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WORLD MISSIONS

GENERAL

Pastor Edgar Hoenecke, the executive secretary of the Board for World Missions, directed attention to these matters among many others:

"The church situation in Germany and Europe is critical. The same wave of laxity in doctrine and doctrinal discipline is sweeping over the religious scene, as it is in our country and the rest of the world. The firm doctrinal moorings of Lutheran teaching in Holy Scripture as the verbally inspired, inerrant Word of God are threatened.

"This was shockingly apparent at a pastoral conference in East Berlin, when a top-ranking leader of the old Lutheran Church openly stated that he denied the reliability of the Bible in matters of history and natural science."

"This body [the Saxon Free Church] asserted its confessional loyalty by rejecting the 'Basisformel' [Formula for Agreement] after it had been described as an instrument which makes room for both positions [i.e. the one that regards the Scriptures as inerrant, and the other which takes them to be merely 'reliable']. . . ."

"This year of the 450th anniversary [of the Reformation] may well be the year of crisis and decision for many Lutherans in Europe.

"It is unthinkable that our Wisconsin Synod should fail to fulfill its God-given destiny and to discharge its debt of gratitude to God for the preservation of sound teaching by helping to gather into a world-wide Lutheran fellowship all those who still hold fast their Reformation heritage without concession or compromise."

In regard to the *literature program* his report stated:

"Your Board for World Missions emphasized the importance of this program and was granted \$10,000 to implement it by the last convention. The same amount is requested again. Because of insufficient funds, this fund was not released during the past biennium.

"The Synod should consider seriously the wisdom of relying on materials produced by other church bodies in the vernaculars of our mission fields. Also, it seems unwise to depend on extrabudgetary appeals to supply this need."

On the subject of *Seminaries* he said:

"If we are to build strong, well-indoctrinated, indigenous Lutheran churches, we must train nationals thoroughly in Lutheran doctrine and practice in keeping with Holy Scripture.

"Our budgets must take this into account by encouraging the establishment not only of elementary Bible schools, but of Lutheran theological seminaries."

THE APACHE INDIAN MISSION

Looking back over 75 years of work among the Apaches, the Board notes:

"In the beginning our first missionaries . . . were not wanted. These missionaries were suspected of being rank-and-file white men who had come to exploit down-trodden people. . . . The Gospel needed to be carried to each individual. . . . Congregational life of any sort was foreign to the Apache. . . . What a different situation

today! At all of our seven stations we have churches and organized congregations, where an average Sunday finds over 1000 people worshipping. To these seven congregations we add seven preaching stations on the Ft. Apache Reservation. . . . Today there is much activity in congregational life.

"So foreign . . . was the idea of a formal education to the Apache that one of the chiefs attempted to collect payment from the missionary for every child in school. . . . The schools absorb the lion's share of our budget expenditures. . . . The schools have served their purpose well in preparing Christians for a more Christ-centered home and congregational life. . . . Unquestionably it is Christian education and the wonderful influence of the Gospel through our 75 years which has made our Apache Mission one of the most 'successful' Indian missions, so acknowledged by other church bodies.

"As we look back . . . , we find that our planting and watering have been so abundantly blessed that we stand before the results in disbelief."

LATIN-AMERICAN MISSIONS

"We have reason to be thankful because God has given us a new Spanish-speaking missionary in Pastor Ernest Zimdars, now working in our newest Spanish field in El Paso, Texas. . . . Reports from San Pablo Congregation, Tucson, indicate an increase in church attendance to an average of 35 per Sunday. . . . Radio has been used successfully in our work at Tucson. . . . In Puerto Rico worship services are conducted in the homes of our missionaries each week. . . . Our men in Puerto Rico are actively engaged in canvassing in conjunction with the radio broadcasts. Missionary Rupert Eggert says, 'In our house-to-house visitations we have placed in the neighborhood of 3200 pieces of literature up to the end of February.'"

GERMANY

"The Church of the Evangelical Lutheran Confession in Germany is showing interest and making progress in achieving greater self-sufficiency in administration and finances. Intensive work in this direction is being done in the individual congregations by pastors and laymen. The upsurge in lay activity is particularly gratifying."

JAPAN

"When the second decade of our Japan Mission began, it seemed certain that this report would be filled with disappointments, for our small staff of four American Missionaries was cut in half by the Lord through calls. We trust that the same Lord will grant the first replacement through the Assignment Committee, and that the second will follow next year. . . . Pastor Richard Poetter, serving as our Field Superintendent, was a great unifying influence. . . . Pastor Norbert Maier . . . was able, during this past year, to assume a full work load from his Tokyo location, in the Japanese language. . . . We are happy to report that at the present time there are three preparing for work in the church, Mr. Yoshida on the seminary level, and Messrs. Yamaguchi and Oshio on the college level." There are "two radio broadcasts each week on prime time. . . . Literature is mailed to 500 contacts once each month. Twenty-three are enrolled in correspondence courses. . . . The work of printing

materials has been made easier by the electronic stencil machine supplied by the kind donations of many state-side members of the Synod."

CENTRAL AFRICA

In 1965 "the Synod of the Lutheran Church in Central Africa was organized. There is African representation on board and committees. In 1966 the number of African officers and representatives on committees was increased, and stewardship principles were discussed.

"There are 34 congregations and preaching places. Twenty are organized. The membership totals 458 communicants. . . . The average weekly attendance is 989 . . . 135 are in instruction classes. . . . During the past year three new churches were built by the Africans. . . . This past year Mr. Elmer Schneider, the only one of the five missionaries allowed by the last Synod convention . . . joined the men at Lusaka. Our missionaries are assisted by nine full-time and two part-time evangelists.

"In 1960 a well-organized mailing program was started by Missionary Mueller and later taken over by Missionary Cox. . . . This program has grown rapidly. . . . Presently 3,000 addresses are receiving sermons and Bible story lessons every week in English and Chinyanja. . . . The growth of this program . . . has resulted in the sending of Mr. Elmer Schneider as lay missionary for publications . . . now centered at the Lusaka Bible Institute. . . . Regular printing equipment is needed and is being purchased with contributions which have been received for the literature program. A print shop still needs to be erected. . . . We, therefore, request the Synod for an appropriation of \$18,000 to build the print shop.

"In 1965, nine students enrolled in the Bible Institute. Six of these finished their course in May of this year and have been assigned to various fields. . . . In 1966, six more students enrolled, of which number five completed their first year of study.

"Thousands from the area have received medical treatment at the dispensary (at Lumano)."

The Board calls attention to a fine opportunity for expanding our work at Libala, a suburb of Lusaka. It requests \$6,000 to erect a chapel.

"A lack of authorization [by the Board of Trustees] to call the four additional men allowed by the Synod has restricted our work. . . . There is urgent need to reach out to the many places which are still without the Gospel. . . . The Executive Committee requests the Synod for five men, including the four already allowed by the last convention."

THE CHINESE EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH (HONG KONG)

The Friendly Counselor, Pastor Richard Seeger, "furnishes counsel so that all plans are in conformity with the Guidelines which have been drawn up between the Chinese Ev. Lutheran Church and the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod. In addition he is the only full-time professor in the Hong Kong Theological Seminary," which has an enrollment of 11 students.

