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BRIEFS by the Editor

A NUMBER OF OUR REGULAR FEATURES had to be omitted in this issue in order to accommodate the Convention reports. So much business was transacted that the reports are lengthier than usual.

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"THE CHRISTIAN'S RESPONSE TO EVOLUTIONISM" is the title of a series of articles which will appear in the next eight months. The introductory article was to have appeared in this issue, but had to be deferred to the October 3 issue because of the Convention reports.

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CENTENNIAL STORY is the subject of the following paragraph which Convention reporter Keith Haag had intended for his "Sidelights" report. We decided to use it here because we wish to append a little reminder.

"The history of Northwestern College received a lot of attention at this Convention. The 'Centennial Story,' written by Professor Erwin E. Kowalke, was on sale in the library. While the Convention was in progress, the book was reviewed by **The Milwaukee Journal**. The reviewer stated, 'It is obviously a labor of love.' Even

though many outside our circles do not understand the workings or purpose of our Synod, the review does catch part of the spirit: 'His book makes it clear that he steeped himself in the history of those years which he did not personally experience. This is almost an eyewitness account of a century.' We could only agree when it is said of Northwestern College: 'To members of the Wisconsin Synod of the Lutheran church it looms as one of the most significant institutions of learning in America.' May we reflect this attitude in our prayers and in our support!"

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ONLY A LIMITED NUMBER OF COPIES remain unsold, and there will be no additional printing. Therefore, if you had intended to secure a copy of "Centennial Story," but have put off the matter for one good (?) reason or another, it would be good to send your \$3.75 posthaste to Northwestern Publishing House (not forgetting to add 25 cents for the service charge).

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THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION OF EDWIN G. HERTLER was observed last Novem-

ber. The chances are that you never again will find such an item in this space. But somehow the copy of the report sent to us was lost, through our fault. Now a duplicate report has reached us, and we want to get it into print without any delay. Giving it a little extra prominence in this space is by way of saying: "Pastor and Mrs. Hertler, we are sincerely sorry!"

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The celebration which took place on November 8, 1964, was a double one: Pastor Hertler's fiftieth anniversary of ordination into the holy ministry, and Pastor and Mrs. Hertler's fiftieth wedding anniversary. To mark the occasion, an afternoon service in First Lutheran Church of La Crescent, Minnesota, and an open house had been arranged. Pastor Herbert Muenkel of Zumbrota, the chairman of the Red Wing Conference, spoke on the text I Timothy 1:12, 13, and his theme was: "I Thank Christ Jesus My Lord." Pastor William Godfrey was the liturgist.

Ordained in 1914, Pastor Edwin G. Hertler served a parish of three mission congregations in North Dakota for a little more than two years. Then he accepted a call to be the shepherd of three congregations in Minnesota: South Ridge, Hokah, and Brownsville. He has served these congregations ever since, though the Brownsville

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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

Superlative is the Word Uninspired prophecy can be dangerous and misleading. It can also turn out to be very embarrassing for the self-appointed prophet. Most of us would therefore hesitate to forecast the future of the Wisconsin Synod.

We can, however, on the basis of known facts assess the present with a degree of certainty. There are some things we know. We know that the gracious God has preserved His Word intact among us in a day when the leak in the dike of truth is widening to unleash a torrent of false teachings and unreliable human opinion among many church bodies known heretofore as Christians. The truth is the one thing needful, and without it there would be no reason, or even excuse, for the Synod to be perpetuated.

We know also that the Lord has placed before our Synod opportunities which can be described only with superlatives. And the various departments of the Synod in their biennial reports have not hesitated to speak in superlatives in describing these opportunities. Words such as "unprecedented . . . unparalleled . . . unsurpassed" are employed with a frequency that is downright surprising in a Synod with a traditional aversion to drumbeating. But those words are used by deliberate choice. It would be difficult to exaggerate either the needs or the opportunities which are now being brought to our attention as a Synod. We are not looking for opportunities for expanded service; they are literally being forced upon us.

But superlative words are just so much chaff in the wind without superlative effort. And there is no alibi for lack of effort or accomplishment on our part. The God who supplies the opportunities also supplies the means.

What happens to the Wisconsin Synod, is not important. How it uses the means to carry out the task which the Lord assigns to it, is important. We need faith and zeal equal to the opportunities and the means which He has already supplied, which can be described as nothing less than superlative.

IMMANUEL G. FREY

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Facade Continued

Dear Editorialist:

In the August 22 issue of the *Lutheran Witness Reporter* you expressed surprise and dismay that the integrity of the Missouri Synod at the Detroit Convention was being discredited in the July 25 editorial in *The Northwestern Lutheran*, "With Flags Flying." You deplored such an unauthorized judgment of the Missouri Synod's resolutions because it reflected on the sincerity of the Missouri Synod, which at Detroit expressly reaffirmed its loyalty to the Scriptures, the Lutheran Confessions, and the *Brief Statement*. This stricture would be easier to understand, however, if you stepped outside the Missouri Synod for a moment.

The Wisconsin Synod, as you know, has represented and still represents a well-known position on prayer fellowship and on unionism. Its historical position will be identified as the position of the Scriptures, the Lutheran Confessions, and the *Brief Statement*, even though the latter is not our own document. What they say about fellowship and unionism we have been asserting and practicing. It is a position we once shared with you. Remember?

Now suppose that the Wisconsin Synod, with its widely known position on prayer fellowship and on unionism, were to resolve, in convention, to join the cooperative Lutheran Council in the U.S.A. (LCUSA), to hold joint devotions at Lutheran free conferences, to conduct a mission program in Japan in conjunction with the American Lutheran Church. Would you not be quick to point out that we were compromising our historical position, that this traditional position had lost its force for us, that we might still be quoting our former position but that we would be contradicting it with our resolutions and our actions? Would you not conclude that we were either insincere or unwitting if we insisted that we had not changed our traditional, well-publicized stand against unionism—the one we once held in common with your synod a generation or two ago?

When confessions are contradicted by resolutions and practices, whether deliberately or unwisely, the confessions become a facade. You would remind us of that. And you could quote Scripture to prove it.

Sincerely,

CARLETON TOPPE

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It Was Very Good When on the sixth day God completed His work of creation, He looked upon all that He had made and found it "very good." Although, as St. Paul wrote to the Romans, all creation groaneth and has been made subject to vanity because of man's sin, the heavens still "declare the glory of God, and the firmament showeth his handiwork."

Wherever man's greed, or carelessness, or stupidity have not disfigured or polluted God's handiwork, it fills us with delight or awe as we look upon it. Who can look upon the Great Lakes or the ocean or a snow-covered mountain peak without a feeling of wonder and delight? Much has been spoiled by what we are pleased to call progress, but much remains that lies beyond the reach of man's destructive talents, and we still find it very good. Authors of space fiction and some authors who write in all seriousness foresee the day when the moon, or some planet or manmade satellite, will be used as a platform from which missiles may be launched to destroy parts of the earth or all of it. When God's good time comes to usher in the great Day of Destruction and Judgment, He will press the button, and no Russian scientist, or Chinese

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Studies in God's Word: The Christian's "Rebellion" Against Law

This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh. And these are contrary the one to the other, so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these: Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like; of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance. Against such there is no law. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts (Galatians 5:16-24).

There is a phrase in this Epistle reading that strikes our ears with particular force this year. At a time when lawlessness and disorder have drawn world-wide attention to our streets and neighborhoods, and when the right to set aside "unjust laws" is being debated as never before, the sentence, "Ye are not under the law," seems to leap out at us.

But we cannot forget that our Lord is a God who at creation established order out of chaos, who bids us do all things "decently and in order," who Himself instituted "powers that be" to maintain public law and order. How, then, would He have us understand our "freedom" from the "oppression" that used to "enslave" us? It ought to be obvious that His definitions—and therefore ours—are not likely to be completely identical with the world's!

Rebel Against the Flesh

"Overthrow the tyrant!" That is the watchword of every revolution. It is an apt battle cry for Christians. How can you better describe the sinful flesh than to call it a vicious tyrant? "So that ye cannot do the things that ye would." We hear pleas of "temporary insanity" in our courtrooms; let the vicious crimes committed in such cases picture what kind of hateful things the flesh can produce when nothing, not even sanity, holds it back. St. Paul's list of the works of the flesh could well be a modern newspaper's front page. Even the fact that we have been born again by faith into a new life as children of God does not make us immune to the desires of the flesh. How often we say, "I'm sorry; I didn't mean to do it." But you did!

Sin and flesh oppress men. But the sorrows and crimes of this life are not even half the story. "They which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God." Sin, that deceitful tyrant, has no reward for those who serve him except everlasting shame and condemnation. Use the most inflammatory language you possess to condemn such heartless tyranny that cruelly victimizes those who help him victimize others; it won't be too strong a plea for a rebellion that is desperately needed.

