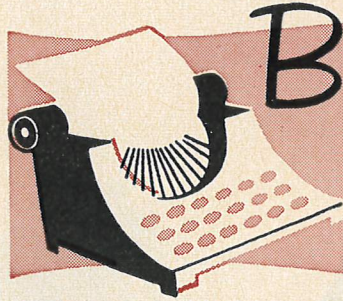


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BRIEFS by the Editor

Featured in "News from Our Missions" in the next few months will be a series of articles telling you the story of individual home mission congregations. The reporter, Pastor Orvin Sommer, has selected those mission congregations which became self-supporting in the past biennium. Reading these brief accounts will give you a good idea how home mission work is begun in an area; how in many cases these congregations flourish and become independent of our support; how God gave His blessing to the work, though He sometimes let disappointments and setbacks come, to test the faithfulness of pastor and people.

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Pictures of the Raymond Cox family appear on page 331 of this issue. In our report on the three commissionings of workers for the Northern Rhodesia field (Sept. 24 issue), we told of the departure of Missionary Cox for Rhodesia, but we did not have space for pictures of the Cox family.

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Not long ago one of our Publishing House employees was in a county hospital in a Wisconsin town. She

was pleasantly surprised to find MEDITATIONS in the reception room and in the patients' rooms. Reporting this to us, she expressed the opinion that it was a fine project that someone or some group was carrying out and was an idea that others could well pick up. We think so too.

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Beginning in our next issue, Professor Schuetze, writing in "A Lantern to Our Footsteps," will take up questions that have arisen for our members in connection with the break in fellowship relations with The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. If you have such a question, address it to:

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We were not able to carry the "By the Way" column in our last issue because of the Convention reports. We welcome it back in this issue.

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In our September 24 issue (p. 366) we reported the fact that Bishop Hanns Lilje was permitted to address

a convention of the Walther League, the official youth organization of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. We demonstrated that this was a case of unionistic fellowship. In the course of our comment we promised to say something regarding the message which the Bishop had to bring to those young people.

This is the report of *The Lutheran* (ULC—Aug. 30) on a part of Bishop Lilje's address to the Walther League:

"The population explosion is the 'most terrifying problem' facing the world today. . . .

"Bishop Hanns Lilje . . . said closely related to this problem is world hunger.

"Two-thirds of the people of the world are suffering from diet deficiency."

We believe most of our readers will almost at once raise objections such as these:

1. Isn't the most terrifying problem facing the world today just one thing — sin?
2. How does the view that the increase in the world's population is an ominous development — how does that square with the Christian view that "children are an heritage of the Lord. . . . Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them" (Ps. 127: 3, 5)?

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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. I Kings 8:57

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Editorials

Calamities In the year 1453 Constantinople was captured by the Turks. For 1,100 years this great city had been the capital of the Eastern Roman Empire and the most important center of the Christian Church in the East. Hence the fall of Constantinople appeared to be a calamity for both the Empire and the Church.

One direct result, however, of the fall of this city into the hands of unbelievers was that many eminent scholars emigrated to the West and took their precious manuscripts with them, particularly the Greek manuscripts of the New Testament. Thus the study of Greek and of the ancient manuscripts of both Testaments of the Bible received a powerful impetus from what had seemed to be nothing but a calamity.

The fall of Constantinople had also a direct connection with Luther's translation of the Bible; for the revival of learning, which was sparked by the arrival of the scholars from the East, greatly stimulated the interest in Greek and Hebrew manuscripts of the Bible and strongly affected Luther's work of translation.

On another occasion the infidel Turks unintentionally helped the cause of the Reformation. In 1529 they advanced up the Danube and besieged Vienna. The danger to the empire of Charles the Fifth and to the Roman Church was so great that the Emperor and the Pope did not dare to proceed with force against the Germans to put down the Lutheran Reformation. The Emperor needed the help of the German soldiers to turn back the Turkish army; so he had to go easy with the Reformation.

Instead of trying to put down the Reformation by force of arms, now that his empire was in peril, the Emperor invited the Lutheran princes to present their case to him at Augsburg and promised them a fair hearing. So, what had looked like a calamity before the walls of Vienna had a direct bearing on the production of the Augsburg Confession of the Lutheran Church.

The eighth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles tells of another calamity that worked out to the great benefit of the Church. The persecution of the congregation in Jerusalem that followed after the death of Stephen resulted in what appeared to be the destruction of that congregation. The Christians were driven out of Jerusalem and were scattered all over Judea and Samaria. But wherever they came they preached the Gospel, so that the cruel persecution of the Christians in Jerusalem resulted in spreading the Word throughout the surrounding territory. God makes use also of calamities to promote the growth of His Church.

E. E. KOWALKE

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Minding Our Business When synodical bodies that have lived and worked together as members of a family have undergone a severance of the bonds that have united them in an intimate fellowship as Christian brethren, it is inevitable that districts, congregations, and homes will be painfully affected.

For many it will not be easy to live into the new situation. Churchgoing customs will need to be revised, limitations imposed on altar and prayer fellowship, joint

charitable and educational endeavors reconstructed. Some members will be puzzled, others confused; a number will be disappointed and hurt. And then will come the questionings, the arguments, the debates; perhaps sharp words and harsh criticisms.

Now, questions should be asked, problems should be aired, advice should be sought. The reasons for our Synod's action of last August ought to be understood, and the import of that action grasped.

But this cannot be our chief concern in our church life. Even if we are deeply affected by the synodical resolution to break ties with former associates, we need to remember that the work of the Church goes on. As individual Christians, as congregations, and as a Synod, we have a job to do in the kingdom of God. We have a Gospel to proclaim, souls to win, and souls to keep. Sermons must be preached, churches built, children taught, Sacraments administered, pastors and teachers trained, missions started. This is the Lord's business; it is our business.

Even in troubled times, yes, because the times are troubled, the counsel of the Apostle Paul to the Thessalonians is very much in order: ". . . that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands" (I Thess. 4:11), or, as Weymouth translates it, ". . . to make a quiet life your aim, and to mind your own business, and to work with your hands." We are to tend to our knitting, to get the work of the kingdom done.

That's good advice at any time.

C. TOPPE

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The Importance of Doctrine Doctrine is pretty much downgraded these days.

It is looked upon as an expendable commodity. It is considered of little importance. We are often told: "It is not what you believe but what you do that counts." But the fact is that doctrine is of the utmost importance. The Lord sets great store by it. He places a high value upon it. Jesus once said: "If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." So what makes real disciples is continuing in His Word.

On the other hand, to the extent that you wander away from His Word, to that extent you put distance between yourself and Jesus. That is what the activities of all false teachers amount to. They put distance between you and Jesus, the only name under heaven by which you can be saved. That is what makes false teachers so dangerous. That is why Jesus calls out in warning: "Beware of false prophets." He does so because He knows that false doctrine is a real threat to our survival as Christians and the attainment of eternal life. He says to us, as it were: "Do not play around with false doctrine, as you value your soul's salvation."

That is a Bible theme which has many different variations. It warns us again and again to have no truck

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Studies in

God's Word: Let Us Seek Those Things Which Are Above

If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory (Colossians 3:1-4).

The story is told of an old cobbler who was asked one day by a stranger, "What is your profession?" His answer was, "My profession, sir, is that of a Christian. I only fix shoes to pay the bills."