"Want and privation are still to be found on every hand. Thus another thrust of the C.E.L.C. is the alleviation of physical want and need. With funds supplied by the Relief Committee of the Synod they carry on a program of physical relief.

"June 25, 1967, will mark a noteworthy first for the C.E.L.C. On that date the Seminary will graduate its

first two candidates for the ministry. These men will undoubtedly be called to work at first in the congregations already in existence in Hong Kong since the present staff is overworked.

"The Executive Committee is requesting that annually a professor from the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary or from one of our Synod schools be released for a year of teaching in Hong Kong. Such a program . . . would enable the Hong King Seminary to upgrade its curriculum and intensify its instruction so that the students become more firmly grounded in true Lutheranism. It would also hasten the day when Chinese pastors could become professors in the Seminary. Only as this occurs can a truly indigenous Lutheran Church, under God's blessings, be assured in the Orient."

MEMORIALS PERTAINING TO WORLD MISSIONS

One memorial asks the Synod to "make the expansion of world mission work its primary objective" and "allocate to the Board for World Missions a substantially increased share of its current budget."

Another memorial makes the proposal that "our Synod's congregations, upon completion of the present Missio Dei Program in 1968, be asked to commit themselves to a subsequent and immediate continuation of personal Missio Dei pledges, these to be directed to the Church Extension Fund, and to Home and World Missions, for a two-year period."

DOCTRINAL MATTERS

The Commission on Doctrinal Matters submits a detailed report on meetings held with the free churches of Germany. Three men represented the Commission; Pastors E. Hoenecke and K. Krauss, of the Board for World Missions, also participated in these meetings. The report is too lengthy to excerpt here.

THE FREE EV. LUTHERAN SYNOD IN SOUTH AFRICA

"With respect to a request from the Free Ev. Lutheran Synod of South Africa dealing with the establishing of a mission in Durban, South Africa, our Commission encourages our Synod through the Board for World Missions to lend its support to this church body."

THE SYNOD OF EV. LUTHERAN CHURCHES (SLOVAK)

After two meetings with the Doctrinal Unity Committee of the SELC, President Oscar J. Naumann was instructed to write as follows, in part, to the President of the Synod of Ev. Lutheran Churches:

"Your representatives not only felt constrained to take issue with the fellowship position held by our Synod, but also defended the participation of official SELC representatives in the joint devotions held in conjunction with the Inter-Lutheran Consultation of recent years, involving representatives of conflicting confessional positions. . . . Your Synod has now decided to join the proposed Lutheran Council in the U.S.A. . . . In view of the foregoing it has become apparent to us that the SELC no longer shares the position we once held in common. We are, therefore, writing to you at this time, because we deem it necessary regretfully to report to the membership of our Synod the change in fellowship principles which we now observe in your Synod's course."

Editorials

Keeping the Dollar in its Place Above every Synod convention hangs a dollar sign. Whether the business of our Synod is missions or education, publications or welfare, maintaining the Synodical office or holding meetings with other church bodies, funds are needed to operate each program.

The dollar sign suspended over the coming convention of our Synod appears to be more prominent than usual. Large sums of money are needed to maintain and expand our Synodical schools, into which more students are crowding each year. Large sums are needed to maintain our current home missions and world missions, not to speak of moving ahead as God would have us do. Our growing Synodical family has more mouths to feed; our cramped Synodical household is in need of added rooms.

Our Synod comes to these needs and opportunities with a lean purse. It cannot afford to pay for all the things we want to do, not even for all of the things we are obliged to do. With the cloth it has on hand, it can cut only a scanty jacket.

As a result there will be much lamenting over empty coffers; much balancing of need against need, chapel against classroom, campus against campus, education against missions; much planning and devising of ways and means to prime the flow of funds into our Synodical treasury.

Committees and convention will deliberate at painful length over whether to postpone or to expedite, to cut back or to expand, to eliminate or to initiate.

It could become a convention that is preoccupied with the dollar, that rates everything by the price tag on it. But if finances are the be-all and the end-all of the convention, it will be a blighted convention. Preoccupation with money turns the church into a countinghouse where self-interest replaces self-sacrifice; and into a market place, with wares instead of fruits of the Spirit, and services instead of works of faith.

Even if there are financial stresses, in fact, just because there are financial stresses, the true character and first business of the church will need to be kept steadfastly in view. Our birth is of the Spirit, our life is of the Spirit, our work is spiritual, our goal is spiritual, our ways are spiritual. Here the dollar cannot dictate and dare not dominate; it is sanctified only if it serves,

blest only if it ministers. We cannot afford to lose our spiritual bearings.

CARLETON TOPPE

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The Most Effective Educational Agency

School is out. But the most effective agency for training children is not. It is the home.

The home is a more effective agency for training children than either the school or the church. There are at least two obvious reasons for its superior effectiveness in this respect. One is that it is in session more constantly—24 hours a day, seven days a week throughout the childhood years. Another reason is that children learn more by example than by precept, and it makes a greater impression on them.

This is undoubtedly one reason why God has placed the primary responsibility for rearing children upon the parents. The church and the school can assist, but they cannot replace the influence of parents upon their children, and only in rare cases can they offset it.

In particular, a child's religious faith—or lack of it—is acquired from his parents in a process akin to osmosis. He absorbs it. He may not listen closely to what is said, but he is influenced tremendously by what goes on in his home.

When parents neglect the Word of God and prayer or are negligent in church attendance, the children are quick to get the message: These things are not very important. Church members would never say such a thing to their children, but their actions speak louder than words, and their children seldom miss the point. Unconsciously parents can teach their children to be irreverent, cruel, selfish, worldly, without consciously advocating these things. Their example speaks for them. One can imagine what effect it has on the mind of a child when the only time God's name is mentioned in his home is in profanity. By the same token, the influence for good that a Christian home can exert upon children is immeasurable.

Modern parents desire the best possible education for their children. Therefore they would do well to look first at their home. This is the most prevalent of all educational institutions. And for effectiveness in shaping young lives there is nothing that compares with it.

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But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment, let us be therewith content. But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil, which, while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows (I Timothy 6:6-10).

Not everyone, of course, would subscribe to the view that "honesty is the best policy." Similarly, not all would agree that godliness is profitable or advantageous. Neither, however, would there be agreement on what constitutes honesty or godliness.

When St. Paul states it as a matter of fact that godliness is great gain, he is thinking, no doubt, of godliness that

Involves God

If you were to ask the first dozen people whom you meet on the street what they understand by godliness, you might receive a variety of answers as far as the wording is concerned, but chances are they would all contain pretty much the same idea and sentiments.

Some would likely say that godliness means living a life that is patterned according to the Golden Rule, of doing to others what you would have them do unto you. Some might say that godliness is being honest and fair and charitable in your dealings with your fellow man. A few would probably define godliness as abstaining from this or that evil, or refraining from a course of conduct which is particularly reprehensible to them. Most all would agree that godliness has to do with a person's relation to his fellow men and with his conduct toward those with whom he is living in his society.

But the very thing which the word itself implies and even expresses, namely, one's attitude and relationship to God, would very likely pass by unnoticed and perhaps not even be mentioned. It is the peculiar character of our society to be highly concerned about man's behavior toward his neighbor, while at the same time being strangely silent about his attitude and relationship toward God. But godliness is at best a very shallow concept if it does not involve us primarily with God and include the disposition of our heart toward God. In fact godliness, according to St. Paul's description of it, is based upon a recognition of God as the God of majesty and righteousness, of power and authority as well as the God of love and grace and mercy and compassion in Christ Jesus.