Then how shall we proceed? Shall we apply the techniques of organization, propaganda, subversion, and guerrilla war in this rebellion against sin and hell? But how can they succeed against an enemy whose ally is our own flesh? No, by our own efforts we shall fail; our rebellion against sin is suppressed before we can start, for we are by nature sinners—how can we change that? We are lost.

But Jesus came to seek and to save that which was lost. "And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts." We were not raised on a cross to bear the curse of sin—but He was, and we never shall be! From sin and its curse, and from the Law which pronounces that guilt and condemnation, we are

free! The rebellion is a success, by the gracious work of the Savior. We are not under the condemnation of the Law!

In Freedom Bear the Fruit of the Spirit

Every revolutionary leader not only calls his followers to raise a rebellion against tyranny, but also to work hard after the battle to spread the benefit of victory. Rebellion is not intended to establish anarchy but rather a new, better order of life. In this, too, the vocabulary and actions of men are but a pale shadow of the marvels done by the grace of God.

Through the Gospel in Word and Sacrament God's Holy Spirit has enabled us to see and confess Jesus as our Lord and Savior. He has put new life, an entirely new spirit, within us. No longer do we droop along with the attitude of a rebellious slave; ours is the cheerful, confident, busy spirit of beloved children of God.

Love, joy, patience, gentleness, self-control—how blessed to walk in a spirit devoted to these instead of to the ways of the flesh. Of course, no law of any kind has anything to do with producing such fruits. You can't pass a law to make an elm tree start bearing apples; nor can any laws make men produce "good works." But the powerful Word of the Lord God can both create the fruits of the earth and can create a new, right spirit within us, making us rich in good works. How bountiful God crowns in us the rebellion against the works of the flesh!

And what kind of rebels does this make of us in the eyes of our fellow citizens? Since our rebellion is against the works of the flesh, surely our neighbors should have learned that they need not fear that we will come with threat or curse or riot to deprive them of either their property or of their privileges as citizens and human beings.

"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me."

PAUL H. WILDE

**Topics: Should We Say:
'His Time Was Up'?**
**Is New Birth Ac-
complished Only
Through Baptism?**



People die at all ages; some die young, others old. They die of many different causes, including accidents, murder, sickness, suicide. After a fatal accident a reader remarked: "His time was here," stating that she believed the Lord would not have permitted it to happen if his time had not been here. She was criticized for her remark. Is it right to say that or not?

Our Times Are in God's Hands

That depends upon what we mean by such a remark. It certainly is true according to Scripture that the Lord determines matters of life and death. God says in Deuteronomy 32:39, "See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god with me; I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal, neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand." The Psalmist writes: "But I trusted in thee, O Lord; I said, Thou art my God. My times are in thy hand. Deliver me from the hand of mine enemies, and from them that persecute me" (Ps. 31:14, 15). When Job had lost everything, he said: "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away" (Job 1:21). What the Lord had given and taken away included not only all his worldly goods, but also his children. They were taken by the Lord by means of an accident, a severe windstorm that caused the house to fall on them. Scripture says about Job's reaction to all his calamities: "In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly" (Job 1:22). Our lives are in God's hands. God does watch over us even as He does over the sparrows; he has counted the very hairs of our head (cf. Matt. 10:29, 30).

If the statement, 'He died because his time was up,' is intended to express faith that the Lord is watching over us and that we are confident that our death will not come before the Lord Himself so permits, then surely we are expressing a thought Scripture itself expresses.

Wrong Use of the Expression

On the other hand, the expression, 'He died because his time was here,' may also intend to excuse man's sin and negligence. After all, if God decides when I should die, then no matter what man has done, death has been the will of God. If someone committed murder, it was the will

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dictator, or American general will be able to hasten or delay that day. The Day will come, but in the meantime we can look to the heavens and God's handiwork on earth and find them still declaring God's glory.

However much blight on the landscape may be wrought by greed and progress, there are still works of God that no power of man can touch or pollute. The great and important things are untouchable. The morning star will always be there as a symbol of the truth of the

of God that the man should die. If I am negligent and someone is killed as a result, it happened because that person's time was up. In fact, I can indiscriminately expose myself or others to danger, for when our time is up, the end will come and not until then. Such reasoning must be rejected.

No Warrant For Fatalism or Foolhardiness

God has promised that He will watch over us and protect us. Our times are in God's hands. But that is not to make us fatalistic or even foolhardy. The devil tried to mislead Jesus on this very point. Hadn't God promised that angels would bear Him up in their hands? Weren't they charged with protecting Him? Satan quoted Psalm 91:10-13.

Jesus responded by saying: "Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God." In a foolhardy way to expose ourselves to unnecessary danger is to tempt the Lord. The fact that we can on the one hand say that Abel's time was up when Cain murdered him does not in any way excuse Cain. He still should have been his brother's keeper. So we will be careful not to use such an expression as: 'Well, his time was up,' simply to excuse man's sin and negligence. That is indirectly making God responsible for man's sin.

Is New Birth Accomplished Only Through Baptism?

"Baptism is called the washing of regeneration, but is the new birth accomplished only through baptism? If a person hears the Gospel message for the first time on his deathbed and puts his trust in Jesus, would he not be a reborn person, reborn through God's Word, even if he died without being baptized?"

The answer suggested by the reader is correct. What is rebirth? It is this that God plants new spiritual life into our hearts by faith in Christ. Whoever believes has this new life, is reborn. Is faith worked only by baptism? Scripture says: "Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God" (Rom. 10:17). The penitent malefactor was not baptized, yet that very day he entered into Paradise. This fact, however, dare never lead us to despise baptism as unnecessary or useless. ARMIN SCHUETZE

Gospel of Jesus, as He says in Revelation 22:16, "I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star." The sun, too, will always be the symbol of God's righteousness and love, as His prophet Malachi says in the fourth chapter: "But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of Righteousness arise with healing in his wings."

As for the rest, it is God's will that we take delight in the wonders He has created and that we share the admiration with which Christ looked upon the lilies of the field and found their simple beauty superior to all of Solomon's artificial glory. ERWIN E. KOWALKE

Worker-Training Schools

The theme of the 1965 Convention of our Synod was: "The Sword of the Spirit—the Word of God" (Eph. 6:17). The reason for the existence of our Synod is the spread of that Word. But we were reminded repeatedly, as delegates to the convention: "How shall they preach, except they be sent?"

From the very beginning our Synod recognized the need to prepare those who should be sent to spread God's Word and has established worker-training schools to fill this need.

Increasing Enrollments

Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary was founded in 1863. Northwestern College came into existence on September 14, 1865—just a hundred years plus a few days after the publication date of this issue of *The Northwestern Lutheran*. As described in the "Centennial Story," written by Professor Kowalke, who served as president of this school for 40 years, Northwestern College has had its "ups and downs." But the Convention was gratified to learn that our pastor-training college enjoyed the largest freshman class in its history last year, and this will be followed by one almost as large this year.

Steps must be taken to provide for this blessing of increasing enrollments. Northwestern is making plans to take such steps systematically, as a striking display in the Convention hall gave ample evidence. Concurring in the first phase of this planning the Convention voted to build a new dormitory and gymnasium and to remodel the present gym for continued use as an auditorium. Also,

to accommodate the division in classes which will shortly become necessary, two new professorships will be created for the next school year, with a third to be added during the school year 1966-67.

The Convention noted with gratitude to God that Professor E. E. Kowalke, who plans to retire shortly, has been permitted to serve Northwestern College faithfully for 52½ years.

The purpose of Northwestern being what it is, namely, to provide men with a foundation for the study of theology in preparation for the ministry, the great majority of its graduates enter our Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary at Mequon. In an essay by Professor Toppe, president of Northwestern, the Convention was informed that three out of four of its graduates entered the ministry during its first 75 years of existence, and nine out of ten since the 1940's.

"Manpower to Produce Manpower"

As people down river must bolster up the levees when the water upstream begins to rise, so must our Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary take steps to prepare for the increased enrollments presently being enjoyed by Northwestern. The 1965 Convention enabled the Seminary to make such preparations. It did this by resolving that a multipurpose library building be built and that the present library be converted for use as two classrooms. It takes manpower to provide manpower. A ninth professorship for the Seminary was granted by the Con-

HARD-WORKING DELEGATES are shown here. On some days they put in nine hours, in morning, afternoon, and evening sessions. If anyone thinks this is easy, the chances are that he has never done it.



vention, as well as a faculty librarian who is also to teach at least one course.

As most of our readers know, Professor John P. Meyer, who taught at our Seminary for many years, was called to our eternal home this past year. The Convention took note of his passing with thanks to God for his many years of devoted service.