This points up the fact that there is a fundamental difference between the view of life held by the Christian and the view of life held by the non-Christian. The life of the non-Christian will always be marked by a this-worldliness. This life and the things which he can acquire in it will claim his time, his energy, his interest. The life of the Christian, on the other hand, will be characterized by an other-worldliness. The Christian realizes that this world is not his real home. Hence, acquiring the things of this life will not become an all-absorbing passion with him. He will use earthly things merely as a means to fulfill his higher calling, that of a Christian. He will not set his affection on the things of this earth, but will seek those things which are above.

When we consider what has happened to us in Christ, we realize that it cannot be otherwise.

We Are Risen With Christ

The Apostle's reference to Christ's resurrection is most fitting. By His triumphant resurrection Christ made it clear to the world that He had emerged as the Victor over sin, death and hell. But let us not regard the resurrection of Christ as something that is meaningless for us. No, we

have been raised with Christ. Since Christ was acting as our Substitute, we are partakers of His resurrection. His victory is also our victory.

Surely this is a great inducement for seeking those things which are above. Since we are partakers of the fruits of Christ's resurrection, since in Him we have the forgiveness of sins and the certain hope of life everlasting, doesn't it follow self-evidently that our main interest will now center in the things which are above, where Christ sits at the right hand of God? We are in the world, of course, but we are not of the world. We will use this world's goods to support our physical life, but we will not lose sight of our higher goal, the things which are above. The attainment of that goal will occupy our time, our energy, our interest.

Our Life Is Hid With Christ

A further inducement to seek those things which are above lies in the fact that when we accepted Christ we actually died to the world and all that is in it. We renounced the devil, and all his works and all his ways. Our former evil way apart from Christ became a thing of the past.

At the same time we began a new and wonderful life in Christ. It is a hidden life, for the world knows nothing of it. It will never understand why the Christian acts as he does. The full glory of this life is hidden from us too, for as long as we are on this earth we walk by faith, not by sight. This new life in Christ is often marred by our own weaknesses and imperfections.

Nonetheless, this new life in Christ is something very real to us. The Holy Spirit through the Word leads us again and again to realize the divine blessings that we have in our fellowship with Christ. When we become uncertain, He again revives our drooping spirits and sustains us in our faith until the day when our faith will be turned to sight.

We Shall Appear With Christ In Glory

Another incentive to seek those things which are above lies in the fact that our life in Christ will not always be hidden. One day we shall appear with Christ in glory.

When will that take place? It will happen on the day that Christ, our Lord, shall appear. When Christ comes to earth again, it will not be in lowliness as it was the first time. Nor will it be a last opportunity for men to repent and believe. When Christ comes it will be as Judge of the living and the dead. He will appear in the full majesty of His heavenly glory.

While this will of necessity be a day of terror for the unbeliever, it will mark the day for which we have been living and waiting. It will mark the end of our hidden life, the end of our lowliness, the end of being scorned and despised by an unbelieving world. On that day we shall appear with Christ in glory. What we had in hope will become a blessed reality. We shall experience what it means to partake fully of His glory. We shall live in this state of blessedness forever.

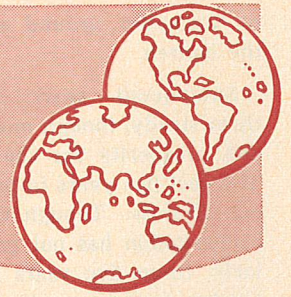
There will be many days in this life on which we feel that we are being deprived of something as Christians, that the world which sets its affection on earthly things has so much the better of it. But when Christ, our Lord, shall appear and we appear with Him in glory then it will be clear to us and to all that it was a wise choice to seek those things which are above.

C. MISCHKE

*Draw us to Thee;
Oh, grant that we
May walk the road to heaven!
Direct our way
Lest we should stray
And from Thy paths be driven.*

(LH 215:3)

News FROM OUR Missions



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church--Rapid City, South Dakota

D. C. Sellnow, Pastor

Work was begun by our Synod in this second largest city of South Dakota in the early 40's. It was not until 1950-1951, however, that our mission in Rapid City was blessed with its own chapel and parsonage.

Although the population of Rapid City is quite transient, the Lord through the preaching of His Word blessed this congregation with steady growth, so that in the fall of 1960 the congregation resolved to ask Synod's Board of Trustees for an advance in subsidy for the purpose of assuming immediate self-support. This was granted. On January 1, 1961, St. Paul's became a self-supporting congregation.

Since this time the congregation has experienced the best six months in its history. By July 1 the average Sunday attendance had gone up to 154, which is about 35 above the figure at the first of the year, and membership and contributions have shown a marked increase. The congregation now numbers 249 souls, 141 communicants, 43 voters. St. Paul's is still in the process of paying its debt to the CEF, approximately \$17,000.

Under God's guidance and blessing, St. Paul's looks forward to continued growth. Rapid City is a growing community of 45,000, located at the foot of the beautiful Black Hills. Ellsworth Air Force Base, one of our nation's large SAC bases, is located 10 miles to the east and our church regularly serves a number of families



St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Rapid City, South Dakota

stationed there. Rapid City is the home of South Dakota School of Mines and Technology and the National School of Business, so that St. Paul's is in a position to serve the youth of our congregations who attend these schools. Rapid City is indeed a good mission field.

St. Paul's is grateful to the Synod for its generous support over the

years, and above all, to the Lord who has so richly blessed it through His Word. May He bring many more of our mission congregations to this important point in their development and lead them to take up the blessed responsibility of self-support, trusting in His promise: "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world"!

First Lutheran Church--Prescott, Arizona

A. H. Leersen, Pastor

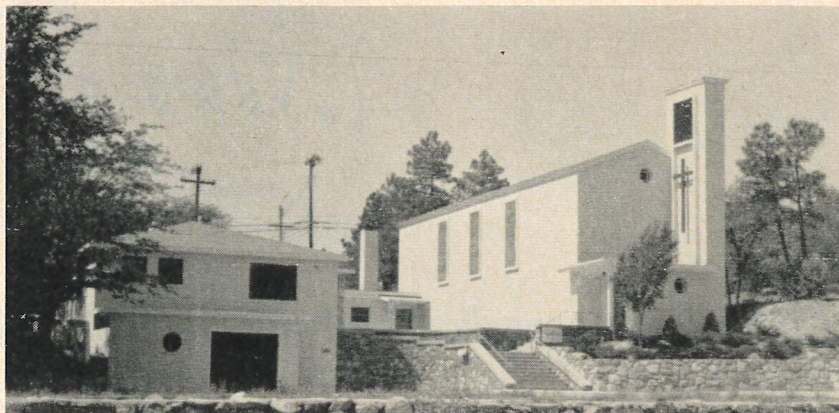
Lutheranism in Prescott, Arizona, goes back to the year 1919. Services were conducted in this city by neighboring pastors until 1935, when the first resident missionary came upon

the scene. There was, however, no permanent church home; services were held in various rented quarters until 1949. Building plans had been made as early as 1941, but no con-

struction was possible during the war years. In 1949, however, the congregation was formally organized, a constitution was adopted, a Church Extension Fund loan was granted and,

in November, ground was broken for the church.

