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BRIEFS

by the Editor

WHAT IS THE LUTHERAN WORLD FEDERATION (LWF)? When and how did it come into being? What is its doctrinal position? What are its policies? Which way is it moving? What position should we take toward it? These and other questions will be answered in a series of three articles. The first article appears on page 197.

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IN THE BRIEF BIOGRAPHY of Pastor Oscar Siegler (June 2), we neglected to mention that he has been a member of the Commission on Doctrinal Matters for a number of years. He has also served as the secretary of the Commission.

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THE VOTING DELEGATES to the 1963 Convention are listed under the floor committee on which they are to serve. The convention will be held August 7-14, at Wisconsin Lutheran High School, with a special Seminary Centennial service on the Seminary campus set for Sunday, August 11. As previously announced, the addi-

tion to the Seminary dormitory will be dedicated that day.

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REGARDING THE DEATH OF POPE JOHN and particularly the manner of his dying, much too much has already been written, and one would like to refrain from further mention of it. But detailed reporting of the Pope's last days and hours and Protestant reaction to his death (memorial services, tributes, prayers) require some comment. Instead of offering you our own, we quote from the statement of a discerning layman, a former Roman Catholic, who acted on "the irresistible desire to express my feelings." After describing the reporting of "each and every agony in all its details," the writer says: "However, public reaction . . . was anything but intelligent; and news commentators made sentimental and extravagant speeches to glorify Pope John. . . . His death was even endowed with an element of martyrdom by words of his own mouth, typically Catholic in flavor, and thus born of vain imagination.

"All this revealed the more that the anti-Christian Papacy continues

to climb ever upward in the estimation of modern so-called Protestantism. With every carefully calculated move, Rome continues to create a favorable and a mighty public image. . . . Rome is a master at utilizing to the utmost every opportunity of reaching the hearts of men.

"Let no one be fooled. . . . The Catholic Church and the Papacy is and ever shall remain the Antichrist as long as she continues to adhere to the traditions of men, set on robbing the Word of God of its sole sufficiency in matters of faith. . . .

"The Vatican proclaimed that by his death the Pope showed the world how to die properly. But in reality the Pope's death inadvertently shows us but one thing — the imminent spiritual death of much of the Protestant world. Witness the multitudinous harvest of 'Protestant' prayers both for Pope John and the Ecumenical (Vatican) Council.

" . . . Even this sad evidence has its merits, in that it protects us by leaving no doubt concerning the identity of those among professing Christians whom the true believer must avoid. . . . We do not want to become contaminated with their peculiar and fatal brand of 'tolerance' and error.

"The dying Pontiff was quoted as saying, 'If God wants the sacrifice of the life of the Pontiff, may it help to win copious favors for the Ecu-

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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

Another Anniversary— In 1863 the
Bading's European American
Mission Civil War

was at its

height. What little wealth there was in Wisconsin at that time was being pressed into the service of the war. Our Synod had just decided to establish a seminary and a college, but there was no money at all in the Synodical treasury for such a venture. Even before the war our largest congregation had contributed only \$81.48 in a whole year for missions and the Synodical treasury. The Synodical proceedings for 1864 report \$23.08 collected in that year for the new seminary.

Friends in Germany who had sent missionaries and money to the Wisconsin Synod had been urging the Synod to establish its own school and had held out a promise of help. So, when the Synod of 1863 commissioned Pastor John Bading, at that time president of the Synod, to go to Germany to collect money for the new school, it was not a blind venture. The Synod had reason to hope for and to expect a friendly response.

Pastor Bading accordingly went to Europe in the late summer of 1863. He began his tour at the Hermannsburg Mission School, from which a number of pastors had been sent to serve in our Synod. From here he turned north to Luebeck, thence by boat to Riga in Latvia, to Wolmar, Dorpat, Reval (on the Baltic Sea), St. Petersburg (now Leningrad), Moscow, Nishni Novgorod (now Gorki) on the Volga river, then back to Moscow, to Koenigsberg, Danzig, and other cities in Prussia. Except for Luebeck and Hermannsburg, all of the places named are now under Communist control, and such a journey for the purpose of collecting money for a school in America is unthinkable today.

Pastor Bading preached wherever he went and found the Lutherans to be willing listeners and liberal givers. There was intense interest in those days in mission work among Negroes in Africa and among the Germans who were making new homes for themselves in the faraway American wilderness. The total collection, as reported in the Synodical proceedings of 1865, amounted to 10,294 Thaler. The Thaler had no fixed value for all countries, but was worth somewhere between 75 cents and one dollar in American money. So this was a very sizable collection. Some of the principal and all of the interest was used by the Synod until 1868, when the Wisconsin Synod took a definite stand regarding its Lutheran confession, withdrew from its alliances with unionistic churches here and in Europe, and drew into closer alliance with the Missouri Synod. This step was bitterly resented in Europe, and the Prussian church authorities refused to turn over the money still in its hands that had been collected by Pastor Bading. It was to be used instead for the training of aspirants who intended to serve as missionaries in the Union Church of Prussia. This was a heavy financial blow, but the Synod nevertheless managed to pay its obligations, so that by 1866 there was a debt of only \$1,802 on a college building that had cost \$18,708.

E. E. KOWALKE

Living Christianity In His farewell address to His disciples, Jesus said in the fourteenth chapter of John's Gospel: "If a man love me, he will keep my words. . . . He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings." Jesus here stressed the importance of keeping His sayings. Christianity is in its essence a believing and keeping the sayings of Jesus and the Bible. That is out of line with the world which deplores set creeds and says that it makes little difference what you believe as long as you are sincere about it.

It is not left to our decision what we will believe or what religious teachings we will reject. God has set up a definite set of doctrines for us, from which we are not to deviate. "The scripture cannot be broken," said Jesus. We do not have to search for the truth. It is already set down for us in God's Word, the Bible.

But Jesus connects keeping His sayings with love for Him, who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood. He implies that the keeping of His sayings apart from such love will not fill the bill. Jesus is not satisfied with a mere mechanical Christianity. We may smugly say: "Of course, we subscribe to every doctrine of God's Word." But that may be only a lifeless thing. It may only be cant, a dead formality. How often Jesus expressed His disgust with that. He said: "I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth." A lifeless religion, however doctrinally correct, a dead orthodoxy, is a worthless imitation of true Christianity.

Only the Holy Spirit can take our cold and listless hearts and suffuse them with the warm glow of love. Only the Holy Spirit can drive the icy spirit out of our hearts and turn it into loving, living service. Oh, how we all need the warming influence of the Spirit to breathe life into our mechanical Christianity and make of us living, loving, appreciative children of God. Let us pray in the words of the hymn: "O Holy Spirit, enter in and in our hearts Thy work begin."

IM. P. FREY

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A Ministry Not To Be Despised "Only 33 per cent of 996 students attending seven representative Protestant seminaries plan on the parish ministry as a permanent career," the *Lutheran Witness* reports concerning a national study of pre-seminary education. For every two who choose the parish ministry, one intends to become a college or a seminary professor. Others not planning to enter the parish ministry are interested in such specialized callings as the military chaplaincy, missions, campus ministry, denominational and interdenominational administration, full-time evangelism, institutional chaplaincy, music ministry, and other services.

The study is now determining whether the same proportion obtains in 114 other seminaries where questionnaires have been distributed.

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Studies in God's Word: The Penitent Prodigal Can Count On God

And he said, A certain man had two sons: and the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living. And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living. . . . And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants. And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him. And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son. But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet: and bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry: for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry (Luke 15:11-24).

