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THE 1967 CONVENTION COMMITTEES and the membership of each are announced by the Praesidium in this issue. Merely noting the number of the committees and the matters on which they are to make recommendations to the Convention is enough to impress one with the importance and volume of the business that will engage the delegates at Saginaw, Michigan, from August 9 to 16.

In the July 23 issue we shall bring a concise preview of the most important items on the Convention agenda.

Delegates will find information important for them in the announce-

ment by Secretary Paul Hanke on page 225.

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"MY, THEY TAKE UP A LOT OF SPACE!" We hope that this will not be the main reaction when readers see the pictures of the Dr. Martin Luther College graduates for 1967 and when they read the long list of assignments. Rather, let the thought fill each mind and heart that these graduates represent the great goodness of God to us in our need. If you will permit the play on words, the graduates will soon be filling a lot of important spaces behind teachers' desks in our Christian day schools. For a long time we have been imploring our Lord Jesus to give us young men and women who will train for teaching and so relieve the great shortage of teachers. Now let us not fail to render heartfelt thanks to Him for this rich measure of relief.

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WE ASK YOUR INDULGENCE if items you have sent in for publication have not appeared as soon as you expected. There has been such

a wealth of material for each issue the last few months that we have had to hold over to the following issue (or the one after that) material that normally would appear in the very next issue. Or is this great abundance of material becoming the normal thing? We can't say for certain. But we do know that we must more and more frequently make the hard decisions: What shall we hold over to another issue, and what not?

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A FIRST SERGEANT IN VIETNAM wrote to us in May. We feel we ought to share parts of it with you:

I have just received the April 30 issue of The Northwestern Lutheran and, just as I always do, I stopped to read, and some 30 minutes later I had again strengthened my faith in the Triune God. I have been in Vietnam for almost 11 months, and I don't think I have missed a day reading "Meditations," and it has certainly helped me through some trying times. The Lutheran Spiritual Welfare Commission has certainly kept in touch with those of us of the Wisconsin Synod, and their efforts are greatly appreciated.

I have not been able as yet to contact Pastor Voss, since the Saigon area is "off limits" to those of us in outlying places. Also, we are kept out in the jungle most of the time

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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. 1 Kings 8:57

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Editorials

Shaping the Image In preparation for the New York Convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in July, *The Lutheran Witness* recently published 12 pages worth of letters from readers addressing themselves to the question, "What Synod Needs." The July issue of *The Lutheran Witness* will print still more letters, thus assuring a wide coverage of topics and promising a broad sampling of synodical opinions.

Perhaps five of the 36 letters are pleas for preserving a confessional heritage; 10 or 11 call for stronger mission programs; several are concerned with such practical matters as architecture and synodical organization. But at least half urge a greater involvement in social problems and argue for acceptance of an updated and ecumenical theology and practice.

Only a few of the latter type are outright demands for such commitments as membership in the LWF, woman suffrage, modification of the doctrine of inspiration, and fellowship with the ALC. In reality, no more such outspoken letters will be necessary to accomplish these purposes if the sentiment of the majority of the correspondents represents the spirit of the Missouri Synod. In most of the letters there is a call for boldness, for freedom, for progress; there is an appeal to Missouri to recognize her new place in the church and in the world. Missouri is exhorted to think the bigger thoughts of today, not the small thoughts of yesterday. She needs "a theology of and for the world," and she must become more a part of this present world. Missouri must change as the world dictates that change.

All these letters calling for changes, fundamental changes in the Missouri Synod—what do they represent? A Gallup poll of its attitudes? What the average Missourian thinks? Hardly. These letters were written by invitation. Their responses to the question, "What does the Missouri Synod need?" are, therefore, controlled by the editors. These change-provoking attitudes are what the image-shaping editors are suggesting that Mr. Average-Missourian is thinking about synodical issues. If Mr. Average-Missourian believes that he is thinking what these letters imply he is thinking, the New York Convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod will take another step toward becoming a church with expanded mission programs, but it will also be taking another step toward secularized theology and confessionless practice.

CARLETON TOPPE

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What Earthly Good? An article in a magazine—not a churchpaper—has the title "What Earthly Good Is Sunday School?" The hook that catches the attention in this title is hidden in the word *earthly*. In the everyday use of that word the suggestion is that Sunday school is of no use at all. That is what the writer intended to suggest. But in the course of the article the writer made it clear that he was by no means opposed to Sunday schools and church schools as such. He was acquainted with some Sunday schools, and his complaint was that they were of no earthly use for

the simple reason that they were trying to serve earthly purposes and ignoring the heavenly purpose that should have been their business.

His criticism was that they were trying to be *relevant*. They were trying to serve some earthly, practical, political, economic, social purpose. They seemed to believe that no church activity, including the preaching of the Gospel, was really relevant unless it directly attacked the racial problem, slums, urban deterioration, juvenile delinquency, cancer, poverty, Vietnam, African republics, inflation, world peace, communism in Cuba, and the thousand other ills that perplex the world. He cited the example of one group of tots who, Sunday after Sunday, were bored to death with making paper flags of all nations in order to teach them racial equality. That took up one half-hour; the rest of the time was consumed with taking up a collection, keeping the attendance record, handing out stars, and so on. That kind of school, he said was of no earthly use.

But that is precisely the kind of school the humanist wants. He believes that when the problems mentioned above are settled, then the kingdom of God has been established. That is the only kind of kingdom of God he has any use for. Take care of the social ills first, make this world a more pleasant place to live in, guarantee everyone a decent income—that he believes should be the business of the church and of the government. That alone is relevant.

The writer of the article would approve of a Sunday school that sought first the kingdom of God that Christ spoke of: the kingdom that is of faith in Christ, of grace and forgiveness of sins, of love of the brethren for Christ's sake. That kind of school, the author agreed, would really be of some earthly use. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you."

ERWIN E. KOWALKE

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The Real Culprit An article in a series on money-management cited two case histories. One concerned a man who had missed several dental appointments although his teeth were in serious need of attention. Upon inquiry by his dentist, this man explained that he was putting his daughter through college and could not afford dental care. It turned out, however, that he earned \$15,000 per year, belonged to a private club, was buying a cabin in the mountains, and was driving an expensive car.

The other case concerned a young executive who failed to make payments on a \$500 department store bill. Questioned by the store's collection agency, he explained that he had a retarded child, who was costing him a great deal in special education and psychological care. Investigation by the collector revealed, however, that items on this man's past-due charge account included a \$100 watch, a color television set, an expensive evening gown for his wife, and a moving picture camera.

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And, behold, one came and said unto him, "Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?" And he said unto him, "Why callest thou me good? There is none good but one, that is, God; but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments." He saith unto him, "Which?" Jesus said, "Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Honor thy father and thy mother; and, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." The young man saith unto him, "All these things have I kept from my youth up. What lack I yet?" Jesus said unto him, "If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven; and come and follow me." But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions (Matthew 19:16-22).