Subsequent years brought with them steady, though moderate, growth and prosperity for the congregation. The past five years in particular stand out brightly. Though the size of the congregation has not grown spectacularly, these five years have seen extensive improvements in the church plant, including an addition to the Sunday-school area, offerings for synodical purposes met budgetary needs, and the CEF loan was reduced from \$13,000 to \$1,700. The climax to this eventful period was reached in December 1960. First Lutheran of Prescott is of age, a full-fledged congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.



First Lutheran Church, Prescott, Arizona

Prescott is not an industrial city. Its altitude and climate, however, make it a haven for people who suffer from respiratory diseases. First Lutheran makes it a haven in a far

higher sense for all who hear our Lord's invitation: "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

Ye . . . Witnesses

Most people, when reminded of the fact that a Christian is to be a witness to Christ, think first of all of the Savior's statement at His ascension, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Some will think also of Jesus' statement about "confessing me before men" and "preach the Gospel to every creature." Very few realize, however, that witnessing is something of which the Word of God has much to say and a word which appears hundreds of times in the Bible.

In the Old Testament alone the Hebrew word "Ed," as translated in Joshua 22:34, occurs 59 times. There are also other Old Testament words which are translated with "witness," "testify," "testimony." The New Testament Greek word for witness, "martus," as noun and verb confronts us in the pages of the New Testament 169 times. Add the compounds of this word and you must examine about 200 passages to study the matter of witnessing. This is apart from the many related words such as "tell," "declare," "confess," "profess," "preach," "bear record."

Just one Bible verse would be enough to send Christians out to witness. But here God's Book almost overwhelms them with many verses

blending into a powerful chorus, "Go and witness." Christ and His disciples in the early Church made witnessing central in their strategy to win the people of the world for the kingdom of heaven. We should ask ourselves, "Have we put Christian witnessing in the center of our thinking and planning for Christian life and our congregation's activity?"

At its 1957 Convention the Synod established a special commission on Evangelism and at its 1959 Convention it resolved "that the congregations in our Synod be encouraged to inaugurate an evangelism program." These resolutions have helped encourage congregations to lay more emphasis upon the personal witnessing of laymen in our congregations. Furthermore, some of the Districts of our Synod have established Evangelism committees or encouraged other boards to incorporate an evangelism emphasis in their program. Now the 1961 Convention has laid further emphasis on evangelism. (See Sept. 24 issue, the report "Evangelism.")

The Michigan District established a separate Commission on Evangelism at its 1960 convention. The first year's work of this Commission has produced basic Evangelism material and met with fine support and cooperation in the District. The spring Stewardship Circuit meetings were

devoted to the stewardship of the Word, with the program arranged and presented by the Evangelism Commission. Over 1000 were in attendance at the area meetings where by means of flipchart, discussion, and film the matter of being "witnesses unto me" was presented.

At these meetings the commission reminded the congregations of the manual produced and the materials recommended by the Commission of Synod. It also introduced the people to the materials which it had produced itself. These materials include three separate publications, namely, "Scriptural Evangelism" (a Bible course in Evangelism), "Organizing for Evangelism," and "Training for Evangelism." These publications are available from the Michigan District Commission on Evangelism, 10729 Worden, Detroit 24, Michigan. They are available at three copies for a dollar.

"Ye shall be witnesses unto me" is an injunction which we dare not ignore or neglect. The Synod's recognition of this fact is evident from the statements of fact which prompted the resolution to establish a Commission on Evangelism. These following statements are taken from the Synodical Report of 1957: "The Great Commission and privilege of the Church is to 'make disciples of all nations,' and our laity represents a vast reservoir for personal mission

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Topic: What Is the Purpose of Organizations Within a Congregation?



A Lantern to Our Footsteps

God's Reply to Our Questions

There perhaps are very few congregations that do not have some organizations within their midst. There usually is at least a ladies' group, whatever its name may be. However, organizations within congregations have multiplied, so that there are now special groups for every age level in some churches. Other organizations are brought into being to serve the congregation in some special function. In view of this and of the problems that may arise in connection with them, a pastor asked that we consider in this column the purpose and work of organizations within a congregation.

The Basic Principles

Let us first call to mind certain basic principles that are to be applied by Christians in their life and work together in the church. St. Paul writes to the Corinthians: "Let all things be done unto edifying" (I Cor. 14:26b). Paul has reference particularly to the speaking that is to be done in the church. If anyone has a psalm, a doctrine, a tongue, a revelation, an interpretation, it should all be presented to the church for edification. However, the principle to which he refers is one that is equally applicable to the church's entire work. Its work is to edify, that is, to build up the church, either by adding new believers to its ranks or by building up, that is, strengthening the faith and knowledge of all who are already within its fold. At the end of the same chapter St. Paul adds this further principle that should guide the Christians in the church: "Let all things be done decently and in order" (v. 40). Although this is applicable, of course, to their preaching service, it is equally true for the church in all of its work and activity. Finally we refer also to what St. Paul writes to the Galatians: "By love serve one another" (Gal. 5:13b). Christians are called "unto liberty," he points out, but they are not to misuse this liberty so that they fail to show the loving concern which they owe one another as they live together as Christians. As we now consider the above question, let us keep these three principles in mind: edification, good order, love.

Good Order and Love

Concern for good order and Christian love demands that no organization arise within a congregation without the congregation's consent. It requires that every organization within the congregation function under the congregation's supervision, which ordinarily is carried out especially through the pastor. Membership in any organization should also be open only to such who actually place themselves under the congregation's spiritual care. It is hardly good order, for example, to have as members of a ladies' group women who do not want to be associated with the congregation as such. That can only create a confusing situation.

For Edification

As to the work and purpose which organizations are to serve, we must remember that all things are to be done "unto edification." Somehow they will help promote Christ's kingdom. This may be through a program of Christian instruction, through profitable discussions on timely subjects on the basis of God's Word. Or it may be through the Christian service which they enable their members to render to the church, or through the truly Christian fellowship which they provide for the mutual edification of their members. Somehow to advance Christ's kingdom ought to be the purpose for which a congregation brings special organizations into existence.

Some Dangers

On the basis of the above-mentioned principles we draw attention to dangers against which we ought to be on our guard in connection with these organizations. It would be completely against the law of Christian love for any organization to form a clique within the congregations, for its members to assume an attitude of superiority over against others who choose not to join it. Love and good order should prevent any organization from attempting to become a pressure group that compels a congregation to do its bidding.

Since any organization serves under the supervision of the congregation, good order requires that it should not presume to do what is the business of the congregation as a whole. The congregation may, for example, delegate to an altar guild the care of the chancel with its furnishings, but it would hardly do for the altar guild to choose and install a new altar in the church with no concern for the rest of the congregation. Good order calls for each organization to do only that for which the congregation has called it into being.

One danger that often arises is that organizations may wish to help the church financially. This may lead to resorting to various methods of raising funds, many of them often questionable. Let it never be forgotten that the support of the church should be the loving concern of all its members, not simply of some organization. For an organization through devious means to raise funds for the church will not edify its members, that is, build them up in the grace of Christian giving. If anything, it may stifle it.

We cannot here enter in upon every practical situation that may arise in congregations in connection with organizations within their midst. They will, however, serve their purpose and do the work that is theirs to do in a God-pleasing manner if these three principles from Scripture are not forgotten: the edification of the church, good order, and Christian love.