A person who has come to realize that he is responsible in his life and accountable first of all to God and that, however godly his life might be according to the estimate of society, it still falls far short of God's standard of true godliness; when he has come to realize furthermore that God in His mercy has rescued him from the frightful consequences of his failure through the substitutionary death of Jesus Christ on Calvary's cross and that, repenting of his transgressions and sins and trusting in the merits of Christ alone, he has full and free forgiveness and is justified in the sight of God, then will he understand with St. Paul that godliness stems from a respectful fear of God's supreme holiness and majesty, from a humble reverence for God's perfect justice and righteousness, and from a trusting confidence in God's undeserved grace and matchless mercy.

Such godliness, St. Paul assures us, is great gain, particularly when it at the same time

Includes Contentment

Godliness with contentment is great gain because it lifts us up above the anxious cares and worries of life and relieves us of the many vexations, frustrations, and disappointments of mercenary and self-seeking man. God-

liness with contentment is great gain because it permits us to rest secure and serene in the care of Him who ever provides what we need and is good for us, and thus to experience that inward satisfaction which the world in its chase after earthly treasures cannot know.

To achieve a contentment which would permit us to be satisfied though we had nothing more than three meals a day and a single change of clothing would be the achievement of a deeper and greater godliness. Though we might then be poorer in respect to this world's goods, we would be far richer in dependence upon God and trust in His providence. For godliness and contentment go together. With contentment godliness is great gain. The gain, however, can never be measured in dollars and cents.

Godliness is trusting God to decide what is necessary and beneficial for our whole life, temporal and spiritual, body and soul. Contentment is being satisfied with God's decision. It may well be His considered judgment that those things which we desire most and strive after with the greatest diligence and energy are the very things which would be most hazardous and perilous to our eternal welfare. God's benevolent arm is not so short that He could not reach us to supply every little thing we crave and every big thing for which we yearn. But His solicitude and concern for us compel Him often to withhold what strikes our fleshly fancy and to keep out of our reach what we might foolishly secure to our everlasting regret.

Cultivating contentment with godliness, we may not realize how much we have really gained until by God's grace we enter the realm of eternal and carefree contentment.

May the overwhelming love of God in Christ our Savior instill in us a rich measure of godliness coupled with contentment that we may ever hold fast to the principle that godliness is more precious than gold and that contentment gains more than currency!

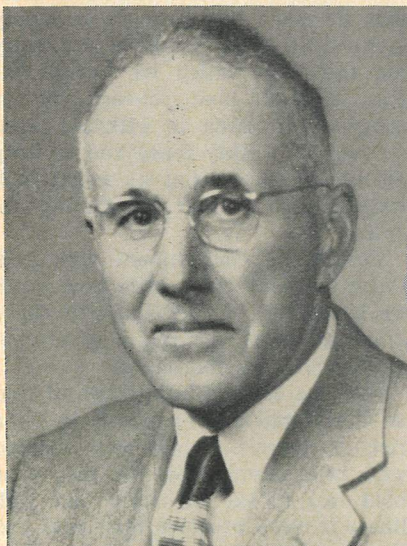
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Prof. Erwin Scharf



Prof. Walter A. Schumann, Sr.



Prof. Theodore Binhammer

Replacement in Vietnam

The Rev. Prof. Erwin Scharf of Northwestern College, Watertown, Wisconsin, has been granted a leave of absence by the College Board to accept a temporary assignment in Saigon, Vietnam.

Our Synod has been serving our servicemen in the Saigon area for the past 18 months through the civilian chaplaincy of Pastor Luther M. Voss. He is returning to the States after Prof. Scharf's arrival in the field.

Prof. Scharf leaves on July 31 to assume the responsibility of our program in Vietnam. He will return to his regular faculty post at Northwestern College in time for the second semester in 1968.

His assignment at this time includes a comprehensive study of the ministry we can offer our people while they are serving in foreign areas and the practical usefulness of our program in times of war.

Surely, the whole Synod prays for his safety and for successful completion of his plans in this mission.

Professor Walter A. Schumann and Professor Theodore F. Binhammer Retire From the Northwestern College Faculty

Long terms of service have been the rule at Northwestern College. The last three professors who retired from active service prior to the last school term taught 45, 49, and 53 years, respectively. The two men who concluded their teaching careers this spring have followed in the tradition. Professor Theodore Binhammer was a member of the commercial and the mathematics departments for 48 years; in five tours of duty, beginning as an instructor in 1912, Professor Walter Schumann taught the classics and other branches for 35 years as a permanent member of the faculty, plus several additional years as an instructor and as a tutor.

Men with such long records of service help to tie our ministry together. When several generations of pastors share a classroom legacy and when they remember with gratitude those who trained them for their profession, it helps to foster a sense of unity and mutual understanding among them.

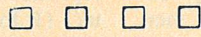
Both Professor Schumann and Professor Binhammer had respect for their profession and held themselves responsible for faithful preparation for their classes. Both expected their students to share their teachers' respect for conscientious effort and for studious preparation. Both brought to their teaching an impetus that communicated itself to their classes and conscious—or unconsciously became a standard according to which their students assessed their own interest and performance.

Professor and Mrs. Schumann and Professor and Mrs. Binhammer will spend their retirement years in Watertown, the former at 710 South 4th Street, the latter at 129 South Concord. Professor Schumann will be only semiretired next semester, however, because he will be teaching several of Professor Scharf's courses during Professor Scharf's tour of duty in Vietnam.

From these two men many a student has received much for which he owes a debt of gratitude. He may repay a small portion of this debt, but the real recompense for faithful service comes from the Lord. May He grant both Professor and Mrs. Schumann and Professor and Mrs. Binhammer years of peace and health in their retirement, and, one day, the blessed rest of heaven!

CARLETON TOPPE

What do you mean..



Sanctification?

THE CHRISTIAN AND THE LAW

What part does God's Law play in our sanctification? Does it play any part at all? Should the Law be preached to Christians? Does it serve any purpose after one has come to faith?

From time to time there have been those who have said, "There is no room in the Church for the preaching of the Law. The only Word of God that Christians need to hear is the Gospel. There is no need to hold the Law up to them."

We Are Saints in God's Eyes

Those who argue in this way may even appear to have Scripture on their side. Does not Paul write in I Timothy 1:9,10, "Knowing this, that *the law is not made for a righteous man*, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for man-slayers, for whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine"?

Yes, indeed! And, as Luther frequently stated, we Christians *are* perfectly righteous and holy before God through faith in Christ Jesus. The Apostle John writes, "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God" (I, 3:9). John is here speaking of the Christian in so far as he has been born again. He is speaking of the New Man.

And Yet We Are Sinners

And yet, because of our flesh, we Christians are at the same time miserable, wretched sinners, who "daily sin much and, indeed, deserve nothing but punishment," as we confess in the Fifth Petition. The same John who told us that we do not sin and cannot sin also tells us, "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us" (I, 1:18). John is not here contradicting himself. Both of his statements are true.