Not all of the prodigal sons and daughters today are such as take off from home with their inheritance to live it up in senseless extravagance and excess. Homebodies, too, become prodigals when they wantonly waste their God-given material resources on fleshly lusts and appetites. How many confessing Christians do not consistently contribute more to

tobacco, liquor, fashion, and beauty dispensers than they regularly return to the Lord as an offering of thanksgiving for His bountiful benefits and in the interest of the blessed business of His kingdom? Who of us, in fact, would not have some reason to say daily to our heavenly Father: "I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son"! Confessing this with penitent hearts, we poor prodigals can likewise count on the Lord our God

For Acceptance

Sometimes it is only through hard and humiliating experience that children of God face up to the waywardness of their hearts and the error of their ways. Then, crushed by the consequences of their own folly, they may well wonder whether God will have anything at all to do with them any more. When the prodigal son made up his mind to return to his father's house, he was especially mindful of his own desperate dilemma and could hardly have expected a favorable reception from his father. In truth, he was prepared to take his medicine, even to forfeit the sonship which he realized he was no longer entitled to, if only his father would give him a hearing.

It is as easy, however, for rebellious children to underestimate their parents' loving concern as it is for delinquent Christians to miscalculate the Father's compassionate love.

Not only was the prodigal's father hoping with constant, anxious longing for his son's return, but it appears he was also keeping a watchful eye on the road, for when his son was still a long way off, he saw him coming and ran to meet him. Under such circumstances, how many fathers could be counted on to give a similar reception!

One Father, in particular, is hereby depicted as ever ready to receive with open arms the prodigal sons and daughters who come to Him with

penitent hearts. The Father in heaven, for the sake of His Son's supreme sacrifice on the cross, is anxiously looking for the return of all those who willfully separated themselves from Him and got lost in the darkness of sin far from home. Recognizing their helpless predicament, they can count on Him for acceptance because He has emphatically demonstrated the truth of His Son's words: "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37).

For Absolution

But if God can be counted on to accept the penitent sinner, it is for the reason that He desires to pronounce him absolved of all of his inexcusable transgressions and sins.

The prodigal son was welcomed home by his father in a manner which unmistakably reflected the father's merciful pardon and forgiveness. Not a word of explanation was demanded; not a word of rebuke or reproof was given; not a word of disappointment or regret was spoken, not even the word of forgiveness was verbally expressed. Yet the father's absolution was communicated to his son just as definitely and forcefully by that affectionate and forgiving embrace and by the subsequent homecoming festivities as it could have been by means of a speech of dozens of well-chosen words. There could be no mistake about the father's forgiving favor.

In like manner can all contrite sinners and penitent prodigals count on the compassionate mercy of their loving heavenly Father. In Christ Jesus He has already absolved them of their whole debt of damning sin and iniquity. For "God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them" (II Cor. 5:19). Count yourself a prodigal and count on God through Christ for acceptance and absolution.

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The Lutheran World Federation

I. How It Began

LWF — within the coming weeks you will be noticing these letters with ever greater frequency in most religious periodicals. You will see them in the religion columns of the secular papers and magazines. You may even see them make the headlines of your daily newspaper. The letters LWF stand for the Lutheran World Federation, a federation of Lutheran churches from all parts of the world. The reason for their prominence in coming weeks will be the fourth General Assembly of this body since its founding in 1947. The meeting will take place in Helsinki, Finland, from July 30 to August 11. Delegates from most Lutheran church bodies will be represented, and the world which in 1961 looked to New Delhi, India, for the pronouncements of the World Council of Churches, and in 1962 to Rome for the findings of Pope John's Ecumenical Council, will in 1963 be anxiously awaiting news from the Lutherans at Helsinki.

If the newsmen consider the assembly of the Lutheran World Federation of interest to the general public, then it must certainly also be of interest to us who share the name of the great Reformer with some 75 million others. Exactly what is the LWF? How did it start? What does it do? Who belongs? The question of our participation in this demonstration of Lutheran unity must surely arise. Will we be represented at Helsinki? Will we join hands with the approximately 70 per cent of the world's Lutherans represented there?

We hope to answer these questions in this and two succeeding articles on the Lutheran World Federation.

After World War I

The Lutheran World Federation, so named and organized at Lund, Sweden, in 1947, actually grew out of another less-organized and more loosely knit Lutheran gathering called the Lutheran World Convention. The Lutheran World Convention met for the first time in Eisenach, Germany, in 1923, when that country and much of Europe was still recovering from World War I. In fact, it was that great conflict and the suffering and hardship it caused that helped to make the strong desire for international Lutheran union a reality. The convention at Eisenach, besides considering more intimate fellowship relations, gave particular consideration to cooperation in relieving the suffering of Lutherans in war-torn lands. Twenty-four years later, when the convention adopted its present constitution and the name Lutheran World Federation, a similar condition prevailed. Many of the same countries were once again suffering in the aftermath of a world war. The newly organized LWF then also undertook a vast program of relief and rehabilitation.

Obstacles

But if Lutherans found it easy to unite their efforts at Eisenach in 1923 and in an ever-increasing measure since, we might ask what had kept them apart before. Why had not all the Lutheran churches stemming from Luther's Reformation remained one closely knit group? A natural barrier was, of course, the distance. Before World War I, transportation and communication was such that close contact between the churches of different nations was virtually impossible. However, distance was

not the only stumbling block to close relations between the Lutheran churches of the world, nor was it the biggest barrier. The greatest difficulty was the difference in doctrine that had developed in the 400 years since the Reformation. Not all who claimed the name Lutheran still stood on the Scriptural principles which Luther set forth. The result was that, as in our own country, so in every country where Lutheranism existed, there developed a conservative, a liberal, and a middle-of-the-road theology. The differences in teachings caused many divisions in Lutheranism, not only on a world scale, but also in each nation.

Obstacles Hurdled

But what happened in the early twenties of this century to make possible the joining of forces, first in the World Convention, then in the World Federation? The problem of distance was solved by the great advances in transportation and communication. Modern developments have brought the churches of the world to each other's doors. The two great wars not only brought the people of the nations much closer, but also the people of the churches. The problem of differing doctrines, however, was not so easily solved. It was the expressed hope of many who recognized serious differences that these could be eliminated through discussion *after* a united organization had been achieved, that the Lutheran World Federation could be the forum for such discussions. More and more, too, the opinion prevailed that for the most part the doctrines which the fathers debated were not divisive of church fellowship, that there really need not be perfect harmony in every teaching of the Bible — at least not for working together. As a result of such a growing indifference toward complete doctrinal uniformity in *all* Scriptural teachings, there has been one union after another of Lutheran bodies within individual countries, and a reaching across boundaries into unions with Lutheran bodies abroad.

It is in this way that many Lutheran bodies of America became affiliated with the Lutheran World Federation. Here, too, doctrinal differences had brought about a large number of synods since Lutherans first came to these shores in large numbers in the nineteenth century. But with the coming of the togetherness of the twentieth century, the mergers and unions began. By 1917 most of the Lutheran synods of America, with the exception of the synods comprising the Synodical Conference, had found it possible to join forces in the National Lutheran Council. Past differences were overlooked or considered unimportant in such a union where there was to be no complete merger, but only a working together. Most of these same churches were then also prepared in 1923 to answer the call to Eisenach, and in 1947 to help formulate the constitution for the Lutheran World Federation.

Since 1947 the Lutheran World Federation has met twice, in Hannover, Germany, in 1952 and again in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in 1957. Now delegates and visitors from all parts of the world are heading for Helsinki either to participate in the fourth General Assembly or to be present as interested observers.

DONALD BITTER

Ascension Week Mission Seminar At the Seminary

The fourth annual Mission Seminar was held at our Seminary at Mequon during the week of Ascension Day. In his address of welcome, President Carl Lawrenz of the Seminary pointed to the Greek text of Christ's Great Commission emblazoned above the chancel in the Seminary chapel, where the seminar was conducted. These words, "*Preach the Gospel*," he said, are not only the theme of the discussions during Mission Week, but are actually the summary of the entire purpose of the Seminary itself.