ARMIN SCHUETZE

By the Way

By H. C. Nitz

Hungry for Literature

In Asia and Africa, people are becoming literate by the millions. It's a fascinating story, interestingly told in *Thirty Years with the Silent Billion* by Frank C. Laubach, who by his unique method has taught millions to read their language.

These millions will read anything. The Church is not sufficiently alert to this advantageous hunger. And as a result, the emerging literacy is feeding on poison, as is so poignantly related by Oswald J. Smith in *Herald of His Coming*. Under the caption "Why Waste God's Money? Why not put it where it will count the Most?" he writes:

For the first time in 6,000 years, people in large numbers are learning to read. No less than a million people every seven days learn to read for the first time. Now what are they going to read? Of course they will read anything they can get their hands on. They are hungry for literature.

Do you know what you would see if you were to visit the Asiatic world and look at the bookstands? You would see beautifully colored magazines. They are magazines of the Communists. The Communist presses are going day and night, and they are turning out tons upon tons of literature. Very little of it is being sent to the Western world. Most of it goes to Africa, and the different Asiatic countries.

Why, they even claim that they won China by the printed page. Now they want to win the whole world. Do you know how many pieces of literature the Communists printed in one year? The Communists printed, within just one year, two pieces of literature for every man, every woman, every boy and every girl on the face of the earth. The Communists are on the job.

Five hundred magazines per minute

What else will you see on the bookstands? You will see another series of beautifully printed magazines. They are put out by Jehovah's Witnesses. Do you realize that Jehovah's Witnesses have one

press, which is the largest religious press in the world, that it runs day and night?

It prints no less than 500 magazines per minute. That means 84,000,000 magazines a year. They are sent to the Asiatic world, to Africa, and to many other countries. They are going to win them to their cult if at all possible.

Now, to a large extent, they are succeeding. They are baptizing hundreds while we are baptizing twos and threes. And every convert has been won by means of the printed page. They do not build expensive churches. They put their money where it will count most. They put it into the printed page, into the message. They send their message out to those who do not have it, in an effort to reach them.

\$12,500,000 for the Printed Page

Do you know how much money the Seventh Day Adventists put aside in one year for the printed page? They set aside over \$12,500,000. How much has your denomination set aside? They know something of the power of the printed page, and they are determined to get their message out.

Reaching "Every Creature"

Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15

I know of no other way by which we can carry out our Lord's command — to reach every creature, apart from the printed page. I know of no method to compare with the printed page. It is needed on every field. The Bible says, "The Gospel must first be published among all nations" (Mark 13:10).

Well, then, let us publish it. Let us put out simple salvation messages, filled with Scripture, and let us circulate them far and wide. Why then waste God's money? Why not put it where it will count most? Why not invest it in the Printed Page?

Greensboro Is Not Dead

Mention of Greensboro, North Carolina, in Synodical Conference

circles calls to mind Immanuel Lutheran College, which for over 50 years served as a training school for Negro pastors. And it served well, despite the volley of criticism leveled at it, and which finally resulted in its closing. In the final commencement, May 28, 1961, a class of five candidates of theology was graduated. The campus and buildings are now in process of being sold.

But Greensboro is not dead. It lives vigorously in its graduates. Pastor C. P. Thompson, Mansura, Louisiana, is the shepherd of a small Negro flock which has supplied 14 pastors and teachers for the Church, among them Pastor Joseph Lavalais of Philadelphia, now a member of the Lutheran Missionary Board of the Synodical Conference.

In July we heard a 1961 graduate of Greensboro deliver a sermon in Alexandria, Louisiana, that in construction, delivery, and contents was a masterpiece.

In August we had the privilege to hear a comparatively young graduate of Greensboro and another who is well beyond his silver jubilee deliver sermons that were as polished, fervent, exegetical, and timely as some of the best sermons we have heard. At the same occasion we listened to an essay by a Greensboro alumnus titled "Thy Kingdom Come" which was as enlightening, edifying, logical as any conference essay we have heard in more than 40 years.

The influence of Greensboro was much in evidence at the 44th annual convention of the Alabama-Upper Florida field held in Selma, Alabama, August 22-24. It was a rewarding experience to see how the 120 delegates (pastors, teachers, and laymen) discussed various phases of their work.

In a few months the evangelizing of Negroes in the South carried on for many years by the Synodical Conferences will be transferred to the Southern District of the Missouri Synod. We are thankful for having had a share in this blessed endeavor. Among the seven million Negroes in that area there is ample opportunity for our Synod to bring the Gospel to our Negro fellow men.

Direct from the Districts

Dakota-Montana

Working Bee

Here is some rather belated but interesting news. July 18 was a rather unique day at our Northwestern Lutheran Academy. For on that day about 70 women from 17 congregations of the Western Conference gathered to repaint the interior of the Boys' Dormitory. Under the efficient direction of Pastor Roland Zimmermann, nearly every room and corridor was painted in the hours from nine to four. Congregations from as far as 150 miles away were represented. Such labors of love as these reflect a love for the Savior, in whose Word and will young people are trained at this school.

We hope that the newly sanded floors and the redecorated interior will be an added incentive to our young men to keep their rooms in good order!

Call Accepted

Pastor F. Mutterer, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church in Tappen, North Dakota, has accepted the call to Fox Lake, Wisconsin. As a result, we will have three vacancies in our District.

Northwestern Lutheran Academy

The opening service of the Academy's new school year was held on September 5 at 2:00 P.M. In all, 37 applications were received this year. But two applicants canceled just before school started. The total enrollment was 92, against 85 at the beginning of last year. The classes are divided as follows: Senior, 14; Juniors, 27, Sophomores, 23; and Freshmen, 28. Of the total number, 43 are boys and 49 are girls. Fifty-six of the total are registered for the public work of the Church. Fifteen came from parts outside the Dakota-Montana District area. This last figure indicates to what extent our school also serves a larger area.

During the opening service Richard Paustian was inducted as assistant to the Dean; Aaron Uitti, as assistant instructor; Ronald Schilling, as assistant in music. A new biology room,

fully equipped during the summer, is now proving its worth. On the opening day, 12 pastors with their families remained for a potluck supper arranged by the members of the faculty. Everyone enjoyed the occasion.

Sunday-School Teachers' Institute

In the Eastern Conference of our District, the last Sunday in September is always reserved for the yearly Sunday-school Teachers' Institute. On this Sunday, Sunday-school teachers from nearly every congregation in the conference meet at one of the churches to discuss better ways and means of teaching the "lambs of Christ" and to study the Word of God. Usually about 150 teachers are present at these Institutes. This year this Institute was held at Willow Lake Lutheran Church. Pastor Gilbert Bunde, the host pastor, had the opening devotions, and Professor Martin Albrecht from Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota, was the guest speaker. His topic for discussion was: "How to Elicit Response from the Pupils." The ladies of the Willow Lake congregation served a lunch for the teachers after the meeting.

Seventy-fifth Anniversaries

Three congregations in the Eastern Conference are celebrating their seventy-fifth anniversary this year. They are: Immanuel Lutheran Church of Ward, South Dakota; St. John's Lutheran Church of Altamont, South Dakota; and St. Martin's Lutheran Church of Watertown, South Dakota. May the members of these congregations all acknowledge the many blessings the Lord has bestowed upon them during the past 75 years! And may their prayers ever be: "Lord, be with us as Thou wast with our fathers; leave us not nor forsake us; incline our hearts to Thee, to walk in all Thy ways."!