Something Beyond Our Understanding

We must confess, of course, that we are dealing here with a psychological mystery. We simply cannot understand how two such conflicting natures can exist side by side within the Christian. How can one and the same personality embrace an utterly corrupt and sinful nature and, concurrently, a perfectly holy and altogether sinless nature? And yet we know from Scripture as well as from our own experience that this is how it is. The sinful nature, the Old Adam, we Christians have by birth. The nature which does not and cannot sin, the New Man, is a creation of the Holy Spirit.

We Need the Law Until We Reach Heaven

We Christians would, to be sure, have no need of the Law if we were completely rid of our Old Adam, as we

will be in heaven. There in heaven we will, indeed, no longer need the Law. In heaven as God's perfected saints we will know His will fully and will do it perfectly, just as the holy angels do even now.

As long as we are in this world, however, we Christians still need the Law. We need it because of our Old Adam. Our Old Adam is just as lawless and disobedient, just as ungodly and sinful, just as much a murderer and an adulterer, just as much a liar and a perjurer as any unbeliever. The Law must, therefore, be preached, not only to the ungodly to show them their need of a Savior, but also to Christians.

The Law Cannot Produce Good Works

We need to bear in mind, of course, that the Law itself *never* produces a single good work. It cannot by its commands, by its threats, or by its promises produce a single work that is acceptable and pleasing to God. The Law does not, therefore, contribute anything positive to our sanctification. By its threats and punishments it merely serves to check, curb, and control the Old Adam. It frightens, terrifies, and so restrains him. It functions, thus, in a somewhat negative way, preventing our Old Adam from setting up the roadblocks by which he would hinder our New Man from joyfully serving God as he sincerely desires to do.

Another Mystery

This too, we must admit, is a mystery. It is hard for us to understand how, on the one hand, the Law can serve as a curb or restraining club on the Old Adam without, on the other hand, exercising any coercion whatsoever on the Christian as a New Man. Yet whatever the Christian does that is pleasing to God is done freely and willingly as a fruit of the Spirit, that is, of the New Man. These good works are the fruits of faith of which Jesus speaks when He says, "I am the vine, ye are the branches. He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing" (John 15:5).

Why We Need Both Law and Gospel

Because of the Christian's dual nature, therefore, he needs to hear both, the Law as well as the Gospel. The Law serves to restrain and curb the Old Adam; the Gospel encourages and strengthens the New Man.

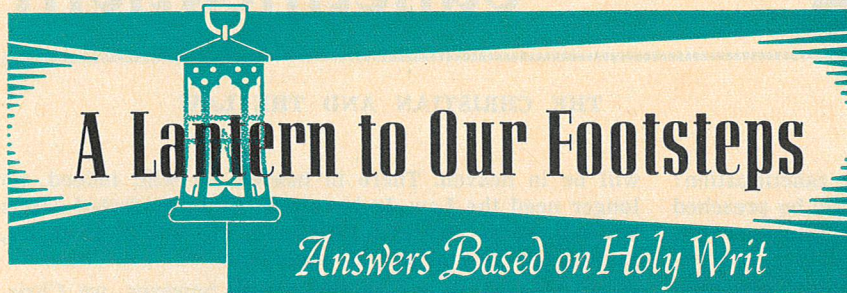
With the *Formula of Concord*, therefore, "we reject and condemn as an error pernicious and detrimental to Christian discipline, as also to true godliness, the teaching that the Law . . . should not be urged upon Christians and the true believers, but only upon the unbelieving, unchristians, and impenitent" (*Sol. Decl.*, VI, 26).

On the other hand, however, we also most emphatically affirm that *only the Gospel* can supply the motivating

power for a life of sanctification. Only the Gospel can give the strength to live a new life. Only when our hearts are filled with faith-born fear and love toward God will we want to please Him in whatever station in life we may happen to be. Thankful love toward God will govern us in each and every relationship with our fellow men,

for "this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments" (1 John 5:3).

Why, we may ask, will our hearts be filled with thankful love toward God? "We love him," John, the Apostle of Love, reminds us, "because he first loved us" (1 John 4:19).
WILBERT R. GAWRISCH



A Lantern to Our Footsteps

Answers Based on Holy Writ

Topic: What Does the Old Testament Have to Say About Divorce?

What does the Old Testament have to say about divorce? How is this applicable to us today? These questions arise out of a reader's request to discuss divorce in the Old Testament.

Divorce Not Even in the Picture at First

When God at the time of creation instituted marriage, divorce was not in the picture. Its possibility is not mentioned; it was something that was not to be thought of. God's will regarding marriage is expressed at the time in the words: "Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife; and they shall be one flesh" (Gen. 2:24). That this cleaving to one another was to be permanent for the duration of the lives of the husband and wife is evident from the conclusion Jesus draws from the above statement: "What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder" (Matt. 19:6).

A Change of Mind in God?

In Deuteronomy 24:1 we read: "When a man hath taken a wife, and married her, and it come to pass that she find no favor in his eyes, because he hath found some uncleanness in her, then let him write her a bill of divorcement, and give it in her hand, and send her out of his house." Did God change His mind by this time? Did God now make divorce morally right in contrast to His original institution?

The above passage raises the question: What is meant by "uncleanness in her"? It is clear that this did not refer simply to adultery. In the case of adultery, God commanded the death penalty in Israel (cf. Deut. 22:22). The stricter Jews interpreted the "uncleanness" to refer to "something indecent." The more liberal Jews interpreted this in a very broad sense. If the wife was a poor cook, burning her husband's meal, he might divorce her. In fact, even if the husband merely found another woman that was more attractive to him, he might get rid of his wife. To do so, however, he must give her a bill of divorcement and put her out of his house. That could be done for any cause whatsoever, as they viewed it.

We need not try to settle who interpreted the passage in Deuteronomy more correctly. It is evident in either case, and from Scripture, that allowance was made for divorce such as was not thought of at the time when marriage was instituted by God.

"Because of the Hardness of Your Hearts"

When Jesus was confronted with this seeming inconsistency on the part of the Old Testament, what

answer did He give? He told the Pharisees who questioned Him about this: "Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so" (Matt. 19:8). It was not that God had changed His original institution. But at the time of Moses, God was faced with the hardness of Israel's heart. In the hardness of their hearts the Israelites, contrary to God's original ordinance, would put away their wives. In the face of this God, in giving the Israelites the civil laws according to which they should be governed through Moses, in effect said: "I know the hardness of your hearts; there will be this evil among you. But I am going to control it. Good order is not to break down completely. You must give the wife you put away a bill of divorcement and put her out of your house." We must recognize this as a civil law God gave Israel to control at least to an extent an evil which was present because of the hardness of their hearts.

"What God Hath Joined Together . . ."

Does this change God's original institution? Not at all. Jesus clearly shows the Pharisees who questioned Him that God's will still stands: "What . . . God hath joined together, let not man put asunder." By this we as Christians are ever to be guided. When Christians marry, they are to view this union as one that is to be dissolved only by God when He does this through the death of one spouse. They will recognize and love and cherish one another, knowing that it was God who joined them to one another "so long as ye both shall live." They will not forget this by hastily and thoughtlessly rushing into a marriage relationship.