The two essential propositions of the Christian religion are the Law and the Gospel. The Law shows man his sin and his great need of a Savior; the Gospel reveals his Savior and the answer to his greatest need. The Law makes the diagnosis; the Gospel is the ready remedy.

Christians accept both. They believe the unpleasant truth which the Law tells them about themselves, and their predicament, and they accept the unflinching treatment which the Gospel of Christ prescribes.

Unbelievers, on the other hand, reject the one or the other, or both. If the unbeliever rejects the Law, he invariably rejects also the Gospel. If he rejects the Gospel remedy while accepting the Law's diagnosis, he either despairs of any help or hope, or he relies upon some useless home remedy.

More tragic still is the case of the unbeliever who, like the rich young man in our text, is

Blind to the Law

With many an unbeliever, at least at the outset, the problem is not so much that he rejects the diagnosis of the Law, but that he is not even aware of what the Law is trying to tell him. He takes only a casual glance at the outward requirements of the Ten Commandments, and then he mistakenly concludes that he has very well kept them. He feels satisfied with himself and is sure that God must be satisfied with him, too.

Actually, however, he is blind to the Law. He doesn't see that, just because he has never taken the life or the wife of another man, this does not mean that he has never been guilty of murder or adultery. He doesn't realize that also such things as hatred, resentment, lovelessness, uncharitableness, lust, covetousness, incontinence, and discontentment are violations of the Law in the sight of God. Instead, he regards these as weaknesses of human nature, perhaps, but not of any serious consequence. In short, he has not yet come to grips with that fuller exposition of the Law in which God says, for example: "Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer" (I John 3:15), and again, "Whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart" (Matt. 5:28).

In his blindness, moreover, the unbeliever may even suppose that the Law, far from revealing sin and guilt, is rather his means to eternal life. Failing to see how the Law condemns and convicts him, he presumes to use it rather to his everlasting advantage. He prefers that it should reward and exalt him than that it should denounce and humiliate him. Blindly, he strives for life where only death is to be found.

Where such blindness envelops the heart of an unbeliever, he must be led to see where his proud folly will take him. If he would gain eternal life through the Law, then he must go all the way with the Law. If he wants the Law to perfect him, then the essence of the Law's demands must be per-

fectly met. Then he must prove to perfection his love for God and his fellow man. He must love God above all things and his neighbor as himself. For "love is the fulfilling of the law" (Rom. 13:10).

How miserably lacking are all human hearts in that love which the Law prescribes and demands! The rich young man, who made the Law his boast and his pride, found the Law to be his undoing. Indeed, all those who blindly string along with the Law are bound to be hung up by the Law in the end. "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all" (Jas. 2:10), and "by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight; for by the law is the knowledge of sin" (Rom. 3:20).

Blind to the Gospel

So long as the rich young man did not know himself a sinner he could not know Christ his Savior. A man who does not recognize or feel the symptoms of disease, though he be seriously infected, is not likely to call a doctor or take the medicine or treatment prescribed for that disease. Except as a precautionary measure, he may not even be minded to have a checkup or undergo a routine examination from time to time. "They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick" (Matt. 9:12).

In counseling the young man who came to Him for instruction, Jesus was determined first to help him recognize his sin and his need of pardon and deliverance. "I am not come to call the righteous," he said once, "but sinners to repentance" (Matt. 9:13). So also today, the proud and self-righteous, those who fancy themselves saints by virtue of imagined merits of their own, remain blind to the Gospel of His forgiving grace and mercy until they see themselves as He sees them, lost and helpless sinners. Even then their blindness is not removed except through the enlightening power of the Holy Spirit. He makes us sinners before He makes us saints.

MILTON BURK

Graduation

Northwestern Lutheran Academy

The graduation exercises at Northwestern Lutheran Academy took place on the morning of Friday, May 26. On the evening before, the musical organizations of the Academy had rendered a fine concert. Cool weather on both days added to the enjoyment of guests and students alike.

The graduating class consisted of 17 young men and women. Seven, and perhaps more, of these will continue their education at the colleges of the Synod in order to prepare themselves for the work of the public ministry.

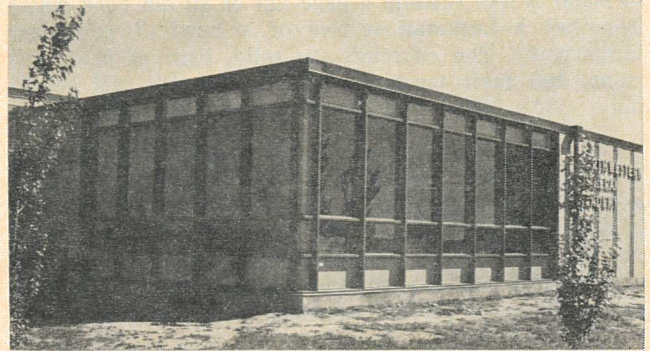
The graduation address was delivered by Pastor Donald Krause of Morristown. The speaker stressed that, above all, the Scripture provides the only adequate basis for a good and a lasting education.

The past school year may well be called a successful one. Though there were some burdensome irritations, no major hindrance troubled the work at the school. It is true, the Academy did not have a permanent president. And thus it was short a member on the teaching staff. Nevertheless, the work was carried on quite efficiently by a somewhat overburdened staff.

Aside from the graduation, another particularly happy event was the dedication of the new refectory and student union. They have proved valuable additions to the physical plant of the Academy. In this connection, the congregations of the Dakota-Montana District must be gratefully remembered. They have equipped the student union with very fine furniture. The students certainly made good use of the union ever since it was opened to use.

The Lord has certainly blessed the Academy in the past year. And one may look forward to the future with joy. An increased enrollment is apparent for the coming year. May the Lord continue to bless the Academy for Jesus' sake!

K. G. SIEVERT



The Dining Hall — Student Union at Northwestern Lutheran Academy.



An interior view of the Student Union at NWLA.

HIDDEN GEMS IN OUR HYMNS

"Psalm 67"

"God be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause his face to shine upon us; that thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations." These are the first two verses of the 67th Psalm, an Old Testament song-prayer for the enlarging of God's kingdom which Luther rewrote as a New Testament missionary hymn. This hymn, translated by Richard Massie in 1851, is No. 500 in *The Lutheran Hymnal*.

"May God Bestow on Us His Grace" is the first real missionary hymn of Lutheranism and of Protestantism. An interesting historical note: it was sung by the army led by Gustavus Adolphus before his final battle, the Battle of Luetzen, Saxony, in 1632.

As we look back over 450 years of church history since Luther struck the "hammer blows heard 'round the world," we must confess that the missionary zeal among Lutherans has not always been as intense as it should have been. Also today we are all too acutely aware of the shortage of money and personnel which

hampers the missionary efforts of our church today. We need to sing this hymn frequently, or at least express its thoughts in our prayers. "May God bestow on us His grace . . . that we His saving health may know . . . and also to the heathen show Christ's riches without measure." Comparing stanza 1 with verses 1 and 2 of Psalm 67 shows the similarity of thought: Lord, keep us faithful, and help us to bring others to faith.