R. ZINK

Michigan

Candidate F. Jungkuntz was ordained and installed as pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church, South

Lyon, Michigan, on July 16. Candidate W. Borgwardt was ordained and installed as pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Frankenmuth, Michigan, on July 23.

On Labor Day, September 4, a group of congregations in southeastern Michigan dedicated the Dr. A. Westendorf Memorial Dining Hall at the Killarney Lutheran Camp. The Rev. R. Scheele of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Flint, Michigan, was the guest speaker. Killarney Lutheran Camp is located southeast of Jackson, Michigan.

Previously this column had given information on the Martin Luther Memorial Home. This is an association of congregations in Michigan. Its purpose is to provide and maintain a Christian home for those of our aged Christians who no longer are able to maintain a home for themselves. Progress is rather slow, because its Board of Directors can meet but once a month. Yet there is substantial progress. A suitable plot of land has been purchased adjacent to our church in South Lyon, Michigan. According to the directives of the Association, architects have been engaged. Preliminary sketches should be ready by early fall for action by the Association. Immanuel Congregation of South Lyon has resolved to permit its pastor to act as chaplain for this future home. And from the announcement of installations given elsewhere in this column, you will note that this chaplain (and first resident pastor of South Lyon) has been installed into his pastoral office. The secretary of the Association, the Rev. Alvin Baer, is gathering a growing list of persons who wish admittance to our Home. The Association through its Publicity Committee is soliciting the prayers, the support, and the gifts of our fellow members in the Michigan District.

HANS A. SCHULTZ

Pacific Northwest

Christian Day Schools

Grace Lutheran Day School in Yakima reports an enrollment of 58 in kindergarten and the eight grades. This is 100% more than last year.

In addition, about 25 more children had to be turned away for lack of facilities. Mr. James Dallmann is the principal. Miss Yvonne Kegel is the second teacher. Her duties will include teaching grades 1-4 in the morning and kindergarten in the afternoon.

Salem Lutheran Day School in Mountlake Terrace (Seattle area) reports an enrollment of 18 in the grades and about 15 in kindergarten. Two of the second-grade children are boarding in Mountlake Terrace for the school year just so they are able to go to a Lutheran day school. Their home is in Dillingham, Alaska. Mr. Kenneth Jeske, a three-year student at Dr. Martin Luther College, is the teacher this year. Mrs. Ralph Baur will be teaching in kindergarten.

Faith Lutheran Day School of Tacoma reports an enrollment of 17 in the grades. Miss Bonnie Both is the teacher.

News Notes

Withrow Lutheran Church will observe its annual mission festival, the fiftieth anniversary of its founding and the twenty-fifth anniversary of its membership in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod on October 1, 1961. The interior of the church has been redecorated and the congregation hopes to gather enough funds to buy new pews. Warren Steffenhagen is pastor at Withrow Lutheran.

Trinity Lutheran of Eugene, Oregon, will soon be worshiping in its new chapel. It should be completed in November. This chapel will give this small mission its first permanent home in the six years of its existence.

Pastor William Lueckel of Snoqualmie Lutheran reports that the members repainted both the chapel and parsonage in recent weeks.

The Pacific Northwest District Delegate Conference met at Calvary Lutheran of Bellevue, Washington, September 21. This one-day conference was devoted entirely to hear-

ing the reports of delegates to the Synod Convention last August.

A. ZIMMERMANN

Southeastern Wisconsin

Our District Mission Board has been reorganized since the general synodical convention. The former chairman, Pastor Ray Wiechmann, was elected as chairman of the General Board for Home Missions. Pastor Lyle Hallauer has replaced him as District chairman. The Pastors Robert Voss and Frederick Tabbert have been appointed to fill vacancies on the board.

Bethel Congregation, Milwaukee, will install a new pastor on October 29. Pastor Henry Lange, formerly serving in Kenosha, will succeed Pastor Gerhard Schmeling, who has accepted a call to the congregation at Rib Falls, Wisconsin.

Wisconsin Lutheran High School began a new term with a record enrollment of 747. Eight new teachers began their work on September 10. In a service at Resurrection Church on September 17, these were installed: Mr. Gerald Bergemann, social studies; Mrs. David Golisch, science; Mr. Arthur Koester, English and social studies; Mr. Alan Rosenthal, speech and biology. Inducted under solemn contract were: Mr. Howard Meske, music; Mr. Harold Gawrisch, history; Mrs. Janice Vallesky, commercial subjects; and Miss Margaret Hediger, home economics. Milwaukee Lutheran Teachers' College began the year with an opening service on September 19. Enrollment in the college totals 93 — 35 sophomores and 58 freshmen.

A special service and reception were held at Saron, Milwaukee, on September 10. The congregation observed the fortieth anniversary of Pastor Arthur Lengling's ordination. President Arthur Halboth was the anniversary preacher.

The Milwaukee Federation of Wisconsin Synod Churches will sponsor a second annual Reformation service for all Milwaukee area congregations. Pastor Karl Krauss of Lansing, Michi-

gan, will be the guest speaker. A workshop for Sunday-school superintendents is also planned for this fall.

First Ev. Lutheran Church, Racine, spent a day of joy and thanksgiving in observance of 10 years of service by Pastor Reinhart Pope. The correspondent writes: "Although we always include all ministers in our prayers, on this day we asked special blessings for continued service in God's kingdom for (our pastor)."

Lutheran High School, Racine, has a record enrollment of 377. This total includes an all-time-high freshmen enrollment of 100.

RICHARD D. BALGE

Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary

Not to many is given the joy and privilege of observing a sixtieth wedding anniversary. Among the few who by God's grace live to see this day were Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Jeschke, charter members of St. Paul's Congregation of Roscoe, South Dakota. Tuesday, August 22, marked the milestone of six decades of wedded life. Since Mr. Jeschke is still convalescing after recent surgery, no special anniversary observance was planned. Their pastor offered a prayer of thanksgiving to their faithful God in both the German and English services on Sunday morning, August 20.

Lord, bestow Thy future blessing

*Till they join the heav'nly host,
There to praise and serve Thee ever,
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

M. JANKE

Golden Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Krause, members of St. John's Church, Summit, South Dakota, observed their fiftieth wedding anniversary on July 16. All nine of their children were able to be present for the happy occasion. The congregation joined the jubilarians in a prayer of thanksgiving in the morning service. May the Lord continue to bless them with His loving-kindness and tender mercies!

L. A. DOBBERSTEIN

NOTE!



CHANGE OF DATE

(Due to conflict with
Northern Wisconsin District
Pastoral Conference)

STEWARDSHIP CONFERENCE

Wisconsin Synod

Date: October 25, 26, 1961, 8:00 a.m.

Place: Ambassador Hotel, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

All members of District Boards for Information and Stewardship are to attend. Further details will be mailed to members.

NORMAN W. BERG, Chairman
Board for Information and Stewardship

**Groundbreaking At St. John's
Burlington, Wisconsin
August 6, 1961**

The fact the Prophet Haggai emphasized to encourage a discouraged and neglectful Israel to *build the house* was, GOD WILL BE GLORIFIED. This same fact moved the founding fathers of St. John's Congregation 103 years ago to *build the house*, to provide for church and school. The fulfillment of the promise to their labor of love was represented in the hearts of their children and grandchildren at the groundbreaking ceremony for the new school-fellowship unit. Eternity will reveal many others in whose heart the Savior was glorified.

