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BRIEFS

by the Editor

"DATELINE - WASHINGTON, D.C., is an article in this number (page 281) that should be of interest to you. Your interest should take a certain practical turn if you know of people who have recently moved or are going to move into that area.

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THE GOLDEN JUBILEE DATE of our churchpaper will have arrived by the time you read this. The first issue of our English synodical organ bore the date September 7, 1914. We say "English" because before that time we had only the German "Gemeindeblatt" (periodical for the congregations).

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YOU SHOULD PLACE AN ORDER AT ONCE if you wish to send copies of the anniversary issues to a friend or relative or acquaintance. This is necessary so that our press-run will be large enough to take care of such requests.

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PICTURES FOR OUR COVERS are needed. We welcome pictures of chancels and church exteriors, as in the past. There is also the possibility of getting something a little out of the ordinary if you will have the photographer focus on your spire or tower.

Some of the newer churches have free-standing bell or carillon towers. These too may be photogenic.

Your church need not be anything impressive or architecturally outstanding in order to be featured on our cover. It is dear to you as your house of God, and therefore it is worthy of our cover. We do not try to create the impression as though all our churches were architectural wonders or models of "liturgical correctness." We simply try to give an honest crosscut of our churches as they are.

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THE PICTURE ON THE COVER of this issue shows the chancel of our little Indian Mission chapel at McNary, Arizona. Here some of our Apache brethren worship. Most of them work in the sawmill at McNary. The chancel is paneled in knotty pine. The altar is a cross section of a log from a Ponderosa pine. The pulpit (shown in part at the left) is another such section of Ponderosa. We are told that this log has 437 rings. The chairman of the Apache Indian Mission Board quipped: "That makes it the oldest pulpit in the Wisconsin Synod!"

COMMENT ON THE POPE'S RECENT ENCYCLICAL is given in Pastor Nitz's column, "By the Way." Be sure to read it. It might be good to read "Fingerprints of the Antichrist" (the article in the series "What Do You Mean . . .?") right after it.

Referring back to the Pope's encyclical, we note that it has not been received with rejoicing by church leaders who entertain high hopes for the attainment of unity between Roman Catholics and all the "separated brethren." And no wonder. The Pope with his pronouncement has destroyed their easy optimism.

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AN INTERESTING SEQUEL to the obituary for Dr. Francis Uplegger is also found in "By the Way."

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

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THE COVER — Immanuel Lutheran Chapel, McNary, Arizona; H. E. Hartzell, pastor. (See story in "Briefs" above.)

Editorials

A Home Away From Home The foreign missionary home on furlough may be homeless. With no house, no furniture, no car of his own when he returns to the States, he is only a transient until he returns to his home overseas.

"Home" was once under the parental roof, but it may be inconvenient, if not impossible, for the parents of the missionary or his wife to take him and his family in, much as they would like to. There may not be enough room in the grandparents' home to accommodate the missionary's family; the grandparents may have developed a low threshold of tolerance for the noise and boisterous activity of their grandchildren; they may be in poor health; their home may not be conveniently located for the missionary's lecture circuits, or meetings, or study programs. Even if they can house the missionary's family, it is an imposition the Synod does not wish to place on them, especially on the missionary's parents, who very likely have already provided for him through 11 years of schooling.

The alternative, house-hunting, can be an annoyance. Renting furnished homes or apartments for a limited period of time, in the right location, is not without its problems, especially when young children must be provided for.

Perhaps our Synod should have a furnished home or two available for missionaries on furlough. The home could be in a central location, where the missionary would be readily available to the majority of our congregations, and where opportunities for consultation and for the use of college and seminary libraries would be favorable. Recreational facilities for the children, a Christian day school nearby, and moderate living costs would also be desirable.

Not all missionaries on leave would require or prefer such a furlough home, but for some the furlough would be made more convenient and pleasant if they had a home to go to when they arrived, without being harried by house-hunting responsibilities or being annoyed by fears of imposing on hospitable but inconvenienced relatives.

Perhaps, if our missionaries and the Board for World Missions found a furlough home desirable and feasible, someone among us with sufficient means and with a love for missions would provide it.

CARLETON TOPPE

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Union Without Unity *Trends*, a publication of the National Council of Churches, in its March 1964 number contains an appraisal of the progress toward union that has been made by the Vatican Council of the Roman Catholic Church and by the Sixth General Assembly of the National Council of Churches.

What contribution toward Christian Unity did the second session of the Vatican Council make? Gustave

Weigle, a Jesuit Father, is quoted as saying, "The accomplishment of the second session should be judged in terms of the change in ecclesiastical outlook, rather than in terms of formulation of doctrine. The session's achievement in change of outlook can be measured only after lengthy and thoughtful meditation. . . . It is still too early to essay a final reckoning." That tells us just about nothing.

The National Council's report of the Sixth General Assembly cites the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity as an example of great progress toward unity because in scores of instances Roman Catholics, Jews, Methodists, Lutherans, and others met together in churches, in cathedrals, and in colleges for joint sessions of dialog, worship, and prayer.

The report speaks glowingly of the cordial relations that exist among the various denominations of Christendom today. But the report also ventures to express the fear that the churches are so preoccupied with these cordial relations and with good fellowship that they have in the words of the report, "Produced a climate of theological coexistence in which a common search for the truth is precariously neglected." This means that the churches have become willing to join hands in prayer, in worship, in missions, in cordial dialogs, without paying any attention to doctrine. If that kind of unity is the aim of the National Council of Churches, then it must be admitted that some progress in that direction is being made. But Father Weigle hints that the Catholic Church is not quite ready for union on that basis when he says that accomplishment so far can't be judged in terms of formulation of doctrine. Most Protestant churches, however, seem to be ready to neglect doctrine and to get on with the union.

ERWIN E. KOWALKE

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Human Life? — A Trifle!

A hard, almost contemptuous attitude toward human life is becoming a more pronounced feature of our age. Consider the following exhibits, all set up within recent months.

In New York, a killer stalked a woman for three hours. More than 30 people saw the deadly pursuit from their windows; they heard the woman screaming in terror. Not one of those people even went to the phone to call the police.

In another city a man intent on suicide was perched high on the ledge of a building. When he hesitated for a while to carry out his purpose, from the crowd gathered on the street below there came voices taunting him with "Chicken!" and other choice words of exhortation. When he was finally coaxed back into the building, some groaned in disappointment because there had been no worthwhile excitement.

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Studies in God's Word: Fulfill The Law Of Christ

Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ (Gal. 6:1, 2).

St. Paul directs our attention here to the law of Christ. The law of Christ is not a set of rules which we are to follow in order to merit a reward or to escape a penalty. It is not a legal system which binds us, for better or worse, to a prescribed course of conduct. It is rather a principle which all those who have truly tasted of the Savior's redeeming love are glad to adopt as their way of life. What is proposed in the law of Christ, to that the heart of a Christian is disposed to conform without the stern persuasion of threats and demands. "A new commandment I give unto you," says Jesus to His disciples of every age, "that ye love one another, as I have loved you, that ye also love one another" (John 13:34).

Because the inclination of our sinful flesh is constantly to the contrary, however, we need not only to be regularly reminded of the Savior's law of love, but also to be advised as to the specific manner of its fulfillment. To fulfill the law of Christ, St. Paul urges us on the one hand to

Restore the Fallen

As David's dreadful adultery and Peter's base denial both affirm, even the strongest and most consecrated Christians are vulnerable to the fiery darts of the old evil Foe and liable, in a moment of weakness, to be overcome by the insistent demands of their sinful flesh. Who of us cannot recall an instance of like temptation, whether succumbed to or not, whether personally experienced or not?

And how often do we not find a Christian brother or sister today

penitently acknowledging an inadvertent fall into sin? The spirit was willing, but the flesh was weak. The companions were gay and charming, but not well chosen. Intentions were good, but circumstances were bad. The place was all right, but the time was all wrong. The beginning seemed harmless enough, but things soon got out of hand. In the end, regret, remorse, and contrite tears.

When such an unhappy fall occurs, the tendency on the part of the unscathed to berate and condemn the fallen may quickly leap to the fore. The tendency must be as speedily checked and rejected as an arrogant presumption of infallibility. "Let him that thinketh he standeth, take heed lest he fall" (I Cor. 10:12).

When the prodigal son returned with contrite heart from his riotous fling, his father ran out to meet and warmly embrace him, and arranged for him a splendid homecoming celebration. His son's return was ample evidence of his sincere repentance. No word of rebuke or reproach crossed the father's lips, only the tenderest expressions of a relieved and forgiving heart. Fallen so deeply into the mire of degrading sin and shame, the penitent delinquent was in this way restored to his former place and position in the eyes of his loving father.

