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BRIEFS by the Editor

Thanksgiving Day will be celebrated in our congregations a few days after this issue comes into our homes. Even with the cost of living rising almost constantly, there is still a great deal for the Christian to be thankful for in 1970.

We of the Wisconsin Synod have special reason to speak a prayer of thanksgiving that God in His providence brought the president of our Synod, the president of our Seminary and another of its professors safely back from a trip to Europe undertaken in the interest of confessional Lutheranism. Engine failure had forced their plane to return to Germany.

Nor was it a minor miracle that a recent fire in San Diego County, California, which ravished the country and completely surrounded our church in Alpine, California, left the church and parsonage untouched. Yes, God does answer prayers! We on our part, ought to remember to thank Him.

But what especially makes this issue of *The Northwestern Lutheran* a real thanksgiving issue is the report we are privileged to print of 12 congregations in our Synod which established 11 new Christian day schools in calendar year 1970. This number does not include the many congregations which during the past year dedicated remodeled or new plants for already existing schools. The 11 new schools are found in eight states: California, Oklahoma, Colorado, South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan. As we read of these 11 totally new schools, the words of the General Prayer, which the Lutheran Reformation brought into its own, come to mind: "Cause Thy glory to dwell among us and let mercy and truth, righteousness and peace, everywhere prevail. To this end we commend to Thy care all our schools and pray Thee to make them nurseries of useful knowledge and Christian virtues, that they may bring forth the wholesome fruits of

life." Surely we should include these 11 new schools in our prayer on Thanksgiving Day, as well as the new Michigan Lutheran High School, situated for the present in Benton Harbor, Michigan. May God bless all of these schools, their pupils and their teachers!

Noteworthy is that most of these new Christian day schools were begun in congregations whose membership is still quite small. It isn't the size that counts, or the number of grades to the classroom. What counts is the importance of Christian training. No congregation has a solid future unless the new generation is brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Though the Christian day school is not the only means by which this can be achieved, it is clearly the best, as one of the editorials so forcefully brings out.

Two special articles in this issue emphasize the value of the Christian day schools and deserve your attention. One is written by Mr. Adolph Fehlauer, executive secretary of our Synod's Board for Parish Education. The other by Mr. Richard H. Sievert, principal of St. Paul's Lutheran School in Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin. Their words should prompt our prayers of thanksgiving: "O sing unto the Lord a new song; for He hath done marvelous things!"

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

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Editorials

Getting Along Without One can get along without a Christian day school; about half of our Wisconsin Synod children do — either because there is no Christian day school within range, or their parents do not send them to such a school, even if it is available.

Parents of public-school children can arrange for a religion period at home by setting aside time each day (beyond family devotions and preparation for Sunday school) to study Bible stories, to learn Christian hymns, and to familiarize their children with the catechism and its Scripture passages.

Parents can take steps to counter the evolutionary notions public-school science texts and many teachers inculcate in their children. By reading and study they can become knowledgeable about creationism and evolutionism and can help their children to recognize the fallacies and errors in the faith-denying "doctrine" of evolution.

Parents can discuss with their children the sex education they receive in non-Christian schools. So that sex matters are viewed as God would have children see them, Christian parents can take measures to undo their children's impression that science and sociology have all the answers to the problem.

Parents can read the stories, poems, and essays that are read and discussed in public-school literature classes, and can review them with their children at home to help them judge the beliefs and ideals of men and contrast them with eternal truth.

Yes, Christian parents can take steps to re-educate their children at home to help them think as Christians and believe as Christians. But they will not be doing this without anxiety and doubt about their success, because the non-Christian school their children attend is daily opposing their efforts, even without meaning to do so.

One can get along without a Christian day school, but who would want to?

CARLETON TOPPE

By Invitation Only The small child had somehow wandered into a roped-off construction area. The dynamite charge had been set. The demolition crew was waiting, when workmen and onlookers alike noticed the small child who had wandered inquisitively among the ruins. Frantically the workmen waved their arms and shouted warnings.

Frightened, or amused, by their queer antics, the child only stared at them.

Then one in the crowd did what was natural for a woman to do. She did not chase after the boy for fear he might run. She did not scream at him lest she scare him off. She kneeled down, opened wide her arms, smiled and beckoned him to come. When shock waves of the explosion shook the ground, the child was safe in her arms.

The procedure is not new. It was always the Savior's way. Wide would He open His arms, tenderly invite: "Let the little children come unto me," take them up in His lap, and pillow their heads upon His breast.

We well-intentioned advocates of Christian education have probably tried all the approaches over the ages — pleading and persecuting, cajoling and criticizing, threatening and thundering — to rescue the lost from the impending explosion.

Ours is to be another approach, the warm clucking and open-winged way of a hen with her young: "How often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings . . ."

What if that way doesn't work? Well, even that is not new. Jerusalem wouldn't have it either. Forsaking the wings of the Savior, too late they found themselves fallen into the talons of the Roman eagle.

But then, that is God's business. Ours is to invite: "Let the little children come . . ."

JOHN PARCHER

Education With Answers Years ago, before many of the ingenious modern labor-saving devices were developed, the chief qualification for many a job was "a strong back and a weak mind." In those days advanced education was looked upon in many quarters with undisguised suspicion, if not open hostility. Some years ago a voting member of a congregation, opposing a raise in salary for his pastor, put this viewpoint into words when he said, "While we were out working, he was in college having fun." Some were inclined to favor higher education only for the weakling in the family who was not physically equipped to work on the farm or in the factory.

In a more sophisticated age education has become respectable. The need in the trades and professions today is for specialists — defined humorously but somewhat accurately as "people who learn more and more

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Studies in God's Word

Thank Him For His Jealousy!—Joel 2:18-22

Then will the Lord be jealous for His land and pity His people.

Yea, the Lord will answer and say unto His people, "Behold, I will send you corn and wine and oil, and ye shall be satisfied therewith. And I will no more make you a reproach among the heathen.

"But I will remove far off from you the northern army and will drive him into a land barren and desolate (Arabia), with his face (vanguard) toward the east sea (Dead Sea) and his hinder part (rear guard) toward the utmost sea (Mediterranean). And his stink shall come up, and his ill savor shall come up, because he hath done great things.

"Fear not, O land! Be glad and rejoice, for the Lord will do great things!

"Be not afraid, ye beasts of the field! For the pastures of the wilderness do spring, for the tree beareth her fruit! The fig tree and the vine do yield their strength!"

The Lord's Zeal

"I the Lord thy God am a jealous God" (Exod. 20:5). The jealousy of the Lord is not to be confused with the human emotion that bears the same label. The term illustrates the Lord's passionate concern for the honor of His name: "My glory will I not give to another" (Isa. 42:8). The word describes His intense regard for the true faith of His people. The jealousy of the Lord is exhibited in His fervent zeal for all that He calls His own and in His flaming zeal against all that reject His love. The Lord's jealousy packs every one of His pronouncements with dynamic certainty. He means what He says and He says what He means! It shall come to pass!

Thus the Lord's declarations in this portion of Joel's record are to be taken as accomplished fact, although they are translated in the future tense. The appeal to the Lord's honor by His people (v. 17) brought an immediate response from the Lord, who is always more ready to hear than

His people are to ask. Besides, His perpetual pity had been tapped.

Judah's God-wrought repentance had opened the floodgates of the Lord's mercies, just as its impenitence had shut off the flow of His gracious blessings. The Lord's kind response to Judah's repentance was threefold: Relief from physical distress was granted, the devastator was utterly destroyed, and spiritual blessing was poured out. The spiritual renewal is taken up in the following section (vv. 23ff.), as well as an elaboration of the temporal restoration.

Reproach Lifted

Judah's disgrace in the eyes of its neighbors was removed when the land began to flourish again. The bountiful harvest was proof even to hostile minds that the Lord had not abandoned His people. The removal of the loathsome locust plague established the fact of the Lord's grace toward His people.

The locusts, apparently blown into the land by the north wind, were dispersed by the same wind, it seems.

The description suggests that the wind shifted from the northwest to the northeast, sweeping the winged creatures before it as chaff. Thus some were drowned in the Dead Sea, the main mass was scorched in the Arabian desert, and the rest perished in the Mediterranean.

The lingering stench of decaying bodies washed in heaps upon the sand over such a vast area bore forceful testimony both to the greatness of the horde and to the rapid and total destruction wrought by the Lord. The measure of the demise of the locusts matched the magnitude of their damage to the land of Judah.

Appropriating Pronoun

The greatness of the Lord appeared both in the sudden destruction of the devastator and in the restoration of the land. For the one His great might was a terror. For the other the same potent power was a source of rejoicing. The difference was in the possessive pronoun. For *His* land and for *His* people the power of God worked for blessing.

All depends on our being the possession of the Almighty. In our Baptism the Lord put His name upon us and claimed us as His own. We are *His* people, bought with a price. What a difference that pronoun makes! He is jealous *for* us. His great might works *for* us. By His great power He has swept the devil's whole wicked horde into the lake of fire and He has restored us to life.

Let our thanksgiving include praise for the jealousy and might of the Lord! "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad" (Ps. 126:3).

PAUL E. NITZ

New Lutheran High School In Southwestern Michigan

Wisconsin Synod Lutherans in the Benton Harbor-St. Joseph area of southwestern Michigan have long been speaking about Christian high-school training for the youth of their churches. But the first positive steps leading to the establishment of the Michigan Lutheran High School were taken on March 10, 1968. At a subsequent meeting on April 28, 1968, The Southwestern Michigan Lutheran High School Foundation, Inc., was organized. Chairman of the association is the Rev. Henry T. Peter of Sodus, Michigan. The Rev. K. Biedenbender of Benton Harbor is secretary, and Mrs. Kenneth Schultz of St. Joseph is the treasurer. It was on October 5, 1969, that the association definitely authorized the opening of the school.