The congregation devoutly prays for the Lord also to *take pleasure in* our house. We would build with today, with tomorrow, with eternity in mind.

H. WIEDMANN



Groundbreaking for new St. John's School, Burlington, Wisconsin



(Above) The Raymond Cox family at Billy Mitchell Field, shortly before the take-off for Northern Rhodesia. From left to right: Mrs. Cox, Michael, Gregory, Lynnea, Missionary Cox.

(Right) A picture of the Cox family at the time of his commissioning (July 9, 1961)



Seventy-fifth Anniversary Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church Ward, South Dakota

On June 25, 1961, Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Congregation of Ward, South Dakota, celebrated the seventy-fifth anniversary of its organization, which took place in 1886 under the guidance of Pastor R. Polzin.

In the morning anniversary service, Pastor Alfons J. Engel of Medford, Wisconsin, addressed the congregation on the basis of Deuteronomy 32: 11, 12. Pastor William J. Lindloff of Austin, Minnesota, chose Philippians 1:3-11 as his text for the afternoon service. Former members and friends from many states were present and joined the congregation in giving thanks to the Lord and rejoicing in His grace for all the blessings bestowed upon them through His Word.

For this joyous occasion the congregation had recently decorated the interior of the church, placed a new basement under the present building, and installed a new electric organ.

The following pastors have served Immanuel's: R. Polzin, 1885-1890; J. Ch. Albrecht, 1890-1892; Schoemperlen, 1892-1895; Damman, 1895-1897; G. Fisher, 1897-1900; C. Mikulski, 1900-1904; J. Monich, 1904-1908; A. W. Eggert, 1908-1911; J. Engel, 1912-1922; Wm. J. Lindloff, 1922-1961.

G. P. ECKERT, vacancy pastor

Zion Lutheran Church of Akaska Celebrates Fiftieth Anniversary

With joyful hearts and singing lips Zion Lutheran Church of Akaska, South Dakota, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of its organization on July 23, 1961. The Rev. Otto Heier of Tomah, Wisconsin, a son of the congregation, spoke in the morning service. The Rev. Edward Weiss of Neosho, Wisconsin, also a son of the congregation, spoke in the afternoon service, while the Rev. E. O. Schulz, chairman of the board of missions for the Dakota-Montana District, addressed the congregation in the evening service. A crowd of about 250 people, many of them guests, visitors, or former members, and a few former pastors and teachers, attended each of the services. Dinner and supper was served by the ladies of the con-

gregation. A new organ was dedicated to the service of the Triune God in the morning service.

By the grace of God, Zion has been served by many pastors and teachers during the 50 years since its organization. Before its incorporation Pastors Wm. G. Albrecht, Hans Eggert, and W. F. Sauer served it from Mound City. Resident pastors have been Theophil Albrecht, A. W. Fuerstenau, Theodor Bauer, W. H. Heckendorf, B. A. Borgschatz, Ralph Gehrke, Marcus Albrecht, Lloyd Huebner, K. Biedenbender, and the undersigned.

Since 1946 Zion has maintained a Christian day school in its midst, largely with the financial support of our Synod. The following have taught in our school: Ella Rabenberg, Elsa Klein, Virginia Spaude, Marian Brandt, Carol Frasetto, Joanne Paulmann, and Betty Haas. Pastor Gehrke taught the students in the first year of the school's existence.

Realizing that it is the Lord who has gathered His flock here and has done His work here, we of Zion ask that He would continue to bless us and say with the Psalmist: "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake" (Ps. 115:1).

EDGAR GIESCHEN

† Mrs. Ernst C. Birkholz †

Margaret Marie Birkholz, nee Braun, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Braun, was born near Olivia, Renville County, Minnesota, on January 23, 1895. She was received into the covenant of God's grace by Holy Baptism in early infancy and confirmed in her youth by Pastor F. H. Hupfer at Zion Ev. Lutheran Church.

On March 31, 1920, Margaret Braun was united in marriage with Pastor Ernst C. Birkholz, who had been widowed during the influenza epidemic of World War I and left with three young sons. Thus she became their mother and with true motherly love and devotion reared them. To this second union six children were born, three sons and three daughters.

On July 11, on her way to the hospital in Ainsworth, Nebraska, for the purpose of taking X-ray pictures and treatment, she suffered severe pain. Five hours after being hospitalized, the Lord in His infinite mercy and wisdom relieved her of her pains and suffering with a peaceful and blessed end.

The departed sister was a sincere and consecrated Christian helpmeet

who kept the parsonage well and in order and was a shining light testifying to her faith in Jesus Christ, her Savior.

Funeral services were held in St. John's of Brewster, Nebraska, on July 17. Pastor L. Gruendeman of Lincoln spoke these words of comfort: "The Blessed Assembly before the Throne of God in Heaven: their great multitude; their great salvation, and their great blessedness," on the basis of Revelation 7:11-17.

A second service was held in St. Paul's Church at St. James, Minnesota, where the Birkholz family resided nearly 26 years. Pastor W. Hoyer, on the text I Timothy 1:12-17, emphasized the thoughts: "We thank Christ Jesus, Our Lord: first, for His grace and mercy in her parsonage life, and secondly, for His grace and mercy in her everlasting life."

Interment took place at Mount Hope cemetery with the Rev. Emil Peterson, the local pastor, officiating. Our departed sister leaves to mourn besides her husband, three sons and three daughters. Two sons are in the preaching and teaching ministry, the Rev. Martin Birkholz of Mankato, Minnesota, and Teacher Jerome Birkholz of Toledo, Ohio.

May our Risen and Ascended Lord comfort all who mourn her departure with the Gospel of His empty Easter grave: "Because I live, ye shall live also"!

W. H. HOYER

† Mrs. Arnold Koelpin †

Mrs. Arnold Koelpin was the daughter of the Rev. Henry Gieschen and Lydia, nee Thurow.

Mrs. Koelpin was born in Flatts-ville, Illinois, in 1897, was baptized by her father and was confirmed by him in 1911, in Jerusalem Church, Milwaukee, to which church her father had been called. Immediately after confirmation Mrs. Koelpin entered Lutheran High School and completed these studies with honors and distinction. Hereupon she began her favorite task, her "heart's desire" — teaching and instructing and leading others to Jesus, the Savior. She was assigned to teach in the school of St. John's Congregation, Milwaukee, and later on in that of St. Peter's Congregation, also in Milwaukee, inspiring many by her untiring zeal for Christ and her humble and unassuming mode of testimony.

In 1917, she was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to the Rev. Arnold Koelpin. In her new capacity as the minister's helpmeet her talents and interest and faculties had an unlimited opportunity to be put to work in the kingdom of God. And she really put them to work. She never buried her pound, but traded with it at every opportunity, first in the city of Minocqua, then in Shirley, then in Milwaukee, and last in Caledonia.

In all these places and neighboring localities her influence was definitely felt. A severe heart attack brought her many-sided activities to a close on August 2, 1961. She is survived by her husband, the Rev. Arnold Koelpin, and her children: Mrs. Ruth Siehr; the Rev. Winfred Koelpin, Livonia, Michigan; Lois Koelpin; and the Rev. Arnold Koelpin, Cambridge, Wisconsin.