Needs of Michigan Lutheran Seminary Provided For

The progress and needs of the high schools and academies of our Synod were also brought to the attention of the Convention. Michigan Lutheran Seminary reported that an increasing percentage of its students is preparing for work in the Church, 94% in the 1964-1965 school year. Of 115 new students this year, only seven are taking the general course. The new classroom-office-student union building at MLS, constructed with funds of the Synod, is serving the school very well. The Convention resolved that the following new positions be created on the faculty of Michigan Lutheran Seminary: an English professorship, a dean of women, and a full time librarian.

A New Building for Northwestern Lutheran Academy

The smallest of our Synod academies, Northwestern Lutheran Academy, located at Mobridge, South Dakota, has played its part in preparing workers for our churches and schools. Half of the graduates of this school have entered the colleges of our Synod. The construction of a new and much-needed dining hall was planned for this summer, delegates learned.

The Proposed Academy for Nebraska

In the Nebraska District there is an academy of our Synod that isn't. Nebraska Lutheran Academy has a Board of Control and a fine piece of property but no buildings, no faculty and no students. The Board of Control of Nebraska Lutheran Academy, recognizing the urgent needs for worker-training facilities elsewhere in our Synod at the present time, requested that "the authorization of the construction of the necessary buildings on its academy site" be considered by the 1967 convention. Your delegates to the 1965 Convention resolved that this matter be placed on the agenda for 1967.

JOHN A. RUEGE

Doctrinal Matters

During our Synod's "decade of decision" from 1958 to 1965 the real "workhorse" committee at each Convention of our Synod was invariably Committee No. 2—the Floor Committee on Doctrinal Matters. Many grueling, tension-filled hours of closed committee sessions preceded each final doctrinal report and the members of Committee No. 2 usually missed out on most of the other important Convention discussions and decisions.

The situation was quite different at this year's Convention. Now that the crucial decisions of 1961 and 1963 were behind our Synod, Committee No. 2 could breathe a bit more easily and conduct its work in a calmer, more relaxed atmosphere; it even managed to sit in on most of the floor discussions of other committee reports. Committee No. 2 still had plenty of ground to cover, however: about a dozen and a half reports of doctrinal activity which our Commission on Doctrinal Matters had brought to the attention of the Convention. Space limitations force us to omit some items in this report. We shall instead focus our attention on those matters which we feel to be of major interest to our readers.

THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION RELATING TO VARIOUS GROUPS IN THE USA

The Church of the Lutheran Confession

The Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC) is made up largely of pastors, teachers, and congregations who withdrew from our Synod after our 1959 convention because the Synod was not yet ready to terminate fellowship with the Missouri Synod. Since the close of our 1961 convention at which we *did* suspend fellowship with the Missouri Synod, representatives of our Doctrinal Commission have frequently corresponded and twice met with the CLC Board of Doctrine.

The discussions at the last meeting, held early in January 1964, were based on the article written by Prof. E. Reim of the CLC, which attempted to define our Synod's position on church fellowship. Our representatives declared that they rejected the position ascribed to our Synod in the CLC article. Moreover, all participants at the meeting agreed that a joint review of this article did not succeed in pinpointing any existing difference in principle. Thereupon the CLC men requested a joint review of our Synod's actions between 1955 and 1961 in an effort to demonstrate what they consider to be our Synod's position on church fellowship.

After careful consideration our Doctrinal Commission reported in May of 1964 to the nine Districts of Synod: "The Commission is of the conviction that a joint review of all that happened between 1955-1961 would not serve a wholesome purpose. It is, however, our hope that *another approach* may still be found that would prove to be fruitful."

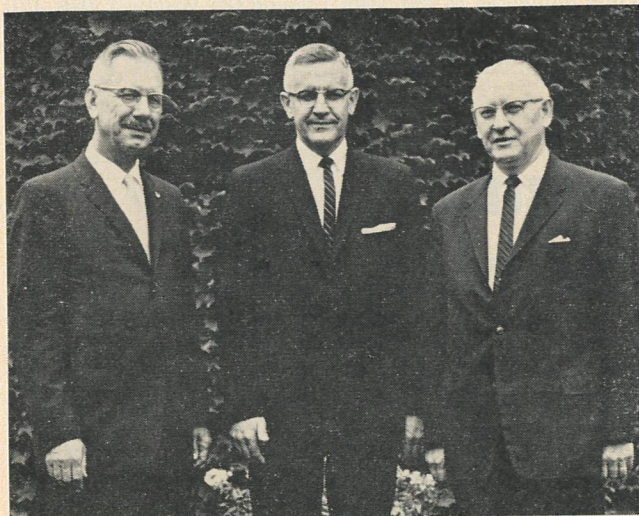
In a letter addressed to the CLC this past April, President Naumann expanded upon this idea as follows: "As such a possible approach we had, for example, thought a discussion in which the *current* position and practice of both bodies might be evaluated in order to determine whether the principles of church fellowship which our two bodies *presently* hold are in agreement." The letter further suggested a set of four conditions which would provide for an *objective* discussion of the basic principles in question without the issues being beclouded by an emotional discussion of past grievances. The Convention encouraged our Doctrinal Commission to pursue this new approach to the problem in basic accordance with the four conditions suggested in President Naumann's letter to the CLC.

The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod

Early in 1964 President Harms of the Missouri Synod addressed a series of three letters to our Doctrinal Commission suggesting a resumption of discussions with his Synod's Commission on Theology and Church Relations to explore "the road back to fellowship."

President Naumann replied in behalf of our Commission late in July of 1964. His letter noted with regret that the Missouri Synod continues to uphold and practice fellowship principles which our Synod declared to be unscriptural and which in 1961 induced our Synod to suspend fraternal relations with that church body. Since 1961 no modification of Missouri's fellowship principles has been brought to our attention, either in a formal declaration or in its public practice.

President Naumann's letter pointed out, moreover, that Missouri's recent "Study Document on Revelation, Inspiration, and Inerrancy" reveals an unsettled position on Scripture within the Missouri Synod. Hence the most



AFTER THE ELECTIONS the Praesidium stood for this picture. They are (left to right): First Vice-President Irwin J. Habeck, Second Vice-President Norman W. Berg, and President Oscar J. Naumann.

necessary basis for reaching agreement on any doctrinal matter is at present lacking. Our Commission contends that "a resumption of doctrinal discussions, also on church fellowship, must be deferred until The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod has again enunciated a clear position on Scripture." Accordingly President Naumann, on behalf of our Commission on Doctrinal Matters, declined Missouri's invitation to resume discussions in the matter of church fellowship. Our 1965 Convention concurred in this action.

Still another communication from President Harms arrived on the opening day of our convention, inviting our Synod "to initiate conversations designed to explore the possibility of re-establishing fraternal ties." This latest invitation will be studied by our Doctrinal Commission along with a new 45-page supplementary report which was just released in June at Missouri's Detroit Convention by its Commission on Theology and Church Relations. This supplement contains a revision of that Commission's

previous statements on Fellowship, Inspiration, and Inerrancy. Our Convention delegates agreed that careful study of this supplement should be made by our Doctrinal Commission before it frames an official reply to Missouri's latest invitation to reopen doctrinal discussions.

The Lutheran Synodical Conference

In its last convention held at Ann Arbor, Michigan, in July of 1964, the Lutheran Synodical Conference (LSC) adopted a resolution urging our Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod to "reconsider the basis" on which we withdrew from the LSC in 1963. However, the LSC in its resolution failed to set forth any Scriptural reasons which would compel us to reconsider the basis for our withdrawal.

At present the only two members of the LSC are the Missouri and Slovak Synods. It has already been noted that the confessional position of the Missouri Synod seems to be deteriorating, not only with respect to the doctrine of Church Fellowship, but with respect even to the doctrine of Scripture itself. In addition, the doctrinal position of the Slovak Synod is likewise giving us cause for concern. Accordingly, our 1965 Convention resolved to "reaffirm the stand on withdrawal from the Lutheran Synodical Conference taken by our Synod at the Synod convention of 1963."

Synod of Ev. Lutheran Churches

The Synod of Ev. Lutheran Churches (SELC) is the group which most of us commonly refer to as the "Slovak Synod." Although we have suspended fellowship with the Missouri Synod and withdrawn from the Synodical Conference, our Synod has remained in fellowship with the SELC. In two meetings (February 1964 and May 1965) with the SELC Doctrinal Unity Committee our Commission on Doctrinal Matters become increasingly aware of a definite leaning on the part of the SELC toward the Missouri Synod's position in regard to the doctrines of Church and Church Fellowship. This fact has been brought out recently by the practice of the SELC in participating in the inter-Lutheran consultations with the ALC and the LCA within the framework of fellowship. The SELC at its forthcoming convention in September must make a crucial decision with respect to membership in the proposed new Lutheran Council in the United States of America.