Plant

On November 24, 1968, 50 acres were purchased on Marquette Woods Road, south of St. Joseph, as permanent site. In the meantime, the school is housed in quarters rented from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Benton Harbor, which dedicated its education wing on September 28, 1970. The association is renting two 30'x30' classrooms, one 30'x50' all-purpose room, and an administrative

office. The facilities were consecrated to the use of the High School on Sunday, October 4, 1970, in a service at which Prof. Martin Albrecht of the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary was guest speaker.

Faculty

At present the staff consists of two full-time teachers and one part-time teacher. Administrative head of the school is Mr. Elmer Dobberstein, called to the position of Coordinator. He was installed on August 2. In addition to handling the administrative duties, Mr. Dobberstein teaches Mathematics, English, and General Science. He comes well qualified, having served 25 years on the faculty of Concordia Collegiate Institute in Bronxville, New York.

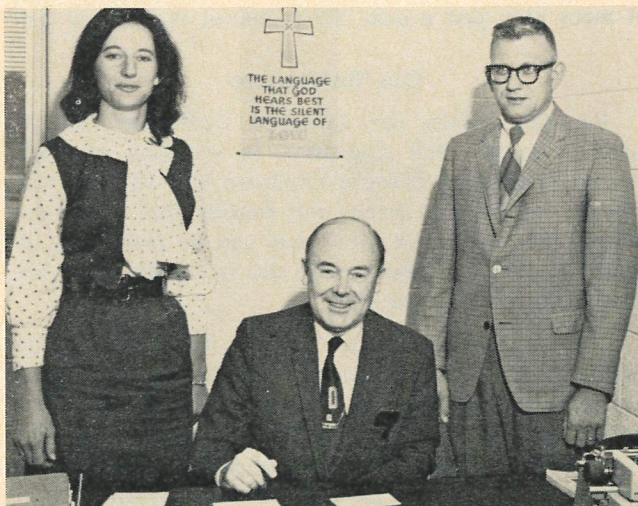
The second member of the faculty is Mr. Robert Gruetzmacher, who has taught at Adrian, Michigan, for the past five years. He was installed in the October 4 service and is teaching World History, Latin, Religion, and Physical Education.

Teaching part-time is Mrs. Bernard Kremers, who instructs in Comprehensive Music and directs the band and the chorus.

Student Body

As has been the case with most of its predecessors in Lutheran high-school education, Michigan Lutheran High School is beginning with only the ninth grade and plans to add another class each year. The present ninth grade numbers 10 boys and 6 girls. All WELS congregations in the twin-city area are represented.

We ask the Lord to bless this new venture of our brethren in Michigan. A Lutheran high school is more than a luxury. It is becoming more and more necessary that our congregations include area Lutheran high schools in their stewardship of the treasures the Lord has showered upon us — the greatest of which are these young people, many of whom will later assume positions of leadership in our churches and communities. We are, however, concerned not only about the future of the church here on earth, but also about the heavenly inheritance which we pray each of our young people will attain. To this end, we must ground them firmly in the Word of God and in the Lutheran Confessions. Area Lutheran high schools have an important role to fulfill in achieving this in the lives of our young people.



Michigan Lutheran High School Faculty: Mrs. Bernard Kremers, Mr. Elmer Dobberstein, Mr. Robert Gruetzmacher



Mrs. Kremers and the beginnings of MLHS Band



A Lantern to Our Footsteps

Answers Based on Holy Writ

Topic: Can Mary Be Called the Mother of God?

One of our readers asks: "Is it good Christian doctrine to say that Mary was the mother of God?" Roman Catholics make much of Mary and use this expression, mother of God, in addressing their prayers to her. For this reason we may hesitate to speak of her in that way.

The question, however, is: Is it good Christian doctrine to call Mary the mother of God? Is it correct according to Scripture?

To whom did Mary give birth when Jesus was born? Was it merely to a human person such as we are? Was Jesus at the time of His birth true God?

These are questions which already were asked in the early Christian Church. The answers, however, were not always correct.

Some Early Errors

In the early centuries of the Christian era there was a Jewish-Christian sect, called the Ebionites, that accepted Jesus as the promised Messiah. However, they said that He was born as an ordinary man of Mary and Joseph and that it was at the time of His baptism that He received the Spirit of God. The Ebionites would hardly have called Mary the mother of God.

In the third century the bishop of Antioch, Paul of Samosata, taught that it was only the man Jesus who was born of Mary, and that God at Jesus' baptism poured out a special "power" upon Jesus so that He was then adopted as God's Son. For him, too, it would have made little sense to call Mary the mother of God.

The Error of Nestorianism

Much attention was given to this expression somewhat later when a man by the name of Nestorius was bishop of the important congregation at Constantinople. He and others objected strongly to calling Mary the mother of God, as many in Constantinople were doing. Some of his followers said that Mary was simply the mother of a man, others were willing to call her the mother of Christ, but they were not ready to call her the mother of God.

What was the reasoning behind their views? They said that "the creature bore not the uncreated Creator, but the man who is the instrument of the Godhead." Similarly, they also drew the further conclusion that "the incarnate God did not die." According to them, it was only the human Jesus who was born of Mary and only His human part that died. This latter conclusion

makes us realize what a serious error their thinking involved.

A church council meeting at Ephesus in 431 rejected the position of Nestorius and his followers. Another council 20 years later at Chalcedon drew up a confession in which those present again rejected Nestorianism, the name given to this error. In that connection they said that our Lord was born "for us men and for our salvation, of the Virgin Mary, the mother of God." They included this expression in their confession to show that they rejected the Nestorian false teaching.

The Answer of Scripture

The question for us, however, is whether this is good Christian doctrine, that is, whether this can be said on the basis of the Scripture.

When the angel Gabriel announced the birth of Jesus to Mary, he said, "That holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God" (Luke 1:35). Paul wrote to the Galatians that in the fullness of the time "God sent forth His Son, made of a woman" (Gal. 4:4). The Prophet Isaiah had already prophesied that the child born of a virgin would be called Immanuel, which means God with us (Isa. 7:14). It is evident that the child born of Mary was not just a human being. This child was the true Son of God. When Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist, Elizabeth called Mary "the mother of my Lord" (Luke 1:43). Although this expression is not identical with the expression "mother of God," it says the same thing. It is the teaching of Scripture that the child born of Mary is more than just a man. He is indeed the Son of God.

Our Confessions

For this reason our Lutheran Confessions do not hesitate to use this expression in speaking of Mary. In the Formula of Concord (Epitome VII, 12) we read: "Hence we believe, teach, and confess that Mary conceived and bore not a mere man and no more, but the true Son of God; therefore she also is rightly called and truly is the mother of God."

We perhaps have little occasion to call Mary the mother of God, an expression frequently used by Roman Catholics in their worship of Mary. We must, of course, reject such worship; we must reject making of Mary more than she is. But we cannot say that calling her mother of God is not good Christian doctrine.

ARMIN SCHUETZE

Faculty Orientation at Dr. Martin Luther College



Prof. Arthur Schulz, Academic Dean, leads an Information Session; President Conrad Frey, at the left.

The orientation program for the faculty of Dr. Martin Luther College in New Ulm, Minnesota, was held on September 23-24. President Conrad Frey, in the opening devotion, spoke on Mark 10:32-45: "Unselfish Self-

Sacrificing Service." After this he introduced the 24 new staff members, the various executive officers of the faculty, and the faculty department heads. He followed with comments on faculty policies and procedures.

The full orientation program was chaired by Academic Dean Arthur Schulz. Several general information periods provided both new and old faculty members with pertinent facts about the school's programs, such as, student teaching, the accreditation study, and the library.

Dr. Glenn Barnes of the education department presented a paper on and led the resulting discussion of a committee's "Report on the Analysis of a Survey of Our Christian Day Schools." This survey dealt with four areas: departmentalization, minority groups, organists, and evaluation of recent graduates.

All departments of the faculty held their initial meetings for the school year during the orientation program. New faculty members were welcomed at a banquet held on Thursday evening.

Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary

The 1970-71 school year at our theological seminary at Mequon, Wisconsin, was opened with a very fitting message by Dr. Siegbert Becker in the morning service on September 9. Using as his text II Timothy 2:8,9, with special emphasis on the sentence, "The Word of God is not bound," he spoke on "Academic Freedom at a Confessional Seminary." The confessional oath, under which all of our professors do their work, is considered an unwelcome restriction on human freedom only by those who should never have taken the oath or who in all honesty ought to tell the Church that they no longer wish to be bound by it. Insofar as it is a limitation on freedom, orthodox and believing teachers welcome it because they know their own proclivities to evil.

On the other hand, because the Word is free and not bound, since its freedom is God's own freedom, teachers who believe the Word, from which they have learned to know Jesus Christ as their Savior, see also in a confessional oath which binds

them to the Word a source of freedom. When men truly believe what the Confessions say and the Scriptures teach, they will never feel that the oath to uphold the Confessions subjects them to unwelcome pressures. When the faith of the teacher, the confession of the Church, and the teaching of the Word are truly one, we will be free men in a free school under God.

For the first time the total enrollment of our Seminary has passed the 200 mark. With a Senior class of 45, a Middler class of 56, and a Junior class of 61, a total of 162 students are engaged in classroom studies. Forty students who have finished their Middler year, and five their Junior year, are gaining practical experience as parish vicars or as undergraduate instructors and tutors. One student who has already served his vicarship is engaged in supplementary graduate work for the year. This gives the Seminary a total enrollment of 208.