How reluctant we ought to be, then, to reprove a brother or sister whose fall, perhaps less severe by far than that of the prodigal son, gives way immediately to a penitence that looks longingly for compassion and pardon. Mindful of the frailty of our own flesh, how eager we should be, instead, to bind up his wounds and to comfort his despondent heart with assurances of the Savior's matchless mercy.

Support the Burdened

The law of love which constrains Christians to restore a fallen fellow believer is the same law which bids

them bear one another's burdens. The blessedness of our fellowship with Christ and with one another includes this that no one is left to bear his burdens all alone. We fulfill the law of Christ when, out of loving concern for a brother or sister, we help shoulder the load he has to bear.

His burden may be a particular weakness, a fault to which he is especially susceptible. It is an aid to him if, knowing the battle he is waging against it, we do not make a major issue of every minor slip nor constantly call attention to a shortcoming which is already greatly magnified in his own mind. If we can countenance a goodly number of our own frailties, we shall not be hard put to abide but one of his. Charity endureth all things.

Our brother's burden may be a lack of knowledge or a scarcity of understanding and experience in matters spiritual. We support him with his burden then, not by flaunting what we believe to be our own superior wisdom or by subjecting him to cruel ridicule, but by gentle encouragement and patient guidance and possibly on occasion by a pretense of complete ignorance on our own part.

Oftentimes, the burden that our brother bears all too uncomplainingly is a vexing physical affliction or perhaps an inordinate measure of grief. Such burdens we may ease least of all with those ceaseless, gushing sounds of sympathy and dismay and most of all with our supplicating prayers, our silent, understanding presence, and our casual, unrequested favors.

We bear one another's burdens best of all when we share with one another our joy and rest in Christ, our Savior, and cling together steadfastly to His Word of life and truth. Thereby only are we enabled and equipped to fulfill His law of love.

MILTON BURK

News FROM OUR Missions



Dateline -- Washington, D.C.

In the fall of 1962, our Wisconsin Synod received a request for service from several families living in the Washington, D.C., area. As a result, on March 31, 1963, our first church service on the Mid-Atlantic Seaboard was held. The location was the Churchill Road School in the Washington suburb known as McLean, Virginia. The service was conducted by the Rev. Leonard J. Koeninger, on leave from Emanuel Lutheran Church, Lansing, Michigan. This service was attended by 28 people. Pastor Koeninger soon returned to his own congregation and was relieved in turn by Pastor Arthur Wacker, Professor Harris Kaesmeyer, and Tutor Gary Schroeder. Attendance in general was gratifying, although at times the hot, humid Washington summer and the necessity of occasionally using tape-recorded services did drop attendance to less than 20.

However, the installation of the Rev. Walter F. Beckmann as resident pastor in the fall of 1963, an intense search for a church site, and the adoption of the name Grace Lutheran Church all served to give the group a feeling of permanence. Interest heightened and under the Lord's blessing attendance increased, so that at present it averages over 40 per Sunday. Our communicant strength of 30

members includes people from 11 cities in three states and the District of Columbia. We have held services in Virginia, performed baptisms in New Jersey, and marriages in Maryland.

When it became evident this spring that we would be locating permanently in the suburb known as Falls Church, Virginia, our temporary place of worship was moved to the Walnut Hill School in that community. Now that our neighborhood is aware that we are no longer on the move, we look for the Lord to bless our publicity and door-to-door canvassing with greater response from our own community.

We share with you the hope that this will not remain an isolated eastern outpost for our Synod, but that it will rather be the beginning of a whole new District. At the moment, we are trying to expand by investigating the Norfolk, Virginia, and the New York City areas. We have also held a Communion service for our Synod's boys at the United States Naval Academy. We intend to offer this service on a monthly basis, beginning with the fall term.

We hope that as you read this article, you will be pleased, but not passively pleased. There is much you can do from your homes in the

West and Midwest to help us get started out here in the East. It still takes Church Extension Funds to build chapels. We need your sons to fill our pulpits. You can help by sending the names of your members who now live in this area. Such people may form the nuclei for other Wisconsin Synod congregations in the East. Who in your family or among your friends is moving to Norfolk, New York City, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, or Baltimore? We have no churches there at present, but if we get the necessary information and support from you, there is no reason why we cannot start them.

Before you read another article in this magazine, do two things! First, thank God with us for the blessing which He has granted to our venture in Washington, D.C. Secondly, send in the names of our Wisconsin Synod people who are moving into eastern cities. *Our Synod has an agency for receiving and processing this information.* Address: WELS Membership Conservation, 10729 Worden Street, Detroit, Michigan 48224.

Do both, and then watch your *Northwestern Lutheran* for articles on further expansion by your Synod in the East.

WALTER F. BECKMANN
Grace Ev. Lutheran Mission

YOUR MISSIONARIES AND WORKERS SERVING ABROAD

Many requests have come to the Board for World Missions, asking for the names and addresses of missionaries and other workers serving us abroad. These people expressed the desire to send our workers an occasional word of cheer, especially at Christmastime. In deference to these requests the following list is being published.

Northern Rhodesia and Malawi (formerly Nyasaland)
Pastor E. H. Wendland, Box 1971, Lusaka, Northern Rhodesia
Dr. Wm. Schweppe, Box 1904, Lusaka, Northern Rhodesia
Pastor Robert Sawall, Box 1141, Lusaka, Northern Rhodesia
Pastor R. W. Mueller, Box 561, Limbe, Malawi
Pastor John Janosek, Box 1141, Lusaka, Northern Rhodesia

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A Lantern to Our Footsteps

Answers Based on Holy Writ

Topics:

**What Is the Origin of Hell?
Why Not Baptize All Children in the Hospital?**

WHAT IS THE ORIGIN OF HELL?

A reader tells of a discussion he had about the origin of hell. He writes: "I pointed out to him the Gospel of St. John, chapter 1, which tells that it was God who made everything, to which he replied that it still was not proof that God made hell. . . . Now would you through *The Northwestern Lutheran* enlighten me and many more on this question, as to who made hell."

God Prepared Hell

In the 25th chapter of Matthew Jesus describes the end of the world. To the unbelievers on His left hand the King will say on Judgment Day: "Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels" (Matt. 25:41). The everlasting fire we certainly recognize as hell. We are not told directly that it was prepared by God, but what other conclusion can be drawn? Did men prepare it? Hardly. Did angels do so? Even then, it would have been done only at God's command.

The same thing is said of heaven earlier in the chapter, when the King speaks to those at His right hand: "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world" (Matt. 25:34). Heaven, the kingdom of heaven, was prepared by God. We conclude similarly that in verse 41 the everlasting fire was prepared by Him.

Of heaven we are told that it was prepared "from the foundation of the world." At the very beginning, when God created this world, He also prepared this eternal kingdom. Man's salvation was God's plan from the very beginning. When did God prepare hell? Nothing is said. We do note, however, the absence of the expression "from the foundation of the world." We shall have to leave it at that. He did prepare it so that it was at hand when angels sinned, as we read in II Peter 2:4: "God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment."

Does This Seem Strange?

Does it strike us strange to think of God as preparing hell? Didn't He also send the fire and brimstone that brought destruction on Sodom and Gomorrah? Didn't He send the flood as a judgment upon sin? Similarly He prepared hell for the angels that sinned. But also all men who in unbelief serve Satan will be cast into that everlasting fire prepared for Satan.

It is well for us in these matters to take care not to go beyond what Scripture itself tells us. These are mat-

ters about which our curiosity often asks questions that are not answered in Scripture. Without determining exactly when God prepared the everlasting fire, let us above all recognize the reality of its existence and not fail to find deliverance from it through faith in Christ and His redeeming blood.

WHY NOT BAPTIZE ALL CHILDREN IN THE HOSPITAL?

We encourage the early baptism of children. We recognize that also our little ones need baptism. A reader asks: Why not baptize them immediately upon birth in the hospital?

If God had told us to baptize our children immediately upon birth, that is what we would need to do. However, in the New Testament God has not placed us under any such law. He tells us: "Baptize." But when this is to be carried out, He has not prescribed in detail.

In the Old Testament He did so. The rite of circumcision had to be performed on all male children when they were eight days old. That was the law. We have no such law in the New Testament regarding baptism.

It would be a denial of this liberty if the Church were to set up the "law" that children are to be baptized immediately in the hospital.