Because of the current uncertain status of the SELC, our Convention voted to "continue in fellowship with the SELC until our Synod has had the opportunity to evaluate the outcome of our Commission's doctrinal discussions with the SELC and the decision of the SELC with respect to membership in the Lutheran Council in the United States of America."

The Lutheran Churches of the Reformation

The Lutheran Churches of the Reformation (LCR) is a recently formed church body composed of about a dozen (?) pastors and congregations which, for confessional reasons, have withdrawn from fellowship in the Missouri Synod. Some of these congregations have individually adopted resolutions stating that they wish to continue in fellowship with our Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod. Informal discussions, centering chiefly on the doctrines of Church and Ministry, have been carried on

over the past three years between members of the LCR and of our Synod. In order to clarify our fellowship relationship with this body, our Convention instructed our Commission on Doctrinal Matters to initiate *formal* doctrinal discussions with the LCR.

Special Cause for Joy

Before concluding its consideration of doctrinal matters our convention found special cause for joy in three areas:

Ev. Lutheran Synod. The unity of doctrine and practice which we continue to enjoy with this stout group of Norwegian brethren has not only been a source of encouragement in our confessional stand but also proved a help in our Synod's worker-training and missionary endeavors. For this the delegates expressed gratitude to God and resolved to encourage closer contact and association between our two synods.

Christian Chinese Lutheran Mission. Our Commission on Doctrinal Matters reported after careful study that it

finds itself in doctrinal and confessional agreement with the CCLM. The Convention welcomed the opportunity to declare our Synod to be formally in fellowship with the CCLM.

Lutheran Free Conferences. Two Lutheran Free Conferences have been held to date with gratifying results. The first, conducted in July of 1964 at Waterloo, Iowa, concerned itself with the doctrine of Holy Scripture. The second, held this past July in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, centered on the doctrine of Justification. Conducted outside the framework of fellowship, such free conferences enable concerned Lutherans of various synods to be mutually strengthened as they contend for an uncompromising confession of doctrines currently being jeopardized in the Lutheran Church. Our Convention went on record as encouraging all members of our Synod to remember the Lutheran Free Conferences with their prayers and their voluntary financial support.

MARTIN LUTZ

Parish Education

If there is a church body anywhere in the world which places a higher premium on Christian education than does our Synod, we have yet to learn of it. And this emphasis on education is as it should be. We are striving to place the emphasis where our Lord Himself places it. "Go ye, therefore, and *teach* all nations, baptizing them . . . *teaching* them." There can be no disciple-making without educating. Education is our mission, whether it be in Central Africa, Hong Kong, Tokyo or Milwaukee. This is what our Lord wants us to be up and doing—and sacrificing, really sacrificing for the sake of it.

Parish Education involves Christian day schools, area high schools, Sunday schools, vacation Bible schools, confirmation classes, Bible classes, adult membership or instruction classes, and the like. Thus these agencies, too, were the subject of Convention study and report. We learned that there were 24,593 children enrolled in our Christian day schools in '64-'65, an increase of 377 students over the previous year. The number of teachers teaching in our schools rose from 830 to 877, an increase of 47 during the biennium. Twenty-six new school buildings were begun and completed. We thanked God at the Convention for prospering our work, and we asked Him to continue blessing our humble, and sometimes faltering efforts to "feed His lambs." We are asking you to do this thanking and petitioning, too. We also wondered, as we heard these things, how many more children might have received the special blessing of a Christ-centered education if we had all worked a little harder, sacrificed a little more, and if there had not been such a shortage of teachers for our classrooms.

The Board of Education of the Synod also noted that 75% of our self-supporting congregations have no day school. The convention reminded these congregations of the blessings which result from the kind of education given in Christian schools and urged them to consider the establishment of such a school. Their attention was called

to the materials offered by the Board of Education for promoting the cause of schools and for helping to establish them.

Area Lutheran high schools were also given their hour "on stage." These are secondary schools financed by associations of congregations in a certain area rather than by the Synod. There are presently eight of them, all in Wisconsin and Minnesota. The 2,519 students were taught last year by 122 teachers.

The Convention was also asked to focus its attention on the problem of producing Scripturally sound educational materials for the various teaching agencies of our



BOTH ENGAGED IN SPANISH MISSION WORK, these men found much to talk about. Pastor V. H. Winter (left) has Tucson, Arizona, as his scene of labor, while Pastor R. A. Eggert is active in Puerto Rico.

congregations. The problem has been intensified by the fact that we can no longer rely upon Concordia Publishing House of our former sister synod for completely reliable materials for Sunday school and for other instructional needs. Production of our own Sunday-school course has thus become a matter of urgent necessity and is under way at the present time. Work has also begun on an Adult Instruction Manual. Other urgently needed materials include: Bible class materials for young people; new vacation Bible school materials; Saturday-school materials; promotional materials for day schools and for other parish education agencies; a revised, senior Bible History textbook, an intermediate Bible History, an elementary level Catechism, a civics text written from a Christian point of view, daily devotional materials for various grade levels, and the like. The task is mountainous in its magnitude. The new Sunday-school course alone involves the writing, editing and publishing of 740 lesson stories, plus a memory course, pupil activities, quarterly Teacher's Guide, a Bible Story Commentary, and a Teacher-Training Course.

The Synod took a step in the direction of beginning to get the work done by granting a third full-time man to the Executive Office of the Board of Education. A reorganization of the work was resolved which in effect will make one Executive Secretary responsible for the Depart-

ment of Christian Day Schools and High Schools. These men need our prayers and support as much as we need the materials which the Synod will ask them to "gather, prepare and publish." In the meantime a resolution was adopted which in effect urges us: "Be patient—and understanding."

Miscellaneous items of interest in the area of Parish Education include: Planning by the Board of Education for a future five-year teacher-training program at our teachers' college to meet certification requirements of certain states; a resolution urging pastors and congregations to publicize Bethany College, Mankato, Minnesota, as a Christian college to serve the needs of our young people desiring a Christian college education but not preparing for work in the Church as pastors or teachers. Bethany is a college of our sister Synod, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

Our common desire is that our Synod be and remain one that is strong in the Lord. A church is only as strong as its people are Christ-educated. Thus education is our mission. We want every member of our Synod to be growing in Christ. This convention worked at accomplishing that goal. The convention has finished its whereases and resolves. Now the spotlight shifts to you.

JOEL C. GERLACH

Financial Matters

Delegates to the 1965 Convention of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod were made quite aware of the importance of finances already in the opening hours of the Convention. In fact, some delegates were perhaps intimidated a bit by the amount of material given to them on the subject. More than 100 pages of figures and tables were included in the first batch of papers handed out to each delegate. These materials included a very detailed Annual Report of the Treasurer for the past biennium together with proposed budgets for the next two-year period. Yet the actual resolution involving finances were not taken up until the final hours of the Convention. To be sure, the thought of costs and the necessity of paying for the projects voted came up time after time during the Convention as project after project was voted. But in this Convention perhaps more than in many others, major projects were voted simply because the delegates considered the need for them obvious and in many cases inescapable. The work has to be done if we are to continue to meet the challenges which the Lord places before us.

"Money Properly Remains a Part of the Work"

Surely, every delegate at times wished that somehow the subject of money could be kept apart from the consideration of the Lord's work. There is so much to do, there are so many opportunities to carry on the work of bringing souls to the knowledge of the Savior. Yet very properly money remains a part of that work, for therein lies one of our opportunities to serve the Lord, to be a very real part of the building of God's kingdom here on

earth even as we go about our own regular daily lives. Indeed, only as each member of our Synod feels himself a part of this work and willingly takes up his part of that work, will we be able to enter in on all the opportunities that lie before us as a Synod. How can we do this? One important way is by giving not just what we can spare for missions, but as one delegate put it, by sharing also our grocery money with the Lord. Certainly this work is worth our greatest efforts and sacrifices. In the projects listed in the following paragraphs may we see our opportunity to serve the Lord, to let our faith express itself in deeds. To this end, may we be led to assume a real part of this work through our generous support of that work by our prayers and our giving!

Madison Student Chapel

During the past biennium our interest in the Calvary Student Chapel at Madison, Wisconsin, a former joint project with the Missouri Synod, was sold out to that body for \$246,000.00. A new piece of land on Gilman Street at an advantageous location was purchased for \$208,000.00, and construction of a new chapel and student center should be under way soon. The proposed chapel and student center is not to exceed the cost of \$220,000, and this amount is to be amortized through budget appropriations over a period of six years. This action proposed and undertaken by the Board of Trustees was approved and commended by the Convention. Until this permanent student chapel and center is completed, our student pastor, Richard Balge, is conducting services and meetings in the Woman's Club on Gilman Street, adjacent to our new property.