An expanding student body calls for expansion and change in many

other ways. As the students returned to their Seminary work on September 9, they became aware of a considerable number of changes: Professor John Jeske was now an active member of the Seminary's teaching staff; Professor Edward Fredrich had accepted the Seminary's call to teach Church History and Christian Education; within another week a call would again be extended for the thirteenth Seminary professorship; Mr. David Martin of Green Bay, Wisconsin, had just begun his work as the new Business Manager; Ace Hosts of Wisconsin was now in charge of serving the student meals; the new dining room, offering accommodations for 200 students, would be in use before the end of the month; two new faculty homes were nearing completion; Mr. Helmut Neddens, who vicared in our Canadian congregation in Edmonton during the past year, was here to audit classes for two months before entering upon his call in our sister church, the Free Ev. Lutheran Synod of South Africa.

May the Lord's blessing rest upon everyone at the Seminary during this new school year!

CARL LAWRENZ, President

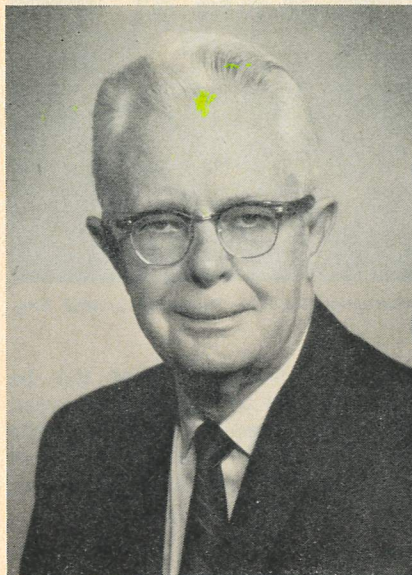
Our Christian Schools

A MESSAGE FROM MR. ADOLPH F. FEHLAUER, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE WISCONSIN SYNOD BOARD FOR PARISH EDUCATION

Another school year is under way. For the teacher in the Christian day school and the Lutheran high school, this means another year of grace and work in the Lord's kingdom. For the children enrolled in our Christian schools, it means a year in which all their learning and growing up will be directed by God's own Word.

During the 1970-71 school year, 244 congregations in the Wisconsin Synod are providing Christian day-school education for their children. Total enrollment in these schools numbers 26,070. Twelve of the 244 congregations are experiencing for the first time the joy of being able to offer Christian day-school education to their children. Five of these congregations are in California: Gloria Dei, Belmont (1 teacher); St. Mark's, Citrus Heights (1 teacher); Reformation, San Diego (1 teacher); Apostles, San Jose (1 teacher); and Peace, Santa Barbara (1 teacher). Seven congregations in the Midwest opened their own Christian day schools: Faith, Antioch, Illinois (2 teachers); Mt. Olive, Appleton, Wisconsin (4 teachers); Mt. Olive, Colorado Springs, Colorado (1 teacher); Gethsemane, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma (2 teachers); Resurrection, Rochester, Minnesota (1 teacher); St. Paul's, Rapid City, South Dakota (1 teacher); and Bethany, Saginaw, Michigan (1 teacher).

Our Wisconsin Synod churches are now conducting area Lutheran high schools in nine communities: Appleton, Wisconsin; Fond du Lac, Wisconsin; Lake Mills, Wisconsin; Onalaska, Wisconsin; West St. Paul, Minnesota; Benton Harbor, Michigan; Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Manitowoc, Wisconsin; and jointly with Missouri Synod congregations at Racine, Wisconsin. This fall the young people in the Benton Harbor area have the privilege of attending their own Lutheran high school for the first time. A total of 2,980 young people are enrolled in our area Lutheran high schools.



Mr. Adolph F. Fehlauer

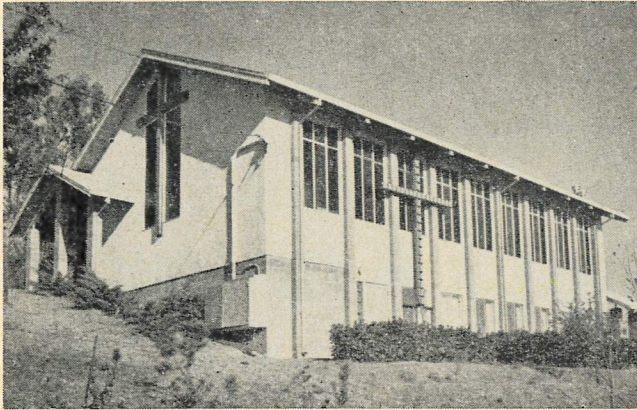
We thank God for blessing 12 more congregations with Christian day schools and another community with a Lutheran high school. Through His Word, God moved the Christians in these congregations to see the need and importance of an education and training that is based on the truths of God's Word. A number of other congregations in various parts of the Synod are also working toward the opening of their own Christian day schools. More requests for Christian day-school promotional materials have come to our office this year than ever before. That is encouraging! Our Christians, and especially our Christian parents, are concerned about the soul's welfare of their children. And they should be! "The world lieth in wickedness." We are surrounded by evils and temptations "that war against the soul." We must launch forth with programs of Christian education that are based on the precepts of God's Word; that will give our children strength to withstand the evils and temptations of the world; and that will assure them daily of the love of God in Christ Jesus. Scripture says: "Bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." What better place is

there to carry out this command of our Savior's Word than in the Christian home and the Christian school!

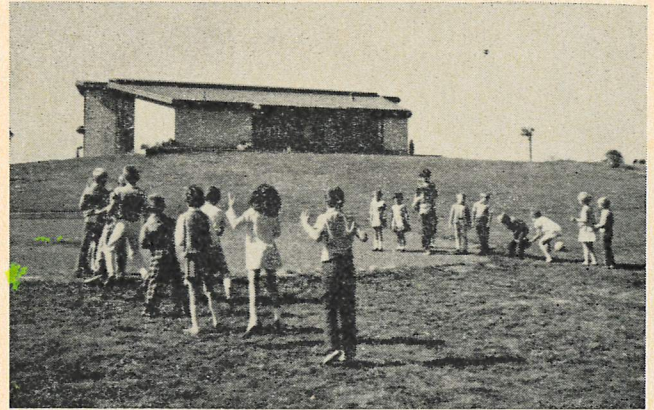
This year, 397 men teachers and 641 women teachers serve in our Christian day schools; a total of 1,038 teachers. Our Lutheran high schools are staffed by 131 men and 32 women instructors; a total of 163. Through the local congregations and high-school associations, the Lord has called these men and women to serve in the teaching ministry of the Word. Theirs is a blessed work, a work that affords them opportunity all day long to shepherd children in the pasture of God's holy Word. In all their teaching and training they can use the Word of God "to bring into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ" (II Cor. 10:5). Falsehoods and un-Scriptural beliefs and conclusions espoused by the world are exposed and corrected on the basis of the absolute truths of God's Word. Courses must be completed and academic standards must be maintained, but the Christian teacher constantly keeps in mind that the real purpose of his calling is to look after the spiritual and eternal welfare of the children in his care.

Our Christian schools are priceless treasures. May our gracious God continue to prosper them, and may He bless the instruction of our children, so that God's Word may become and remain their guide and comfort throughout life!

It is with gratefulness to the Lord who said, "Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not," that *The Northwestern Lutheran* on the next pages introduces to its readers the 12 congregations of our Synod which have established new Christian day schools during 1970. We ask the Lord to bless these schools and make them mission agencies for their congregations.



Gloria Dei Church: school in lower level



Playground and classroom wing at St. Mark's

Gloria Dei

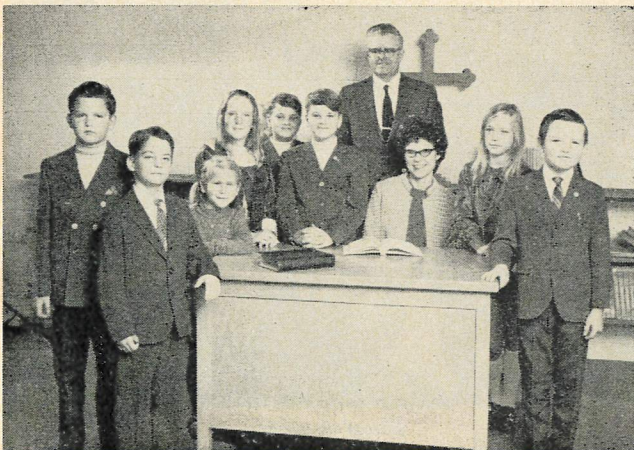
BELMONT
CALIFORNIA

First New School In 1970

When Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, situated in a suburb of San Francisco, went self-supporting in 1970 with only 70 members, plans for its school were immediately implemented. Mrs. Walter Ernst, a member of the congregation, offered to teach forenoons, and Pastor Robert Waldschmidt agreed to teach afternoons. The school was opened with 8 pupils at the beginning of the second semester of the 1969-70 school year. Since September, Mrs. Mark Sprengeler commutes from San Jose to teach Gloria Dei's 17 pupils.

Classroom space was provided in the church's lower level. Equipment and supplies were made available by a church that had recently closed its school.

Alarmed by California's progressive educational policy and its family-life series, the members of Gloria Dei recognized the need for a Christian school, and have given sacrificially to establish and support it. The school promises to become a real mission agency.