Civil Laws and God's Institution

But there are also hardhearted people in the world today. By hardhearted people we mean such who do not consider themselves bound to Scripture in all things or who are outright unbelievers. This is by far the great majority of men today. The government in our day, even as Moses among the Israelites, needs to face realities. In making the civil laws that pertain to divorce, the government may, because of the hardness of men's hearts, need to allow much that is not according to God's original institution. Facing realities, it will seek to control and regulate the affairs of all men in a reasonable manner. This will at least avoid complete disorder and anarchy.

Nevertheless, although the government may in its laws allow divorce under conditions that are not in harmony with God's institution, a Christian will ever feel himself bound to what the Word of God has to say about marriage.
ARMIN SCHUETZE

GRADUATION AT NORTHWESTERN COLLEGE

The new dormitory being erected on the Northwestern College campus does not occupy the site where outdoor graduations have been held in recent years, yet the choice of a different setting for the exercises last month was understandable. Even though the new building nearby did not detract from the attractiveness of the setting, the unsightly mounds of raw excavation soil did. Uncompleted construction work is neither tidy nor eye-pleasing.

This year the exercises were held south of the gymnasium and west of the high-school dormitory. The tall elms formed a graceful parabola above and around the audience; the campus buildings to the north and east muted stray cool breezes; the visitors had a choice of seats in the sunshine or in the shade. The surroundings were pleasant, and the weather was pleasant.

The speakers took cognizance of the 450th anniversary of the Reformation. "The Tower Discovery of Dr. Martin Luther" was graduating Senior Keith Schroeder's topic; another Senior, John Brug, presented thoughts

on "The Reformation Today." The president's address evaluated Luther's educational influence on the College's preseminary training program.

There were 40 graduates of the college department, 38 of whom have made application for admission to the Seminary. The high-school graduates numbered 45. The majority of the boys will be enrolling in the college department, the majority of the girls in our Synod's teacher-training program at Milwaukee Lutheran Teachers College.

College Graduates, 1967

Baumler, Dale, Kingsford, Mich.
 Bivens, Forrest, Tucson, Ariz.
 Brug, John, Bay City, Mich.
 Buch, Donald, Saginaw, Mich.
 Clark, James, Morton Grove, Ill.
 Diener, Robert, Hartford, Wis.
 Dobberstein, Verlyn,
 New London, Wis.
 Dolan, David, Zion, Ill.
 Enser, Dennis, Freeland, Mich.
 Everts, James, Grafton, Nebr.
 Franzmann, Curtis, Milwaukee, Wis.
 Gorske, Ronald, N. Fond du Lac, Wis.
 Gosdeck, Ronald, Kaukauna, Wis.

Harstad, Adolph, Watertown, Wis.
 Hopf, Jeffrey, Waukesha, Wis.
 Kobleske, Roger, Kenosha, Wis.
 Koelpin, Daniel, Livonia, Mich.
 Kuschel, Harlyn,

N. Fond du Lac, Wis.
 Liesener, Thomas, Milwaukee, Wis.
 Mahnke, Kurt, Milwaukee, Wis.
 Martens, Andrew, Kewaunee, Wis.
 Mau, Kurt, Kaukauna, Wis.
 Micheel, Virgil, New Ulm, Minn.
 Muetzel, Ronald, New Ulm, Minn.
 Neumann, David, St. Croix Falls, Wis.
 Prah, Larry, Neenah, Wis.
 Retberg, Lawrence, S. Haven, Mich.
 Rose, Roy, Menomonee Falls, Wis.
 Schroeder, Keith, Watertown, Wis.
 Schwartz, Martin, Menomonie, Wis.
 Schwerin, Richard, New London, Wis.
 Sievert, Louis, New Ulm, Minn.
 Sommer, Galen, Fairfax, Minn.
 Stadler, Richard, Flint, Mich.
 Stuebs, Martin, Two Rivers, Wis.
 Stuebs, Ralph, Manitowoc, Wis.
 Toppe, Frederick, Watertown, Wis.
 Vogt, John, Bradenton, Fla.
 Waack, Ralph, Manitowoc, Wis.
 Zahn, Allen, Coleman, Wis.

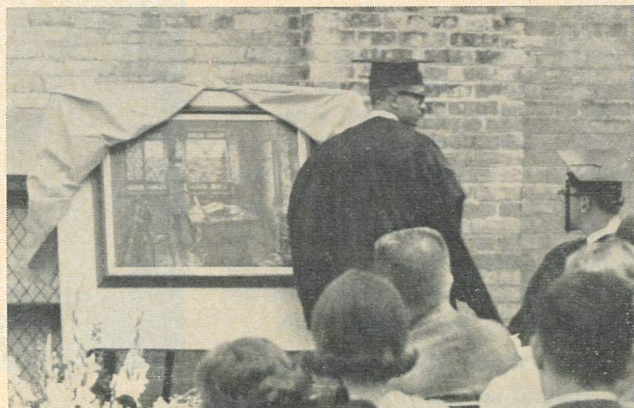
CARLETON TOPPE



THE LARGEST SENIOR CLASS IN HISTORY marches in procession to the scene of the service.



A GENERAL VIEW OF THE COMMENCEMENT SCENE. The College graduates are in black gowns to your right, the High School graduates to the left.



"LUTHER AT THE WARTBURG" was the title of the painting which the Senior Class presented as its gift to the school.

A COMMENCEMENT PRAYER

Spoken at Northwestern College, June 1, 1967

Unto Thee, O God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost, be glory in the Church on this day and this year of our Lord.

We are mindful of Thy manifold mercies. In gratitude for them we dedicate the use of our God-given talents to Thy service and the salvation of our fellow man.

After long years Thou didst deliver our fathers from the bondage of error and the tyranny of human ordinances. We thank Thee for those faithful witnesses of the past, among them Thy great servant Dr. Martin Luther, through whom Thou didst restore the Gospel of Christ to men.

Accept our praise for letting this blessed light of the Gospel shine through the 450 years from that day until now.

We thank Thee for the faithful confessors of the Truth in these four and one-half centuries and that Thou hast permitted us to establish a system of education based on that Word of God which shall make men wise unto salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

We thank Thee for the leaders of our church and our schools who, for all their learning, have remained humble servants of the Savior, using their wisdom to equip

young men and women to dedicate their lives to the full-time work of the church.

We thank Thee for the loving parents that have given their sons and daughters, for the men that have instructed them, for the fellow Christians that have made their offerings to carry the training costs. Above all, we thank Thee for the Holy Spirit's gift of faith and love to these young men and women who today are being graduated from Northwestern College and High School and carry in their hearts the dedication and devotion to complete their training for the holy preaching and teaching ministry. Grant them grace to complete their studies and give those who are not continuing now the grace to be staunch confessors of the Truth and Life laid before us in the Holy Scriptures.

Help us all — laymen, pastors, teachers, professors — to continue the Reformation heritage in our devotion to the eternal truths of Thy holy Word, and in contending loyally for them.

We lay before Thy throne of Grace these expressions of thanksgiving for Thy blessings of the past and bring our petitions for Thy continued presence in the future, in the name of Him who was born as one among us and died to save us, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

✠ Pastor C. E. Cone, Jr. ✠

It is the Lord who must supply the white fields with laborers; it is also He who determines the length of their service. This fact is certainly apparent in the tragic airplane crash in the Montana mountains that claimed the lives of Pastor and Mrs. C. E. Cone, Jr., and three of their four children. Their infant son was not with them. Pastor Cone served only six years, five of these in Hendricks, Minnesota, and the last year at St. Paul's, East Troy, Wisconsin.