The prospect of the entrance of all nations into the kingdom of God is expressed in verses 4 and 5 of the Psalm and in stanza 2 of the hymn. God's Word provides the nourishment for the soul which all people need and which keeps them in righteous paths. Therefore: "Thine over all shall be the praise and thanks of every nation."

As the Lord permits the earth to bring forth a plentiful harvest, so He also sees to it that the preaching of God's Word will produce fruits of faith among those who are converted to accept the Truth. May the whole world praise our Triune God who blesses us with gifts beyond measure for time and for eternity!

PHILIP JANKE

The Free Evangelical Lutheran Synod in South Africa

Going to church in Kirchdorf in the beautiful district of Natal is like reading a page out of an old book which describes a Lutheran service of a hundred years ago in Germany. The churches are solid, built of brick and stone, and their teaching and practice still rest solidly upon God's Word and the Lutheran Confessions.

Our Wisconsin Synod is in fellowship with this body since 1961, and the ties that bind us have grown ever stronger, even though this Free Synod is near the southern tip of Africa on the Indian Ocean. Our central African missionaries maintain a regular and helpful contact with the Free Synod, whose missionary activities are much older and farther advanced than our own.

Recently we asked President Louis Wiesinger of the Free Synod to send us a brief article on his church so that our members might become better acquainted with this faithful little church body. This is what he wrote:

President L. Wiesinger's Report

"The Free Evangelical Lutheran Synod in South Africa was founded in 1892 because our fathers took the matter of church fellowship, established on unity in faith and confession, most seriously. By God's grace we are still united on the same foundation.

"Our church is conservative, that is, it is determined to remain true to the Spirit-inspired Word of God and to let nothing of that precious Word be removed or altered. It holds fast to all the confessional writings of the Lutheran Church, including the Formula of Concord. It practices church fellowship only with such churches who not only confess this with us, but whose practice agrees with their confession. Therefore, it rejects all unionism and all unionistic alliances.

[Just last year the Free Synod reasserted its confessionally sound position by declining to join a federation of Lutheran and Evangelical churches in South Africa.]

A Lonely Church

"Because we have gone this way, our path here in South Africa has always been a lonely one. Very few have been willing to remain on this path with us. We have weathered many battles and setbacks as a result of our position. Recently we have noticed that families have begun to attend our church services because of the merger of their Lutheran churches with non-Lutherans. This is true of both German and English people.

A Small Church

"Our Synod is not large. We number 2000 souls. Recently a slight increase is being recorded.

"There are four original, main churches: Kirchdorf, Lueneburg, Uelzen, and Wittenberg. These congregations all have fine churches, parsonages and schoolhouses, built and maintained by the members.

"The chief language of these churches is German. It is becoming more and more necessary, however, to

provide Afrikaans and English services, Afrikaans in the Transvaal, English in Natal.

"Our pastors soon will have to master three languages to serve their people.

"The schools in Natal are state schools. They are built near the churches, and the pastors and their helpers are encouraged to instruct their children in God's Word and Lutheran doctrine one hour every morning before the school sessions. In this way we prepare our children for confirmation.

An Active Church

"All our churches have choirs and brass bands to serve for edification in the church services and to accompany congregational singing. Once a year a band and youth festival is held for all the churches. This serves to keep them in lively contact with one another. Our young missions also participate in these, and thus they also grow into our fellowship.

"Our congregations support the work in their midst, the average salary of our pastors being about \$2500. The mission contributions are the highest in the churches of South Africa: Our 1665 souls, including 527 children, in the four main churches, annually contribute 22,414 Rands (\$31,379.60) for missions among the European and African population.

Bible Retreats

"Annually Bible retreats are also conducted for our youth to exercise them in Bible study, group singing, and some sports. These retreats are very popular with our young people and serve to give expression to their fellowship in faith.

Missionary Efforts

"Now I would like to report briefly on our work. We have always conducted heathen missions in our country (among the Zulus and Betsuanas) together with the free churches of Germany. Our own people have been very faithful and generous in supporting this work.

"Out of this missionary effort the new Lutheran Church in South Africa has now been formed as an indigenous African Lutheran Church. It has a sound, confessional foundation; it is Lutheran as we ourselves are Lutheran. This is clear from the periodicals which have reported its development and confessional position.

"The mission among the Africans is now 75 years old. It has been blessed by the Lord richly. There are 12 main mission stations with 20,000 souls, 12 missionaries, 18 other European workers (including the wives of the missionaries, four nurses at three hospitals), 16 African pastors at 123 preaching places, and 38 evangelists.

"The work is also supported by the free churches in Germany.

White Missions

"What are we doing to encourage the growth of our church? Unfortunately, we realized too late that, if we
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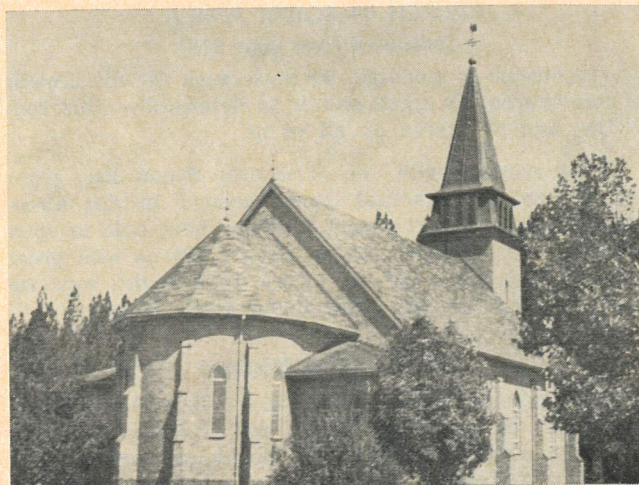
Defend Thy truth, O God, and stay
 This evil generation;
 And from the error of its way
 Keep Thine own congregation.
 The wicked everywhere abound
 And would Thy little flock confound;
 But Thou art our Salvation.



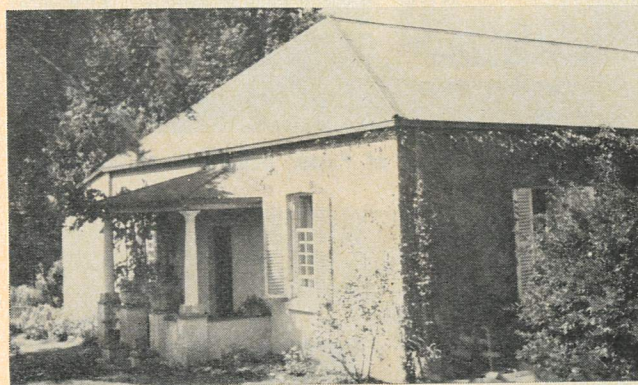
Pastor Louis Wiesinger is president of the church in South Africa which is in fellowship with us.



President Wiesinger's church at Kirchdorf is an impressive building in a pleasant setting.



The church at Uelzen, of which W. Reusch is the pastor, presents a fine appearance.



The congregation at Uelzen maintains this substantial, comfortable home for its pastor.