Pastor Waldschmidt, Mrs. Ernst, and pupils

St. Mark's

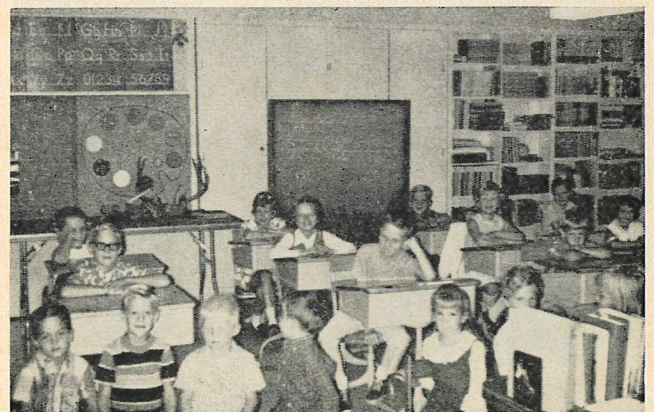
CITRUS HEIGHTS
CALIFORNIA

School Approved By Mission Boards

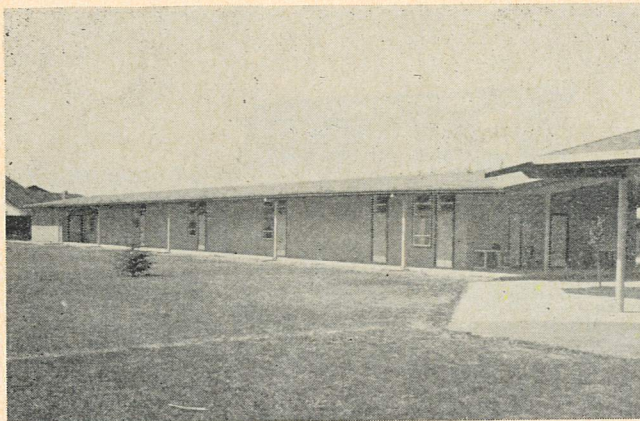
In planning their first building in 1966, members of St. Mark's included two rooms meeting all state requirements for classroom use. These requirements, however, were not the only hurdle St. Mark's had to overcome. After voting in 1969 to proceed with a Christian day school, voters authorized the Board of Education to draw up detailed proposals. These had to be approved by the California District Mission Board and the General Board for Home Missions.

St. Mark's members then proceeded to construct blackboards and cabinets, and refinish chairs and desks. More important was the calling of Miss Arlene Weiss of Akaska, South Dakota, formerly teacher at St. Stephen's School, Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, to teach grades 1-4. Mrs. Helen Bogue, a member of the congregation, teaches kindergarten. Enrollment is 25. Pastor of St. Mark's is Thomas B. Franzmann.

A kindergarten pupil whose playmate said, "We will have more fun at our school," had the right answer when he replied: "But I'm going to learn about Jesus and be a better Christian." And that's what our Christian day schools are all about, aren't they!



Grades 1-4 with kindergarten pupils present for the Bible story



Apostles School Building, San Jose



Education wing, teacher, and pupils

Apostles

OF SAN JOSE
AND PEACE, SANTA CLARA
CALIFORNIA

Building Procured Through Ad

Perhaps not many of our Synod's elementary schools begin as Apostles Lutheran School did—with fine facilities first, followed by efforts to utilize them.

When Apostles enrolled over 200 children in vacation Bible school, and Sunday school almost reached the same number, the need for another building became imperative. God provided! A 3-line ad in the classified section offered "School for sale." It wasn't a come-on! With an interest-bearing loan from the Synod, Apostles bought 6,000 square feet of school building—five classrooms fully equipped.

Then, to fill it with children, Peace Congregation of Santa Clara (18 miles away) entered into a joint arrangement with Apostles. After two years of planning, both gave their approval early in 1970. Teacher Mark Sprengeler was called by Apostles to teach grades 5-8, and Peace Congregation called Mrs. Carl Johnson to teach the lower grades. The enrollment is 51.

Pastor of Apostles, San Jose, is David Valleskey, and of Peace, Santa Clara, Robert Hochmuth.



Joint Schoolboard—front: D. Pateman (Peace); front row: A. Quick (P), W. Spitzer (P), C. Becker (P), F. Campbell (Apostles); rear row: F. Gregerson (P), R. Davis (A), C. Jeffers (A), C. Smith (P), R. Stoltz (P)

Reformation

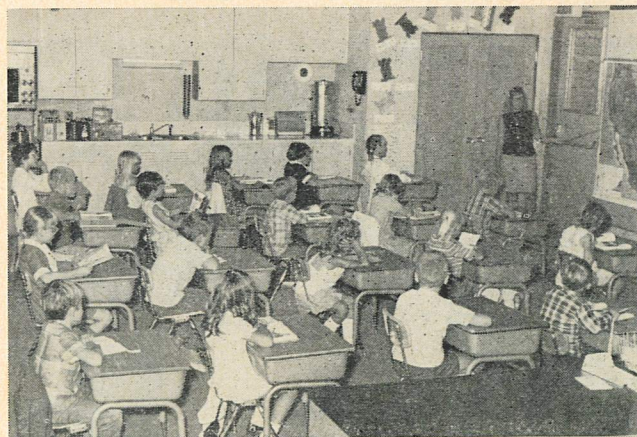
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CALIFORNIA

Insists On More Than Vocational Training

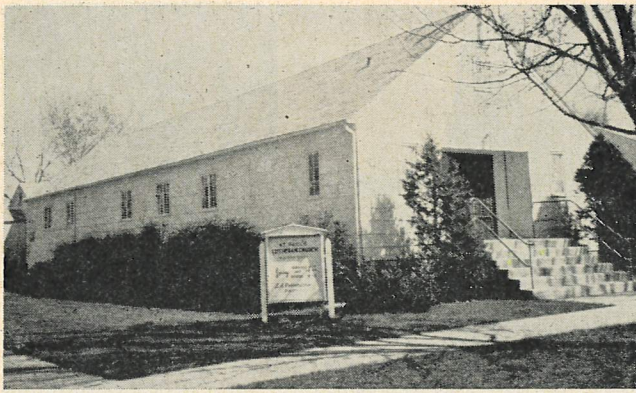
Reformation Church, organized in 1962, was the first Wisconsin Synod congregation in the San Diego metropolitan area. The church building and education wing were constructed in 1966. In 1969 the congregation voted to open a school and to call its first teacher. Why?

"Reformation Church believes that education which does not take into account the relationship between God and man is vocational training, and not true education. Therefore the church, as hundreds of other Christian congregations, has determined that a thorough Christian education for its children is worthy the sacrifice needed to establish and maintain a Christian school."

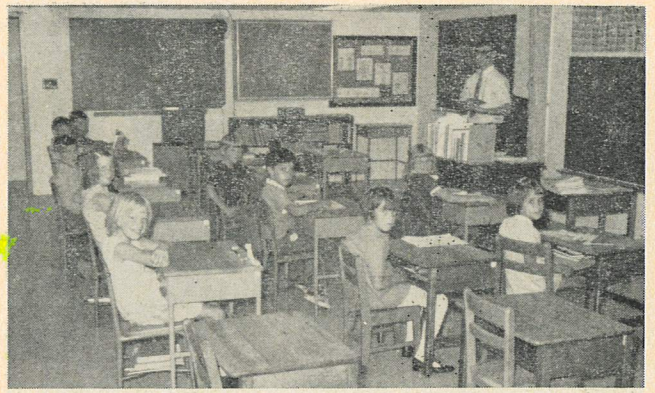
The school opened September 9, 1970, with grades 1-4. The 21 pupils are taught by Miss Emmaline Scott, who has had 8 years of experience in our Synod's schools. Pastor Lowell Smith writes that the congregation is planning to construct additional classrooms for the fall of 1971.



School in session



St. Paul's Church, Rapid City



Teacher Steven Rutschow and class

St. Paul's

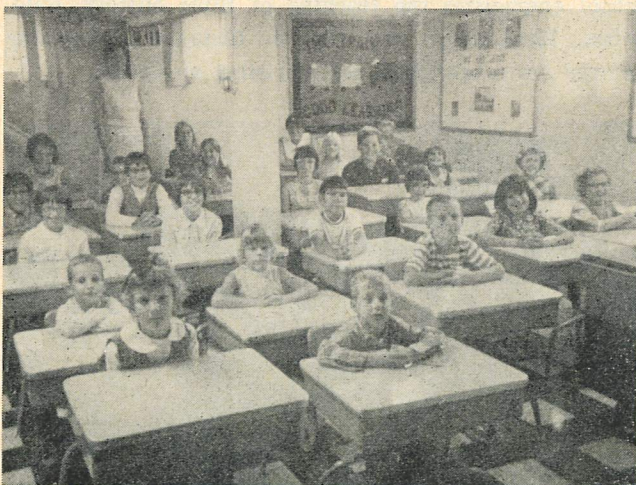
RAPID CITY
SOUTH DAKOTA

Fourth Christian Day School In District

On August 31, 1970, St. Paul's officially opened the door of its Christian day school, in the 28th year of its own existence and in the 50th of the Dakota-Montana District. St. Paul's Congregation numbers 230 communicants and is shepherded by Pastor L. A. Dobberstein.

Plans for the school were begun two years ago. After more than a year of discussion, the congregation in January 1970 authorized the opening of the school. The 25 pupils are housed in a cheerful and well-equipped room in the church basement. The pastor writes: "What is most important to the children, their parents, and the congregation is that they are able to learn daily of their Savior's great love and be taught all subjects in the light of God's Word by a dedicated Christian teacher."

The congregation is especially grateful to the Lord for answering its prayers for an experienced teacher for its 8 grades. She is Miss Beverly Heine who had three years of experience in teaching all 8 grades at St. Paul's School, Van Dyne, Wisconsin.