Educational Charges

Since the costs of feeding and training students in our Synodical schools is constantly increasing, it is only natural to expect that part of these rising costs will be shared by the students. An increase in room and board of \$25.00 was resolved, bringing the total to \$350.00 per year. A like increase of \$25.00 in the educational fee for the college level was also passed except for the Seminary, where the fee was raised from \$150.00 to \$200.00 per year. Tuition fees applying to those only who do not enter into the work of the Church were also raised.

WELS Foundation

The Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod Foundation, Inc., authorized by the 1963 Synod Convention, has come into existence. Chartered by the State of Wisconsin, this foundation has been established to assist our members in the making of bequests, donations, annuity planning and gifts of property whose principal or income may be used to carry on designated or undesignated work in the Church. Favorable tax exemptions are a special feature of such foundations. Members of the Board of Directors of this Foundation stand ready to provide information, help, and guidance to anyone who might desire their services.

Budget Adjustment and Control

One of the key resolutions passed by the Convention so far as orderly procedure is concerned was the one setting up a meeting of representatives from every board in the Synod (Oct. 5-6) to adjust the budget passed by the Convention. Since the anticipated revenues for the next year fall nearly \$700,000.00 short of the budget voted by the Convention, it will be the task of this group to set up a priority schedule, according to need, for the carrying out of the projects voted by the Synod. It is, of course, hoped that our members, learning of the great needs and opportunities before us, will respond with increased gifts of love so that all projects voted by the Convention will be carried out without a lengthy deferral. This lies in your hands and upon your hearts. The Board of Trustees together with the Adjustment Conference can only dispense the fruits which you put into their hands. May the Lord open the hearts of our members so that the monies necessary to carry on these important projects will flow abundantly into the Synodical treasury! If this Adjustment Conference is not successful in fully adjusting the projects to fit the revenues, the Convention resolved, the thankless task of making a final adjustment devolves on the Board of Trustees. This authority was limited to the next two years until a study committee reports to the next Convention with recommendations regarding this matter.

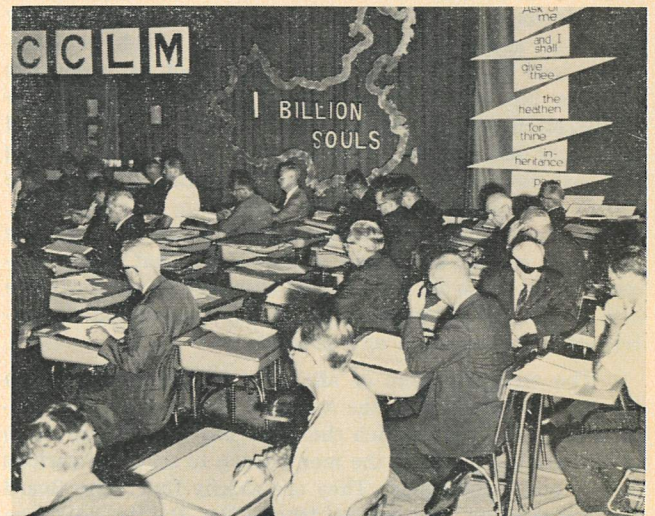
Financing the Building Program

Perhaps the most ambitious resolution passed by the 1965 Convention was the authorization of a \$4 million special Building Fund drive. As reported elsewhere in these Convention Reports, resolutions were adopted granting a multipurpose gymnasium-auditorium-student-union-refectory building to Dr. Martin Luther College in New Ulm; a gymnasium and dormitory to Northwestern College in Watertown; a multipurpose library building to

the Seminary at Mequon; and the establishing of an academic plant with classroom facilities for 250 students for Milwaukee Lutheran Teachers College. No cost figures were attached to these projects, but total cost will undoubtedly go even beyond the \$4 million sought by this special drive. Though this amount is the largest single amount ever sought by our Synod in its history, it was considered a realistic figure for our times and a necessary figure to cover at least a large part of the cost of the buildings voted by the Convention. The balance of these costs will have to come from the budget. These buildings themselves represent a determined effort to provide the facilities needed to train the men and women to fill the ever-increasing demands for more pastors and teachers. Surely this is a need each of us recognizes. If we all then will work together this goal can be met. Here is a real challenge, a real opportunity to serve the Lord, one in which each of us can participate.

The Budget

As summed up in the closing minutes of the 1965 Convention, the budget for 1965-66 revealed proposed expenditures of \$3,436,615.00, not including any of the new building authorized by the Convention. Also not included in the above figure were seven items for which no dollar amount could immediately be established and which very likely would not be carried out in the first year of the biennium. Anticipated revenues for this period are



THE VAST FIELD OF WORK that beckons through the Christian Chinese Lutheran Mission is brought out by the display in the background.

\$3,300,000.00 or nearly \$660,000.00 less than the adopted budget. The second year of the biennium, 1966-67, reveals an even greater differential between budget and anticipated revenues. For that year the anticipated income is \$3,465,000.00 and the budget adopted totals \$4,472,370.00, or just over a million dollars difference.

What is to be done about these unbalanced figures? It was, of course, the fervent hope and prayer of every delegate that the members of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, upon learning of the needs and challenges before us and at the same time recognizing the wondrous

blessings which they have received from the gracious God, would respond with a sharp increase in their giving. This would enable each project as voted to be carried out during the biennium. We need also to recognize that only those projects considered most necessary were voted by the delegates. The alternative rests in the hands of the newly created Adjustment Conference together with the Board of Trustees. It will be their task to decide which projects will be carried out with the funds contributed by our members and which must be deferred. This could mean the postponement of some projects for several years, unless we supply the means to carry them out.

Must we tell souls appealing to us for help: No, we can't bring God's Word to you; we don't have the funds

or the men! Dare we give such an answer when we ourselves are enjoying more luxuries, more labor-saving devices and more newer cars than ever before? Search your hearts, my friends, pray fervently and give generously, for this is your work. God has given to each of us a wonderful opportunity to serve in His kingdom. May He through His Word also give us the willingness to grasp these opportunities with the talents which He has entrusted to our care! Then with sharply increased giving the projects voted by the 1965 Convention will with God's blessing be translated into souls saved, the very purpose and goal of our existence.

RICHARD FROHMADER

Administration and Promotion

When a Synod meets in convention, a major portion of its deliberations are devoted to the work of missions, home and world, as well as to the task of training workers and safeguarding the doctrine. But there is another vitally important aspect of our work as a Synod which we sometimes tend to take for granted. It is not as glamorous perhaps, but still very important. It is the work of administration and promotion. The fixed assets of our Synod total over \$20 million. That takes administering. During the next year, there is more than \$4 million worth of the Lord's work to be done. [*This refers only to the budget. It does not include the special offering of \$4 million to be gathered in the next two years—Ed.*] That takes promoting. Because we want to be responsible stewards, we also gave serious consideration at our Convention to matters of administration and promotion.

The administration of affairs Synodical is carried on by the men elected to the various offices, while the promoting of the work which the Lord has given us to do is given into the hands of the men chosen to serve on various boards and committees. They are chiefly four: The Board for Information and Stewardship, The Public Relations Committee; The Audio-Visual Aids Committee, and the Commission for Christian Literature. The Convention heard their reports, commended them when they deserved commendation, and gave them instructions for the promotion of the Synod's work during the months ahead.

Board for Information and Stewardship

Chief responsibility for keeping the members of the Synod informed lies with the Board for Information and Stewardship. Since the last Convention this overworked Board produced 18 separate informational aids, four filmstrips, began the production of other items, conducted area stewardship conferences, and presented lectures to Seminary seniors to acquaint these future pastors with the vital work of this Board.

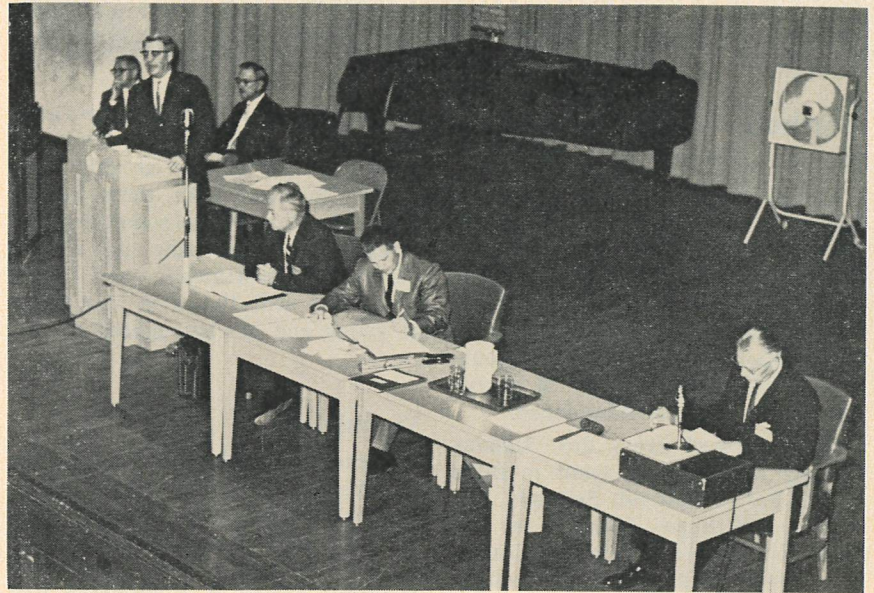
Because of the magnitude and the importance of this Board's work, a memorial to the Convention called for the establishment of the office of a full-time Executive Secretary of the Board for Information and Stewardship. The delegates agreed on the need, considered the Synod's money-manpower shortage, and then voted "no" in one of the closest votes of the convention. Thus for the present the Board will continue to carry out its assignments utilizing the "spare" time of its members.