Another church building that seems to reflect confessional strength (a gift of the Lord!) is this one at Lueneburg.

CHURCH IN SOUTH AFRICA

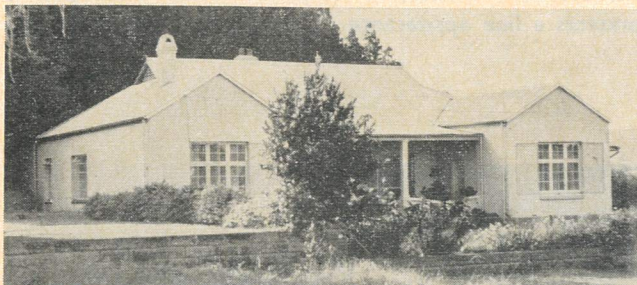
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are to survive as a church, we must work for the growth of our church. To stand still is to deteriorate. This conviction is now shared by all of us.

"Our contact with the Wisconsin Synod has given us very special, practical encouragement in this direction. We have seen the need and have been able to open several white missions. These already fill us with great joy and high hopes for the future. It is in this way, we are sure, that we will grow under God's blessing.

Three White Missions

"Our missions at present are at Johannesburg-Pretoria, at Durban on the Indian Ocean, and at Shelly Beach on the South Coast. They serve the people in German, English, and Afrikaans. All of them are enjoying a steady



This is the parsonage of Pastor Scharlach at Lueneburg.



The Mission Congregation at Shelley Beach.



A view of the landscape in Natal, South Africa, with the Indian Ocean in the distance.

growth. The Johannesburg-Pretoria mission has grown within a few years from eight to almost 60 souls.

Need for Chapels

"While this new mission work gives us great pleasure, we realize that it is almost too great an undertaking for our Synod to carry alone.

"Our chief problem is the fact that urban missions cannot function well without some kind of a meeting place for the growing number of worshipers. Such a mission is like a family without a home.

"One can get along for years in rented, uncertain quarters, but it is very difficult to build a strong congregation in this way, especially in areas where other bodies erect imposing churches. At present we must think seriously of building chapels, if our work is not to suffer harm.

God Will Provide

"We believe that the Lord will find some way to help us in the work which we are doing in His name. He has many ways to carry out His saving will.

"In the meantime we will work on in confident assurance of His help and blessing.

Long-range Plans

"For the future we see definite opportunities for expanding our mission program. Here we see a place where we ought to begin, and there a modest chapel ought to be built.

"Our congregational work is changing. The farmers are gradually moving to the cities. At Kirchdorf, for instance, one-fourth of the members are living at Pietermaritzburg. This already requires regular monthly services at this place. We ought to place a man here who could serve these people and who could also work among the Afrikaans and English populace at this opportune time.

"But we dare not think of these future opportunities; our hands are full with present needs. The long-range matters we must leave with the Lord of the Church who in His own good time will point the way and grant the ability also.

"So much for our work.

Two Students

"Just now our hearts are happy over the fact that two of our young theologians who are in America are soon returning to us. One of them is finishing his course at the Seminary at Mequon, the other is completing his year of vicarage in the United States.

"We have great need of these young men for our work. The very fact that they have been advanced also in English will be of great help here, where the work is gradually going more and more into that language.

Transition

"This changeover into the English is not as great in our country congregations, where the German is still preferred, as in our city missions.

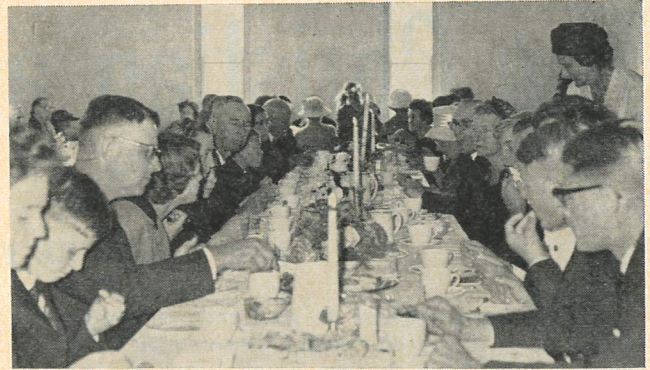


On Confirmation Sunday there is a noon social hour and concert at Kirchdorf.

"In some areas we find that we will have to lay greater emphasis on work in Afrikaans, the language of our country.

Happy Contact

"Finally, permit me to express our great joy over the fact that we have frequent contact with your Wisconsin Synod missionaries in Zambia and Malawi. These are our brethren. Their presence always serves to remind us of the fact that we do not stand alone, but that a large, confessionally sound church far across the sea is with us in the battle for the preservation of the old Truth.



A joint luncheon is another feature of confirmation day at Kirchdorf.

"May God the Lord bless your expanding Wisconsin Synod! May He also look upon us in His grace in Christ to bless us!

"Our anxieties and needs we lay prayerfully into His Father-hands.

"May He bless you there, and us here!
"This is my prayer."

Pastor Louis Wiesinger, President
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The Lord Helps His Children

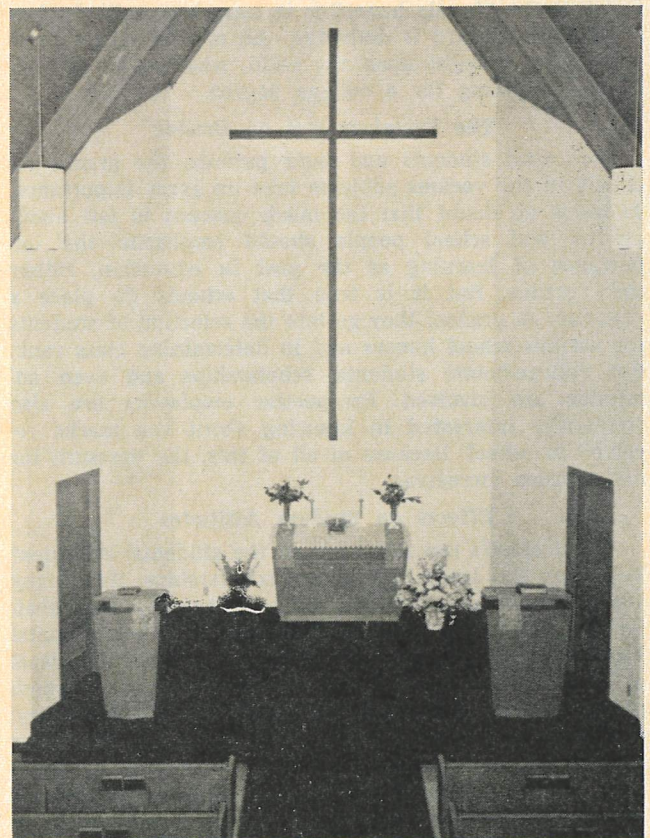
Dedication, Lincoln, Nebraska

St. Mark's Ev. Lutheran Church, Lincoln, Nebraska, dedicated its new church Sunday, May 7, 1967. The guest preacher for the morning service was Professor Carl Nommensen of Luther High School, Onalaska, Wisconsin. He was the first pastor of the congregation when it began holding services in a public school in December 1956. The guest preacher for the afternoon service was Pastor Theophil Baganz of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin. The church seats 215, including the balcony and overflow. The church cost \$55,000. This includes a full basement and pastor's study. The cost was kept down by the work of the members. They did the painting, staining, tiling, and dry-wallling.