Eight grades in one classroom

Resurrection

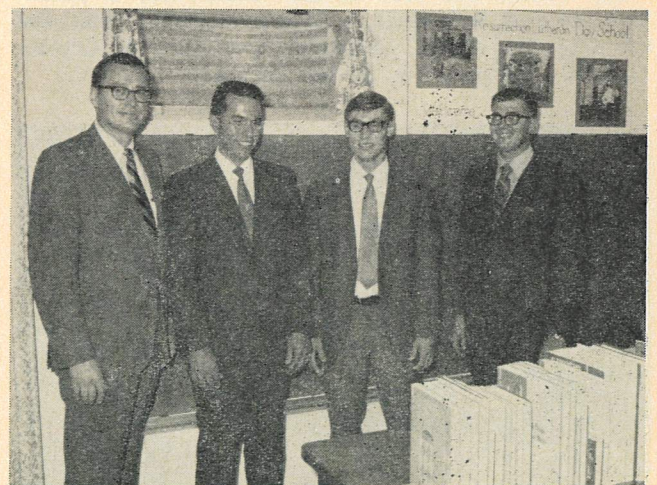
ROCHESTER
MINNESOTA

School Opens While Pastor In Vietnam

While Pastor Waldemar Hoyer was in Vietnam bringing the Gospel to the young men and women of our Church far from home, his home congregation, under the guidance of Vacancy Pastor K. Gawrisch and Vicar J. Ibisch, took final steps to open a Christian day school. A real thrill to come home to!

Resurrection School is the culmination of many years of prayer and planning. The vital decision came in February 1968, authorizing the pastor and the president of the church council to appoint a Christian Day School Planning Committee. This bore blessed fruit when on April 19, 1970, Resurrection voted to begin its school in fall. Two classrooms were provided in the church parlors, most of the work being done by volunteer help. Dedication was on August 30, 1970.

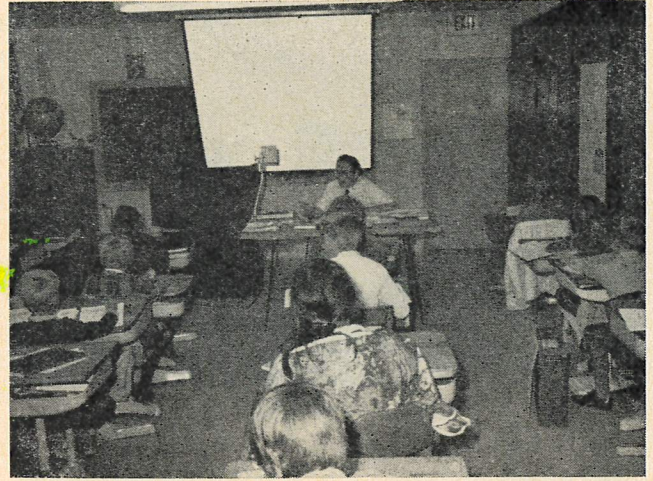
Mr. Steven Rutschow was installed as teacher on August 9, 1970. He is assisted in the kindergarten by five mothers of the congregation. Enrollment for the present year was restricted to kindergarten and grades 1-5. The enrollment is 13, and prospects for growth very good.



Schoolboard members R. Raasch, T. Suffrins, Teacher Rutschow, and A. Leersen



Faculty: Mrs. Donald Meyer, Pastor M. Schroeder, Miss Ruth Levorson, Miss Lynn Nelson, and (seated) Principal Kenneth Kolander



Classroom for the upper grades

Mt. Olive

APPLETON
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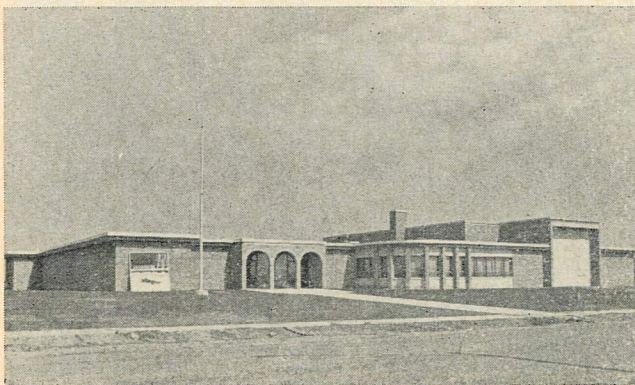
94 New Recruits To Christian Education

On September 8, 1970, Mt. Olive Congregation opened its new Christian day school with four classrooms and four teachers. The opening enrollment of 90 has since increased to 94.

Dates reveal the planning involved, beginning in 1964 with the purchase of five acres in northeastern Appleton. In December 1968 the voters authorized a special study committee, and in January 1969 called Teacher Kenneth Kolander. He was installed on September 14, 1969, and spent his first year visiting the homes and promoting Christian education. On September 15, 1969, the congregation voted to build.

During the course of the year the congregation called three more teachers to take care of the promised enrollment. They are: Miss Ruth Levorson (1-2), Miss Lynn Nelson (3-4), and Mrs. Donald Meyer, a member of the congregation, kindergarten.

The school has four 30'x30' classrooms, a junior-high-size gym with stage, a 60'x60' assembly room, and the necessary offices. Dedication took place on October 11, 1970. The pastor is Marlyn Schroeder.



Mt. Olive Lutheran School

Faith

ANTIOCH
ILLINOIS

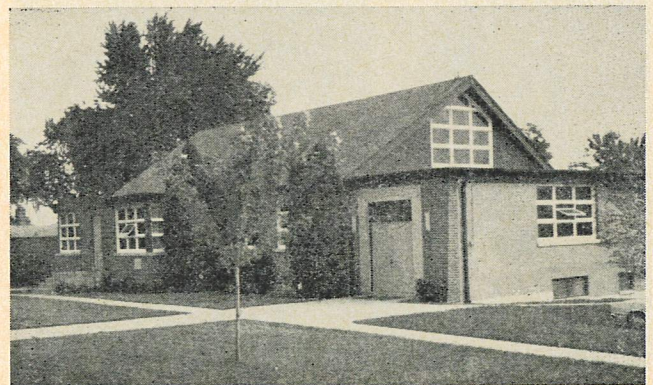
Taking The Third Step

Faith Congregation was organized in 1951, and dedicated its church building in 1954. Now, with the opening of its new Christian day school on August 31, 1970, it has taken that important third step.

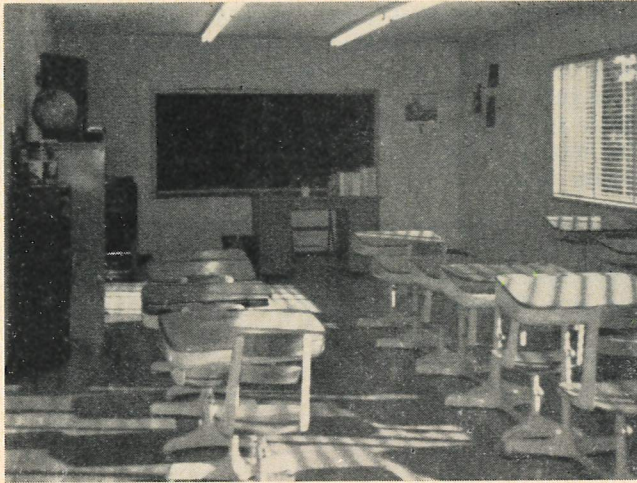
The Rev. David M. Ponath is pastor of the 550-member congregation. Mr. Lloyd Tiegs is principal and teacher of grades 4-7. Miss Doris Vohs teaches 1-3.

The 33 pupils of Faith Lutheran School are housed in two 18'x28' classrooms in the lower level of the church building. Interest in Christian day-school education promises to make these classrooms a very temporary home for the school.

Faith Lutheran Church recognizes "the need to educate the whole man, soul included." For this reason its school emphasizes the teaching of Bible History, Catechism, Hymnology, and Church History. All secular courses are taught from the Christian viewpoint.



Faith Ev. Lutheran Church and School



Classroom in former chapel

Mount Olive

COLORADO SPRINGS
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Former Chapel-Parsonage Renovated

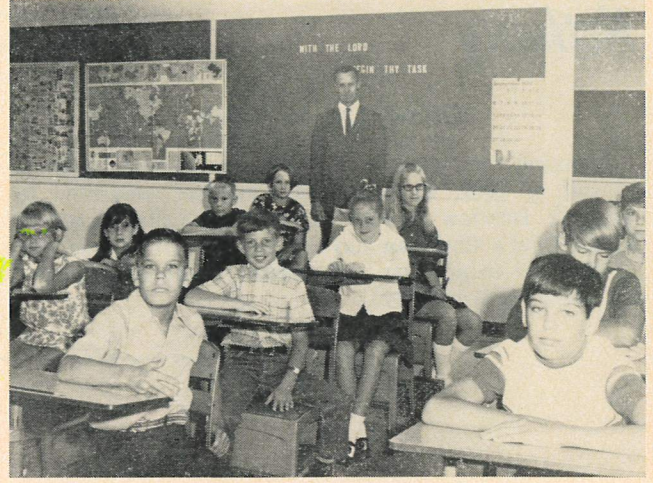
In April 1970, the same month Pastor James Koch was installed at Mount Olive Lutheran Church, the congregation's school committee conducted a survey to determine whether there would be sufficient interest to warrant opening a Christian day school in the fall of 1970. Eighteen students indicated their readiness to attend, three more than required to obtain permission from the Colorado Mission District Mission Board and the General Board for Home Missions.