Audio-Visual Aids

Working in close conjunction with the Board for Information and Stewardship is the Audio-Visual Aids Committee. Its quarters in the Synod Administration Building now contain 189 filmstrips, 13 films, plus 390 tape recordings and 471 disc recordings for use by our congregations. Visual aids are highly regarded media of interpretation in the educational systems of our country. Our congregations have also recognized their value for church work. The number of congregations using Audio-Visual Aids Committee materials has risen from 16% in 1959 to 67% in 1964. In the past year, 2,482 requests, involving 3,307 items, were filled. To handle this volume of audio-visual traffic, the convention resolved to grant the request for a full-time Audio-Visual Aids Manager. Prior to this time much of the work at the AVA office had been done on a gratis basis. In the months ahead, Synod members can look for a number of new items to be made available by this committee.

Some of the things a convention must resolve are anything but momentous, yet necessary nevertheless. There were, for instance, resolutions concerning the Historian's report, the Statistician's reports, the Archives and the Archivist. Members of the Synod were urged to forward to the Archives office documents of historic interest and value to the Synod, such things as dedication booklets, anniversary bulletins, and the like.

A VIEW OF THE SPEAKER'S PLATFORM. At the tables (left to right): Prof. H. L. Vogel, parliamentarian; Pastor P. R. Hanke, secretary; Pastor O. J. Naumann, president and moderator. Seated at far left are Prof. C. J. Trapp (left) and Vice-President I. J. Habeck, and at the lectern, Pastor W. H. Franzmann, reporting on your **North-western Lutheran**.



Public Relations

In years past, the stand of our Synod has frequently been misunderstood by the general public, particularly when the position we took concerned controversial issues. People outside our circles thought they knew where we stood on "scouts and chaplains," but few knew where we stood on anything else. The image the public was getting of us was a false one. Through the efforts of the Public Relations Committee and its numerous press releases to the mass communications media there appears to be a growing awareness and a greater understanding of our Synod's mission and its position on matters controversial. This committee also serves as Synod's watchdog on legislative trends on the national level.

In Convention action the Committee was urged to continue the public relations seminars which it has arranged in some areas of the Synod for the benefit of those who are responsible for public relations on the local level. Recognizing the importance of good public relations, delegates also voted to establish the office of a District Director of Public Information in each of the Synod's nine Districts. These District Directors will seek to accomplish on the District level what the Public Relations Committee is pursuing on the Synodical level.

Periodicals

We have a problem, one akin to the problem of the preacher who cannot reach people who skip church with his sermons on skipping church. You who are reading this are not a part of the problem; you could be a part of the solution. The problem is that so many of the members of our Synod do not read these columns because they do not subscribe for this periodical. As a result, Synodical periodicals had to be subsidized last year in the amount of \$37,758.

The delegates pondered the problem and resolved to solve it by disbanding the Committee on Publications and

by creating a Circulation Committee. One man is to be appointed for each of the four periodicals. This Circulation Committee is charged with the responsibility of planning and promoting an ongoing circulation campaign. While you wait for this committee to begin to function, why don't you conduct your own circulation campaign! Pass this issue, and the next one, on to a friend and offer to enter a subscription for him. Present circulation figure is 28,000, up 6,625 since 1963, but still only about 1/3 of what it ought to be ideally.

Publications

We have a mandate from the Lord to publish. The need is everywhere, and it is urgent. The Convention adopted a number of resolutions in an effort to fill the publishing vacuum. Tracts and pamphlets on various subjects were authorized. A pocket payerbook, either a revision or a replacement of "God Our Refuge," for use by our military personnel, is to be made available as soon as possible. The Commission on Christian Literature was charged to "proceed as rapidly as possible with the production of materials" as specified. The note that runs through most of the resolutions of this floor committee is one of urgency. Hurry! "Before the night comes."

Administration and Promotion—those are just fancy words for the words of our Savior who said: "Go ye!" Delegates to this Convention did the voting and the resolving, but remember, they were delegates—*your* delegates. That "ye" above includes not just committees and commissions and boards, it involves you, too. Now therefore, by the grace of God and with the help of God, "Go!"

JOEL C. GERLACH

[Note: The second part of the *Doctrinal Matters* report, the report on "Specialized Ministries," "More Side-lights," and the complete election results will appear in the issue of October 3.—Ed.]

Direct from the Districts

Northern Wisconsin

Hiawatha Lutheran Bible Camp

As reported by Pastor Theophil Hoffmann, the Hiawatha Lutheran Bible Camp met for the ninth year this summer. This year's meeting place was about 25 miles north of Iron Mountain on Sawyer Lake in Upper Michigan at Dickinson County 4-H camp. There were 75 youngsters, ages 10-16, in attendance.

Two hours of every day, Monday through Friday, were spent in Bible study. Pastor Donald Sellnow, Menominee, Michigan, lectured on Old Testament heroes of faith and Pastor E. Ahlswede, Florence, Wisconsin, on the life of St. Paul. Morning and evening devotions were conducted by the various pastors at camp. Athletics were under the direction of Pastor J. Kiecker, Daggett, Michigan. Mrs. Donald Sellnow, Menominee, Michigan, served as camp nurse. Two of our lady counselors were DMLC students: Misses Eileen Hartwig and Pat Carlson, both of Peshtigo, Wisconsin. On the staff was a student from Northwestern College, Watertown, Mark Hannemann, of Escanaba, Michigan. Another Northwestern College student, Dale Baumler, Kingsford, Michigan, spoke on "Why Northwestern." Pastor Philip Kuckhahn, Hyde, Michigan, served as director of the camp. The Northern Wisconsin District president, John Dahlke, addressed the group on "guitar and folk singing," calling special attention to the propaganda that the Communists are presently making by these means. Others present at camp were Pastor and Mrs. Victor Schultz, Oconto Falls, Wisconsin, with "Arts and Crafts"; Mrs. Shirley Schlenvogt, Stephenson, Michigan, and Mrs. John McMahon, Hyde, Michigan, as volunteer kitchen help.

Fees paid by the campers were \$16.50 for the week (including everything, even the \$2000 insurance), reduction being made for more than one member of a family.

Campers came from Hyde, Menominee, Escanaba, Daggett, Rapid River, Stambaugh, Michigan; and from Florence, Oconto Falls, Lena, Peshtigo, Coleman, and Grover, Wis-

consin. It was a pleasant experience to hear 75 young voices sing the praises of our Savior at this Bible Camp! To meet with those of the brotherhood of faith is something that makes Camp Hiawatha up in the northwoods worthwhile and something that will linger in the minds of young and old throughout life.

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Vacancies

Vacancies in the District are the parishes of Jacksonport and Baileys Harbor, Mishicot (St. Peter's), Fond du Lac, Redeemer; the parishes of Ripon and Omro, and Menominee, Michigan. Salem, R. 4, Sturgeon Bay, became vacant with the resignation of Pastor Otto Henning.

Pastor's Anniversary

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Fond du Lac, on the afternoon of August 1, 1965, celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of its pastor, G. J. Ehlert, in the ministry. The sermon was preached by Prof. P. Kuehl of Northwestern College, and the altar service was read by Prof. L. Ristow of Winnebago Lutheran Academy. Mr. H. Wicke, a member of the council, acted as toastmaster for the banquet which followed the service. The pastor was presented with a gift.

Wedding Anniversaries

Mr. and Mrs. John Kirchoff and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Zimmermann, both lifelong members of St. Paul's Lutheran Congregation of Algoma, celebrated on June 7.

Mr. and Mrs. William Berger of Daggett, Michigan, members of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, celebrated on Sunday, July 11.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown, members of Christ Lutheran at Menominee, Michigan, celebrated on August 20.

Dedication

Fox Valley Lutheran High School was privileged to dedicate its new addition Sunday afternoon, August 15, 1965. Open house was held after the service of dedication.