The church building stands as a visible reminder that the Lord does help His children. The entire church was built without the help of an architect or general contractor. The original architect proved to be untrustworthy and had to be dismissed very early in the project.

St. Mark's Congregation worshiped in the parsonage basement from 1958 until the day when the new church was dedicated. The present pastor, Hermann John, was installed in July 1962. The congregation now numbers 104 souls.

HERMANN JOHN



St. Mark's of Lincoln, Nebraska, recently dedicated a new church, the chancel of which is shown here.

The Christian and the World

IN IT, BUT NOT OF IT

THE PRESSURE FOR HIGH GRADES

Do you have children or grandchildren enrolled in school, be it in the elementary school, high school, or college? From time to time report cards are brought or sent home to indicate the progress that has been made. How do you look at these reports? What do they mean to you? What about the young people involved? Are the grades they have achieved something with which they are completely satisfied or have they brought a feeling of remorse and perhaps even despair to their young minds? Report cards! Grades! Whether one admits it or not, grades and report cards play quite an important part in the life of a family, and often between the lives of families.

Student Reporting — An Important Point of Contact

Of all the points of contact between schools and parents, probably none are more important than student reporting. The strong emotional attitude of parents with respect to report cards seemingly is related to the fact that, consciously or unconsciously, they suspect that they are deserving of credit or censure for the success or failure of their child in school. Many fathers and mothers feel that the "family honor" is in some way sullied when a poor report card is delivered. All of this causes pressure to be brought upon the child, whether he is 6 or 16 or competing for a college degree.

The Premium Put on Grades

For most students and their parents, the grades received in the various subjects take on great importance. There is no doubt that too much concern is felt about grades, and school people should emphasize the importance of learning as the goal in education, rather than grades. But it is true that schools do place a premium on grades: they go into the selection of students for various school honors and in determining class rank. For college-bound students, scholarships and even admission are involved. Prospective employers are also frequently interested in knowing about the marks received in school. Because of all of this, the pressure for high grades increases.

Effects on Student Attitudes

What effects can this have on the students' attitudes? Too often this leads to insincere scholarships. How many young people have not resorted to dishonesty and cheating in order to reach the goal demanded by their parents! Furthermore, students who cannot attain to the ideals of their parents develop an inferiority complex, which often later leads to problems of self pity, delinquency, and even alcoholism. What about those on the other end of the scale? An air of superiority and smugness develops which is anything but a humble appreciation of the gifts which the Lord may have bestowed upon an individual. How important it is for parents to accept their children as they are, and not try to force them into being something which they are not! Realizing what deep-

seated problems can result, parents ought to humbly thank God for the gifts their children do have and labor zealously to develop those particular gifts in whatever area this may be. But do not force them into being something they really are not. Not every child is cut out to be a college or university wizard.

The principal in a high school in one of our larger cities found a unique way to answer a mother who demanded to know why her son was not in the gifted class. "Because," said the principal, "he's a healthy, normal boy." When the mother wept, he led her to a class for retarded children. After 10 minutes she left and never complained about her normal son again.

A Painfully Competitive Sport

Today many mothers and fathers have turned parenthood into a painfully competitive sport. The result of this frantic concern is constant pressure on the child to excel. Dr. Weisner, a noted psychiatrist and former medical director of the St. Charles Child Guidance Clinic, finds that many children resort to illness rather than endure the stigma of failure. One boy "developed a wide range of physical symptoms. Stomach cramps were especially severe at schooltime. Unconsciously the boy reasoned: if I don't go to school, I can't take tests; if I can't take tests, I can't fail them. Of course, the child was not consciously aware that he had become too ill to cope with his problem." There are more young people in hospitals today with ulcers and even tendencies for suicide than ever before. All this results from the pressures exerted upon them to excel, to obtain high grades. In addition to this, studies have shown that the number of young people going wrong is soaring because the student is unable to keep up with the pack, unable to be successful in college.

Pressure Cannot Add Brain Cells

For the competitive parent, college, the best possible college, is the glittering prize toward which he drives his child. For this reason he is expected to be in the upper half of his class. Such pressures our young people have to cope with! To quote another noted educator, "If children of a certain age are lined up against a wall, and some are above five feet and some below five feet, no one advocates stretching the necks of the shorter children. Physically, everyone accepts children as they are. We must learn to accept them intellectually, too." Remember, no amount of pressure can add brain cells.

A Spiritual Danger

Oftentimes because of the tremendous pressures, children spiritually grow away from their parents, but it does not become noticeable until a crisis arises in their lives, until a test is made. This can occur very suddenly, and it may be very severe. How sad, then, when it turns out that parents and children take opposite

roads and are torn asunder, the parents clinging to the divine Scriptures for their guidance, the children going in any other direction than that in which the parents go or advise!

May God give parents and children alike the grace not to succumb to the pressures for high grades in order

that the saying of the Book of Proverbs might be fulfilled, "Children's children are the crown of old men; and the glory of children are their fathers" (Prov. 17:6)!

LLOYD O. HUEBNER

[Lloyd O. Huebner is the principal of Lakeside Lutheran High School, Lake Mills, Wisconsin.]

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Lutheran Women's Missionary Society

Mrs. Herbert Speckin, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, president of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society, addressed members of the LWMS (Alpha Circuit) at their recent Spring Rally at St. Andrew's Ev. Lutheran Church, Toledo, Ohio.

In her remarks, Mrs. Speckin spoke of the aims and accomplishments of the LWMS. "Our unity among women, our service as those who are one in Christ, this is our purpose for being," she suggested.

Ladies who attended the Spring Rally in Toledo represented the Alpha Circuit, which includes congregations of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod in southeastern Michigan and northwestern Ohio. Mrs. Florence Kern, Adrian, Michigan, was elected president of the Circuit, succeeding Mrs. Robert Peters, Maumee, Ohio, who had served the Circuit as president since its formation in 1964.

Mite Box offerings were divided between three projects: the support of the relief work of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod, the purchase of chancel furnishings for a Negro mission in Detroit, and financial assistance for Milwaukee Lutheran Teachers College. An estimated 130 ladies attended the rally.

Pastor Jerome Spaude, Emanuel Lutheran Church, Flint, opened the Spring Rally of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (Flint Circuit) on April 20, 1967, with a brief devotional message and a note of welcome.

Mrs. Pat Sanders, Owosso, was elected president to succeed Mrs. Carol Zimmermann, Flint. Mrs. Maxine Lienemann, Durand, was elected to succeed Mrs. Edna Fretter, Flint, as Treasurer.