President Oscar J. Naumann delivered an inspiring keynote address. He spoke of the extraordinary privilege which we, despite our weakness and unworthiness, enjoy through the power of the Holy Spirit which is ours by faith, to render an effective service for the Triune God Himself in carrying out His plan of salvation, that is, bringing lost and condemned sinners to eternal happiness. He spoke of the blessing accruing to those who take the Savior at His word and loyally discharge their duty as the Lord's servants. Recounting the blessing produced by the past Mission Seminars in inspiring the students, the faculty, and the mission boards, he encouraged to even greater efforts toward the extension of the Gospel kingdom, in obedience and love to the Savior and in view of the lateness of the hour in which we live.

The Mission Week studies were again assigned to student committees, working with faculty advisers on topics suggested to them by the Boards for Home and World Missions.



One of the panel discussions

It will be of interest to our readers to give the agenda for the week in outline:

- Monday — The Pre-Budget Subscription Plan
- Tuesday — Mission Methods and Techniques Reports on Puerto Rico
- Wednesday — The Urban and Metropolitan Church — Its Mission as a Mission Agency.
- Thursday — A Study of South America as a Mission Field for Our Synod

Friday — Are We Taking Seriously Our Witnessing for Christ? St. Paul's Example, Philippians 4:10-20. Closing Remarks.

Again, as in the past three years, all those who were active in this Mission Seminar expressed gratification over the scope and depth of the studies presented by the student groups. The students themselves showed their approval of the project by their evident dedication to their assignments, as well as by spoken words of appreciation.

All of the topics assigned were chosen because of their more than mere academic value and importance. In fact, some were chosen with the avowed intention of enlisting the students in research which would later serve the mission boards in making decisions on policies and projects.

Some of the students, for instance, who presented papers on the "Inner Core" urban church problem, had actually as vicars assisted their pastors and congregations in studies concerning the situation of a city church which finds itself unable to carry on because of the removal of many of the members to the suburbs, and is faced with the decision of either "selling out" and relocating or of changing its program to that of a mission agency to the new popula-



One of the Seminary students gives his report

tions who have moved into the area of their church.

The research on "South America as a Mission Field for Our Synod" was exhaustive and favorable to the opening of work on that continent. Four areas were suggested as promising fields: Venezuela, Paraguay, Chile, and Argentina. The rapidly growing metropolis Sao Paulo, Brazil, was also suggested as a very promising mission field for our soundly Lutheran Synod. A part of the student committee of

30 men will present their study to a special session of the Board for World Missions during the convention of our Synod in August.

The panel discussion on "Taking Seriously our Witnessing for Christ" showed thorough preparation, a good command of the subject, and brought forth some new and valuable suggestions for Christian witnessing by both pastor and people.

On the closing day Professor John P. Meyer delivered an exceptionally

beautiful and practical exegetical study and application of St. Paul's words to his Philippian Christians. It was most appropriate for all present, this study of St. Paul's closing words concerning Christian contentment and adjustment to whatever situation the Lord has chosen for His witnesses.

By common consent the date for future Mission Seminars will be advanced to another mission-centered period, the week of Epiphany.

EDGAR HOENECKE

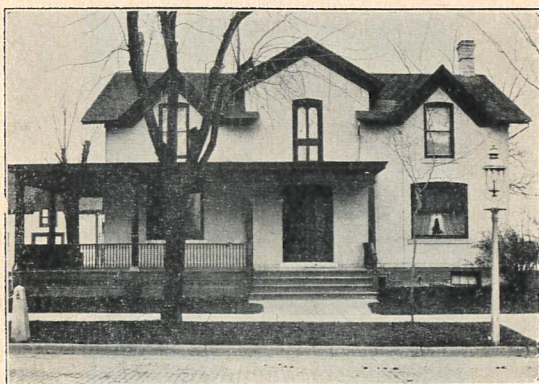
A HISTORY OF THE WISCONSIN LUTHERAN SEMINARY —

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The Early Years 1863-1878

Lowly, Uncertain Beginnings

The Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary had a very humble beginning. A private dwelling, the Gardner house, was rented as its home. Here the one theological professor, Dr. Moldehnke, his wife, and the students were to live. Incidentally, this home is in good condition and is still in use today.



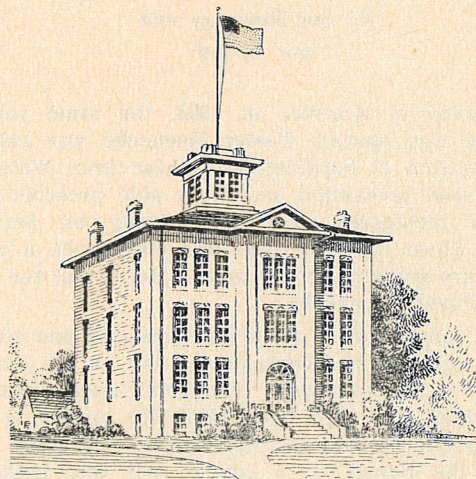
The first home of the Seminary, the Gardner House in Watertown

The Seminary was opened in September 1863. This opening was not very impressive. There were only two students for the one professor to teach. Besides, one of the two students soon had to be dismissed for "disciplinary reasons."

At the opening of the second year, 14 students enrolled. Dr. Moldehnke was kept very busy, since he taught not only the various branches of theology but also languages and courses such as mathematics and geography. The schooldays were formidably long, the schedule calling for classes from 7:30 to 12:00 in the forenoon, and from 1:00 to 5:30 in the afternoon.

New quarters awaited the Seminary students in the fall of 1865. The year before, the Synod, at a cost of \$600.00, had bought 4½ acres, a part of the present Northwestern College campus. On this plot it had

erected a three-story building for \$22,000, a large sum of money for that year of the Civil War. The first two stories were occupied by the College, bearing at that time the proud name of "Northwestern University." The third floor was assigned to the Seminary.



The first classroom building at Northwestern College. The Seminary occupied the third floor

After the close of the third school year, the Synod resolved to call a dean of men for both College and Seminary students. He was also to be the second man on the Seminary faculty. The man called was Pastor Adolf Hoenecke.

The Decisive Influence of Dr. Hoenecke

We of the Wisconsin Synod would do well to study in detail the life of this man. We should learn how wonderfully the Lord led this man and what great things the Lord did for our Synod through him. Here we tell his story in brief. Although Adolf Hoenecke had no real desire to serve the Lord and His Church, he undertook

the study of theology at the University of Halle in Germany. Outstanding among his teachers was Professor Friedrich Tholuck. Though he was Lutheran in his theology, still he thought it perfectly in order to fellowship with the Reformed. Hoenecke, by the grace of God, was led to see that such fellowship is not in keeping with the Word of God. He came to America with the intention of serving as a minister for only a limited number of years. But God directed matters otherwise. Hoenecke remained — to become the spiritual leader of the Wisconsin Synod.



Dr. Adolf Hoenecke, a man of decisive influence for our Seminary and our Synod

Arriving in America in 1863, the same year our Seminary was opened, Pastor Hoenecke was called to a congregation at Farmington, not far from Watertown. He was soon recognized as a very able preacher and a Lutheran theologian who stood firmly on Scriptural ground. Since the new dean was also to be a teacher of seminary students, it was quite natural that the choice fell on Pastor Hoenecke.

That same year Dr. Moldehnke resigned and returned to Germany, and so Hoenecke was left as the lone professor. But now not only Hoenecke's exceptional gifts as a teacher, but also his unshakable loyalty to God's Word became evident, as well as his God-given ability to lead the Synod on a course that was faithful to God's Word.