Plans to arrange for a classroom in the church basement were scrapped when 13 nonmember parents approached the school board for permission to enroll their children. The decision was then made to renovate the old chapel-parsonage which had stood vacant for 16 years. The building was dedicated on September 6, and school opened on September 8 with an enrollment of 28 (kindergarten through 9th grade).

Mount Olive School has two teachers. They are Miss Trudy Laper and Mrs. Eugene Moon.



Pupils and Pastor Koch, Mrs. Moon, and Miss Laper



Mr. Rosin and grades 4-7

Gethsemane

OKLAHOMA CITY
OKLAHOMA

From World Mission To Home Mission

Called to teach the 25 pupils of Gethsemane Lutheran School early in 1970 were Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Rosin, who for many years had taught in our Apache Mission in Arizona, but came to Oklahoma City via Caledonia, Wisconsin. Mr. Rosin teaches grades 4—7, and Mrs. Rosin is in charge of kindergarten — 3. The 8th grade will be added next year.

Gethsemane Lutheran Congregation is the first Wisconsin Synod mission in Oklahoma. Its pastor is the Rev. Paul Knickelbein, who came in 1968. The Christian day school, in the plans from the very beginning, was approved by the Nebraska District Mission Board.

Gethsemane's building provides two classrooms, a school office, and a 48'x50' multipurpose worship area and gymnasium. Groundbreaking took place in September 1969 and dedication on June 21, 1970.



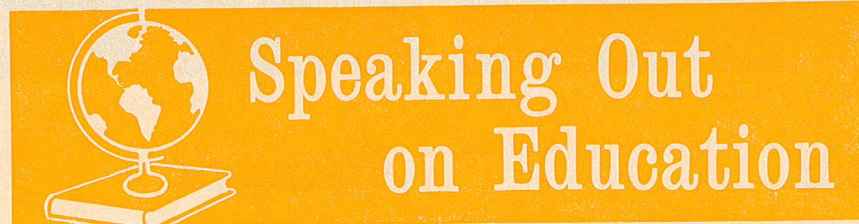
Mrs. Rosin and kindergarten through third

Going On Its Own

Planning for Bethany Lutheran School was begun in the fall of 1969, when a school canvass conducted by Pastor O. Drevlow revealed 31 Bethany children attending St. Paul's Christian day school. The time was ripe for Bethany to plan its own school. Final authorization was given in April 1970.

Two Sunday-school rooms were joined to create a 22'x32' classroom. Painting, staining, etc., was done by both older and younger members, giving up vacation time and free evenings — a wonderful proof that the desire for a Christian day school was not a mere fancy. The total enrollment in grades 1-4 and 6-7 plus kindergarten is 22.

Bethany's teacher is Miss Rhoda Flack, formerly of Appleton, Wisconsin. She is assisted in the kindergarten department by two dedicated aides, Mrs. James Schmidt and Mrs. Thomas DeShone, Jr.



THE CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL IN ACTION

Our world is facing a desperate crisis. Sons and daughters are despising the love and God-given authority of parents. Highly educated but irresponsible young people are challenging the mature wisdom of experienced teachers. Radical students are rejecting fundamental truths. Moral standards are considered a limitation of personal freedom. Government, a divinely created institution, is to be destroyed, with only anarchy offered as a substitute. War in Vietnam is become a hangup, but snuffing out a life to get a few dollars for LSD is acceptable. And how loudly does not the use of LSD or other hallucinogens speak of the disillusionment and despair of the young! Is there no hope?

Leaders in education, government, and society are taking a critical look at education. Though a high degree of excellence is attained in temporal matters by our country's public-school system, it, by its very nature, is impotent in matters of the spirit. Religious instruction is barred from these schools by our constitution, and rightly so. These schools are necessarily concerned only with temporal things. But therein lies their very weakness. Secular education cannot improve man's behavior "which is evil from his youth" (Gen. 8:21). Luther therefore put it this way: "Where the Holy Scriptures do not dominate, I certainly advise no one to send his child. For everything must degenerate that does not continually use the Word of God."

What then is the solution? God gives very definite directions to parents, as well as to the Church. To parents He says, "And these words which I command thee this day shall be in thy heart; and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thy house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up" (Deut. 6:6, 7). Christ enjoins the Church to teach all nations — and this certainly includes the children — to observe all things He has commanded. This includes

the entire will of God as revealed in Scripture — both Law and Gospel. All such instruction is to serve for doctrine, for reproof, for instruction in righteousness, and for comfort. A big assignment indeed! Experience since the days of the Reformation proves that a Christian congregation can best and most effectively meet this responsibility by means of the Christian day school, for in it we find daily, systematic instruction in the things of the spirit, "precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little and there a little" (Isa. 28:10).

God-Pleasing Objectives

The objectives of the Christian day school have been stated by one of our schools as follows:

- I. To train and prepare children for eternity
 - A. By showing them their sinfulness through the teaching of the Law.
 - B. By showing them from the Gospel what God's love has done for them.
- II. To prepare children for a sanctified life
 - A. In the home
 1. By teaching them to recognize their parents and superiors as representatives of the heavenly Father.
 2. By teaching them to live with others in peace and love, even as God loves them.
 3. By teaching them as God's children to communicate with Him frequently in devotion and prayer.
 4. By teaching them to appreciate all the blessings of their Christian home. (First Article.)
 - B. In the church
 1. By teaching them the importance of faithful church attendance.

2. By teaching them to be good stewards of their time, talents, and treasures in the local congregation and in the church at large.

C. In the community

1. By teaching them to live according to God's Law in relation to their fellow men and to their government.

God-Nurturing Curriculum

The Christian day school combines a positive religious program with a thorough secular education. Such training, however, entails much more than merely adding an hour of Catechism or Bible History to the usual curriculum. The Word of God must permeate the activity of the entire school day, whether in the classroom, in the corridor, in the dining room, or on the playground. All subjects, including the secular, are to be taught as part of one consistent spiritual program, directed toward one goal: "Teach me Thy way, O Lord: I will walk in Thy truth; unite my heart to fear Thy name" (Ps. 86:11).

Divine Authority

It is necessary that children learn that God requires obedience of them. Children must, for the Lord's sake, be taught to obey those whom God has placed over them in the home, school, church, and state. They must learn to do this willingly as children of God. The obedience developed through Christian education is one that springs from faith and love of God: "Doing the will of God from the heart" (Eph. 6:6); and: "For all of which it is my duty to thank and praise, to serve and obey Him" (First Article).

Teachers Commissioned by God

The teacher in the Christian day school has been professionally trained for the office to which through his call he has been divinely commissioned. He recognizes that although he must be proficient in teaching all the secular branches, he is commissioned first and foremost to be a minister of religion. He is a member of God's rescue squad and a savior of souls by keeping them in the fold of the Good Shepherd through the diligent and conscientious teaching of God's Word. Academic freedom is no problem. Neither is accreditation. The Christian teacher's approach to all teaching is as broad and as narrow as the Scriptures allow, and his call assures him that he is accredited with the very highest authority, his heavenly Father.

Editorials

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about less and less, until they know almost everything about almost nothing." Specialization requires intensive training and, in some cases, extensive graduate study. Modern youth, as well as their elders, recognize this need, and a high percentage of them devote years to the pursuit of the required degrees and certificates.

We can chuckle about the unsophisticated attitudes of those in earlier times whose formal education was very limited. But before we laugh too hard we might consider that a goodly number of them were better educated in the things that count than some of today's intellectuals. They knew where they were going, and they knew how to get there. They knew this because

Scriptural Concept of Child

The Christian teacher looks upon his charges as redeemed children of God. He will always seek to nourish their faith and hope in their Redeemer. It is for this reason that every subject in the curriculum must pale before the resplendent glory of the Gospel.

He also recognizes, however, that these children are still in this world and as such often tempted by their Old Adam. He must remain aware of their spiritual needs and, moved by the love of Christ, be impelled to be patient, gentle, and forbearing. He must be ready to sacrifice time and effort for their spiritual benefit. It may be necessary at times to blend firmness with gentleness, to punish or to mete out sharp reprimand. Such corrective measures, however, must always be guided by a loving concern for the spiritual life of the child.

Parental Responsibility

In baptism every child is given a new birth and is made a member of the Lord Jesus Christ and an heir of His heavenly kingdom. It must be the concern of every Christian parent that his child be faithfully brought up to lead a godly life and, as a living member of God's Church, to bring forth much fruit to the praise and honor of His holy name.

The Christian day school stands ready to assist parents in fulfilling this awesome responsibility. May God bless our Christian day schools, and may His Holy Spirit dwell in those who teach and those who learn!

RICHARD H. SIEVERT

NOTICE: The Wisconsin Synod Board for Parish Education (staff: Mr. Adolph Fehlauer, Ex. Sec'y; Mr. LeDell Plath, Secretary of Schools; and Pastor Wm. Fischer, Secretary of Part-time Education) and the Commission on Higher Education (Pastor Robert Voss, Executive Secretary) have recently occupied new quarters. They have moved from the Synod Administration Building to the building east of the Northwestern Publishing House, a building previously known as the Annex and completely remodeled this summer. Their new address is 3614 West North Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53208. Their telephone is (414) 445-3930.

they bowed before the superior wisdom of God and received His Word in simple faith. It is still true that "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."

We are not for going back to the old days when higher education was limited to a few and when brute strength was often a greater asset than a college education. But we will say that the education of the intellect has not answered man's major questions either — specifically, Where did I come from? Why am I here? Where am I going?

The answers to these basic questions come only through faith, and faith can come to the educated and uneducated alike. Education without faith leaves its disciples stranded in the midst of their perplexities.