Are we negligent by waiting a brief time before administering baptism? Even in the Old Testament when God by law prescribed the time for circumcision, it was performed a week after the child's birth. If the child in every way is normal and healthy, we trust that the Lord will graciously preserve it so that it may be taken to the house of God for baptism. Although the Lord did not prescribe the place where baptism is to be administered, again leaving this to our Christian liberty to determine, baptism in a worship service is fitting and proper. By baptism the child becomes a member of Christ's Church. Besides, the administration of baptism in church will be a regular reminder to all present of their own baptism and its blessings.

However, an earnest warning is in place. If at birth there is reason to believe that the child is not healthy, we will not delay. Moreover, faith in the grace which God grants to our children in baptism will move parents not to delay this blessing.

So we cannot set down a law that baptism must be performed immediately in the hospital, but neither let us use our Christian liberty to become negligent in the use of this blessed means of grace for our children.

ARMIN SCHUETZE

The Pope A Stumbling Block

"We bear the responsibility of ruling the Church of Christ because we hold the office of Bishop of Rome and consequently the office of Successor of the Blessed Apostle Peter, the bearer of the master keys to the Kingdom of God, the Vicar of the same Christ who made of him the supreme shepherd of His world-wide flock."

Thus Pope Paul VI speaks of himself in the introduction of this first encyclical letter, dated August 6, and called *His Church* from the first words in the Latin version. So he "exalteth himself" and fulfills the prophecy of Paul: "He as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God" (II Thess. 2:4).

Towards the end of the letter the Pope refers to "the dialogue, which has come to be called ecumenical," and which "has already begun, and in some areas is making real headway." Regarding "our Christian brothers still separated from us," he assures them of "our dearest wish to embrace them in a perfect union of faith and charity." But under what conditions? Will the Pope bid his church to abolish all superstitious practices and blasphemous doctrines? Hardly, as is evident from the manner in which he wishes to see his "dearest wish" fulfilled. He says:

"But we must add that it is not in our power to compromise with the integrity of the Faith or the requirements of charity. We foresee that this will cause misgiving and opposition, but now that the Catholic Church has taken the initiative in restoring the unity of Christ's fold, it will not cease to go forward with all patience and consideration.

"It will not cease to show that the prerogatives, which keep the separated brothers at a distance, are not the fruits of historic ambition or of fanciful theological speculation, but derive from the will of Christ and that, rightly understood, they are for the good of all and make for common unity, freedom and Christian perfection. The Catholic Church will not

cease, by prayer and penance, to prepare herself worthily for the longed-for reconciliation.

"In reflecting on this subject, it distresses us to see how we, the promoter of such reconciliation, are regarded by many of the separated brethren as being its stumbling block, because of the primacy of honor and jurisdiction which Christ bestowed upon the Apostle Peter, and which we have inherited from him.

"Do not some of them say that if it were not for the primacy of the Pope, the reunion of the separated churches with the Catholic Church would be easy?

"We beg the separated brethren to consider the inconsistency of this position, not only in that, without the Pope the Catholic Church would no longer be Catholic, but also because, without the supreme, efficacious and decisive pastoral office of Peter the unity of the Church of Christ would utterly collapse."

He adds: "We must observe . . . with joy and confidence, that the vast and varied circle of separated Christians is pervaded by spiritual activities which seem to promise consoling development in regard to their reunion in the one Church of Christ."

In this spirit of optimism he greets "with gratitude and respect the participation of so many representatives of separated churches in the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council."

Footnote To the F. Uplegger Biography

When Mrs. Steve Putnam of Bowler, Wisconsin, heard of the death of Dr. Francis Uplegger, she wrote:

"Thank you for sending *The Northwestern Lutheran* with the article about Pastor F. Uplegger. I am very glad to have it, especially because it mentions his having been pastor at St. John's at Hermansfort, and the year 1891. This coincides with what I thought was true but had no way of confirming it. It was in 1892 that a delegation from our tribe, my father being one of them, made the then

long journey to Hermansfort, possibly on foot, but more likely with a horse and buggy, to ask him to preach to our people. They were Christians but had no preacher any more. Pastor Uplegger was not able to come himself but he went to Shawano to see what could be done and the result of his efforts was that a young pastor, the Rev. Nickels, came to preach every Sunday, soon organized a congregation, which was the beginning of Lutheranism among our folks. And I would say in this year of 1964 we are still firm in the Lutheran faith, which of course is the Christian faith. A very few people are Catholics, a few Pentecostals, and some Orthodox Presbyterian, but I'm certain one would think of our people as a Lutheran tribe of Indians. And it all began soon after the young Pastor Uplegger was ordained at Hermansfort. I said it was a long journey, for I am quite sure it must have taken a day to make the journey to talk with him and return, which now is only a few minutes' run for us. My father liked Pastor Uplegger very much, and Pastor Uplegger referred to my father as 'my dear friend, Mr. Davids.'"

Thelma Davids (now Mrs. Steve Putnam) is referring to the Stockbridge tribe, which consists partly of "the last of the Mohicans," transferred to Wisconsin from New York. Miss Davids graduated from the Milwaukee Lutheran High School while Francis Uplegger was its principal. In the early twenties she taught in the East Fork Mission Day School in our Apache Mission.

Prayer Suit In Michigan

A parents' group filed suit in Grand Rapids, Michigan, to bar religious exercises in public schools in nearby suburban Jenison. This group, known as the Parent Improvement Council, objected to such practices as daily Bible reading, prayers before lunch, periodic lectures on school premises and during school hours by religious teachers, use of Biblical "alphabet" for elementary pupils, and use of

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What do
you mean..



Atonement ?

THE FINGERPRINTS OF THE ANTICHRIST

Purgatory Invented

The telltale fingerprints of the Antichrist are clearly to be seen in Rome's false teaching concerning the atonement. Denying the clear and comforting assurance of the Bible that God has forgiven us "all trespasses, having blotted out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us" (Col. 2:13, 14), Rome has invented purgatory, a place of torture where, supposedly, "petty faults, or the temporal punishment due to sin, are expiated" (Cardinal O'Connell of Boston, *The Catholic Church, the True Church of the Bible*, p. 178).

History of This Dogma

The Council of Florence established the existence of purgatory as a dogma in 1439, less than a hundred years before the beginning of the Reformation. This was reaffirmed when the Council of Trent in 1547, shortly after Luther's death, solemnly declared, "If any one saith, that, after the grace of Justification has been received, to every penitent sinner the guilt is remitted, and the debt of eternal punishment is blotted out in such wise, that there remains not any debt of temporal punishment to be discharged either in this world, or in the next in Purgatory, before the entrance to the kingdom of heaven can be opened to him; let him be anathema [damned]" (Canon XXX). The alleged divine sentence of suffering can, however, supposedly be commuted by the Pope and the priest by means of indulgences and masses. Again in 1563 the same Council declared "that there is a Purgatory, and that the souls there detained are helped by the intercessions of the faithful, but most of all by the acceptable sacrifice of the altar" (Session XXV).

Perpetual Uncertainty

How Rome with its threat of purgatory, a veritable sword of Damocles, keeps men suspended in perpetual uncertainty! Consider, for example, these statements in the June 1964 issue of *Tabernacle and Purgatory*, a magazine published by the Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration, of Clyde, Missouri: "It is reasonable to believe that the greatness and duration of the sufferings in purgatory vary according to the gravity of the sins committed on earth and unatoned for (!) at the time of death. . . . Some souls may have to suffer for generations. . . . Though only God knows the period of time any particular soul may have to remain in purgatory, the souls are ever hopeful that this duration will be shortened by the prayers and good works of the faithful upon earth" (p. 47).

"One More Mass"

What power of persuasion lies in the blunt, naked threat of purgatory! The poor, deluded "faithful" would have to be blocks of stone indeed not to be moved by appeals such as this: "Pay the ransom of souls with the

Chalice, with the *CHALICE*. The greatest means of converting souls is *one more Mass*, one more Mass during the week, and, with sacrifice, two or three more Masses; if possible, *daily Mass*, to pay for the eternal salvation of souls so dear to you" (from "The Redeeming Power of the Mass," published by the Benedictine Sisters, original emphasis). What an emotional appeal lies in the claim that a person has it within his power to shorten the sufferings of his loved ones in purgatory by attending, and especially by buying "one more mass"! If people will spend a fortune seeking medical help for members of their family, what will they not be willing to pay to relieve them of the pains of purgatory!