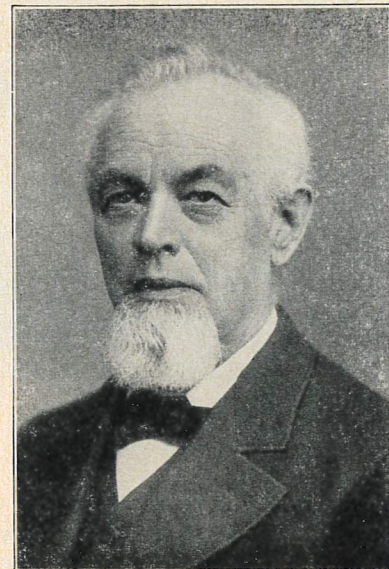
A number of Lutheran synods in various parts of the country had left the General Synod because of its laxness in doctrine and practice and had formed the General Council. The Wisconsin Synod joined this new body. But soon it appeared that the General Council, too, did not adhere closely to the Word of God. It refused to give Scriptural answers to the questions of chiliasm, altar and pulpit fellowship, and the lodges. Then Hoenecke strongly counseled the Wisconsin Synod to withdraw from the General Council. The Synod did so, even though this meant the loss of Professor Martin, the president of Northwestern University, and of several pastors who would not share the Synod's determined stand.

In 1867, representatives of the Iowa Synod attended the convention of the Wisconsin Synod to discuss with our men the so-called Open Questions: 1. Will Christ reign on earth for a thousand years? 2. Is the Pope the

Antichrist? 3. Will all Jews be converted in the last days? 4. Must the laws of the Old Testament concerning the Sabbath be observed in the time of the New Testament? The Iowans called these Open Questions because they held that the Word of God did not give a definite answer regarding them and that therefore conflicting answers to these questions need not lead to separation in the Church, but could be tolerated. Dr. Walther of the Missouri Synod maintained and proved that the Scriptures do give definite, clear answers to these questions. Dr. Hoenecke agreed with Walther, and through Hoenecke the Lord helped our Synod to see that there are no Open Questions of this sort.

The German Mission societies, who had provided the Synod with many pastors and had helped it in other ways, too, did not approve of the Synod's strong confessional stand, since they were unionistic. They refused to give our Synod any further support. The collection which President Bading had raised in Europe toward the Synod's new Seminary was withheld. The break with the German Mission societies was painful for the Synod. It meant the severance of ties of friendship. It gave the appearance of ingratitude. But the Synod bore all this with fortitude. It had been taught by the Lord through its brave leader that nothing could be more precious to it than to remain faithful to God's unadulterated Word.

But while the Synod lost the regard and love of friends in Germany, it was brought into close relation-



Joh. Bading, the second president of the Synod

ship with the Missouri Synod. In 1868 a colloquy was held between representatives of both synods. They found themselves to be one in doctrine. Dr. Hoenecke made a deep impression on Dr. Walther, the great theologian of Missouri. He is reported to have said of Hoenecke: I have my eye upon that young man. I expect great things of him in the future. "Articles of Agreement and Recognition" were drafted and were ratified by both synods in 1869.

Struggles at Watertown

Even under Hoenecke the Seminary remained a humble school. The enrollment remained small. When Hoenecke came to the Seminary in 1866, it had only four students. In the three school years from 1866 to 1869 there were only two graduates. The school year 1869-1870 began with an enrollment of 11, but in the course of the year six were released into the ministry, and by March 1870 there were only five Seminary students left.

Appeals were made for more students, but apparently in vain. In answer to an appeal for stronger financial support, some congregations contributed generously, others gave but little, still others nothing. In "Continuing in His Word" (the book written for the Centennial of the Synod) we read: "In the meantime the financial condition of the combined Seminary and College had been rapidly growing worse, so much so that the possibility of a collapse could no longer be ignored."

The Decision to Close the Seminary

But, mainly through Hoenecke, agreement in doctrine had been established with the Missouri Synod. Now as Pastor Frey tells us in his History: "In his report in June 1869, the president of the Synod suggested that consideration be given to the advisability of joining our Seminary with the St. Louis Seminary. This was prompted very likely by the small enrollment and the difficulty of financing the work of the Seminary. Why should separate seminaries be maintained when the two synods were in full church fellowship? A floor committee appointed to study the matter advised in favor of the proposal."

Both synods accepted the proposal and arrived at this agreement: The Wisconsin Synod was to close its Seminary, have a professor of its own teaching at the Missouri Seminary, and have its theological students study there, while the Missouri Synod was to have one of its professors teach at the College at Watertown and have its pre-seminary students whose home was in Wisconsin attend the College of the Wisconsin Synod.

Joint Seminary With Missouri (1870-1878)

The Missouri Synod sent Professor Stellhorn to Watertown. The Wisconsin Synod intended to send to St. Louis the man whom the Missouri Synod desired, Prof. Hoenecke, but for financial reasons found it impossible to do so. At that point Professor Hoenecke accepted a call as pastor of St. Matthew's Congregation in Milwaukee.

The Wisconsin Seminary at Watertown graduated its last candidate in the spring of 1870. The six undergraduates were transferred to St. Louis. Until 1878 our theological students attended the Missouri Seminary. In all there were 21. Among them were Franz Pieper, who later became a professor at the Seminary at St. Louis, president of this Seminary, and president of the Missouri Synod; Reinhold Pieper, who later became a professor of the Missouri Seminary at Springfield, Illinois, and president of this Seminary; and August Pieper and John P. Koehler, both of whom became well known as most able professors at the Wisconsin Seminary.

In 1872 the Synodical Conference was founded. The Missouri Synod and the Wisconsin Synod were charter

members. It was proposed that the synods constituting the Synodical Conference be dissolved and state synods be formed in their stead. The Wisconsin Synod favored this proposal. However, it did not favor a proviso by which the state synods eventually might become district synods of a large general synod, as, for example, the Missouri Synod. The Wisconsin Synod expressed its opposition thus: "It considers a merging (of our Synod) into one of the existing general synods as neither commanded by the Word of God, nor as essential and necessary for true unity, nor yet as wholesome and beneficial for our Synod and our congregations."

Being averse to giving up its existence and also considering the advantages which a smaller seminary within its own borders offered (one of these advantages believed to be the capacity to produce more pastors), the Wisconsin Synod felt compelled to reopen its own Seminary. Now, however, the Seminary was to be located in Milwaukee.

E. PH. DORNFELD

Editorials

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No doubt, a number of these specialized services (especially in missions) are needed in the Church, but such disinterest in the parish ministry and such preference for specialization as seminarians are expressing are a cause for concern. They can be fraught with serious consequences for the Church.

Even though many theological graduates who have prepared themselves for specialized services in the Church will be assigned to the parish ministry at first, thus obviating a grave parish vacancy problem (no church body can continue to function if only a third of its seminary graduates serves as parish pastors), yet these would-be specialists will be likely to take the first opportunity to leave the parish ministry, or they may even resign from it if they cannot enter into their chosen field of service. In either case the result will be that more pulpit vacancies are created.

Even if circumstances and lack of vocational opportunity keep such specialists in parish work, the Church still is likely to suffer. A specialist assigned to the general practice of the parish ministry tends to chafe under its regimen. His whole heart will not be in his work. Even if he does not go so far as to further his own specialty on the congregation's time, he will not be devoting his full energy and concern to his parish. The result can be the difference between progress and standstill, perhaps even between standstill and decline.

The parish ministry is fundamental. Whatever erodes the effectiveness of this ministry undermines the groundwork of the Church. In the parish ministry the Gospel can be preached in its full scope, in season and out of season. There the glory of the Christian ministry shines in its many-faceted beauty.

The parish ministry deserves to be held in the highest regard. Let no one slight it. The specialist has no right to do so; a synod cannot afford to do it.