Pastor Chester E. Cone, Jr., was born in Flint, Michigan, on June 9, 1935. He was graduated from our Northwestern College in 1958, and from the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in 1961. He was united in holy matrimony with Mary Mouton on June 6, 1959. Their marriage was blessed with four children; Chester III, Jonathan, James, and Mark.

Pastor Harry Wiedmann preached the funeral sermon. Pastor Roy Bras-

sow, chairman of the Metropolitan South Pastoral Conference, expressed the sympathy of this group, and Pas-

tor Harvey Witte, pastor of the Mouton family, served as the liturgist.



Pastor Cone's last confirmation class.

"In the Midst of Earthly Life"

Singing Hymn No. 590 in *The Lutheran Hymnal* calls to mind Luther's famous *Sanctus*, "Isaiah, Mighty Seer, In Days of Old" (LH 249), which is based on Isaiah 6:1-4. The powerful "Holy . . . Holy . . . Holy" refrain in Hymn No. 590 is based on a similar element in the ancient Greek liturgy dating all the way back to the fifth century.

The original concept of this hymn by Martin Luther has its origin in an antiphon written about 900 A.D. Luther altered one of several German translations of this antiphon and added two stanzas of his own. "It has long been one of the foremost German hymns for the dying."

"There is but a step between me and death" (I Sam. 20:3). This is a truth which none of us, whether young

or old, ought ever to take lightly. "In the midst of earthly life Snares of death surround us" (stanza 1). "In the midst of death's dark vale Powers of hell o'ertake us" (stanza 2). "In the midst of hell-born woe All our sins oppress us" (stanza 3). Who will help us? Where shall we go for refuge? Only Jesus, our gracious Lord and Savior, has the comfort and hope which we need to enable us to live in this world of sin as redeemed heirs of the eternal world of sinless bliss and joy.

So it is possible for Christians who mourn the death of a fellow believer to rejoice in the midst of sorrow. This hymn helps them to do just that.

"Lord, preserve and keep us In the peace that faith can give. Have mercy, O Lord!"

PHILIP JANKE

Fifty Years in the Teaching Ministry

Henry F. Luehring

With the words of Joshua 23:14, "Not one thing hath failed of all the good things which the Lord your God spoke concerning you, all are come to pass unto you and not one thing hath failed thereof," guest speaker Pastor John Parcher addressed the 500 worshippers who gathered to celebrate Teacher Henry Luehring's 50 years of teaching ministry. In the group gathered at Nicollet, Minnesota, were school children to whom Mr. Luehring could say, "I taught your parents just as I taught you."

Henry Luehring was born in Gibbon, Minnesota, and graduated from Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, in 1917. For his first year of service to the Church he served as the teacher for Salem Congregation, Stillwater, Minnesota. While serving as teacher in Sanborn, Minnesota, from 1918-1936, he met and married Marie Yackel. In the fall of 1936, Mr. Luehring accepted the call to Trinity Lutheran Church, Nicollet, Minnesota. Under the Lord's blessing and Henry Luehring's guidance as principal, Trinity Congregation saw its two rural schools merge in 1940 into one new school alongside the church in the village. In 1950 more classrooms and teachers were added to the school. Under Mr. Luehring's direction the school had 100 per cent of the congregation's children enrolled in Christian schools. That record, except for a very few per-

centage points, is still intact today four years after Mr. Luehring stepped down as school principal.

Having taught full time until now, Mr. Luehring will now continue to be a blessing of the Lord upon this congregation he has served the past 31 years by teaching half days of remedial reading. The lightened burden in the classroom should give him more time to spend with his wife, three children, and their families. His son Wilbert will keep the family name active in the teaching ministry for years to come. Indeed, for Mr. Luehring and his field of labor "not one thing hath failed of all the good things the Lord your God spoke concerning you."

RALPH POLZIN

Michigan District Laity Day

According to the Michigan District Board for Information and Stewardship a day of special interest to the laity of the District will take place during the Thirty-Ninth Convention of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod at Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Saginaw, August 9 to 16, 1967. Pastor Norman Berg, president of the Michigan District, has designated *Saturday, August 12, 1967* as *Michigan District Laity Day*.

It is very possible that Pastor Peter Chang of Hong Kong will conduct the opening devotion. Laity of the District will have an occasion during the morning hours to observe an official session of Synod in action. Another special feature of the District *Laity Day* will take place in the afternoon with a Mission Forum. Both the

Executive Secretary for Home Missions and the Executive Secretary for World Missions will be present to introduce guest missionaries from home and abroad. These inspiring reports from the mission fields will reflect God's grace and blessing upon the faithful efforts of our missionaries to proclaim the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ. The day's activities will be concluded with a message from the president of the Wisconsin Synod, the Rev. Oscar Naumann.

† John F. Meyer †

It pleased the Lord to relieve His servant, John F. Meyer, of all suffering, after a month of severe illness, by taking his soul to Himself in heaven on May 23, 1967. He was given a Christian burial on May 26 from Calvary Ev. Lutheran Church, Thiensville, Wisconsin, by Pastor Lyle Lindloff.

He was the oldest child of the late Prof. Joh. P. Meyer and his wife Lydia, nee Reinke. Born June 17, 1906, at New Ulm, Minnesota, he was reborn on June 26 through water and the Word administered by Pastor C. J. Albrecht in St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church of New Ulm. After receiving Christian training at home and in the parochial schools of St. Paul's, New Ulm, and St. Paul's, Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, he was confirmed on April 25, 1920, by Pastor Albrecht.

He received his high-school diploma from Dr. Martin Luther High School in 1924; his teaching certificate from Dr. Martin Luther College in 1926; and his B.A. degree from

Northwestern College June 12, 1930.

After one year of training at our Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, Wisconsin, he entered the teaching ministry of our Synod, serving the following schools in Wisconsin: First Lutheran of Racine, Salem Ev. Lutheran of West Granville, and St. John Ev. Lutheran of Montello.

When poor health and the loss of clear speech forced him to give up

his calling, he devoted the last 19 years of his life to serving the Lord in our Northwestern Publishing House, Milwaukee.

In 1932 he was united in marriage with Amanda nee Schultz of Watertown, by Prof. Joh. P. Meyer. God blessed this union with two sons, each of whom is principal in one of our Christian day schools: John A. at Re-deemer, Tucson, Arizona, and Robert

F. at Bethlehem, Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin.

Mr. Meyer is survived, besides by his immediate family, by his two brothers, Pastor Henry G. of Fort Morgan-Hillrose, Colorado, and Pastor Arnold C. of Town Center (rural Appleton), Wisconsin, and his sister, Lydia, of Milwaukee; as well as by two daughters-in-law, two grandchildren and his aged mother-in-law.

NAMES REQUESTED for our Missions

In recent months Wisconsin Synod began work in the states and cities listed below. Please send all names of members who moved into the general area of these cities, as well as names of people who may be interested in a Wisconsin Synod mission, to the Synod's Membership Conservation office. Pastors who want stations included in this announcement will send information to this same address. Names as well as pertinent information regarding members referred will be forwarded to the nearest pastor and/or mission board chairman.