A Stupendous Swindle

It is not a false or unjust accusation, therefore, when it is said that the Catholic Church is the greatest swindler in the world. Although it retains the outward form of Christianity, it has, in fact, abolished Christ's vicarious satisfaction and made a mockery of it. It is, of a truth, the devil's outstanding institution to deprive men of their salvation.

The Telltale Mark of the Antichrist

The Papacy is, therefore, and to the end of time will remain, the great Antichrist. Its fingerprints are those of "the man of sin," as Scripture calls him, "the son of perdition, who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshiped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God . . . whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness in them that perish" (II Thess. 2:3-10). Our Lutheran Confessions, therefore, rightly declare "that the Pope is the very Antichrist" (*Smalcald Articles*, Part II, Art. IV, 10), pointing out that "the marks of Antichrist plainly agree with the kingdom of the Pope and his adherents" (Tract., 39).

The Contrast of Scriptural Assurance

In contrast to Rome's comfortless teaching, which has led many a brokenhearted sinner to the very brink of despair, as it did Luther in his monastery days, the Lord gives us by the mouth of His prophet, Isaiah, His assurance of complete and unconditional pardon: "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" (1:18).

The Bible thus leaves no room for the false dogma that Christ's atonement is limited, partial, or incomplete and that we must pay the balance of our debt ourselves in purgatory. The words of Paul are clear and plain, "There is therefore now *no condemnation* to them which are in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 8:1).

WILBERT R. GAWRISCH

Direct from the Districts

Southeastern Wisconsin

Vacancies

Seven pastoral vacancies still exist within the District. Some of the congregations have been calling for over a year. One very important position is that of a missionary-at-large for the District. The Mission Board has extended many calls over the past without avail.

The calling congregations, besides the Mission Board call, are: Trinity at Huilsburg, Peace at Hartford, Mt. Lebanon and Divine Peace in Milwaukee, St. John's, Howell Avenue at Oak Creek, Gloria Dei at Flossmoor, Illinois.

Anniversary

On May 31 the Trinity Lutheran Church of Huilsburg in a special service observed the golden anniversary of their former pastor, the Rev. Walter Reinemann, who had retired because of ill health. His fellow pastors of the Dodge-Washington Conference joined him in thanksgiving for the blessings of the Lord during a half century in the holy ministry. The service was conducted by Pastor W. F. Schink; the sermon based on Isaiah 52:7 was delivered by Pastor Adolph von Rohr. At a subsequent banquet, Visitor Melvin Croll presided as various speakers addressed the assembly.

Pastor Walter A. Reinemann was ordained September 20, 1914, and served congregations in Denmark, Wisconsin, Norwalk, Wisconsin, Elkhorn, Wisconsin, and at Huilsburg, Wisconsin.

May the Lord bless him in his retirement!

School News

The Wisconsin Lutheran High School will begin its 1964-65 school year with a service at 9:00 A.M. September 9, in the which R. P. Krause will be the speaker. The enrollment will reach about 900. New faculty members are Miss Susan Schwartz, librarian, and Mr. Harold Yotter, mathematics. Mr. Lester Found, who has been acting guidance director for the past two years, has accepted the call to the newly created position of vice-principal.

Prof. A. Wolddt of Milwaukee Lutheran Teachers College has been a guest lecturer during the summer at our DMLC.

The MLTC enrollment of approximately 155 includes 100 freshmen. It will open its year on Tuesday, September 15, at 10 A.M., with a service in which President R. J. Voss will preach the sermon.

Seminary Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Zahn, who have faithfully served our Seminary at

Mequon for the past five years as steward and manager of the Seminary kitchen, resigned from their positions at the end of May. They are now members of Peace Ev. Lutheran Church, Wautoma, Wisconsin. Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Stellick, of Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Hokah, Minnesota, have in the meantime been engaged by the Seminary Board of Control to fill these positions. They will begin their services several weeks before the opening of the new school year.

It appears that during the 1964-65 school year the student attendance at our Seminary will for the first time in its history pass the 100 mark. With 31 Seniors and Middlers serving as parish vicars or undergraduate instructors, the Seminary's total enrollment will likewise be the highest that it has reached.

Miscellaneous

A program of private hospital visitation is being organized in the Milwaukee area with volunteer pastors to supply the manpower to call upon unchurched patients of Wisconsin Synod background.

The Milwaukee Federation also sponsored and conducted the Lutheran worship service at the Wisconsin State Fair on Sunday, August 23.

HARRY WIEDMANN

News From Our Missions

(Continued from page 281)

Pastor Albert Muyangana, Lutheran Church, Post Restante, Manyinga, Northern Rhodesia
Miss Kathryn Stuhr, Box 1141, Lusaka, Northern Rhodesia
Miss Lois Stindt, Box 1141, Lusaka, Northern Rhodesia

The two missionaries on furlough are:

Pastor R. G. Cox, 12759 North Shoreland Parkway, 25W, Mequon, Wisconsin 53092
Pastor Theodore Sauer, 212-A Grove Street, Beaver Dam, Wisconsin 53916

(Both of them will still be here at Christmastime.)

Japan

Pastor Richard Seeger, No. 17-40, 2 Chome Koishikawa-Cho Bunkyo-Ku, Tokyo, Japan

Pastor Richard Poetter, 4022 Ishikawa-Cho, Mito City, Japan

Pastor Luther Weindorf, Komatsu 620 Tsuchiura City, Japan

Pastor Yamada, c/o Pastor Richard Seeger (address above)

Puerto Rico

Pastor Rupert A. Eggert, H-26 Rio Piedras Heights, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico

Pastor Roger Sprain, c/o Henry Kuhn, 356 River Drive, Appleton, Wisconsin

Hong Kong

Prof. Conrad Frey, 13 Tak Hing Street, Kowloon, Hong Kong 6th Floor

The Twenty-Fourth Biennial Convention of the Minnesota District

The 230 delegates of the Minnesota District assembled at Dr. Martin Luther College in New Ulm from June 29 through July 2, 1964: 84 pastors, 17 professors, 35 teachers, and 103 lay delegates. They were faithful and prompt in their attendance and attentive to the business in hand in spite of the uncomfortable muggy weather that prevailed.

All morning sessions of the convention were held at St. Paul's Church and in the school auditorium downtown, as the summer session at DMLC needed the classroom facilities on the hill during that time; the afternoon sessions made use of the College auditorium.

The opening service of the convention was held in St. Paul's Church with Pastor John Raabe in the pulpit. "Where the Word of the King is, there is power," was his theme, based on Ecclesiastes 8:4. A mission service led by Pastor F. Nitz on Tuesday, and a Christian education devotion presented by Professor L. Hanke on Wednesday edified the assembly.

As is the custom in our convention, doctrinal and practical essays were scheduled for many of the morning sessions. Professor F. Blume of our Theological Seminary at Mequon spoke on "Martin Luther and our Bible Translations"; Pastor H. Koch treated the topic "The Antichrist, Semper Idem (Always the Same)." Pastor H. Muenkel explained "How our Pre-Budget Subscription System Has Fared." The delegates manifested their interest by their careful attention and ensuing lively discussion. Mimeographed resumés prepared by Pastor D. Kock, our essay recorder, were distributed to all delegates.

Elections brought the following results: president, Pastor M. J. Lenz, Delano; first vice-president, Pastor W. J. Schmidt, New Ulm, second vice-president, Pastor G. Horn, Red Wing; secretary, Pastor N. Kock, Wood Lake; treasurer, Mr. Wm. J. Frank, Delano; financial secretary, Pastor Martin Lemke, Fairfax; District Mission Board, Pastor R. Palmer, Minneapolis, Mr. Kurt Hinnenthal, Minneapolis; statistician, Professor H. Birkholz, New Ulm.

Much interesting information was given the convention by the representatives of the various boards and commissions that carry on the work of the Synod between conventions. Moving pictures, slides, and displays helped delegates to form better pictures of missionary, educational, and administrative activities of the Wisconsin Synod.

In the course of the convention mention was made of several special gifts toward the work of the Church. The convention's service collection was designated for the Christian Literature Program of the Lutheran Church of Central Africa. On behalf of the Aid Association for Lutherans, the local agent, Mr. R. Grebe, presented President Schweppe with a check of \$1900.87 to be used in furnishing the new women's dormitory, Hillview Hall, on DMLC's campus. The activities of the College Ladies Auxiliary in the presentation of equipment, furnishings, and scholarships to DMLC were acknowledged with thanks.