C. TOPPE

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES AT NORTHWESTERN COLLEGE

Northwestern College is not a terminal school. Its graduates do not have calls in their hands before they receive their diplomas. They are not prepared to go directly from its campus to parish pulpits and classroom podiums.

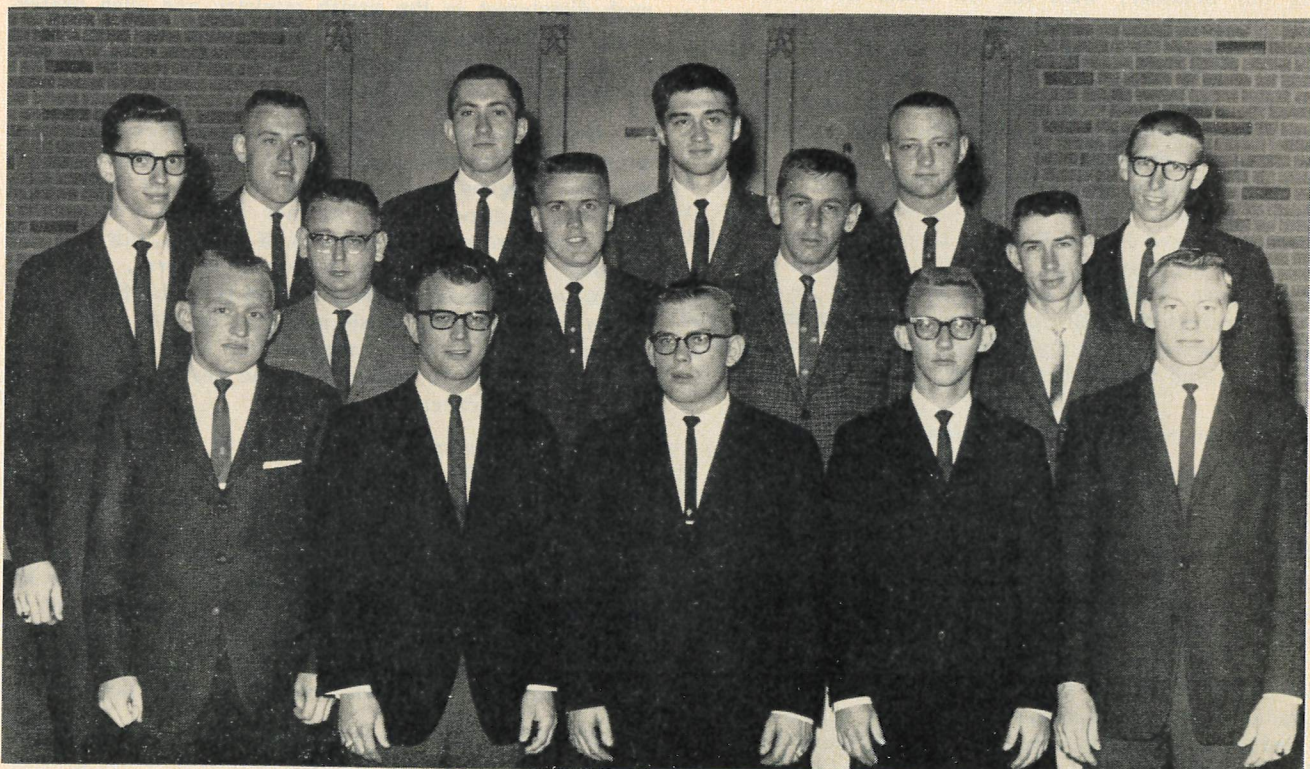
Yet at graduation time there is an awareness of the conclusion of their studies. The traditional hymn sung at the commencement exercises is "Awake, Thou Spirit, Who Didst Fire" with its prayer to the Holy Spirit to "send preachers forth in spirit strong." The young men in the college graduating class are not yet candidates for the ministry, but in spirit all of us already see them going forth to serve in our parishes and missions. The training they have received, the encouragement they have been given, and their own plans to enter the work of the Church as pastors already project them, in the eyes

of the assembly on graduation day, into their future careers.

It is particularly gratifying to sing this invocation hymn when we know that all of the college graduates have declared their intention to complete their theological training. This year all 35 members of the class have submitted their applications for admission to our Seminary.

Although the high-school graduates have completed only the secondary portion of the educational program at Northwestern College, we are also pleased to note their progress toward the goal for which also our preparatory department exists. Most of the 46 graduates of this department will be continuing their preparation for work in the Church, either at Northwestern College, or at one of the two teachers' colleges, Dr. Martin Luther College and Milwaukee Lutheran Teachers' College.

Northwestern College Graduating Class '63



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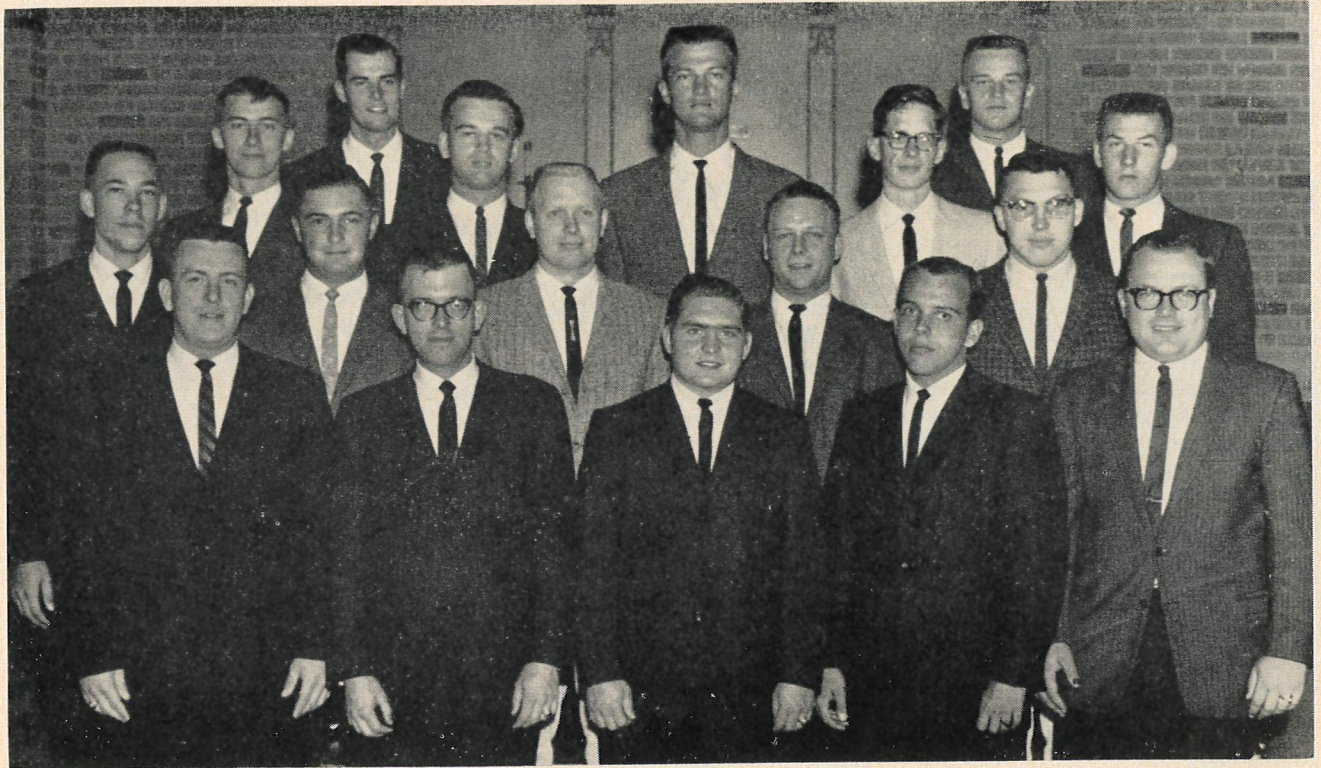
William Goehring, Sanborn, Minn.
Robert Berg, New Richland, Minn.
Walter Goers, Lake Mills, Wis.
Roger Dallmann, New Ulm, Minn.
Larry Cross, Grand Island, Nebr.