Alabama	Huntsville
Colorado	Fort Collins*
California	Alpine-Le Mesa Concord (Oakland) Ford Ord Monterey Redding Sacramento Salinas San Diego San Jose Simi Valley (Ventura Co.) Whittier (La Habra, Montebello, Pico Rivera, La Mira- da, La Puente) Yucaipa

Florida	Cutler Ridge (Miami) Merritt Island Orlando West Palm Beach
Illinois	Joliet* Tinley Park (S. Chicago)
Indiana	Indianapolis*
Iowa	Davenport (Quad City)*
Kansas	Hays-Stockton Overland Park (Kansas City) Topeka Wichita
Maryland	Baltimore*
Michigan	Kalamazoo Portland Utica
Minnesota	Duluth-Superior Moorhead Faribault*
Montana	Missoula*
Nebraska	Columbus
New Jersey	North Brunswick
New Mexico	Albuquerque*
Ohio	Akron Cleveland Grove City (Columbus)
Oklahoma	Oklahoma City*

Oregon	Salem
Pennsylvania	King of Prussia (Philadelphia)
South Dakota	Brookings
Texas	Dallas-Duncanville El Paso Houston San Antonio Waco*
Virginia	Falls Church (Wash., D.C.)
Washington	Renton*
Wisconsin	Eau Claire Grafton Little Chute Shawano Waupun* Weston
Canada	St. Albert-Edmonton, Alberta

* Denotes exploratory services. (New Missions in cities already having a WELS church are not listed.)

Note. All names and addresses of members who move, unless they can be transferred directly to a sister congregation, should be mailed to our

WELS MEMBERSHIP CONSERVATION
10729 Worden, Detroit, Mich. 48224

CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES

WESTERN WISCONSIN

SOUTHWESTERN DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Place: St. Paul's, Tomah, Wis.
Time: Sept. 3, 1967; 7:30-10 p.m.
Agenda: Report by the delegates to the Synod Convention; the election of a visitor.
E. V. Vomhof, Secretary

NORTHERN WISCONSIN

WISCONSIN RIVER VALLEY — CHIPPEWA RIVER VALLEY PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Sept. 19, 1967.
Time: 9 a.m., Communion service.
Place: St. Paul's, Stratford (Day Township).
Speaker: R. A. Schultz (H. M. Schwartz, alternate).
Agenda: Discussion of *This We Believe* — H. P. Koehler; Report on the Saginaw Convention; Exegesis of Rom. 8:18ff — R. F. Weber; Book Review of *Ecumenicalism and Romanism* — R. A. Schultz; Pastoral Counseling In Impending Divorce Cases — M. W. Zank; Mission Reports — W. Lange and H. M. Schwartz.
D. A. Witte, Secretary

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS Northwestern Publishing House

The Board of Directors of the Northwestern Publishing House has decided to add a third man to its editorial staff. It herewith asks the members of the Synod to nominate men for this office.

The Board of Directors is well aware of the manpower shortage in the Synod. But the need for producing many types of Christian literature is becoming more and more evident, and the demand for such literature is steadily growing stronger. It was this situation which led the Synod to create the Commission for Christian Literature four years ago. Now the work of the Commission is leading to a publishing program of sizable proportions—a program that thus far is concerned only with the most urgent needs. It is clear that the present editorial staff of two cannot cope with the present work program, to say nothing of the even larger program ahead. The members of the Board are convinced that they must call a third editor in order to discharge the ministry of the printed Word responsibly and faithfully.

Anyone nominated for this editorial office should possess certain qualifications. He should be theologically trained. He should preferably have some experience in the parish or teaching ministry. He should have a mature theological judgment. Considerable competence in the field of English is required. The office also calls for the exercise of literary taste and discrimination. Evaluating manuscripts, ranging from scholarly theological works to children's literature, will be an important part of the work. Finally, the ability to write clear, contemporary English is a necessary qualification.

Please supply pertinent information regarding the nominee. All nominations should be in the hands of the secretary of the Board by August 21, 1967.

Mr. H. P. Gieschen
c/o Northwestern Publishing House
3616-32 W. North Ave.
Milwaukee, Wis. 53208.

APPOINTMENT

Pastor D. H. Kuehl has been appointed to the Mission Board of the Southeastern Wisconsin District to fill the unexpired term of Pastor Paul W. Knickelbein. The latter has accepted a call into the Northern Wisconsin District.

Adolph C. Buenger, President

WISCONSIN LUTHERAN SEMINARY

The 1967-68 school year of our Theological Seminary at Mequon, Wisconsin, will open with a special service in the Seminary Chapel on Tuesday morning, Sept. 5, 1967, at 10 a.m.

Carl Lawrenz, President

OPENING SERVICE — MILWAUKEE LUTHERAN TEACHERS COLLEGE

The opening service for the 1967-68 school year will be held in the chapel-auditorium, 30 North Glenview Ave., at 10 a.m. on Sept. 12. All friends of the College are invited to this service. All students are to register on either Sept. 11 or 12. The dormitories will be open on Sunday, Sept. 10, at 2 p.m. Regular classes will begin on Wed., Sept. 13.

Robert J. Voss, President

SCHOOL OPENING

The new school year at Northwestern Lutheran Academy will begin on Aug. 29, 1967. The opening service will take place at 2 p.m. Early enrollment of students is appreciated. Write for information to:

Office of the President
Northwestern Lutheran Academy
Moberidge, South Dakota 57601

MORE MISSION KITS AVAILABLE

Japan Mission Kit—Home Missions Kit—Africa Mission Kit. These may be had for a handling and postage charge of 25c each. The Kits contain Helpful Hints to help plan a Mission Fair. Pictures, films, filmstrips, etc., are suggested in each kit. Order Kits from:

Mission Kits
Library—Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary
Mequon, Wisconsin 53902

RECORDING AVAILABLE

Northwestern Male Chorus

Monaural recordings of the choral selections sung by the Northwestern College Male Chorus on the recent tour are available from the undersigned for the cost of \$3.15. Selections include hymns, chorales and anthems for the church year.

Dr. Arnold O. Lehmann
501 College Ave.
Watertown, Wis. 53094

BETHESDA LUTHERAN HOME

Immediate openings for individuals desiring employment in a family atmosphere. Applicants may be either male or female, single or married. No previous experience required. On-the-job training is provided.

The following positions are available:

1. Ward parents and nurses aides
2. Work-crew foreman
3. Janitors
4. Recreation aides
5. Kitchen workers
6. Therapists in various areas
7. Social workers
8. Registered nurses
9. Dietitian
10. L.P.N.

Benefits include Social Security program, group insurance, paid holidays, paid sick leave and two weeks of paid vacation annually.

For more information, contact:

Personnel Manager
Bethesda Lutheran Home
700 Hoffman Drive
Watertown, Wisconsin 53094

ORDINATIONS AND INSTALLATIONS

Ordained and Installed

Pastors

Berg, Robert E., as pastor of St. John Ev. Lutheran Church, Town Genoa, Wis., by G. F. Albrecht; assisted by C. R. Nommensen and E. F. Vomhof; July 9, 1967.