Twenty-one floor committees prepared and presented reports during the four-day convention. Many of these were informational in character; some, however, called forth extensive discussion. The report of the Advisory Committee on Teacher-Training Facilities (the so-called

Blue Ribbon Committee) called forth most discussion. We append the resolutions that were adopted by the convention in their entirety.

Pages 28-49 in Syllabus

Resolution No. 1

Subject: Teacher-Training Facilities

WHEREAS, The Lord has graciously and bountifully blessed the Christian education program of our Synod, and

WHEREAS, The Synod for years has faced the growing need for more workers in the teaching ministry as well as more adequate teacher-training facilities, and

WHEREAS, The Synod has indicated that these needs might best be met by the addition of a two-year college to an adequate four-year college plan, and

WHEREAS, The Synod resolved to "open a teacher-training college in or near Milwaukee with a two-year course" (1959 Proceedings — Report of Committee 5, p. 105), and

WHEREAS, Upon further study, the Synod resolved to include in its Milwaukee Lutheran Teachers' College investment "the construction of the classrooms needed for the college with the understanding that in return for these classrooms the Synod may continue its two-year teacher-training program in connection with the Wisconsin Lutheran High School for a minimum period of six years after the construction has been completed" (1962 Proceedings — Report of Committee 3, pp. 57-58), and

WHEREAS, The Synod, after careful study, resolved at its special convention, 1962, that "Dr. Martin Luther College be retained as a four-year college for the preparation of elementary-school teachers, and that this school be developed to serve in this capacity for a minimum enrollment of 500 college students" (1962 Proceedings — Report of Committee No. 3, p. 57), and

WHEREAS, The Synod in reaching this decision was guided by the historic position of Dr. Martin Luther College, its Educational Self-Survey, and in view of the anticipated adequate facilities granted by the Synod, and

WHEREAS, The need remained for careful and thorough planning for the future of our teacher-training program, particularly in regard to Milwaukee Lutheran Teachers' College, and

WHEREAS, The Synod authorized the appointment of the Committee on Teacher-Training Facilities for the purpose of conducting this study, and

WHEREAS, The zeal of the Committee on Teacher-Training Facilities resulted in enlarging the scope of its assignment to include a "review of the entire teacher-education program from the beginning," to "be conducted in a totally independent manner, unrestricted by former Synodical resolutions," and

WHEREAS, The Committee on Teacher-Training Facilities has asserted to have "received strong

support and encouragement from the Conference of Presidents" (cf. Syllabus, page 30, par. 2), and

WHEREAS, This has lead the Committee on Teacher-Training Facilities to conclusions contrary to the findings and resolutions of the Synod passed in November of 1962 after careful and thorough study of the teacher-training needs (cf. 1962 Proceedings, Resolution No. 1), and

WHEREAS, The conclusion reached by this committee (cf. Syllabus, Page 44, Par. 1 and 2), together with its recommendations to the Synod, would in order to be adopted necessitate the rescinding of past Synodical resolutions, and

WHEREAS, The recommendations of the Committee on Teacher-Training Facilities in some respects stand in conflict with the findings in the Dr. Martin Luther College Faculty in its Self-Survey; compare Syllabus Part VI with pages 48-49 of the Self-Survey, and page 37, D-1 with the plan of the Self-Survey, pages 180-184, and

WHEREAS, The recommendations of the Committee on Teacher-Training Facilities raise new problems which need careful and thorough study, to wit,

- a) The problem of accreditation,
- b) The apparent discrepancies in figures used in the comparative cost study,
- c) Other debatable issues, e.g., the "indecision" Syllabus, 1964, P. 29; the use of percentages, P. 37, D-2; the advantages and disadvantages of a metropolitan school, and

WHEREAS, The Faculty and Boards of Dr. Martin Luther College has begun but has not yet completed its own evaluation of the Committee on Teacher-Training Facilities report, and

WHEREAS, The Faculty of Dr. Martin Luther College has in a formal letter to the Nine Districts of the Synod urged a similar thorough study by the entire Synodical constituency, and

WHEREAS, The magnitude of the Committee on Teacher-Training Facilities report, and its many implications have such far-reaching consequences for our entire Synod; therefore be it

Resolved, a) That the Dr. Martin Luther College and Dr. Martin Luther High School Faculties and Boards be encouraged to complete their study of the Committee on Teacher-Training Facilities report, and bring their findings to the Nine Districts of the Synod, and be it further

Resolved, b) That in order to avoid needless delay in the execution of Synodical resolutions, and in the interest of unanimity of purpose and Synodical integrity, we urge the entire Synodical constituency to make a careful study of all reports pertaining to the future teacher-training program of the Synod, and be it further

Resolved, c) That special meetings on the District and/or conference level be called, if necessary, to facilitate this thorough study, and be it finally

Resolved, d) That this Synod-wide study be completed by the time of the Synod's 1965 convention when a final decision may be reached which shall redound to the glory of God and to the best interests of His Church and our Synod.

Pages 48-49 in Syllabus

Resolution No. 2

Subject: Northwestern College Dormitory

WHEREAS, The needs of Northwestern College do not come under the scope of the Committee on Teacher-Training Facilities; therefore be it

Resolved, That the construction of a new dormitory to replace the 1875 dormitory be left to the Board of Trustees and the Advisory Committee on Education (cf. 1962 Proceedings, page 60, Resolution No. 10 and note).

The convention acknowledged with gratitude the efficient and friendly services of the DMLC personnel which made and carried out the plans for hosting the group; St. Paul's Church, too, was thanked for the use of its church and school for the morning sessions. The business of the convention was carried on so expeditiously that it was able to adjourn within 15 minutes of the scheduled time.

Northern Wisconsin District Convention

July 13-16, 1964

"Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ" (I Cor. 11:1). In the spirit of this admonition of the Apostle Paul the convention of the Northern Wisconsin District was begun with an opening Communion service at Faith Lutheran Church, Fond du Lac. And in the spirit of this admonition the work of the convention was carried on through four days of sessions at the Winnebago Lutheran Academy.

Two edifying essays were heard, Prof. Hoge Bergholz recalling "The Origin and Development of the

Papacy," and Pastor Karl Gurgel reviewing "Church Discipline According to Matthew 18."

The encouraging reports from both Home and World Mission Boards, as well as a report from Missionary Theodore Sauer of Northern Rhodesia, Africa, were gratefully received. Delegates were moved to thank the Lord for His blessings so evident on every hand. At the same time the realization of how much more could have been done with more laborers and more mission offerings filled all with a sense of sorrow and the resolve

to put forth more faithful efforts so as to follow more closely in the footsteps of St. Paul.

The very thorough and comprehensive report of the Committee on Teacher-Training Facilities received much study and attention. The majority of delegates favored the "Milwaukee Plan," which would develop Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, as a "combination preparatory-junior college," and the 55-acre site near Milwaukee as a four-year teacher-education institution. This plan, it seemed to the majority, would

best answer the urgent and ever-increasing need for laborers in the day schools of our Synod.

The convention went on record as opposing the proposed hospital-medical-surgical plan to be administered by the Synod. Fears were expressed that such involvement would divert offerings given for mission work from their intended purpose. At the same time assurance was given that "there are any number of hospital-medical-surgical plans available to any and all without the Synod's participation." In a related action the District resolved to memorialize the Synod to

terminate the Pension Plan covering all workers in the Church and to expand, if necessary, the system presently carried on by the General Board of Support. This, it was felt, would be in keeping with the Scriptural admonition of care and concern for those in need, without involvement in an expensive program which tends ever more to secularize the work of our Synod.

Pastors J. C. Dahlke and Armin Roekle were re-elected to the office of president and vice-president respectively. Pastor Karl Gurgel was chosen as second vice-president to fill

the position left vacant when Oscar Siegler accepted a call into another District. District Secretary S. Kugler was also returned to office.

With gratitude to God for the privilege of serving Him in His kingdom, pastors and delegates turned homeward to tell what they had seen and heard to their fellow Christians in the congregations. Strengthened and encouraged by God's Word and prayer, all went home more determined to heed Paul's encouraging "be ye followers of me, even as I am of Christ."

D. BITTER

THE NEBRASKA DISTRICT CONVENTION

July 14-17, 1964

"TO RETAIN AND SPREAD THE FAITH" might well have been the theme of this convention. The theme was first struck when President Hugo Fritze greeted pastors and delegates with a statement from Pastor Breuer's opening address to the first Nebraska Synod assembled 60 years ago: "A true Lutheran Synod retains the faith of the Confessions and spreads it by missionaries." Exhortations toward this work came from the convention preachers, Pastor G. Press, first vice-president of the Synod, with the example of St. Paul vindicating his ministry before Felix, and Pastor H. Schnitker by applying Christ's parable in Luke 19: "Occupy Till I Come." Strength to do so came from the absolution and Sacrament administered by the host pastor, E. Lindemann, in St. John's Lutheran Church at Stanton, Nebraska.