L. RISTOW

Southeastern Wisconsin

Anniversaries

Mr. Richard Schoenborn and his wife Anna nee Tetzlaff celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Cudahy, Wisconsin.

Mr. and Mrs. William Ehlers of Zion Congregation, Town Theresa, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Werner, members of St. Jacobi Church, Milwaukee, have celebrated their fiftieth anniversaries.

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Milwaukee Federation

The Federation sponsored a Lutheran church service on the second Sunday of the Wisconsin State Fair. The Federation is placing a church directory of local congregations and the time of their service in the hotels and motels in and around Milwaukee. There is the continuing self-study with an eye to increasing evangelism efforts. Mission fairs are being scheduled.

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Ground-breaking

Christ Ev. Lutheran Church, Big Bend, has begun construction of its new Christian Day School-Fellowship hall with ground-breaking services on August 1.

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Wisconsin Lutheran Convalescent Home, Inc.

The Green Tree Hospital on 76th and Green Tree Road in Milwaukee has been purchased by a group of men from our District. It is viewed as a bold, faith-filled, positive step to provide, as members of the Wisconsin Lutheran Synod, for the care of the physical as well as the spiritual needs of our aging infirm. This home opens horizons to other possible welfare agencies in the same place and under one administration.

HARRY WIEDMANN

Briefs

(Continued from page 290)

church was recently closed. In 1941 Pastor Hertler began services at La Crescent. In 1942 the congregation there was organized. He has been the only pastor of the congregation which he founded.

THE NORTHWESTERN LUTHERAN

† **Pastor R. C. Ave'Lallemant** †

Funeral services for Pastor Reinhold C. Ave'Lallemant were conducted in Christ Lutheran Church in North St. Paul, Minnesota, on June 19, 1965. The undersigned officiated and based his words of comfort on Luke 21; 33. Pastor Paul Dowidat, a friend of the family, spoke appropriate words.

Pastor Ave'Lallemant was born in Milan, Ripley County, Indiana, on July 18, 1879, the son of a minister, Frederick Ave'Lallemant. He was educated in Christian day schools and other educational institutions of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, graduating from Northwestern College in Watertown and from the Theological Seminary in Wauwatosa.

APPOINTMENTS

Mr. John Metzger has been appointed to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Isaac Sader, deceased, on the Mission Board of the Southeastern Wisconsin District.

Mr. Robert F. Dretske has been appointed to the Board for Information and Stewardship of the District, to replace Mr. Elmer Ungemach.

Adolph Buenger, President

NOTICE

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

The Annual Report of the Treasurer for the year ended June 30, 1965, was distributed to the delegates at the Convention in Watertown, Wisconsin. This is an 86-page booklet. We have a number of additional copies. If you wish a copy, please write and request a copy from the Fiscal office.

Norris Koopman, Treasurer
3512 West North Ave.
Milwaukee, Wis. 53208

NOMINATIONS

The following names have been placed in nomination for the Hebrew professorship at Northwestern College:

- Pastor Leroy Boernecke, Onalaska, Wis.
- Pastor Kurt Eggert, Milwaukee, Wis.
- Pastor Paul Eickmann, Milwaukee, Wis.
- Pastor Charles Found, Phoenix, Ariz.
- Professor James Fricke, Saginaw, Mich.
- Pastor Daniel Habeck, Toledo, Ohio
- Professor Lloyd Hahnke, New Ulm, Minn.
- Pastor Lloyd Huebner, Lake Mills, Wis.
- Pastor Harold Johnne, St. Paul Minn.
- Pastor Norval Kock, Wood Lake, Minn.
- Pastor Richard Lauersdorf, Ontario, Wis.
- Pastor John Meyer, Friesland, Wis.
- Pastor Robert Schumann, Kenosha, Wis.
- Pastor Cyril Spaude, Aberdeen, S. Dak.
- Pastor Theodore Stern, Two Rivers, Wis.
- Pastor Gerhard Struck, Bay City, Mich.
- Pastor Martin Westerhaus, Iron Ridge, Wis.

The Board of Control will meet on Wed., Oct. 13, 9 a.m., to extend the call. Any correspondence regarding these candidates must reach the Board before that date.

Kurt A. Timmel, Secretary
612 Fifth St.
Watertown, Wisconsin

CALL FOR CANDIDATES

Since Prof. James Raabe has accepted a call to Wonewoc, Wisconsin, a vacancy exists in the department of education at Dr. Martin Luther College. The Board of Control of Dr. Martin Luther College herewith invites members of the Synod to nominate candidates for this professorship. Please include

He was ordained into the holy ministry in 1903 in Greenfield, Wisconsin, where he served until 1907 when he accepted the call to Tacoma, Washington. Before coming to North St. Paul in 1920, he served the congregation in Monticello, Minnesota, for a short time. He labored in North St. Paul until 1950, over 30 years, when he resigned from the ministry and thereafter lived with a daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Mueller, and was a faithful member of Christ Lutheran Church, which he had served many years. He also served the church at large as visiting elder of the St. Croix Conference and as a member of the Minnesota District Mission Board. The Lord called him to his eternal rest on June 16 at the age of 85 years, 10 months, and 28 days.

On July 2, 1903, Pastor Ave'Lallemant was united in marriage with Phillippena Habighorst of Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin. In addition to his wife and Mrs. Margaret Mueller, Pastor Ave'Lallemant is survived by four sons: Carl and Louis of North St. Paul, Donald of Washington, D.C., and Frederick of Hartford, Connecticut; two other daughters: Mrs. Dorothy Goelzer and Mrs. Marie Moebius of Milwaukee; three brothers: Pastor Ludwig of Monterey, California, Martin of Milwaukee, and Ernst of Ixonia, Wisconsin; and a sister, Mrs. Walter Zank of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin.

The eternal Word, which the departed preached, is the only comfort for the mourning family and brethren in the ministry.

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pertinent information with your nomination.

All nominations must be in the hands of the undersigned by Sept. 29, 1965.

Darrell Knippel, Secretary
DMLC Board of Control
3910 Stevens Ave. South
Minneapolis, Minn. 55409

**NAMES FOR MISSION REQUESTED
Kalamazoo, Mich.**

St. Stephen's Lutheran Church is now located in the northeastern metropolitan area of Kalamazoo. Services are at 10:30 at Spring Valley School, Mt. Olivet Rd. and Glendale Ave. Please send names of interested people living in the communities of Kalamazoo, Portage, Parchment, Cooper, Richland and Comstock to: Pastor Elton R. Bickel
907 John St.
Kalamazoo, Mich. 49001

A REQUEST—NEW JERSEY MISSION

If you know of any persons living in Metropolitan New York or Northern New Jersey who are thirsting for the pure Word of God, please send their names to our Wisconsin Synod Mission in New Jersey. Services are now being held at Maple Meade School in North Brunswick, just two miles south of the Brunswick Circle on Highway 130. For directions or the time of service, call the pastor. Write or call Pastor Gary P. Baumber
1724 Holly Road
North Brunswick, N. J. 08902
Phone (201) 297-3020

RESULT OF COLLOQUY

Robert Gruetzmacher has submitted to a colloquy for entrance into the teaching ministry of our Synod and has been found to be in confessional agreement with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod and is eligible for a call.

Michigan District President N. Berg
2nd Vice-President G. Press
Prof. M. Albrecht

CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES

DAKOTA-MONTANA

WESTERN PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Time: Sept. 28 and 29 with Missionary Conference at 8:00 p.m. Sept. 27.

Place: Messiah Lutheran Church, West Glendive, Mont.; James Humann, host pastor. Preacher: George Rothe.

Essays: The Homeletical Treatment of the Pre-Lenten Gospels, E. Klaszus; Development of Punctuation, Verse, and Chapter Division in the Bible (Greek and Hebrew), C. Spaude; A Book Review, L. Wurster.

David Zietlow, Secretary

EASTERN DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: Sept. 30, 1965 (Thursday).
Time: 9 a.m. (CST), with a Communion service.

Place: Willow Lake Lutheran Church, Willow Lake, S. Dak.; G. Bunde, host pastor.

Agenda: The reports of the delegates to the Wisconsin Synod Convention in August. A delegate from each congregation is expected to attend.

C. E. Cone, Jr., Secretary
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ROSEBUD PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Oct. 12 and 13, 1965.

Place: Martin, S. Dak.

Host pastor: R. Kuckhahn.

Preacher: K. Plocher, Sr.

Chaplain: M. Doelger.

Papers: David as a Type of Christ, J. Engel; Exegesis of Mark 10:17-27, M. Doelger.

M. F. Doelger, Secretary

MICHIGAN

DISTRICT TEACHERS' CONFERENCE

Time: Oct. 6-8, 1965.