Funeral services were held on August 5. Prof. John Meyer, a friend of the family, delivered the sermon, basing his remarks on the words of St. Paul to Timothy, "Christ has defeated death."

At the committal in Graceland Cemetery, Milwaukee, the Rev. H. Bartz, a classmate of Pastor Koelpin, officiated.

H. BARTZ

Ninetieth Anniversary

The ninetieth anniversary of its founding was marked on Sunday, August 6, 1961, with special services by St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Hastings, Minnesota.

The two morning services were identical anniversary Communion services in which the Rev. LeRoy G. Ristow, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, a former pastor of the congregation, delivered the anniversary sermon. The congregation's present pastor, the Rev. Paul V. Borchardt, was the liturgist.

In the evening at 8:00 p.m., an anniversary rededication service was held. The Rev. P. R. Kurth of Stillwater, Minnesota, another former pastor of the congregation, was the preacher in this service. In this service a copy of the retired church mortgage was burned and the church was rededicated free from debt. Pastor Borchardt served as liturgist, while Pastor Ristow led the congregation in a special prayer of rededication.

At noon the ladies of the congregation served an anniversary dinner for members of the congregation in the social hall of the church, and in the evening they served light refreshments during a social hour which followed the service.

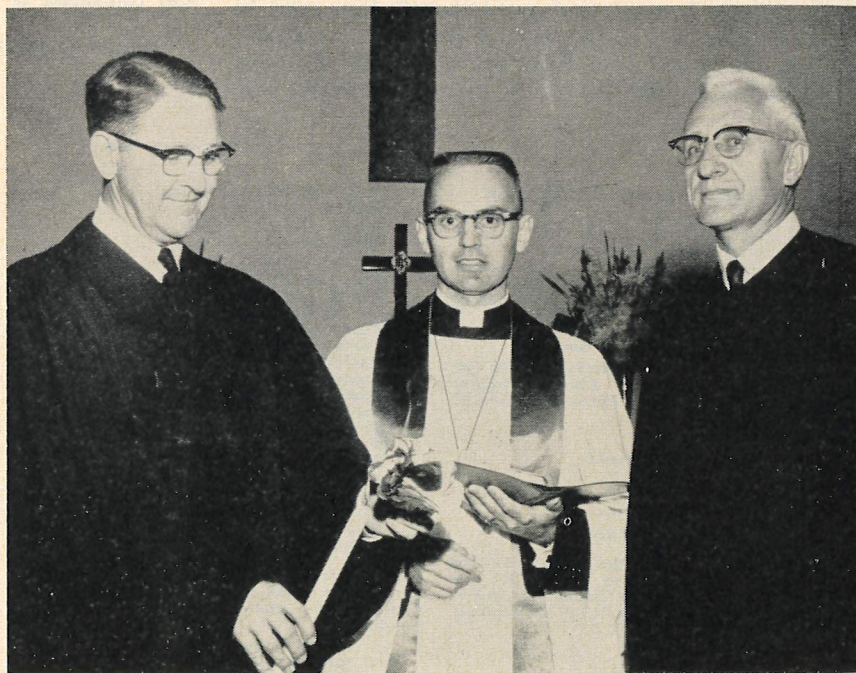
The first divine service in Hastings leading to the organization of St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church was conducted by the Rev. Jacob Schadegg in August, 1871, in Teutonia Hall. After meeting in Teutonia Hall for five years, the congregation resolved on Reformation Day 1875 to erect its own church home. The congregation dedicated its first church on October

15, 1876. It served the congregation until June 27, 1954, when a larger, adequate and modern house of worship was dedicated.

As the church's ninetieth anniversary approached, the members of the congregation made a special effort to retire the debt on the building out of thankfulness for the Lord's abundant goodness, and so, just a little more than seven years since its dedication, the building was rededicated free from debt in the evening service.

It is interesting to note that the first pastor served the congregation he founded almost half of its history, more than 44 years until he died in 1915. Other pastors who have served St. John's Congregation are August Warnecke, 1915-1924; William Haar, 1924-1927; Th. E. Kock, 1927-1930; A. H. Baer, 1931-1940; P. R. Kurth, 1940-1948; LeRoy G. Ristow, 1948-1957; and Paul V. Borchardt, since 1957.

"O Lord, how great are thy works!"
(Ps. 92:5.)



Observance of the ninetieth anniversary at St. John's Church, Hastings, Minnesota, included burning a copy of the retired mortgage on its present church. Those taking part in the service are, left to right., the Rev. P. R. Kurth, pastor from 1940-48, the Rev. Paul V. Borchardt, present pastor, the Rev. LeRoy G. Ristow, pastor from 1948-57. During Pastor Kurth's pastorate the plans were drawn, and during Pastor Ristow's the church was dedicated.

Briefs

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But it could have been much worse, as the following will show. Not many days after Bishop Lilje appeared before the Walther League, he addressed the youth of the United Lutheran Church in America, the Luther League, gathered in national convention. An NLC release (Aug. 21) reports:

"He told those young people that Christians can learn a lot from agnosticism." There followed this direct quotation:

"Unbelief, agnosticism, skepticism are some of the noblest features of your generation. The great pride of agnostics is a sincerity and a longing for truth. No Christian could decry this."

We know that you ask, shaken and shocked by this utterance: "Unbelief

is a noble thing? My Bible says: 'He that believeth not shall be damned.' 'The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God.'"

A dictionary definition of 'agnostic' is this: "A person who thinks it is impossible to know whether there is a God or a future life, or anything beyond material phenomena." There may be some agnostics who sincerely long for the truth, but to say that this is a prevailing trait in agnostics is not true. Experience with agnostics shows that they stubbornly cling to their shoulder-shrugging and their repeating of "How can we ever know"? — no matter how much of the eternal truths of God one presents to them.

And what is "skepticism"? This is the attitude which habitually questions and doubts and contradicts what God has plainly said. How is it possible for a Christian leader to recommend it to Lutheran young people as something noble?

Bishop Lilje might well have chosen to say this to the Walther Leaguers instead of to the Luther Leaguers.

Ye . . . Witnesses

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work, and our present pastor shortage only emphasizes the urgent need of employing our laity to better advantage, and such a program would surely stimulate greater lay participation in personal mission work, and population growth and distribution of the same offer unparalleled opportunities for a planned evangelism program, and evangelism programs initiated by local congregations in our Synod have been most promising." (Cf. Proceedings of the Thirty-fourth Convention, 1957, page 72, 73.)

R. W. SCHEELE

Editorials

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with false teachers. St. Paul writes: "Mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them." How vital he considers this is shown by his dramatic statement: "Though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto

you, let him be accursed." Yes, even if an angel from heaven preaches a false gospel, he is accursed. Likewise the Apostle John warns: "If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him Godspeed: for he that biddeth him Godspeed is partaker of his evil deeds."

False doctrine constitutes a very real danger.

IM. P. FREY

ITEMS FOR CHURCH AVAILABLE

Trinity Lutheran Congregation of Nicollet, Minn., will give a baptismal font and a set of globe-type light fixtures to any congregation which will provide for the transportation. Address communications to: Nathanael Luetke, Box 126, Nicollet, Minn.