The convention essay, "The Christian and the Law," by Prof. Armin Schuetze of our Theological Seminary, encouraged the holding fast to our Christian freedom by the Gospel and at the same time remembering our sinful flesh's need for the use of the Law. Discussion revealed much concern for keeping the Law of God full of its impossible conditions for fallen man and the saving Gospel free of any conditions at all.

The convention was honored, informed, and encouraged by the reports of several Synodical visitors; Pastor G. Press of the Commission on Doctrinal Matters, Pastor H. Shiley with his latest news about the Japan and Hong Kong mission fields, and Pastor E. Zell with details on the Synod Relief Program.

Delegates also praised God for what success He had given to the work of spreading the Faith within the confines of the District. To name a few:

- A 12% increase in offerings over the past three years;
- Additional workers in the persons of this year's graduates: Pastors D. Sievert, R. Ehlers, R. Kuckhahn, and Teacher D. Henning. As a result of two vicar placements, N. Paul and P. Seiltz, all pastor and teacher vacancies in the District were filled at the time;
- Organization of Our Redeemer Congregation at Martin, South Dakota;
- 130 baptisms and 85 confirmations in the past year by our 19 missionaries serving 23 places;



NEBRASKA DISTRICT OFFICERS. Seated are President H. Fritze (left) and Secretary M. Weishahn. Standing are Second Vice-President H. Schulz (left) and First Vice-President G. Free.

- New missions opened at Columbus, Nebraska, Stockton and Topeka, Kansas;
- Plans by the Colorado Mission District Board for new missions at Las Animas and Fort Collins, Colorado;
- A net gain of 36 pupils for a total enrollment of 622 in our 14 Christian day schools;
- Encouraging news regarding teacher certification in our District since Dr. Martin Luther College received accreditation.

Committee work on the syllabus reports of Synodical boards resulted in numerous recommendations of the District. In its resolutions the District:

- Recommended that the Christian Chinese Lutheran Mission at Hong Kong be accepted and supported;
- Recommended that the LSWC-MSO outlined program of further cooperation with the Military Chaplaincy be censured and revised;
- Urged that the Nebraska District defer recommendation on the future location of teacher-train-

ing facilities until the conferences have the chance to consider the forthcoming study of the Dr. Martin Luther College faculty;

- Recommended that all forthcoming religious texts and manuals by the Synod Board of Education be reviewed by the District Boards of Education before publication;
- Resolved that the membership of Synod be continually kept aware of the Nebraska District's need and desire for an Academy in its area for the purpose of recruiting future pastors and teachers.

Interspersed through the convention work were the elections. Pastor Hugo Fritze was returned to the presidency. Pastor G. Free replaced Pastor L. Gruendeman

as first vice-president, and Pastor H. Schulz succeeds Pastor H. Schnitker as second vice-president. Pastor M. Weishahn was re-elected as the District secretary.

Also interspersed through the work were delicious meals and comfortable accommodations provided by the members of the host congregation.

Finally, above all and through it all, God's grace in Christ was with our convention. So hot were these July days that a neighboring farmer is reported to have lost 75 head of cattle by heat suffocation. Yet all pastors and delegates returned home safe and strengthened in the work of retaining and spreading the Faith. To God be thanks!

David J. Plocher

Seventy-fifth Anniversary St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church Darwin, Minnesota

July 12, 1964, this congregation conducted two thanksgiving services. In the morning services Professor Armin Schuetze of the Seminary at Mequon, Wisconsin, preached on Genesis 28:16-22, exhorting the congregation his father had served for 32 years to rededicate itself to the Lord. In the evening, M. J. Lenz, president of the Minnesota District, spoke on: "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and today and forever" (Heb. 13:8). About 450 attended these two services. The offerings were for missions and amounted to \$860.00. A jubilee booklet was published.

A few historical highlights: In 1865 a preaching station was founded in Ellsworth Township by Pastor Henry Braun of Immanuel, Acoma. St. Peter's Congregation was organized on January 13, 1889. In 1892 the church was built. The first parsonage was erected in 1895, and the present one in 1913. In 1951 the church was remodeled, and a full basement was put under it.

During the 75 years since the organization 499 baptisms were performed, 369 were confirmed, 183 couples married, and 117 buried. The 1963 parochial report gave these statistics: 192 baptized souls, 118 communicants, 47 voters, 54 in Sunday school, summer school 47, total communed 400.

The following pastors have served the congregation since its organization: Heinrich Franz, Christian Albrecht of Acoma, Fred Koehler, Hutchinson. G. E. Fritzke, the first resident pastor, from June 1895-1898; H. J. Albrecht

—1905; Theodore Thurow, —1912; Martin Schuetze, —1945; Henry C. Gieschen —1950; M. C. Kunde —1958. Since June 1958 the undersigned has been the pastor.

May God, in His grace, be with this congregation in the future as He was in the past! To Him alone be the glory!

THEODOR BAUER



ST. PETER'S, DARWIN, MINNESOTA, which recently observed its seventy-fifth anniversary.

Fiftieth Anniversary in the Ministry

It pleased Almighty God to permit Pastor Arthur Werner of Elroy, Wisconsin, to observe the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination into the Lutheran ministry on July 19. Pastor W. E. Schulz of Cambria, Wisconsin, a longtime friend, preached the anniversary sermon; his text was Psalm 16:5-7; his theme: Your fiftieth anniversary is a time for devout contemplation of God's merciful kindness. The liturgist was Pastor F. A.

Werner of Rochester, Minnesota, son of the celebrant.

On July 19, 1914, Pastor A. Werner was ordained as a minister of the Gospel by the sainted Pastor H. Bergmann at Pewaukee, Wisconsin, and installed as pastor of Christus Lutheran Church. In June of 1918 he accepted the call of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church at Appleton, Wisconsin. From 1920 until 1946 he was pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church

at Town Center, Outagamie County, Wisconsin. In addition he served St. Matthew's Lutheran Church at Twelve Corners until the small congregation was disbanded. For a number of years he conducted services at the Outagamie County Hospital. In October 1946, Pastor Werner received and accepted the call to St. Paul's Lutheran Church at Cataract and Peace Lutheran Church of Town Little Falls, Wisconsin. From August 1949 on he also served the new mission at Millston. Pastor W. E. Schulz in-

stalled Pastor Werner at Zion Lutheran Church at Elroy on November 4, 1956, and on February 21, 1960, as pastor also of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Town Glendale, Monroe County, Wisconsin. Pastor Werner is

serving these latter two congregations at the present time.

With Samuel the celebrant exclaims: The Lord hath helped me hitherto! May the Lord who has graciously permitted His servant to

minister in His vineyard these 50 years permit him to serve in that vineyard to the end of His earthly days! To God alone be the glory!

FREDERICK A. WERNER



THE JAPAN DISPLAY ATTRACTED ATTENTION at the organizing convention of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society on June 27. (See July 26 issue.) Shown at the display are (l. to r.): Mrs. G. Schapekahn, Mrs. Ray Burmester, Mrs. Robert Eckelberg, and Mrs. A. L. Mennicke.

Editorials

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In Milwaukee at least two men stood idly by while a man drowned himself in the Milwaukee River—within easy reach of their rescue efforts, had they been inclined to make them.

The representative of a circus recently bemoaned the ordinances passed by some cities that nets must be placed under high-wire performers and aerialists. "It takes something away from the acts. The crowds don't like the net either. It takes away some of the excitement for them," the circus man said, in effect.

It would be a mistake to dismiss all this with the comment of shocked bystanders: "What's this world coming to?" We aren't bystanders. This is *our* age, influencing us. Slowly, but surely, the things going on around us could erode the tender care and concern for the life of our fellow man — one made in the image of God, one for whom Christ died. Let us be alert to the danger, and let us pray God to keep us unspotted from the world's growing contempt for human life and its lust to be entertained by seeing a life snuffed out.

WERNER FRANZMANN

By the Way

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school facilities for Youth for Christ groups as well as for sectarian religious organizations.

Also challenged were strict prohibitions against students doing homework on Sunday, verbal and written admonitions against television viewing, and lectures to the students condemning use of intoxicating liquor by adults.