Goers, Walter, Jr., as pastor of St. John Ev. Lutheran Church, Pelican Lake, Wis., by F. E. Blume; assisted by D. E. Kock, E. J. Kahrs, T. C. Spiegelberg, E. A. Kock; July 2, 1967.

Hansen, Neil C., as pastor of Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, Ringle, Wis., by R. A. Schultz; assisted by G. A. Schaefer and K. A. Nolting; July 2, 1967.

Kock, Eugene A., as pastor of Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Minocqua, Wis., and First Ev. Lutheran Church, Woodruff, Wis.; by M. W. Zank; assisted by D. E. Kock, F. E. Blume, M. A. Radtke, and T. C. Spiegelberg; June 15, 1967.

Russow, William H., as pastor of Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Carson, N. Dak., Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Flasher, N. Dak., and St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Paradise, N. Dak., by H. E. Russow; assisted by G. C. Rothe; July 2, 1967.

Sachs, Roger L., as pastor of St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Goodhue (Mineola Twp.), Minn., by H. F. Muenkel; assisted by H. R. Johnne, July 9, 1967.

Soukup, Paul S., as pastor of St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, North Platte, Nebr., by David Worgull; assisted by R. N. Tischer; June 25, 1967.

Winterstein, Herbert C., as pastor of Our Savior Ev. Lutheran Church, Grafton, Wis., by J. E. Raabe; assisted by A. W. Schuetze, R. E. Pope, C. H. Weigel, L. C. Scheelk; June 26, 1967.

Installed

Pastors

Berg, Robert E., as pastor of St. Matthew Ev. Lutheran Church, Stoddard, Wis., by G. F. Albrecht; assisted by R. A. Kettenacker, E. F. Vomhof, E. J. Zehms; July 9, 1967.

Bittorf, Herald W., as pastor of St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church, Balaton, Minn., by John Parcher; assisted by L. F. Schallow, G. W. Birkholz, E. R. Gamm, V. I. Bittorf, C. E. Miller; July 9, 1967.

Geiger, Gerhardt, as pastor of St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, R.R. 1, Two Rivers, Wis., by F. W. Mattek; assisted by W. A. Geiger and A. L. Schmeling; July 2, 1967.

Goers, Walter J., as pastor of Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church, Tomahawk, Wis., by F. E. Blume; assisted by D. E. Kock, T. C. Spiegelberg, E. A. Kock, M. A. Radtke; July 2, 1967.

Hansen, Neil C., as pastor of Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church, T. Weston (Schofield), Wis., by R. A. Schultz; assisted by G. A. Schaefer, K. A. Nolting, William Lange, G. O. Krause, B. E. Stensberg, and R. E. Vomhof; July 2, 1967.

Henning, Otto, as assistant pastor of St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church, Sturgeon Bay, Wis., by Theo. Baganz; June 25, 1967.

Herrmann, Walter D., as pastor of St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Mazeppa Twp., Summit, S. Dak., and St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Rauville Twp., Watertown, S. Dak. by A. P. C. Kell; assisted by E. C. Habermann and G. C. Bunde; July 2, 1967.

Neffendorf, James C., as pastor of Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church, Edna, Tex., and of Our Savior's Ev. Lutheran Church, San Antonio, Tex., by V. R. Glaeske; assisted by W. A. Diehl, R. E. Neumann, and Gerald Ditter; June 25, 1967.

Radloff, James J., as pastor of St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Litchfield, Minn., by R. O. Reimers; assisted by J. H. Mahnke, Theo. Bauer, D. L. Bode, R. P. Drews, Lloyd Hahnke, M. J. Lenz, R. H. Roth, M. J. Scheele; July 2, 1967.

Sachs, Roger L., as pastor of St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church, Goodhue, Minn., by G. A. Horn; assisted by H. R. Johnne; July 9, 1967.

Westendorf, Rolfe F., as pastor of Siloah Ev. Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, Wis., by A. C. Buenger; assisted by W. G. Hoffmann, C. L. Leyrer, R. W. Mohrhardt, T. J. Horneber, J. P. Schaefer, A. M. Walther, and E. C. Pankow; June 25, 1967.

Witte, David A., as pastor of St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Christie, Wis., by G. E. Schmeling; assisted by M. F. Sordahl; July 2, 1967.

Installed

Teacher

Dorn, Orlan H., as principal of St. Paul Ev. Lutheran School, Green Bay, Wis., by A. W. Voigt; July 9, 1967.

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Ross, Alan
4809 Linderman Ave.
Racine, Wis. 53405

PASTORS' FALL INSTITUTE

This Institute is scheduled at the Seminary at Mequon, Wis., for five successive Mondays, beginning with Oct. 16 and ending Nov. 13, 1967. Two lectures will be presented between the hours of 1:30 and 4:30 p.m. Ample time for discussion will be allowed.

Professors Martin Albrecht and Gerald Hoenecke will be the lecturers on topics to be announced later.

The registration fee is \$5.00. Reservations are to be sent to Prof. Carl J. Lawrenz, President, 11831 N. Seminary Dr., 65W, Mequon, Wis. 53092.

Adolph C. Buenger, Secretary
Seminary Board of Control

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. Luke's Ev. 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

NOMINATIONS BY THE DISTRICTS
For Offices to Be Filled by Election at the 1967 Convention

(The order is determined by the Districts
and at times expresses preference)

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1 Pastor:
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Hogey Bergholz
Arnold Tiefel

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1 Layman:
Erdman Kugler
Arthur Rohde
Paul Wolfgram

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1 Pastor:
Harold Johne
Emil Peterson
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1 Layman:
Alvin Mueller
Harold Just
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NORTHWESTERN COLLEGE

WESTERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT

1 Pastor:
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Frederick Mutterer
Gerhardt Albrecht

1 Layman:
Arthur Hintz
John Kindschi
George Reul

1 Layman:
William Schumann
Forrest Winter
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MILWAUKEE LUTHERAN TEACHERS COLLEGE

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1 Pastor:
Carl Voss
Edward Stelter
David Worgull

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT

1 Layman:
John Dornfeld
Kenneth Ristow
Henry Spiegelberg

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MICHIGAN DISTRICT

1 Pastor:
Roland W. Scheele
Fred P. Zimmermann
Harold A. Hempel

1 Layman:
Fred Muehlbeck
Bernard Dittmar
George Bock

DR. MARTIN LUTHER HIGH SCHOOL

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1 Pastor:
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Herbert Hackbarth
Roy Reede

1 Teacher:
Ervin Walz
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Richard Sonntag

1 Layman:
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Robert Grebe
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1 Layman:
Calvin Frey
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1 Layman:
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Wendell Bubbers
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Herbert Lichtenberg
Robert Ehlers

1 Layman:
Paul Bader
Marvin Dreyer
Gerhardt Koopmann

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MINNESOTA DISTRICT

1 Pastor:
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Norman Sauer
Donald Lindloff

1 Layman:
Louis Lieske
Robert Grebe
Karl Tomfohr

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1 Teacher:
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1 Layman:
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NOMINATIONS MADE BY THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Nominations proposed by the Nominating Committee of the
Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod for the Thirty-Ninth
Convention, August 9-16, 1967.

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Pastor Martin P. Janke
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 Mr. Olaf Lee, Kiel, Wisconsin

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 Pastor Harold J. Zink

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*The slate is incomplete

Respectfully submitted,
 Delmar C. Brick, 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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