Second Row — Left to Right

Gerald Geiger, Buffalo, Minn.
Alfred Jannusch, Camp Douglas, Wis.
Gene Kock, Eau Claire, Wis.
Neil Hansen, Neenah, Wis.
Kermit Habben, Raymond, S. Dak.

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LaVern Holz, Appleton, Wis.
Kenneth Gawrisch, Milwaukee, Wis.
John Graf, Waukesha, Wis.
Jon Engel, Maribel, Wis.
William Gabb, Milwaukee, Wis.



First Row — Left to Right
Fred Kogler, North St. Paul, Minn.
Gerhardt Lambrecht, Kingston, Wis.
William Russow, Woodland, Calif.
James Westendorf, South Haven, Mich.
Harold Sturm, Merrill, Wis.

Second Row — Left to Right
Steven Stern, Sanborn, Minn.
Arthur Valerio, Milwaukee, Wis.
Gary Schmeling, Algoma, Wis.
Verne Voss, Fond du Lac, Wis.
Norman Kuske, Glencoe, Minn.

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Walter Westphal, Jefferson, Wis.
David Neumann, Oshkosh, Wis.
Herbert Winterstein, Saginaw, Mich.
William Meier, Whiteriver, Ariz.
Daniel Zimmermann, Hustisford, Wis.
Kent Schroeder, Watertown, Wis.
Daniel Pautz, Two Rivers, Wis.

Absent

Martin Hahm, Theresa, Wis.
Roger Sachs, South St. Paul, Minn.
William Ziebell, Burlington, Wis.

Briefs

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menical Council, the most holy church, and humanity that aspires to peace. . . .

"Here we have 'strong delusion.' We know that there is but One who has made the only acceptable sacrifice to God, for all time and eternity; and all blessings, both temporal and spiritual, flow to us freely from our heavenly Father for the sake of the bitter sufferings and death of His dear Son. Therefore,

the Christians' answer to this farcical Papal sacrifice is this: 'If God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also *freely give us all things?*' (Rom. 8:31, 32.)

"Peace on earth? The Christian knows there never will be peace, but only wars and rumors of wars in this present evil world. . . . Our peace is that peace which the world cannot give, peace with God, through the crucified Christ.

"Christian unity? We Christians already have it, small in number

though we be. We have it, and it is invisible, being spiritual, and incomprehensible to the man of the world and to the worldly church (Eph. 4: 3-6). This is far beyond the understanding of the destroyer of men's souls, who 'sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God' (II Thess. 2:4). The Papacy cannot fathom a spiritual kingdom, being busy maintaining its world empire. . . .

"Yes, the fruits of the lips of the dying Pope John clearly revealed his nature. It is still as Luther so aptly put it: 'The world gapes at holy workers.'"

Direct from the Districts

Dakota-Montana

Youth Camp

Our District conducts three Lutheran youth camps to provide Bible study and wholesome Christian fellowship, recreation, and activities for the young people of our congregations. Camp Luther, held at Lake Kampeska, Watertown, South Dakota, will be conducted during the last week of June. Camp Oahe, held on the campus of Northwestern Lutheran Academy, Mobridge, South Dakota, will be conducted from July 8 to 12. The Montana Circuit will conduct a Lutheran Bible camp in the Rocky Mountains, near the Boulder River, during August.

Anniversary

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Mobridge, South Dakota, celebrated its golden anniversary on June 16, 1963. Pastor Edgar R. Gamm of Marshall, Minnesota, Pastor Karl G. Bast of Madison, Wisconsin, and Pastor Philipp K. Press of Chilton, Wisconsin, were the guest speakers. Our District joins Zion Evangelical Lutheran Congregation at this time in giving all glory to God for His 50 years of grace and guidance. Pastor Herbert Birner, formerly at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, is now serving Zion Congregation.

Evangelism Committee

Pastor Leroy Dobberstein of Rapid City, South Dakota, Pastor Kenneth Lenz of Glendive, Montana, and Pastor Robert Zink of Raymond, South Dakota, have been appointed by the District officials to serve with Pastor Herbert Birner of Mobridge, South Dakota, on the Evangelism Committee for our District.

New Parsonage

Immanuel Lutheran Congregation of South Shore, South Dakota, has decided to build a new parsonage. They plan to start building immediately so that it will be completed by fall.

Calls Accepted

Pastor Edgar Gieschen of Akaska, South Dakota, has accepted a call to Kendall, Wisconsin. Miss Mary Umnus, a parochial-school teacher at St. Martin's Lutheran School in Watertown, South Dakota, has accepted a call to Garden Homes, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. May God be with them in their new callings!

New Candidates

The Dakota-Montana District welcomes the following pastoral candidates into its midst: Mr. Norman Pommeranz, called to the Mazepa and Rauville, South Dakota, parish; Mr. Lyle Schalow, called to the Carson-Flasher-Paradise, North Dakota, parish; Mr. Theodore Kretzmann, called to the Circle-Presserville, Montana, parish. We also welcome Miss Elaine Tullberg, who will teach at Zion Lutheran School in Mobridge, South Dakota. May the Lord's richest blessings rest upon their work!

ROBERT J. ZINK

Northern Wisconsin

Conferences

The Winnebago Pastoral Conference met at Readfield; the Rhinelander Conference at Phelps; the Fox River Valley Conference at Fox Valley High School; the Manitowoc Conference at Rockwood; and the Lake Superior Conference at Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. All of these had their meetings during the latter part of April.

Faculty members of St. Peter's Lutheran School at Fond du Lac were host to teachers of the Winnebago District Conference in April. Attending were teachers from Fond du Lac, Van Dyne, North Fond du Lac, Mt. Calvary, Oshkosh, Neenah-Menasha, Green Lake, Princeton, and Montello. New officers include Richard Grunze of Princeton, president, and Miss Charlotte Rupprecht of Oshkosh, secretary-treasurer.

Vacancies

East Bloomfield, Immanuel at Oshkosh, and the Forest congregations

have the only pastoral vacancies in the District. There are five teacher vacancies at present. These are in Algoma, Green Lake, New London, and Martin Luther and Trinity at Neenah. Winnebago Lutheran Academy is still calling another teacher.

Installations

Pastor Alvin R. Kienetz, Butterfield, Minnesota, was installed on May 19 at Grace Church, Neenah, by Pastor Arnold Tiefel of Menasha. Pastor J. C. Berger was the former pastor. Pastor Alfons J. Engel, formerly of Medford, was installed on May 26 by Pastor Walter Pankow in Immanuel Lutheran Church, Waupaca. Pastor Paul Kuske was the former pastor there.

Seminary Graduates

Recent graduates from this District are: John P. Gaertner, Neenah; David Schultz, Lena; Melvin Schwark, Markesan; Lyle Schalow of Marshfield. It is of special interest that the long vacancies at Bonduel's Friedens Congregation and Angelica's St. Paul's Congregation have come to an end with the assignment of Larry Zwieg of Watertown to this parish.

Youth Camp

A youth camp will be conducted this summer north of Three Lakes, Wisconsin, from July 14 to 21. It will be for children and youth of seventh to twelfth grade. Additional information may be obtained from Pastor T. Bradtke of Marshfield.

Anniversary

On May 26, St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Wallace, Menominee County, Michigan, celebrated its fortieth anniversary. The guest speaker was the former pastor, Bernard Kuschel of North Fond du Lac. H. A. Scherf is the pastor. This congregation owes its beginning to the desire for Christian services on the part of an Austrian immigrant John Wiandt, and Pastors R. Auerswald and George Schroeder of Menominee. The church was formally organized

in May of 1923. In September of 1923, Holy Cross, Daggett, and St. Mark's joined as one parish. St. Mark's joined the Synod in 1940. A new church was built in 1925 on land given by Mrs. Johanna Rasner.