For their Mite Box projects for 1967, the 112 ladies present at the Spring Rally decided to increase the

Scholarship Fund for a girl from one of the member congregations of the Flint Circuit desiring to follow a teaching career at one of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod teachers' colleges from \$100 to \$200. The balance of the Mite Box offerings was directed to the work of Medical Missions.

Special guest speakers for the Spring Rally were Miss Lois Stindt, a registered nurse formerly with the Lumano Lutheran Dispensary in Zambia, Africa, and Mrs. Herbert Speckin, president of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society. Miss Stindt gave a slide-lecture presentation of her work at the Dispensary. Mrs. Speckin added some slides of the nurses associated with the Dispensary and their families and spoke about the Medical Mission program.

Lutheran Pioneers Convention

The twelfth convention of the Lutheran Pioneers, Inc., was held in the Michigan District at St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Westland, Michigan, on April 22, 1967. The convention was opened with a prayer by the national chaplain, Pastor Karl Otto, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin. Charters No. 168 through No. 186 were approved by the National Council since the 1965 Convention and these approvals were ratified by the convention. Eighty-five registered delegates were present at the convention.

Mr. Bruce Thompson, national commander of the Lutheran Pioneers, gave the national commander's report and announced that the total number of chartered Lutheran Pioneer Trains now stands at 186, of which 123 are active. He indicated that Leaders' Training Clinics are becoming popular and are well attended. The 1968 Leaders' Training Clinic will be held April 26-28. Mr. Thompson reported that he had been invited both last year and this year to present the Lutheran Pioneer story to the seniors of the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon. He noted

that these future pastors will soon go out into the field and should know how the Lutheran Pioneer program works. He completed his report by thanking the host congregation and its pastor, G. L. Press, and the host District for their combined efforts to make the convention a success.

Kenneth W. Vertz, pastor of Salem Lutheran Church, Owosso, and a contributing editor to *The Northwestern Lutheran*, delivered a paper on the place and use of devotions during the meetings and outings of the Lutheran Pioneers.

Colonial Conference Crier

The three pastors in the eastern outposts of the Michigan District forming the Colonial Conference, W. Beckmann, R. Uhlhorn, and G. Baumler, have initiated the publication of a periodical bulletin, *The Colonial Conference Crier*, for the edification of the pastors and members of the congregations in the conference.

The first issue of the *Colonial Conference Crier* reports that two members of the conference are preparing to become Christian day-school teachers. Mr. Edward Bohling, Our Savior's, North Brunswick, New Jersey, and Miss Nancy Carne, Peace, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, attend Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota.

Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, Falls Church, Virginia, now numbers 70 communicant members. Wednesday evening Lenten services were conducted for the first time in the history of the mission congregation this year. On April 4, 1967, the spring pastoral conference of the Southeastern Conference of the Michigan District convened at Grace. This was the first genuine pastoral conference held east of the Appalachians for the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod. More than 50 congregations were represented.

Enthusiasm is running high at the Baltimore area mission in Towson, Maryland, which is served on a rotating basis by the three Colonial Conference pastors. Attendance averages in the 20's and has reached 29. A Sunday school and catechism class are now operating.

At Peace Ev. Lutheran Church, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, members are meeting once again in the Western Savings Bank at the Valley Forge Shopping Center. Fire damage had forced the mission congregation to meet in the parsonage and in three different rooms of a motel. Average Sunday attendance continues at 90 per cent of the total membership.

An increase in communicant membership and interested souls has given the members of Our Savior's Ev. Lutheran Church, North Brunswick, New Jersey, cause to rejoice. This mission is in the process of negotiating for a suitable piece of property on which to build a house of worship. The worship service attendance is nearing 50 souls.

New Church Dedication, Saginaw

As the cities of our land grow, they expand into the countryside. Large new areas become suburban. Rapid growth is experienced. Such areas are considered promising mission fields. Christ Lutheran Church is still

a country congregation outside Saginaw, Michigan, but the suburban development draws ever nearer.

Twenty-five years ago there were not enough children to have a Sunday school. Today Christ Lutheran Church can offer a church and Christian day school to all the young families who move into the area. Two and a half years ago, a planning committee evaluated the need for expansion of the congregation's facilities, and overall plans for a congregation of 800 communicants were developed. Five acres of land were purchased and a building committee was selected.

On May 7, 1967, the joyful congregation gathered in two services to dedicate their new house of worship, which is the first unit in an expansion program for all of their facilities. Guest speakers were two former pastors of the congregation, Gerhard M. Cares and LeRoy H. Lothert. Another former pastor of the congregation, Walter C. Voss, preached at the farewell Communion service in the old church on the previous Sunday.

The exterior of the church is brick with redwood trim and highlights of marble chips set in epoxy. The interior is drywall, also with redwood trim. Laminated arches and decking stained in natural tones form the ceiling. Pews and chancel furniture are of oak in a natural color.

A unique feature of the church is the diamond-shaped design, with one end extended. This allows for special treatment for the choir transepts, and brings much of the seating very close to the chancel area. The church will presently seat 330, with room in an overflow area for 200 more. The overflow area can be used as the third classroom of the day school, when it becomes necessary to do so. A pastor's office and the usual mechanical facilities complete the present unit. This unit will become an integral part of an overall church and school plant in the future.

The present pastor of Christ Lutheran Church, Herbert C. Kuske, reports, "The 430 confirmed members of Christ Lutheran Church join in thanking God for His undeserved grace in granting us this wonderful new facility, and pray that He will use it as an instrument to proclaim the Word of God effectively in our community."

Groundbreaking for New School

St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Sodus, Michigan, broke ground on Sunday, June 4, 1967, for a two-room Christian day school. The congregation plans to open the school for its first year in September 1968.

RICHARD MACKAIN

† Pastor Herbert Schaller †

The Lord of life and death called Pastor Herbert Schaller out of this life on May 24, 1967. He had been suffering from a lingering illness since 1963.

He was born the son of Professor John Schaller and his wife, Emma nee Mumm, on May 15, 1889, at Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

He received his training for the holy ministry at Dr. Martin Luther High School, New Ulm, Minnesota, Northwestern College, Watertown, Wisconsin, and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary which was at Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, at that time.

The deceased served as pastor at Denmark, Wisconsin, 1912-14; at Bayer Settlement, Wisconsin, 1914-20; at Renville, Minnesota, 1920-26; at Medford, Wisconsin, 1926-32; at Tomah, Wisconsin 1933-50; at Oskaloosa, Iowa, from 1950-52; and at Eagleton, Wisconsin, 1952-64.

After he retired from the ministry, he made his home at Tomah, Wisconsin. The last sermon he preached was at the celebration of the 90th anniversary of St. Paul's of Tomah on July 26, 1964.

On July 9, 1913, he married Miss Irene Feyerherm, who remains to mourn the death of her husband. This union was blessed with six children, one of whom preceded his father in death. Surviving are three sons: Roland, Loren, and Eugene, and two daughters: Mrs. Charles Rashka and Mrs. Norbert Vlasek; two brothers: Pastor Egbert Schaller and Pastor Gilbert Schaller; two sisters: Mrs. Edmund Reim and Miss Ruth Schaller; 16 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The deceased was preceded in death also by his two brothers: Professors Adelbert and Winfred Schaller, and his sister: Mrs. Edwin Sauer.