IMMANUEL G. FREY

MLS, Saginaw, Michigan

Record Opening Enrollment

Students enrolling at Michigan Lutheran Seminary on September 7-8 numbered 341, the largest number to enter this school since enrollment was restricted to Wisconsin Synod students. Although five of these left, housing and classroom space remains crowded. Of the students enrolled, 85 boys are taking the preministerial course, 51 boys and 177 girls the pre-teacher course.

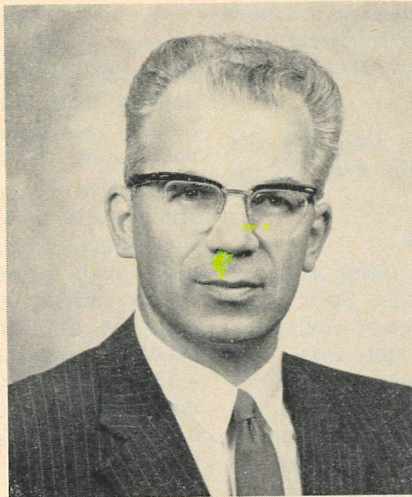
At the opening service, the Rev. Edward Zell of Lola Park Ev. Lutheran Church, Detroit, gave the address, and the Rev. Emil Kasischke of Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Bay City, chairman of the Board of Control, installed our two new professors, Marcus Buch and Joel Sauer, and tutors Paul Jacobs of Winona, Minnesota, Terrance Vasold of Saginaw, Michigan, and emergency instructor Warren Hartmann of Ann Arbor, Michigan. For this school year Mr. Hartmann is filling the vacancy created by the resignation of Prof. Duane MacNeill.

Prof. Marcus Buch came to us from St. Paul's, Tomah, Wisconsin, where he was serving as principal of the Christian day school. He is teaching music and English, and is director of the band. Prof. Joel Sauer came to us from St. John's Lutheran Church, Peshtigo, Wisconsin, where he had served as pastor for the past eight years. He is Dean of Students and teaching religion.

Pastor Jerome Spaude of Emanuel Lutheran Church, Flint, Michigan, has accepted our call to teach Latin and religion, and has moved into his home on campus. He will be attending Michigan State University this school year to gain certification and begin his work on a master's program. He will begin his teaching duties with the 1971-72 school year.

God has indeed been good to us at MLS, blessing us with a consecrated faculty, numerous students, and many temporal and spiritual blessings.

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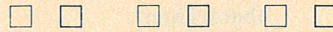
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2930 Varel (Oldb)
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Germany

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Germany
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Germany

What do
you mean..



"I Am"?

"I AM THE DOOR" — John 10:9

The Door

In the 10th chapter of John, one of the most precious in our Bibles, where Jesus speaks of Himself as the Good Shepherd, He also calls Himself "the Door." As everyone well knows, to enter any building you have to use the door. To try to get into a building in any other way makes one look suspicious. He might be a thief trying to break in. I remember one time when I forgot my house key that when I tried to get into a window I was sure all my neighbors were watching me. In the same way anyone who tries to enter the sheepfold of the Good Shepherd in any other way than by the "Door," Christ, is nothing but a thief or robber. Which is exactly what Jesus said in John 10:8: "All that ever came before Me (meaning the false Jewish teachers) are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them."

Closed Doors

Because all men are sinners, the entrance to heaven is barred and bolted. Only Christ has the key, in fact, is the door. Many, however, try to get in by means of other "doors." One "door" that appeals to many is the "do-it-yourself-door," getting into heaven by your own good works. Another "door" is to pile up as much of this world's goods here, in the false hope that it will grant security in the hereafter, if there is such a place. Another popular "door," offered by a host of false prophets today, including the Mormons, the

Jehovah Witnesses, and the Armstrong followers, is the wild idea that by keeping a certain set of man-made rules one can actually achieve divinity, become another Christ, and thus be fit for eternal life. All these "doors" are in reality dead ends, leading only to disillusionment, despair, and even to damnation in hell forever.

Since sinful man, refusing to enter through that one door, Christ, finds heaven's door closed to him, and has thus never tasted the goodness and mercy of the Lord, he remains unconverted and is not at all averse to slamming doors in the faces of his fellow men. That accounts for the many doors that are being slammed today. Think of the 50-year old man, fruitlessly looking for a job; the unwanted child shut out of its parent's lives; the black man, the Mexican, and the first Americans living in want in the midst of an affluent society. Some thus dealt with may become indifferent. Others may keep on knocking. Still others will try to smash down these doors and destroy with them all of society, sneeringly referred to by these radicals as "the establishment." None of these see that their own actions and those they protest against are the result of sin, because men have not walked through that door which is Christ, and thus in their way of life do not follow in the footsteps of Christ when dealing with their fellow men, but in the footsteps of the Old Adam who can

bring forth only sin and more sin. How sad that they have closed their ears to the good news!

The Opened Door

The good news of the Gospel is that Christ, Himself a poor carpenter's son, opened all these doors, even the closed door of death, when by His resurrection He "brought life and immortality to light." Now since Christ is "the Door," the gate of heaven stands wide open for all to enter. Listen to Him, who by His redemptive work conquered all our enemies: "I am the Door: by Me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture."

O blessed assurance! Every day of my life I can by faith go in and out of this door, Christ, and find rich pastureland for my soul. Every day He Himself assures me in His Word, upon which my soul feeds, of His love, His care, His presence, His forgiveness, His help, His strength, His protection. And every day He assures me that He will guide my faltering feet along that final, fateful journey into those mansions He is preparing for me.

*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchased of God,
Born of the Spirit, washed in His
blood.*

Is this also your assurance? Jesus is the Door!

KENNETH W. VERTZ

CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES

MINNESOTA

MANKATO PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Dec. 1, 1970.
 Place: Grace, Le Sueur, Minn.
 Time: 9:30 a.m. (Communion service at 11 a.m.; Preacher, P. Hanke; alternate, D. Lindloff).
 Agenda: Cont. of Bible Study of Rom. M. Birkholz; Cont. of exegesis of I Tim., H. Filter.
 Steven Stern, Secretary

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN

**METRO NORTH-SOUTH
 JOINT PASTORAL CONFERENCE**

Date: Nov. 30, 1970.
 Time: 9 a.m. Holy Communion.
 Place: Garden Homes Lutheran Church, 2450 W. Roosevelt Dr., Milwaukee, Wis.
 Host: E. C. Pankow (Tel. 445-6776).
 Preacher: Dr. S. Becker.
 Agenda: "Impressions of the Holy Land," Prof. C. Lawrenz; "Educational Imperatives In the 1970's." Rev. R. Voss.
 J. G. Wille, Secretary

APPOINTMENT

Pastor D. E. Hallemeier has been appointed to the District Board of Support of the Northern Wisconsin District to replace Pastor Samuel Kugler who has accepted a call into another District.
 Karl A. Gurgel, President
 Northern Wisconsin District

APPOINTMENT

Pastor Robert C. Hartman of Lake Mills, Wisconsin, has been appointed a member of the Board of Directors of Northwestern Publishing House to fill the vacancy created by the death of Pastor Melvin C. Schwenzen. The term of office runs to August 1971.
 Oscar J. Naumann, President

APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Frank L. Wright and the Rev. John Kurth to the Michigan District Board for Information and Stewardship; the Rev. Floyd Mattek to the Michigan District Board for Parish Education.
 Mr. Wright was appointed for a second term, Pastor Kurth to replace Pastor R. Mackain, and Pastor Mattek to replace Pastor Jerome Spaude.

OFFER

A Baptismal Font and a Communion set are available to any congregation for the cost of transportation.
 St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church
 Box 96
 Elmwood, Wis. 54740

USED ORGAN

A substantial gift has enabled our congregation to begin an organ fund. If any congregation is contemplating a new instrument and would be pleased to correspond with us concerning their used organ, please contact:
 Rev. K. Peterson
 3800 Buckingham Lane
 Birmingham, Ala. 35243

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 Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran
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 3512 West North Avenue,
 Milwaukee, Wis. 53208

**ORDINATIONS AND
 INSTALLATIONS**

Ordained and Installed

Pastors

Babler, James H., as pastor of Good Shepherd Ev. Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., on Oct. 11, by R. K. Heins, authorized by A. P. C. Kell (Dak.-Mont.).
Kuske, Theodore H., as pastor of St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Wonewoc, Wis., on Oct. 11, by M. J. Nommensen, authorized by C. H. Mischke (W. Wis.).
Sauer, Theodore A., as missionary of the Lutheran Church of Central Africa, at Grace Lutheran Church, Manitowoc, Wis., on Sept. 6, by A. L. Mennicke, authorized by K. A. Gurgel (N. Wis.).
Voss, Robert J., as Executive Secretary of the Commission on Higher Education, at St. John's Lutheran Church, Wauwatosa, Wis., on Oct. 11, by R. D. Balge, authorized by O. J. Naumann (WELS).
Warnke, Hugo, as missionary-at-large for the California Mission District, at Our Shepherd Ev. Lutheran Church, Lancaster, Calif., on Sept. 27, by P. Heyn, authorized by I. G. Frey (Ariz.-Calif.).

Teachers

Gruetzmacher, Robert, as instructor at Michigan Lutheran High School, Benton Harbor, Mich., on Oct. 4, by H. T. Peter, authorized by W. J. Zarling (Mich.).
Roth, Jay, as teacher at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Zion, Ill., on Aug. 23, by N. J. Barenz, authorized by A. C. Buenger (S.E. Wis.).