Area High Schools

At Winnebago Lutheran Academy, Fond du Lac, the annual spring concert was presented on Sunday evening, May 19. This was a variety program of both sacred and secular numbers. Participating groups were the concert choir, student chorus and band and a number of soloists, vocal and instrumental. On June 4, a class of 57 students (38 girls and 19 boys) were given their diplomas by the principal, T. W. Zuberbier. Eleven of these intend to prepare for Christian school teaching. Pastor O. Siegler, newly chosen principal of the high-school department of Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, delivered the address.

A farewell for Pastor O. Siegler (St. Paul's, Mt. Calvary) was given at the Academy on May 29 by the Winnebago Conference, Academy Board and faculty. Pastor Siegler is a former president of this District and president of the Academy Board.

One of the two new instructors to begin at the Academy next fall is Mr. Walter Otterstatter of Manitowoc's First German Lutheran School. His work will be chiefly in the field of science and mathematics. This is the field left vacant by the sudden death of Prof. Karl Bauer last September. On June 8, the alumni of the Academy held their annual banquet.

Manitowoc Lutheran High School graduated 33 this year, Principal Loren Schaller reported. The exercises were held on June 2 for this class of 12 boys and 21 girls. The speaker was the chairman of the Board, the Rev. Gerhard Cares of Cleveland, Wisconsin. A revised constitution for a federation of congregations to support this high school will be studied by the congregations concerned. In April the school acquired 15 acres of land for a new school site. The entire cost has been met. Recently the band purchased a set of used uniforms. The annual school rally sponsored by the Ladies' Guild was held April 21. Pastor Karl Gurgel of Fond du Lac was the speaker. Instructors Heine Schnitker and Elwood Lutze will be going to

summer school on the National Science Foundation grants. The former is going to North Dakota University and the latter to the University of Vermont at Burlington. Frederick Manthey is going to New Ulm to obtain his degree.

At Fox Valley Lutheran, Appleton, commencement exercises were held on June 7. A class of 71 was graduated. There were 33 boys and 38 girls who received their diplomas from Principal H. Warnke and chairman of the Board, Lloyd Doerfler. The commencement speaker was Pastor F. W. Heidemann of New London. Pastor Sylvester Johnson of Appleton gave the invocation and blessing. The annual concert of musical organizations was given on May 17. Mr. Gerhard Rolloff of Appleton will assume direction of choir and band beginning next fall. The Board has authorized the renting of extra space for a year to accommodate the large group of 113 freshman for the fall of 1963.

L. RISTOW

Southeastern Wisconsin

Pastor Robert J. Voss of Siloah Congregation, Milwaukee, has accepted the call as first president of Milwaukee Lutheran Teachers' College. He will assume his duties in August. Pastor Voss, chairman of the Board of Control of Wisconsin Lutheran High School, addressed 163 graduates of the High School on June 7. Commencement services of Milwaukee Lutheran Teachers' College were held the previous evening. The class of 43 graduates heard Pastor W. O. Pless, a member of the college board, preach the commencement sermon.

The Milwaukee Federation of WELS churches cooperated with the District Mission Board in sponsoring a self-study and analysis program for metropolitan congregations of our Synod in the Milwaukee area. The purpose of the program is to alert pastors and laymen to the vast opportunities and responsibilities for mission work which exist in this city. About 30 congregations have already participated, and about 20 more will undertake this most beneficial evaluation. An urban institute was held in conjunction with the program. About 40 pastors from the urban centers of our Synod attended the three-day institute to gain a new understanding of the

urban challenge and to prepare for their work as resource leaders in the participating congregations.

The Federation is presently negotiating a lease for a campsite in northern Wisconsin. It is hoped that the camp will be ready for use before the end of this year.

Four men have recently accepted calls to teach at Wisconsin Lutheran High School. They are: Mr. Floyd Schewecke, Milwaukee; Mr. Allan Treichel, Sebawaing, Michigan; Mr. Marvin Meihock, Hoskins, Nebraska; and the Rev. Robert Mohrhardt, Chicago. The High School Conference met on June 26 to select a builder for the addition to the school.

Pastor Wilbert Krueger, formerly serving St. Peter's and Zion, Allenton, has accepted the call to Christ Congregation, Big Bend. Pastor Gordon Snyder was installed at Nain, West Allis, on June 16. There are five pastoral vacancies in the District: the Allenton congregations; Siloah, Milwaukee; St. Paul's, Franklin; St. Paul's, Tess Corners; and the Chicago area mission field.

RICHARD D. BALGE

Golden Weddings

Mr. and Mrs. Reinhold Steinke of St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Sodus, Michigan, on June 2, 1963.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Langhoff of Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Sanborn, Minnesota, on June 2, 1963.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hinn of St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, on June 9, 1963.

Studies in God's Word

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*Today Thy mercy calls us
To wash away our sin.
However great our trespass,
Whatever we have been,
However long from mercy
Our hearts have turned away,
Thy precious blood can cleanse us
And make us white today.*

*Today Thy gate is open,
And all who enter in
Shall find a Father's welcome
And pardon for their sin.
The past shall be forgotten,
A present joy be giv'n
A future grace be promised,
A glorious crown in heav'n.*

(LH 279:1, 2)

M. BURK

The Thirty-seventh Convention of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

The Thirty-seventh Convention of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod will meet, God willing, August 7 to 14, 1963, at the Wisconsin Lutheran High School, 330 North Glenview Avenue, Milwaukee 13, Wisconsin.

The opening service with Holy Communion will be held Wednesday, August 7, 10:00 A.M., in St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, 804 W. Vliet Street, Milwaukee, the Reverend A. C. Schewe, pastor. Professor Carl J. Lawrenz, president of the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, Wisconsin, will preach the sermon.

The Centennial of the founding of our Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary will be observed at a service to be held on the Seminary grounds on Sunday, August 11, 3:00 P.M. Professor John P. Meyer will preach the sermon.

The opening session will be held at the Wisconsin Lutheran High School Wednesday, August 7, at 2:00 P.M. Delegates are asked to arrive early enough so that they will have time to register before the beginning of the session.

Daily sessions will be held as follows: morning, 9:00 to 11:45 A.M.; afternoon, 2:00 to 5:00 P.M.; evening, 7:00 to 9:00 P.M.

Housing for the delegates will be provided in the two dormitories of the Milwaukee Lutheran Teachers' College and in the dormitory of the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. Noon and evening meals will be served all bona fide delegates in the High School cafeteria. Visitors will also be served if tickets are purchased in advance of the meal.

Reservations for housing must be made by July 20. Kindly address all requests for reservations to The Convention Housing Committee, Wisconsin Lutheran High School, 330 North Glenview Ave., Milwaukee 13, Wisconsin.

Mail sent to delegates during the convention should be addressed in care of Wisconsin Lutheran High School, 330 North Glenview Avenue, Milwaukee 13, Wisconsin. Delegates may be reached by telephone by calling GLenview 3-4567.

PAUL R. HANKE, Secretary

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Thirty-seventh Convention of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod August 7 to 14, 1963

Wisconsin Lutheran High School
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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 Mr. Otto Schroeder, St. John, Kendall, Wis.

**No. 16 BENEVOLENCES, PENSION REPORT,
GROUP INSURANCE COMMITTEE**

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No. 17 STEERING COMMITTEE

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**No. 18 REPORTS ON EVANGELISM
INFORMATION AND STEWARDSHIP
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 Mr. Walter Gurke, Immanuel, Montello, Wis.
 Mr. Harold Bell, Redemption, Milwaukee, Wis.
 Mr. George Michaels, St. Paul, Prairie Farm, Wis.