Place: Immanuel Lutheran School, Flint, Mich.

Agenda: Achieving Working Harmony Between Sunday School and Day School, H. Zink; Personal Bible Study, Prof. E. Scharf; The Need, Building, and Use of the Christian Day School Library, D. Sebald and P. Kamke; The Lenten Evangelism Program, W. Valleskey; The Speaker at Divine Worship, D. Habeck; Inspirational Address, M. Toepel. Milton Bugbee, Secretary

MINNESOTA

CROW RIVER PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Sept. 28 and 29, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Place: Immanuel, Acoma Twp.

Agenda: Practical Angles of Presenting a Call to a Congregation, R. Roth; Sermon Study, Rev. 3:1-6, W. Haar; Isagogical Study of Micah, H. Klug; Exegesis of I Tim. 3, N. Sauer.

The speaker: J. Raabe; alternate: R. Roth. W. E. Neumann, Secretary

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REDWOOD FALLS DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: Sept. 28, 1965 (Tuesday).

Place: St. John's Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minn.

Host pastor: E. O. Schulz.

Time: 2:00 p.m., with evening session.

Agenda: Convention reports.

Please send excuses to host pastor.

J. H. Braun, Secretary

NEW ULM DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: Oct. 6, 1965, at Darfur, Minn., 9:30 a.m.
Essay: Order of service by N. Luetke; Reports on the Synodical Convention; Showing of Your Northwestern.

* * * Melvin Schwark

NEW ULM PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Nov. 3, 1965, at 9:30 a.m.
Place: St. John's at New Ulm, Minn.
Essay: Article I of Formula of Concord by Prof. Hahnke.
Preacher: John Kurth (alternate: Prof. A. Koelpin).

Melvin Schwark, Secretary

REDWOOD FALLS PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Oct. 16, 1965 (Tuesday).
Place: St. John's Lutheran Church, Wood Lake, Minn.; N. Kock, host pastor.
Opening service with Holy Communion at 9 a.m.
Preacher: W. J. Oelhafen, alternate: E. O. Schulz.

Agenda: Luther's Large Catechism; The Third Commandment, J. Bradtke; Exegesis of Jude, N. Kock; A Restudy of the Church on the Basis of John 17:23 and Eph. 4:3-6, H. Kesting; Have We Lost Something Essential in Our Church Since We No Longer Have Confessional Services? W. J. Oelhafen.

Discussion of practice in dealing with nursing homes and homes for aged and scheduled services at the same.

Jerome H. Braun, Secretary

NEBRASKA

CENTRAL PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Place: Good Hope Church, 8711 S. 36th St., Omaha, Nebr.
Time: Sept. 28 and 29, 1965.
Agenda: Opening devotion at 10:00 a.m. Formula of Concord, Epitome, Article III, G. Frank; Exegesis of I Cor. 9, H. Lichtenberg; Exegesis and Application of Gen. 9:25, W. H. Wietzke.
Communion service Tues. evening; speaker, E. Lindemann

H. Lichtenberg, Secretary

SOUTHERN DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: Sept. 28 and 29, 1965; opening session at 10 a.m.
Place: St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, North Platte, Nebr.; M. Liesener, host pastor.
Sermon: H. Bittorf (G. Eckert, alternate).
Papers: Isagogical Treatise of Obadiah, D. Stewert; Article XXIV, Augsburg Confession, J. Erhart; The Beast of Revelation Exemplified by the Pope at Rome, R. Ehlers; Re-evaluation of Sponsorship, H. Schnitker.
Reports: Mission, Academy, Stewardship, Financial, Relief; 38th Biennial Convention of Synod.

Ronald N. Tischer, Secretary

NORTHERN WISCONSIN

MANITOWOC PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Sept. 20, 1965.
Place: Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Louis Corners, RR. 1, Kiel, Wis.; A. F. Schultz, pastor.
Time: Opening Communion service at 9 a.m. Preacher: S. Kugler (alternate, Dr. H. Koch).
Agenda: Exegesis of Isa. 50-4f, Theo. Stern (alternate, L. H. Koeninger); Sermon Study, F. Stern (alternate, Theo. Sauer); Conference Choice of Essay: Open and Closed Communion, A. Stuebs; The Northern Wisconsin District—Persons, Places, Events, A. Engel; Review of Proposed Rite of Confirmation for Children, A. Roekle, moderator; Report of Visitor.

A. F. Schultz, Secretary

WINNEBAGO PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Monday, Sept. 20, 1965.
Place: Immanuel Lutheran Church, Oshkosh, Wis.; G. Unke, pastor.
Time: 9:00 a.m. Communion service; G. Schaefer, preacher (A. Schultz, alternate).
Agenda: Exegesis of Eph. (Cont'd), K. Gurgel; Report on the Synod Convention; Dan. 9, H. Scherf; Round Table Discussion of Practical Matters, D. Hallemeier; Casuistry, Reports, Assignments.

Glenn H. Unke, Secretary

NORTHERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT MISSIONARIES' CONFERENCE

Date: Sept. 27, noon — Sept. 28, noon.
Place: St. Paul's Church, Winneconne, Wis.
Agenda: Exegesis of II John, J. Plitzuweit; The Great Missionary's Look at His Work as Seen in the Epistle to the Colossians, H. Koch; Isagogical Presentation of Malachi, J. Radloff; Remarks by District Chairman and Questions of Missionaries.
Communion service Monday evening, G. Unke, preacher.

Carl Voss, Secretary

WINNEBAGO TEACHERS' CONFERENCE

Date: Sept. 23 and 24, 1965.
Place: St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church, Fond du Lac, Wis.
Agenda: The Prophets to the Divided Kingdom, Myron Hilger; Prayer, Joyce Pautz (3, 4), Mrs. F. Mueller (1, 2), Mrs. C. Schwake (K); Physical Education, Arvid Kramer, Jerry Gronholz; Effective Use of Bulletin Boards, F. Kieselhorst (5-8), Mrs. G. Vetter (3, 4), Mrs. G. Lampheer (K-2); Evaluation of Phonics Course, Mrs. R. Nelson, Beverly Gurath, Gloria Beckmann; Recruiting for Christian Day Schools, Prof. G. Heckmann.

Frederick Blauert

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN

METROPOLITAN NORTH PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Sept. 27 and 28, 1965.
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Place: St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Newburg, Wis.; G. P. Kionka, host pastor.
Preacher: A. Mittelstaedt (W. Nommensen, alternate).
Agenda: Exegesis of I John 4, F. Zurling; Book review: "A History of Preaching in Britain and America," Prof. G. Hoenecke; Report on the Free Conference; Report on the Synod Convention; Presentation of Mission Fair books; other reports.

Paul A. Manthey, Secretary

ORDINATIONS AND INSTALLATIONS

Ordained and Commissioned

Mueller, Dieter, was ordained and commissioned as missionary-at-large in Alberta, Canada, St. Matthew's, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, by Dr. Friedrich K. Schultz; assisted by Dr. P. Peters, and W. Loescher; Aug. 8, 1965.

Ordained and Installed

Zessin, Larry, as pastor of Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Winona (Goodview), Minn., by T. Baganz; assisted by H. Essmann; July 18, 1965.

Installed

Pastors

Krueger, Silas R., as pastor of Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church, Tucson, Ariz., by C. Metz; assisted by M. Nitz; Aug. 29, 1965.

Reiter, Clare L., as pastor of Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Kiel, Wis., by A. Schultz; assisted by H. Juroff, A. Roekle, and R. Wendland; Aug. 15, 1965.

Vomhof, Ervine, as pastor of St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church, North Freedom, Wis., by E. Toepel; assisted by H. Winkel, G. Neumann, and J. Mumm; July 25, 1965.

Werre, Alvin, as pastor of Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Rollingstone, Minn., by R. Beckmann; Aug. 1, 1965.

Zessin, Larry, as pastor of First Lutheran Church, Minnesota City, Minn., by L. Hallauer; assisted by A. Hanke, A. Mennicke, R. Beckmann, and H. Essmann; July 18, 1965.

Teachers

Kirk, Daniel, as teacher in Emanuel Lutheran School, Flint, Mich., by J. Spaude; Aug. 8, 1965.

Meyer, Robert, as principal of Bethlehem Lutheran School, Menomonee Falls, Wis.; Aug. 15, 1965.

Noite, William, as teacher in St. Paul's Lutheran School, Norfolk, Neb., by E. Habermann; Aug. 1, 1965.

Pautsch, Carl, as teacher in St. John's Ev. Lutheran School, Caledonia, Minn., by R. Kant; Aug. 15, 1965.

Plath, LeDell, as principal and teacher of St. John's Ev. Lutheran School, St. Paul, Minn., by M. B. Petermann; assisted by H. A. Schewe; August 22, 1965.

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