A spokesman for the Parent Improvement Council said: "We are not atheists, not godless people. Our council is comprised of people from many denominations. We seek only our rights as citizens to confine moral and spiritual judgment to the home and church." (*The Sunday School Times*, Aug. 22, 1964.)



ACTIVE AT THE LWMS CONVENTION were (standing l. to r.): Mrs. Ray Burmester, Mrs. Rudy Suter, Mrs. Marvin Niemeyer, Pastor H. E. Essmann, Pastor O. H. Heier; (seated l. to r.): Mrs. Fred Bohlmann, Mrs. Herbert Speckin.

WINNEBAGO TEACHERS CONFERENCE

September 24 and 25, 1964

Thursday

9:00-10:00 Opening Service
 10:00-10:15 Announcements—Election Committee
 10:15-10:45 Board of Education—Wisconsin Synod
 10:45-11:00 Recess—Assemble for sectional meetings
 11:00-11:50 Grades 5-8
 Continuation of unit on "Moses," R. Grunze
 Discussion Leader, A. Heyer
 Grades 1-4
 "Our Mission Work," Mrs. Leo Sonntag
 Discussion Leader, Mrs. Elaine Zermuehlen
 Kindergarten
 "Our Mission Work," Mrs. Ruth Moldenhauer
 11:50-1:00 Dinner
 1:00-1:30 Displays—Mathematics, Faculty, Bethel, Menasha
 1:30-1:45 Devotion, Chairman
 1:45-2:45 Athletics in our schools, Arvid Kramer
 2:45-3:15 Business Meeting

3:15-3:30 Recess
 3:30-4:30 Useful Art Projects
 Grades 3-8, Miss Lillian Quandt,
 Miss Gertrude Schmidt
 Kindergarten—Gr. 2, Miss Doris Nast

Friday

9:00-9:15 Devotion
 9:15-9:45 Report of District President
 9:45-10:45 Making Arithmetic Meaningful—Prof. Leverage
 10:45-11:00 Recess—Assemble for sectional meetings
 11:00-11:50 Discussion of the paper by Prof. Leverage
 Grades 7 & 8, Discussion leader, Walter Sievert
 Grades 5 & 6, Discussion leader, Ted Zuberber
 Grades 3 & 4, Discussion leader, Janice Balko
 Grades 1 & 2, Discussion leader, Mrs. Nelson
 Noon
 1:00-1:15 Devotion
 1:15-1:45 Business
 1:45-2:45 Current Events, Werner Roekle
 2:45-3:00 Unfinished Business
 3:00- Closing Devotion

A CORRECTION

In the August 23 issue of *The Northwestern Lutheran*, page 265 ("Looking at the Religious World"), the fourth line from the bottom in the first column should read, "the immortality of the soul, and."

NOTICE TO ALL WELS PASTORS

Pastor Arthur W. Schupmann of Ballwin, Mo., is the WELS camp pastor at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. He conducts services every other Sunday on the base, in Chapel #4, Building No. 1947, at 7:30 p.m. (19:30). Servicemen should be given this information before they leave for Fort Leonard Wood.

Lutheran Spiritual Welfare Commission
 3624 W. North Ave.
 Milwaukee, Wis. 53208

AN OFFER

A set of new outer church doors, size 3 by 7 feet, of solid-core oak, 1 3/4 in. thick, with ember bottleneck cross light. The offer of this gift is made to any congregation needing such doors by Paul Warmbier, R.R. 2, Weyauwega, Wis. 54983.

A REQUEST — ALTAR PARAMETERS

Redeemer Lutheran Mission of the Township of Weston, Schofield, Wis., is in need of used altar parameters and linens for all seasons of the year for the altar, pulpit, and lectern. If such articles are available, please send details and cost to:

Pastor David V. Schultz
 Ringle, Wis.

NOTICE

If any of our pastors knows of Wisconsin Synod members at the V.A. Hospital in Battle Creek, Mich., please send name and information to:

Pastor L. Meyer
 25 S. Woodrow
 Battle Creek, Mich. 49015

**PERSONNEL NEEDS
 BETHESDA LUTHERAN HOME**

1. Male Ward Attendant

Six hundred and fifty bed training school and custodial home for mentally retarded and physically handicapped residents has immediate openings for single or married men. The duties consist of the daily care for the male residents on an eight-hour shift, five days per week. In-service training courses provide on-the-job training.

Benefits — Social Security program, group insurances, paid holidays, paid sick leave, and paid vacations.

Wage Scales — Commensurate with training, experience, job assignment, and responsibility. Merited raise increases granted semiannually.

Contact the Personnel Manager, Bethesda Lutheran Home, 700 Hoffman Drive, Watertown, Wis. 53094.

2. Physical Therapist

Six hundred and fifty bed training school and custodial home for mentally retarded and physically handicapped residents has immediate opening for a registered physi-

cal therapist to supervise and expand established physical therapy program. Present staff consists of one part-time physical therapist and two full-time physical therapy aides. This position offers a splendid opportunity for a recent graduate to gain experience. The hours are 40 hours per week, six paid holidays, sick leave, paid vacations. Salary range from \$4,200 to \$5,200, depending upon qualifications.

Apply Personnel Manager, Bethesda Lutheran Home, 700 Hoffman Drive, Watertown, Wis. 53094.

SCHOOL OPENING SERVICE

Milwaukee Lutheran Teachers College

The 1964-65 school year at Milwaukee Lutheran Teachers College will begin with the opening service on Tuesday, Sept. 15, at 10:00 o'clock in the morning. The service will be held in the chapel-auditorium of Wisconsin Lutheran High School, 330 North Glenview Avenue.

Parents of our students and friends of the college are cordially invited to attend.

ROBERT J. VOSS, President

CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES

DAKOTA-MONTANA

WESTERN FALL PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Place: St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1116 Geyser St., Livingston, Mont.; David Valleskey, host pastor.

Time: Sept. 29, 30, 1964, with missionary conference 8:00 p.m., Sept. 28.

Speaker: Missionary Raymond Cox (alternate, K. Lenz).

Essays: I John 5, D. Buske; Homiletical Treatment of the Pre-Lenten Gospels, E. Klaszus; Augustana, Article 5, Prof. R. Fenske; Divorce and Remarriage, W. Sprengler; V. F. W. Organizations in the Light of Scripture, D. Valleskey.

D. ZIETLOW, Secretary

MICHIGAN

SOUTHWESTERN PASTOR-TEACHER-DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: Monday, Sept. 21, 1964.

Place: Good Shepherd, Benton Harbor, Mich.

Time: 9:00 a.m., Communion service.

Preacher: H. Zink (alternate: R. Freier).

Agenda: The Order of Creation as It Pertains to the Status of Man and Woman in the Church, W. Zarling; Book Review: The Ministry of the Lutheran Teacher, F. Zabell; Buzz Session: How Can We Get the Members of Our Congregations to Be More Active in Personal Evangelism?
 Henry T. Peter, Secretary

FLORIDA CONFERENCE

Date: Sept. 29, 1964.

Place: Redeemer Lutheran Church, Merritt Island, Fla.; host pastor: Kenneth W. Strack.

Time: Communion service at 9:00 a.m.

Agenda: Exegesis of I Tim. 2, K. W. Strack; The Book of Malachi, H. W. Kaiser.
 E. C. RENZ, Secretary

MINNESOTA

MANKATO PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Oct. 6, 1964.

Place: St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Mankato, Minn.

Preacher: P. R. Hanke (alternate, D. Kock).
 Agenda: Daniel 1, cont., Schlicht; I Cor. 7:15, Hanke.

D. KOCK, Secretary

NEBRASKA

COLORADO MISSION DISTRICT PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Sept. 22, 23, 1964.

Place: Calvary Lutheran Church, Denver, Colo.; R. Vollmers, pastor.

Time: Conference begins at 9:00 a.m.; Communion service, Sept. 22, at 7:30 p.m.

Preacher: E. Kuehl (alternate, H. Meyer).

Essays: The Continuing Offense of the Cross, W. Krenke; Exegesis: Malachi 4:1ff., H. Schulz; Exegesis: I Tim. 5:17ff., V. Bittorf; Paper on Luther's Stand on the Word, A. Bauman; Detailed Digest and Summation of Art. III of the Apology, Augsburg Confession, W. Wietzke.

V. BITTORF, Secretary

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ROSEBUD PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Sept. 22, 23, 1964.

Place: Herrick, S. Dak.; host pastor: George Tiefel, Jr.

Preacher: M. Doelger; chaplain: E. Herman.

Essays: The Nature of Baptism, G. Tiefel, Jr.; The Proper Preaching of Law and Gospel and Its Necessary Results, D. Plocher.