No. 19 HISTORIAN'S, STATISTICIAN'S, ARCHIVIST'S REPORT

Rev. Edwin Breiling, Chairman
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 Mr. Walter Schulz, Trinity, Huilsburg, Wis.
 Mr. Harold Manthe, Zion, South Leeds, Wis.

BUSINESS OFFICER FOR DMLC

The Board of Control of Dr. Martin Luther College with the approval of the Board of Trustees is creating a new office at the College in which, in the future, all of the College's finances will be concentrated. The title of the man to whom this office will be entrusted will be the Business Officer.

The Board of Control therefore herewith respectfully requests the members of the Synod to send us the names of business men in their areas who in their estimation would qualify.

The man engaged by us should have the following qualifications:

1. He should be in agreement with the educational principles of the College.
2. He should have a comprehensive understanding of business administration.

3. He should possess the integrity that such a position demands.

All names of prospective candidates or further questions are to be directed to the Secretary, Mr. Glende, no later than June 26, 1963. The Board will be glad to arrange for interviews.

Arthur Glende, Secretary
 D.M.L.C. Board of Control
 17 South Jefferson Street
 New Ulm, Minn.

APPLICANTS WANTED

A woman is needed to serve as an assistant cook beginning this September at Northwestern Lutheran Academy, Moberge, S. Dak. If interested, address questions and applications to

Pres. R. A. Fenske
 Northwestern Lutheran Academy
 Moberge, S. Dak.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Board of Control of Dr. Martin Luther College herewith requests members of the Synod to place in nomination the names of men qualified to teach in the field of English, high-school department.

In order to assist the Board in its choice, please include the necessary information concerning the nominee's qualifications.

All nominations must be in the hands of the undersigned not later than July 1, 1963.

Arthur Glende, Secretary
 DMLC Board of Control
 17 S. Jefferson St.
 New Ulm, Minn.

MISSIONARIES AVAILABLE FOR SERMONS AND LECTURES

Missionaries Poetter (Japan) and Henschke (Germany) will be available for sermons and lectures in August.

Missionary Bernhard Henschke is able to speak either German or English and can be reached through Pastor Karl Krauss, 226 W. Kilborn Ave., Lansing, Mich.

Missionary Richard Poetter commands English, German, and Japanese, and will be available for about three months through Pastor Harry Shiley, 8231 W. Herbert St., Milwaukee 18, Wis.

EDGAR HOENECKE, Chairman
The Board for World Missions

CALL FOR CANDIDATES

Professor Oswald's leaving Northwestern brings about the need of a replacement for him on the faculty. Members of the Synod are requested to submit names in nomination of a professor who will work in Latin and German. We ask that the nominations also include pertinent information regarding the qualifications of the man proposed. Nominations will close on July 15 and are to be sent to the secretary:

Pastor Kurt A. Timmel
612 Fifth St.
Watertown, Wis.

CHURCH PEWS OFFERED

Trinity Congregation of Nicollet, Minn., offers to any mission congregation, for the cost of transportation, 16 pews of various lengths. These pews are in good condition and can easily be made the same length. For more information, write:

R. O. Heidemann, Secretary
Nicollet, Minn.

ITEMS AVAILABLE TO MISSION CONGREGATIONS

Free to any mission congregation for transportation costs:

1 silver-plate communion set consisting of chalice, flagon, host box, and paten

1 pair brass, electric, 7-branched altar candelabra, 34 inches high (including candles)

1 pair brass, single candle holders, 7 inches high (match above candelabra)

1 gold altar cross corpus Christi, 37 inches high.

Write to:

Rev. Robert H. Krueger,
Box 5
Elkton, Mich.

CAMP CROIX

Camp Croix, a Wisconsin Synod Youth Camp, will be in operation August 11-17 for grades 4-6, and August 18-24 for Jr. and Sr. High in St. Croix State Park, Hinckley, Minn. Cost per camper, \$17.00. For further information write:

Pastor T. Kuske
7712 Xerxes Ave. S.
Minneapolis 23, Minn.

CHAPEL FUND AT DMLC

Since a chapel has long been desired as an important addition to the campus, the Dr. Martin Luther College Board of Control has designated several legacies that were received for a Dr. Martin Luther College Chapel Fund. These legacies were received from these individuals — John Kuehn of New Ulm, Minn., and Anna Hadler and Herman Hadler of Goodhue, Minn. The total amount of the three gifts is \$18,267.57.

If anyone is interested in adding to this fund, such monies should be sent to the Synod treasurer, Mr. Norris Koopman, and designated for the Dr. Martin Luther College Chapel Fund.

DELMAR C. BRICK
Dr. Martin Luther College

FOR SALE

One complete set, "Dr. Martin Luther's Saemmtliche Schriften," purchased in 1956, like new; price \$125.00, plus shipping cost. Pastor Gerhard Haag, 1345 N.E. 109th Portland 20, Ore.

ALTAR PARAMENTS AVAILABLE

Green and white altar paraments, as well as a white cover set, are offered as a gift. Write to

Mrs. E. R. Klinnes, Secretary
Immanuel Lutheran Ladies' Aid
Medford, Wis.

PIANO, ORGAN TEACHER NEEDED

A piano teacher and an organ teacher will be needed on the music staff of Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minn., for the next school term. Persons interested in either of these positions and those knowing of persons qualified for these positions are asked to inform the undersigned.

Prof. Mellahn Zahn, Chairman
Music Department
Dr. Martin Luther College
New Ulm, Minn.

CALL AS PRESIDENT ACCEPTED

Milwaukee Lutheran Teachers' College

Robert Voss, pastor of Siloah Church, Milwaukee, has accepted the call to become the president of Milwaukee Lutheran Teachers' College.

M. W. ROEHLER, Secretary

37th BIENNIAL CONVENTION AND SEMINARY CENTENNIAL

God willing, the 37th Biennial Convention of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod will be held in the Wisconsin Lutheran High School, 330 N. Glenview Ave., Milwaukee 13, Wis., from August 7 to 14, 1963. These dates are determined by the Synod's Constitution and Bylaws.

The Centennial of the founding of our Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary will be observed at a service to be held on the Seminary grounds on Sunday, August 11.

OSCAR J. NAUMANN, President

CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES

NORTHERN WISCONSIN

MANITOWOC DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: Aug. 4, 1963.

Place: Trinity, Brillion, Wis.

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Host pastor: A. Stuebs.

S. KUGLER, Secretary

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WINNEBAGO DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: Sunday, July 21, 1963.

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Place: Martin Luther Ev. Lutheran Church, Oshkosh, Wis.

Agenda: Reports and Memorials for the Thirty-seventh Convention of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

Note: Pastors and lay delegates are asked to be prepared for an evening session if necessary.

GLENN H. UNKE, Secretary

ORDINATIONS AND INSTALLATIONS

Installed

Pastors

Bradtke, Martin, as pastor of St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Allegan, Mich., and of Peace Ev. Lutheran Church, Otsego, Mich., by C. Kipfmiller; assisted by H. Hempel, P. Hoenecke, W. Zarling, H. Zink; May 19, 1963.

Gieschen, Edgar, as pastor of St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Kendall, Wis., and of Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church, Dorset Ridge, Wis., by A. Schubring; assisted by H. Winkel, H. Gieschen, Sr., N. Gieschen, and L. Meyer; May 5, 1963.

Trzynka, Harold, as pastor of Salem Ev. Lutheran Church, Scio T., Ann Arbor, Mich., by A. H. Baer; assisted by R. Baer, N. Berg, R. Frey, W. Henning, F. Jungkuntz, K. Koeplin, A. Schwerin, R. Mueller; May 12, 1963.

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