The funeral service was held at St. Paul Church of Tomah on May

27, 1967, and was conducted by Pastor O. W. Heier. The sermon was based on Matthew 10:32, "Whosoever shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven." Pastor W. E. Schulz conducted the committal services at Medford, Wisconsin.

O. W. HEIER

Briefs

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in pursuit of the very elusive Viet Cong. Perhaps I will be able to see Pastor Voss before I complete my tour next month.

There is a great emptiness in my life in not being able to take Communion or worship in an Ev. Lutheran church. Thus The Northwestern Lutheran and "Meditations" are my only contacts and mean a great deal in helping fill this void. The general Protestant services leave much to be desired, and generally most Lutherans avoid them.

Editorials

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The writer's comment on both cases: "When untold numbers of us prefer luxuries to teeth, and high living to honorable reputations, it is time to quit pretending." "We don't have it so tough," he added. "We're just making it tough for ourselves." In both cases of financial woe he blamed self-indulgence.

These cases perhaps explain why in these days of prosperity the offerings of so many church members for the work of the kingdom are so meager. In many instances the real culprit is not lack of means. It is self-indulgence.

In our congregations there are people who bring surprisingly large offerings, and not necessarily from large incomes. But it is a sad fact that the offerings of our average church member today do not represent a very high proportion of his income. During a discussion of Christian giving one pastor facetiously remarked that in his opinion not very many of his people practiced tithing. If they were tithing, he said, then their income was very low — about \$10.00 a week.

If professing Christians in general would practice more self-denial and less self-indulgence, there would be fewer apologies and less need for them. In today's affluent society the choice between self-denial and self-indulgence is really the choice that confronts us.

IMMANUEL G. FREY

THE THIRTY-NINTH CONVENTION OF THE WISCONSIN EV. LUTHERAN SYNOD

The Thirty-Ninth Convention of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod will meet, God willing, August 9 to 16, 1967, at Michigan Lutheran Seminary, 2128 Court St., Saginaw, Mich.

The opening service with Holy Communion will be held Wednesday, August 9, at 10 a.m. in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Court and Bond, Saginaw, R. A. Gensmer, Pastor. Pastor Karl A. Gurgel of Fond du Lac, Wis., will preach the sermon. The closing service will be held Tuesday, August 15, 7:30 p.m. in St. Paul's Lutheran Church. The sermon will be delivered by Pastor Raymond Zimmermann of Glendale, Ariz.

A special service commemorating the 450th anniversary of the Reformation will be held in the Saginaw Civic Auditorium Sunday, August 13, at 4 p.m. Pastor James P. Schaefer of Milwaukee, Wis., will preach the Anniversary sermon.

The opening session of the Convention will be held in the auditorium of Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Wednesday, August 9, at 2 p.m. Delegates are asked to arrive early enough that registration may be made before the beginning of the session. Delegates will register in the Student Union.

Because of limited facilities, room and board will be provided for voting delegates, advisory delegates, and official visitors only. Reservations for housing must be made by July 22. Kindly address all requests for reservations to the Convention Housing Committee, 2128 Court St., Saginaw, Mich. 48602.

Mail sent to delegates during the Convention should be addressed in care of 2128 Court St., Saginaw, Mich. 48602. Delegates may be reached by telephone by calling (517) 793-1041 (night or week-end emergency calls, 792-9391).

Paul R. Hanke, Secretary

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Thirty-ninth Convention of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod
August 9 to 16, 1967

Michigan Lutheran Seminary
Saginaw, Michigan

(Note: The Constitution requires the publication of the names of all voting delegates to the convention. It also requires the publication of all floor committees appointed by the Praesidium. In the interest of conserving space in our NORTHWESTERN LUTHERAN, the list of floor committees is being published here. It contains the names of all voting delegates in addition to a few advisory delegates. No list of voting delegates arranged according to Districts will be published. — O.J.N.)

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Installed

Pastors

Polzin, Ralph, as pastor of Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Nicollet, Minn., by Melvin Schwark; assisted by T. Henning, H. Jaster, W. Borgwardt; June 4, 1967.

Shimek, Richard C., as pastor of Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, Mich., by Henry Peter; assisted by W. Zarling, H. Zink, R. Freier, K. Biedenbender, E. Bickel, E. Schaeewe; June 4, 1967.

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CORRECTION

In the June 11, 1967, issue, Dr. William Schweppe is incorrectly given as the author of "Thirty Years a Foreign Missionary" (p. 192). Pastor Ernst Wendland wrote the item and submitted it for publication.

REQUEST FOR COLLOQUY

Mr. Benjamin L. Cook, Jr., Pittsburg, Pa., has applied for a colloquy preparatory to entering the teaching ministry of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod. Information or inquiries regarding the applicant may be directed to the undersigned.

Norman W. Berg
 Michigan District President

EXPLORATORY SERVICES

Fort Worth, Texas

The name is Immanuel Lutheran Church, meeting at 7109 Grapevine Highway (Rt. 121), Fort Worth, Tex. Services are held there at 6:30 p.m. For further information call BU 2-6362, area code 817.

INSTITUTIONAL CHAPLAIN

Pastor Waldemar Hoyer has accepted the call to Resurrection Lutheran and Institutional Chaplaincy at Rochester, Minn. Please notify him of patients at the Clinic and their hospital. Phone (507) 282-8280 or write: 415 14th St. NW, Rochester, Minn.

AN OFFER—CHURCH FURNITURE

To any mission congregation of the Synod the following items of church furniture:

ELEVENTH ANNUAL SCHOOL VISITORS' WORKSHOP

Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary

Tuesday, August 1, 1967

8:00 - 8:30 Opening Service
 8:30 - 10:00 Making Memory Work Meaningful.....Mr. A. Voigt
 10:00 - 10:15 Recess
 10:15 - 11:30 Evaluation of New Educational Materials..Mr. E. Trettin
 1:30 - 4:00 Continue Evaluation of Educational Materials
 Orientation of New Visitors.....Mr. E. Trettin
 Your Problems and Mine.....Mr. A. Fehlauer

Wednesday, August 2, 1967

8:00 - 8:15 Devotion
 8:20 - 10:00 Objectives in School Visitation and Preparation for School VisitsMr. A. Meier
 10:00 - 10:15 Recess
 10:15 - 11:30 Discussion of Objectives in School Visitation and Preparation for School Visits
 1:30 - 4:00 Government Aid for Church Schools..Panel Discussion
 1:30 - 2:00 The Means and Functions of the Church and StateProf. C. Lawrenz
 2:00 - 2:30 The History of Government Aid to Church SchoolsMr. A. Fehlauer
 2:30 - 3:00 The Possible Impacts of Government Aid to Church Schools on Our Church and Our CountryMr. P. Unke
 3:00 - 4:00 Discussion of Government AidMr. K. Petermann, Moderator

Wednesday Evening Free

Thursday, August 3, 1967

8:00 - 8:15 Opening Devotion
 8:20 - 10:00 Trends in Curriculum Building.....Prof. A. Schulz
 10:00 - 10:15 Discussion of Trends in Curriculum Building
 1:30 - 4:00 Board of Education Report; DMLC Report; MLTC Report
 Exchange of Visitors' Materials
 General Business
 4:00 - 4:30 Closing Service
 4:30 Supper

16-8 ft. pews; altar with hangings; lectern with hangings; hymnboard and numerals; baptismal font, and some hymnals. For information contact Pastor John P. Brandt, Box 8, Clear Lake, S. Dak. 57226, or Pastor A. P. C. Kell, Box 185, Watertown, S. Dak. 57201. Transportation not included in this offer.