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Pastors

Kugler, Samuel
 Chateau Cantrell Apts.
 Apt. No. 51
 1707 North Breyant
 Little Rock, Ark. 72207
Mahnke, Jon M.
 1820 Basswood Ave
 Carlsbad, Calif. 92008
Peterson, Karl S.
 3800 Buckingham Lane
 Birmingham, Ala. 35243

Teacher

Roth, Jay
 2209 Ezra Ave.
 Zion, Ill. 60099

NOMINATIONS — MLS

The following men have been nominated for the professorship at Michigan Lutheran Seminary to teach mathematics and physical education, and to do some coaching:

James Beyer — Saginaw, Michigan
 Earl Brassow — Reedsville, Wisconsin
 Leonard Collyard — Milwaukee, Wisconsin
 John Earl — Baraboo, Wisconsin
 John Eaton — Garden Grove, California
 Steven Gauger — New Ulm, Minnesota
 Grant Gentz — Milwaukee, Wisconsin
 Dennis Gorsline — Davison, Michigan
 Jerry Gronholz — La Crosse, Wisconsin
 Robert Gruetzmacher — Benton Harbor, Michigan
 Roland Helmreich — Moline, Illinois
 Robert Hill — Kenosha, Wisconsin
 Robert Krueger — Lake Mills, Wisconsin
 Carl Lemke — Mankato, Minnesota
 Duane MacNeill — Alpena, Michigan
 Dale Markgraf — Brownsville, Wisconsin
 Harold Mears — La Crosse, Wisconsin
 Robert Otterstatter — Fort Atkinson, Wis.
 David Pelzl — Appleton, Wisconsin
 Lauris Plath — New Ulm, Minnesota
 Larry Schlaack — Montague, Michigan
 Robert Schroer — Kenosha, Wisconsin
 Carl Schwertfeger — Hayward, California
 David Umnus — Appleton, Wisconsin
 Gordon Vetter — Minneapolis, Minnesota

The Board of Control of Michigan Lutheran Seminary will meet at MLS at 3:00 p.m. on December 7, 1970, to call a man from this list. Correspondence concerning the nominees should be in the hands of the secretary no later than December 5, 1970.

Milton Bugbee, Secretary
 MLS Board of Control
 206 S. Alp
 Bay City, Michigan 48706

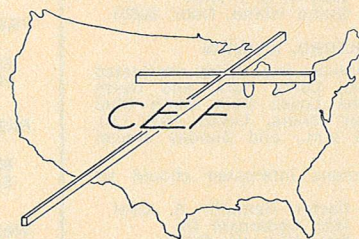
NOTICE

All WELS members who will be patients in either Sioux Valley Hospital or McKennon Hospital or the Veteran's Hospital in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., are to contact Pastor James H. Babler, 1729 S. Sherman Ave., Sioux Falls, S. Dak. 57105. Telephone: Home, 332-4545; Office, 332-4282.

NOTICE: PASTORS AND PARENTS

Please send names of all Wisconsin Synod students attending college in Sioux Falls, either at Augustana or Sioux Falls City College or Sioux Valley Nursing College, to Pastor James H. Babler, 1729 S. Sherman Ave., Sioux Falls, S. Dak. 57105.

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Does this sound strange in a church paper? Many Christians place dollars in various savings institutions and banks to help build financial security for their families.

These same dollars can help build eternal security for souls. They can be loaned to our Church Extension Fund which finances mission chapels throughout our land. The Gospel preached from these churches wins souls for Christ and builds their eternal security.

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For further information send the following form to Mr. Norris Koopmann, 3512 W. North Ave., Milwaukee, Wis. 53208. Please send CEF loan information to:

Name

Address

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WELS SOUL CONSERVATION

ATTENTION, PASTORS! If you are in doubt about where to send names and addresses of members who move, send them to the Synod's Soul Conservation office.

All names and addresses referred to us are filed for future use.

Names of all new missions and pastors starting them are kept on file.

Files are always open to mission board chairmen and pastors starting missions in new areas.

WELS Soul Conservation
10729 Worden, Detroit, Mich. 48224

JACKSONVILLE, ILLINOIS

The Western Wisconsin District Mission Board is now conducting services in Jacksonville, Ill., on the first Sunday of every month. Names of people in this area and any pertinent information may be sent to the undersigned.

Pastor David N. Rutschow
605 Sangamon Road
Marquette Heights
Pekin, Ill. 61554

REQUEST

The Wisconsin Synod nucleus of Atlanta, Ga., is in need of Communion ware. If available, please contact:

Rev. K. Peterson
3800 Buckingham Lane
Birmingham, Ala. 35243

JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

Exploratory services are now being held in Jacksonville each Sunday evening at 6, with Bible Class and Sunday School at 5:15. Services are being held in the Regency Square Shopping Center, Jacksonville. Use the main entrance. If you know of anyone in the Jacksonville area that might be interested in a WELS church, please contact the undersigned.

Pastor Larry G. Zwiig
560 S. Tropical Trail
Merrill Island, Fla. 32952
Telephone (305) 632-4635

KEARNEY, NEBRASKA

The Nebraska District Mission Board is considering the possibility of beginning services in Kearney, Nebr. It is requested that names of persons who desire to be served by the Wisconsin Synod, living in or near Kearney, Gibbon, or Minden, Nebr., be sent at once to:

Pastor G. E. Haag
1300 N. G. I. Ave.
Grand Island, Nebr. 68801

ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS

Exploratory services are being conducted for the Rockford, Loves Park, and North Park area at the Loves Park Boy's Club Building, Elm at Evans, Loves Park, Ill. Worship is at 9 a.m., and Sunday school at 10 a.m.

Names of persons interested should be sent to:

Pastor Kenneth A. Gast
1651 Cedardale Dr.
Belvidere, Ill. 61008

REQUEST

A Communion set is needed by Mt. Olive Church, the new Wisconsin Synod mission in Tulsa, Okla. Should any congregation have a used set available, please contact:

Mr. Ambrose Plucker
2720 E. 56th St.
Tulsa, Okla. 74105

NOTICE!

Pastor Roland Ehlike

Civilian Chaplain in Southeast Asia
Saigon, Vietnam

Servicemen may phone Saigon PTT
22429 or visit Chaplain Ehlike at 329
Vo Tanh, Saigon.

Mailing address:

WELS Box 56, APO SF 96243

STEVENS POINT, WISCONSIN

WELS exploratory services are being held each Sunday at 10:45 a.m. in the Whiting Town Hall. For directions to the Hall please call 341-1365, in Stevens Point. Names of persons and of students at the University, interested in WELS services, should be sent to:

Pastor William Lange
231 - 14th Ave. S.
Wisconsin Rapids, Wis. 54494

OFFER OF CHURCH FURNITURE

First St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church of Milroy, Minn., is offering to any home mission congregation the following items of church furniture for the cost of transportation: pews, altar, pulpit, baptismal font, electric candelabra, collection plates, wood crucifix, altar cloths, a hymnboard, and a Communion set. Available after Nov. 1, 1970. Write to:

Pastor Alfred P. Jannusch
P.O. Box 95
Vesta, Minn. 56292

A MISSION REQUEST

Any congregation having usable hymnals and wishing to dispose of them will find a grateful receiver in the Lutheran Apache Mission, Bethesda and Gethsemane Ev. Lutheran Church, Cibecue, Ariz. Please contact:

Arthur C. Krueger, Pastor
Lutheran Apache Mission
P.O. Box 16
Cibecue, Ariz. 85901

NOTICE TO SERVICEMEN IN EUROPE AND THE FAR EAST

Below are listed the names of pastors in foreign countries who will be pleased to be of service to you. If you are stationed in the neighborhood of any of these pastors, feel free to call on them for services. All the pastors listed here speak English. The Missions in Hong Kong and Tokyo have several pastors available.

Western Germany

PASTOR BERNHARD HENSCHKE
Ph: (064372) 2-96
6251 Steeden/Lahn
Hauptstrasse 47

THE REV. DR. HANS KIRSTEN
6380 Bad Homburg v.d.H. Kaiser
Friedrich
Promenade 165 Ph: (06172) 4-16-85

PASTOR KARL WENGENROTH
Ph: (0811) 88-27-01
8000 Muenchen 60 (Obermenzing
Schraemelstrasse 104

PROF. DR. MANFRED ROENSCH
Ph: (06171) 5-94-72
6370 Oberusel (Taunus)
Altkoenigstr. 50

Services at Nuernberg

For information call:
W. ROTHER
Huebnerplatz 7/111 Chapel at Aeusere
Bayreuther Str. 180 Nuernberg
Served by Pastor Karl Wengenroth of
Munich

West Berlin

PASTOR PAUL BENTE
Ph: (0311) 4-61-74-93
1000 Berlin 65 (Weddig)
Usedomer Str. 11

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1532 Kleinmachnow 11
Philipp Mueller-Allee 71c

Hong Kong

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PASTOR PAUL BEHN
Ph: K-836905
55 Beacon Hill Rd.
11/F Flat D Kowloon, Hong Kong

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PASTOR NORBERT MEIER
Ph: 0424-71-1855
2-17 Saiwai-Cho, 3 Chome Kurume Machi
Kitatama Gun, Tokyo 188, Japan

Taiwan

REV. TIMOTHY LEE
Ph: 367-438
146 Tsin Chiang St.
Taipei, Taiwan

Australia

PASTOR K. E. MARQUART Ph: 5-2960
51 Fourth Ave. Toowoomba
4350 Queensland
(Ca. 40 miles west of Brisbane)

For civilian chaplain in Vietnam see Notice (in box) elsewhere in these pages.