D.M.L.C. 1961 Choir Record

Long-play record of selections sung on the 1961 Concert Tour. Also available: Christmas Record, 1960. Price per record: \$4.50 postpaid.

Please send orders to:

Prof. Martin Albrecht
College Heights
New Ulm, Minn.

CANDIDATES

The following is a list of candidates nominated by members of the Synod as professor at Northwestern College to teach Greek, Ancient History and Old Testament.

Pastor Richard Balge
Pastor Ralph Baur
Professor Siegbert Becker
Pastor Donald Bitter
Professor Leroy Boerneke
Pastor Carl Bolle
Pastor Milton Burk
Pastor J. C. Dahlke
Mr. Robert Drews
Pastor Paul Eickmann
Professor Edward Fredrich
Pastor James Fricke
Pastor Richard Frohmader
Pastor Wilbert Gawrisch
Pastor Waldemar Gieschen
Pastor Paul Hanke

Pastor Gerhard Hillmer
Pastor Martin Janke
Pastor John C. Jeske
Professor Iver Johnson
Pastor Armin Keibel
Pastor Norval Koek
Pastor Leonard Koening, Jr.
Pastor Paul Kuehl
Pastor Nathanael Luetke
Pastor Fritz Miller
Pastor Carl Mischke
Pastor Theodore Mittelstaedt
Pastor Armin Panning
Pastor Martin Petermann
Professor Wayne Schmidt
Pastor Donald Sellnow
Pastor Cyril Spaude
Pastor W. W. Westendorf
Pastor Martin Westerhaus
Pastor Harold Wicke
Pastor Ray Wiechmann
Pastor Waldemar Zink

All correspondence pertaining to these candidates must reach the secretary before October 19, when the professor will be elected.

Kurt A. Timmel
612 Fifth St.
Watertown, Wisconsin

APPOINTMENT

The new cashier for the Nebraska District is: Mr. Clement Guillaume, 1117 S. Cecelia St., Sioux City 6, Iowa.

The new member of the auditing board of the Nebraska District is: Pastor Chester Cone, Sr.

HUGO FRITZE, President
Nebraska District

CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES

ARIZONA-CALIFORNIA

FALL PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Place: St. John's Lutheran Church, 6220 Corbin Ave., Tarzana, Calif.; F. G. Knoll, pastor.

Date: Oct. 31 - Nov. 2, 1961 (9:00 a.m.).

Agenda: Exegetical Study on I Thessalonians 2, M. Nitz; "Objectives and Methods for a House Calling Pastor," W. Diehl; Substitutes: "The Church Father Athanasius," C. Metz; "The Messiah in the Books of Solomon," R. Waldschmidt, P. PANKOW, Secretary pro tem

MINNESOTA

RED WING PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Time: Tuesday, Oct. 24, 1961; 9:00 a.m.

Place: Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 658-12th St. N.E., Mason City, Iowa; John Chworowsky, host pastor.

Communion service speaker: D. Malchow (R. Reimers, alternate).

Agenda: "New English Bible," R. Goede; "Communism and the Church," L. Lillgard; "Synod's August Resolutions as They Affect Our Local Work," G. Fuerstenau. F. Kosanke, Secretary

REDWOOD FALLS PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Tuesday, Oct. 31, 1961.
Time: 9:00 a.m.

THE NORTHWESTERN LUTHERAN

Place: Christ Lutheran Church, Marshall, Minn.; E. R. Gamm, host pastor.

Speaker: H. H. Kesting (alternate: N. W. Kock).

Agenda: Exegesis, II Thess. 1, W. Henrich; How to conduct a Sunday School Teachers' meeting more effectively, V. Siegler; Isagogical study of Jonah with Practical Application, C. W. Kuehner; Church Discipline: the dangers of letting it be neglected; the importance of carrying it out in an evangelical manner, W. O. Nommensen.

Send excuses to the host pastor.

WARREN J. HENRICH, Secretary

NEW ULM PASTORAL CONFERENCE

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

Time: Nov. 1, 1961, 9:30 a.m.

Agenda: Continuation of "Exegesis of Genesis 1:2, 3," N. Luetke; Continuation of "Of the Free Will," Prof. L. Hahnke; What determines the Validity of the Means of Grace? Prof. R. Hoenecke.

Confessional speaker: R. Schoenecke, (alternate, W. J. Schmidt).

ALVIN R. KUENETZ, Secretary

NEBRASKA

NEBRASKA MISSIONARIES' CONFERENCE

Time: Nov. 14-15, 1961, beginning at noon.

Place: Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Omaha, Nebr. (F. Werner, pastor).

Speaker: W. A. Wietzke.

Program: Finding and Following Leads, Wm. Wietzke; Keeping Adequate Congregational Records, F. Werner; 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. WEISHAHN

NORTHERN WISCONSIN

DISTRICT PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Oct. 23-24, 1961, beginning with Communion service at 10:00 a.m. on Oct. 23. Speaker: A. Roekle (alternate, M. Radtke).

Place: Riverview Lutheran Church, Appleton, Wis.

Essays: "The Biblical Account of Creation and Modern Theology," W. Gawrisch; "On Having Studied I Timothy," M. Drews. Devotions: O. Sommer.

Lodging: If lodging is desired, please inform host pastor, F. Thierfelder, at once.

S. KUGLER, Secretary

WESTERN WISCONSIN

CENTRAL PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Place: St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Waterloo, Wis.; H. C. Nitz, host pastor.

Time: Oct. 31 and Nov. 1, 1961, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Agenda: Tuesday: Exegesis of Jas. 4, Elmer Zehms; A Criticism of the New English Bible, H. C. Nitz; Exegesis of Ps. 46, Prof. E. E. Kowalke.

Wednesday: Gutachten, Harold Wicke; Reformation Sermon, W. Hoffman; Pre-Budget Subscription Plan, Marvin Zank; Philip Melancthon, Prof. G. Westerhaus.

Communion service on Tuesday morning at 11:00 a.m. R. Brassow, preacher, M. Zank, alternate.

Please announce as soon as possible.

OTTO PAGELS, Secretary

ORDINATIONS AND INSTALLATIONS

Ordained and Installed

Pastors

Hartman, Robert, as pastor of Mt. Calvary Ev. Lutheran Church, Flagstaff, Ariz., by R. Yecke; assisted by I. G. Frey, A. Leerssen, W. Bein; Aug. 20, 1961.

Sprain, Roger, as pastor of St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Douglas, Ariz., and of Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, Warren, Ariz., by Wernor Wagner; assisted by E. Sitz, W. Diehl, C. Metz; Sept. 10, 1961.

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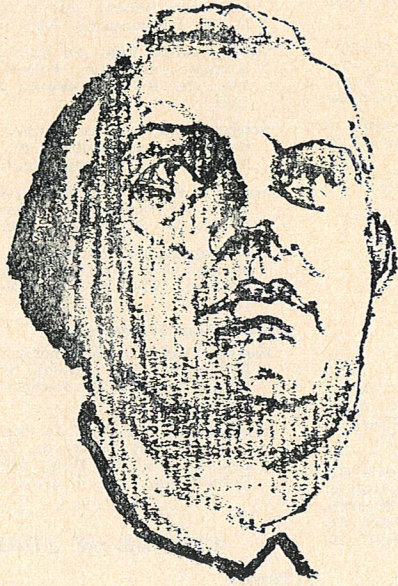
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