DOSSAL CURTAIN AVAILABLE

St. Jacobi Lutheran Church of Glenham, S. Dak., has a small dossal curtain to give away.
 Contact: Rev. H. A. Birner
 Box 418
 Moberg, S. Dak. 57601

COMMUNION WARE NEEDED

St. Michael's Congregation, the new German-language mission in Milwaukee, Wis., needs a set of Communion ware, and can also use a German Agenda, either the large or the pocket edition. Anyone having any of these articles to donate to this mission congregation is asked to contact:
 Prof. Heinrich J. Vogel, Vacancy Pastor
 11175 N. Seminary Drive 65W
 Mequon, Wis. 63092

SUMMER CAMP

California Conference

The fifth annual California Conference summer camp will be held at the 7,900' altitude of Camp Peaceful Pines, 10 miles north of the nationally famous Yosemite Park. We welcome two groups concurrently for the week of Aug. 19 to 26: elementary

**WISCONSIN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD
CURRENT BUDGETARY FUND**

1967 Prebudget Subscription Performance

Five months ended May 31

	Subscription Amount for 1967	5/12 Annual Subscription	Offerings Received in 1967	Per Cent of Subscription	Offerings Received in 1966	Per Cent Increase for 1967
Arizona-California	\$ 75,481	\$ 31,450	\$ 28,283.14	89.9	\$ 28,807.87	1.8*
Dakota-Montana	105,451	43,938	38,417.10	87.4	43,603.23	11.9*
Michigan	507,155	211,315	189,789.26	89.8	178,934.16	6.0
Minnesota	560,698	233,624	262,775.72	112.5	240,875.61	9.1
Nebraska	103,184	42,993	37,983.50	88.3	38,273.89	.8*
Northern Wisconsin	591,401	246,417	272,095.20	110.4	264,525.37	2.9
Pacific Northwest	24,555	10,231	8,921.14	87.2	8,413.43	6.0
Southeastern Wisconsin ..	735,046	306,269	281,842.44	92.0	293,580.46	4.0*
Western Wisconsin	655,531	273,138	284,318.80	104.1	279,854.88	1.6
Total	\$3,358,502	\$1,399,375	\$1,404,426.30	100.4	\$1,376,868.30	2.0

* Indicates a decrease

MISSIO DEI CONTRIBUTIONS

Total to May 31, 1967

Arizona-California	\$ 76,856.85
Dakota-Montana	80,951.54
Michigan	333,718.05
Minnesota	349,079.50
Nebraska	77,343.36
Northern Wisconsin	513,122.56
Pacific Northwest	24,007.59
Southeastern Wisconsin	610,389.68
Western Wisconsin	406,244.45
Gifts sent to Treasurer's Office	20,857.20
Total	\$2,492,570.78

CURRENT BUDGETARY FUND

Statement of Income and Expenditures

Eleven months ended May 31, 1967 with comparative figures for 1966

	Eleven months ended May 31		Increase Decrease*
Income	1967	1966	
Prebudget Subscription Offerings	\$2,982,965.93	\$2,986,016.23	3,050.30*
Gifts and Memorials	83,038.85	60,034.90	23,003.95
Pension Plan Contributions	80,627.72	21,547.61	59,080.11
Bequests for Budget	1,000.00	3,400.00	2,400.00*
Income from NWPB	16,562.08	26,562.08	10,000.00*
Other Income	49,503.42	3,501.97	46,001.45
Total Income	\$3,213,698.00	\$3,101,062.79	\$112,635.21
Expenditures			
Home Missions	\$ 925,376.61	\$ 881,775.07	\$ 43,601.54
World Missions	493,675.03	486,137.05	7,537.98
Worker-Training	1,222,008.64	1,162,636.91	59,371.73
Benevolences	494,938.28	360,673.19	134,265.09
Administration and Promotion	214,132.55	220,649.03	6,516.48*
Total Expenditures	\$3,350,131.11	\$3,111,871.25	\$238,259.86
Operating Gain or Deficit*	\$ 136,433.11*	\$ 10,808.46*	\$125,624.65*

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school children and high-school teens. A varied program of recreation, handicraft, and Bible study is provided. The topics this year are: 1) How to Defend Your Faith; 2) Temptations for Boys and Girls; 3) The Pros and Cons of Patriotism. Each topic is intended to highlight our heritage from the Lutheran Reformation. The camp will accommodate 165 youngsters; each age group is discreetly separated for the greatest amount of privacy. Inquiries may be addressed to the camp director:

R. Waldschmidt
2600 Ralston Ave.
Belmont, Calif. 94002

Time: 9 a.m.
Agenda: A Study of the Use of the Law.

Delegate Conference

Place: Good Shepherd Church, Omaha, Nebr.
Date: July 25, 1967.
Time: 9 a.m.

Agenda: Discussion of Reports and Memorials for the Synod Convention. Pastors should notify the host pastors and make arrangements for lodging.

D. Gray, Secretary

NORTHERN WISCONSIN

WINNEBAGO DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: Sunday, July 16, 1967.
Place: Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, Oshkosh, Wis.; host pastor, C. Koepsell.
Time: 1:30 p.m.

Glenn Unke, Secretary

MANITOWOC DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: Sun., July 23, 1967; 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.
Place: Manitowoc Conference Lutheran High School.

S. Kugler, Secretary

RHINELANDER DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Place: St. Paul's Church, Hurley, Wis.
Date: July 9, 1967.

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Supper will be served by the host congregation.

Norman Stellick, Secretary

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN

DODGE-WASHINGTON DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Place: Peace Church, Hartford, Wis.
Time: Sunday, July 30, 1:45 p.m.
Agenda: Study of Book of Reports and Memorials and Conference Business.

M. Westerhaus, Secretary

WESTERN WISCONSIN

CENTRAL DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Place: St. Paul's, Lake Mills, Wis.; Paul H. Wilde, host pastor.

Time: July 25, 1967, 9 a.m.

All pastors, male teachers, and delegates from each congregation are to attend this conference.

Agenda: Please bring along your copy of Reports and Memorials.

Wernor E. Wagner, Secretary

CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES

NEBRASKA

SPECIAL CENTRAL PASTORAL-DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Pastoral Conference

Place: Gethsemane Church, Omaha, Nebr.
Date: July 24, 1967.