in the Northern Rhodesia mission field. Limited medical aid has already been given by wives of missionaries. The Executive Committee is now ready to engage a full-time registered nurse to operate the dispensary. Applications or suggested names are to be sent to Arthur Tacke, M.D., 2465 W. Capitol Drive, Milwaukee 6, Wis.

A. L. MENNICKE

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, 8158 Harwood Ave., Wauwatosa 13, Wis.

HERBERT P. KOEHLER

ANNOUNCEMENT

(Notice Of Withdrawal)

Pastor Adalbert Geiger has declared his withdrawal from the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod because of its stand in the Union Matter.

R. W. MUELLER, President
Western Wisconsin District

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President's Advisory Council will meet, God willing, on January 24 at 9:00 a.m.

The Advisory Committee on Doctrinal Matters will meet January 24 at 7:00 p.m.

THE NORTHWESTERN LUTHERAN

and January 25 at 2:00 p.m. in the Synod Office Building, 3624 W. North Avenue, Milwaukee 8, Wis.

The Conference of Presidents will meet January 25 and 26 at 9:00 a.m.
OSCAR J. NAUMANN, President

RECESSED CONVENTION OF THE SYNODICAL CONFERENCE

Pastor John Daniel, President of the Lutheran Synodical Conference, has announced that the recessed convention of the Synodical Conference will be held May 17-18-19, 1961, at the Wisconsin Lutheran High School, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

THEODORE SAUER, Secretary
Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

CONVENTION OF THE WISCONSIN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD

The Thirty-sixth Convention of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod will be held August 8 to 17, 1961, at the Wisconsin Lutheran High School, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Kindly note that the convention time is extended two days beyond the time specified in the Constitution and Bylaws because of the great amount of business and the weighty decisions to be made.

THEODORE SAUER, Secretary
Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES

ARIZONA-CALIFORNIA

The reorganized Salt River Valley Delegate Conference, made up of the churches of greater Phoenix, Prescott, Flagstaff, Winslow, and Holbrook, will hold their annual meeting at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 7th Ave. and W. Earll Drive, Phoenix, Ariz., I. G. Frey host pastor. The conference will be on the 30th and 31st of January, 1961. The first day's sessions begin at 10:00 a.m. Those attending will supply their own meals and lodging.

WILLIAM O. BEIN, Secretary

MICHIGAN

SOUTHEASTERN PASTOR-TEACHER-DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: Jan. 23-24, 1961.
Place: Zion Lutheran Church and School, Monroe, Mich.
Time: 10:00 a.m. (Communion service at the church).

ROBT. A. BAER, Secretary

MINNESOTA

REDWOOD FALLS PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Feb. 7, 1961.
Place: St. John's, Redwood Falls, Minn.; E. A. Birkholz, host pastor.
Speaker: W. J. Henrich (alternate: H. Kesting).

Agenda:

1. A Discussion on Church Fellowship on the Basis of the Thesis Drawn up by Our Wis. Synod Union Committee, H. Kesting.
2. Isagogical study of Obadiah, L. Wenzel.
3. How to conduct a Sunday School Teachers' meeting more effectively, V. Siegler.
4. Exegesis, II Thess. 1, W. Henrich.

By resolution of the conference, the pastors will provide for their own meals. Send excuses to host pastor.

WARREN J. HENRICH, Secretary

CROW RIVER VALLEY PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Place: Immanuel, T. Acoma, N. E. Sauer, host pastor.

Date: Feb. 8, 1961.
Time of first session: 10:00 a.m. Conference shall open with a communion service.
Topic for the day: A round table discussion on Fellowship, with F. Stern serving as moderator.

W. E. NEUMANN, Secretary

NEBRASKA

CENTRAL DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: Feb. 7 and 8, 1961; opening session at 10:00 a.m.

Place: Lincoln Heights Lutheran Church, Des Moines, Iowa; W. Weishan, host pastor.

Sermon: G. Free (F. Werner)
Papers: Augsburg Confession Article 10, D. Grummert; How Lay People Can Help in Bringing New Members Into the Church, Layman from Sioux City, Iowa; The Historical and Doctrinal Background of the Nicene Creed, W. Sprengeler; Isagogical Study of the Book of Haggai, With Emphasis on Christian Giving, V. Schultz; Engagement and Its Scriptural Place in Marriage, F. Werner; Church Life in Apostolic Times, W. A. Wietzke.
Reports: President, Mission, Board of Education, Academy, Financial.
Please announce to host pastor, Milton Weishan.

W. A. WIETZKE, Secretary

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN

DODGE-WASHINGTON SPECIAL CIRCUIT MEETING

Date: Jan. 29, 1961.
Place: St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Lomira, Wis.
Time: 2:00-4:00 p.m.
All church councilmen of all conference congregations, also all pastors and teachers are urged to attend.

CARL J. HENNING, Secretary

DODGE-WASHINGTON PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Jan. 18, 1961.
Place: Peace Ev. Lutheran Church, Hartford, Wis.; A. von Rohr, host pastor.
Opening Communion service: 9:30 a.m.
Speaker: E. Froehlich (B. Hahn, alternate).
Assignments: Exegesis I Cor. 5, J. Ruege; Exegesis Gen. 6, C. Weigel; The Prophet Malachi, E. Breiling (alternate paper).

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METROPOLITAN NORTH PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Monday, Jan. 23, 1961.
Place: Siloah Ev. Lutheran Church, 2112 W. Nash St., Milwaukee; R. Voss and L. Voss, host pastors.
Communion Service: 9:00 a.m. Paul Gieschen, speaker; I. J. Haback, alternate.
Papers: 400 Silent Years, J. Schaefer; Exegesis: II Cor. 11, Prof. J. Meyer.
Reports: Union, Visitor, Mission, President, M. L. T. C.

HERBERT KRUSCHEL, Secretary

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MISSISSIPPI VALLEY PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Place: Cochrane, Wis., K. Neumann, host pastor.

Date: Tuesday, Jan. 17, 1961.
9:30 a.m.: Communion Service (P. Spaude, speaker; G. Albrecht, alternate).
10:45 a.m.: "The Historical Background and the Comparison in Thought of Biblical Commands in Matt. 18:17; Rom. 16:17, 18; II Cor. 6:14; and II Thess. 3:14, 15," by Prof. Carl Lawrenz.
1:00 p.m.: Discussion of the paper.
2:45 p.m.: Business.

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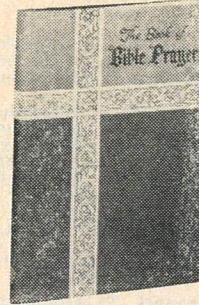
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