M. F. DOELGER, Secretary

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SOUTHERN DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: Sept. 29, 30, 1964; opening session at 10:00 a.m.

Place: St. Mark Lutheran Church, Sutton; R. Tischer, host pastor.

Sermon: H. John (D. Schmeling, alternate).

Papers: An Exegesis and Practical Application of Amos 3:1-8, R. Tischer; The Obligation of a Christian Congregation Toward Its Delinquent Members, H. Bittorf; Article 22, Augsburg Confession, H. John.

Reports: Mission Board, Academy Board, Stewardship, Financial, etc.

Please announce to the host pastor.

RONALD N. TISCHER, Secretary pro tem

NORTHERN WISCONSIN

RHINELANDER PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Sept. 14, 1964.

Place: First Lutheran, Woodruff, Wis.

Time: Conference begins at 9:00 a.m. Communion service at 7:00 p.m.

Preacher: F. Bergfeldt; alternate: W. Gawrisch.

Agenda: Study of the principles and policies of the World Mission Board, which ap-

peared in the 1963 Reports and Memorials, M. Radtke; Continuation of the Study of Ephesians, J. Radloff; Study of Book of Amos, J. Kingsbury.

J. Radloff, Secretary

WINNEBAGO PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Monday, Sept. 21, 1964.

Place: Mt. Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Ripon, Wis.; host pastor: R. Ziesemer.

Time: Communion service 9:00 a.m. (preacher: J. Petrie; alternate: C. Reiter).

Agenda: Book of Daniel, Chapter VI, G. Unke; Exegesis of Ephesians (cont.), K. Gurgel; Round Table Discussion of Practical Matters, discussion leader, D. Hallemeyer; The Call of the Lady Teacher, L. Ristow; Casuistry, Reports, Assignments.

GLENN H. UNKE, Secretary

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LAKE SUPERIOR

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS' CONVENTION

The thirty-fifth annual Lake Superior Sunday-School Teachers' Convention will be held on Sept. 20, 1964, at Grace Ev. Lutheran Church of Crivitz, Wis. Starting time will be promptly at 3:00 p.m.

MRS. JOHN KALLMAN, Secretary

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MANITOWOC PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Sept. 21, 1964.

Place: St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Route 1, Sheboygan Falls, Wis.; H. Juroff, host pastor.

Time: Opening Communion service at 9:00 a.m.

Preacher: R. Fleming (W. Geiger, alternate).

Agenda: Sermon Study, A. Engel (H. Heckendorf, alternate); Doctrine of the Church, Dr. H. Koch; Conference choice: Open and Close Communion, A. Stuebs; Hardening of Hearts, L. Schaller; Early History of District and Conference, A. Engel; Various Early Missouri Statements on Church Fellowship, Ph. Press; Review of Proposed Rite of Confirmation for Children, A. Roekle (Moderator); Reports and Conference Business.

Send excuses to host pastor.

A. F. SCHULTZ, Secretary

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DISTRICT MISSIONARIES' CONFERENCE

Sept. 28, 12 noon to Sept. 29, noon.

St. Paul's Church, Gladstone, Mich.; Th. Hoffman, pastor.

Communion service Monday evening, A. Voigt, preacher.

Agenda: Isagogical Presentation of Habakuk, L. Winter; Exegetical Presentation of Jude, R. Shimek; Our Missionary Responsibility—Defined and Discharged, A. Schmeling.

If you are unable to attend, notify the host pastor by Sept. 14.

C. VOSS, Secretary

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FOX RIVER VALLEY PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Sept. 29, 1964.

Place: Emanuel Lutheran Church, Maple Creek, Wis.; J. Manteufel, pastor.

Time: 9:00 a.m. Communion service.

Preacher: A. Meyer (alternate, P. Oehlert).

Agenda: Exegesis Heb. 5, A. Wood; Heb. 6, R. Werner; Exegetical-Homiletical Study of Luke 15:11-24, E. Ploetz; What Principles Cover Re-Marriage of Divorced Persons, P. Oehlert; Development of the Idea of Tradition vs. Scripture, H. Warnke; A Re-Evaluation of Sponsorship—Does it Edify the Church? A. Meyer.

C. SCHLEI, Secretary

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN

SOUTHEASTERN PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Sept. 15, 1964.

Time: 9 a.m.

Place: Peace Ev. Lutheran Church, Wilmot, Wis.

Host pastor: George Enderle.

Preacher: Pastor Ervin Schewe (I Cor. 1); alternate: Pastor Friedel Schulz (I Cor. 2). Offering: CEF.

Agenda: Exegesis of Song of Solomon (Chap. 1), George Enderle; Analysis of the Teaching and Methods of the Jehovah's Witnesses, Marvin Otterstatter; Visitor's Report; Racine Lutheran High School Interim Committee Report.

H. Wiedmann, Secretary

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DODGE-WASHINGTON PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Sept. 15, 1964.

Place: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, West Bend, Wis.; E. Breiling, pastor.

Communion service: 9 a.m.

Preacher: W. Bartelt (alternate: E. Breiling).

Essays: I Corinthians 9, A. von Rohr; Conference business, Visitor's report, and casuistry; Information from Synod's Treasurer, Mr. Norris Koopmann; Alternate paper: A panel discussion on "Preparing Confirmands for Church Membership," Lester Groth.

Carl J. Henning, Secretary

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METROPOLITAN SOUTH PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Sept. 21, 1964.

Place: St. John's Lutheran Church, Mukwonago, Wis.

Time: Opening service and sessions as usual.

PAUL E. NITZ, Secretary

WESTERN WISCONSIN

SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE

Date: Sept. 15, 1964.

Time: 9:00 a.m. Communion service.

Place: St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church, South Ridge, Wis.

Preacher: M. Nommensen (alternate, W. Paustian).

Agenda: Exegesis Heb. 13, R. Mutterer; Constructive Criticism of **The New English Bible**, R. Siegler; Your Neighbor's Place, G. Neumann; Exegesis Rom. 5:12-21, C. Nommensen; Constructive Criticism of **The New Testament in the Language of Today**, D. Kuske.

DENNIS E. KEMPF, Secretary

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WISCONSIN—CHIPPEWA RIVER VALLEY PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Sept. 22, 1964.

Time: 9:00 a.m. Communion service.

Place: Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church, Globe, Wis.; host pastor, David Witte.

Preacher: H. P. Koehler.

Agenda: First Timothy, chapters 5 and 6, Marcus Schwartz; Isagogical Study of Hagai, Edward Schaeewe; Baptism, Burton Stensberg; The Athanasian Creed, Carl Kuske; The Synod Pension Plan, G. E. Schmeling.

D. A. WITTE, Secretary

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MISSISSIPPI VALLEY PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Sept. 15, 16, 1964.

Place: Jehovah Lutheran Church, Altura, Minn.

Time: Opening Communion service 9:00 a.m., Sept. 15.

Papers: The Development of Lutheran Hymns, W. Schmidt; A History of the Persecutions of the Early Christians from Pentecost to the Conversion of Constantine, H. Essmann; God's Great Judgments in Scripture, L. Lambert; Differences in the Teaching of the Doctrine of the Church in the Light of Art. 7 and 8 of the Apology, G. Albrecht.

HAROLD A. ESSMANN, Secretary

ORDINATIONS AND INSTALLATIONS

Pastor

Kiecker, James, as pastor of Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Daggett, Mich., by P. W. Kuckhahn; assisted by D. Sellnow;

and as pastor of St. Mark's, Carbondale, Mich., by D. Sellnow; assisted by V. Schultz; June 28, 1964.

Installed

Pastor

Vomhof, Ervine, as pastor of St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Rock Springs, Wis., by H. Krause; Aug. 2, 1964.

Teachers

Hackbarth, Arthur, as teacher of St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church, Niles, Ill., by Howard N. Henke; Aug. 2, 1964.

Helmreich, Roland, as principal and upper-grade teacher of St. Paul's Lutheran School, Moline, Ill., by Reuben Reimers; Aug. 16, 1964.

Mohr, Robert, as teacher of Holy Trinity Lutheran School, Wyoming (Grand Rapids), Mich., by H. Hempel; Aug. 12, 1964.

Schultz, Dennis, as principal and teacher of St. John's Lutheran School, Wood Lake, Minn., by N. W. Kock; Aug. 9, 1964.

Waegel, David, as principal and teacher of Zion Lutheran School, Toledo, Ohio, by D. Habeck; Aug. 16, 1964.

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